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Propagating Heirloom and Deer Resistant Perennials



John Story, owner of Story's Neversink Plant Co. will present a program on propagating heirloom and deer resistant perennials.

[Grahamsville, N.Y.] - Propagating Heirloom and Deer Resistant Perennials Class, Sunday, March 26, 2 p.m. at the Time and the Valleys Museum on St. Rt. 55 in Grahamsville, Sullivan County.

John Story, who has extensive experience and knowledge in many areas of horticulture and a B.S. from Cornell University, will present a program on propagating heirloom and deer resistant perennials. Refreshments are included. Members are FREE and non-members are \$3.

For more information on this program or other upcoming programs email: info@timeandthevalleysmuseum.org, visit www.timeandthevalleysmuseum.org or call 845 985-7700.

The Time and the Valleys Museum is a living and interactive resource that preserves the past, educates the present and ensures the uniqueness of the Rondout and Neversink watersheds for all generations.

Groups, camps and schools are always welcome - Guided tours are conducted for groups of 15 to 100 people throughout the year.

Tri-Valley Students Put on Mock Town Hall



Friday, March 3 was another very special day at Tri-Valley Central School. On this day, Tri-Valley's 8th graders participated in a Mock Town Hall. The Mock Town Hall went back into the past to debate the issue of building the local reservoirs in our area.



The Town Hall was a collaboration with Tri-Valley 8th grade students and Columbia Secondary School 8th grade students out of New York City. In preparation for the event, students from both schools learned a great deal about our local history with the reservoirs in their English, social studies, and science classes. After learning about the history, all participating students were assigned to argue from the perspective of one of five different stakeholder groups: local residents, local farmers, New York City residents, New York City government officials, or workers of the reservoirs. They did further research to find evidence to support their arguments for their specific group. (Contd. Pg. 3)

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Ron Matthews Recipient of The Noonday Club 2016 Citizen of the Year Award

The Noonday Club is pleased to announce that the recipient of the 2016 Citizen of the Year award is Ron Matthews.



Although best known for his 60+ years behind the pharmacy counter at Matthews' Pharmacy, Ron is a tireless worker for the community he so loves and calls home. Ron was one of the driving forces behind the fund-raising effort to purchase and install holiday lights throughout Wawarsing and has delivered holiday meals to shut-in senior citizens for many years through the Noonday Club's Senior Citizen Holiday Dinner. In addition, he served as a judge for many years for the annual Hallowe'en Mardi Gras. Ron was recently honored by the Ellenville branch of the NAACP for his outstanding community service.

Matthews' Pharmacy is the oldest family-owned business in the Town of Wawarsing and is currently supervised by Ron's son, Ray Matthews, a third-generation pharmacist.

The Citizen of the Year Dinner will take place on Tuesday, May 23, 2017 at the White Wolf Restaurant in Napanoch. Tickets may be purchased from any Noonday Club member, or by calling Karen Thornton at 647-5321.

For further information, contact Citizen of the Year Committee Chairman Jeff Kaplan at 647-4110.

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ON THE FRONT BURNER: The words of a wise man's mouth are gracious; but the lips of a fool will swallow up himself.
Ecclesiastes 10:12

OBITUARY

Ralph W. Rhynders, 87, of Grahamsville, NY and Poughkeepsie, NY, broke the chains of Alzheimers Disease on March 11, 2017 after a short illness. He was born in Rhinecliff, NY on April 5, 1929. Son of Harry and Florence (Pells) Rhynders, Ralph was the youngest of six children; Eva, Nina, Elsie, Alice, and Lewis, all of whom pre-deceased him.

He graduated from Rhinebeck High School in New York and proudly served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean conflict. In 1960 he married the former Virginia DuBois at the Grahamsville Methodist Church in Grahamsville, NY. Ralph and Virginia lived and raised their family of three children in the Town of Poughkeepsie. He retired from Central Hudson in 1989 after 36 years of service. Upon retirement they moved to Grahamsville, NY where they spent many relaxing summers in the mountains and winters in Florida. Over the past few years, they made a return to Poughkeepsie to be closer to the support of family.

During their 56 years of marriage, Ralph and Ginnie frequently spent days traveling the U.S. Whether it be by RV, train, or their beloved Delta Queen Steamboat, they made lasting memories, and many friends along the way.

Ralph had many passions. Having played on Central Hudson's baseball and bowling teams, he also enjoyed family camping, western square dancing, and was a past member of the Tri-Valley Lions Club. A jigsaw puzzle master, sudoku solver, a music lover, and long-time fan of the New York Mets, Ralph had many interests that brought him endless joy and amusement. Fondly referred to as "Grandpa Goofy" by his then young granddaughter, Ralph would frequently act silly just to make one smile. To his grandsons, he imparted his love of baseball, as well as his love of music. He undoubtedly has already joined in a chorus of heavenly sing-a-longs.

Although the years robbed Ralph of his memory, he always remained a gentleman with a ready smile, and an offer to give up his seat for anyone that walked in. He will be lovingly remembered by his surviving wife, Ginnie; daughters, Tracy and husband, Robert Hillman of Mt. Prospect, IL and Terri and husband, Robert Rzdokiewicz of Poughkeepsie, NY; son, David and companion, Sheri Daniels of Poughkeepsie, NY; granddaughter, Alyssa Hillman of Palatine, IL; grandsons, Evan and Matthew Rzdokiewicz of Poughkeepsie, NY; sister-in-law, Irma Mentnech of Woodbourne, NY; brother-in-law, Fernald F. DuBois, Jr. of Akron, NY and several nieces and nephews.

Following Ralph's wishes, cremation was immediate. Friends are invited to join the family between the hours of 1 and 4 p.m. on Sunday, March 19th at Timothy P. Doyle Funeral Home on Hooker Avenue, Poughkeepsie, NY. Following calling hours, there will be a short military ceremony at the funeral home. Burial of ashes will be private at a later date.

The family would like to thank Gardenside Memory Care Lodge at Geer Village in Canaan, CT for the care provided to Ralph over the past months. Their warmth and comfort helped to bring him happiness and contentment when it was needed the most. Gratitude is also extended to Sharon Health Care Center for their kindness and compassion shown to Ralph and the family during his final days.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in memory of Ralph to the Alzheimers Foundation of America, 322 Eighth Ave., 7th Floor, New York, NY, 10001, or the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America, 733 Third Ave., Suite 510, New York, NY, 10017.

COLLEGE NEWS:

Kelsey Kovner earns master's degree from Miami University through Project Dragonfly

Olivebridge resident Kelsey Kovner has earned a Master of Arts (MA) degree in biology from Miami University with web-based coursework through Project Dragonfly's Advanced Inquiry Program (AIP). As an AIP student, Kovner completed web-based graduate courses through Miami University with face-to-face experiential and field study through Wildlife Conservation Society/Bronx Zoo.

Since being accepted to the AIP master's degree in 2014, Kovner has explored wildlife conservation and education at the zoo, while also conducting projects that have made a difference in the Olivebridge area. Kovner is a teaching fellow for Wildlife Conservation Society/Bronx Zoo.

The AIP is a groundbreaking master's degree that combines Miami web-based coursework with experiential learning and community engagement on site at Master Institutions in Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Denver, Phoenix, San Diego and Seattle.

DAYS OF YORE....

Today's History

March 20, 1957 - Bodvar Rasmussen of Youngsville has announced the engagement of his daughter, June, to Deming Krum, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Krum of Neversink. No date has been set for the wedding.

Willis Sheeley, 92, passed away at Middletown on March 15th. Mr. Sheeley was born in Sundown on October 20, 1864, a son of John and Mary J. Tillsen Sheeley. He is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Ralph Countryman of Ellenville; three sons: Grant of New Paltz, Glen of Hancock and Edwin of Walkkill; one brother, Ivan of Sundown; grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

March 15, 1967 - Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mickelson are the proud parents of a son born on March 10th at the Benedictine Hospital in Kingston. Ronald Earl weighed in at 9 lbs. 4 oz. Paternal grandmother is Mrs. Fred Mickelson Sr. and the maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. George Krom.

At a contest held at Tri-Valley School on Friday, Andrew Bernstein was named first place winner in the annual public speaking contest and will represent Tri-Valley in the Orange-Sullivan-Ulster County Group competition at Goshen. His topic is "A Challenge to Future Farmers".

March 24, 1977 - William A. Brenner, a Grahamsville attorney, announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination for Family Court Judge of Sullivan County on March 3rd, before the Human Services Committee of the Board of Supervisors.

Residents in the area of the Mill Road bridge in Yagerville are grateful for the replacement of the bridge that was washed out during the recent flood and the repair of ditches by Walter Baker and his Town of Rochester road crew.

Danny McNamara is cleaning up the U.M. Church in preparation for the opening of the summer session on Palm Sunday. This is Dan's service project in preparation for his Eagle rank in Grahamsville Troop 187. Assisting is his cousin, Terry McNamara.

March 19, 1987 - Everyone is happy to welcome Kimberly Marie, born March 10, 1987 to Brenda and Robert Devore at Mercy Community Hospital, Port Jervis. She weighed 7 lbs. 3 oz. and is 21 inches long. Paternal grandparents are Joseph Devore of Mountandale and Lucille Devore of Hurleyville. Maternal grandparents are Clayton and Charlotte Brooks of Grahamsville.

Supermarket

Bingo

SATURDAY

April 1, 2017

Delaware-Sullivan District

Order of the Eastern Star

Masonic Lodge

20 Eagle Drive, Liberty, New York

Doors Open @ 12:00 Noon

Calling Starts @ 1:00 PM

\$5.00 Admission

Door Prizes Raffles

Lunch Available

A Round About Tri-Valley

Carol Furman

Congratulations to Tri-Valley's Chase Botsford who was named the Section IX Class C-D basketball three point champion by the Basketball Coaches of NY.

A little birdie told me to wish Patty Mullen a belated 50th birthday. Happy birthday, Patty!

The Boy Scout Blue and Gold Dinner was held on Sunday, March 19th at the Neversink Fire Hall. The Scouts received the awards they earned during the year. Boy Scout Sunday was also celebrated on March 19th at the Grahamsville Reformed Church. The Scouts participated in the service.

The PTO spelling bee for Tri-Valley students in grades 2-6 will be held on April 5th at 6:30 pm in the Bernstein Theater. Any students who wishes to participate in the bee can contact their teacher or the Elementary School Office for a registration form.

It will soon be time for Little League baseball to begin (if the snow ever melts). Anyone interested in participating in Little League can contact Tom Mitchell for an application to participate. Teams will be selected shortly.

The PTO Father/Daughter went well. All of the young ladies looked beautiful...and the Dad's didn't look bad either!

Girl Scout Sunday will be celebrated on March 26th at the Grahamsville Reformed Church. All involved in the Girl Scouts are invited to attend the 9:30 am service.

The third Sunday in Lent was celebrated with a light supper and service at the Claryville Reformed Church on March 19th. The March 26th Lenten Service will be held at the Grahamsville Reformed Church. Soup and sandwiches will be served at 5:30 pm and the service will begin at 6:30 pm. All are invited to attend.

Scammers called me twice this week to inform me that I owed back taxes to the U.S. government. They sound so convincing, but don't fall for their threats to have you arrested unless you give them a credit card #. The IRS does not call you on the phone to collect any back taxes you may or may not owe.

Words of Wisdom: Happiness comes through doors you didn't even know you left open.

Facts do not cease to exist because they are ignored.

NEVERSINK NEWS:

A big **THANK YOU** to the Town crew for doing such a great job on the roads during last week's winter snow storm Stella!

Happy birthday to Carl Denman of Bradley. Patty Denman Mullen celebrated her 50th birthday with a party at Neversink Hall on Saturday March 18th. Everyone had a great time celebrating with Patty. Happy Birthday Patty and many more happy years!

Tri-Valley Students Put on Mock Town Hall (From Pg. 1)

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

Because of that, the Town Hall had to be moved to Friday where only Tri-Valley students were able to participate. During the Town Hall they debated back and forth about the issues concerning the building of the reservoirs. The New York City residents and government officials talked about the desperate need for clean water. The local residents and farmers focused their arguments on the unfairness of it all-how they had to give up their lives and not receive adequate compensation in return. The workers talked about their lack of safety on the job and their need for more rights.

All points and arguments were heard by the moderator of the event-local resident and President of the Time and the Valleys Museum Board, Dick Coombe, as well as a panel of esteemed guests: Tina Johnstone, DEP Director of Water Source Operations; Deb Kelley, Tri-Valley

Director of Curriculum and Instruction; and Sean McAndrew, DEP Water for the Future Program Director. At the conclusion of the Town Hall, the panel gave feedback to the students about their arguments.

After the event, all students, teachers, and panel members had time to sit down and eat lunch together. The lunch was catered by the Sullivan County BOCES culinary program students under the direction of instructor and local resident Kathy Poppo. The lunch was funded by the Tri-Valley PTO. The teachers and students would like to thank them for their generosity.

This Mock Town Hall was organized through the collaboration of Meredith Hill, Assistant Principal at Columbia Secondary School, and Matt Haynes, 8th grade ELA teacher at Tri-Valley. It is something they both believe will continue to be a yearly tradition.

American Red Cross and ERH Community Blood Drive

The American Red Cross and Ellenville Regional Hospital will join together for a community blood drive on Monday March 27, 2017 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Ellenville Regional Hospital at 10 Healthy Way. The Red Cross blood drive will take place in a traveling donor center outside of the hospital in their parking lot.

Blood is an essential component for patient care in area hospitals, and the only source of blood is a healthy volunteer blood donor, like you.

Local blood donors are needed all year round to ensure the blood supply stays strong. Approximately every two seconds a patient in the United States needs blood. That's why your blood donation through the Red Cross is so important. Your blood donation can help save the life of a real person in our community. It truly is the blood on the shelves today that helps save lives tomorrow.

Walk-ins are always welcome, but donors are encouraged to schedule an appointment in advance by calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767), 845 647-6400 ext. 226 or by visiting redcrossblood.org. Sponsor Code: Ellenville

About the American Red Cross:
The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides emotional support to victims of disasters; supplies about 40 percent of the nation's blood; teaches skills that save lives; provides international humanitarian aid; and supports military members and their families. The Red Cross is a not-for-profit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to perform its mission. For more information, please visit redcross.org or visit us on Twitter at @RedCrossBloodNY.

DEC Rangers Rescue Man Lost near Sam's Point

On March 11 at 7:08 p.m., DEC Dispatch received a call reporting a man lost in Minnewaska State Park near Sam's Point. Three Rangers responded to the search due to the extreme wind chill hazard, the subject's lack of cold weather gear, and the expected length of response time. Forest Rangers coordinated with New York State Parks staff to organize the response. Rangers made contact with the subject at 10:30 p.m., providing basic first aid to warm the subject and walking him out under his own power. He was released to family members and declined further medical care.

Be sure to properly prepare and plan before entering the backcountry. Visit DEC's Hiking Safety <http://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/28708.html> for more information.

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Forest Rangers respond to search and rescue incidents statewide. Working with other state agencies, local emergency response organizations, and volunteer search and rescue groups, Forest Rangers locate and extract lost, injured, or distressed people from the backcountry. In 2016, DEC Forest Rangers conducted 356 search and rescue missions, extinguished 185 wildfires that burned a total of 4,191 acres, and worked on cases that resulted in nearly 3,000 tickets or arrests.

"Across New York, DEC Forest Rangers are on the front lines helping people safely enjoy the great outdoors," said DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos. "Their knowledge of first aid, land navigation, and technical rescue techniques is critical to the success of their missions, which take them from remote wilderness areas with rugged mountainous peaks to white-water rivers, and throughout our vast forested areas statewide."

Nature Column - Linda Comando

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

Mother and Father Goose Return

Canada Geese (*Branta canadensis*), the big "Honkers" are among our best-known waterfowl and are commonly recognized as signs of the changing seasons. In many regions, flights of Canada Geese pass over in V-formation during fall when they are southbound and during spring when they are northbound. The classic V-formation helps them travel great distances in short amounts of time without tiring. Historically, each local population followed a rigid migratory path, with traditional stopovers and wintering areas. However, the southernmost limit of their migration has been creeping northward as the climate warms. Today many geese in urban areas are permanent residents.



Canada Geese are large birds, 20 to 50 inches long with a wingspan of 50-68 inches. Males are slightly larger than females. Canada geese have long black heads and necks, with a distinct white mark near their chin. Their plumage includes brown-grey feathers on their back and cream or white feathers on their belly and rump. They have a short black tail and black legs with webbed feet.



Canada Geese are known for life-long mating; however a widowed goose will usually choose another mate.

Upon their return to the north, The Canada Geese will begin looking for a nesting site that will be chosen by the female who will also build the nest, a slight depression with a shallow bowl of sticks, grass, weeds and moss, and lined with down.

As soon as there is open water for mating and snow-free nest sites, a clutch of eggs is laid. Laying the eggs is not a simple task. Each egg takes a little over a day to lay. The number can range anywhere from 2 to 12. The mother goose incubates them with her warm body for about 26 days while the gander (male) guards the nest. Should you accidentally wander into a nesting male's territory, he'll come after you hissing with wings spread.

At the end of the incubation period, the baby geese peck at their shells with the 'egg tooth' found at the end of their bill. It will take the baby gosling 1 to 2 days to free themselves from the egg. After the babies have hatched, the family will move away from the nesting site on foot toward a more favorable feeding area. The newly hatched goslings are able to swim immediately. Goslings are yellow with grey-green feathers on their back. They are born with black bills and feet. Their bill has comb-like ridges around the outside edges, which helps them feed. The young are tended by both parents, but feed themselves.

Five weeks after the goslings hatch, the adult females begin moulting. The males begin right after mating. During this time, the adults are unable to fly until they re-grow their flight feathers which is about the same time as the baby goslings at nine weeks old are learning to fly.

The male and female goose both accompany the babies during their swims. Goslings can dive and swim 30-40 feet underwater and they eat almost continuously to attain the necessary growth for their first migration flight. Their diet is almost entirely plant material including stems and shoots of grasses, sedges, aquatic plants, also seeds and berries. They will consume many cultivated grains and on occasion will eat some insects, mollusks, crustaceans, and even small fish.

If you should hear a honking noise coming from the sky, look up and if you see a flock of geese flying in their familiar V-formation, smile - winter is finally drawing toward an end.

I am not sure if this was coincidental, or is a celebration of the return of Canada geese, but just about the time that the Mother Goose is busy building her nest and getting ready for her family, Mother Goose Time will begin at the Daniel Pierce Library! This program designed for very young children begins on Wednesday, April 5th, 9-9:45am and 10:30-11:15 am.

Household Hints

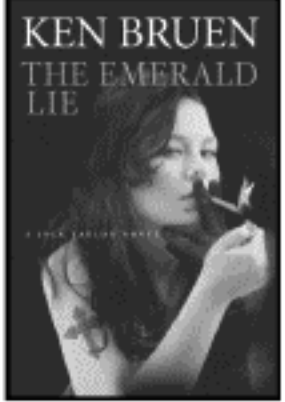
Vinegar Makes the Smell Go Away

Does your your child's lunch box smell like a bouquet of week-old tuna? What about that musty old car trunk? Quit holding your breath every time you open it. Instead, soak a slice of white bread in white vinegar and leave it in the malodorous space overnight. The smell should be gone by morning.



The Emerald Lie

Mysterious Book Report No. 279
by John Dwaine McKenna



For the past few reviews the MBR has had a string of first time authors . . . so we thought a change of pace was in order for this week, and we're going with an old favorite, an Irish writer with more than thirty books to his name and a boatload of awards and accolades as well. He's been called *The Godfather of the modern Irish crime novel*, and he's created one of the most iconic characters in modern literature: the irascible, beat-down, alcoholic and drug-addicted, world-weary ex-cop turned vigilante and pop-culture enthusiast named Jack Taylor. He's one of my personal, all-time favorite protagonists-who's played to absolute perfection by Ian Glen on *Netflix*.

In his newest caper called *The Emerald Lie*, (Mysterious Press/Grove Atlantic, \$25.00, 345 pages, ISBN 978-0-8021-2546-0) author Ken Bruen has the rain-lashed streets of Galway aflame with the hunt for a homicidal maniac the tabloids have named *The Grammarian*. He's an Eton and Cambridge graduate from a privileged family . . . and a budding serial killer . . . who's murdered several complete strangers on the city streets because they used bad grammar. While the cops are trying to figure that one out, Jack Taylor is handed an envelope, stuffed with high denomination Euros by a grieving father who wants Jack to find and kill whoever raped, tortured and murdered his daughter. Jack refuses, saying, "I don't do murder for hire. I'm not in the contract killing business," but the man tosses the envelope on the table and walks away. Money to Jack is like catnip to a cat . . . no way will the giver get it back. As he starts looking into the young woman's death however, another young female named Emily reenters Taylor's life. She's the crazy one from Bruen's last novel, code named Emerald, who is brilliant, maniacal and homicidal-utterly amoral and as changeable as high-altitude weather. Jack Taylor, friendless and at rock-bottom emotionally, doesn't seem able to handle it all . . . doesn't care . . . may be at the end of his rope. You'll have to find out for yourself by reading *The Emerald Lie* and becoming a Ken Bruen aficionado. He is without a doubt in my mind one of the best living authors working in modern crime fiction. A one of a kind treasure!

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Workshop to Explain Rules for Making Milk Product

LIBERTY, NY-Dairy farmers and anyone in the food business is invited to a workshop on Dairy Processing Regulations Wednesday, March 29, 2017. Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County (CCESC) will offer this class from 1:00 to 3:00 pm at its Extension Education Center on 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road in Liberty.

Joanne Lawton, New York State Department of Agriculture & Markets dairy inspector presents:

- NYS rules and regulations on dairy products
- How to make milk and cheese legally
- Equipment needed to get started making dairy products

Cost is \$10 per person. Space is limited and registration with non-refundable payment is required in advance. Partial scholarships are available with support from Sullivan Renaissance.

Registration can be completed by calling CCESC at 845-292-6180, emailing sullivan@cornell.edu, or visiting www.sullivanccesc.org. Payment can be made in advance by check, cash, or credit. Additional donations for CCESC programs are appreciated.

Sullivan County Audobon

On Sunday, Mar. 26 there will be a Field Trip for ducks and other waterfowl, led by Ruth McKeon and Renee Davis.

Meet at 9 am at the DEP parking lot near traffic light in Grahamsville. We will car pool to where there is open water and return about 11 am. Call Ruth at 845-434-4629 for more info.

On Thursday, Mar. 30 the First Spring meeting 6 pm at Sullivan County Community College.

Join us for an outdoor Star Gazing program on the SCCC property led by Mary Collier, weather permitting. Bring a flashlight.

A light supper of pizza and salad will precede the program.

BCES Trail Cleanup Postponed New Date to be Announced

The clean-up at Benjamin Cosor Elementary School Trail scheduled for Saturday morning, March 18 was postponed due to severe weather and some fallen trees. The new date will be announced as soon as it is established.

Shawangunk Garden Club

The Shawangunk Garden Club is opening to the public its Monday, April 3rd meeting at 7 p.m. This will be held at the Community Room adjacent to The Ellenville Public Library & Museum, 40 Centre Street, Ellenville, N.Y. 12428. The topic will be "The Art of Seed Stewardship" given by Ken Greene, Board Director for Organic Seed Alliance and founder of the Hudson Valley Seed Library.

Please join us for an informative evening. Refreshments will be served. Free to the public. 845-647-5530

Reinstein Woods Offering Spring Workshops for Educators

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) is offering spring workshops for teachers and youth leaders at Reinstein Woods Environmental Education Center in the town of Cheektowaga. Each workshop provides educators of students in kindergarten through 12th grade with interdisciplinary activities designed to incorporate environmental education into existing curriculum.

Participants in each workshop will receive a curriculum and activity guide that includes dozens of lesson plans for both indoor and outdoor activities. Activities are correlated to national and state learning standards. Workshop attendees take part in sample activities, receive tips on managing a class in the outdoors, and receive additional resource materials related to the workshop's topic.

Additionally, teachers and administrators can request that Reinstein Woods present a specific workshop at their school. More information about these workshops can be found on DEC's website. Reinstein Woods Environmental Education Center is located at 93 Honorine Drive, off Como Park Boulevard, about three miles from the Walden Galleria mall. To register for a workshop, or for more information, contact Reinstein Woods at (716) 683-5959.

A schedule of workshops is below:

Project WET (Water Education for Teachers)

Wednesday, April 5 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Project WET promotes knowledge and stewardship of water resources. Three hours of instruction provided.

Project Learning Tree

Wednesday, April 19 from July 21 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Project Learning Tree uses the forest as a "window on the world" to increase students' understanding of our complex environment. Six hours of instruction provided.

Project WILD (Wildlife in Learning Design)

Thursday, May 11 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

This national, award-winning program is designed to give students the awareness, knowledge, and skills needed to make informed decisions concerning wildlife and the environment. Three hours of instruction provided.

SLAC March Meeting

SLAC, the Senior Legislative Action Committee of Sullivan County, will hold its monthly meeting at 10 a.m. on March 31, in the Legislative Hearing Room of the Government Center in Monticello.

The speaker will be Henry Moss, Ph.D, a spokesperson for the Physicians for a National Health Plan, Metro NY. His talk will focus on the New York Health Act, and how it is the solution to the problems we are facing in health care today, especially given the push to repeal the Affordable Care Act and push through the proposed American Health Care Act.

Our meetings are always free, people of all ages are welcome, and we encourage you to come and learn about these important issues in public policy. For more information, call: 845 292 4895 or email: kmaberman@gmail.com

Letter to the Editor:

Fighting to Ensure Clean Water for Our Community

Clean, safe water is absolutely critical for our families, our local community, and our state as a whole.

Unfortunately, too many communities throughout New York are struggling with the growing problems of contaminated water supplies, major infrastructure failures, and other threats that can jeopardize public health and safety, while also undermining the future of our economy.

That is why I recently joined my Senate Republican colleagues to unveil a key part of our 2017-18 state budget proposal -- ensuring all New Yorkers have access to clean, safe drinking water by addressing extensive water quality issues and infrastructure needs.

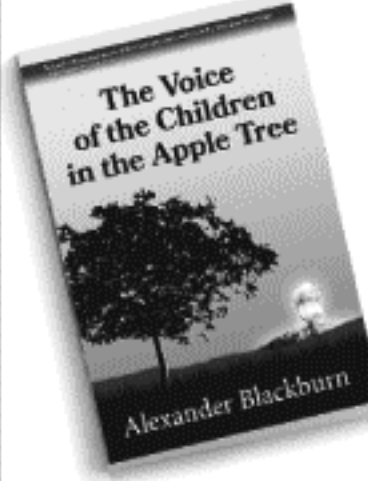
A record commitment of nearly \$8 billion - highlighted by a new \$5 billion Clean Water Bond Act and the creation of a new Drinking Water Quality Institute - would dramatically improve drinking water safety and water infrastructure so that public health is protected.

Our plan focuses on helping localities undertake vital and long-overdue water infrastructure projects and fully recognize that drinking water quality concerns and crises have become increasingly acute.

We must take bold and necessary steps towards providing the resources our state desperately needs to ensure the long-term safety of our drinking water, and those actions will be reflected in the Senate's one-house budget that will be approved in the coming days.

I will be sure to keep you posted on my efforts.

Sincerely,
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The Olive Jar - By Carol LaMonda S'No Joking About Weather

Old Mother Nature is off her meds, for sure. Our January thaw came in February, and she made up with a winter's worth of snow fall by dumping three feet of snow in the Catskills. Luckily we purchased a snow blower last year, when it sat pristinely in the garage. It sure got a work out this year. Our deck, one story off the ground, presents 1,100 square feet of snow catching area. That times 33 inches amounts to a mathematically astounding amount of snow. The snowblower was certainly more efficient than shoveling numerous times at three hours a clearing. The snow got blown to the driveway below where the plow could move it along.

Stage two of snow removal is the plowing, and we are lucky enough to have a heavy duty truck and plow blade, but even plow trucks got stuck in the snow. The plowing resulted in mounds of snow as tall as I am. Our driveway looks and acts like a bob sled run. It is icy, as the snow melted and refroze, but there is no danger of skidding off since the banks on either side keep the cars in a tight, safe path to the paved road.

After three days of shoveling, snow-blowing, plowing, and breaking through snow banks with a front-end loader, my husband, the skier, is crying "Uncle." Our dog is the only family member thrilled with the almost-blizzard of 2017. Even though the snow is his shoulder high, he has perfected a sheep-like gambol that propels him from one place to the next, disappearing as he lands in snowbanks. His good buddy, Peeky, is only eight inches off the ground, so she follows as Hudson breaks trail for their constitutional duty.

It is the most current snow fall that even old-timers will remember as the snowfall of a lifetime. Comparing to 1993 and before, it was a time to remember. In my lifetime there is S'No comparison to the intensity of this storm.

Wallkill Valley Rail Trail Association Annual Meeting Special Guest Presentation by Dr. Joseph Diamond SUNY Associate Professor of Anthropology "9000 Years on Huguenot Street"

When it comes to sustainability, we all have a lot to learn. Fortunately, some of that learning might just be right under our feet. This year, the Wallkill Valley Rail Trail Association celebrates our Native American heritage at Historic Huguenot Street.

Professor Joseph Diamond shares highlights from nearly twenty years of excavations around Huguenot Street. His research reveals diet, habitation and even long distance trade among Native Americans stretching back to 7000 B.C.E. and continuing right up to the arrival of European immigrants.

This presentation is free and light refreshments will be served. It will be immediately followed by the business meeting of the Wallkill Valley Rail Trail Association at Deyo Hall, 18 Broadhead Avenue, New Paltz on Monday, March 27, 2017 at 7 PM

College Students Encouraged to Apply for DEC's Annual Summer Internship Program

Internships available for prospective engineers, planners, lawyers and other professionals

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) is encouraging students who have completed at least two years of college to apply for summer job opportunities through DEC's annual internship program. The program offers multiple part-time unpaid internships in the fields of engineering, science, planning, sustainability, law, community outreach, social media, and more.

"DEC's summer internship program connects the Capital Region's college students with opportunities to learn about future careers and garner professional experience," DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos said. "By working closely with DEC's engineers, scientists, and other professionals, we hope that our interns are inspired to protect New York's public health and the environment as the next generation of conservationists and dedicated public servants."

Candidates must submit applications by April 20, 2017. The majority of the internships are located at DEC's downtown Albany office. Prospective interns are encouraged to carefully read the qualifications for each job to determine whether they meet the requirements before submitting an application.

Those accepted into the six-week summer internship program will have the chance to work alongside a team of highly trained and skilled DEC employees who regulate and manage New York State natural resources and the environment. Placements are made within one of DEC's divisions, and interns will be assigned to specific program areas such as public lands, air or water quality, fiscal and personnel management, legal counsel, or environmental education. Every effort is made to match the intern's career interests, experience, and field of study with the needs of and the experiences offered by each program.

For more information about these internships, including online applications, visit DEC's website: www.dec.ny.gov

CSEA Members Help New York Weather The Storm

Winter Storm Stella dumped more than two feet of snow on much of New York state, leading to blizzard conditions and record-breaking snowfall in parts of Central and Western New York.

While many New Yorkers were home safe and warm, CSEA members employed by the state Department of Transportation, county and municipal highway and public works departments and numerous health, human services and corrections agencies were on the job providing vital services.

In the days before the storm, CSEA members prepared for the snowfall by pre-treating roads, and ensuring adequate supplies of items such as salt solution, highway vehicles and sandbags were ready for action.

As the storm hit, CSEA members worked tirelessly at clearing the blinding snow and treating the roads, clearing the way for emergency vehicles and other CSEA members to get to the jobs that provide essential services for all of New York.

"While we can't control the weather, we can do all we can to support the state Department of Transportation and local government workers whose efforts before, during and after the storm not only quickly got our roads back to normal, but helped keep our communities safe," CSEA President Danny Donohue said. "I can't emphasize enough the importance of ALL the services that our members provide during storms like this. They literally go into the eye of the storm to keep their neighbors safe. Please join me in thanking our workers who sacrifice time with their families to go out into extreme weather to serve all of us."

CWC Board Approves Funding for Stormwater Projects

The Catskill Watershed Corporation Board of Directors, at its March 7 meeting, approved funding for several stormwater control projects.

The Future Stormwater Program will reimburse Community Bank in Fleischmanns up to \$16,795 for stormwater control costs associated with paving a parking lot adjacent to the Bushkill stream; the Town of Prattsville up to \$62,446 for stormwater controls required for the construction of a medical clinic; and the Village of Delhi up to \$156,141 for costs associated with stormwater controls at a new paved River Walk recreational trail adjacent to the West Branch of the Delaware River.

The Riverwalk project will also benefit from a \$247,682 grant from the Stormwater Retrofit Program for Phase 2 of the project, addressing existing impervious surfaces in the vicinity of the trail. A Retrofit Grant of \$43,500 will go to Delaware Academy and Central School for the design of a comprehensive stormwater improvement project on its campus in Delhi.

The Board also approved awards for the operation and maintenance of previously funded and now completed stormwater controls at Delaware Valley Hospital, Walton (\$46,807) and the Town of Lexington (\$31,278).

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.

Sullivan County's Diversity

[LIBERTY] - Sullivan Renaissance's Multicultural Program is progressing in its efforts toward community engagement and awareness through new grant opportunities, focused efforts to engage diverse communities, enhanced outreach in South Fallsburg and continued work in Liberty. Two new grant programs offer support for outreach and resources for projects in multicultural neighborhoods.

South Fallsburg will be the focus of business and residential beautification through Main Street revitalization and community enhanced pilot projects. A Sullivan Renaissance Community Brainstorming meeting will take place on Sunday, April 2nd, at 3pm in the South Fallsburg Youth & Senior Center at 12 Laurel Avenue. The community is invited to identify potential project sites, offer creative ideas and sign up as volunteers. Call 845-295-2445 to register for this meeting. Refreshments will be served and walk-ins are welcome.

Similar to the genesis of the Bilingual Advisory Committee, a brainstorming session with African-American community leaders will take place to discuss cultural differences and similarities, focus on African-American needs in neighborhoods, and explore ways for greater participation in social and beautification projects around the county. These cultural exchanges are meant to aid Sullivan Renaissance in outreach efforts, and encourage African-American neighbors to be catalysts in their communities.

"Sullivan County is a beautiful tapestry of color and ethnicities" said Ari Mir-Pontier, Multicultural Program Manager. "Our diverse cultural traditions, religious practices, and strong family values make the people of Sullivan an invaluable resource in moving our county into a stronger, more unified community".

The Church Street Pilot Project in Liberty will expand beautification efforts to the surrounding areas. The Community Garden on South Main Street will be enhanced and will have opportunities for additional neighborhood participation.

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Governor Andrew M. Cuomo encouraged residents and visitors to explore New York's world class parks, snowmobile trails, ski resorts and outdoor attractions following the massive snowstorm that brought nearly 42 inches of snow to areas of Upstate New York. The Governor also announced three state-owned ski resorts - Belleayre Ski Resort, Gore Mountain and Whiteface Mountain - have joined the Multi Alpine Experience Pass program, bringing more skiers and snowboarders from across the United States and Canada to experience New York's ski areas. (Contd. Pg. 11)

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Governor Cuomo Announces Trade Mission to Ireland
Governor Cuomo Was Joined By Ireland Prime Minister Enda Kenny for St. Patrick's Day Parade

On St. Patrick's Day, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced the first-ever New York trade mission to Ireland. During the St. Patrick's Day parade this morning in New York City, the Governor marched alongside Ireland Prime Minister Enda Kenny and discussed the benefits of a trade mission to Ireland to build on an already strong economic relationship. The trade mission will connect New York leaders with international businesses, while helping to attract new visitors to the state's world renowned tourism destinations. More information on the trade mission will be available in the coming weeks.

"New York has already opened doors and created opportunities for businesses to expand into new global markets - and by bringing industry leaders and representatives from across the state together on a first-ever trade mission to Ireland, we will take our economy and diverse business community to heights never reached before," Governor Cuomo said. "This St. Patrick's Day, we not only celebrate our Irish heritage, we

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embrace all New Yorkers from countries across the world, as we look forward to investing in the continued expansion of New York's global footprint. This mission will strengthen our trade relationship and expand business development opportunities with our partners in Ireland for generations to come."

In February, Governor Cuomo announced Stewart Airport in Orange County will offer transatlantic flights with service to Belfast, Dublin and Shannon in Ireland. The new travel opportunities will grow business and tourism in both New York and Ireland.

New York and Ireland are key trade trading partners; in 2016 alone, New York exports to Ireland valued \$200 million - including electric and industrial machinery. In that same year, New York also imported nearly \$1 billion in commodities from Ireland. New York is home to approximately 2.5 million people of Irish decent.

DEC's Angler Achievement Awards Program Recognizes Top Catches in 2016 - Two State Records Established or Tied in 2016

As reflected by the entries in the State Department of Environmental Conservation's (DEC's) Angler Achievement Awards Program, 2016 was another exceptional year for anglers fishing the freshwaters of New York State, DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos announced today. In 2016, more than 130 entries were submitted into the program. Largemouth bass and smallmouth bass, New York's most popular sportfish species, made up more than half of the entries in the Catch and Release category. Thirty-nine of New York's 62 counties were represented in entries submitted last year- an example of the great fishing opportunities that exist throughout the state.

"Few states can compete with New York in terms of the quality and diversity of fish found in our waters, and I am pleased that we can acknowledge the achievements of these skillful anglers,"

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said DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos. "The fact that more than 75 percent of the fish entered into the program were caught and subsequently released is particularly noteworthy and reflective of the stewardship ethic of our anglers."

The top five counties that were represented in 2016 were Suffolk, Warren, Onondaga, Essex and Chautauqua Counties. Two state records were either established or tied in 2016. A new state record freshwater drum was caught by Amelia Whalen from Lake Champlain on June 4, 2016. Her record-breaking fish weighed 29 lbs. 14 oz. In a rare occurrence, Patrick Hildenbrand captured a smallmouth bass that tied the state record established twenty one years ago in Lake Erie. The 8 lb. 4 oz. pot-bellied fish was caught from the St. Lawrence River on August 28, 2016. Other notable catches include an impressive 30 lb. 1 oz. tiger muskellunge caught from Lake Como (Cayuga County), a 35 1/2 inch steelhead caught from the Salmon River (Oswego County), and a 38 inch lake trout caught and released from Lake Erie (Chautauqua County).

The Angler Achievement Awards program recognizes anglers that catch any of the 43 eligible fish species that exceed minimum qualifying lengths or weights. The three categories that make up the program are: Catch & Release, Annual Award (kept fish) and State Record. In addition to official recognition of their catch, anglers receive a distinctive lapel pin commemorating their achievement. State record holders also receive a custom laser cut wood plaque.

Further information about the Angler Achievement Awards Program, including a downloadable application form and photo slideshow of fish entered can be found at DEC's website. Full program details and an entry form can also be found in DEC's current Freshwater Fishing Regulations Guide. For additional information on the Angler Achievement Awards Program contact (518) 402-8891 or email fwfish@dec.ny.gov.

Marritz Presents Art History Lecture "In the Realm of the Goddess"



LIVINGSTON MANOR, NY - The Catskill Art Society will present Hana Marritz for "In the Realm of the Goddess," a lecture on the history of the Goddess figure in art-work around the world. The event will take place at the CAS Arts Center, 48 Main Street, Livingston Manor, NY on Saturday, April 1 at 2pm.

For most of the human experience, the archetypal image of the creative force that animates the universe was feminine, a woman. She was the driving force of life, birth, death, and rebirth. She was nurturer, life-giver, healer, priestesses, and the embodiment of joy and abundance.

For much of history, this archetype was expressed in art as the Goddess. But following a devastating event, a new archetype emerged: a wrathful, vengeful sky god whose warriors invaded, plundered, and conquered their peaceful neighbors. Cultures mingled and, as time went on, civilizations rose and fell. But the gods and goddesses persisted side by side, until the appearance of Christianity dealt a final blow to the Goddess culture and ushered in the dominant male paradigm.

How and why did this happen? Come and discover through the images in art how the journey of the goddess has unfolded over time, and begin to imagine where it is going.

This event is free and open to the public, and donations will be accepted at the door.

Hana Marritz is a lifelong artist and teacher. She taught high school art in the Bronx and now lives and works as an artist in Equinunk, PA. She works in collage and chicken wire sculptures and exhibits at the Eva Gallery. She is an award-winning author/photographer of seven children's books and is a working shamanic practitioner.

About the Catskill Art Society

The Catskill Art Society is a non-profit organization 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 visual art galleries, a multi-purpose teaching studio, a clay studio, and an art library with digital learning resources. For more information, please visit www.catskillartsociety.org.

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MET Opera: Live in HD Presents "Idomeneo" at SUNY Sullivan

The Metropolitan Opera: Live in HD presents "Idomeneo" on Saturday, March 25th in SUNY Sullivan's Seelig Theater. Start time is 12:55 pm. Mozart's first operatic masterpiece returns to the Met in the classic Jean-Pierre Ponnelle production, conducted by Music Director Emeritus James Levine. The superb ensemble includes Matthew Polenzani as the king torn by a rash vow; mezzo-soprano Alice Coote in the trouser role of his noble son Idamante; soprano Nadine Sierra as Ilia; and soprano Elza van den Heever as the volatile Elettra, who loves Idamante to the bounds of madness.



Tickets are \$20.00 (Adults); \$10.00 (Children 13 & Under); \$10.00 (Students with valid ID). To order tickets, call the SUNY Sullivan Box Office at (845) 434-5750, extension 4472, between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm on weekdays.

Fallsburg Jr/Sr High School Drama Club will present the Wizard of Oz

The Fallsburg Jr/Sr High School Drama Club will present the Wizard of Oz on Friday, March 24th and Saturday, March 25th at 7pm in the Fallsburg Jr/Sr High School Auditorium. Tickets will cost \$5.00 for students and \$7.00 for adults. Prior to the show at 5 PM on Friday there is a spaghetti supper in the school cafeteria to benefit the eighth grade Class of 2021.



(Above) Grace Strauss as Dorothy with Kailan Odell Schreier as Toto and (Right) Rebecca Budrock working on set design.



Z'Ka Combines Painting and Poetry in "A Diva Is" at the Laundry King

LIVINGSTON MANOR, NY - The Catskill Art Society will present "A Diva Is," an exhibition of paintings and poetry by Z'Ka. The exhibition will be at the Laundry King, 65 Main Street, Livingston Manor, NY from April 1 through April 15.

In her series "A Diva Is," Z'Ka utilizes acrylic on canvas, ceramic molds, and Yupo paper, manipulating her flair for color to heighten the visual appeal of her art. She combines her original paintings with her poetry, giving the two a joint union, going hand-in-hand to create a conversation on the beauty of art in all forms and styles. You will see selections from her "A Diva Is" series and other inspiring poems accompanied on paintings, created to empower young girls and woman.

Z'Ka's logo bears the catch phrase "Creativity Is My Name." Often people will ask Z'Ka if she is still writing and doing poetry. Her response every time is, "As long as I am breathing and able to create, I will always be writing and doing poetry. Writing and being creative is like breathing to me. One doesn't go without the other."

Kohloa (a.k.a. Z'Ka) is a New York City native, but has lived most of her life in upstate New York. She has a BA in Secondary Education: History/Social Studies. Z'Ka began drawing and writing as a pre-teen, journaling her daily experiences. In high school, she explored her artistic skills even more, exploring other mediums and writing for the school newspaper. When she received a two-year degree in Communications and Media Arts, it seemed as if words flooded her entire being. She began writing commercials, short stories, plays, monologues, poetry, children's books, and romance novels. However, Z'Ka is best known as a poet. Her inspirations come from everyday life and the Universe of Creativity. In 2002, she produced and directed her own show, which was based on her writings from her first self-published poetry book called "Word's I Have Inside." She later began to combine her poetry with her art on T-shirts and ceramic molds. In 2015, she started the series of acrylic empowerment paintings she calls "A Diva Is." Z'Ka's words and art have been known to take you up, bring you back down, just to take you back up again.

April 1, 2017 from 3pm-5pm - Opening Reception

CAS will host a free Opening Reception on Saturday, April 1 from 3pm to 5pm. All are welcome and light refreshments will be served.

Weather FORECAST

SUNRISE: 7:11 AM SUNSET: 7:00 PM
AVERAGE HIGH: 41°F
AVERAGE LOW: 23°F

THURSDAY

HIGH: 27°F LOW: 11°F

FRIDAY

HIGH: 34°F LOW: 19°F

SATURDAY

HIGH: 38°F LOW: 25°F

SUNDAY

HIGH: 40°F LOW: 21°F

MONDAY

HIGH: 38°F LOW: 22°F

TUESDAY

HIGH: 40°F LOW: 26°F



Z'Ka, "A Ghost Diva," 2016, acrylic on Yupo paper

Frost Valley YMCA Hosts Maple Sugar Weekend



Frost Valley YMCA's free annual Maple Sugaring Open House Weekends will take place on March 25 & 26 from 10 am-4 pm. During these family-friendly events, guests have the opportunity to learn about the entire tree-to-table process of how delicious Catskills maple syrup is made.

As part of the program, guests enjoy an educational walk along the nature trails by the Frost Valley Maple Sugar House. These trail walks are led by staff members from Frost Valley's Natural Resources department, who will teach participants about the tapping process and how to identify sugar maple trees, native to this area. Guests will also receive a guided tour of the Sugar House, where they'll learn about the evaporation method that boils sap into syrup. At the end of the tour, they'll receive a sample of Frost Valley's fresh maple syrup to taste. Bottles and small jugs of syrup are also available for purchase.

Frost Valley has been maple sugaring since the late 1970s, and what started as just a humble operation - gathering sap in just a few hundred buckets - has now grown into a full-fledged tradition and fun learning opportunity. Frost Valley uses about 1,200 taps in sugar maple trees attached to a tubing system that allows them to collect and store larger amounts of sap to be transformed into syrup.

Whether you attend or not, Frost Valley Maple Syrup will be available for purchase in person at the Frost Valley Store on Main Camp, or online at FrostValley.org (please contact them first to ensure the store is open and stocked). Learn more at FrostValley.org.

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FBLA and Junior FBLA Members Attend FBLA Career Day with the Binghamton Senators



Students get a behind the scenes tour of the Floyd L Maines Arena

Finally, students got a behind the scenes tour of the Floyd L Maines Arena. During the tour students learned a lot about the workings of the arena, including how thick the ice is and how they play music and do edits and such on the electronic billboard.

After a few hours in the arena students went to Lupo's Char-Pit for dinner to have some of Binghamton's famous spiedies.

To end the night, students went back to the hockey arena to watch the Binghamton Senators play against the Toronto Marlies. Unfortunately, the Senators lost the game. But all in all it was a wonderful trip!

On Friday, February 24, nearly 75 Tri-Valley FBLA and Junior FBLA members attended Inaugural FBLA Career Day with the Binghamton Senators hockey team in Binghamton, NY.

Students started out the day by participating in a leadership seminar. After that, they got the chance to go on the ice and shoot a hockey puck into a goal.



FBLA and Junior FBLA students look on from the seats

NY Mountains and Resorts Covered in Fresh Powder for Skiers and Snowboarders of all Ages (From Pg. 6)

"New York is home to dozens of ski resorts and thousands of groomed trails for snowmobiling, snowshoeing and more, and after this latest snow storm that brought as much as three feet in regions throughout the state - there is no better time to embrace the cold and enjoy winter recreation in the Empire State," Governor Cuomo said. "I encourage everyone to experience New York's world class ski destinations, while enjoying top-notch food and beverage and family fun found in every community of the state."

There are 51 ski resorts in New York - more than any other state in the country, including three state-owned resorts. This week, Whiteface Mountain received more than 40 inches of snow, Belleayre reported 36 inches of snow and Gore Mountain received 29 inches total.

Other ski resorts across the state are reporting similar results. In the Catskills, Hunter Mountain received 43 inches of snow, while Windham Mountain has 46 trails open after receiving 30 inches of fresh powder. In the North Country, Titus Mountain in Malone received 50 inches of snow this week and has 38 trails open. Central New York's Song Mountain and Toggenburg Mountain each received more than 30 inches of snowfall, while Greek Peak Mountain Resort saw 28 inches. In Western New York, Bristol Mountain and Holiday Valley each received about 20 inches of fresh snow.

The M.A.X. Pass Program

Governor Cuomo also announced Belleayre Ski Resort, Gore Mountain and Whiteface Mountain have joined the Multi Alpine Experience Pass program. The M.A.X. Pass gives skiers and snowboarders access to more than 40 mountains throughout North America.

Originally created by Intrawest, Powdr Corps and Boyne to encourage ski visits across the nation, pass holders receive five days at each of the 44 participating resorts with no blackout dates. It also gives them the flexibility to ski where and when they want, while experiencing unique mountains and a variety of incredible terrain throughout North America. For more information on the M.A.X. Pass, visit the following websites, www.belleayre.com, www.goremountain.com and www.whiteface.com.

Cross Country Skiing and Snowshoeing

Residents and visitors are encouraged to take advantage of the fresh snow and enjoy winter scenery by heading to New York State Parks and Historic sites. There are more than 2,000 miles of trails for cross country skiing and snowshoeing found across New York. Rentals are available at some locations and visitors are encouraged to call ahead for availability.

Winter recreation and trails recommended by State Parks staff are available here.

In addition, cross-country skiers and snowshoers can enjoy winter recreation at the Camp Santanoni Winter Weekend on March 18 and 19. This is the last weekend State Department of Environmental Conservation will host Camp Santanoni Winter Weekend events and open the historic property in the Adirondacks to the public for recreational opportunities.

The area received three feet of snow this week and DEC staff and volunteers are working to manually groom trails for visitors. Trail conditions and weather will be excellent for skiing, snowshoeing, and outdoors activities. Visitors to this historic Adirondack Great Camp can ski or snowshoe five miles from the Gate Lodge Complex to the Main Lodge Complex on the original carriage road. Skis or snowshoes must be worn on the trail. Free snowshoes will be available at the Gate Lodge.

Snowmobiling

New York is home to 10,500 miles of snowmobile trails, which are groomed and maintained by more than 230 local snowmobile clubs. The state's snowmobiling community generates a total economic impact of approximately \$868 million, according to a 2011 study by the State University at Potsdam. More information on snowmobiling, online registration for out-of-state snowmobilers, and more can be found here.

For updated maps of New York's snowmobile trails, visit www.nysnowmobiler.com or contact your local snowmobile club to check the latest trail conditions.

22nd Annual Maple Weekends

Off the slopes and trails, New York's 22nd Annual Maple Weekends begins this Saturday, March 18 with nearly 170 maple farms across the state offering tours and pancake breakfasts, selling delicious maple products and demonstrating the syrup-making process. Beyond tours and tastings, activities at participating farms may include horse and wagon rides, snowshoeing and guided walks. A searchable list of Maple Weekend events is available at www.MapleWeekend.com.

Winter travel is responsible for 21 percent of New York's total tourism, accounting for more than \$13 billion in direct visitor spending in 2015. More information on winter tourism in New York State is available at www.iloveny.com/winter and on the free I LOVE NEW YORK mobile app, available for download on the iTunes and Google Play app stores or at www.iloveny.com/mobile.

Empire State Development President, CEO and Commissioner Howard Zensky said, "When it snows, there is truly something for everyone in New York State - from skiing and snowboarding at our world-class ski centers to family-friendly parks and attractions. This weekend, I encourage New Yorkers and visitors alike to find time to enjoy one, or several of the many winter activities and destinations throughout the state."

DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos said, "This weekend is a great opportunity with perfect conditions for visitors to enjoy winter outdoor recreation with their family and friends while in the magnificent wilderness setting of the

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Adirondacks and Catskills. Events like these are part of Governor Cuomo and DEC's efforts to work with local communities to increase tourism and economic activity by showcasing this remarkable natural areas of New York State. The increasing popularity of the Winter Weekends has brought many new visitors to the North Country and we encourage everyone to come out this weekend and take advantage of these winter activities and viewing opportunities."

Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Commissioner Rose Harvey said, "Don't let the winter weather keep you from visiting a state park or historic site. They offer family-friendly activities year-round, and you might be surprised at the unique ways to enjoy the great outdoors when snow is on the ground."

New York State Snowmobile Association Executive Director Dominic Jacangelo said, "While this very significant late winter storm has created inconvenience for many, it also has provided the perfect opportunity to enjoy the best of what Upstate New York has to offer in winter sports. Make that trip to Upstate New York and enjoy the thousands of miles of snowmobile trails which have been reopened from Niagara to Plattsburgh. The late snow has made perfect conditions on several trails with more than thirty inches of new snow in many areas."

Ski Association of New York President Scott Brandi said, "Between this week's snowfall and some areas expecting more this weekend, we welcome all skiers and snowboarders to enjoy the fresh powder at New York's more than 50 ski resorts. You can find a ski area in New York within two hours of any metro area outside Long Island, meaning you can ski more and drive less when you hit the slopes this weekend."

ORDA Interim President/CEO and Gore Mountain General Manager Mike Pratt said, "We are thrilled to be able to bring the M.A.X. Pass holders to New York. This is a terrific opportunity to introduce a group of winter sports enthusiasts who may otherwise not discover Belleayre, Gore, Whiteface and New York State skiing. We are excited to gain exposure and possibly new visitors from Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Maine and Canada. This program gives skiers and snowboarders quite a few options to visit any of our three resorts."

Act Underground Theatre to hold a General Open Casting Call

Act Underground Theatre in Narrowsburg NY is holding a General Open Casting Call at the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance, Krause Hall, 37 Main Street in Narrowsburg on two dates and times: Friday April 7 @ 6:00pm - 9:00 pm and Saturday April 8, 2017 @ 2:00pm - 5:00pm. This General Casting Call is for anyone and everyone interested in acting with Act Underground Theatre. You do not have to be an experienced actor.

This will be a fun two hours and nothing is required for you to prepare. We will have scenes for you to read and the General Call will give us a chance to get to know you and you can get to know us. For more information: email info@actundergroundtheatre.com or call Kyoshin @ 845-252-9915.

SUNY and CUNY Presidents Endorse Governor Cuomo's Excelsior Scholarship Program

Statewide Support from SUNY and CUNY Leadership for First-in-the-Nation Program to Make Public Colleges Tuition-Free for Families Making Up to \$125,000 Per Year

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced statewide support for the Excelsior Scholarship Program from the college and university presidents throughout The State University of New York and City University of New York. The Excelsior Scholarship would make college possible for families making up to \$125,000 per year, helping to alleviate the crushing burden of student debt while enabling thousands of bright young students to realize their dream of higher education at SUNY and CUNY. Under the Governor's bold proposal, approximately 80 percent or more than 940,000 New York families with college-aged children would qualify to attend SUNY or CUNY two- and four-year colleges tuition-free.

"The Excelsior Scholarship will enable thousands of middle- and working-class students to attend New York's world-class SUNY and CUNY colleges and universities tuition-free, and I am proud to have the support and partnership of these great academic leaders," Governor Cuomo said. "This is a critical step forward in our efforts to build up our workforce, remain competitive in the global economy, support the middle class, and create a more prosperous New York for all."

SUNY Chancellor Nancy L. Zimpher said, "The State University of New York recognizes the immense opportunity before us, and we look forward to seeing Governor Cuomo's Excelsior Scholarship program become a reality for our students. The program takes college affordability to a dramatic new level in New York State while also incentivizing college completion, a proven game changer in reducing student debt and positioning students for success not only in college but also career."

CUNY Chancellor James B. Milliken said, "Governor Cuomo's landmark Excelsior Scholarship Program is a bold initiative that will advance both individual opportunity and the state's economic competitiveness. Nothing is more important to success in the 21st century knowledge economy than quality higher education. The expanded access that the Excelsior program provides for lower income and middle class students positions New York as a national leader. CUNY students, their families and communities, and our state will benefit from this investment."

Below are statements from the SUNY Sullivan and SUNY Ulster Presidents:

Sullivan County Community College Interim

President Jay Quaintance said, "Linking college affordability to completion by having the state cover the cost of tuition for full-time students in public colleges and universities is a bold move by Governor Cuomo. SUNY Sullivan looks forward to working to ensure that our students are able to make the most of this game-changing initiative."

SUNY Ulster President Dr. Alan P. Roberts said, "We are pleased that the Governor's proposal focuses on public higher education and accessibility. SUNY Ulster looks forward to the opportunity to support this initiative with the hope that it will assist as many students as possible as we work together to continue our responsibility of changing lives through education."

Schneiderman Announces Take Down of Massive Organized Theft Ring "Operation Sticky Fingers"

Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman today announced the indictment of 12 alleged members of a massive criminal theft and fencing ring that infiltrated New York and 27 other states across the country - marking one of the largest-ever busts of a retail theft ring. A 41-count indictment, unsealed in New York Supreme Court today, charged the 12 alleged co-conspirators with enterprise corruption, money laundering, criminal possession of stolen property and conspiracy. If convicted, each of the defendants face between 8 to 25 years behind bars.

During "Operation Sticky Fingers," a ten-month investigation conducted by the Attorney General's Organized Crime Task Force with support from the New York State Police, law enforcement seized more than 5,300 stolen electronics and ink cartridges from the enterprise's alleged kingpin, Richard Rimbaugh; the enterprise's alleged theft crew manager, George Athanasatos; and from various alleged members of the theft crews. In addition, investigators seized more than \$7.7 million dollars from the defendants' homes, financial institutions, and Amazon and PayPal merchant accounts.

Through electronic and physical surveillance, as well as analysis of financial records in conjunction with other investigative tools, the Attorney General's investigation alleges that Rimbaugh has been directing

theft crews and reselling stolen merchandise for over 20 years. The crews are charged with stealing millions of dollars in merchandise - including electronic goods and printer cartridges - from Staples, Office Depot, BestBuy, and other retailers across 28 states. Since 2012 alone, the ring has sold more than \$12 million of stolen goods via Amazon and eBay internet marketplace.

"As we allege, this brazen ring of criminals methodically stole millions from stores across 28 states - resulting in one of the largest-ever busts of a retail theft ring," said Attorney General Schneiderman. "Retail theft is becoming increasingly organized, with crime rings preying on businesses and creating a vicious cycle that ultimately harms consumers, when the costs are passed on in the form of higher prices. But these thieves are now on notice: we won't hesitate to pursue retail theft and prosecute these cases to the fullest extent of the law."

State Police Superintendent George P. Beach II said, "Through this collaborative investigation, we have uncovered a highly organized, national theft operation that was responsible for stealing millions of dollars in merchandise, victimizing both retailers and the public. I want to commend the outstanding work of the State Police Special Investigation Unit and the Attorney General's Office for the hard work that led to the arrests in this case."

As alleged, Rimbaugh, known to members of the enterprise as the "General", instructed several theft crews to steal specific printer ink cartridges, computer software, and other consumer retail electronics based on his ability to resell those stolen goods on Amazon and eBay. Rimbaugh dictated the price that the theft crews would receive for the stolen merchandise, typically paying between 30-50% of the retail value. Rimbaugh then allegedly resold the stolen merchandise on the internet through his illegitimate business, American Media Soft, which he operated out of his Manhattan apartment. At this location, Rimbaugh received, sorted, catalogued, and shipped the stolen merchandise for resale. Rimbaugh also routinely met with theft crew members to pay them for the stolen merchandise; over the 20 years of the ring's operation, he is accused of reinvesting approximately half of the proceeds into the criminal enterprise in the form of cash payments to the theft crews to pay for the merchandise they stole.

As further alleged, the investigation revealed that George Athanasatos, referred to by members of the enterprise as "Field Marshall," reported directly to Rimbaugh and was the manager of three of the four theft crews that delivered stolen merchandise to Rimbaugh. Athanasatos allegedly managed the day-to-day operations of these three theft crews and received a percentage of the total amount of money that Rimbaugh would pay the crew for their stolen merchandise. Rimbaugh and Athanasatos dispatched the three theft crews on missions to various regions across the country and remotely managed their progress during each undertaking, which took place on a weekly basis.

In addition to advising the shoplifters, Athanasatos allegedly provided the groups with coded maps detailing target retail locations, such as Staples, Office Depot, and BestBuy. He is also accused of providing members of the theft crews with "booster" gear, such as custom-made vests known as "bazookas." When worn underneath regular clothing, "bazookas" can conceal large amounts of merchandise while inside of the stores. When departing the stores, the crews allegedly used "kryptonite" devices to deactivate security alarms at store exits, as well as short-wave radios, which made it easier for the crews to eavesdrop on store security in order to warn one another about the presence of security or law enforcement. Multiple anti-security devices, such as "kryptonite", Alpha Keys, and Spider Wraps, were seized from Athanasatos' residence during the execution of a search warrant.

Rimbaugh and Athanasatos's alleged theft crews each consisted of two or three members, who each had specified roles: "Captain," "Lieutenant," or "Sergeant." The "Captain" served as the crew leader and was responsible for managing and directing the "Lieutenant" and the "Sergeant" while on a mission. The crews systematically traveled across the country, at the direction of Rimbaugh and Athanasatos, who issued credit cards to the crews to cover expenses such as flights, car rentals, and hotels.

Prosecutors allege that the crews often executed a series of retail thefts on a daily basis and then shipped the stolen merchandise to Rimbaugh at his New York City apartment, where he prepared the merchandise for sale on Amazon and eBay. In fact, when the Attorney General's office was executing its search warrant on Rimbaugh's home, five packages of stolen merchandise arrived.

During the course of the investigation, OCTF investigators tracked the movements of the theft crews, monitored their shipments of stolen goods to Rimbaugh, and obtained numerous surveillance videos of the theft crews while stealing merchandise from retail stores across the country.

The indictment, unsealed before New York Supreme Court Justice Maxwell Wiley, charged the following individuals with enterprise corruption and other crimes in

relation to their involvement in the organized retail theft and fencing enterprise. Each defendant, if convicted, faces between 8 and 25 years in prison.

Richard Rimbaugh, a/k/a "The General," 64, Fence of the Enterprise, New York, NY; George Athanasatos, a/k/a "The Field Marshall," 62, Manager, Brooklyn, NY; George Rapatsouleas, a/k/a "Skipper," a/k/a "Nipplehead," 31, Captain, Brooklyn, NY; Krissy Lee Harris, a/k/a "Princess," 35, Lieutenant, Brooklyn, NY; Nusret Srdanovic, a/k/a "Monte," 23, Sergeant, Brooklyn, NY; Roger Ringhiser, a/k/a "Captain Rog", 53, Captain, Long Beach, NY; Frank Albergo, 59, Lieutenant, Oviedo, FL; Kevin Cerrato, 22, Sergeant, Elmont, NY; Gregory Anastasiou, a/k/a "Captain Frank", 38, Captain, East Stroudsburg, PA; Joseph Pooler, a/k/a "Baby Arm Johnson", 41, Sergeant, Stroudsburg, PA; Robert Scarano, a/k/a "Reno", 56, Captain, Las Vegas, NY; and Giovanna Bonello, 28, Lieutenant, Staten Island, NY

Members of the criminal enterprise are set to be arraigned before New York Supreme Court Justice Maxwell Wiley beginning today.

This investigation also uncovered that Athanasatos was involved in an alleged welfare fraud conspiracy with Anna Candanedo, in which Athanasatos filed false documentation with the Nassau County Department of Social Services in order to facilitate Candanedo's illicit receipt of housing benefits. Athanasatos and Candanedo were named on a separate indictment in Nassau County for charges including forgery, possession of a forged instrument, offering a false instrument for filling, falsifying business records, larceny, welfare fraud, and conspiracy to commit those crimes. If convicted, each of the defendants faces up to 21 years behind bars. The indictment, unsealed before Nassau County Supreme Court Justice David Sullivan, charged the following individuals with the aforesaid crimes, in relation to their involvement in the welfare fraud conspiracy. The defendants are set to be arraigned before Nassau County Supreme Court Justice David Sullivan beginning today.

The investigation was directed by OCTF Investigators George Gundlach and Joe Oliver and Analyst Stephanie Tirado. They were supervised by OCTF Supervising Investigator Paul Grzegorski and Downstate OCTF Deputy Chief Christopher Vasta under the overall supervision of Investigations Bureau Chief Dominick Zarrella.

The case is being prosecuted by OCTF Assistant Deputy Attorneys General Shanon LaCorte and Brandi Kligman with the supervision of Deputy Attorney General Peri Alyse Kadanoff who runs the Organized Crime Task Force, and under the overall supervision of Executive Deputy Attorney General for Criminal Justice Jason Brown.

The charges against the defendants are accusations and the defendants are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty in a court of law.

Senator Bonacic Supports Senate Budget Resolution that Cuts Taxes, Increases Aid to Education and Substantially Invests in Water Infrastructure

(Albany, NY)- State Senator John J. Bonacic (R/C/I-Mt. Hope) voted today in favor of a Senate Budget Resolution that reduces taxes, increases education spending, invests in water infrastructure, continues to support our veterans, protects seniors, and increases support for our local roads and bridges.

"This Budget Resolution is a fiscally sound document that continues to address the needs of all New Yorkers," said Senator Bonacic. "My colleagues in the Republican Majority Conference and I understand the need to reign in property taxes, invest in our students, protect our water resources, and improve infrastructure."

Highlights of the Senate Budget Resolution include:

- Historic State Investment of Nearly \$8 Billion in Clean Water;
- Protection of STAR and Improved STAR Benefits for Small Businesses;
- A five percent increase in school aid funding over last year (\$1.2 billion), bringing the total investment in schools to a record level of \$25.4 billion;
- Doubling of the Governor's Foundation Aid proposal with \$478 million in additional funding, for a total increase of more than \$906 million since 2016-17;
- \$75 million increase for the Consolidated Local Street and Highway Program (CHIPS), for a total \$513 million;
- A \$109 million investment in the Enhanced Tuition Assistance Program (E-TAP);
- \$206 million for the state's heroin and opioid-related initiatives;
- Restoration of \$12 Million in Agriculture Support;
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Retail Council of NYS President and CEO Ted Potrikus issued this statement:

Retailers throughout New York State today thank Attorney General Eric Schneiderman, his team, and all law enforcement partners for the hard work leading to the arrest of leaders of an organized retail crime ring operating in and around the state.

Obviously, organized retail crime hurts stores, but

consumers are most significantly at risk whenever these organized rings take hold. They steal and repack-age baby formula, health and beauty aids, food items, and other products that we use every day.

Congratulations to Attorney General Schneiderman for his commitment to keeping shoppers, retail store employees, and retailers safe. We're eager to work with him and all of law enforcement to keep the light on this issue

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March 25th
10 am - 12 Noon

Craft Day for Kids

at the
Sundown Methodist Church Hall

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by March 22nd

Leave message to reserve a seat



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April 1st
5:30 pm
Covered Dish Supper

Spring Fling
March 25 • 5 pm
Chicken & Biscuits • \$10
Reservations Only

(Deadline for Reservations

March 20)

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Sundown United Methodist Church Hall

Grahamsville United Methodist Church

April 4
Thrift Sale
9am-12:30 pm
Luncheon
11 am- 1pm

Third Saturday Thrift Sale
9 - 1
April 15

St. Augustine's Chapel

Watson Hollow Rd. • West Shokan, NY

Sunday Mass - 9:30 am

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Penance 9:00 am, 2nd Sunday of the month

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LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICE:

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), Gabions (Ton), #1 Stone (Ton) Low Abrasion, #1A 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, 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 and marked BID. 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 11th, 2017 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
March 8th, 2017

3/23/17

**Town of Denning Residents:
Please Take Notice:**

The Town of Denning Town Board will hold a Public Hearing at the Sundown Church Hall, 3 Greenville Road, Claryville, NY 12725 on the Tuesday, April 4th, 2017 at 7 pm, prior to the commencement of the regularly scheduled Town Board Meeting for the purpose of adopting Local Law No. 1 of 2017 titled Regulating Parking: Amending Local Law No. 1 of 2016. At Said time any and all interested person(s) will be heard.

By the Order of the Town Board
Joy Monforte, RMC
Town Clerk
March 8th, 2017

3/23/17

**Town of Denning Residents:
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The Town of Denning Town Board will hold a Public Hearing at the Sundown Church Hall, 3 Greenville Road, Sundown, NY 1270 on the Tuesday, April 4th, 2017 at 7 pm, prior to the commencement of the regularly scheduled Town Board Meeting for the purpose of adopting Local Law No. 2 of 2017 titled: Adoption of the Changed Grievance Date. At Said time any and all interested person(s) will be heard.

By the Order of the Town Board
Joy Monforte, RMC
Town Clerk
March 8th, 2017

3/23/17

TOWN OF NEVERSINK**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
EXPENDITURE OF HIGHWAY
MACHINERY CAPITAL
RESERVE FUNDS SUBJECT TO
PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Town Board of the Town of Neversink will hold a public hearing at the Town Hall, 273 Main Street, Grahamsville, New York, at 7:15 p.m. prevailing time, on April 12 2017, in connection with the expenditure of Highway Machinery Capital Reserve Funds. Said expenditure is for the purchase of a 2017 CAT 950GC Rubber Tire Loader in an amount not to exceed \$189,000.00, at which time all interested persons will be heard.

Dated: March 13, 2017
Lisa Garigliano, Town Clerk

3/23/17

Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC) is seeking a qualified engineer/firm for professional engineering and project management services on projects involving demolition of structures acquired as part of the New York City Funded Flood Buyout Program within the NYC West of Hudson Watershed. A mandatory pre-bid conference will be held on March 31, 2017 at 1 PM at CWC offices, 905 Main Street, Margaretville, NY 12455. Bids must be received at CWC by 4 PM, April 14, 2017. For bid documents please contact John Mathiesen or Frieda Suess at 845-586-1400. EOE

3/16; 3/23; 3/30; 4/6-21

**TOWN OF DENNING JUSTICE DIS-
CHARGES DWI DEFENDANT FROM
PROBATION AND TERMINATION OF IID
(Ignition Interlock Device)**

Town of Denning, Ulster County, Justice Jonathan Follender issued a letter decision dated February 25, 2017 which discharged a defendant convicted of D.W.I., (driving while intoxicated) from probation and terminating the IID (ignition Interlock Device) requirement on any vehicle she operates.

Josie Lutz, a resident of the Town of Denning, pled guilty to one charge of misdemeanor or DWI. VTE 1192(3) on June 16, 2015. Defendant was sentenced to license revocation of at least 180 days, three years' probation, a one year conditional discharge period during which the IID (ignition interlock device) must be installed, a fine of \$500.00 and a mandatory surcharge of \$475.00 and to attend the STOP-DWI class.

The time of sentencing, defendant swore under oath, and completed the ancillary paperwork, to the effect that she lived alone, did not own an automobile, and had no current New York State driver's license.

After initial difficulty, according to the probation department, Josie Lutz seemed to respond well to probation and appears to have maintained sobriety.

In or about December 2016, Josie Lutz wished to apply for and take the written test to obtain a learner permit, a prerequisite to take the test to obtain a driver's license, something which was denied her during the probation period except upon approval by the Probation Department.

Defendant was represented by William A. Brenner, a Grahamsville attorney in neighboring Sullivan County. Brenner asked the Court whether the defendant might be eligible for an early termination of her probation. The Court directed that defense counsel notify the assistant district attorney and the probation department of his new application.

The Court decision states:

"The Probation Department reported that Ms. Lutz, after initial difficulty, was responding well and was sober. The court set a hearing and defendant and her counsel appeared, with the District Attorney's Office appearing by conference call as arranged. The Probation Department advised by writing that while it did not object to the early termination of Ms. Lutz's probation, the court "must" enforce the statutory directive requiring the installation of the IID for a period of at least one year, to be reduced to six months only upon good cause shown and at the court's discretion. The People concurred in the foregoing request, making a good point that otherwise the defendant would defeat the statutory IID requirement.

The following facts should also be noted. At time of sentencing, this Court apparently erred by sentencing the defendant to both a three probation term, and a one year conditional discharge during which term the IID would need to be installed. The Court instead should have sentenced the defendant to either the one year CD, or to the three year probation term, running the IID requirement for the length of either term.

It should also be noted that at the hearing, the defendant advised that she lives alone in the Town of Denning and that there is no public transportation. She informed that in order to get to Ellenville to report for probation, she had to use her health insurance to get a ride from Denning to an Ellenville health care provider, whether she particularly needed health care or not. Her attorney apparently aids her by transporting her to and from court. While no one's fault, this situation is somewhat unique to Ulster County towns removed from the routes of Ulster County public transportation, such as it is, despite the County continuing to collect the same taxes from Denning residents as from residents in any other Ulster County town. One wonders whether the County has explored running a bus from Route 28 to Olive and down the Peekamoose Road to Denning, at least during the good weather months.

In any event, prior to the hearing upon the instant application, the Court required the defendant to satisfy her outstanding fine and surcharge and the same was done.

In deciding this matter, this Court is mindful that, pursuant to PL §65.10, the court has authority to exercise its discretion in setting conditions of probation and/or a conditional discharge. This Court exercised that discretion in setting the original conditions of defendant's probation and conditional discharge. Similarly, the court may terminate probation or conditions thereof, or of any conditional discharge, while basically weighing the protection of the public against the lack of need for the probationer to be in need of guidance, training or other assistance...." CPL 410.90.

In the instant matter, probation recommended that defendant indeed could be terminated early, except for the IID condition. A check by this Court revealed that the one year conditional discharge with IID, despite the proper paperwork being forwarded to DMV, was never entered manually by the TSLED of the DMV, resulting in a failure to pass on the IID requirement to the Ulster County IID monitor, at STOP-DWI.

However, despite the foregoing, it is clear that the statutory IID requirement in this case was satisfied by the imposition of the IID requirement at sentencing, and would have been installed but for the fact that the defendant did not own or operate an automobile during the one year IID requirement of the CD. The fact that the IID does not continue for the three year probation term is the fault of this Court's original sentencing, but cannot now be fairly "tacked on" as a "new" IID term to the defendant's detriment. Imposing another CD with IID requirement, under these circumstances, is simply neither fair nor warranted.

Therefore, upon due notice to all parties, and the parties having an opportunity to be heard, and for good cause shown, and based on all the proceedings and facts of this matter, it is

ORDERED, that the three-year probation term of defendant Arelis (Josie) Lutz is hereby terminated from probation as indicated in the "discharge from probation" dated January 17, 2017, and the original one-year CD period for the installation of the IID imposed at sentencing having expired, it is further

ORDERED, that the additional one-year CD imposed by this Court on January 17, 2017 requiring the imposition of the IID for an additional one-year period, is hereby VACATED, and that this constitutes the order of the Court and the same will be filed with the Clerk of this court and served upon all the parties.

Dated: February 25, 2017 Denning, New York
Hon. Jonathan S. Hollander, TJ
Entered March 1, 2017"



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- May 1 - May 5 **Screen Free Week**
- Sat-May 13 **Maritime Aquarium/IMAX Movie**
- Sat-June 3 **Country Living Fair** Rhinebeck Fairgrounds
- Fri-June 9 **Mamma Mia** Westchester Broadway Dinner Theatre
- Fri-June 16 **Transportation to NYC**
- Fri-July 7 **Swimming Beach Party** Grahamsville Fairgrounds
- Sat-July 22 **New York State Museum**
- Sat-Aug 5 **Zoom Flume**
- Fri-Aug 25 **Back to School Fun Night**
- Fri-Oct 6 **Annie Get Your Gun** Westchester Broadway Dinner Theatre
- Nov 4-5 **Wolf Lodge**
- Sat-Dec 2 **Transportation to NYC**

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 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.

2017 Town of Neversink Motor Vehicle Schedule
 10 am - 2:30 pm

Jan 12	July 13
Feb 16	Aug 10
Mar 16	Sept 14
Apr 13	Oct 12
May 11	Nov 16
June 15	Dec 14

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

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- 3/27/17 Town of Neversink Chamber of Commerce Meeting 7 pm Daniel Pierce Library
- 3/28/17 Town of Neversink Parks & Rec Meeting - 6 pm in Parks & Rec Office at Town Hall
- 4/1/17 **Covered Dish Supper** - Sundown Methodist Church Hall 5:30 pm
- 4/4/17 Town of Denning Board Meeting 7:00 pm - Sundown Church Hall
- 4/5/17 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting 7 pm
- 4/6/17 Claryville Fire District Meeting - 6:30 pm
- 4/8/17 Grahamsville Reformed Church **Roast Pork Dinner** 4-7 pm - Grahamsville Reformed Church Hall
- 4/11/17 Town of Denning Board Business Meeting 7 pm Denning Town Hall
- 4/12/17 Town of Neversink Board Meeting 7:30 pm
- 4/13/17 Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting 7:00 pm - Denning Town Hall
- 4/14/17 Town of Neversink Holiday - GOOD FRIDAY
- 4/15/17 Grahamsville UMC **Third Saturday Thrift Sale** 9 am - 12 noon
- 4/17/17 Grahamsville Fire District Meeting 7 pm Grahamsville Firehouse
- 4/18/17 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals - 7:30 pm
- 4/19/17 Claryville Fire Dept **All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast** 7am-Noon

Save the Date!

April 22, 2017 - Boy Scout Troop 97 **Fish & Chips/Chicken & Chips Dinner** - 4:30 to 6:30 pm at Neversink Fire House

May 6, 2017 **Tri-Valley Lions Journey for Sight Walk** 8:30-9:00 am Sign-in Grahamsville First Aid Building

June 7, 2017 **Rabies Clinic** 6-7:30 pm Grahamsville Fairgrounds - for pets 3 months or older

Sunday, July 9, 2017 **6th Annual Matty Bertholf Horseshoe Tournament**

Saturday, July 29 - **Time & the Valleys Old Time Fair and Chicken BBQ**

Please note that the agenda for the upcoming Tri-Valley Central School District Board of Education Meetings can be viewed at <http://www.boarddocs.com/ny/trivc/Board.nsf/Public>

TRI-VALLEY AREA

- SUNDOWN CAMP & BAIT SHOP
- GRAHAMSVILLE DELI
- A J's FRIENDS & FINDS
- EUREKA MARKET & CAFE
- NEVERSINK GENERAL STORE
- BLUE HILL LODGE
- FROST VALLEY YMCA
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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.

Sundown Community Memorial Day Weekend Miles & Miles of Yard Sales

★ Sundown Camp & Bait Shop
 ■ Sundown UM Church

If you are a Sundown resident and wish to add the location of your yard sale to the "Sundown Community Memorial Day Weekend Miles & Miles of Yard Sales" map that will be published in the May 11, 18 and 25th issues of *The Townsman* -send us the location of your yard sale. Spot it on the map and **fill out this form** and **return** it to: *The Townsman*, PO Box 232, Grahamsville, NY 12740 or drop it in *The Townsman* "Drop Box" on the porch of the Grahamsville First Aid Building by **Friday, April 21, 2017**.

NAME _____ TELE # _____

ADDRESS _____

If you choose to have your yard sale only on certain days during the Memorial Day Weekend please indicate date(s) of your sale:

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Neversink Chamber of Commerce March Meeting

7:00 pm Monday, March 27, 2016
 at the Daniel Pierce Library Meeting Room

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Gentleman Jim (Comedy, 1942) On Monday afternoon March 27, 2017 at 12:15 PM, B/W -104 min. Rated TV-PG CC. A light-hearted fanciful biography of 19th-century boxing champion **Jim Corbett**, the man who they say Mohammed Ali copied. Film Director Raoul Walsh starring **Errol Flynn, Alexis Smith, Jack Carson, Alan Hale, John Loder, William Frawley, Minor Watson, Ward Bond, Arthur Shields**. Sassy biography of polished boxer Jim Corbett in fight game's early days. Flynn is dynamic in title role (reportedly his favorite), supported by colorful cast - especially Bond in larger-than-life role as legendary champ John L. Sullivan. Scripted by Vincent Lawrence and Horace McCoy. Also shown in computer-colored version.

On March 27, 2017 at 5:45 PM NATIONAL VELVET (Drama, 1944) C - 124 mm, TV-G, CC. Directed by **Clarence Brown**, starring, **Mickey Rooney, Elizabeth Taylor, Donald Crisp, Anne Revere, Angela Lansbury, Reginald Owen**. Outstanding family film about a British farm girl who is determined to enter her horse in the famed Grand National Steeplechase. Taylor is irresistible, Rooney was never better and they're surrounded by a perfect supporting cast. Revere won a Best Supporting Actress Oscar as Taylor's mother. Enchantingly beautiful Elizabeth Taylor became a movie star at age 12 after starring in this classic with her jockey pal (Mickey Rooney) who transforms an unruly horse. Screenplay by Theodore Reeves and Helen Deutsch; from Enid Bagnold's novel. Followed years later by **INTERNATIONAL VELVET**, a TV series.

Quiz:
In Gentleman Jim -
 1. Who played Pat Corbett ?
 2. Who played Victoria Ware?
In National Velvet -
 3. Who played Mrs. Brown?
 4. Who played the Pie?

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SUNDOWN

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