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Fallsburg Jr/Sr High School Soars with Spirit

The week of March 7 through March 11 was the annual Student Government Association Spirit Week at Fallsburg Jr/Sr High School. All grade levels compete with each other for spirit points earned with different competitions for class banners created in designated hallway spaces in the building, specific dress up days, decorating a section of the gymnasium bleachers with an individual theme, and culminating in a "Battle of the Classes" after school on the last day of the week.



Left to right are a group of Junior Varsity Cheerleaders welcoming students as they entered the gymnasium: Dolce McPherson, Jahaira Cordero, Liridona Ahmetaj, and Diana Escalante.

To generate total school spirit, the Athletic Department and SGA held a Pep Rally during the last period of classes just prior to the Battle of the Classes. With a large group from the Senior Band playing under Director Jacqueline Ellmauer and entertainment provided by the Dance Team and Cheerleaders, the enthusiasm in the gymnasium was electric. Just prior to the introduction of each fall and winter sports teams with coaches, the National Anthem was sung a cappella by senior Neida Flores-Ramirez. Her powerful voice echoed throughout the building, and an appreciative audience gave her a thunderous ovation. (Contd. Pg 4)

Food Drive Competition

Brings TVCS Family Together Seniors: 668. Sophomores: 322. Juniors: 198. Freshman: 27.



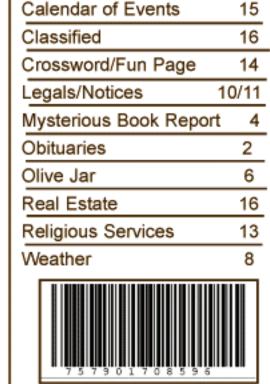
Pictured in the snackpack pantry on campus are (L to R), senior class adviser, Brenda Sloan, sophomore Morgan Shamro, freshman Britney Lee, junior Connor Decker, and TVTA Cares member, Michelle DiMilia.

Thursday, March 10th, was Tri-Valley Secondary School's annual Competition Night, an evening of good-natured warfare, pitting high school classes against each other in contests of wit, creativity, and strength. Crab soccer, brain teasers, obstacle courses, and skits are lots of fun, but one challenge reaches far beyond the school walls: The Food Drive Challenge.

Students collected nonperishable food items in bulk as "points" for the class; individual students and community members also donated items for \$1.00 off admission fees (allocating donations to the class of their choice). Tri-Valley Teachers' Association (TVTA) members collected, sorted, and counted the food then delivered the contest results to the judges. Seniors, ever more conscious of the needs within the community, collected more than the other three classes combined. Way to go seniors!

The donations will be used to support the TVTA Cares committee snack pack program within school. In operation since 2010, this service provides children in need with breakfast, lunch, and snack items, sent home biweekly in a backpack via school bus. Some of these packs have been "adopted" by school clubs, church groups, service organizations, teachers, and community members. Many of the packs, though, are filled from a pantry maintained on school grounds; this stash was replenished to overflowing from Thursday's donations. (Contd. Pg. 3)

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from left to right): Kira Ambrosi (2nd Place), Kyle Giminiani (Performance), Andrea Decker (Performance), Jordan Rider (Performance), Amaya Rupprecht (3rd Place), Juliette Eddings (1st Place)

stage to compete in Tri-Valley's Sixth Annual Poetry Slam. The evening event was watched by a very large crowd made up of students, teachers, administrators,

parents, and community members. A large part of a Poetry Slam is the performance aspect and the students certainly didn't disappoint. Each student, or group of students, memorized an originally written poem and then delivered the poem with their best sense of emotion and theatrics. The audience showed their appreciation by responding to several of the poems with applause and laughter. (Contd. Pg. 8)

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ON THE FRONT BURNER: For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever will lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it. St. Luke 9:24

OBITUARIES

Lesley (Scofield) Wood, of Conklin, passed away Friday, February 26, 2016 after a



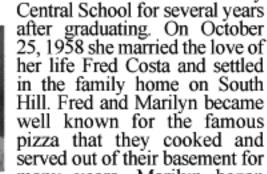
courageous battle with breast cancer. She is survived by her loving husband, Michael Wood; treasured son, Carson, stepson Alex and granddaughter, Willow, her parents, Sandra and Michael Scofield; sisters, Jennifer Scofield and Tracy (Craig) Scofield-Smith; nephews, Tristan Smith and

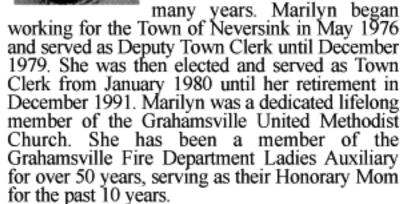
Taylor Chien; many aunts, uncles and cousins. She enjoyed gardening, birding and wildlife

photography.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, those wishing may make memorial contributions to the American Cancer Society, 13 Beech St., Johnson City, NY 13790.

Marilyn Rose (Mickie) Costa passed away peacefully on March 19, 2016. She was born on February 11, 1935 in Teaneck, NJ to Marie and Fred Mickelson. She moved with her family to Grahamsville, NY and graduated from Tri-Valley Central School in 1952. She worked at Tri-Valley





Marilyn is survived by her children: Tony Costa, Melissa and her husband Michael O'Dell, Matthew and his wife Patricia Costa and Fernando and his wife Kim Costa; as well as ten grandchildren: Alyson, Jos, Miya, Blake, Joshua, Hope, Allanna, Colby, Jordan and Craig; one great grandson: Jason; and her brother Raymond Mickelson and sister Karen Sweetser. She was predeceased by her parents Fred and Marie Mickelson as well as her loving husband Fred Costa. She was also predeceased by her brothers Fred and Robert Mickelson and her sister Sandra Huffman.

Friends and family may call on Friday March 25, 2016 at Colonial Funeral Home in Woodbourne, NY from 5-8 pm. Funeral services will be at the United Methodist Church in Grahamsville on Saturday March 26, 2016 at 10 am, Rev. Bob Kerston and Peggy Anne Sauerhoff officiating. Interment at Grahamsville Rural Cemetery will follow. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Grahamsville Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary.

Arrangements under the direction of Colonial-Bryant Funeral Homes 845-434-7363 or visit www.colonialbryantfuneralhome.com

Benjamin J. Musso, of Grahamsville, passed away on Friday, March 18, 2016 at Catskill Regional Medical Center. He was 87 and sur-

He was the son of the late Frank and Anna Musso, born on March 10, 1929 in New York City. He proudly served our country in the US Army,



ing the construction of the reservoir system. He followed in his father's footsteps, working for the NYC Water Supply as a Civil Engineer. As a very active member of his community, he ushered

for the Church of the Immaculate Conception, was a founding member of the Grahamsville Ambulance Corp. and a member of the Grahamsville Lions Club. He was always available to lend a hand including as a leader for the local boy scouts. Above all, he was a devoted and loving husband, father and grandfather.

He leaves behind to cherish his memory his children: Michael Musso and his wife Margaret of

Andover, MA, Matthew Musso and his wife Mary of Latham, NY, Andrew Musso and his wife Maura of New Paltz, NY, Mary Elizabeth Musso of Albany, NY, Patricia Copertino and her significant other John Olsen of Holbrook, NY, and Joseph Stubits of Port Orange, Fl. Additionally his grandchildren: Justin & Jenna Stubits, and Steven, Ryan, Jackie, Samantha and Zachary Musso. He is predeceased by his wife of 25 years, Rita Forrisi Musso, and wife of 23 years, Ella Stubits Musso.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Benjamin's name can be made to the Church of the Immaculate Conception, PO Box 66, Woodbourne, NY 12788 or Grahamsville First Aid Squad, PO Box 152,

Grahamsville, NY 12740.

A mass of Christian burial was held on Monday, March 21, 2016 at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, 6317 NY-42, Woodbourne, NY 12788. Interment followed at Grahamsville Rural Cemetery, Grahamsville, NY.Arrangements under the direction of Colonial-Bryant Funeral Homes 845-434-7363.

James "Jimmy" Maloney, of Neversink, passed away on Sunday, March 13, 2016. He was

He was the son of the late Joseph and Pauline Kennedy Maloney, born on March 28, 1960 in Ellenville, NY.

Jimmy worked as a correctional officer for Eastern Correctional Facility before retiring after 25 years of service. He was a proud graduate of Ellenville High School and lived most of his life in the Ellenville area. In his free time he was an avid hunter and fisherman and he was a member of the Ulster Heights Rod & Gun Club. He was a loving fiancé, brother, uncle and friend to all that knew him, he will be deeply missed.

He leaves behind to cherish his memory his fiancé Erin Marie Dunning at home; sisters Geraldine O'Shaunessy and her husband Tom of Ohio and Joann Erhardt of Georgia; his nephews Christopher O'Shaunessy and his wife Renee, and Michael O'Shaunessy and his wife Kelli; his niece Stephanie Wise and her husband Mike; several great nieces and nephews; and a very close and tight group of special

friends.

A funeral mass was held on Friday, March 18, 2016 at 10am at St. Mary's & St. Andrew's Church, 137 S. Main St. Ellenville, NY

DAYS OF YORE.... Today's History

March 21, 1956 - Alonzo Horton of Lackawack died a the age of 70 on March 13th. Mr. Horton, who was single, was born at Montela on Jul7 19, 1885, son of William and Ryla Osterhoudt Horton. Surviving are four brothers: Audie of Lackawack, Gail of Neversink, Preston of Ellenville and Frank of Somerville, N.J.; a sister, Mrs. Loren Dean of Sundown; and nieces and nephews.

March anniversaries: Mr. and Mrs. Clark Ryan and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rianhart on the 22nd; Mr. and Mrs. Ross Bonnell on the 28th; and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Huntsberger on the 31st.

March 23, 1966 - Gary R. Parrow, a Tri Valley senior, has had an essay accepted by the National Essay Anthology, "Young America Speaks". His essay, entitles "Happiness" is the first student effort from Tri Valley to receive national recognition. Gary, son of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Parrow of Sundown, has been accepted at State University of New York at Cortland where he will major in Social Studies.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Klothe of Fort Wayne, Indiana, are the parents of twin daughters, Lori Kay and Sherri Lynn, born at the Lutheran Hospital on Friday, March 18th, weighing 5 and 6 lbs. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Harsch of Fort Wayne are the maternal grandparents and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Klothe are

the paternal grandparents.

March 31, 1976 - Congressman Matthew F. McHugh has announced that the U.S. Military Academy at West Point has admitted Thomas M. Arielly of Neversink, to the class of 1980. Tom 17, is the son of Thomas F. and Barbara Arielly of Neversink. He will be eligible to enter the academy in July, following his graduation from Tri-Valley Central School in Grahamsville.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Kortright of Maine are the proud parents of a baby girl, Christina Lynn, born March 15th. The baby weighed 8 lbs. 7 oz. The paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Sherm

Kortright of Neversink.

April 3, 1986 - Specialist 4 Robert J. Kitchen, son of Blanche Kitchen of Grahamsville, has re-enlisted in the U.S. Army in West Germany for three years. He is a military police specialist with the 981 Military Police Company. He is a 1983 graduate of Valley Central High School in Montgomery.

A Round About Tri-Valley

-Carol Furman

Sympathy to the family and friends of Jean Helthaler of Neversink. Jean, age 85, passed away on March 9th. She was always willing to lend a hand when needed and will be sorely missed.

Condolences also to the Yaskanich Family of Grahamsville. Andrew Yaskanich passed away on

March 11th at the age of 69.

The Times Herald Record reported that James Maloney of Neversink was killed in a car accident on March 13th. Jimmy was 55 years old. Condolences to his family and friends.

And now for some good news! Kelly Bonnell Krzyzak had the heart transplant operation she was hoping for. I heard from her Mom, Sally, that she seems to be doing well. Thank God for miracles! Thank you also to the family of the individual who was willing to donate the heart of their loved one so another might live.

Girl Scout Sunday was celebrated in the Grahamsville Reformed Church on Sunday, March 13th. Kim Lucak's Brownies took part in the service. The Brownies also celebrated "Thinking Day" at the Daniel Pierce Library on March 16th.

Feel better wishes go to Emily Starner who had

surgery on her knee last week.

The musical concert at Tri-Valley, held on March 15th was fabulous! In case you missed it, you'll have another opportunity to hear the 5-12 grade chorus on May 17th and the 5-12 grade bands on May 24th. One thing I did notice at the concert on the 15th was that people were continually walking in and out while the students were performing. If you must leave or enter the auditorium during the performance, it is courteous to all if you do so between pieces. Entering and exiting during the performance can be distracting to the performers and the spectators

The Tri-Valley Theater Club will be presenting a musical, "The Boys From Syracuse", on April 8th & 9th. The Grahamsville Reformed Church will also be having a roast pork dinner on the 9th from 4:00 - 7:00. Why not go to the church dinner and than go and enjoy the Tri-Valley musical production?

Spent two days in Penn Van, NY last week. My granddaughter, Emily, had the lead in the local high school musical/'How To Succeed in Business Without Really Trying" and we went to see the show. The weather was beautiful and we were able to take a walk along the outlet trail between Keuka and Seneca Lakes. Penn Yan, which is the county seat of Yates County, is a great place with nice places to shop and dine. We visited the local Mennonite bulk food store and were able to purchase spices, soup mixes and preserved items at very reasonable prices. Penn Yan also had a very mild winter and the lakes were all ice-free and some of the farmers had already begun to plow their fields.

Have a Happy Easter and enjoy the spring days

Words of Wisdom: A baby is God's opinion that the world should go on. (Carl Sandburg)

There are two ways of spreading light: to be the candle or the mirror that reflects it. (Edith Wharton)

Food Drive Competition Brings TVCS Family Together (From Pg. 1)

The food that could not be used in-house was packaged and delivered to the community food pantry operated by the Grahamsville United Methodist Church. "We'll have enough corn and green beans to get us through the rest of the year!" exclaimed food pantry coordinator, Mary Lee Haag, upon unpacking

all Competition Night food.

For more information about the snackpack program, please contact Mrs. Laura Denman (985-2296 ext. 4131) or Mrs. Tanya Huggler (985-2296 ext. 4159) at Tri-Valley Central School. For information about the community food pantry or to make donations, please contact Mrs. Mary Lee Haag (985-2455) or Pastor Peggy Ann Sauerhoff (985-2283).

American Red Cross Blood Drive and Organ Donor Sign-Up Program

American Red Cross Blood Drive and Organ Donor Sign-Up Program Friday, April 1, 2016 at Liberty Masonic Lodge. 20 Eagle Drive, Liberty, New York 12754 From 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Sponsored by: The Sullivan Masonic District of Free and Accepted Masons They Need Your Help!!!

To schedule an appointment to donate blood, call the Red Cross at 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767 FREE).

By scheduling an appointment ahead of time by phone, you jump the line upon your scheduled arrival.

SUNY Sullivan Presents Ragtime, the Musical

SUNY Sullivan's 'epic' theatre season continues musical, Ragtime. The show will run Thursdays and Jean Helthaler. through Sundays, April 14 through April 24 at the college's Seelig Theater.

NACL Theatre and SUNY Sullivan present a workshop on diversity called "Social/Political Identity & Art Making"

NACE Theatre will present a workshop on diversity entitled "Social Political Identity and Art Making," in partnership with SUNY Sullivan and led by theatre and hip hop artist, Sarita Covington. This FREE public workshop is part of NACL Theatre's research and civic engagement practice in preparation for the ensemble's new play about social justice, entitled Courage. NACL and SUNY Sullivan present this FREE workshop open to anyone interested in questions of identity, diversity, and racism. The workshop welcomes students, artists, creators, citizens, teachers, organizers, and workers. "Social Political Identity and Art Making" and will be held on Saturday, APRIL 2, 2016 from 10 AM to 1 PM, at SUNY Sullivan, 112 College Rd., Loch Sheldrake, NY, 12759, Room The event is FREE. Contact: register Tannis@NACL.org to or visit www.NACL.org

Lunch-- Participants are encouraged to bring a dish to share following the workshop, for a group lunch

Workshop Outline In a world that has become increasingly multi-dimensional in terms of race, gender, class, ethnicity and more, how does the artist respond to shifting language and social movements? How does or doesn't the artist choose to include their identity as a source of their expression. These, among other question are addressed in Company Cypher's workshop Social/Political Identity & Art Making facilitated by theatre and hip hop artist Sarita

Using exercises, facilitated discussion and a structural racism analysis, the workshop leads participants to a broadened understanding of how identity, although fluid, impacts every aspect of life including art and how to direct that impact in a way that empow-

ers the artist.

Ms. Covington will lead participants to explore our personal experiences of racial injustice (as a witness or one directly impacted) using physical movement. Often we prioritize language in antiracist/diversity conversations, which of course is imperative, however the experience of racism is felt full-bodily and requires a more holistic approach. Our exercises emphasize radical compassion and self-empowerment.

Through dialogue that is sensitively moderated and a provided analysis we will identify key terms to support an understanding of how structural racism operates and dehumanizes all of us. Company Cypher believes that book knowledge is not superior to experiential knowledge and honors everyone's voice and experience. Everyone is welcome at whatever stage of development you are in regarding this conversation and we ask that you wear clothes that you feel comfortable moving in.

COMPANY CYPHER

Based in New York City, 'Company Cypher' builds community through the art of theater, poetry and hiphop education. Company Cypher's vision is to foster creative thinkers and confident artists who engage in an international conversation about race and skin. Company Cypher passionately produces events to awaken the masses to structural racism. The group's signature show In The Cypher will be produced in 20 states within the next 5 years, accompanied by events such as; talk-backs, discussion panels and workshops.

Do You Want to Learn How to Maintain and Troubleshoot Your Home or Work Computer?

The Adult and Continuing Education Program at Sullivan BOCES is offering a Computer Basics course in English and Spanish at the St. John Street Education Center in Monticello. Classes will run on Tuesdays, March 29th through May 3rd, from 6:00

pm - 8:00 pm. The cost is \$125.

Participants will learn all you need to maintain and troubleshoot home or work computer. Subjects include: CPU, hard drive, memory and more, physical set-up, updates, restoring, creating accounts, web browser, open and organizing files, communications, maintenance, cleaning, troubleshooting and much

To register or for more information, please contact the Adult and Continuing Education Program at (845) 295-4915 between the hours of 8:30 am and 7:30 pm or visit us at schoces.org.

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, with the presentation of the Tony-Award-winning Avril Pappa, Joan Hall , Polly Hill, Joyce Lockhart

Coltsfoot; the Son Before the Father

Guess what we saw along Peekamoose Road? Cheery little golden yellow flowers that we know as



Coltsfoot were in full blossom last Wednesday before the weekend 'chill'.

Coltsfoot is low-growing perennial with fleshy, woolly leaves. A member of the Asteraceae (daisy) family, coltsfoot, scientif-

ically known as Tussilago Farfara, produces a single golden-yellow flower head that blooms very early in

This curious herb seems to grow in 2 distinct stages. Very early in the growing season, the plant develops flat golden yellow flower heads (they look like little dandelions) that are 1 3/8-inch-wide on thick, on scaly, reddish 6-inch stalks that appear before the leaves. Thus the common name 'sonbefore-the-father', or filius ante patrem in Latin, as it was known during the Middle Ages.

Each narrow, petal-like ray flower has a pistil (female organ) but no stamens (male organs). Each disk flower has both stamens and a pistil, but the latter is non-functional. The flowers open in sunshine and close in cloudy weather and at night. They are usually pollinated by butterflies and bees. The seed heads become fluff balls like those of dandelions. American indigo buntings use this down to line their nests, and it is said that Scottish Highlanders once used it to stuff pillows.

Once the flowers die off, rosettes of 6- to 8-inchwide stalked green leaves arise from the creeping rhizomes. Some early botanists, observed the leafless flowers in one place and the flowerless foliage in another and thought that they represented separate species. Both the upper and lower leaf surfaces are at first covered with hairs, but those on top fall off as the leaf expands. The mature leaves are smooth and green above, felty and white below. The entire plant

may grow to a height of 20 inches.

Coltsfoot had been used medicinally throughout the world for thousands of years. Pedanius Dioscorides, a Greek physician and pharmacologist, who lived from 40-90 AD, recommended it for cough and asthma. Coltsfoot was so well known as a medicinal herb in olden times that a painting of its leaf on Paris apothecaries identified them to the illiterate. Coltsfoot is among the collected wild plants in the Balkans, Eastern Europe (Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Poland, the former Yugoslavia), and Italy. It also has been a part of Chinese folk medicine for centuries. Extracts of coltsfoot once had been used as flavorings for candies. Today, however, it is not recommended in medicine as studies show it contains an alkaloid that promotes tumor growth and has resulted in liver health concerns.

Known by several other names, including British Tobacco, Bullsfoot, Butterbur, Coughwort, Flower Velure, Horsehoof was native to several locations in Europe and Asia and was introduced to the Americas

by early colonists

Coltsfoot spreads too vigorously for the herb garden; in fact, it is said that the underground stems can remain dormant for years and then sprout exuberantly when the ground is disturbed. If you must have coltsfoot in your herb garden, confine it in a bottomless pot or grow it in a container.

Or, just enjoy these happy little yellow Coltsfoot flowers as they grow wild along the roadside. They are another way for Mother Nature to announce that

Spring has definitely arrived

Household Hints

A few useful vinegar "egg-samples":

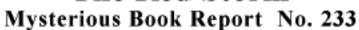
To dye Easter Eggs, mix one cup hot water, 15-20 drops (more if you want a richer color) of food coloring and a tablespoon of white vinegar in a ceramic cup. Dip hard boiled eggs in the misture until color you want is achieved. Dry egss. Then refrigerate until you are ready to use them.

When you are making hard-boiled eggs, add 2 tablespoons distilled vinegar to every quart of water to

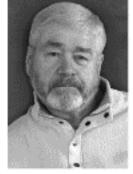
make them easier to shell.

When you are poaching eggs, adding a couple of tablespoons of vinegar to the water will keep your eggs in tight shape by preventing the egg whites from spreading.

The Red Storm



by John Dwaine McKenna



Writers, Agents, Book Publishers and Reviewers are always looking for something different, something a bit out of the ordinary; something that grabs their attention on page one and never lets go. In today's hyper frenetic literary world, where thousands of books are published every day, originality is a hard commodity to find. In the mystery crime fiction genre for example, we now have tough guys and gals in the classic Raymond Chandler mode, but then there's everything from the sublime to the utterly ridiculous .-we have ghost detectives, vampire detectives and wheelchair bound detectives as well as fallen

angels, residents of Hell, old ladies, talking dogs and cats, teenagers and even arch criminal sleuths, just to name an assorted few. Rest

assured, there's others. So when a debut author comes up with a unique concept and point-of-view –it's exciting news. The Red Storm, (Minotaur Books, \$25.99, 227 pages, ISBN 978-1-250-07307-5) by Grant Bywaters is a breath of fresh air in what's

become a most well-explored category of crime fiction —the private eye. The gumshoes name is William Fletcher. He's a former heavyweight boxer who's good enough to be champion of the world if only he wasn't a black man in the early 1920s, a time when organized crime controlled the fight game and rampant racism prevented him from getting a title shot. He quits boxing and works as a money collector until his boss goes to prison and Fletcher moves down to New Orleans, where he reinvents himself as a private investigator. It's a tough way to make a living for a black man in the south during the depression. Ten years later, in the early 1930s, he's struggling to find clients and pay the bills when one of his old New York acquaintances named Bill Storm gets in touch. He hires Fletcher to find his estranged daughter Zella, a wannabe torch singer and a white woman. Fletcher's investigation sets off a gang war for control of New Orleans between local mobsters and the trainload of New York Mafiosi who've trailed Storm to the Crescent City.

The Red Storm is a noir gem, full of period sights and sounds, language and everyday life in the heyday of the Jim Crow south. A fun, fast, entertaining read!

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Fallsburg Jr/Sr High School Soars with Spirit (From Pg. 1)

At the end of the acknowledgement for all the athletic teams, three members of the award winning Robotics Team gave an exhibition of two "Nothing but Net" robots that pick up nerf-like balls and toss them into nets on the gym floor from as far away as thirty feet through the adept control of the students. The skills of the students (and the robots) amazed and delighted the staff

and students.

By early evening the student teams and classmates were totally exhausted but exuberant as they completed the Battle of the Classes to the delight of all. The final tally from all competitions during the course of Spirit Week was very close. The order of finish was 12th grade, 10th grade, 11th grade, 8th grade, 9th grade, and 7th grade. The students leaving for home realized that the true winner after this week was the school, fully infused with the collective spirit generated by them all.

CWC Annual Meeting April 5
The Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC)

will hold its 19th Annual Meeting of member towns Tuesday, April 5 at 1 p.m. at CWC offices, 905 Main Street, Margaretville.

Results of the election of three representatives to the CWC Board of Directors from Delaware County, and one from Greene County, will be announced. A slide show of CWC's achievements over the past year will be featured, and the 2015 Annual Report will be distributed.

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

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors will be held immediately following the

Annual Meeting.

The public is cordially invited to attend both meetings. Agendas may be found at www.cwcon-line.org after March 25. Inquiries are welcome at 845-586-1400. The office is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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.

DEP Releases 2016 Watershed Recreation Newsletter - Annual Newsletter Provides Updates on Hiking, Boating Fishing, Other and Recreational Activities on City Lands in the Watershed

The New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) today announced the release of its annual Watershed Recreation Newsletter, which serves as a yearly source of updates for thousands of watershed residents and visitors who enjoy recreating on Cityowned lands and waters. The 2016 edition includes a calendar of outdoor events - including special fishing events, educational tours, and volunteer efforts - that are suitable for families. The newsletter also highlights information about DEP's recreational boating program, new fish stocking efforts, and profiles on two unique recreation units that offer fishing, hiking and more.

"Our annual recreation newsletter is a great source of information for outdoor enthusiasts who enjoy fishing, hiking and other activities across 130,000 City-owned acres that have been opened to public access," DEP Commissioner Emily Lloyd said. "The newsletter also underscores trends that are points of pride for DEP. The number of acres open for recreation is growing, the number of people participating in our boating program is growing, and so are our efforts to spread the word about these unique opportunities to enjoy the scenic beauty of the watershed."

The Watershed Recreation Newsletter provides information about increased participation in DEP's recreational boating program, which saw its largest year-over-year increase in participation in 2015, and it explains some experimental fish stocking programs that are diversifying the fisheries in some of New York City's reservoirs. The newsletter also features two recreation parcels - one in the Catskills and one in the Hudson Valley - that offer a unique mix of outdoor opportunities for those looking to get out and explore. Those who regularly use Cityowned property for recreation will also find a helpful directory of DEP phone numbers and other contact information to renew permits and boat tags, or ask questions about accessible properties.

Central to this year's newsletter is a calendar of events that DEP will host throughout the year. More information on these events will be posted throughout the year on DEP's watershed Facebook page at www.facebook.com/NYCWatershed. Some high-

lights include:

 May 15 - Wetlands Tour in Westchester County Wetland ecologists will lead an educational tour of two neighboring wet-lands in the Town of Armonk, focusing on the unique plants and animals that live in the wetland habitat.

o June 12 - Family Fishing Day at Ashokan Reservoir: Experts will teach kids how to fish at one of NYC's most scenic reservoirs. Bait and fishing poles will be provided. Bring your own if you have them! This event in Ulster County is cosponsored by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC).

o June 18 - Family Fishing Day at Cannonsville Reservoir - Experts will teach kids how to fish. Bait and fishing poles will be provided to those who don't have their own. This event in Delaware County is also co-sponsored by DEC.

o July 9 - Wetlands Tour at Yankeetown Pond: Wetland ecologists will lead a tour of this unique site in the Ulster County Town of Woodstock, focusing on the plants and animals that live in the wetland habitat.

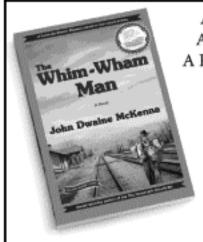
o July 16 - Family Fishing Day at Lake Gleneida: Experts will teach kids how to fish. Bait and fishing poles will be provided for those who don't have their own. This event in Putnam County is co-sponsored by DEC.

 Oct. 2 - Reservoir Cleanup Day: Join dozens of volunteers to keep our forests and reservoir shorelines free of debris! DEP's annual cleanup is

part of an international effort to remove shoreline debris from beaches, lakes and other popular waterbodies around the world.

There are now more than 130,545 acres of city-owned land open for recreation in the watersheds, including nearly 95,000 acres of land, and reservoirs that comprise nearly 36,000 acres. Of that, 66,479 acres of land are in public access areas that are open to recreation without a DEP permit. For those areas that require a permit, the free-of-charge DEP Access Permit can be obtained online by visiting www.nyc.gov/dep/accesspermit.

DEP manages New York City's water supply, providing more than one billion gallons of high quality water each day to more than 9 million New Yorkers. This includes more than 70 upstate communities and institutions in Ulster, Orange, Putnam and Westchester counties who consume an average of 110 million total gallons of drinking water daily from New York City's water supply system. This water comes from the Catskill, Delaware, and Croton watersheds that extend more than 125 miles from the City, and the system comprises 19 reservoirs, three controlled lakes, and numerous tunnels and aqueducts. DEP has nearly 6,000 employees, including almost 1,000 scientists, engineers, surveyors, watershed maintainers and other professionals in the upstate watershed. In addition to its \$70 million payroll and \$157 million in annual taxes paid in upstate counties, DEP has invested more than \$1.7 billion in watershed protection programsincluding partnership organizations such as the Catskill Watershed Corporation and the Watershed Agricultural Council-that support sustainable farming practices, environmentally sensitive economic development, and local economic opportunity. In addition, DEP has a robust capital program with over \$14 billion in investments planned over the next 10 years that will create up to 3,000 construction-related jobs per year. For more information, visit nyc.gov/dep, like us on Facebook at facebook.com/nycwater, or follow us on Twitter at twitter.com/nvcwater.



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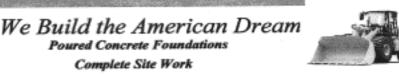
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The Olive Jar - By Carol LaMonda

Mexico Beach

I just returned from a delightful visit to cousins in Mexico Beach, Florida. This forgotten coast on the Gulf has sugar sand and blue-green Caribbean type water. It is affectionately called "The Red-neck Riviera" because it is a throw-back to when Floridians could ride bikes and golf carts on the streets and waved to neighbors (and Yankee visitors) as they cruise by at relaxation speed. We ate shrimp right from the shrimp boat and had oysters raw, baked, fried, and every-which way from Sunday.

The only trouble with traveling is getting there and back. To get there from the Catskill Mountains one has to get to JFK, switch at Atlanta, rent a car in Panama City and drive there. As the crow flies, we were probably four hours of air time. In the four legs of the journey, we logged ten and a half hours

counting the hour and a half delay they announced on the return flight just MOMENTS before we were to board in Atlanta.

Flying today is like riding a crowded bus with none of the amenities of the past. My seat mate, who sat just centimeters from me from Panama City to Atlanta, was a former Pan-Am stewardess who lamented the comfort, the service, and the refreshments of modern day air travel. The airline, which I won't mention but comes fourth right after the military alphabet of Alpha, Bravo, Charlie, had a stewardess who looked like a street walker with high black boots and apparently was glued to her seat. We had no TV, no music, no drinks and there were not enough spaces to accommodate carry-on luggage so avoiding the baggage claim did not work out well. My Pan-Am seat mate commented on the dress of the travelers. I too remembered when one would dress up, at least get out of pajamas, for a journey.

Although air travel has descended into crowded bus travel, it was worth it to reminisce with cousins about visiting grandparents in Norseville, New Jersey where our grandparents settled after coming as immigrants to Brooklyn. Countless hours were spent identifying ancestors in black and white photos in an album that was seventy years old. It's true when they say cousins are your first and always friends. Thank goodness my country welcomed Otto and Katrine

who came here from Norway as teenagers to begin a better life here as Americans.

Everybody Knows Your Name Sharing User Names Could Create Weakness In Financial Management Program

The recent Audit of Internal Controls Over Cash Receipts highlighted concerns with user security and access to the County's financial management system.

After conducting an evaluation of the sufficiency and integrity of the controls over receipts of funds it appears that one of the blind spots rest with signing on to the New World Systems (NWS) program LOGOS, the local government software installed by

Ulster County nearly two years ago.
The audit determined that "multiple users retained access to a single user account within the County's financial system" with five different employees over two separate departments having access to the account. The lack of a unique user name could easily mask an individual who may be easily accessing sensitive material. At the same time the audit revealed users who had dual access to both enter and approve transactions within their department, blurring the lines of the segregation of duties necessary for sound internal controls and creating an opportunity for fraud and theft.

Overall, the review concluded that adequate controls predominantly exist over cash receipts. However, in addition to user security and access, improvement was needed in standardizing procedures as well as addressing incompleteness of docu-

mentation and the timeliness of deposits.

The audit provided recommendations for each of the findings and offered guidance from the Office of the New York State Comptroller, as well as noting that, in some instances, steps have been taken to remedy the weaknesses.

The report can be found on the Comptroller's website (www.youreyesonulster.com) at

http://ulstercountyny.gov/comptroller/cash-receiptsaudit-march-2016

UC Legislators David Donaldson and Jennifer Scwartz Berky Submitted a Resolution that Would Renew the Sales Tax Agreement Between the County and the Municipalities

After much input from the Town Boards, Supervisors, City Council and Mayor's, as well as unanimous support from the Supervisor's and Mayor's Association, Legislators David Donaldson and Jennifer Schwartz Berky submitted a resolution for the April session that would renew the present formula of 85.5%

County share, 11.5% City and 3% Towns.

"I fought for the Safety Net takeover for over 20 years and finally with the help of Assemblyman Cahill the takeover was phased in with the last of the 5 steps completed this year. So it seems obvious to many of us that the move to reduce the City and Towns share of the sales tax allocation is a backdoor attempt to recoup the Safety Net takeover, something that was done by every other county over 25 years ago. I would like to applaud all the town's and city's elected officials throughout Ulster County, from Rochester to Rosendale, Saugerties to Shandaken, Ulster to Hardenburg, Denning to Wawarsing, Olive to Esopus and City of Kingston to Town of Kingston. They all stayed steadfast sup-porting each other throughout this move by the County", stated Legislator Donaldson.

'We are not asking for a blank check. But if we are truly concerned about the well-being of our communities, we should not make policies that destabilize them nor wait until a deadline looms to discuss this. Moving forward, in the spirit of collaboration, Mayor Noble and I have repeatedly called for a more open partnership process with the county. We agree with County Executive Hein that an in-depth look is

needed to find ways that we can work together more efficiently. Kingston is poised to make a major comeback, which will benefit us all. Now is not the time to add to the significant burdens it bears as the only city and most diverse community in Ulster County", stated Legislator Jennifer Schwarz Berky.

Joint Statement from UC Executive Mike Hein and City of Kingston **Mayor Steve Noble**

"We are pleased that by working together and engaging in multiple and productive discussions, we have jointly designed a framework that can both improve services for the citizens of the City of Kingston and throughout Ulster County through multiple shared service initiatives, and resolve any outstanding issues regarding sales tax distribution. It is our expectation to release details of this proposal in the next week.'

We both want to acknowledge the dedication and professionalism of the staff at our respective offices for their hard work, cooperation and assistance in this process. We are all dedicated to arriving at a mutually beneficial resolution consistent with the vision of ensuring a thriving community both in the City of Kingston, and across our beautiful County. This upcoming agreement will be subject to the approval of the Ulster County Legislature, City of Kingston Common Council and New York State Comptroller."

UC Makes Dramatic Improvement in National Health Rankings - County Executive Mike Hein Continues Progress Towards His Goal Of Making Ulster County The Healthiest County in NYS

Upon taking office, Ulster County Executive Mike Hein set forth an aggressive goal to work together to make Ulster the healthiest county in New York State. This was no small task because in 2010, the first year of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation national health rankings, Ulster was ranked in the bottom half, thirty-third out of New York State's sixtytwo counties (33/62). Today, with the release of the 2016 Robert Wood Johnson County Health Rankings, Ulster County has improved once again to now rise to sixteenth in New York State, a better than 50%

improvement.

This isn't about being ranked towards the top of New York State's sixty-two counties... it's really about the extraordinary community-wide efforts that have helped us leap from 33rd to #16 in such a short period of time," said County Executive Hein. "I realized from the very beginning that improving our community's overall health was both an enormous challenge and a great opportunity and the real winners would be our amazing citizens. There are so many variables that affect community health and our health plays such a pivotal role in the overall strength, sustainability and quality of life in a community. There is no doubt that a healthy community is a much more desirable place to live, work, raise a family, and to grow a business. This goal of important public health has also helped shape many of the decisions that we make every single day. Ulster County government has invested substantial resources in positively impacting the factors that influence community health. We have improved our environment by investing in renewable energy and becoming one of the first net carbon neutral counties in the nation. We are continuing to build a world class trail system and supporting bike and pedestrian friendly infrastructure throughout our local municipalities. And, to

address the substantial negative health impacts associated with generational poverty, we have provided innovative and successful job training programs plus we've made affordable, college level education readily available right in Mid-town Kingston. All this in addition to leading successful efforts to implement cutting edge health related public policy. We have much more work to do, but we are making tremendous progress and that is something we can all be very proud of. This has been an amazing community partnership and I thank everyone involved for their tremendous contributions.

Dr. Carol Smith, Ulster County Commissioner of Health and Mental Health -"If you asked most people what community health means, they would talk about healthcare, yet as important as access to quality health care is, the research and data clearly demonstrates that community health is so much more than healthcare. The reason is, you cannot separate people from the entire context in which they lead their lives. This includes safe and affordable housing and neighborhoods, easier access to fresh and healthy food, clean air and water, education and job opportunities, and doing everything possible to make sure that people receive the preventative care and education they need to stay well. Under County Executive Hein's leadership, we've brought together multiple community partners to work toward better health outcomes for all and we are delighted with the results," said Ulster County Commissioner of Health and Mental Health, Dr. Carol Smith.

The County Health Rankings consist of a collaboration between the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute. It compares counties within each state on more than 30 factors that impact health, including social determinants such as education, jobs, housing, exercise, transportation, and more. Over the past several years the Rankings, available at www.countyhealthrankings.org have become an important tool and measuring stick for local communities working to build an ever improving Culture of Health.

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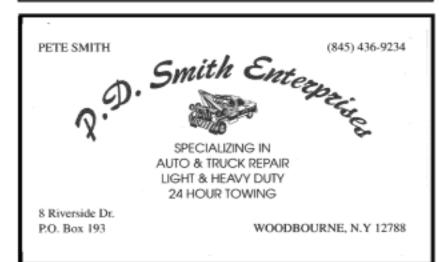
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Sullivan County Audubon Spring Meeting Thursday, March 31st - First Spring meeting. 6 pm. Room B-113, SCCC. Join us for a program on navigating eBird, presented by Lance Verderame. A light supper of pizza and salad will precede the program.

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The project is based on microcontroller board designs, produced by several vendors, using various microcontrollers. These systems provide sets of digital and analog I/O pins that can interface to various expansion boards (termed shields) and other circuits. The first Arduino was introduced in 2005, aiming to provide a low cost, easy way for novices and professionals to create devices that interact with their environment using sensors and actuators. Common examples of such devices intended for beginner hobbyists include simple robots, thermostats, and motion detectors." (Wikipedia)

Please call the library to sign up and learn more. For more information please call the Olive Free Library at 845-657-2482, or email programs@olivefreelibrary.org



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Family Fun Day



Experience New Things First

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Sign-up: All Adults \$51/All Children under 17 \$36. Must sign up A/S/A/PI
There are a few seats still available. Price includes admission to the museum, tour and transportation.

Town of Neversink Parks & Recreation Department

Chris Mathews, Town Supervisor PO Box 307 Grohemsville, NV 12740 (845)985-2262 extension 312

Jamie Dymond Brooks, Director www.townofneversink.org racerj12d@aal.com

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Easter Brunch at Eureka

We look forward to hosting you with a festive brunch menu, served from 10-3 (We will close at 3pm). Dishes include favorites like our French Toast w/Caramelized Bananas & Chopped Pecans, and new Catskill



Morning Breakfast, featuring all local: eggs, bacon, sausages and bread, served with homefries. Heartier fare includes our popular Eureka Burger and a pasta special. For the full menu, please call or visit our website. Reservations strongly encouraged.

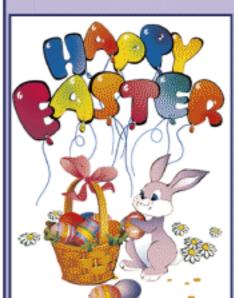
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Second Quarter Honors Earned at Benjamin Cosor Elementary School



8th Graders Share Their Words at Tri-Valley's Sixth Annual Poetry Slam (From Pg. 1)

But perhaps the best part of the night was witnessing the kids come together as one

to support and encourage each other throughout the event.

Juliette Eddings was crowned Poetry Slam champion for her student's classroom teacher. poem "Shakespearian Sonnet 238: Romeo O Romeo." Kira Ambrosi won second place for her poem "Dear Americans." Amaya Rupprecht finished in third place for her poem "Sitting on the Sea." Finally, Kyle Giminiani and his untitled poem and Andrea Decker and Jordan Rider and their poem "Imperfections" shared the Performance Award.

The event was hosted by 9th grade students Julius Colon and Brauke Hunt, last year's Performance Award winners. Katie Edwards-middle and high school science teacherserved as the evening's guest poet. She performed her poem titled "Unique." Mrs. Edwards used a lot of humor to write about all of the 8th grade teachers and their unique traits.

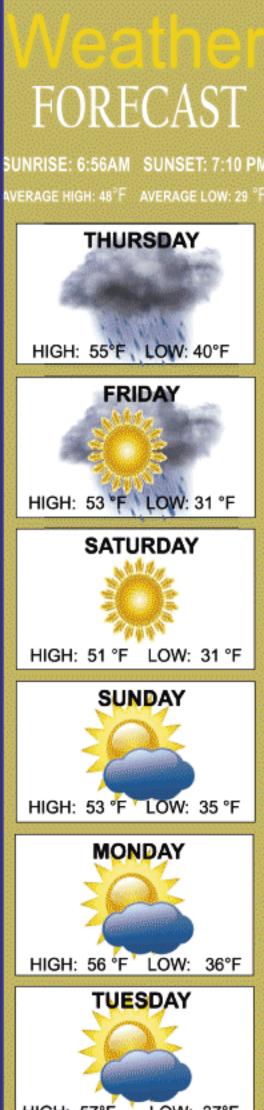
The Tri-Valley Annual Poetry Slam is run by 8th grade ELA teacher Matt Haynes. Mr. Haynes has been in charge of the Poetry Slam for all six years of its existence. Deb

Swett, middle and high school special education teacher, and Caitlin O'Connor, student teacher, also played a large part in organizing the event.

Overall, the event was a huge success and it couldn't have brought more pride to all of those involved. Congratulations again to all the participating 8th graders-hopefully it's something they won't soon forget

On March 1, 2016 before an auditorium filled with proud parents, grandparents and siblings, one hundred forty-one outstanding academic achievers from the 4th, 5th and 6th grades at Fallsburg's Benjamin Cosor Elementary School (BCES) strode across the stare with a certificate honoring them for the second quarter of 2015-2016. Principal Mary Kate Stinehour and Assistant Principal David Vigliane handed out the Honor Roll Certificates and Superintendent Dr. Ivan Katz gave out Superintendent Honor Roll

Also advowledged in this quarter were thirty-three students in these grades that had made significant progress in math and English language arts to earn a "Bringing Up Grades" or BUS certificate. The W codridge Kiwanis sponsors these awards that are determined by the



The Lightning Rods Perform High Voltage Bluegrass Music at the Phoenicia Library

The Phoenicia Library proudly presents the first concert of its new Cabin Fever Music Series.

Spring is here, and that calls for some boogieing! The Lightning Rods, a new band of seasoned, local musicians, blends old time, bluegrass, western swing, Celtic and country and western. So hang on to your hats for some high-voltage, low-volume acoustic roots music with swing and a steady beat for dancing and listening.



The Lightning Rods are; Ed Lowman Fiddle, guitar, and vocals.- For 37 years Ed has organized a summer series of outdoor square dances at Schroon Lake which won him a Traditional Arts Upstate Heritage Award in 2012.

Tom Wadsworth, guitar and vocals. Tom has played all over the Finger Lakes, Ithaca, and Cobleskill regions of NY. Tom is

also exploring traditional Irish music on uilleann pipes & tin whistle. For the last three summers he played 'Irish Night' at The Lakehouse Grille in Wells, New York with fiddler Lenny Broiles.

Geoff Harden, bass and vocals. For the last 15 years Geoff has played in a traditional Appalachian old-time string band, Stillhouse Rounders Geoff also organizes a local festival at Lake Genero in north-eastern PA which attracts 250 musicians from the northeast for a weekend of jamming and singing.

Colin McCoy, fiddle, banjo and both the singing saw and the singing voice. He also performs with a gypsy-jazz quartet, the C.C. Vagabonds,

and a contradance band, the Border Ruffians.

Upcoming Cabin Fever concerts: April 15, The John Burroughs Memorial Locust & Wild Honey Mountain Orchestra

May 13, The Cupcakes



Brauke Hunt and Julius Colon, the hosts of the event



Explore the Best Catskill Hikes and Fresh-made Maple Syrup at Frost Valley

Frost Valley YMCA's Hiking Weekend is just around the corner, April 15-17. The event aims to bring together hikers of all skill levels to favorite Catskills trails. Groups and individuals meet at Frost Valley, where they'll spend the weekend trekking trails both on Frost Valley property and at nearby trailheads. Frost Valley hikes include: Catskill History hike, Cable Bridge hike, a hike to a Bear Cave or High Falls waterfall, and more. Guests are also shuttled from the camp to nearby off-campus trailheads including Slide Mountain, Giant Ledge, Double Top, and Red Hill Fire Tower. All meals are provided and there are several lodging options for those who plan to spend the weekend at Frost Valley. Activities on Frost Valley's Main Camp throughout the weekend include: lessons in orienteering, topographical map reading, and essential-gear packing; wildlife ecology; tree and plant identification; and traditional Frost Valley activities (archery, climbing, crafting, and more).



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Plus, authors David and Carol White will lead a slideshow and discussion of "The Peaks and Trails of the Catskill Park" during this event. The Whites are authors of Catskill Day Hikes for All Seasons and editors of Catskill Trails, published Adirondack Mountain Club. The Whites became winter members of the Catskill 3500 Club in 1994, Adirondack Winter 46ers in 1997, and completed winter climbs of the 48 White Mountain high peaks in 2006. They are

Northeast USA 111ers, climbers of the 115 peaks exceeding 4,000 feet, and have climbed eight of Colorado's 14,000-footers. In October 2014, they achieved recognition by the Catskill Mountain Club as first 'Catskill All Trails' finishers, having hiked all 350 miles of 87 Catskill trails.

Don't forget! Frost Valley has two more Maple Sugaring Free Open House dates coming up on April 2 and 3 from 10 am-4 pm. Bring the family for a fun afternoon to bear about the entire tree to table present of

ily for a fun afternoon to learn about the entire tree-to-table process of making maple syrup. This free event is open to all ages and includes a guided nature walk, lesson on sugar maples, a tour of the Maple Sugar House, and a sample of fresh syrup to taste. Bottles and small jugs of syrup are also available for purchase.

Benjamin Cosor Elementary School Holds **Parent-Teacher Conference Days** Second



grade teacher Ms. Jeannette Espinoza meeting with Mr. Maximiliano Chavez, grandfather of one her students on one of the two parent-teacher conference days scheduled March 17 and 18 at Benjamin Cosor Elementary School.

UC Executive Mike Hein Recognizes Winners of Ulster County's 2nd Annual **Teen Dating Violence Video Contest**



Participants and winners from Ellenville High School

County Executive Mike Hein recognized and congratulated the winners of Ulster County's 2nd Annual Teen Dating Violence Video Contest at Ellenville High School and Saugerties High School. The Teen Dating Violence Video Contest Committee was formed as a subcommittee of the Ulster County Inter-Agency Council on Domestic Violence with the goal to raise awareness about the national issue of teen dating violence. The contest encouraged students to produce creative short informative videos that identified signs of unhealthy or abusive relationships, while including local domestic violence resources. This year there were three high schools who participated; Ellenville, Saugerties and Wallkill, submitting over twenty videos. (Contd. Pg. 12)

Tuesday to Sunday Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

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Senator Bonacic Helps Promote Health and Awareness by Attending

Kidney Screening in Albany
In an ongoing effort to promote kidney health, and awareness, Senator John



Senator Bonacic is pictured with volunteers from the Northeast Kidney Foundation, Pictured L-R are, Garry Murray, Chris Bartolillo, Emily Gicewicz, Tonya Speckhardt (from Senator Bonacic's office), and Amy Pai.

J. Bonacic (R/C/I-Mt. Hope) attended a kidney health screening this morning in Albany. The event is sponsored by the Northeast Kidney Foundation, and involves blood pressure analysis, a urine test, blood sugar analysis, and a one-on-one consultation with a physician. Chronic kidney disease affects 26 million people nationwide, with 59% of our population at risk. Anyone with diabetes, high blood pressure or a family history of kidney disease is at risk and should get their kidneys tested. Screenings like this one allow individuals to be proactive in getting tested, and seek any further medical treatment they might need.

The Joy and Spirit of Happy Easter



Ralph Hilton, owner of the Arati Shop stands by an Easter display that evokes memories and happy thoughts of Easter and the renewal of the spring season.

To see this sweet display, stop by the Arati Shop on Brickman Road Hurleyville. The Arati has a host of wonderful spiritual books, jewelry, health products and more.

Take a moment from you busy day and stop by the Arati to reconnect and renew your spirit.

PUBLIC NOTICES/LEGALS:

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING, ANNUAL MEETING, BUDGET VOTE AND ELECTION TRI-VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AT GRAHAMSVILLE TOWN OF NEVERSINK, COUNTY OF SULLIVAN, NEW YORK

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual Budget Hearing of the residents of the Tri-Valley Central School District at Grahamsville, Sullivan County, New York will be held at the Tri-Valley Central High School Upstairs Gym/Auditorium in said District at Grahamsville, New York on:

Tuesday, May 3, 2016 At 7:00 P.M. (EDT)

for the purpose of presenting the school budget for the 2016-2017 school year.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a copy of the budget statement showing the amount of money which will be required for the following year for school purposes, exclusive of public money, together with the text of any proposition which will be presented to the voters, may be obtained at the Office of the Superintendent, Tri-Valley Central School, Grahamsville, New York and any school building, by any resident in the District between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. on each day except Saturday, Sunday or holidays during the fourteen days preceding the Annual Meeting (beginning Tuesday, May 3, 2016).

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Annual Meeting, including the <u>VOTE</u> upon the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimated expenditures for school purposes for the 2016-2017 school year budget and the <u>VOTING</u> for members of the Board of Education, and <u>VOTING</u> on the below propositions and any other proposition to be acted upon, will take place on Tuesday, May 17, 2016 between the hours of 1:00 and 8:00 P.M. daylight savings time at the Main Gymnasium of the Tri-Valley Central High School Building, in Grahamsville, New York.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the following proposition will also be submitted for voter approval at said Annual Meeting:

Proposition #1

Shall the Board of Education be authorized to establish a reserve fund, to be known as the "Capital Reserve Fund 2016", in accordance with Education Law § 3651(1), for the purpose of paying the cost of improvements to buildings and grounds, including acquisition, construction, or reconstruction of buildings, site grading or improvements, furnishings, and installation, replacement or reconstruction of equipment, machinery or apparatus, whether or not in connection with original construction, in a maximum amount not to exceed \$8,000,000, plus accrued earnings, to be raised by annual transfers of unexpended fund balances, a transfer of excess funds from the existing tax certiorari reserve fund in an amount up to \$5,000,000, a transfer of excess funds from the existing repair reserve fund in an amount up to \$1,300,000, and a transfer of the existing balance of the Capital Reserve Fund - Facilities, which expires on June 30, 2016, for a probable term of ten (10) years, effective July 1, 2016 and expiring June 30, 2026, provided that, pursuant to Education Law § 3651(3), no expenditure shall be made from such fund except upon authorization of the voters of the District for the purposes specified herein?

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the following proposition will also be submitted for voter approval at said Annual Meeting:

Proposition #2

Shall the following resolution be adopted, to wit:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Tri-Valley Central School District, is hereby authorized to undertake certain capital improvements consisting of miscellaneous interior and exterior reconstruction of a security vestibule and related work at the Tri-Valley Secondary School building, along with the acquisition of certain original furnishings, equipment, and apparatus and other incidental improvements required in connection therewith for such construction and school use, all at an estimated maximum aggregate cost of \$112,977, and appropriate, encumber, and expend existing and unexpended funds, and funds from the Capital Reserve Fund - Facilities, therefor.

And notice is hereby further given that the text of the foresaid proposition #2 may appear on the ballot labels in the following abbreviated form:

Proposition #2

Shall the proposition set forth in the legal notice of this annual meeting, authorizing a capital construction project consisting of miscellaneous interior and exterior reconstruction of a security vestibule and related work at the Tri-Valley Secondary/Elementary School building, all at an estimated maximum aggregate cost of \$112,977 to be appropriated, encumbered, and expended from unexpended funds and/or the Capital Reserve Fund - Facilities, therefor all as more fully described in said notice, be approved?

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the following proposition will also be submitted for voter approval at said Annual Meeting:

Proposition #3

Shall the following resolution be adopted, to wit:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Tri-Valley Central School District, is hereby authorized to undertake certain capital improvements consisting of miscellaneous interior and exterior reconstruction, roof and window replacement, plumbing, electrical and mechanical reconstruction and replacement, and related work at the Tri-Valley Secondary/Elementary School building, along with the acquisition of certain original furnishings, equipment, and apparatus and other incidental improvements required in connection therewith for such construction and school use, all at an estimated maximum aggregate cost of \$8,000,000, and appropriate, encumber, and expend existing and unexpended funds, and funds from the Capital Reserve Fund 2016, therefor.

And notice is hereby further given that the text of the foresaid proposition #3 may appear on the ballot labels in the following abbreviated form:

Proposition #3

Shall the proposition set forth in the legal notice of this annual meeting, authorizing a capital construction project consisting of miscellaneous interior and exterior reconstruction and related work at the Tri-Valley Secondary/Elementary School building, all at an estimated maximum aggregate cost of \$8,000,000 to be appropriated, encumbered, and expended from unexpended funds and/or the Capital Reserve Fund 2016, therefor all as more fully described in said notice, be approved?

PUBLIC NOTICES/LEGALS: (Contd.)

(From Pg. 10) NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

SEQRA STATUS OF PROJECT: The School District, acting as lead agency to the extent necessary for this purpose under SEQRA, has completed its environmental review of the projects described in propositions #2 and #3 and, on March 17, 2016, duly determined and found the purposes to be a Type II action which will not have a significant impact on the environment and is not subject to any further environmental review under SEQRA.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the term of three members of the Board of Education will expire on June 30, 2016. Petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education shall be filed with the Clerk of said School District at her office in the Administration Building, on or before 5:00 P.M. on Monday, April 18, 2016. Vacancies on the Board of Education are not considered separate, specific offices; candidates run at-large. The three highest vote getters will fill the three full-term positions. Nominating petitions shall be directed to the Clerk of the District; must be signed by at least 25 qualified voters of the District; must state the name and residence address of each signer, and, must state the name and residence address of the candidate.

The 3-year terms of the following Members of the Board of Education expire on June 30, 2016, and are to be filled at this election:

Lori Schmitz Cathy Russo Janet Dymond

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that pursuant to a prior resolution of the District, personal voter registration is in effect. The dates for personal voter registration have been set for Tuesday, May 10th, 2016 and Wednesday, May 11th, 2016 in the Main Entrance Area, between the hours of 4:00 P.M. and 8:00 P.M. Voters may also register at the Office of the District Clerk on any business day through Thursday, May 12th, 2016 between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. Residents are reminded that their registration is valid if they have voted at any school or general election held within the 4 calendar year period prior to May 17, 2016. If a voter is eligible to vote under Article 5 of the Election Law and is registered with the Sullivan or Ulster County Board of Elections, he/she is also eligible to vote at this election. The register of voters prepared pursuant to Section 2014 of the Education Law shall be available in the office of the Clerk, to any qualified voter, on each of the five (5) days prior to the annual meeting, except Sunday, and at the polling place on the day of the vote.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that in accordance with Section 2018-a of the Education Law, applications for ABSENTEE BALLOTS may be applied for at the office of the District Clerk. Absentee ballots must be applied for unless the voter's registration is marked "permanently disabled" by the County Board of Elections. Such applications must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days before the election if the absentee ballot is to be mailed to the voter (Tuesday, May 10th, 2016) OR the day before the election (Monday, May 16th, 2016), if the ballot is to be picked up personally by the voter. Absentee ballots must be received in the Office of the District Clerk not later than 5:00 P.M. on the day of the annual meeting. A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots have been issued shall be available for public inspection during regular office hours (9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.) until the day of the election. Any qualified voter may file a written challenge of the qualifications of a voter, whose name appears on such list, stating the reasons for the challenge.

By order of the Board of Education Norma Peña, District Clerk Dated: April 1, 2016

3/31; 4/14; 4/28; 5/12

ATTENTION:

PARENTS OF NON-PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS

The Tri-Valley Central School District in accordance with Section 3635(2) of the Education Law requires that requests for transportation to a non-public school for the 2016-2017 school year be submitted, in writing, prior to April 1, 2016.

Tri-Valley residents should submit their requests to:

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

By Order of the Board of Education.

Norma Peña District Clerk February 24, 2016

3/10; 3/24

Town of Neversink Chamber of Commerce Meeting

All businesses and interested parties are invited to attend the meeting of the Town of Neversink Chamber of Commerce on Monday, March 28th at 7:00 PM to be held at the Community Room in the basement floor of the Daniel Pierce Library. Everyone is hereby given notice that those wishing to become members and be active participants in this organization should bring \$40 for initial dues in order to participate in this restart of the chamber and vote on the matters as follows: Election of executive committee to serve until 2017 elections are to be held in the fall of 2016; Decision on keeping the By Laws as is except for meeting date to be agreed upon; Decision to keep the name as is with or without a "doing business as" name of Tri-Valley Area Chamber of Commerce or Neversink Area Chamber of Commerce, or as is with "Serving the Tri-Valley Area."

Tri-Valley Central School District Board of Education

Regular Board Meeting
Thursday, April 7, 2016 at 7:00 PM
In the Intermediate
School Library

For info: www.trivalleycsd.org

Leadership Sullivan Chooses Two Community Projects

The 2016 class of Leadership Sullivan is working with both Rutherford Elementary School and the Upper Delaware Council to complete community service projects. The annual leadership program chooses projects from applications submitted by not-for-profit organizations in Sullivan County.

Rutherford Elementary School will benefit from class participation in designing and applying eyecatching stencils to the playground as an additional learning experience for the children. The class will also assist the Upper Delaware Council in helping clear park property to preserve the cultural resources of canal and stone walls at a site that was once part of the D and H Canal.

Leadership Sullivan is a program sponsored by the Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce Foundation to develop responsive leadership in order to meet the challenges facing the county. Each year a group of leaders and emerging leaders is chosen from Sullivan County residents and businesses. Monthly classes with leaders from throughout the county are conducted to inform the group about topics such as government, health, environment, tourism, etc.

The Foundation annually solicits proposals from not-for-profit organizations for short term projects. The Leadership Sullivan class reviews the proposals and volunteers to complete the project as a requirement for their graduation.

Applications for both the Leadership Sullivan Class and the Community Impact/Service Project can be obtained by calling 845-791-4200, or at www.leadershipsullivan.org.

Deadlines Fast Approaching for College Students from Across New York to Apply for the Chance to Win \$100,000 Grand Prize

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo encourages college students across the state to apply for the seventh annual New York Business Plan Competition, an event that has quickly become one of the largest contests of its kind in the nation. Each team that enters the competition will be able to pitch a business idea to an experienced panel of judges, made up of national venture capitalists, angel investors, investment bankers, and private equity investors - and potentially win more than \$500,000 in total prizes, including a \$100,000 grand prize.

The regional semifinals are scheduled to take place in late March and early April, and the statewide finals will be hosted by SUNY Polytechnic Institute at its Albany site on Friday, April 29. A list of application deadlines by region is available at www.nybplan.com.

"This competition provides some of our state's most entrepreneurial students the opportunity to put their best business concepts to the test," said Governor Cuomo. "This is a truly unique chance for today's brightest minds - and tomorrow's business leaders - to transform their ideas into reality. I'm proud to host this competition because it helps people across the state achieve their dreams and creates a stronger economy overall, and I encourage interested students to apply today."

Hundreds of students from accredited colleges and universities throughout New York State are expected to participate. Interested students should submit their business plans for innovative ideas related to areas that include:

- · Nanotechnology and Advanced Technology
 - Energy and Sustainability
 - · Biotechnology and Healthcare
- Information Technology and Software
 - Products and Services
 - Social Entrepreneurship and Non-Profit Enterprise

UC Executive Mike Hein Recognizes Winners of Ulster County's 2nd Annual Teen Dating Violence Video Contest

(From Pg. 9)

There was a tie for first place between two student videos: 10th grade student Andrew Lamendola and 12th grade students Edgar Saravia, Tatiana Cruz, and James W. Cromwell, Jr. from Ellenville High School. The second place winner was 10th grade student Allyson Voerg and third place winners were 11th grade students Sissy Martinez and Kaina Gil from Saugerties High School. WallKill High School 12th grade student Jessica Esposito received Honorable Mention. All three schools had extensive student participation and had teachers that acted as media coordinators who worked with all of the student participants: Tim Lukaszewski from Ellenville High School, Scott Wickham and Jackie Hayes from Saugerties High School, and Amanda Murphy from Wallkill

To congratulate contest winners and participants, County Executive Hein presented the students with certificates while members of the Teen Dating Violence Video Contest Committee presented the winners with gift cards thanks to the Ulster County Police Chiefs Association. Ellenville Police Chief Philip Mattracion attended the Ellenville High School event while Saugerties Police Chief Joseph Sinagra attended the

Saugerties High School recognition.
"We are fortunate to have so many high school students with such creative talents and I appreciate their participation in raising awareness of the national issue of teen dating violence through their amazing videos," said County Executive Mike Hein. "I want to thank the students and their dedicated teachers, as well as the Inter-Agency Council on Domestic Violence for their focus on this important topic. Teen dating violence is a serious issue that affects many young adults and statistics show that one of three teens experiences some kind of abuse in their dating relationships. It is our hope that some of these videos will be seen by their peers and raise awareness of the signs of an unhealthy relationship and direct teens to the resources that are available if they find themselves in or observing an abusive situation. One of the many resources here in Ulster County is our Crime Victims Assistance Program and they can be reached through their 24 hotline number at 845-340-3442."

Congressman Gibson: House Passes Bill in Support of NY Hydroelectric Project

Washington, DC - Congressman Chris Gibson (NY-19) announced the House today adopted HR 4434, a bill he authored to extend the deadline for the start of construction of the hydroelectric project at

the Cannonsville Dam.

"This is constituent-driven legislation that promotes clean, affordable energy, environmentallysound construction, and a thorough review process to protect residents, property, wildlife, and natural resources in Delaware County and our down-river communities," said Congressman Gibson. "I am also pleased to note this is a bipartisan bill, with every New York Representative on the House Energy and Commerce Committee signing on as a co-sponsor. I want to thank them for their support.'

HR 4434, which was co-sponsored by Representatives Chris Collins (NY-27), Paul Tonko (NY-20), Eliot Engel (NY-16), and Yvette Clarke (NY-19), authorizes the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to extend the time period during which the licensee is required to commence construction for up to four two-year peri-

In 2014, FERC granted New York City a twoyear license to build a hydroelectric plant at the Cannonsville Dam, which is owned by the city Department of Environmental Protection. Preliminary work in 2015 led to the discovery of unforeseen subsurface conditions, necessitating repairs and new analyses of the project to safeguard the structural integrity of the dam and the New York City water supply.

That work, coupled with upcoming repairs to the city's Delaware Aqueduct, necessitated an extension of the deadline for the start of construc-

tion on the hydroelectric plant.

The Supervisors of the Towns of Deposit, Hancock, and Sanford and the Mayors of the Villages of Deposit and Hancock submitted a letter to Congressman Gibson last month seeking Congressional approval for the extension.

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo regarding the need to replace the late Justice Antonin Scalia on the

U.S. Supreme Court Late U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia's biggest fans and greatest detractors might not see eye to eye on much, but on this they would agree: Justice Scalia believed first and foremost in the Constitution of the United States. The specific words were the focus for many of his decisions and dissents during his three decades on the bench of the Supreme Court.

Article II, Section 2 of the Constitution states that the President shall have the power to nominate, with the advice and consent of the Senate, Justices of the Supreme Court. Nowhere in the Constitution does it say the President or the U.S. Senate should put aside these responsibilities because of politics or a presidential election, and we cannot let partisan bickering

cripple the nation's highest court.

Washington gridlock has already succeeded in largely immobilizing the legislative and executive branches of our federal government. To allow it to now paralyze the judicial branch, in defiance of the U.S. Constitution, would be a disservice to both parties and to Justice Scalia's legacy. And this is not an academic exercise. The current Supreme Court term could be one of the most important in the last 50 years, with cases affecting women's health, immigration and workers' rights. This only underscores the fact that the American people deserve an orderly and swift confirmation process.

In 1988 outgoing President Ronald Reagan oversaw the confirmation of current Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy. Like today, Kennedy was considered during a presidential election year and the Republican executive faced a Democratic Senate. Yet neither President Reagan nor Senate Majority Leader Robert Byrd shirked their responsibilities because of the election. If President Reagan and Leader Byrd were able to put politics aside, so can President

Obama and Leader McConnell.

As a Governor who works with a divided legislature, my operating principle has been that governing comes first and politics comes second. In New York, this approach led to Republicans and Democrats coming together to pass marriage equality, the toughest gun control law in the nation and, after decades of historic dysfunction, 5 on-time balanced budgets

holding state spending below 2%.

At times I have faced attacks from the extreme wings of both parties for this approach. These are the same forces that would prefer to see an epic partisan battle rather than have a new Justice both sides can accept sitting on the Supreme Court. Some on the left would have the President put forward the most ideologically intractable nominee possible as a political statement, knowing that choice would go down in flames. And some on the right would have the Senate leadership refuse to hold hearings or a single vote to consider any choice by the President, simply to show the party's base that anything the President tries to

do, they will stop.

That vision is not what our founding fathers had in mind when they wrote the Constitution in the first place. Following the revolutionary war, our founding fathers saw a young, struggling nation that had defied the most powerful empire in history. They knew that after years of a British monarch imposing his will on the people from across an ocean, our new system of government needed to allow debate and a chance for both sides to say their piece. But they also knew that our democracy could not survive on debate alone. It needed a system of government that drove both sides towards decisions and action so our country could move forward and grow. It meant compromise and it meant allowing one another's political opponents to speak and sometimes even trying to listen to their point of view with an open mind.

The Constitution lays out clearly the guiding principles of our government's responsibilities to the people. Some of the most important responsibilities are shared between the different branches of government for the very reason that divided control would force both parties to work together. We will have failed our founding fathers and the document they signed if our parties' leaders are no longer willing to even try.

Today some of the Constitution's staunchest defenders are the same voices that say we should cast it aside. Justice Scalia's belief in the constitution was not so fickle. He believed in it when it supported his conservative principles such as in Kansas v. March in which he voted to uphold a state death penalty statute. He also believed in the constitution when it contradicted his conservative beliefs such as in Maryland v. King where he opposed the right of law enforcement to collect and store DNA from any arrestee as a violation of the 4th amendment.

Politics are always hard to put aside, even harder in an election year. But in this moment both Democrats and Republicans need to put their

Constitutional responsibilities first. That's what we've done here in New York, that's what needs to finally happen in Washington D.C. and that's what the legacy of Justice Scalia deserves.

NYS Bar Association Urges: US Senate Should Act Promptly on **Supreme Court Nominee**

New York State Bar Association President David P. Miranda today issued the following state-

"President Obama has fulfilled his constitutional

duty by nominating a candidate to fill a vacancy on the Supreme Court. The Senate should now fulfill its duty and act on the nominee as soon as possible. "A delay in filling the ninth seat on the nation's

highest court will impact the court's ability to resolve disputes when the justices are split 4-4.

"The late Justice Antonin Scalia made that point in declining to recuse himself in Cheney v. US. District Court for the District of Columbia. He explained what would have happened if he recused himself while sitting on the Court of Appeals."
' There, my place would be taken by another

judge, and the case would proceed normally,' Scalia noted. 'On the Supreme Court, however, the consequence is different: The Court proceeds with eight Justices, raising the possibility that, by reason of a tie vote, it will find itself unable to resolve the significant legal issue presented by the case.'

"Scalia was writing about how a single case

might be affected by a temporary vacancy.

"The argument to fill the vacancy created by his death is even more compelling, because it impacts an entire term of cases, not just one case.

"Justice Scalia's words live on after his passing. The process should move forward expeditiously."

The 74,000-member New York State Bar Association is the largest voluntary bar association in the nation. It was founded in 1876.

\$26 Million Available for Farmland Protection Projects Across NYS - 20th Anniversary of the State's Farmland Protection Program

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced \$26 million is now available through the Farmland Protection Implementation Grant program to help farmers across New York State protect valuable and at-risk farmland. This year marks the 20th anniversary of the program which supports conservation easement projects. Since Governor Cuomo took office, the State has not only reinvigorated the program, but also committed historic funding levels to farmland preservation.

"Protecting New York's farmland is vital to the continued growth of this state's agricultural indus-try," Governor Cuomo said. "Agriculture is part of our rich history, as well as a major part of this state's current economy, and these investments will help

ensure this industry's future strength."

The Farmland Protection Implementation Grant program is part of New York State' Environmental Protection Fund, which Governor Cuomo's 2016 Executive Budget proposal has more than doubled, raising the funding level to \$300 million. The proposal also increases funding for farmland protection by \$5 million. This increase builds on last year's historic investment in farmland protection, including the \$20 million Hudson Valley Agricultural Enhancement Program, the first-ever regionally targeted farmland preservation grant program.

Municipalities, counties, soil and water conservation districts and land trusts are eligible to apply for individual grants through the program's Round 14 Request for Proposals to protect viable agricultural land from being converted to non-agricultural use. The application is available at www.agriculture.ny.gov/RFPS.html.

This funding opportunity continues the state's renewed commitment to provide financial assistance for farmland protection on a predictable twoyear cycle. In addition, the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets has taken further actions to streamline the application and grant disbursement process. Required forms needed to complete a project have been further reduced and clarified. Applicants are now allowed to submit up to six proposals per qualifying entity, and the \$29,000-per-acre limitation on the state's contribution toward these projects has been removed, which eliminates a potential deterrent for some applicants.

The Department's previous streamlining measures have resulted in significant reductions in the overall time needed to complete projects. Three projects awarded in October 2014 were completed in less than one year. The process in previous

rounds has averaged nearly four years.

Holy Week Services St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

24 Chestnut Street Liberty, New York 12754 Phone: 845-292-4626

Palm or Passion Sunday Sunday, March 20, 2016 -Service Starts at 9:00 AM. A Christian feast that falls on the Sunday before Easter. The feast commemorates Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerúsalem

Maundy Thursday Thursday, March 24, 2016. Service Starts at 7:00 PM. It commemorates the Last Supper of Jesus Christ with the Apostles

Good Friday - Friday, March 25, 2016 Service Starts at 7:00 PM. The Crucifixion of Jesus Christ and his death at Calvary Sunday Easter

Sunday, March 27, 2016; Early Service starts at 7:00 AM - Late Service starts at 9:00 AM. The Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Service Times

Service/

Sunday School 9:30 am

Children's Church 10:30 am

Tuesday Night Youth Home

Friday Youth Night 7 pm

Monday Night Home

Bible Study 7 pm

Bible Study 7 pm

Holy Week Schedule Catholic Parish of Immaculate Conception

6317 Route 42 Woodbourne, NY Rev. John J. Lynch, PH.D., Pastor (845) 434-7643

Holy Week Services

Holy Thursday - 8:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper Adoration: following Mass until 10:00 pm

Good Friday - 3:00 pm Liturgy of the Passion and Death of Our Lord, And Holy Communion 8:00 pm Stations and Veneration of the Cross

Holy Saturday 12:00 Noon - Blessing of the Easter Baskets 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm -Confessions 8:00 pm - Solemn Easter Vigil

> Easter Sunday Masses: 9:00 am & 11:30 am

Join us at Grahamsville and Sundown United Methodist Churches as we observed reverent Holy Week and a joyful Easter

Holy Thursday Communion Service -March 24

Grahamsville United Methodist Church - 7 p.m.

Good Friday Prayer Vigil - March 25 Grahamsville United Methodist Church -Sanctuary will be open for quiet prayer from 12 noon - 3 p.m.

> Good Friday Tenebrae Service - March 25

Grahamsville United Methodist Church-7:30 p.m.

> Easter Celebrations - March 27 Early Community Easter Service On South Hill - 7:00 a.m.

Easter Worship Service Sundown United Methodist Church

Easter Worship Service 8:30 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt and Easter Breakfast following the worship service.

Easter Worship Service Grahamsville United Methodist Church -10:30 a.m.

Call 845-985-2283 for further information.

Happy Easter from the Claryville Reformed Church Welcome to our Holy Week and Easter Services

Holy Thursday, March 24 7:00 PM Joint Service with Grahamsville Reformed Church in the Claryville Church. Jesus' last meeting with his disciples in the Upper Room. At this meeting he told the disciples, "A new Commandment I give unto you; love one another as I have loved you." Christianity is never a "me and Jesus" individualistic journey. No one fulfills Jesus teachings alone but in community with other Christians. We will celebrate the Lord's Supper this night.

Good Friday, March 25 7:00 PM. Six dramatic readings on the events of Good Friday given by members of both churches. It is on this day Jesus died for our sins against God's will and purpose for life. Let your life be cleansed and renewed in a way that you can live as God created, to love him and love your neighbor.

Easter Worship, March 27 10:00 AM Easter Celebration at the Claryville Church. Sermon is entitled "Easter: God's Most Unmistakable Message." God loves us and gives to us a new power to start living a new life. There will be many glorious Easter hymns and songs. Following service there will be a coffee hour with authentic Dutch Bakery Pastries.

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

Email:

Grahamsville United Methodist Church Rte. 55, Grahamsville

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

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Worship Service 9:30 A.M.

Rev. Paul Z. Ruter, Pastor

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Cloisters Museum, April 23 - Adults \$51; Children under 17-\$36. Must be paid A/S/A/P

Happy Days Westchester Broadway Dinner Theatre Thursday, May 5 -\$40 Neversink Residents and Tri Valley School Students/\$70 non-residents must be paid no later than Tuesday, February 9 this includes the show, lunch, dessert and transportation.

Intrepid: Sea, Air, Space Museum Complex Saturday, June 4. \$28 Neversink Residents and Tri Valley School Students/\$50 non-residents must be paid no later than Tuesday, March 8.

Pizza Hut Fundraiser Thursday, June 23.

Explore Fort Delaware, Narrowsburg, NY July 8.\$2 Neversink Residents/Tri Valley School Students/\$5 non-residents must be paid by Tuesday, June 7.

4th Annual Community Yard Sale, Craft & Vendor Fair Saturday, July 9.

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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.

2016 Town of Neversink Motor Vehicle Schedule

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Town of Neversink Holiday - GOOD FRIDAY 3/25/16

HAPPY EASTER! (See Page 13 for local church services) 3/27/16

3/28/16 Neversink Chamber of Commerce Meeting - 7 pm -Community Room -Daniel Pierce Library

Sundown United Methodist Church Covered Dish Supper - 5:30 pm 4/2/16

4/5/15 Grahamsville UMC Thrift Sale & Luncheon Thrift Sale 9am1pm, Luncheon 11am- 1 pm

4/5/16 Town of Denning Board Meeting 6 pm - Sundown Church Hall

4/6/16 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting 7 pm

4/7/16 Claryville Fire Dept Commissioners Meeting 6:30 pm 4/7/16 TVCS Board Meeting - 7 pm

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4/13/16 Town of Neversink Town Board Meeting 7:30 pm

4/14/16 Dept of Motor Vehicles -Neversink Town Hall 10 am-2:30 pm

4/14/16 Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting 7 pm

4/16/16 Third Saturday Thrift Sale Grahamsville UM Church 9-1

4/19/16 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals 7:30 pm

4/20/16 Neversink-Rondout Antique Machinery Assoc Meeting 7:30 pm 4/21/16

Save the Date

Sat., May 7, 2016 Tri-Valley Lions Journey for Sight Walk

Neversink Fire District Commissioners Meeting at 7 p.m.; Public Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Neversink Parks & Rec 4th Annual Community Yard Sale, Craft & Vendor Fair Saturday, July 9. at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds from 10 am to 3 pm \$15 per space.

Matty Bertholf's Fifth Annual Horseshoe Tournament Sunday, July 10, 2016 at the Neversink Fireman's Pavilion Time and the Valleys Old Time Fair & Chicken BBQ Saturday, July 30, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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<u>Town of Olive Planning Board</u> meets the <u>first and third Tuesdays of each month</u>. Meetings start at 7:30 PM at the Town Hall on Bostock Road, Shokan, NY. You can contact the Town Building & Zoning Department to confirm a meeting date if you would like to attend at 657-2015. If there is nothing on their agenda, they will cancel meetings.

Tri-Valley Community! Your attention, please!

The Neversink Renaissance Committee is conducting a survey Are you interested in a

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and let us know: 1) As a local consumer, would you attend a farmers'/artisans' market at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds?

2) What types of products would you like to find there? (fresh vegetables, canned goods, meats, handmade crafts, etc.)

3) Would you be interested in selling your wares at this type of venue?

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min. Rated TV-PG

Easter Parade (Musical, 1948)

When his partner leaves him, a vaudeville star trains an untried performer to take her place, finding love in the process. Dir: Charles Walters. Cast: Judy Garland, Fred Astaire, Peter Lawford, Ann Miller, Jules Munshin. Delightful Irving Berlin musical about Astaire trying to forget ex-dance partner Miller while rising to stardom with Garland. Too good to watch just at Eastertime. Musical highlights include Astaire's solo "Steppin' Out With My Baby," Miller's "Shaking the Blues Away," Fred and Judy's "A Couple of Swells," and the Fifth Avenue finale with Berlin's title song. Oscar winner for musical scoring (Johnny Green and Roger Edens). Story by Frances Goodrich and Albert Hackett; they also scripted with Sidney Sheldon. See this film Sunday March 27, 2016 starting @ 8:00 PM, Color, 103 min. TV-G. Quiz: King of Kings

 Who played John the Baptist?
 What James Dean Classic did Nicholas **Ray**, also Direct? Easter Parade

1. Who played Don Hewesy? 2. Who played Hannah Brown?

What's Going on in The Gnome Gneighborhoodtm? Please see Page 13 -Holy Week and Easter Services at local churches

<u>GRAHAMSVILE</u>

The Easter Bunny will be at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds to help celebrate the Grahamsville Fire Dept. Auxiliary's Annual Easter Egg Hunt at 11 am on March See page 8 for details.

The first Thrift Sale & Luncheon of the season will be held on Tuesday, Apr 5. Thrift Sale 9am -1pm; Luncheon 11am-1pm and The Third Saturday Thrift Sale at the United Methodist Church in Grahamsville will be held on Saturday, Apr 16 from 9 am to 1.

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