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## Congratulations to Newly Inducted National Honor Society Members



On March 16, 2015 the National Honor Society Ronech Chapter at Tri-Valley Central School held its annual induction ceremony. The ceremony was attended by students, parents, teachers, administrators, and Board of Education members.

To become a member of National Honor Society, students must be a junior or senior. They also must have an 88 cumulative average since 9th grade and be enrolled in at least three Regents-level and/or college-credit courses and have a combined average of 88 in those courses. For honors or college-credit courses, the minimum grade requirement is 85. If they have qualified academically, teachers then rate the students in the areas of character, leadership, and service. These ratings are then factored in to decide whether they are or are not inducted.

Eight new students were inducted into the National Honor Society: Cafui Awasu, Autumn Bender, Kayla Butler, Stephen Carleton, Mary Conway, Patrick Farran, Emma Pompeii, and Emily Rogerson. They joined twenty other members: Devon Bagley, Sara Dertinger, Ian Donohue, Ariana Fassetta, Mark Garigliano, Jessica Gozza, Devan Jones, Grace Kelly, Mohib Khan, Ian Kurzrock, Dion Lynch, Lane Mitchell, Dorothy Monforte, Zach Nilsen, Raychelle Osnato, Andrew Raymond, Gabriel Surina, Justin Swarthout, Kristen Unger, and Amanda VanSaders.

Following the induction of the new members, Tri-Valley Teachers' Association (TVTA) member and 11th and 12th grade English teacher Keicha Kempsey served as the guest speaker. Mrs. Kempsey gave an inspirational speech about her childhood and the value she places on education.

The Tri-Valley National Honor Society is run by TVTA member and Spanish teacher Brenda Sloan. Mrs. Sloan has been the adviser or co-adviser of the chapter for the last 19 years and does a phenomenal job with it. Her hard work and dedication are appreciated by all.

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

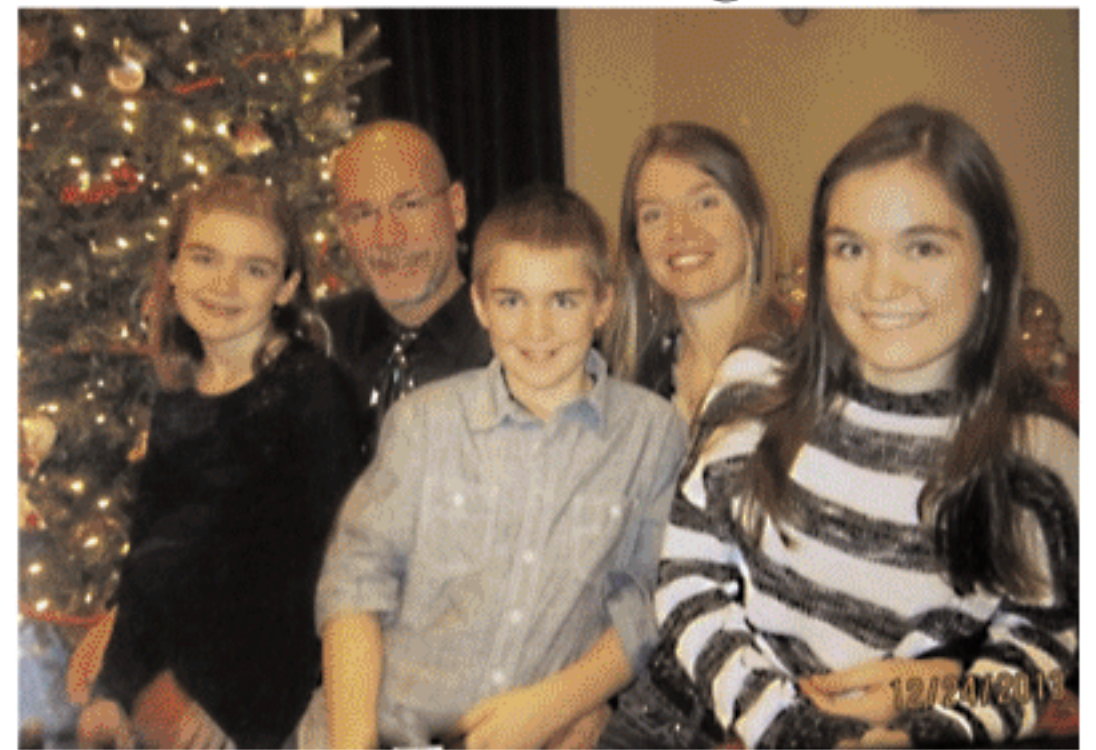
## Legislators Obtain Funding For County's Only Operating Burn Tower

Through the diligence of Ulster County Legislator Craig Lopez and Minority Leader Ken Ronk, a \$10,000 Legislative Program allocation has been secured for the Walker Valley Fire District burn tower.

"Our first responders are a priceless commodity to Ulster County," stated Legislator Craig Lopez. (Contd. Pg. 8)



## Neversink Rallies to Support Local Dad Battling Illness



Chris Krummack has always been a community-minded person. A husband and father of three children who has coached sports, volunteered for many community programs, and who has been deeply engaged in his faith community, Chris has given of his time and talent in countless ways. But now, it's time for the community to give back.

Chris was diagnosed with cancer, and due to the nature of his illness, he has not worked since November of 2014. He is the sole breadwinner in his family of five. In response, friends, loved ones, and other residents of the Town of Neversink are gathering together to lend their support, and hope that you can lend a hand as well! (Contd. Pg. 3)

## Look Who's Wearing Green!



Cooper is back! It must be spring. Bob Down and Cooper are out and about in the *Wayback Machine* once again.

According to Bob, on March 15th, "Cooper and I fired up the old Plymouth this afternoon to drive down to the fairgrounds to go for a walk being that it is a nice day. I couldn't resist getting a photo of my car with my favorite covered bridge. I tried to get Cooper to pose in the window, but he wanted no part of it."

But alas, two days later on sunny St. Patrick's Day, Cooper was more than ready to have his picture taken while wearing 'the green'!

Yes, Cooper, we got the message; we are all waiting for Mother Nature to cloak the neighborhood in 'green'!



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**ON THE FRONT BURNER:**

For the nation and kingdom that will not serve thee shall perish; yea, those nations shall be utterly wasted. Isaiah 60:12

**OBITUARY**

**Brenda Gayie Berteau** November 14, 1951 - February 24, 2015



*Opelousas, LA* - Funeral services were held for Brenda Gale Berteau on Saturday, February 28, 2015, in the Lafond-Ardoin Funeral Home Chapel in Opelousas, LA. Deacon Sammy Diesi conducted the funeral service with interment at Cedar Hill Cemetery in Washington.

Mrs. Berteau, age 63, a resident of Winnfield, LA, died on Tuesday, February 24, 2015, at Winn Parish Medical Center.

Brenda was a nurse for 13 years at Winn Parish Medical Center. She enjoyed crocheting, making jewelry, making candles and making homemade wine. She will be greatly missed by her family, friends, and all who knew and loved her.

She is survived by her sons, Travis Berteau of Winnfield, LA; Jonathan Berteau of Alexandria, LA; her daughters, Beth Berteau Dunn and husband, Dean, of Opelousas, LA; Alisa Berteau Van Aken and husband, Brian, of Grahamsville, New York; her brother, Jerry Prather of Alexandria, LA and her sisters, Laura Bergeaux and husband, Robert, of Jennings, LA; Jeannette Hebert and husband, Loyven, of Lecompte, LA; Mary Richard and husband, Bob, of Opelousas, LA; Rebecca Doucet and husband, Lee, of Port Barre, LA; Betty Prather of Lake Charles, LA; Paulette Hunter and husband, Danny, of Cutoff, LA and her step-sister, Lillians Duplantis. She is also survived by eight grandchildren, Sunsaree Van Aken, Quintin Berteau, Gaibrul Van Aken, Alexandria Van Aken, Wyatt Dunn, Lucas Dunn, Holden Dunn and Kaleb Dunn.

She was preceded in death by her husband, David Patrick Berteau; her parents, Herbert Prather and Louise Prather Duplantis and her sister, Barbara Racheal.

Family and friends are invited to sign and view the online guestbook at [www.lafondardoin.com](http://www.lafondardoin.com)

Condolences may be sent to Alisa B. VanAken, 381 Sundown Road, Grahamsville, NY 12740.

**DAYS OF YORE... Today's History**

**March 30, 1955** - The Merriman Dam is full for the first time and water started going over the waste weir Tuesday morning.

Eight Tri Valley School boys journeyed to Cornell University last week to attend the Annual Farm and Home Week at that school. Richard Strangeway, Vo-Ag teacher at TVS, led this group over hazardous roads to attend this well-known conference.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Morgan of Liberty are the parents of a daughter, Rhonda Catherine, born March 15th at Maimonides Hospital, Liberty. Mrs. Morgan is the former Miss Marjory Cole of Claryville. The baby's grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Percy Cole of Claryville/ Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cole of Branch are the great-grandparents.

**March 24, 1965** - John Hartman, 70, died on March 16, 1965 at Castle Point Veterans Hospital after a long illness. He was born on September 10, 1894 at Woodbourne, the son of Henry and Mary Miller Hartman. He had been a resident of Bradley for twenty-five years and was a retired house mover. He was a member of the Immaculate Conception Church of Woodbourne, the Neversink Valley American Legion Post and a charter member of the Woodbourne Fire Co. Surviving are two sons, Charles and John of Roscoe; two granddaughters and one great-granddaughter.

Anniversary congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Muthig, 12 years on the 29th; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Huntsberger, 36 years on the 31st; and to Mr. and Mrs. Oland Erath, 20 years on the 2nd of April.

**April 2, 1975** - Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lagueux are the proud parents of a baby boy, Paul Joseph, born March 25th He weighed 9 lbs. 12 1/2 oz. Joseph and Ann Wegman of Roscoe are the maternal grandparents and Joseph and Lucille Lagueux of Grahamsville are the paternal grandparents.

At the March meeting of the Grahamsville Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary, Mrs. Millie Velie was presented with an honorary membership pin for her outstanding service over the years. Mrs. Velie is also "honorary mother" of the Auxiliary.

**March 28, 1985** - John Philip Coombe was born March 7, 1985 at the Northern Dutchess Hospital, Rhinebeck. John weighed 6 lbs. 11 1/2 oz. He is the son of Philip and Margaret Coombe, South Hill Rd., Grahamsville. The paternal grandparents are Philip Jr. and Caroline Coombe. The maternal grandparents are Harry and Dorothy Beatty of Clinton Corners, N.Y. Congratulations to all.

**HOW SWEET IT IS! Sullivan County Launches Maple Syrup Directory**

[LIBERTY] - March is New York State Maple Syrup Month, a time when the sap is flowing from the trees and the sweet smell of maple syrup is coming from the sugarhouses. As part of a buy local effort, Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County (CCE), Catskill Mountainkeeper, the County of Sullivan and Sullivan Renaissance have joined to promote the use of Sullivan County maple syrup.

On the Move for Maple Syrup. First initiated by Sullivan Renaissance and Catskill Mountainkeeper, this campaign to promote the use of Sullivan County maple syrup by connecting maple producers to eateries and other retail establishments. The campaign also raises awareness about the benefits of local maple syrup and is supported by the County of Sullivan through a legislative resolution. As part of the campaign, CCE has created a "Sullivan County Catskill Maple Syrup Directory." It contains educational information about maple syrup production, nutritional information and a list of current maple producers in Sullivan County.

Purchase Sullivan County maple syrup. Maple syrup production is a growing industry in Sullivan County and contributes to the overall economic and environmental health. Purchasing local maple syrup helps to support farms, forests and local economy. Maple syrup also has no additives, no added coloring and no preservatives.

Visit a local sugarhouse. The New York State Maple Producers Association invites families from across NYS and neighboring areas to learn about the production of maple syrup and other related products. Its goal during Maple Weekend is to share the taste of real maple syrup with the public. Many maple producers will also demonstrate how to make syrup - whether it's simply boiling the sap over an open fire or running it through highly scientific equipment. This year's Maple Weekends are March 21-22 and March 28-29. To learn which Sullivan County maple producers participate in Maple Weekend, visit [www.nysmaple.com](http://www.nysmaple.com).

Learn more about maple syrup. To obtain a copy of the Maple Syrup Directory, learn more about it or be listed in the next edition, visit the CCE office at 64 Ferndale Loomis Road, Liberty or any of the partner offices. An electronic version can be downloaded at [www.sullivanvance.org](http://www.sullivanvance.org). To learn more about the "On the Move for Maple Syrup" campaign and how to get involved, contact Sullivan Renaissance at 845-295-2445.

For more information, contact Melinda Meddaugh, Agriculture Program Leader at Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County, at [mm2592@cornell.edu](mailto:mm2592@cornell.edu) or 845-292-6180.

**A Round About Tri-Valley**

-Carol Furman

Congratulations to Rolling "V" School Bus Drivers Susan Moore, Shelly Curry, Susan La Monica and Jean Kessler who recently received Green Fleet Excellence Awards for excellence in driver safety. These Tri-Valley Rolling "V" school bus drivers are to be complimented for their safe driving performance.

Former Tri -Valley graduate, Hauk Boyes, who is now a freshman at Cornell and NYS FFA Vice-President, represented the NYS FFA at NYS Farm Bureau's 2015 "Taste of NY" Legislative Reception and Lobby Days event in Albany earlier this month. He greeted legislators and spoke to them about agricultural issues.

This year's Old-Time Fiddler's Gathering will take place at the Neversink Firehouse on Sunday, April 19th from 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm. This is always a fun event!

I was also informed that an old-style country "Blue Grass Gospel Time" will be held at the Federated Church in Kerhonkson on Saturday, April 25th, from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm.

The Sunday, March 15th evening Lenten Service at the Claryville Reformed Church, was held even though windy conditions caused a power outage. Thanks to Dick Coombe and David Dice, a generator was quickly hooked up so that all present could enjoy the light supper and time of worship.

The "Mad Scientist" program which meets at the Tri-Valley Elementary School each Monday after school seems to be a "hit". Thanks to the Tri-Valley PTO for organizing this six week program for the children.

I happened to try some of Penny Coombe's corned beef, cabbage, and carrot soup the other evening. It was not only delicious, but a wonderful and unique way to serve the traditional St. Patrick's Day leftovers.

Again this year I ordered my garden seeds, and yesterday they arrived! I know I'll have to wait a little yet, but I'm anxious to start working in the dirt. This year, for the first time, I am going to try my hand at growing celery. Each time I go to Lancaster, I see celery growing in the Amish and Mennonite gardens, which I believe, they serve at fall weddings. I've also seen celery growing at the Frost Valley farm. So, I decided to give celery a try and see what I can produce. Do deer eat celery? I guess that's a silly question!

The robins and the redwings are back! I saw a flock of robins in the pasture field near our barn on the 16th and the redwings were chattering in the trees the day after. I also see that the tips of my daffodil bulbs are beginning to push up through the still frozen ground. Believe it or not, I have several blue and yellow crocuses blooming near the stonewall.

**Words of Wisdom:** Always tell the truth. That way you don't have to remember a story. I can't change yesterday, but I do have the power to make today a wonderful day!

**Neversink Rallies to Support Local Dad Battling Illness**

(From Pg. 1) On Saturday, April 25th, 2015, from 4-7 p.m., there will be an All-U-Can-Eat Pancake Dinner Fundraiser to benefit the Krummack Family at the Neversink Fire Department, located at 7486 Route 55, Neversink. Eat-in or take out! \$10 for Adults (ages 13 and up); \$5 for Children (ages 5-12); and Children age 4 and under Free! In addition to a tasty Pancake dinner, there will also be a Tricky Tray, 50/50 Raffle and Bake Sale!

Do you own a business? Are you a craftsperson? A baker? Or would you like to donate a gift certificate or Gift Basket? You can help! Donations for the Tricky Tray are currently being accepted until April 6. Bake Sale donations will be accepted on April 24. For additional information, or to make a contribution to the Tricky Tray, please contact Kim at [krock@hvc.rr.com](mailto:krock@hvc.rr.com) or 914-799-0042. To donate food or other supplies for the pancake dinner, contact Tawny at 985-7553. To donate to the Bake Sale, call Keri at 985-7369.

Unable to attend the dinner? Would you like to make a donation to the family? You may send a contribution directly to: Doreen Krummack, 1796 Frost Valley Road, Big Indian, NY 12410.

On behalf of the Krummack family and their friends and loved ones organizing this event, thank you for your support! See you on April 25th!

**The BIG Melt Down Continues!**



Just when we thought the BIG Melt Down had begun, a few more inches of snow fell last week. Will that make a difference in your prediction ?

It has to be the largest snow pile in the Town of Neversink. Keep an eye on the big pile in the Library-Museum parking lot and have some fun as spring makes itself known to us and the pile continues the **BIG MELT DOWN 2015**.

Enter the BIG MELT DOWN contest! Guess the day and exact time that the last spot of snow will melt.

The Museum and Library are co-sponsoring the **BIG MELT DOWN** contest and will keep a close watch as it shrinks. Tickets are for sale at both, the Museum and the Library. The cost \$1.00 a ticket. The winner will get 50% of the sales, and the remainder will be divided between the sponsors.

**Neversink Renaissance Announces Two Spring Clean Up Days**

It is time to think spring! Neversink Renaissance will be cleaning our community gardens and applying a fresh blanket of mulch on two Saturdays in May. On May 2nd we are planning a work day at the Daniel Pierce Library and Time and the Valleys Museum. On May 16th volunteers will gather at the Town Hall parking lot and clean the Bicentennial Park, Denman Mountain Garden, First Aid gardens, and the Town Hall gardens.

Both the May 2nd and May 16th work days will begin at 8:00 AM and will conclude between 11:30 and 12:00 noon with lunch. Please be prepared with basic garden hand tools, lawn and garden rakes, shovels, and gloves. As usual there is a great deal to get accomplished, but as we always find, many hands make light work. We are so fortunate in this community to have so many willing workers. Attending one or both of these workdays would be greatly appreciated. Should you have questions, please do not hesitate to call Dave Moore at 985-2746.

**Sullivan County Historical Society Seeking Memorabilia from the Concord Resort Hotel**

The Sullivan County Historical Society is looking for memorabilia to showcase a time-line of the Concord Resort Hotel from the time when the previous hotel was called Ideal Plaza to today in anticipation of the soon to come Casino site.

Memorabilia of all sorts, livery, aprons, dishes, glasses, printed invitations, special events menus, photos of personalities, staff items, guest keys with the name Concord on them and many other such items are needed for inclusion in an exhibit to be held this coming summer by the Society at the Sullivan County Museum in Hurleyville, NY.

If you are willing to loan or donate any items please contact the Sullivan County Historical Society at (845)434-8044.

**Nature Column - Linda Comando**

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

**The Redwings are Back**

I am so happy to hear that Carol Furman has heard the chattering of some red-winged blackbirds at the Furman Farm!! According to Peggy, as she wrote several years



back, "I saw a robin but it wasn't spring. I found peepers but it still wasn't spring. Then I heard a Redwing blackbird singing O-ka-lee down by the pond and it was spring!"

Despite what it looks like in our backyards, Spring is here!

Red-wing Blackbirds herald spring over the whole country and

belong to the large family, Icteridae. the family bears the name Redwing.

The male is about 8" long with a 12-14" wingspan. He's glossy black all over except for red shoulder epaulettes with yellow trim at the bottom. The female Redwing looks like a bird from a completely different family because she's dark brown with flecks of black and gray across her back and buff streaks on her under parts. A conspicuous tan stripe runs along her cheeks just above the eyes. It takes two years for a male Redwing to mature and during his first year he looks more like a female with rudimentary reddish shoulder patches.

Redwing blackbirds (*Agelaius phoeniceus*) are found near wetlands both fresh and saltwater, such as swamps. In the spring males usually return a couple of weeks before the females to establish nesting territories by singing O-ka-lee and displaying red shoulder patches. They control these feathers by raising or flattening them to make the patch brilliantly conspicuous or not. As a male checks out a possible territory, it won't display shoulder patches. When he finds a suitable spot where it isn't challenged by another male and decides to claim it, then it flashes the red epaulettes over and over.

If still unchallenged, it flies to a nearby higher open limb and sings O-ka-lee triumphantly. Territories are about 1/8 acre and strongly defended. If a male strays into another's claim inadvertently, he avoids confrontation by concealing his redwing patches.

Male and female Redwings establish a pair bond through ritual displays and songs. When there are more females than males, he will have several mates.

Each female makes her own nest without help, usually near water. She weaves dry grass and cattail leaves among several standing reeds and suspends her nest between them. The cup is several inches in diameter, lined with soft fibers and very well camouflaged from marauders like raccoons and heron! She will lay 3-4 blue-green eggs an inch big which hatch about eleven days later into chicks born naked, blind and helpless.

For the next two weeks she works non-stop to raise her brood by herself. During that time the young are feathered but can't fly. They wander around in dense vegetation near the nest. If they should fall in the water, they're good swimmers and scramble back up into the cattails safely.

Baby Redwings are fed a high-protein diet of insects, spiders, glass hoppers and weevils. Once they can fend for themselves they add plant food like seeds, berries and grain. Adult Redwing diet is 73% plant seed and 25% insect.

Often farmers complain that Redwing flocks eat corn and oats in the fields. Maybe so where locally abundant, but actually a Redwing prefers insects and weed seeds like ragweed over agricultural grain.

This fact has been proven true in surveys showing Redwings ate 75% weed seeds during summer when grain is readily available. And they continue feeding on wild seeds until insects become available.

Once young Redwings have learned to feed and take care of themselves, their families gather in very large flocks. These separate into two groups -one of mature males, the other of mature females and immature young.

If you wish to attract Red-winged blackbirds and welcome them to your back yard, they can be lured to your feeders with bread, seed mixtures and suet.

It is officially Spring and the Redwings are back. Maybe you will be lucky, and hear the familiar chatter of the Red-winged Blackbird's song that is filled with hope that warm sunny weather will soon return to the Catskills.

**Household Hints**

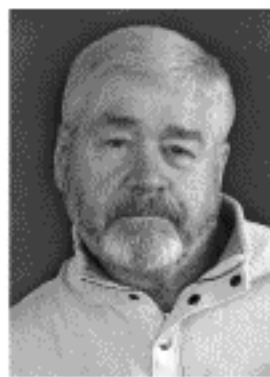
**Reshape your woollens**

Shrunken woollen sweaters and other items can usually be stretched back to their former size or shape after boiling them in a solution of 1 part vinegar to 2 parts water for 25 minutes. Let the garment air-dry after you've finished stretching it.

# Invisible City

## Mysterious Book Report No. 187

by John Dwaine McKenna



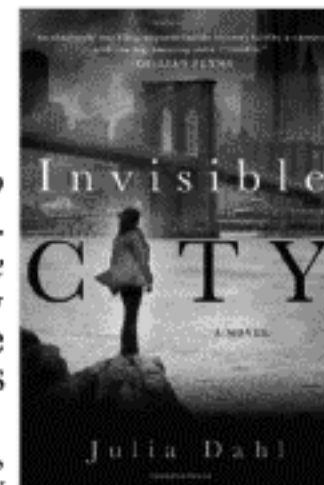
Have you ever thought about any of the subcultures which exist in the midst of what we call 'normal' or regular society? Religious groups like the Amish, Mennonites, Hare Krishna's, Islamists, Mormons, Sikhs and Hindus are all stitched into the fabric of America in plain sight . . . yet remain secretive and mostly unknown by all the rest of us. They have a common desire to be left alone, allowed to live by their own rules and reject all values other than those they themselves espouse, rules which usually involve a central authority figure who speaks for, as well as to the followers . . . with precise and rigid instructions about how one may only know God by devotion to the rules. Rules which are interpreted by men for the benefit of their women. Oh Yeah. Here's where it gets good . . . as long as you're not female.

One of the largest subcultures in America are the Hasidim . . . ultra-orthodox Jews who dress like 18th century Poles in black frock coats and hats, wear long side curls at their temples and speak Yiddish-who are concentrated in Brooklyn, and throughout the Catskill Mountains of upstate New York. We've all seen them. They've become so numerous that they're almost ubiquitous in some places, but non-Hasidics know almost nothing about them.

*Invisible City*, (Minotaur Books, \$24.99, 298 pages, ISBN 978-1-250-04339-9) is a sparkling debut from a veteran newspaper reporter named Julia Dahl that takes the reader into the secretive and insular world of the Brooklyn Hasidic community through the eyes of a beat reporter named Rebekah Roberts. She's a stringer, a part-time employee for a New York Tabloid called *The Tribune*, who is sent to gather the facts about a murdered woman whose naked body is found in a metal scrap yard along Brooklyn's Gowanus Canal-an area dominated by the Hasidic community. She quickly finds out that the ultra-Orthodox have their own ambulance and police forces, and heavy political influence with City Hall as well as the NYPD. When the woman's body is buried one day later, with neither an autopsy nor an investigation, Rebekah figures that a cover-up is taking place and risks her life and career to see justice done-while at the same time searching for her own mother-a Hasidic woman who abandoned her Lutheran husband and infant daughter, then disappeared twenty-four years earlier. She's the mother that Rebekah hasn't heard from since being abandoned by her. This is a riveting and suspenseful novel, written in a strong, forceful and compelling voice. I'm looking forward to Ms. Dahl's next installment of what is certain to be a popular and best-selling series.

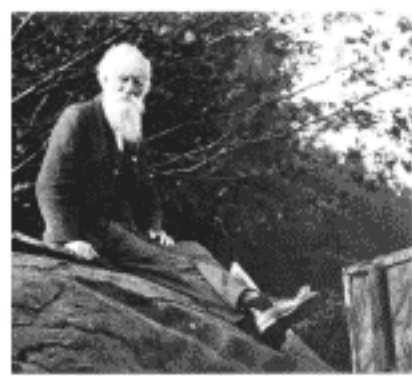
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### Burroughs Catskill Life & Writings

Livingston Manor, NY Saturday, March 28th at 4:00pm, the public is invited to a special introduction to celebrated naturalist John Burroughs with Bill Birns at Morgan Outdoors in Livingston Manor, NY.



Reminiscing his boyhood, John Burroughs (1837-1921) sits atop his Boyhood Rock, about 1910. The glacial boulder sits in what is now a New York State Memorial to Burroughs, on the hardscrabble Catskill Mountain farm in Roxbury NY where he grew up.

Burroughs, born in 1837 on the family's Delaware County homestead in Roxbury, NY, authored 27 books of nature and philosophical essays that influenced millions of readers. In the early years of the twentieth century, John Burroughs rivaled Mark Twain as the most widely-read and well-known writer in America.

He was a naturalist who wrote nature essays that appeared regularly in America's top magazines, a poet and literary critic who drew his readers toward a worldview that valued simplicity in living in harmony with nature. His essays appeared in a widely used school reader, so Burroughs was familiar to generations of school children.

At his boyhood home, just above Roxbury, NY, young Burroughs was uninterested in the farm chores that were the daily regimen of his hard-working, uneducated parents and eight brothers and sisters. He liked to read and write, and was keenly interested in books, poetry and the natural world around him.

Program presenter, author, and educator, Bill Birns, is a 43-year resident of the Catskills. His column, "A Catskill Catalog," ran from 2007-2012 in the Catskill Mountain News. Bill's first book, "A Catskill Catalog", was published by Purple Mountain Press and his second, "The Myth in the Mountain" at: [mountainartsmedia.com](http://mountainartsmedia.com).

Bill taught English and social studies at the Margaretville Central School for 29 years, and for seven years taught English and led the English Department at Onteora High School. He resides in Fleischmanns, NY.

Concurrently on display at Morgan Outdoors is an exhibit on the life and tragic extinction of the passenger pigeon, sponsored by John Burroughs' Woodchuck Lodge. Developed and designed by the Chicago Museum of Science, the exhibit includes a locally-produced panel about Burroughs' sightings of and writings on the amazing bird.

To reserve a seat for the March 28th program, call 845 439 5507, as seating is limited. Morgan Outdoors is located at 46 Main Street, Livingston Manor, NY. For more information 845 439 5507 and [www.morgan-outdoors.com](http://www.morgan-outdoors.com).

### CWC Annual Meeting April 7

MARGARETVILLE, NY, March 18, 2015 - The Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC) will hold its 18th Annual Meeting of member towns Tuesday, April 7 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 Greene, Sullivan and Ulster Counties will be announced. A slide show of CWC's achievements over the past year will be featured, and the 2014 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.cwconline.org](http://www.cwconline.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.

### A SUMMER JOB WITH PURPOSE Sullivan Renaissance seeks community interns for 2015

[FERNDALE] - Get a summer job that pays well and has a purpose. Sullivan Renaissance has paid internship positions throughout Sullivan County for the 2015 summer season. The primary role of the interns is to assist with care of gardens and other elements of community projects throughout the county. More than a summer gardening job, the program is an opportunity to make a difference in the community, develop leadership skills and explore career opportunities.

Intern salaries range between \$10.50 and \$11 per hour depending on experience.

To be eligible applicants must be between the ages of 16-20 when they submit their application or resume, which is due March 31. Final candidates will participate in a personal interview. Those hired will attend orientation and training. Applications may be accessed by going to [http://www.sullivanrenaissance.org/\\_doc/Intern\\_Application.pdf](http://www.sullivanrenaissance.org/_doc/Intern_Application.pdf).

The work includes planting, watering, mulching, fertilizing, weeding, dead-heading of plants and related activities. Some interns also assist with administrative and organizational tasks connected to the community project. The leadership component allows interns to engage in discussion on current issues, meet with local leaders and participate in a day of service.

The Internship program is a collaboration between Sullivan Renaissance and the Sullivan County Center for Workforce Development.

### SCHOLARSHIPS FOR VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers who help with 2015 Sullivan Renaissance projects are eligible to apply for two different college scholarships. The Community Foundation of Orange and Sullivan Counties offers a limited number of scholarships to Sullivan County residents who make a significant contribution to a 2015 Renaissance project. The SUNY Sullivan Foundation awards scholarships of \$1500 to full-time students who volunteer in 2015 Renaissance projects. Applications

and details for both programs are available online at [www.sullivanrenaissance.org](http://www.sullivanrenaissance.org)

For more information contact Sullivan Renaissance at 845-295-2445.

### 8th Graders Excel at Tri-Valley's Fifth Annual Poetry Slam

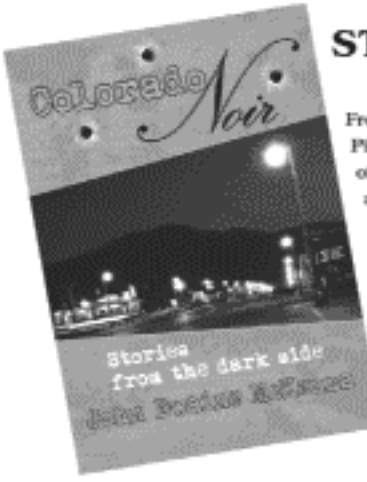
On March 18, 2015, another very special event happened at Tri-Valley Central School. Sixty-seven 8th grade students took to the stage to compete in Tri-Valley's Fifth Annual Poetry Slam. This is the first year the event was held in the evening, which led to a very large crowd made up of students, teachers, 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. 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.

Aidan Mentnech was crowned Poetry Slam champion for his poem "This I Don't Know Poem." Imaan Khan won second place for his poem "Music." Gio Lauria finished in third place for her poem "Society, Anxiety, and the World's Injustice." Finally, Jacob Allison and his poem "Society" and Julius Colon and Brauke Hunt and their poem "The Poetry Battle" shared the Performance Award.


Russ Morey-Tri-Valley Teachers' Association (TVTA) member and 9th grade English teacher-served as the evening's guest poet. He performed his poem titled "I Wish I Was Cool." Filled with humor, Mr. Morey poked fun at himself and other teachers, while at the same time delivering a strong message to kids about why it's not important to be "cool." (Contd. Pg. 8)



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## The Olive Jar - By Carol LaMonda

Water, Water, Everywhere

Samuel Coleridge Taylor wrote in "The Rime of the Ancient Mariner:"

"Water, water, everywhere,  
And all the boards did shrink;  
Water, water, everywhere,  
Nor any drop to drink."

Those words played over and over in my mind as I drank bottled water on the river boat Queen Violeta as we sailed for six days on the Amazon River in Peru. I watched the Ribereno, River People, on the shore swim, fish, wash clothes, drink, and bathe in the "Yoo Hoo" colored, muddy water of the world's largest river. It was their life and life blood; it was my fear and enemy.

Our fragile North American stomachs could not tolerate the parasites of the water that grew our fruits and vegetables. Many of us on the ship took turns of being "un-well" with La Turista stomach troubles. Fortified with Imodium, modern antibiotics, vaccines and Deet, we all participated in events I never thought possible. We fished for and ate Piranha. I got bit by a fire ant. We saw pink dolphins frolicking in ink-black water. I rode in a dug out canoe as a river teenager paddled and I bailed. We rode in Tuk-tuk carts, and we ate foods native to the area. My husband joked at one point that we had bananas every which way to Sunday. Fried bananas, banana chips, banana juice, banana mash, and banana cake. Every day was the freshest fish, the most natural of chicken, wild venison, fruits I never knew existed and vegetables that seemed strange because of their huge shape. There were

radishes and cucumbers that looked like food on steroids.

It was all worth it to meet and actually interact with the River People, natives of an ancient mixture of Asian and Indian with the conquerors of Spanish descent. Our guide was the youngest of thirteen children who was brought up in such a river village, so we visited a school, ate (with our RIGHT hands) a typical meal of venison, rice and eggs, roasted fish, and blue corn drink. We ate in the village's largest house which had one large outside, covered porch and a small inside room where Luisa, her husband and youngest of ten children slept on mats and in a hammock. No roads, no electricity, no plumbing, no bathroom, and no connection to the outside world except their dug-out canoe.

I moved from "those poor people" to "how fortunate and happy they are." The river village we visited first was called Monte Alegre which means "Happy Mountain" even though the elevation was one twelve feet above the high-water level of the rainy season. They were happy people. No taxes, no government, no utility bills, and no stress from work or politics. Women and men were equal but had separate roles.

I came as tourist, but I left as a person longing for the peace and community of a river village. We gave them bags of salt, machetes, and school supplies for the small village of thirty-something. They gave us the lesson of a lifetime. Possessions are extraneous. Barefoot and muddy, they had it all. The river provided all they needed to raise a family and be happy in the everyday survival.

## UC Exec Mike Hein Launches Comprehensive Animal Abuse Prevention Initiative - The Multi-Faceted Initiative Builds Upon The Success Of The County Dog Park And Anti-Tethering Law To Improve The Quality Of Life For County Residents And Their Pets

Kingston, N.Y. - Today, County Executive Mike Hein launched a comprehensive Animal Abuse Prevention Initiative in conjunction with area representatives from the New York State Humane Society of the United States, New York State Humane Association, Ulster County SPCA, For Paws of Ulster, Inc. and many other area animal protection advocates. The initiative, which has several components, builds upon the success of both the very popular county-wide Dog Park which opened in New Paltz this past summer and the important anti-tethering law that the County Executive signed in December to provide law enforcement important additional tools to protect animals in danger.

This community oriented initiative contains several components:

- o A Domestic Violence Shelter/Safe Boarding Plan - to assist victims of domestic violence to ensure their pets' safety when they leave abusive situations;
- o An Animal Abuse Registry - to inform citizens if an individual has been convicted of animal abuse is residing in their neighborhood;
- o A Humane Feral Cat Program - to reduce the exposure to either rabies or other serious diseases through a trap, neuter, return (TNR) approach to reduce the growth of the feral cat population; and
- o An Animal Abuse Prevention Advisory Task Force - to assist and advise the County Executive on matters pertaining to animal protection issues in Ulster County.

### Shelter/Safe Boarding

An agreement with Family of Woodstock will allow victims of domestic violence to leave an abusive situation without leaving their pet behind. Under the agreement, a victim of domestic violence will be able to find assistance at a safe, professionally staffed domestic violence shelter and their pet will also have a safe place to stay. Unfortunately, an abuser will often use the family pet as leverage, and so many victims of domestic violence will not leave an abusive relationship because they do not want to leave their pet behind and fear for its safety.

"No one should feel trapped and unable to escape an unsafe environment because they fear for their family pets or be forced to abandon them," said County Executive Mike Hein. "This agreement with Family of Woodstock provides a real choice and a safe place for both people and pets. I want to thank Michael Berg, the Executive Director of Family of Woodstock, for his partnership."

### Animal Abuse Registry

The County Executive has called for the creation of a county-wide Animal Abuse Registry. The registry will list individuals who have been convicted of various forms of animal abuse and will serve as an important tool to prevent an individual from committing future acts of abuse. Additionally, since numerous studies and research have demonstrated a likelihood that a person who commits animal abuse will also engage in other forms of abuse, the registry will be a resource for law enforcement, other pro-

fessionals and the public.

### Humane Feral Cat Program

Ulster County will also contract with the Ulster County SPCA and begin a program aimed at humanely controlling the growth of feral cat colonies in communities through trap, neuter and return (TNR). The program will humanely address the issue by instituting a spaying/neutering campaign.

### Animal Abuse Prevention Advisory Task Force

The County Executive also formed the Animal Abuse Prevention Advisory Task Force, to be chaired by local veterinarian Dr. Beth Alden who directs and oversees SUNY Ulster's veterinary technology program. The members of the County Executive's Animal Abuse Prevention Advisory Task Force are: Dr. Beth Alden; Brian Shapiro, Director, New York State Humane Society of the United States; Adam Saunders, Executive Director of the Ulster County SPCA; Christine DeBoer and Marion DuBois, Boardmembers of For Paws of Ulster, Inc.; Merle Borenstein, animal protection advocate; Pat Valusek, New York State Humane Association; Jill Shufeldt, Town of Rochester Animal Control Officer; and Kirsti Gholson, community advocate.

"I am proud to work with a team of caring professionals to shield animals from abuse and take critical steps to make our community a better place for everyone. Due to the various components of this initiative it is critical that each is thoughtfully developed and successfully implemented, which is why we have assembled a group of caring experts for assistance and advice," continued County Executive Hein. "It is this type of community involvement which is invaluable in the process and ensures that government simply gets it right, and I look forward to working with the Ulster County Legislature to complete a comprehensive program."

Donald Gregorius, Ulster County Legislator

"This is an important and comprehensive initiative. As a Legislator, I look forward to working with the County Executive to help make all of these components a reality and improve the quality of life for Ulster County's residents and their pets."

**Sherlock Holmes Returns for 2015 Shadowland Film Series -Basil Rathbone and Nigel Bruce star in THE PEARL OF DEATH as the "Matinee at The Shadowland" 2015 film series continues ELLENVILLE, NY, March 18, 2015 -** One of the staples of the Matinee at the Shadowland classic film series has been Basil Rathbone and Nigel Bruce starring in one of their famous Sherlock Holmes adventures and 2015 is no exception. On Saturday, March 28th, at 2:00pm, Rathbone and Bruce team up once again as Sherlock Homes and Doctor Watson in THE PEARL OF DEATH, based on Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's "The Adventure of the Six Napoleons".

A master criminal, Giles Conover (Miles Mander) steals the fabulous Borgia Pearl and, during his flight, manages to conceal it within one of six plaster busts of Napoleon Bonaparte that stood drying in a small factory. Conover then employs his brute of a henchman, known as the Creeper (Rondo Hatton) to find the bust and retrieve the fabulous jewel.

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The March 28th Matinee at the Shadowland program will feature a full compliment of selected short subjects. Trailers will be shown for upcoming films in the series; there will be a Daffy Duck cartoon classic, THE GREAT PIGGY BANK ROBBERY; a 1945 Universal newsreel; and a Three Stooges comedy short GENTS WITHOUT CENTS in which the slap-happy trio performs the famous burlesque sketch "Slowly I Turn". And we will see the return of Buster Crabbe in Chapter 11 of FLASH GORDON.

"Matinee at the Shadowland" will continue on Saturday, April 11th, with Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy in SONS OF THE DESERT, the 1933 feature film that inspired a worldwide organization devoted to the two comedians. In the film, Stan and Ollie look for a way to circumvent their wives' objections and attend a lodge convention in Chicago. The series will conclude on Saturday, May 2nd, with a rare screening of the 1946 comic fantasy ANGEL ON MY SHOULDER starring Paul Muni, Anne Baxter and Claude Rains. Muni plays a gangster who winds up in Hades, only to wind up being used as a tool of the Devil back on Earth. Claude Rains is delicious as the malicious Mephistopheles.

The "Matinee at The Shadowland" series is sponsored by local Ellenville-Wawarsing businesses Aroma Thyme Bistro, Bullseye Appraisals, Chelsea Rialto Studios, Collier & Berger, Gaby's Cafe, Il Paradiso, Kalter, Kaplan & Zeiger, Matthews Pharmacy, The Publik House, Carl and Nancy Rosenstock and the Ellenville chapter of The Sons of the Desert.

All programs begin at 2:00pm and feature an intermission. Admission is only \$10 for adults, \$7 for children, and tickets are available at the Shadowland box office at 157 Canal Street, Ellenville, NY. For more information, call 845-647-5511.

For more information, visit <http://www.shadowlandtheatre.org>.

## Sullivan County Sheriff Mike Schiff Thanks all who Helped Coordinate the Dissemination of the Amber Alert

On Tuesday March 17, 2015, a warrant was issued for Alfred Franklin, Jr., 30 and Tina Esquilin, 27 by Sullivan County Family Court. The pair had missed a scheduled court appearance concerning four children that were in their custody. Esquilin is the mother of all four children, Franklin is the father of only one child.

A court order was then issued by Sullivan County Family Court removing custody of the children from the suspects due to a history of child neglect, violent behavior and substance abuse.

On Wednesday March 18, 2015 the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office issued an "Amber Alert" regarding the four children after it was discovered that they were taken from their home in Monticello. Information was developed that the two suspects may have been en route to North Carolina or Florida with the children.

On Thursday Morning, March 19, 2015, Sheriff's Deputies began receiving numerous tips from the Amber Alert system. At about 10:00 AM, Deputies located the four children at a residence in the Town of Cohecton. The house belonged to their Great Grandmother. Their ages are 6 months, 2 years, 4 years and 5 years old.

At around the same time, Sheriff's Deputies and the Monticello Police located the two suspects at the Horizons Housing complex on West Broadway in Monticello. They were taken into custody without incident.

The suspects was arraigned in Family Court later that afternoon (3/19/15).

Sheriff Mike Schiff thanked the New York State Police and the New York Intelligence Center who helped coordinate the dissemination of the Amber Alter. "The system worked incredibly well", said the Sheriff. "We had quality, real time information that helped us quickly close this case".

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

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**Sullivan County Launches Maple Syrup Directory**

LIBERTY, NY- March is New York State Maple Syrup Month, a time when the sap is flowing from the trees and the sweet smell of maple syrup is coming from the sugarhouses. As part of a buy local effort, Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County (CCESC), along with our partners Catskill Mountainkeeper, the County of Sullivan and Sullivan Renaissance, have joined to promote the use of Sullivan County maple syrup.

On the Move for Maple Syrup is a campaign that aims to promote the use of Sullivan County maple syrup by connecting Sullivan County maple producers to eateries and other retail establishments. The campaign also raises awareness about the benefits of local maple syrup and is supported by the County of Sullivan through a legislative resolution. As part of the campaign, CCESC has created a "Sullivan County Catskill Maple Syrup Directory". The directory contains educational information about maple syrup production, nutritional information and a list of current maple producers in Sullivan County.

Why purchase Sullivan County maple syrup? Maple syrup production is a growing industry in Sullivan County and contributes to our overall economic and environmental health. Purchasing local maple syrup helps to support our farms, forests and local economy. Maple syrup also tastes great and is good for you too! It has no additives, no added coloring and no preservatives.

Want to visit a local sugarhouse? The New York State Maple Producers Association invites families from across NYS and neighboring areas to learn about the production of maple syrup and other related products. Their goal during Maple Weekend is to share the taste of real mouth-watering maple syrup with you. Maple producers will demonstrate how to make syrup - whether it's simply boiling the sap over an open fire or running it through highly scientific equipment - the results always taste great! The 2015 NYS Maple Weekends are March 21-22 and March 28-29. Visit

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www.nysmaple.com to learn which Sullivan County maple producers participate in the NYS Maple Weekend.

Want to learn more about maple syrup? To get your own copy of the directory, stop by the CCESC office located at 64 Ferndale Loomis Road, Liberty, NY, the Sullivan County Visitor's Association or any of the partner offices. An electronic version of the directory can be downloaded from the CCESC website at [www.sullivanccesc.org](http://www.sullivanccesc.org). To learn more about the Maple Syrup Directory, or to be listed in the next edition contact Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County (CCESC) at 845-292-6180, or by emailing [sullivan@cornell.edu](mailto:sullivan@cornell.edu). To learn more about the On the Move for Maple Syrup Campaign and how you can get involved

**Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce announces The Catskill Club "Let's Go to the Movies" 1920's Themed Event & Annual Sponsorship Opportunities**

The Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce presents a night of entertainment that embraces the era of the 1920's. All are invited to "The Catskill Club - Let's Go to the Movies" on Saturday, April 11th at The Sullivan 283 Rock Hill Drive, Rock Hill, NY.

The Black Tie optional (costumes encouraged) event sponsored by Monticello Casino & Raceway, Empire Resorts, EPR Properties, Hart Howerton, China City of America & Thompson Education Center will take place from 7:00pm-11:00 pm - Cocktail hour from 7-8pm. Tickets are \$60 per person and \$100 per couple to include hors d'oeuvres, buffet dinner, cash bar (Prohibition Distillery will be showcasing Bootlegger 21 Vodka & Gin complimentary for the cocktail hour) and entertainment. Limited amount of tickets are available, advanced purchase is recommended. Black tie optional - COSTUMES ENCOURAGED!

Attendees will have the opportunity to have an authentic 1920's Film Noir photo experience with ND Pro Media Inc. as well as have a chance to play, Roulette, Black Jack and Craps for FUN. Prizes awarded for best 1920's costumes/attire. Hors d'oeuvres, Table Games, Costume contest, Name that celebrity, Autograph collection, Trivia, Dinner, Dancing, Movie reels & MORE! Entertainment provided by The Spencer Daniel's Agency and the Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop.

Tickets and sponsorships are available but are going fast. To reserve your spot, contact the Chamber office at 845-791-4200.



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**8th Graders Excel at Tri-Valley's Fifth Annual Poetry Slam**  
(From Pg. 4)



From left to right: Jacob Allison (Performance), Brauke Hunt (Performance), Julius Colon (Performance), Aidan Mentnech (1st Place), Gio Lauria (3rd Place), Imaan Khan (3rd Place)

The Tri-Valley Annual Poetry Slam is run by TVTA member and 8th grade ELA teacher Matt Haynes. Mr. Haynes has been in charge of the Poetry Slam for all five years of its existence. Deb Swett, TVTA member and special education teacher, and Jeanne Fiedler, TVTA member and librarian, also play a large part in organizing the event. Together, their hard work has allowed the event to grow each and every year.

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!

**Senator Bonacic Discusses Wellness for Youth and Funding Priorities**  
with Frost Valley YMCA Representatives

(Albany, NY) - Senator John J. Bonacic (R/C/I-Mt.Hope) met this morning with two representatives from the Frost Valley YMCA. The representatives were in Albany as part of YMCA Advocacy Day.




Senator Bonacic is pictured with Bob Eddings, Director of School Programs and Vicky Williams, Senior Program Director, both from the Frost Valley YMCA

The discussion focused on wellness for youth and funding priorities. The Frost Valley YMCA is located in Claryville, NY and is one of the premier outdoor camping, group retreat, and environmental education centers in our great state.

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**Legislators Obtain Funding For County's Only Operating Burn Tower**



(From Pg. 1) Legislator Craig Lopez continued, "It is important the men and women that volunteer and put their lives on the line for the safety of our community are provided with the resources needed for proper training."

Currently Walker Valley Chemical Engine No. 1 is the only department in Ulster County with a facility that provides "live burn" training for its members and neighboring fire departments in Cragmoor, Napanoch, Ellenville and Shawangunk Valley.

"Live burn training can mean the difference between a firefighter and someone who can operate a hose," stated Minority Leader Ken Ronk. "The experience of feeling the heat of a structure fire is invaluable to fire training." These heat resistant panels provide realistic burn simulations while maintaining the structural integrity of the tower itself. "This \$10,000 Legislative allocation will potentially save thousands of lives," concluded Minority Leader Ronk. "And I commend Legislator Lopez for bringing this forward."

**Ellenville Regional Hospital to Host a Paintings and Works on Paper by featured Artist Joan Lesikin**

Joan Lesikin's paintings will be on display in the Healing Arts Gallery at Ellenville Regional Hospital from March 30 - May 22. A Meet the Artist Reception is planned for March 30 from 5:00 - 7:00pm. The show is free and open to the public, 8am-8pm daily. For more information about the Healing Arts exhibit or the Ellenville Regional Hospital, please contact (845) 210-3043.

About the Artist: Born and raised in Rockland County, Joan now resides in Ulster County, in the mountaintop hamlet of Cragmoor. She received art training at Rutgers' Mason Gross School of the Arts (MFA), at Syracuse U's School of Art (BFA), and at the Art Students League, Woodstock. Joan is recipient of several awards including several one-person shows, a Woodstock Artists Association Grant, and NYS Arts Alive Grant. Her work is in numerous collections, including the former Museum of Modern Art Loan Collection, French & Co. Gallery in NYC, and Galleria Juana Mordo in Madrid, Spain.

**THE ARTIST SPEAKS ABOUT THE WORK:** In representational painting especially, viewers see fabrics as clothing, as coverings on possessions like tables and chairs, and as carpet, wallpaper, and tapestry on walls and floors. Fabric provides a rich background of a prevailing cultural, historical, and socio-economic representation to help complete a pictorial narrative.

Throughout several series of artworks, including my present series Bodyscapes, I bring the fabric to the foreground. I explore different properties of cloth-its fluidity, its protective and decorative functions, and its suggestive, erotic nature.

In Bodyscapes, the fabric is the primary focus. This fabric is a metaphoric landscape of hills and valleys like the hills and valleys of my native landscape -the Hudson River Valley of New York State. But the fabric also retains the suggestion of covering a body like a coverlet or bed sheet. Each artwork, then, is a dual experience: an exploration of hills and valleys of a landscape and simultaneously of crevices and curves of human form.

Some of the pieces in the Bodyscape series are traditional format, that is, oil paintings on rectangular stretched canvas. Others are not. I invite you to the show at the Healing Arts Gallery, Ellenville Regional Hospital, now through May 21 to experience the evolution of the Bodyscape series, from its conception to the most recent iterations.



## Frost Valley Introduces Bear Grylls Survival Academy Summer Camp - A one-of-a-lifetime experience for teens who love the outdoors!

Last year, nearly 80 people of various ages experienced the adventure of a lifetime when Frost Valley YMCA debuted the Bear Grylls Survival Academy adventure courses for both families and adults. The program was so well received that this year, Frost Valley YMCA is announcing a NEW Bear Grylls Survival Academy Summer Camp just for teens!



Open to boys and girls ages 12-17, this five-day camp will bring participants into the Catskills wilderness to participate in Bear Grylls-approved survival training. They'll learn techniques such as water purification, knife safety and use, cooking in the wild, shelter building, trapping and snaring, navigation, river and gorge crossing, and more.

These self-rescue skills are just part of the training they'll gain; along the way, they'll build confidence, develop a relationship with nature, and find camaraderie by encouraging and supporting one another through the most challenging parts of the journey.

"This is a great opportunity for teens who love Bear Grylls and other thrill-seekers to take part in an actual wilderness survival course. This camp is the first of its kind," says Jeff Williams, Bear Grylls Survival Academy Program Coordinator. "But keep in mind - this is no cushy vacation. Our trained experts will teach campers how to survive in the wilderness through all kinds of weather and terrain conditions. As Bear says on his TV shows: 'It might hurt a little.'"

While also providing a once-in-a-lifetime adventure, this camp gives campers a deeper appreciation of nature, teaches them leadership skills, and builds stronger character by allowing them to overcome challenges within a supportive community. For details and registration, please visit: [FrostValley.org/camp/bgsa-teen-summer-programs](http://FrostValley.org/camp/bgsa-teen-summer-programs)

### About Frost Valley YMCA

Frost Valley YMCA is a 5,500-acre camp in the heart of the forever-wild Catskill Mountains, just a couple hours north of NYC. Frost Valley is, at heart, a summer camp all year long, serving people through Camp, School Programs, Family & Group Retreats, and East Valley Ranch. Please contact us for story ideas on these or any of our other many programs.

### About BGSa:

Regarded as the most challenging and empowering survival course on the planet, the Bear Grylls Survival Academy (BGSa) is designed to provide enthusiasts from around the world the opportunity to learn Bear's extreme survival techniques. The current portfolio of courses are tailored to both adults and young explorers, in diverse locations including the mountains and forests of the UK, the mountains of Colorado, New York State and California in the USA, the deserts of the UAE, the vast wilderness of Australia and the wild terrain of Zimbabwe; with planned launches in both South Africa and China.

### About Bear Grylls:

Bear Grylls has become known around the world as one of the most recognized faces of survival and outdoor adventure. His journey to this acclaim started in the UK on the Isle of Wight, where his late father taught him to climb and sail. Trained from a young age in martial arts, Bear went on to spend three years as a soldier in the British Special Forces, serving with 21 SAS. It was here that he perfected many of the skills that his fans all over the world enjoy watching him pit against mother-nature.

Despite a free-fall parachuting accident in Africa, where he broke his back in three places, and after enduring months in military rehabilitation, Bear went on to become one of the youngest ever climbers to reach the summit of Mount Everest. Bear went on to star in the Channel 4 series: Escape to the Legion and seven series of the Discovery Channel's Emmy nominated TV show Man Vs Wild and Born Survivor, which has become one of the most watched shows on the planet, reaching an estimated 1.2 billion viewers.

Off screen, Bear has led record-breaking expeditions, from Antarctica to the Arctic, which in turn have raised over \$2.5 million for children around the world. In recognition for his expertise and service, Bear was appointed as the youngest ever Chief Scout to over half a million scouts in the UK, was awarded an honorary commission as a

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Lieutenant-Commander in the Royal Navy and as a Lieutenant-Colonel in the notoriously tough Royal Marines Commandos.

He has authored 15 books, including the No 1 Bestseller: Mud Sweat & Tears which was voted the most influential book in China for 2012. Other titles include: Extreme Food: What to eat when your life depends on it; Your Life; Train For It, True Grit, A Survival Guide For Life, Born Survivor, Living Wild, Great Outdoor Adventures, Facing Up, Facing the Frozen Ocean, To My Sons and seven children's fiction novels titled Mission: Survival. 2015 will see the author entering new territory with the release of his first fiction thriller book series, promised to combine the best of Bond, Bourne and Indiana Jones.

In the TV world, Summer 2013 saw Bear's new US TV series: Get Out Alive with Bear Grylls running on NBC and voted the No 1 new network reality show in the 18-49 age category. The show aired worldwide on Discovery Channel alongside a further series: Bear Grylls: Escape from Hell and Bear Grylls: Extreme Survival Caught on Camera. 2014 Bear added some fresh programming to his slate, hosting the hit adventure show 'Running Wild' on NBC in America, as well as 'The Island with Bear Grylls' & 'Bear's Wild weekends' for Channel 4 in the UK. This year is set to be Bear's biggest yet, with the Global Ambassador for Land Rover signed up for a second run of the hugely popular US series 'Running Wild' for NBC (series one currently airing on Discovery Network), plus a US version of The Island with Bear Grylls also for NBC.

In addition, Bear is hosting a new Discovery Channel show titled: Breaking Point, and he co-owns and hosts two brand new formats for ITV - Mission Survive (a new celebrity adventure Entertainment show) and Great British Adventures, all of which are set to hit our screens in the first half of the year. Plus we see the return of Channel 4's the Island with Bear Grylls with both a male and female series spanning some 17 episodes.

### How to Grow Delicious Berries and Brambles

LIBERTY, NY - A workshop on How to Grow Berries and Brambles will be offered by Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County (CCEC) on Thursday, March 26, 2015. This program will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 pm at CCEC's Gerald J. Skoda Extension Education Center on 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road in Liberty.

John Gorzynski, of Gorzynski Orner Farm in Cochection, will present a workshop on how to safely and successfully grow berries and brambles from the ground up. Learn the basics of berry growing, including variety selection, soil building requirements, disease and insect management and marketing. John Gorzynski welcomes questions from seasoned growers, beginners and home gardeners.

Cost is \$20.00 per person or \$15.00 for CCEC enrollees. Anyone can enroll for an annual fee of \$25.00 per household. Space is limited and pre-registration with payment is required in advance. Seats are only guaranteed with payment. Registration and more information can be obtained by calling CCEC at 845-292-6180 or emailing SueAnn Boyd, Senior Administrative Assistant at [srb46@cornell.edu](mailto:srb46@cornell.edu). Payment can be made online at [www.sullivanccce.org](http://www.sullivanccce.org).



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### Lesson Six: Identifying Pronouns

Pronouns are words that replace nouns in sentences.

"Maureen will be home late. She will bring pizza."

In the above sentences "She" takes the place of "Maureen". "Maureen" is the noun and She is the pronoun.

Written below are groups of words. There are pronouns in each word group.

Can you identify the pronouns?

1. I flew, hire me, my house
2. Arrest him, his dog, he isn't
3. We ran, is ours, is mine
4. You took, it isn't yours, they watched
5. Your place, whose home, whom owes

The answers to this exercise will be in the next installment of *The English Language*. If you want

to see the answers now, go to [workadaywriter.com/lesson-six-identifying-pronouns](http://workadaywriter.com/lesson-six-identifying-pronouns) and scroll to the bottom of the content.

Last week's answers are pizza, boys, birds, snow, Maureen, music, friends, lightning, fish, cows, ladies, boys, sky, socks, cats, brother, dads, stones, moss

## SUNY Ulster Celebrates Cultural Diversity Day and Recognizes Student Poster Winners

SUNY Ulster will hold its annual Cultural Diversity Day April 8, from 1 to 2:30 p.m., in the College Lounge, featuring four speakers from the TMI Project.

TMI Project is a non-profit organization that offers memoir and monologue writing workshops that culminate in storytelling performances, or published material. Through the ancient art of storytelling, participants divulge the parts of their stories that they usually leave out because they are usually too ashamed or embarrassed to share and the parts others most want to hear, fostering greater understanding and compassion among people. Participants turn their pasts into testimonials of survival, dispelling old shame and inspiring others.

Winners of the cultural diversity student art contest also will be awarded prizes. They are: Sandra Garcia, Margaretville; Andrew Shelton, Kingston; Jen Jeglinski, Kerhonkson; Theresa Venditti, Kingston; and Ben Kane, Kingston.

SUNY Ulster Cultural Diversity Day is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call (845) 687-5262

## Casting Call for "Fiddler on the Roof"

The Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop announces auditions for "Fiddler on the Roof". Auditions will be held on Wednesday, April 8, from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM and on Sunday, April 12, from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM, at the Rivoli Theatre, 5243 Main Street, South Fallsburg. Performance dates for Fiddler are August 7, 8, 9, 14, 15, 16, 21, 22, 23, at the Rivoli Theatre. Traditional Casting includes roles for all ages - children through older adults. Come to the audition prepared with sheet music, for a song that shows off your range - either from Fiddler or another show tune. An accompanist will be provided. Also, as part of the audition process, expect to be asked to do some choreography so we can see how you move. Wear comfortable clothing and appropriate shoes. If you are auditioning for a speaking role, you will be asked to read a scene from the script. Please note that there are many singers and dancers needed who will not have speaking roles but are an integral part of the production nonetheless. For additional information, or to schedule an alternate audition time, please contact Lori at (845) 701-0142 or [mlori1962@aol.com](mailto:mlori1962@aol.com).

## OHISO partners with the Catskill Art Society on Exquisite Corpse of the Catskills Exhibition

*Calls on local visual artists to join this popular surrealist parlor game turned art exhibition, bringing diverse artists and ideas together in the Catskills*

Livingston Manor - Ellie Ohiso and Akira Ohiso, the names behind popular social projects such as Green Door Magazine, have partnered with the Catskill Art Society (CAS) to launch an interactive exhibition this Summer that includes an open call to visual artists to participate in a parlor game turned art exhibition entitled Exquisite Corpse of the Catskills.

The original Exquisite Corpse was started at the turn of the 20th Century among Surrealist history's most famous artistic names, such as André Breton, Marcel Duchamp, Yves Tanguy, Joan Miro and Man Ray (to name a few.) Originally constructed as a parlor game to help artists break from reason, its popularity grew as a way to bring diverse artists and ideas together. The name derives from the quote 'le cadaver exquis boira le vin nouveau.' ('The exquisite corpse shall drink the new wine.')

The game consisted of a folded piece of paper passed to participants who could not see the full drawing before them save for a taste of what was behind the fold. The reveal came after all had had a turn, the paper unfolding, revealing the magic of happenstance art.

The Ohisos, along with CAS, are calling upon the Catskills' community of visual artists (Sullivan, Ulster, Orange and Delaware Counties in NY, Wayne and Pike Counties in PA) to submit their names via email to [info@ohiso.com](mailto:info@ohiso.com) by April 15, 2015. Twenty-one artists, to be paired in seven groups of three, will be chosen randomly at a public lottery at the CAS Arts Center on Saturday April 18, 2015 at 2 pm. The public lottery is free and open to all.

Selected artists will then be paired into their respective groups of three, and the first seven artists will leave with two pieces of paper: one paper to be completed in its entirety, and the second paper to be started slightly and left to be completed by the next set of artists. The second set of artists will pick up the started work. They will be required to complete the previous artist's work and start a third paper, which the last set of artists will complete, finishing the triptych.

The following guidelines are required in advance for submitting your name to the lottery:

- o All names submitted must be visual artists.
- o Artists' age must be 18 or older.
- o All materials will be provided (paper and ink) and works can only be created using the supplied materials, no exceptions.
- o Artists must be available for pick up/drop off of materials at CAS Arts Center at 48 Main Street in Livingston Manor, NY on the dates and times below:

Group #1 Artists Pick Up: Sunday, April 19 at 2pm

Group #1 Artists Drop Off: Friday, May 1 at 2pm

Group #2 Artists Pick Up: Sunday, May 3 at 2pm

Group #2 Artists Drop Off: Friday, May 15 at 2pm

Group #3 Artists Pick Up: Sunday, May 17 at 2pm

Group #3 Artists Drop Off: Friday, May 29 at 2pm

- o Artists will have about a week to work on their piece once they pick up materials.

- o The work is not required to be literal representative of a corpse (unless the artist so chooses).

"The Exquisite Corpse of the Catskills' artistic constraints and forced collaborations are a means of facilitating visual artists to move from their traditional medium," said Ellie Ohiso. "I'm looking forward to seeing some of our favorite local artists express themselves in a different way," she added.

The parlor game will conclude with a public reveal of the completed triptychs on June 5, 2015 through July 24, 2015 at CAS Arts Center Elevator Gallery. Sales of each Exquisite Corpse of the Catskills will be split among the three artists. The opening reception will be June 5, 2015 from 4-6pm.

About OHISO

Ellie Ohiso and Akira Ohiso are the names behind popular social projects such as Green Door Magazine, Narrowsburg Not Williamsburg, Hickster, and the winning subway poster design for the People's Climate March. To learn more, visit <http://www.ohiso.com>

About the CAS Arts Center

The Catskill Art Society (CAS) is a nonprofit organization cultivating public interest, participation, and enjoyment of the arts. Through its multi-arts center, CAS explores contemporary art practices and facilitates creative and professional development for established and emerging artists. To learn more, visit [www.catskillartsociety.org](http://www.catskillartsociety.org).

About the Elevator Gallery

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

## Planned Parenthood 'Let's Talk' Program to be held at the Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library

Planned Parenthood's 'Let's Talk' program "highlights the important role parents play as the primary sexuality educators of their own children and emphasizes that honest, open communication in families has significant benefits."

The Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library will host a 'Let's Talk' program on March 24 at 6:30 p.m. Parents and guardians are encouraged to come with their kids. Start the conversation on sexual education in a safe environment, with a representative from Planned Parenthood present to facilitate discussion and answer questions.

This program is free and open to the public. For more information, please contact Joanna at 845-794-4660 ext. 8, or by email at [jgoldfarb@rcls.org](mailto:jgoldfarb@rcls.org). You can also visit the library website, [www.ebcrawfordlibrar.org](http://www.ebcrawfordlibrar.org), or [plannedparenthood.org](http://plannedparenthood.org).

## Get Up And Move! National Walking Day Event April 1st

Lace up your sneakers and come on down to the Ted Stroebele Recreation Center for a Health & Wellness Expo on Wednesday, April 1st. This interactive event will include Walk Live walk aerobic demos, health info by local providers and a light lunch. Sponsored by Any One Can Fitness, the SC Federation for the Homeless and the Village of Monticello, the event is scheduled from 10am-1pm. The center is located at 10 Jefferson St in Monticello.

Jessi-ann Rosenbaum, certified walk leader and owner of Any One Can Fitness says "These days, we're spending more time at work and sitting in front of a screen than ever before. We're becoming less active, which can increase our risk of heart disease, stroke and other diseases." The fun, easy and short Walk Live demos (which can be done standing or sitting) will take place at 11:15 and 12:15. Lunch will be served to participants at the end of each of these sessions. The info tables will be on hand throughout the day.

The event is free, but donations for the Veteran's Food pantry will be gladly accepted at the door. For more information or to register your agency or business for a table, please call jessi-ann at (845) 807-6013.

## ICYMI: VICE Backs Gillibrand's Paid Leave Bill

In an op-ed published on Medium this afternoon, VICE Chief Operating Officer and former White House Deputy Chief of Staff Alyssa Mastromonaco backed Senator Kirsten Gillibrand's paid family and sick leave proposal. VICE, a growing and renowned New York-based media company, is among the leading businesses and organizations that endorse Gillibrand's federal paid leave bill, including Google/YouTube, Morgan Stanley and the Small Business Majority.

Mastromonaco wrote that employees without paid leave are, "Left to choose between raising your kids and being able to afford them. That's a pretty shabby choice to have to make."

Here's more:

"The United States is the only developed country in the world that doesn't guarantee paid family leave for its workers..."

"For our part, Vice offers paid leave for medical disability, for women having children, for new fathers, and for employees caring for an immediate family member who's ill... But it isn't good enough that we're leaving this up to individual companies. Nationally, only 13 percent of American workers have access to paid family leave from their employers. A federal law on the books requires companies with more than 50 employees to offer 12 weeks of unpaid leave for new parents-basically, your boss can't fire you taking off work to be with your newborn, but he doesn't have to pay you a dime while you're gone..."

"Later today, Senator Kirsten Gillibrand will be introducing a bill to fix this problem on the national level. Under the FAMILY Act, as it's called, employees and employers would both make small, regular contributions to a federal trust fund that would, in turn, pay out benefits to workers taking leave. Workers would be able to take advantage of paid leave whether they're male or female, self-employed or employed at a company-and whether they're taking leave to care for themselves, for a family member, or for a new baby."

Gillibrand's Family and Medical Insurance Leave (FAMILY) Act would establish a national, gender-neutral paid leave program to ensure that American workers would no longer have to choose between their paycheck and caring for themselves or their family. It will be introduced later today.

## Governor Cuomo Launches #Broadband4All Campaign Rallying Support for New NY Broadband Program

New Yorkers Encouraged to Visit [ny.gov/BroadbandForAll](http://ny.gov/BroadbandForAll) for Information on Transformative Billion-Dollar Program, Largest State Internet Infrastructure Investment in History

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today launched #Broadband4All, a campaign to rally support for his New NY Broadband Program proposal, which will ensure that every New Yorker has access to high-speed Internet service by the end of 2018. As part of the campaign, the Governor today unveiled a new website, [ny.gov/BroadbandForAll](http://ny.gov/BroadbandForAll), which provides New Yorkers with more information about the issue and encourages them to become involved. Additionally, members of the Governor's administration are continuing to visit communities across the state to present the proposal in regions with some of the greatest broadband needs.

"Having powerful Internet access has become a necessity in today's world, but in communities across the state - both rural and urban - there is a broadband gap that is leaving New Yorkers behind," Governor Cuomo said. "This is a problem that impacts everything from businesses to hospitals and schools, and we

need to make a bold investment to change that and ensure every New Yorker has fast, reliable Internet access. By implementing this proposal we can lay the foundation for a stronger and more competitive New York years into the future, so let's start making broadband for all a reality this year."

"Connecting all New Yorkers to broadband is the single most important step that we can take to ensure New York's future," said Rachel Haot, Deputy Secretary for Technology. "Already, Governor Cuomo has committed more to New York's connectivity infrastructure than any other state in history. The New NY Broadband Program will help us fulfill the greatest infrastructure need of our age, and Governor Cuomo's visionary plan will ensure New York's economic, education, health and safety success for not just years but generations to come"

Broadband refers to wide bandwidth data transmission, and this technology enables the fastest, most reliable Internet access service available today. One of the most transformative innovations of the current era, investing in broadband infrastructure is on par with technological breakthroughs such as running water, electricity and the interstate highway system. Broadband is overwhelmingly important to a myriad of tasks in the 21st century, from banking to schoolwork to telemedicine and business operations - yet too many households and organizations across the state lack sufficient access.

In each of the following counties, more than half of the population did not have access to broadband at 25 Mbps as of July 2014:

- o Capital District: Albany, Columbia, Greene, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady, Warren and Washington Counties

- o Central New York: Cayuga, Cortland, Madison and Oswego Counties

- o Finger Lakes: Genesee, Livingston, Monroe, Ontario, Orleans, Seneca, Wyoming, Wayne and Yates Counties

- o Mid-Hudson: Sullivan and Ulster Counties

- o Mohawk Valley: Fulton, Herkimer, Montgomery, Oneida, Otsego and Schoharie Counties

- o North Country: Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Hamilton, Jefferson, Lewis and St. Lawrence Counties

- o Southern Tier: Chemung, Chenango, Delaware, Schuyler, Steuben, Tioga and Tompkins Counties

- o Western New York: Allegany, Cattaraugus and Chautauqua Counties

A map of New York State demonstrating the vast number of areas without high-speed broadband access can be viewed here. A regional breakdown of current broadband accessibility is also available here.

The Facts:

- o Today, 55,000 businesses and more than 5.4 million New Yorkers - more than 25 percent of the State's population - lack broadband access, defined by the Federal Communications Commission as 25 megabits per second (Mbps).

- o More than 2,000 of New York's public schools report speeds lower than the recommended minimum capacity of 100 Mbps. Nearly 500 public schools have no broadband service at all.

- o Internet usage by consumers and businesses has more than tripled on a per user basis over the past five years, and growth is projected to continue.

- o In fact, in 2018, the average American Internet household will generate 139 percent more Internet traffic per month compared to today.

- o Regardless of industry, broadband is considered responsible for 43 percent of all new jobs created by businesses since 2013.

- o Across the United States, the number of Internet users grew from more than 122 million in 2000 to nearly 280 million in 2014. Viewed as a percentage of the national population, Internet users now account for roughly 84 percent of the American people, compared to just 43 percent in 2000.

o Nationwide, the amount of annual e-commerce sales from web-only merchants ballooned from approximately \$9.72 billion in 2003 to nearly \$106 billion in 2013.

Broadband has changed the world, but today the United States is falling behind on the global stage. Building on Governor Cuomo's unparalleled commitments to date, New York State must make significant investments in its broadband infrastructure in order to be competitive in education, healthcare, the economy, public safety, communications, tourism and overall quality of life in the immediate term and for generations to come.

The Plan: Universal Broadband Access by the End of 2018

To accomplish this, Governor Cuomo will invest \$500 million to jumpstart the New NY Broadband Program utilizing capital funds from bank settlements to incentivize the private sector to expand high-speed broadband access in underserved and unserved areas. Broadband providers and communities will utilize this funding to deliver service in a given area, and must adhere to the following qualifications:

- o Matching private-sector investments. Broadband providers will contribute, on average, at least 50 percent of the capital needed, which will push the size of the program above \$1 billion. The State's investment will serve to stimulate competition in the broadband market where none or little exists; improving affordability and quality of service.

- o Unprecedented broadband speed. Broadband providers must provide Internet access rates of at least 100 Mbps, with funding priority given to those delivering the highest speeds at the lowest cost. In certain limited cases, providers may offer 25 Mbps rates to the exceptionally remote unserved and underserved areas of the state (more than three times the current standard) scalable to 100 Mbps or more - if this provides the best means of achieving universal broadband access to the region.

- o Local input to guide development. Building on the successful Connect NY model, each Regional Economic Development Council (REDC) will submit a comprehensive plan to the State that: 1) identifies unserved and underserved areas; 2) aggregates demand across residential, institutional and business sectors; 3) details the most cost-effective means to provide universal access; and 4) leverages state-owned assets where possible.

## CSEA message to New York state drivers: "Don't Zone Out" This Week is National Work Zone Awareness Safety week

With the roadwork season nearly upon us, scores of CSEA members will be out on roads, bridges and highways repairing the damage inflicted during the brutal winter months. These men and women are at serious risk for injury or death at the hands of drivers who ignore the law and blast through work zones unaware that lives are at stake, including their own.

March 23-27 is National Work Zone Awareness Week. There is no better time to remind motorists about the dangers of distracted driving and driving carefully through work zones.

Distracted driving is a serious problem and for CSEA, it's personal. Too many road workers lose their lives or are injured each year. Since record-keeping began in 1983, nearly 50 CSEA members have lost their lives on the job in highway work zones. These incidents are not only tragic, they are preventable.

"In an instant, distracted driving can kill and change lives forever," said CSEA President Danny Donohue. "Keep in mind that most traffic zone deaths and injuries involve the traveling public; so when you pay atten-

tion, the life you save may be your own." CSEA is promoting its Don't Zone Out message through a variety of traditional and social media channels and is also working with minor league baseball teams in New York to get the word out throughout the season again. CSEA has had great success reaching hundreds of thousands of people with our safety message.

Since CSEA's "Don't Zone Out" campaign began in 2010, many other awareness campaigns across the country have also been established. As a result, distracted driving related deaths and injuries were dramatically decreased. Nationwide, in 2009 distracted driving reportedly killed almost 6,000 people. In 2012 (most recent statistic on record), the number fell to 3,000 deaths, but the message must always be reinforced.

CSEA is also reminding drivers about the state's "move over law." Nearly three years ago, CSEA successfully supported an amendment to the state "move over law" to include road workers. Motorists are required, when possible, to change lanes when they approach an incident where there is a vehicle with flashing red lights (such as police or fire) but also for amber lights (road workers) as well. When it is not possible to move over or there is only one lane, drivers must slow down. The penalty is a moving violation, can carry penalties of 5 points on your license, up to \$400 fine plus court surcharges and a possible jail sentence.

WHAT THE PUBLIC CAN DO:

Move over for amber lights, or police lights; Obey posted speed limits; Put the phone down and drive;

Never send or read text messages while driving; In work zones, focus only on your driving; If someone calls you while you're driving, ignore it; Help spread the word; Join the Don't Zone Out Facebook community and help build awareness: [www.facebook.com/DontZoneOut](http://www.facebook.com/DontZoneOut)

## Cahill Appointed to Joint Budget Subcommittee on Health

(Albany, NY) - Assemblymember Kevin A. Cahill (D-Ulster, Dutchess) was appointed last week by Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie and Ways and Means Chair Herman D. Farrell, Jr. to serve on the Health Joint Budget Subcommittee.

The Joint Budget Conference Subcommittees are intended to provide public transparency of the budgetary process. The bi-partisan panels include representatives from each house who have a wealth of experience in their subcommittee area and are charged with the task of negotiating specific provisions within our state spending plan.

"I am honored to have been selected again to help lead health deliberations this year," said Assemblymember Cahill. "As both Chair of the Assembly Standing Committee on Insurance and longtime member of the Assembly Standing Committee on Health, I am well aware of the importance of this section of the budget and its great impact on the well-being of citizens across the state."

The Health Subcommittee, co-chaired by Assemblymember Richard Gottfried, (D-Chelsea) and Senator Kemp Hannon, (R-Nassau) met for the first time last night. They outlined a plan for negotiations that focuses on the New York State of Health Benefit Exchange, Medicaid redesign efforts, ensuring a smooth transition to managed care, prescriber prevails, prescription drug pricing and reimbursement and the Spinal Cord Injury Research Program. Health continues to account for the single largest part of the state budget, with Medicaid appropriations alone making up approximately 40% of total spending. The panel will be meeting several times over the next two weeks to discuss these and other aspects of the health portion of the state budget.

"I look forward to working with my colleagues in the legislature to foster meaningful debate and craft legislation that will appropriate adequate and fair funding to every facet of the healthcare system in New York State," concluded Cahill.

**Grahamsville Reformed Church Roast Pork Dinner**  
 April 11, 2015 Saturday  
 4 pm to 7 pm  
 Menu: Roast Pork, Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes, Sauerkraut, Green Beans, Salad, Homemade Apple Sauce, Breads, Assorted Desserts, & Drinks  
 Adults: \$12.00, Child 5-10 \$5.00 under 5 free  
**Grahamsville Reformed Church Hall**  
 For more information please call: 845 985 7480  
 We look forward to seeing you! Thank you for your support, God Bless you!

**CLARYVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**  
**ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT**  
 Saturday, March 28  
 At 12:30 P.M.  
 Claryville Fire House  
 1500 Denning Road Claryville, NY 12725  
 Open to Claryville Fire District residents only!  
 Bring Your Own Basket!  
 Ages 0-12 welcomed!  
 Followed by pictures with the Easter Bunny!  
 For more information, e-mail [jmpisan12@gmail.com](mailto:jmpisan12@gmail.com)

**OWN IT! Entrepreneurial Women's Conference**  
 Learn from local experts who will give you actionable advice, information and ideas that you can use to grow your business. The Keynote Speaker: will be Diana Kander, Entrepreneur, Senior Fellow at Kauffman Foundation & author of ALL IN STARTUP - A New York Times and Wall Street Journal Best Seller.  
 The Conference will be held on Thursday June 4, 2015 from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm at SUNY Ulster College Lounge Vanderlyn Hall, 2nd Floor, Stone Ridge, New York 12484 The cost: \$40 Advance Registration; \$60 At the Door Included in the days activities will be workshops, a continental breakfast, lunch & networking. The first 100 Registered Attendees will receive a free copy of ALL IN STARTUP For Questions Contact: Mindy Kole [kolem@sunyulster.edu](mailto:kolem@sunyulster.edu) 845.688.6041

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

**The GFD Ladies Auxillary**  
 Presents:  
**Our Annual Easter Egg Hunt**  
 When: Saturday April, 4, 2015  
 Where: Grahamsville Fairgrounds  
 Time: Egg Hunt Starts promptly at 10:30 am  
 Please join us by bringing your little ones to meet and take a picture with the **Easter Bunny** after hunting for some eggs. We will also be **raffling an Easter Dinner Basket** off with all the fixings for a complete dinner. Tickets are \$1.00 ea. or 6 for \$5.00. Please see any Auxillary member for tickets.  
 This event will be held Rain, Sleet, Snow or shine!!!  
**Hope to see you there!!!**

**Catholic Parish of the Immaculate Conception**  
 6317 RTE 42, Woodbourne NY  
 Rev. John J. Lynch, Ph.D., Pastor 434-7643  
**Easter Week Schedule:**  
 Monday, March 30th – Reconciliation Monday – 3:45 – 5:00 pm & 7:00 -8:00 pm  
 Thursday, April 2nd – Holy Thursday – 8:00 pm  
 Friday, April 3rd – Good Friday services – 3:00 pm Stations of the Cross – 8:00 pm  
 Saturday, April 4th Easter Vigil – 8:00 pm  
 Sunday, April 5th – Easter Sunday – Mass at 9:00 am and 11:30 am

Saturday, April 25th, 2015, from 4-7 p.m.  
**All-U-Can-Eat Pancake Dinner Fundraiser to benefit the Krummack Family**  
 at the Neversink Fire Hall Route 55, Neversink Eat-in or take out!  
 \$10 for Adults (ages 13 and up); \$5 for Children (ages 5-12); Children age 4 and under Free!  
 For information contact Kim at [krock@hvc.r.com](mailto:krock@hvc.r.com) or 914-799-0042. To donate food or other supplies for the pancake dinner, contact Tawny at 985-7553. To donate to the Bake Sale, call Keri at 985-7369

  
**ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL MISSION**  
 The Little Church with the Big Heart  
 March 29, 8 am Palm Sunday Service of Holy Communion, The Rev. Canon David L. Carlson, preacher & celebrant  
 April 5, 8 am Easter Sunday Service of Holy Communion, The Rev. Canon David L. Carlson, preacher & celebrant  
 Music by Fred VanWagner  
 5277 State Rt. 42 South Fallsburg All are welcome!  
 845-436-7539  
[www.standrewsepiscopalmission.org](http://www.standrewsepiscopalmission.org)

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 Claryville Road  
 Claryville, NY 12725  
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 Worship Services @ 10:00 am  
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 John Bult, Organist

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 Tuesday Night Youth Home  
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 P. O. Box 480  
 507 Hasbrouck Drive  
 Woodbourne, NY 12788  
 845-434-8263  
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**CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**  
 (Embraces Fallsburg, Neversink, Sundown and Ulster Heights)  
 6317 Rte. 42, Woodbourne, NY  
**Weekend Mass schedule:**  
 Saturday afternoon: 5:00.  
 Sunday morning: 9:00 am and 11:30 am  
**Holy days of obligation:** as announced in church bulletin.  
**Daily Mass schedule:**  
 Monday afternoon 5:45 (Holy Rosary at 5:30); Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday mornings: (includes Morning Prayer)- 8:30 am (starting Sept. 3 – 8:50 am).  
 Saturday afternoon confessions: 4 to 4:45.  
 Rev. John J. Lynch, Ph.D., Pastor. 434-7643.

  
**COVERED DISH SUPPER**  
**SUNDOWN METHODIST CHURCH**  
 Church Hall  
 March 7, 2014  
 5:30 p.m.

  
**Grahamsville United Methodist Church**  
**Third Saturday Thrift Sale & Boutique**  
 9 am - 1 pm  
 Mar. 21, 2015

**Sundown United Methodist Church**  
 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](mailto:Sundownumc@gmail.com)  
**Grahamsville United Methodist Church**  
 Rte. 55, Grahamsville  
 Sunday Worship Service - 10:30 a.m.  
 Sunday School for grades k-7 - 10:30a.m.  
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 Holy Days 5:30 pm  
 Penance 9:00 am, 2nd Sunday of the month  
 Rev. George W. Hommel, Pastor

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

**PUBLIC NOTICES/LEGALS:****NOTICE**

The Town of Neversink will be accepting applications for Lifeguard positions at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds Pool for the 2015 season.

Application forms are available at the Town Hall, Grahamsville, NY Monday thru Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. Applicants must include copies of all current certifications, length of time available to work and any needed time off when submitting their applications. (Photocopies of certifications can be made at the Town Hall when the application is brought in.)

**PLEASE NOTE: THE CUT-OFF DATE FOR RECEIVING APPLICATIONS WILL BE 4:30 PM ON FRIDAY, MAY 1, 2015.**

Pool Director for the season will be Janet Carey. For further information please call Town Hall at 985-2262, ext. 305 or Mrs. Carey at 985-7391. You can also e-mail Mrs. Carey at [jcarey1789@aol.com](mailto:jcarey1789@aol.com).

Town of Neversink Summer Swim Program Director, Janet Carey is also requesting applicants for WSI Instructors. Please contact Mrs. Carey at 985-7391 or e-mail her at: [jcarey1789@aol.com](mailto:jcarey1789@aol.com) for details.

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The Catskill Watershed Corporation is soliciting bids for portable toilets for boat launch sites on the Cannonsville, Neversink, Pepacton, and Schoharie Reservoirs. Bids must be received at CWC by 4 PM, April 10, 2015. For bid documents please contact Barbara Puglisi or Frieda Suess at 845-586-1400. EOE 3/12; 4/2

## 85 Business Leaders Statewide Recognize Economic Benefit of Raising Minimum Wage to \$10.50 Statewide and \$11.50 in New York City

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced that business leaders across Upstate New York have joined the "Fight for Fair Pay" campaign to raise the minimum wage in New York this year. These 44 business leaders join 41 from Downstate representing broad private sector support - including some of New York's most prominent business leaders and an array of small businesses - for the Governor's proposal, which increases the minimum wage from the current \$8.75 to proposed \$10.50 statewide and \$11.50 in New York City.

"As our economy comes back with new jobs and growth, we must do everything we can to ensure all New Yorkers are part of our new economic momentum," Governor Cuomo said.

## SUNY Sullivan's Healthy World Institute

### A brand that integrates health and entrepreneurship

Mission: Located on SUNY Sullivan property as the gateway building near the main entrance to campus, the Healthy World



Institute aims to improve people's health, the health of the food shed, the health of the land, and the health of the local and regional economy.

The Healthy World Institute is the engine behind a re-branding effort for SUNY Sullivan - one that will not only transform people's lives through education, but also increase enrollments to healthy levels that will support a healthy budget.

The Healthy World Studies Institute will include:

- o Health Sciences Programs: The Nursing, Respiratory Therapy, and Medical Assisting programs will relocate here and will be housed alongside the new Ultrasound Technology program
- o Nourishment Arts & Science program, a new program that examines the food shed, healthy agriculture practice, nutrition science, and culinary arts training that caters to resorts, health care organizations, and schools
- o 2nd Year Culinary program with restaurant and a Community Learning kitchen
- o Green Building Management program
- o Applied entrepreneurship studies classroom ("open" offices, business style conference rooms)
- o Applied Research Labs: Water, Food Systems, Agriculture, Data sensor technology and analytics
- o University partners: classrooms and offices
- o Learning community classroom (seating for 80 with seminar breakout rooms)
- o Large lobby area with student friendly seating

Please contact your local Sullivan County Legislator to show your support for SUNY Sullivan's Healthy World Institute

"Raising the minimum wage statewide will give our lowest wage workers a much needed boost, while injecting billions of dollars into local economies across Upstate New York. I thank these business leaders for recognizing that our proposal to raise the minimum wage will be good for workers and good for business, and look forward to working together to see this increase passed this year."

In total, 1.3 million New Yorkers will experience higher wages as a result of the minimum wage increase, which translates into a \$3.4 billion direct economic value statewide - meaning that more New Yorkers will have more money to spend on goods and services in their community. During the last six increases in New York State's minimum wage, employment subsequently increased in industries with many minimum wage workers.

### Two WJFF Kingfisher Public Meetings

JEFFERSONVILLE, NY - The Kingfisher Project at WJFF Radio Catskill will host a double community forum, "Heroin in Our Towns Part 2," in two locations on Saturday, March 28.

The morning session takes place from 10 a.m. to noon at the Tusten Town Hall, Narrowsburg. The afternoon session is set for 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the town of Callicoon Town Hall, Jeffersonville.

Each meeting will include speakers and provide a community forum for discussing the heroin epidemic in Sullivan County, northeast Pennsylvania and the surrounding areas. The meeting is open to the public and will also include an open discussion about future Kingfisher Project broadcasts on community radio station WJFF. The forum is open to all.

These meetings follow The Kingfisher Project's first "Heroin in Our Towns" meeting on January 31, and the group's first major public event since winning the \$5,000

Nonprofit Leadership Summit Innovation Award on March 4.

The Kingfisher Project is a public affairs radio series that addresses the devastation caused by heroin and other drug abuse in Sullivan and Wayne counties. The project is based at WJFF-90.5 fm, Jeffersonville, NY, as part of the public affairs broadcast magazine, Making Waves.

The Kingfisher Project was established in memory of Rebecca Pisall, a young woman who died last year due to her addiction to heroin. The project takes its name from a high school essay Rebecca wrote after rescuing an injured bird, a Kingfisher, when no one else would. To find out more, contact [kingfisher@wjffradio.org](mailto:kingfisher@wjffradio.org) or visit [thekingfisherproject.com](http://thekingfisherproject.com) on the web or on Facebook.

WJFF, Radio Catskill, is a hydro-powered volunteer-driven public radio station based in Jeffersonville, NY and with a satellite studio in Honesdale, PA. Its contingent of more than 100 volunteers provide listeners with a mix of both locally and nationally produced programming on the air at 90.5 FM and streamed live and archived at [www.wjffradio.org](http://www.wjffradio.org)

### Senator John Bonacic Invites Nominations for New York State Senate Veteran's Hall of Fame

(Albany, NY) - Senator John J. Bonacic (R/C/I-Mt. Hope) invites nominations from the 42nd Senate District for induction into the New York State Senate Veteran's Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame represents extraordinary New Yorkers whose heroism in the United States Armed Forces is complimented by their service to the people in their community.

The New York State Senate Veteran's Hall of Fame was created to pay tribute and celebrate exceptional veterans from the Empire State who have distinguished themselves, both in the military and civilian life.

"This program provides an opportunity to acknowledge and honor the

efforts of men and women who demonstrated tremendous courage during their time in the military," said Senator Bonacic. "The Veteran's Hall of Fame recognizes their sacrifice and commitment to help secure the freedoms we enjoy today."

The selected veteran from the 42nd District will participate in a ceremony followed by a luncheon on Tuesday May 19th in Albany. The photograph and biography of each honoree across the state will become part of a special online exhibit which tells the stories of the many contributions veterans make during and after their time in military service.

Veterans residing in the 42nd State Senate District are eligible to be nominated. The 42nd Senate District includes the following communities: all of Sullivan County; the following Towns in Delaware County: Masonville, Tompkins, Walton, Hamden, Delhi, and Colchester; the following Towns in Orange County: Deerpark, Goshen, Greenville, Hamptonburgh, Minisink, Mount Hope, Tuxedo, Walkkill, Warwick, Wawayanda; Cities of Middletown and Port Jervis; and Ulster County: the Towns of Denning, Gardiner, New Paltz, Rosendale, Shawangunk, and Wawarsing.

If you would like to nominate a veteran, please send an email to Senator Bonacic's office at [towns@nysenate.gov](mailto:towns@nysenate.gov) explaining the reason your nominee should be inducted into the New York State Veteran's Hall of Fame. Nominations must include a brief biography of approximately 250 words along with the veteran's rank and file at the time of discharge or end of military service. Please remember to include the town or city of residence and phone number of the nominee. Those making nominations should also include their own name and contact information. Nominations must be received no later than April 17, 2015.

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

**Westside Story Westchester Broadway Dinner Theatre** Thursday, April 30. Leave 9:45 am to Elmsford, NY, returns approx 5:30 pm. \$40 Neversink Residents and TV School Students/\$70 non-residents must be paid by Tuesday, January 27; includes the show, lunch, dessert and transportation.

**Liberty Science Center** Saturday, May 30. Leave 8 am to Liberty Science Center in New Jersey, return approximately 5:30 pm. Please bring money to eat with and to make purchases. Includes exhibits and IMAX movie admission. SIGN-UP: \$20 Neversink Residents and Tri Valley School Students/\$28 non-residents must be paid by Tuesday, February 10.

**Camp Fire Fun** Friday, June 19, at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds at 5:30 pm SIGN-UP: \$4 Neversink Residents and Tri Valley School Students/\$13 non-residents must be paid by Tuesday, May 5.

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

**3rd Annual Community Yard Sale, Craft & Vendor Fair** Saturday, July 11, at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds from 10 am to 3 pm SIGN-UP: \$15 per space must be paid by Tuesday, June 9.

**Family Fun NIGHT** Friday, July 17, at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds at 5:30 pm for a hot dog dinner, and fun! \$7 Neversink Residents/Tri Valley School Students/\$12 non-residents must be paid by Tuesday, June 9.

- 3/29/15 **Neversink/Grahamsville Pancake Breakfast** 7am-Noon Neversink Fire House
- 3/31/15 **Town of Neversink Parks & Rec** 7 pm - Parks & Rec Office at Town Hall
- 4/1/15 **Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting** - 7 pm
- 4/2/15 **Claryville Fire District Meeting** 6:30PM
- 4/3/15 **Town of Neversink Holiday - GOOD FRIDAY**
- 4/4/15 **Covered Dish Supper** - Sundown Methodist Church - 5:30 pm
- 4/7/15 **Grahamsville UMC Thrift Sale & Boutique** (9:00 am-1 pm) & **Luncheon**(11 am - 1:00 pm)
- 4/7/15 **Town of Denning Town Board Meeting** - 7 pm Sundown Church Hall
- 4/8/15 **Town of Neversink Town Board Meeting** - 7 :30 pm
- 4/9/15 **Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting** 6 pm
- 4/11/15 **Grahamsville Reformed Church Roast Pork Dinner** 4 - 7 pm
- 4/14/15 **Town of Denning Town Board Business Meeting** -7 pm Denning Town Hall
- 4/15/15 **Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Association Meeting**
- 4/16/15 **Town of Neversink Motor Vehicle** 10 am - 2:30 pm
- 4/18/15 **Third Saturday Thrif Sale & Boutique** Grahamsville UMC- 9 am-1 pm
- 4/20/15 **Grahamsville Fire District Meeting** 7 pm
- 4/21/15 **Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting** - 7:30 pm
- 4/23/15 **Neversink Fire District Commissioners Meeting** 7 pm -Public Meeting 7:30 pm

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**TOWN OF OLIVE MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

Unless otherwise noted, all **Town Board meetings** are held at the Town Meeting Hall, Bostock Road, Shokan at **7:00 pm.** Town Board Meetings are the **second Tuesday of each month** with the **audit/workshop meetings** being held the **Monday preceding the second Tuesday.**

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



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

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

If you have any questions, please call the library at 985-7233.  
 The Library Board of Trustees meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month. On occasion, a meeting date is changed. Please call ahead to confirm.

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

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

**Caregiver Resource Center to host class: How to Provide -How to Provide Effective Communication When Someone is Ill With Alzheimer's Disease**

Individuals living with dementia often experience changes in behavior that can be confusing to friends and family. For caregivers, learning to decode messages through attitude, tone of voice, facial expressions and body language can help both parties to connect and communicate in meaningful ways.

This class on effective communication strategies, provided by the Alzheimer's Association® will explore how communication takes place when someone has Alzheimer's disease. It will be offered on Thursday, April 9 from 2-3pm at Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County. Donna Davies, LCSW and Care Consultant will share her expertise and experience during this presentation.

- By the end of the program, attendees will be able to:
- Explain the communication changes that take place throughout the course of the disease.
  - Decode the verbal and behavioral messages delivered by someone with dementia and respond in ways that are helpful to the person.
  - Identify strategies to connect and communicate at each stage of the disease.

How to Provide Effective Communication When Someone is Ill With Alzheimer's Disease includes video interviews with professionals who explain critical aspects of communication throughout the Alzheimer's journey, and caregivers who share tips that have worked for their families.

This program, held at Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County (64 Ferndale-Loomis Road, Liberty) is free, supported through the NYS Office for the Aging Caregiver Program. Free healthy refreshments will be served.

**21st Annual  
 Old Time Fiddler's Gathering  
 Sunday, April 19, 2015  
 2:00-6:00 pm  
 Neversink Fire Hall  
 Route 55, Neversink NY**

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**Families are invited to Frost Valley YMCA for Healthy Kids Day**

Families are invited to Frost Valley YMCA on Sunday, April 26 from 1-4 p.m. for Healthy Kids Day, a free, annual community event aimed at inspiring kids and families to develop healthier lifestyles.

Healthy Kids Day is the Y's national initiative to improve family health and well-being through games, healthy eating, arts and crafts, and more. Kids and parents can enjoy the fun, educational activities that Frost Valley offers year-round, such as a climbing tower, hiking, games, demonstrations, and other hands-on programs. The goal is to educate and motivate families to develop their own active, healthy routines at home.

Research shows that without access to out-of-school physical and learning activities, kids fall behind academically. Kids also gain weight twice as fast during summer than the school year. This is why Healthy Kids Day is celebrated at more than 1,300 YMCAs across the country. Although the event is free, reservations are highly recommended, and can be made at 845-985-2291 or FrostValley.org/Contact-Us.

In celebration of YMCA's Healthy Kids Day, the Y offers the following tips to help families develop healthy habits:  
 High Five the Fruits and Veggies: Make sure kids get at least five servings a day, the minimum number nutritionists recommend to maintain healthy childhood development.

Foster an Early and Ongoing Passion for Books: Read to and with your kids. Help children read at every age and every stage of their development.

Team Up for Athletic Events: Set a family goal of great health by teaming up for community or charity events like races, walks, fun runs, bike rides, etc.

Volunteer Together: Find a cause that matters to the kids. Open their eyes to a world beyond themselves and the rich rewards that come from making a difference.

Lead By Example: Be a good role model. Seeing how hard their parents work, and how rewarding that experience can be could influence kids.



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Salary Range: \$95,000 - \$115,000  
Position Available: July 1, 2015  
**Application Deadline: April 10, 2015**  
Contact Information: Thomas W. Palmer, Superintendent, Tri-Valley Central School District, 34 Moore Hill Road, Grahamsville, New York 12740. [tompalmer@trivalleycsd.org](mailto:tompalmer@trivalleycsd.org) thru/4/9

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1. Which actor played Ted Spindler?
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**GRAHAMSVILLE**

Anyone who likes to get a bargain can find all kinds of things at the Grahamsville United Methodist Thrift Sales! The first **Thrift Sale and Luncheon** of the season with the new **Boutique** will be on **Tuesday, April 7th!**

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

Mark your calendars for April 11th. The Grahamsville Reformed Church will hold a **Roast Pork Dinner** from 4 - 7 pm

**NEVERSINK**

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

On Saturday, April 25th, 2015, from 4-7 p.m., there will be an **All-U-Can-Eat Pancake Dinner Fundraiser** to benefit the **Krummack Family** at the Neversink Fire House. Eat-in or take out! \$10 for Adults (ages 13 and up); \$5 for Children (ages 5-12); and Children age 4 and under Free! In addition to a tasty Pancake dinner, there will also be a Tricky Tray, 50/50 Raffle and Bake Sale!

The **21st Annual Old Time Fiddler's Gathering** will be held on Sunday, April 19, 2015 2:00-6:00 pm at the Neversink Fire Hall on Route 55, Neversink NY

**CLARYVILLE**

Watch for the **Easter Bunny!** He will be stopping by the Claryville Firehouse on Saturday, March 28 at 12:30 pm. There will also be an Easter Egg Hunt for Claryville Fire District residents.

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