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## Nevele Announces \$100 Million "Plan B"

- \$25 million world-class athletic facility to establish Ulster County as a premier sports destination

Wawarsing/Ellenville, NY (February 25, 2015) - Following the state's decision to award only one gaming license to the Catskills, residents of Ulster County and the owners of the Nevele have been collaborating on a new plan for the dormant facility.

"While we are disappointed that the Nevele was not recommended for a casino license, we are still committed to redeveloping the property, creating economic opportunity for area residents and returning the Catskills Region to its former glory," said Michael Treanor, CEO of Nevele Investors, LLC.

The new \$100 million plan, significantly scaled back from the vision for a full-blown casino resort, involves the development of a world-class destination sports facility. The plan includes 750 video lottery terminals (VLTs) and calls for four, full-sized baseball fields and eight regulation fields for soccer, field hockey and lacrosse - making the Nevele the premier destination sports facility in the New York metropolitan area.

Programmed by the leading developer of destination sports facilities, Sports Facility Advisors, the state-of-the-art "Sportsplex" will include synthetic turf fields, indoor aquatics center and a full array of technology to attract talented amateur athletes from the metropolitan area and beyond to upstate New York.

"Having devoted much time and effort to preparing the Nevele for redevelopment, completing the SEQRA process, and most importantly having rallied the entire region in an unprecedented manner around the Nevele as the catalyst for revitalizing southern Ulster County, letting those efforts go to waste is not considered an option for Ellenville," said Mr. Treanor. "Our 'Plan B' for the Nevele will complement the planned Sullivan County casino project at Montreign and bring real economic opportunity to southern Ulster County." (Contd. Pg. 4)



## Congressman Gibson Honored by Mental Health Advocates



Congressman Chris Gibson (NY-19) was honored for his support of mental health programs by the National Association of County Behavioral Health & Developmental Disability Directors. He is seen here on Capitol Hill February 24 with Allegany County Director of Community Services Robert Anderson. Congressman Gibson and his

wife Mary Jo, a Licensed Clinical Social Worker, are longtime advocates for expanding access to suicide prevention and mental health services. The Clay Hunt Suicide Prevention for American Veterans Act, a bill co-authored by Congressman Gibson, was signed into law last week.

## TVCS Cheerleaders to go Back to Competition

Submitted by April Trojahn



It's 4:45 on a week day. You can hear the latest hits blaring from a radio somewhere. Track the sound down and pop your head into the gym and you will find 14 girls either throwing a basket toss, tumbling or dancing.

Now rewind back 10 weeks and you would see a bunch of girls learning the basics or just starting to stunt. The dedication and hard work that has led to these young women being able to perform complicated moves like basket tosses and twist ups has been truly admirable. (Contd. Pg. 3)

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## Nonprofit Leadership Summit Hosts the Finalists for Annual Innovation Award



Left to right: Linda C. Hartley of Hartley Consulting Inc. and Co-Chair of the Nonprofit Leadership Summit; Irene Jones of Marshall & Sterling Insurance and Vice Chair of the Summit Awards Committee; Nonprofit Innovation Award Finalists: Jason Dole for WJFF; Erin Burch for Catskill Mountainkeeper; Caren Fairweather for Maternal Infant Services Network-NY

At a luncheon on February 20, 2015 held at Monticello's Blue Horizon Diner, the Steering Committee of the Fifth Annual Nonprofit Leadership Summit welcomed the three finalists for the prestigious Annual Innovation Award: The Kingfisher Project, Sullivan County Breastfeeding Coalition, and EatHealthy Sullivan County Farmers' Market.

The three organizations will present their innovative programs to all participants in the Summit on March 4, 2015 at the Bethel Woods Center of the Arts for judging by a distinguished panel of authorities in the field of nonprofits. One of the groups will earn a \$5000 grand prize and the other two \$500 awards for their efforts to embody the theme of the conference, "Working Together for Healthier Communities and Improved Quality of Life." (Contd. Pg. 7)



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**ON THE FRONT BURNER:** Happy is the man that feareth alway: but he that hardeneth his heart shall fall into mischief. Proverbs 28:14

**OBITUARY**

**James Ivan Marion**, 67, of Grahamsville, NY passed away Sunday, February 22, 2015 in the comfort of his home with his family. James was born in Cortland, NY on December 5, 1947 to Ivan and Eleanor Marion.

James is survived by his wife of 47 years, Cheryl Portzline Marion; his daughters: Christina Marion (Agustin Martinez) of Hilton Head SC, and Renee Viningre and husband Lejon Viningre of Napanoch, NY; and his grandson and buddy, Nathaniel Viningre whose life he most enjoyed being apart of. James is also survived by his father, Ivan Marion of Bradenton, FL and his sister, Connie Rejman of Venice Center, NY. He was predeceased by his mother, Eleanor Marion. He will be missed and has been a special part in the lives of many nieces, nephews, aunts, and in-laws.

James was a graduate of Cornell University and received his Masters in Environmental Education at SUNY Plattsburgh. He worked for the Sullivan County Cooperative Extension as a 4-H agent, and the Frost Valley YMCA as the Director of Environmental Education. James worked for the New York State Department of Corrections as the Natural Resource Director where he designed and established composting and recycling programs as well as managing the farms for all New York State Correctional Facilities.

He was an outgoing and personable friend to many. James took pride in his achievements and participation in various organizations. He served on the Sullivan County Cornell Cooperative Extension Board, Tri-Valley Central School Board, NYS Outdoor Education Association, and the John Burroughs Woodchuck Lodge Historical Site. In 1994 James was named the National Recycler of the Year. He will be remembered for his wealth of knowledge, admiration of nature, and his friendly personality as well as being a great dancer.

Celebration of his life will be private. Donations may be made to the Islesford Congregational Church, PO Box 111, Islesford, ME 04646 or the charity of one's choice.

"If I were to name the three most precious resources of life, I should say books, friends, and nature...."

- John Burroughs

Arrangements were under the direction of Colonial-Bryant Funeral Home and Cremation Service, for further information please call 845-434-7363 or visit [www.colonialbryantfuneralhome.com](http://www.colonialbryantfuneralhome.com)

**Barbara Jane Conner-Stuart**, 58, of Grahamsville passed away peacefully on February 26, 2015 at home. She was predeceased by her parents, Raymond and Lorraine Conner of Napanoch.

Barbara grew up in Napanoch under the loving roof of her parents and five siblings. Barbara is survived by C.C. Conner and her companion, Ed of Napanoch, Toni Karlovic and her husband, Bob of Mesquite, NV, Raymond Conner and wife, Colleen of Lake Isabella, CA, Merrill Conner and wife, Gwen of Napanoch and Debbie Silva of Sanford, FL.

After living much of her life in Napanoch, Barbara moved to Grahamsville in 2004 to live with the love of her life, Tim Kortright. They created a loving home together in which their cat 'Lil Miss' and beagle 'Taz Ray of Fiddler's Bow' will forever flourish with her love. While in Grahamsville, Barbara created a circle of friends who stayed with her throughout the years. Danita soon became one of Barbara's best friends and stuck by her over the years. She was always there to provide support or a helping hand whichever was needed. Danita provided a great support system for Barbara and was there up to and throughout her final days.

Also surviving are her two loving children, Jeremy Stuart and wife, Jera of Philadelphia, MS and Lottie Urrato and husband, Steven of Albany, NY. She will be thier angel guiding them through the journey of life. She is also survived by several nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews who she will continue to watch over as she rests eternally with those who have gone before her.

Funeral services were held Monday, March 2nd at Loucks Funeral Home, Ellenville, the Rev. Paul Ruter officiating. There will be a burial following in spring.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks for donations to Hospice or Orange and Sullivan Counties, Inc., 800 Stony Brook Ct., Newburgh, NY 12550.

**THANK YOU**

Thank you to all who offered sympathy, food, a hug, help or a kind word in our sorrow.

It has helped to ease the pain of losing our loved one.

The Gene Fuller Family

**College News / Graduation**

**Christopher Whipple to Graduate West Point Military Academy**

Michael and Tialisa Whipple are proud to announce the graduation of their cadet Christopher Whipple May 23rd 2015 From the West Point Military Academy where he majored in Human Geography. Christopher will be entering the military intelligence branch of the US Army stationed at Fort Campbell Kentucky. He was a proud member of the USMA Debate team and spent his summer interning in South Korea. An alumnus of Tri-Valley class of 2011 he was an officer in the Grahamsville chapter FFA and an active member of The Church of the Immaculate Conception in Woodbourne, NY.



**Local Sudents at St. Rose Named to Dean's List**

The College of Saint Rose in Albany, New York, today announced that 814 students have been named to the Dean's List for the fall 2014 semester. Students from this area who are on the Dean's List for fall 2014 are: Ryan Taylor of Loch Sheldrake, NY; Forrest Kirsch of Liberty, NY; Taylor Stoddard of Liberty, NY; Kevin Graham of Liberty, NY; and Leeana Santillo of Liberty, NY

**DAYS OF YORE...**

**Today's History**

**March 9, 1955** - Mr. Amos Currey passed away at Middletown on Monday morning. He was born in 1865, the son of John W. and Martha Currey on Thunder Hill in Grahamsville. Surviving are his brother, Riley Currey of Unionville and four grandchildren.

Miss Rosemarie Singer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Singer of Sundown, a junior at the State University Teachers College at Cortland, has been named to the Dean's List for the fall semester.

Frank Hamilton, formerly of Grahamsville, who has been a purchasing agent at Lake Mohonk since 1942, has leased the building formerly occupied by Pine's Gift Shop in New Paltz and will open a furniture and gift shop sometime in April.

**March 3, 1965** - The Sundown Post Office has been moved as of last Friday. Mrs. Calvin Parrow is now the agent in charge. The new hours are 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday and is located at the rear of the Parrow home.

Miss Annabella Varga has accepted a position as vocal and instrumental instructor in the Newburgh School System where she began her duties on February 1st. Annabella is the granddaughter of Mrs. Anna Varga of Big Hollow Rd., Grahamsville. She is a Tri Valley Central School graduate and attended Hartwick College.

**March 19, 1975** - Walter E. Ross, 58, of Denman Mt. Road, Grahamsville, died last Monday at Venice Hospital, Florida after a short illness. He was born in Chicago on Sept. 11, 1915 to Walter M. and Mae R. Curran Ross. He married Marion E. Blake.

He was a school administrator for seven years for the Delaware Valley Central School System in Callicoon and of the Tri-Valley Central School System in Grahamsville for sixteen years. He is survived by his wife of Grahamsville; three sons: Craig E., Dale W., and Terence; a brother, Leslie of Potomac, Md. and five grandchildren.

**March 7, 1985** - Katie Gallagher, a Tri-Valley Central School senior, the daughter of John and Jo Ann Gallagher, is being considered for both a National Merit Scholarship and a Presidential Scholarship. Katie will also be Valedictorian of her class.

John E. Sheeley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Sheeley of Grahamsville, has been assigned to the Albany office of Assemblyman Richard Coombe as a 1985 session intern. John attends Cornell University, Ithaca where he is an agricultural economic/business management major prusuing a bachelor of arts degree.

**A Round About Tri-Valley**

-Carol Furman

Condolences to the Marion and Viningre Families on the passing of James Marion. Jim died on February 22nd at the age of 67. Jim was an outgoing and highly respected member of the Tri-Valley Community.

Sorry, also, to hear about the untimely death of Tom Warren. Tom was a licensed funeral director and owner of Ramsay's Funeral Home in Liberty.

I see that Lt. Luis Alvarez, from the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office, has retired. Lt. Alvarez was the long-time, well-liked DARE Officer at Tri-Valley School for many years.

Jeanette Erath of Grahamsville is now residing at the Sullivan County Adult Care Center in Liberty. Wayne and Alice Elberth of Neversink go over to play dominoes with her each week.

Glad to see that Dave Forshay from the Town of Neversink is a member of the Sullivan Charter Review Commission. It's nice to have local representation.

The Sullivan County Soil and Water Conservation District will be having a tree and shrub sale again this spring. They offer trees and shrubs which can be planted for Christmas tree production, timber, windbreaks, hedges and bank stabilization. Call 292-6552 to request a brochure or go online at [sullivanswed.org](http://sullivanswed.org). Order deadline is April 6th. (Note: One generation plants the trees, and another gets the shade.)

Congratulations to the Tri-Valley Boys' and Girls' varsity basketball teams. They have had a very successful season this year.

Continued prayers and good wishes for Kelly Bonnell Krzyzak.

When you look out your window you would hardly think so, but it is now time to start planning for community beautification projects. All are invited to the Event Gallery at Bethel Woods on March 7th from 8:30 - 2:30 to learn about things that can be done to help beautify your community. The event is sponsored by Sullivan Renaissance.

The Bear Cub basketball season is over and, as soon as the weather permits, Little League baseball and softball will be underway. I'm sure the kids are eager to play outside again!

**Words of Wisdom:** People can be placed into three classes: The few who make things happen; the many who watch things happen; and the overwhelming majority who have no idea what has happened.

**Thanksgiving in Winter Dinner and Food & Coat Drive**

Eureka Market & Cafe will hold their Second Annual Wintertime Thanksgiving Dinner on Friday & Saturday March 6 & 7. The menu will include: Local Roasted Turkey; Mashed Potatoes; Gravy Carrot & Sweet Potato Purée; Roasted Broccoli w/Pine Nuts & Parmesan; Cranberry Sauce; and Apple Crisp

They will be collecting new and gently used winter wear and canned goods for the Grahamsville United Methodist Church's Thrift Shop & Food Pantry through March. Reservations greatly appreciated. Call 845.985.5152 for reservations and more information.

**"Tri-Valley Students and Teachers Get Ready for All-County Music Festival"**

This year the Tri-Valley Music Department will have 64 students participating in the annual All-County Music Festival on March 6 and 7, 2015. The festival site rotates among three schools in Sullivan County: Liberty, Monticello, and Tri-Valley. This year's festival will be held at Monticello High School.

There are seven performing ensembles featured in two concerts on Saturday, March 7. The first concert, starting at 2:30, features the Middle School Band (grades 5-7), Elementary Chorus (grades 4-5), and String Orchestra. The evening concert begins at 5:00 and features the High School Jazz Band (grades 9-12), High School Women's Chorus (grades 9-12), High School Mixed Chorus (grades 9-12), and the Junior High School Concert Band (grades 7-9).

Students are selected based on teacher recommendation, previous year's NYSSMA solo evaluation, and in-school auditions.

Tri-Valley Teachers' Association (TVTA) member Regina Hartman has 11 students participating in the Elementary Chorus. Kevin Giroux, TVTA member, has 10 students in the Elementary Chorus, three students in the High School Women's Chorus, and 14 students in the High School Mixed Chorus. TVTA member Matthew Weyant has four students in the Middle School Band with another chosen as an alternate, one student in the High School Jazz Band, and 14 students in the Junior High Concert Band. TVTA member John Calabrese has five students in the Middle School Concert Band with two other students as alternates. These teachers have been hard at work preparing their students with extra lessons and after school rehearsals prior to the March 6

evening rehearsal, when students from all over the county will meet to rehearse together for the first time in preparation for the concerts on Saturday, March 7.

Please come out and attend this wonderful event- you'll surely hear something very special

**Tour Master Gardener Volunteer Private Gardens on June 20**

SULLIVAN COUNTY - The Seventh Annual SullivanArc Garden Tour will feature an exclusive look at the private gardens of Master Gardener Volunteers from Cornell Cooperative Extension of Sullivan County on Saturday, June 20.

The tour is hosted by SullivanArc and Sullivan Renaissance with support from Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) Sullivan County - to benefit SullivanArc.

Approximately seven beautiful gardens will be open for visits on Saturday, June 20. Cost is \$40 per person for the guided bus tour, which includes travel on a Rolling V coach bus, tip, guide, door prizes and snacks. Self-guided tour tickets and maps will also be available for those who want to drive their own vehicles for \$25 per person. Following the tour is a complimentary wine and cheese reception for all ticket holders and garden owners.

Tickets go on sale March 2 online from SullivanArc at <http://www.sullivanarc.org> - click on "Buy Tickets" or by calling SullivanArc at 845-796-1350 ext. 1050. For information about how to advertise in the map journal, call the same number.

Last year's tour featured gardens in and around the Hamlet of Narrowsburg and was cosponsored by the Narrowsburg Chamber of Commerce, with lunch at the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance. The 2013 tour presented gardens in and around the Village of Bloomingburg and was cosponsored by the Wurtsboro Board of Trade. Previous tours have featured gardens around the Hamlet of Roscoe, along the Route 17 corridor and in western Sullivan County.

SullivanArc is a not-for-profit agency dedicated to providing support and services to over 1100 people with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities and to their families. Sullivan Renaissance is a beautification and community development program principally funded by the Gerry Foundation. Sullivan County Master Gardeners are a corps of volunteers trained by Cornell Cooperative Extension in the science and art of gardening.

**TVCS Cheerleaders to go Back to Competition** (From Pg. 1)

With strong leadership and creativity from Captains, both Seniors, Dorothy Monforte and Cheyenne LaPolt we have handled staying focused and united during long practices that have been 6 days a week for the majority of the winter.

Others demonstrated versatility like Juniors Michelle Bilancione who normally a very strong base would fill in as a flyer from time to time and Courtney Goldsmith who stayed on point in her dance routines and became a flyer capable of being in a basket toss despite starting the year without strong confidence in the area. Freshmen Mercedes Hayden summarizes our progress. She flew for the first time this year and has turned out to be one of the most graceful on our team.

With confidence from watching Sophomore Key'Aleace Sherwood and Cheyenne perform basket tosses that were so crisp and so high it brought tears to my eyes. Coach Kim Edwards and I decided it was time for the girls to go back to competition. March 7th at Kingston High School marks the end of a four year drought for the Tri-Valley girls cheerleading program. And thanks to these young women buying into the philosophy, "Again because I don't believe in luck," the Tri-Valley cheerleaders are prepared to open eyes and leave another audience cheering.

**Mush On!**

Livingston Manor, NY On Saturday, February 28th at 6:30 pm, the public was invited to a screening of *Iditarod Race* at Morgan Outdoors, located at 46 Main Street, Livingston Manor.

The short film is a great behind-the-scenes look at Alaska's 1,000-mile Dog Sled Race that begins March 7th, 2015 in Anchorage AK.

Attendees experienced the beauty of Alaska and the determination of the dog teams as they make their way across Alaska to Nome on the 40th running of the race in 2012.

Guests voted for their favorite musher and are eligible to win a prize. Whoever picked the 'musher' who will finish first in this year's race in March will be the winner!

The event was co-sponsored by the Livingston Manor Library and Morgan Outdoors.

For more information call 845-439-5507

**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.*

**Sugaring Season and a Sweet Spring**

The clocks will spring forward this weekend, a sure sign on the calendar that spring is just around the corner, but with the persistent frigid temperatures there seemed to be few signs of spring. One familiar sign that we all look for in the Catskills are the sap buckets



on maple trees. According to a news report, this past weekend, the brutal February weather delayed the start of the maple sugaring season this year, because it takes above freezing days and below freezing nights to start the sap running. The ideal is roughly a high of 43 and low of 27 -- and that often happens by late February. It didn't

this year.

Temperatures did not rise above 32, day or night, since the end of January, but looking ahead now at the forecast, it looks like this March will be the prime month for tapping sugar maple trees this year.

During cooler periods when temperatures fall below freezing, a suction called negative pressure develops, drawing water into the tree through the roots. A rise in temperature of the sapwood from below freezing at night to above 32 degrees Fahrenheit during the day causes a positive pressure within the wood. This pressure produces the sap flow.

The sap flows through a portion of the outer tree trunk called sapwood. Sapwood consists of actively growing cells that conduct water and nutrients (sap) from the roots to the branches of the tree. During the day, activity in the cells of sapwood produces carbon dioxide. This carbon dioxide is released to the intercellular spaces in the sapwood. In addition, carbon dioxide in sap is released into the spaces between the cells. Both of these sources of carbon dioxide cause pressure to build up in the cells. A third source of pressure is called osmotic pressure, which is caused by the presence of sugar and other substances dissolved in the sap.

At night or during other times when temperatures go below freezing, the carbon dioxide cools and therefore contracts. Some of the carbon dioxide also becomes dissolved in the cooled sap. Finally, some of the sap freezes. All of these factors create suction in the tree. This causes water from the soil to be drawn up into the roots and travel up through the sapwood. When temperatures rise above freezing the sap flow begins again.

Thus, the cycle of warm and cool periods is essential for sap flow. Temperatures too warm or too cool during the "sap season" will reduce the amount of sap flow resulting in lower maple syrup production.

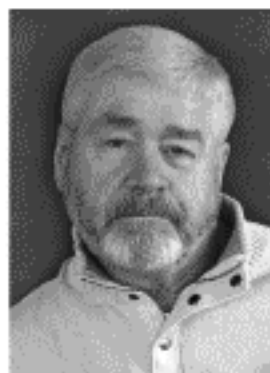
The maple industry also had challenges last year with similar long, cold months of February and March, which produced several periods of time where no production took place, however, New York State retained its position as the second highest producer of maple syrup in the country in 2014, producing 546,000 gallons of maple syrup with 2.2 million taps, according to the USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service. 2014 was the third best year for maple production in the past 20 years! Good sap years also depend on the growing season of the previous summer to store as much carbohydrates as possible in the form of starch. The stored starch reserves convert to sucrose and are dissolved in the sap as spring approaches. The amount of sugar (sucrose) in the springtime sap depends on many factors including tree genetics, leaf mass, site conditions, amount of sun the previous growing season and overall tree health.

So if you are feeling like winter is 'hanging' on a bit too long, remember the stoic maple tree is patiently waiting, too! In the meantime, enjoy some comforting warm pancakes with some of last year's syrup, and keep in mind that it takes approximately 40 gallons of sap to produce just one delicious gallon of fresh maple syrup!

**Household Hints**

**Keep the Paint on Your Cement Floors**

Painted cement floors have a tendency to peel after a while. But you can keep the paint stuck to the cement longer by giving the floor an initial coat of white vinegar before you paint it. Wait until the vinegar has dried, then begin painting. This same technique will also help keep paint affixed to galvanized metal.



## Night Heron

### Mysterious Book Report No. 184

by John Dwaine McKenna



The next war between the superpowers will most likely take place in cyberspace, because that's where all the world's command and control systems are located . . . and it's highly probable that in the twenty-first century . . . the coming cyberwar will be fought by multinational corporations rather than governments. Why? The answer is simple—because that's where the money is. The best and brightest, the programmers, computer engineers and as the smartest hackers will all gravitate to private industry rather than government service with the CIA, NSA or DIA just because they'll be able to get rich. Would you rather be a GS9, 10 or 11 making an estimated eighty to one-hundred thousand per year, or get a quarter-million stock options from a new start-up such as Google, which is now trading on world stock markets at around eight hundred dollars each? Yeah. Me neither. At some point—the tipping point—governments the world over will come up looser in the brain race competition.

An exciting, timely and on-point new thriller entitled *Night Heron*, (Little Brown and Co., \$26.00, 387 pages, ISBN 978-0-7515-5248-5) by a first-time author named Adam Brookes is the best spy yarn I've read since *The Hunt for Red October*, which vaulted onto the world stage more than thirty years ago. *Night Heron* takes place in China. It begins with a prison break when a man known as Peanut, who's been held for twenty years in a labor camp, escapes and flees across the deserts of Northwest China and makes his way to Beijing, hoping to escape the country. More than two decades earlier, Peanut had spied for the British government, and now wants to reestablish his clandestine relationship, seeing it as his only opportunity to escape the country. But during the twenty years he's been away . . . everything has changed, unbeknownst to him. He contacts MI6, the British Secret Service, via journalist Philip Mangin, offering to sell China state secrets in exchange for a new life "someplace warm." What none of them realize however, is that the information Peanut has to trade is far more valuable than they know, and to more agencies than just the British. Under relentless, ever more intense scrutiny, with each hour being closer to apprehension by Chinese State Security, Peanut's life expectancy is measured in minutes as the tension and suspense cranks up with every page. This novel is so intense you won't be able to put it down. And don't worry . . . it's all set up for a sequel. The author has years of experience in Asia reporting for the BBC as a foreign correspondent and gives a unique, insightful and compelling look into present day China. *Night Heron* could be the start of a franchise character a la Jason Bourne, so here's your chance to get in early. I think Adam Brookes has a lot more to write about . . . and I can't wait to read it! Five stars.

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## Nevele Announces \$100 Million "Plan B" - \$25 million world-class athletic facility to establish Ulster County as a premier sports destination

(From Pg. 1) The Nevele has made a request to the Governor's office for support for legislative approval to operate 750 video lottery terminals (VLTs) at the Nevele. The added amenity would give the project the necessary boost to make it financially viable and permit full operation of the property year-round.

The project will be built on the Nevele resort property and the neighboring site of the former Horses in the Sun (HITS) venue in Wawarsing, which the development team acquired control of last year. The plan, while new to the public, has been in development for a year as a possible complement or alternative to a full casino and will focus on servicing the sports facilities in-season and on convention and group business when the sports facility is not in full operation.

Concurrent with the development of the sports facility, much of the existing Nevele resort buildings will be demolished and a new main building will be constructed to connect the redeveloped Tower and Empire buildings. Golf, skiing, skating and all other recreational facilities at the resort will be upgraded and reopened, and a new indoor aquatics center would be built.

"Sports tourism is a \$10 billion business in the U.S. alone," continued Treanor. "The New York metropolitan area has a dearth of high-quality destination athletic facilities. It's common for families in the area to travel as far as Virginia, South Carolina, Florida and California for destination sporting events. This creates an important opportunity for Ulster County to capitalize on its historic strength - tourism

## Ellenville Chamber Players "A Mixed Bag"

Ellenville Chamber Players will perform "A Mixed Bag" Chamber Music for Flute and Strings on Thursday, March 5, 2015 at 7:30 pm featuring Marcia Gates, flute; Bruce Jackson, bass; Susan Seligman, cello; Anastasia Solberg, viola; and Marka Young, violin.

*Kaddish for Mingus*, by Eric Goldberg, will be performed. Also on the program are delightful works by Dohnanyi, Mozart and Weiner

"A Mixed Bag" will be presented by The Music Institute of Sullivan and Ulster Counties (MISU) at: St. John's Episcopal Church, 40 Market Street, Ellenville, NY 12428 Call 845-647-5087 or 845-399-1293 for more information

## John Wayne in THE QUIET MAN Kicks off 2015 Shadowland Film Series

### John Ford's masterpiece THE QUIET MAN starring John Wayne and Maureen O'Hara opens 2015 "Matinee at The Shadowland" series on Saturday, March 14th.

ELLENVILLE, NY, February 23, 2015 - The Shadowland Theatre in Ellenville celebrates St. Patrick's Day weekend with a screening of John Ford's masterpiece *THE QUIET MAN*. The 1952 comedy stars John Wayne, Maureen O'Hara and Victor McLaglen and serves as the opening of the theatre's 2015 Matinee at the Shadowland classic film series.

Photographed in Technicolor entirely on location in Ireland, *THE QUIET MAN* is a lyrical love story with a wonderful collection of characters played by Ford stalwarts such as Ward Bond, Mildred Natwick, Sean McClory, Francis Ford and Oscar-winning character actor Barry Fitzgerald. The brilliant musical score is by Victor Young.

Based on the 1933 Saturday Evening Post story by Maurice Walsh, *THE QUIET MAN* was written by Frank S. Nugent and tells the tale of an American boxer who returns to his birthplace in Ireland. There he meets and falls in love with Mary Kate Danaher. Unfortunately, standing in the way of their future is her elder brother, who refuses to bless their marriage and provide the customary dowry. The climax of the film is one of the great donnybrooks of screen history.

The March 14th 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 Tex Avery cartoon classic - *SYMPHONY IN SLANG*; a 1952 review of the year's events; and a Three Stooges comedy short *SCOTCHED IN SCOTLAND*.

"Matinee at the Shadowland", according to Brendan Burke, artistic director of the theater, "gives audiences young and old a chance to experience what going to the movies during the golden age of cinema was all about." The series will continue on Saturday, March 28th with *THE PEARL OF DEATH* starring Basil Rathbone as Sherlock Holmes and Nigel Bruce as Doctor Watson. Holmes and Watson match wits with a master criminal and cross the path of his brutal executioner. On Saturday, April 11th, Shadowland will present 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 Mephistopholes.

The "Matinee at The Shadowland" series is sponsored by local Ellenville-Wawarsing busi-

nesses 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.

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 or to reserve seats, call 845-647-5511.


### About Shadowland Theatre

Shadowland Theatre is the leading professional nonprofit Actors' Equity company in the Lower Hudson Valley/Catskill Mountain region. Located only 90 miles from New York City in Ellenville, NY, Founded in 1984, Shadowland performs in a newly-restored 1920's Art Deco vaudeville/movie house converted to a 179-seat theatre. For more information, visit <http://www.shadowlandtheatre.org>.

## 5th Annual Rock Hill St. Patrick's Day Parade

Join the Rock Hill Business and Community Association and the Rock Hill Fire Department for the 5th Annual Rock Hill St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 14th at 1PM. The day's activities kick off at 11:30AM with a special kids section, located at the Rock Hill Farmers' Market lot (223 Rock Hill Drive), which will include face painting, crafts and activities for kids. This year's parade will feature bagpipers, the Orange County AOH Division 1 Pipe and Drum Band, the Walker Valley Marching Band, local fire departments, community floats, antique cars, horses, veterans and more!

For more information on marching or to become a Rock Hill Business and Community Association member visit our facebook page at [www.facebook.com/rhbca12775](http://www.facebook.com/rhbca12775) or contact Gary Budnik at [rhbca12775@gmail.com](mailto:rhbca12775@gmail.com)



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## The Olive Jar - By Carol LaMonda

### Medical Marvels

Many of us are here enjoying life thanks to modern medicine. Lately, as my aging friends and neighbors gather, our conversation often gravitates to aches, pains, and ailments which leads to discussions of life-improving, if not saving, procedures which were not readily available to our parents' generation.

A friend just recently received a new heart. As he lay for more than a month in a hospital waiting for his replacement heart, he asked a surgeon, "What if I didn't have good medical insurance?" The reply was, "You'd have to come up with about a quarter of a million or more in cash, or you would die."

Many of my contemporaries have had new hips and knees. A friend's sister just got a kidney transplant. Some of us have Titanium parts, screws and plates and wire, holding bones together. Friends have pumps and drains like a dishwasher. Others go to chiropractors to get our skeleton system realigned just as we would our cars after a winter's worth of pot holes. Dental work goes beyond filling cavities with amalgam: teeth are now screwed into jaws, glued onto plates, or bonded with acrylic.

We have become bionic humans with technological and industrial parts integrated with our flesh and bones. Three-D printing will allow medical engineers to grow replacement parts. Unlike starfish, who can regenerate limbs, we will need to have these parts grafted onto us.

Chemical engineering has also entered the field of medicine with "cures" that lower our blood pressure and cholesterol and supplements that raise our energy level, make our hair shine and moderate our mood swings. Our teeth are whitened; our gray hairs are darkened, and our dark age spots lightened.

Who out there is real? We have all become medical marvels. Pretty soon we will need to take out extended warranties in addition to our medical insurance policies.

### March Newsletter Olive Free Library

Saturday, March 21 is the first annual Olive Free Library Book Fair! We have lots of books, and are welcoming more donations during the first two weeks of March. The fair will feature a delicious lunch, raffle baskets, children's book author/illustrator Iza Trapani, and lots of free and fun activities for all ages. Please come and celebrate the beginning of spring with us!

The Piano Plus! concert series will launch its second season with a concert on Saturday, March 14 at 4 p.m. Come out and hear world-class playing right here in the Catskills!

Our spring gardening lecture series culminates with three lectures in March. Thursday, March 5 at 6:30 p.m. Francis Groeters of Catskill Native Nursery will tell us about using native flowers in our landscaping. Many of these beautiful spring flowers are becoming endangered and can use our help.

The new singing circle began last month and has been wonderful to listen to from the library circulation desk! Singing with others has many benefits for your health and well-being, so don't be shy, come out and sing!

We got new library cards in that include a key fob to keep your barcode handy on your key chain. We will offer free replacement cards at our spring fair on March 21st so come get an upgrade!

We are seeking volunteers to help with our spring book fair. Please contact the library if you are available.

See you at the library! --Katie  
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**Wednesdays, March 4, 11, 18 & 25 6-7 p.m. Intro to Computer Programming with Python.** Python is a free open source programming language that is very easy to learn and yet powerful enough to be used by many companies, including Google, to create cutting-edge apps. Students must have a laptop with Python 3.3 or later installed (3.4.2 is the latest version). Python is available for pretty much any operating system and can be downloaded here: <https://www.python.org/downloads/>

Prior programming experience is not necessary, but students must be familiar with their computer and be able to do tasks such as typing, navigating between different windows, and saving files. Students should also be familiar with simple arithmetic and have basic reading skills. Each class will build upon the skills from the previous class.

Instructor: Morgan Pileggi Pre-registration is required for this free class. Call the Library at 845-657-2482 or email: [programs@olivefreelibrary.org](mailto:programs@olivefreelibrary.org)

**Thursday, March 5, 6:30 p.m. Spring Wildflowers!** - Despite what it might look like outside your windows, spring ephemerals are getting ready to emerge. Join us for an exploration of our most beautiful early bloomers. Many of these plants are disappearing in the wild due to deer and habitat loss. However, you can help increase populations of these plants by growing them in your gardens. This talk will focus on some of the best natives to grow for early color and wildlife value. Francis Groeters, PhD is the founder and owner of Catskill Native Nursery specializing in native plants for this region.

**Thursday, March 5, 6:00 p.m. Rainbow Loom Group** - We have a Rainbow Loom group on the first Thursday of each month. The group learns to make one new thing each month. If you need to borrow a loom please contact the library.

**Saturday, March 7, 2 p.m. Healthy Soil-Healthy Plants Master Gardener Lecture** We have a Rainbow Loom group on the first Thursday of each month. The group learns to make one new thing each month. If you need to borrow a loom please contact the library.

**Saturday, March 7, 2 p.m. Healthy Soil-Healthy Plants Master Gardener Lecture** In this lecture, master gardener Barbara Bravo will share the secrets of creating healthy soil for your garden. The talk will include invaluable handouts to get you ready for a productive gardening season.

**Tuesday, March 10, 10:00-3:00 Community Sewing Project** Bring your sewing machine and an offering for the potluck lunch and work with others to create quilts for children in need. Please contact the library to find out additional tools to bring such as rotary cutter and mat.

**March 12 Birdman: Or (The Unexpected Virtue of Ignorance)** (Rated R) Winner of 4 Academy Awards including Best Picture! A washed-up actor, who once played an iconic superhero, battles his ego and attempts to recover his family, his career and himself in the days leading up to the opening of his Broadway play.

**March 19 (movies begin at 6:30 p.m.) March 19 The Theory of Everything** (PG-13) Actor Eddie Redmayne won the Oscar for Best Actor for his portrayal of physicist Stephen Hawking in this beautiful biopic/romance.

**Saturday, March 14, 4:00 p.m. Piano Plus!** Concert Series Bard Conservatory Piano Fellows The fabulous Bard Conservatory Piano Fellows will perform the first concert of this year's series along with a surprise "Plus!" guest. Eri Nakamura; Balint Zsoldos; and Julia Hsu

**Monday, March 16, 6:30 p.m. Beekeeping Group** Gather with other beekeepers to discuss problems and solutions! Each month a topic is presented and explored in detail.

**Lego Club Wednesday, March 18 6:00-8 p.m.** (grades 1-7) Each month kids take up a new creative challenge with Lego. The library supplies the Lego, no experience necessary.

**Saturday, March 14, 10-4 Spring Book Fair!** The spring book fair is fun for everyone! All day mega book sale!

- 10 a.m. American Girl Doll Tea Party! Dress your doll and yourself for a lovely tea gathering and craft activity. (Please preregister for this activity so we can prepare for you.)

- 11 a.m. Author/Illustrator Iza Trapani will read and sing from her latest book Little Miss Muffet and show us some work in progress.

- 12 p.m. Catskill Ukulele Group Sing-along!
- 1 p.m. The Singing Circle! (Gather around the piano, all ages welcome!)

- 2 p.m. Master Gardener Lecture: Succession Planting

- 3:00 p.m. Craft Hour/Gaming Hour (Please preregister.)

Raffle baskets! Silent auction! Hot lunch! Bake sale! Tons and tons of books at great prices! All activities and admission are FREE! (early-bird shopping from 9-11 a.m. is \$5)

**Book Club Saturday, March 21, 4:00 p.m. The Signature of All Things** By Elizabeth Gilbert "The Signature of All Things," about a botanist whose hunger for explanations carries her through the better part of Darwin's century. Alma Whittaker is a big-boned girl with an unruly cockade of red hair, energy to burn and the good luck to have been born in 1800 to the wealthiest man in Philadelphia." (NY Times Review) Come discuss this with other book lovers!

**Friday, March 27, 4 p.m. Nature Club In The Nature Club** kids go outdoors and observe nature, sometimes with journals, sometimes art and other projects and games.

**Saturday, March 28, 2:00 p.m. Color for Residential Interiors** For most people, choosing paint colors can be overwhelming. Not only is it

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**Saturday, March 28, 7 p.m. Family Movie Night Song of the Sea (PG)** Based on an Irish legend. It is nominated for the Academy Award for Best Animated Picture. "Saoirse is a child who is the last of the selkies, women in Irish and Scottish legends who transform from seals into people. She escapes from her grandmother's home to journey to the sea ..." Appropriate for kids ages 7 and up and great entertainment for the whole family (98% Fresh on Rotten Tomatoes).

**Free Tax Preparation Help Mondays 1-4 p.m.** Until April 6 AARP is once again organizing a cadre of dedicated volunteers to come in and help you file your taxes online. Appointments are necessary. Please call 845-255-0791, Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m., to schedule an appointment.

**Singing Circle! New Weekly Group! Wednesdays 1:30-2:30 p.m.** In the Singing Circle, everyone can sing! Open to all ages and free. Participants can request a song or bring a song, and be willing to join in with others. Reading music is not necessary. Musician Julia Haines has led Singing Circles at Cancer Support Community and in educational settings in Philadelphia. She recently relocated back to Olive. Please call the library to sign up or email [programs@olivefreelibrary.org](mailto:programs@olivefreelibrary.org)

**Ukulele Circle Wednesdays 6:00-8:00 p.m.** Pull up a ukulele and learn a song! This is a friendly group who welcomes all comers. If you do not have a ukulele but would like to participate, you can check one out from the library. This group stays connected to other players through Meetup.com under the name Catskill Ukulele Group

**Tuesdays 10 a.m. Preschool Story Hour** Come join the fun! Each week we do a craft activity, read some books, do yoga, sing, make music together, and everyone plays an instrument in a parade through the library. All are welcome!

**Mountain Dulcimer Jamming** Are you a mountain dulcimer player? We have a patron who is interested in gathering with others to play songs of the mountains at the library. If you are interested, please email [director@olivefreelibrary.org](mailto:director@olivefreelibrary.org)

**Library Beehive Project** Local Boy Scout, Blake Overton, is building an observation beehive for the library where people will be able to learn about bees by observing them up close. The hive is entirely safe and may inspire others to keep bees.

Library Hours Monday 10-8; Tuesday 10-5; Wednesday 12-8; Thursday 2-8; Friday 1-5; and Saturday 10-4

Weekly Groups at OFL  
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... in Greek means "Toward the Sun," was written by Carol Olsen LaMonda. Carol writes the column "The Olive Jar" for *Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman*. This local author has been busy guesting at book clubs who have chosen this local memoir as their book choice. As summer approaches, the story of a carefree vacation in the Catskills should be added to your summer "must-read" list. The memoir is available at Amazon or Barnes and Noble on-line as a soft or hard cover or as a downloadable e-book for Nook or Kindle. Go to [amazon.com](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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**Nonprofit Leadership Summit Hosts the Finalists for Annual Innovation Award**  
(From Pg. 1)

WJFF's program director Jason Dole was at the luncheon on behalf of the *Kingfisher Project*. The Project is a community information and radio project based at WJFF-Radio Catskill. Its main focus is the new face of drug abuse in our communities, the challenge to public health this poses, and ways the community can effectively battle this scourge. Through scheduled radio broadcasts and forums and with a concerted effort of trained volunteers, the goal of the program is to facilitate a community conversation and to stimulate awareness, dialogue, planning, and - most importantly - action about this vital health issue that impacts so many of us.

The Sullivan County Breastfeeding Coalition (SCBC) was established in January 2014 as an innovative collaborative effort focused on improving population health by increasing breastfeeding initiation and duration rates. It was spearheaded by Maternal Infant Services Network (MISN) and the Women Infant and Children (WIC) Program of Sullivan County Public Health Services (SCPHS), two organizations with strong commitments to population based Maternal-Child Health. MISN and WIC invited their respective community partners from public health programs to breastfeeding mothers to establish a strong coalition dedicated to promote and support breastfeeding as a key strategy to improve population based health outcomes at their organizations, at health care facilities, in the community and at work places. Representing the SCBC at the luncheon was Caren Fairweather from MISN-NY.

On hand to share about Eat Healthy Sullivan County Farmers' Market was Erin Burch, program coordinator for Catskill Mountainkeeper. In an

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effort to increase access to healthy, local foods for underserved populations, Catskill Mountainkeeper, along with partners at Sullivan County Public Health Services - WIC, Sullivan County Rural Health Network, and Cornell Cooperative Extension, established the Eat Healthy Sullivan County Farmers' Market across from the Government Center in Monticello, NY. This organization is a Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (FMNP) and Women, Infants, and Children - Vegetable and Fruit (WIC-VF) approved market, which means that all of the farmers and producers at the market are eligible to accept vouchers - both (WIC-VF) and WIC/Senior FMNP vouchers- from recipients. The market coincides with the day and times when FMNP and WIC-VF vouchers are issued, and picked up by recipients in the Government Center just across the street.

The three award finalists will present to three judges and an audience of healthcare providers, hospitals, as well as the region's diverse businesses and nonprofit organizations attending at the Fifth Annual Nonprofit Leadership Summit, hosted once again by Bethel Woods Center for the Arts on March 4, 2015 from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. The Innovation

Award first, second and third place winners will be announced at the Summit at 3:00 PM. Space is limited. Registration takes place online at [www.leadershipsullivan.org](http://www.leadershipsullivan.org).

The Nonprofit Leadership Summit 2015 is supported by: Sullivan County Legislature (Leading Partner); Catskill Regional Medical Center & Orange Regional Medical Center; Marshall & Sterling Nonprofit Insurance Program; New York Council on Nonprofits (Community Partners); Bold Gold Media Group; Community Foundation of Orange and Sullivan; Monticello Motor Club; Orange County Trust Company and Hudson Valley Investment Advisors Inc.; Sullivan Renaissance (Staunch Allies).

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The dinner will be held from 4:30 to 7:00 P.M. at the Grahamsville Firehouse.

Eat in or take out, regular or gluten-free options available. Each meal includes pasta with sauce, bread, salad, and dessert. Beverages are also available for eat in meals.

Tickets are available for purchase until March 9th, or at the door. Adults are \$8.00. Children under 12, seniors, and students are \$5.00. Proceeds benefit the Backpack Program.

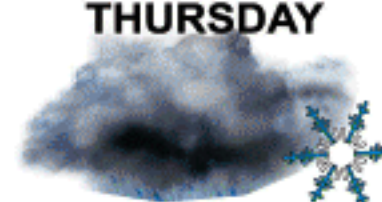
There will also be a collection of non-perishable food supplies for the Backpack Program, and the following items will be gratefully accepted: cereal, oatmeal, mac & cheese, Chef Boy R Dee Spaghetti O's, peanut butter, jelly, soup, Ramen, pudding, canned fruit, tuna, granola bars, crackers with cheese/peanut butter, pancake mix and syrup.

To purchase tickets or make a donation, see a Puppy Pals member or email us at [4hpuppypal@gmail.com](mailto:4hpuppypal@gmail.com). We hope to see you there!

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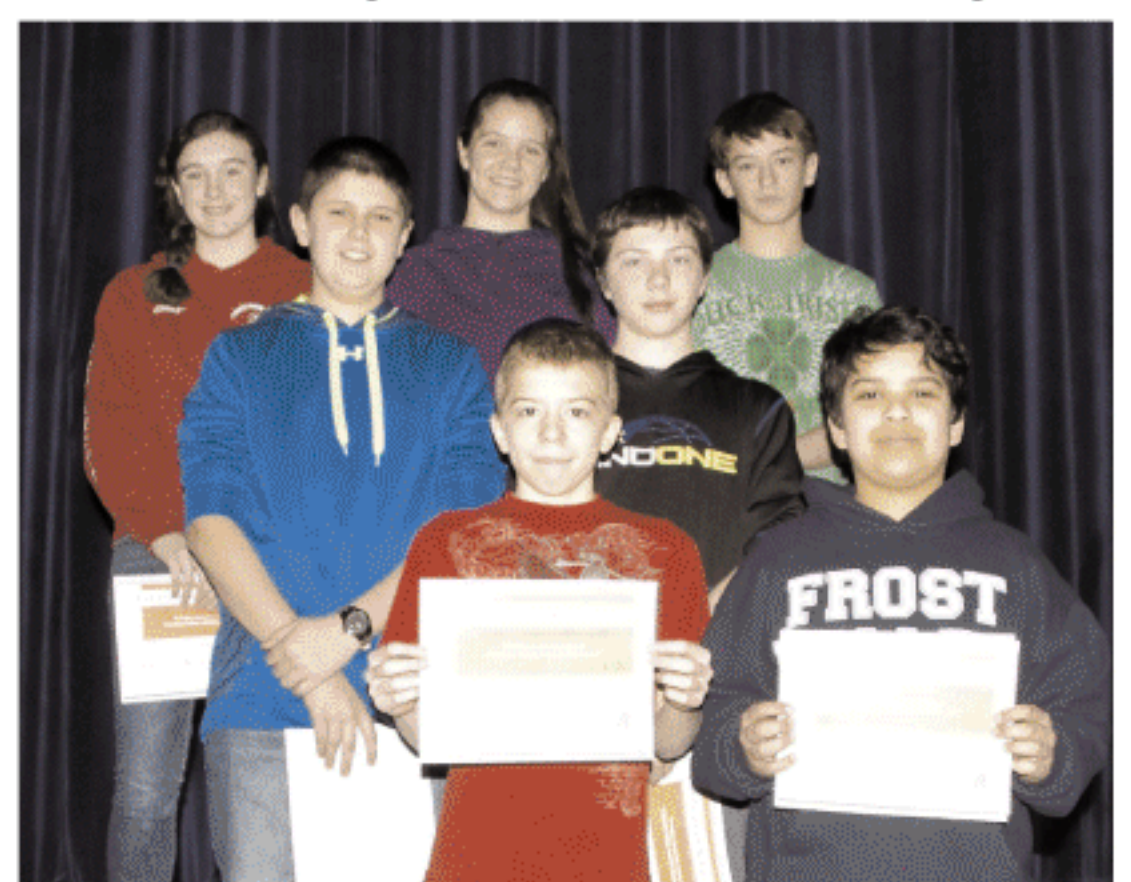
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## “Special Congratulations to Tri-Valley Students”



(Top to bottom, left to right): Top: Heather Winter, Anthony Hopkins, Victor Kessler, Gio Espada; Middle Sam Houghtaling, Victoria Swett, Ashlin Wood, Austin Delaney; Bottom: Amaya Rupprecht, Juliette Eddings, Rebecca Coombe, Reanna McGregor

On Thursday, February 19, a special ceremony was held at Tri-Valley Central School for 7th and 8th grade students. The assembly, put on by the 7th and 8th grade teachers, recognized students for achieving Perfect Attendance, Honor Roll, High Honor



left to right): Top: Emily Carey, Jillian Mungeer, Brandon Mayr; Middle: Aidan Mentnech, Preston Peckham; Bottom: Gary Reynolds, Gabe Bragg



Daniel Rush

Roll, and Principal's Honor Roll.

Special awards were also given to students who the 7th and 8th grade teachers selected as going above and beyond expectations inside and outside of the classroom.

In the 8th grade, Aidan Mentnech and Jillian Mungeer won awards for Academic Excellence, Emily Carey and Gary Reynolds won awards for Excellent Work Ethic, Gabe Bragg and Brandon Mayr won awards for Leadership, and Preston Peckham won the award for Most Improved.

In the 7th grade, Rebecca Coombe, Austin Delaney, Juliette Eddings, Sam Houghtaling, Reanna McGregor, Amaya Rupprecht, Victoria Swett, Ashlin Wood, and Heather Winters won awards for Academic Excellence, Daniel Rush won the award for Excellent Work Ethic, and Gio Espada, Anthony Hopkins, and Victor Kessler won awards for Most Improved.

Congratulations to all of the students who were recognized. We are very, very proud of all of their accomplishments!





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booklet with both old and new time-tested recipes. Please register by Friday, March 20th for this free program.

Located at 332 Main Street in Grahamsville (St. Rt. 55), the Time and the Valleys Museum is open Memorial Day to Labor Day, Thursday to Sunday, Noon to 4 p.m. and from September to November on Saturday and Sunday, noon to 4 p.m.. With three floors of exhibitions, the Museum also has a Local History Resource Center (open Thursday and Sunday, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.) and a Museum Shop with local history and environmental publications, handcrafted artwork and gifts by local craftspeople, old fashioned toys and other unique items. Admission to the Museum is by suggested donation: \$5 adults, \$2 children, children under 6 are free. For more information call 845 985-7700 or go to the website: timeandthevalleymuseum.org.



**Current Exhibitions:**

- o Tunnels, Toil & Trouble: New York City's Quest for Water and the Rondout-Neversink Story
- o The Impact of Water on the Life and Growth of the Valleys
- o Celebrating Catskill Waters: Past and Present

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

**Planned Exhibitions at Time and the Valleys Museum:**

**Repairing the Delaware Aqueduct**  
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out about your ancestors? Come join the discussion with the museum's genealogy researchers on such topics as searching church and cemetery records, dating photos and postcards, using local and state government records, and finding reliable websites. Special guests from the DAR and local historical societies will be present. Genealogists working on their family trees are invited to display their material and share their passion. Call to reserve a space.

**Water Recreation in Sullivan County**

Sunday, May 17 2 p.m. FREE  
A talk by Sullivan County Historian John Conway and his wife, Debra Conway on our new exhibition Celebrating Catskill Waters: Past and Present. Refreshments and Museum admission are included.

**Sullivan County Tourism & the O&W Railroad**

Sunday, June 28 2 p.m. FREE  
The O&W Historical Society will present a program on the O&W Railroad and its effect on tourism in Sullivan County, focusing on hotels and boarding houses. Refreshments and Museum admission are included.

**Old Time Fair & Chicken BBQ**



Saturday, July 25 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
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**Neversink History Afternoon**

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Go to [workadaywriter.com/buffalo](http://workadaywriter.com/buffalo) Verbs don't like to be alone. They like to mix it up with other verbs. State-of-being verbs get together with action verbs to make verb phrases. A phrase is two or more verbs serving as a singular part of speech. A verb is a part of speech.

In the following sentence, "The dog is chasing the cat," the verb phrase is "is chasing."

Here are some sentences that contain verb phrases. What are the verb phrases in these sentences?

1. Bill is leaving.
2. Bob was flying.
3. Mary and Jane are hunting.
4. I am writing.
5. They were sleeping.

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-three-verb-phrases](http://workadaywriter.com/lesson-three-verb-phrases) and scroll to the bottom of the content.

Last week's answers are was, is, are, have, knows, feels, looks

**Master Bamboo Flautist Steve Gorn Presents Indian and World Music at SUNY Ulster through Larry Berk Arts & Cultural Programs**

Grammy winner Steve Gorn, master of the Indian bansuri flute, will present a series of workshops and concerts focused on Indian and World Music as part of his spring residency at SUNY Ulster through the Larry Berk Arts & Cultural Programs.

Gorn of Accord has performed Indian Classical Music and new American Music on the bansuri bamboo flute in concerts and festivals throughout the world. During the past decade, he has performed in numerous venues in India as well as the United States.

Said Gorn of the upcoming presentations: "My goal is to stop time and bring people to that sacred space where heart and mind meet...that's my music."

Free and open to the public, events will be held in the College Lounge and include:

*The Universe Hangs on Sound Workshop*, March 18, 1 p.m.

Focusing on India, Gorn will explore the relationship of music to the contemplative arts, the roots in spirituality and the metaphysics of Nada Yoga - the yoga of sound. Through 'call and response,' he will offer an exercise in Indian raga singing.

*Luminous Ragas: Indian Classical Music Concert*, March 26, 7:30 p.m.

Gorn will be joined by Samir Chatterjee on tabla to perform ragas from the Hindustani classical music tradition, as well as folk melodies from North India. This music is passed through generations, from master to disciple, as a living oral tradition.

*World Music Concert*, April 9, 7:30 p.m.

Gorn and Adam Rudolph, world percussionist extraordinaire, will come together to create a rich mix of luscious melodies from India, with infectious rhythms from Morocco and beyond.

*Music in the World Workshop*, April 15, 1 p.m.

Drawing on years of travel, world music performance, as well as recordings and videos, Gorn will illuminate the ways in which music connects mind and body, the individual and society, and humanity to nature.

Gorn's residency is part of the Larry Berk Arts & Cultural Programs at SUNY Ulster. The late Berk, Dean of Library and Information Services, initiated cultural events that have brought renowned writers, artists, and musicians to the College and the community. For information on the events, contact: (845) 687-5262.

**'MUNICIPAL PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM'- Liberty Awarded \$5000 to Help Maintain Public Spaces**

[LIBERTY] - The Town of Liberty has been awarded a \$5000 Sullivan County Renaissance Community Development Grant in a pilot "Municipal Partnership Program." The program is designed to assist in regular and ongoing maintenance of past Sullivan Renaissance projects in downtown Liberty.

With matching funding from the Town of Liberty and under the administration of the Town of Liberty Parks and Recreation department, this program will support volunteer efforts to care for the many beautiful community projects previously funded through Sullivan Renaissance. The cooperative effort will insure that these well used and much appreciated mini parks and other public spaces continue to enhance the appearance of the Village of Liberty, add to its vitality and be enjoyed by local residents and visitors.

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designed to engage local government in taking a more active role in maintenance of public spaces in their towns while lightening the workload for community volunteers," said Sullivan Renaissance Community Planner Helen Budrock. "Depending on how things go in Liberty, we hope to replicate this program in other municipalities in the future."

"Liberty's volunteers have done a great job in creating the many Renaissance beautification projects, but with the continued growth of these spaces over the last few years we felt the volunteers could use some help with maintenance. When Renaissance proposed this idea I shared it with the town board, and Parks and Rec director and all agreed to give it a go," said Liberty Supervisor Charlie Barbuti.

Sullivan Renaissance is a beautification and community development program principally funded by the Gerry Foundation. For details about Sullivan Renaissance programs and grants, call 845-295-2445.

**SULLIVAN RENAISSANCE ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

This year's Sullivan Renaissance Annual Conference will bring together, for the first time, a panel of six key organizations in Sullivan County to discuss their current and future plans. The conference will be held on Saturday, March 7 at Bethel Woods Center for the Arts. All are invited and admission is free. The facility is ADA compliant and there will be simultaneous translation in Spanish. Go to <http://www.sullivanrenaissance.org/registration/> for a conference brochure or to register.

**"Shorts & Sweets - Love or Something Like It" Comes to Sullivan County Museum in Hurleyville on Saturday, March 7, 2015**

Hurleyville, NY (February 8, 2015) - Come out to Hurleyville on Saturday, March 7 at 7:30 p.m. for another fun evening of "Shorts & Sweets" with Big Sky Productions. The show is hosted by the Sullivan County Historical Society at their museum at 265 Main Street in Hurleyville.

The theme for this episode of Shorts & Sweets, coming, as it does, the weekend after Valentine's Day, is "Love or Something Like It." The program will include stories and jokes, some funny, some poignant, on the theme of love (or not). Featured performers are: Paul Ciliberto, co-host of Ciliberto and Semerano on Thunder 102 radio; accomplished actress DeLois "Cookie" House of Ellenville; Sullivan West student Leif Johansen of White Sulphur Springs; and Big Sky Artistic Director Carol Montana of Grahamsville.

At the end of the program, Ciliberto, House and Johansen will present the one-act play "Café Palindrome," written by Ulster County resident Mikhail Horowitz. At the Café Palindrome, everything on the menu reads the same forwards and backwards, making for some hilariously delectable delights.

Complimentary desserts and beverages will be served during intermission. Tickets for "Shorts & Sweets: Love or Something Like It" are \$10.00 and may be purchased at the door. Part of the proceeds will benefit the Sullivan County Historical Society.

For additional information, call 845-985-7783.

**Chief of the Cuban Interests Section José Ramón Cabañas and Governor Andrew M. Cuomo Announce that Governor Cuomo will Lead Trade Mission to Cuba - First Official State Trade Mission to Cuba Since the Announcement to Begin Process of Restoring Diplomatic Relations - Trade Mission Delegation Will Include New York State Officials and Business Leaders and Will Leave for Cuba on April 20th**

Chief of the Cuban Interests Section José Ramón Cabañas and Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced that Governor Cuomo will lead the first official state trade mission to Cuba since President Obama began the process to normalize diplomatic relations between the United States and Cuba. President Obama's change in policy is the first step in opening new markets and new opportunities for New York businesses, and New York is poised to take advantage of reestablished relations. This upcoming trade mission will allow New York State officials and business leaders to explore new opportunities and advance shared interests. The trade mission delegation will leave for Cuba on April 20, 2015, and will include New York State government officials and business leaders.

"I am pleased to join Governor Andrew Cuomo in announcing this historic trade mission to Cuba. It is only right that New York's Governor will lead the first official state delegation to Cuba since President Obama's December 17th announcement," said Chief of the Cuban Interests Section José Ramón Cabañas. "As the gateway to America, New York State has always been a great symbol to the Cuban people. It has welcomed Cubans over the years as they came to visit and live in the United States, including the great José Martí. We are greatly excited that Governor Cuomo has agreed to be the first Governor to lead an official state trade mission to our beautiful island."

"I am pleased to announce that New York will be the first in the nation to conduct an official state trade mission to Cuba since President Obama's announcement," Governor Cuomo said. "This mission will be a tremendous stepping stone for our State's relationship with Cuba, and will help open the door to a new market for New York businesses. Creating an environment that supports growth and economic development is one of our administration's top priorities, and Global NY is the perfect example of how we're taking that approach to the international stage. As the first state to launch a trade mission to Cuba in this new era, New York will continue to stand at the forefront of opportunity."

Global NY, an initiative launched by Governor Cuomo in 2014, has positioned New York State to enhance its international competitiveness. With offices in New York, Canada, China, Israel, Mexico, South Africa, and the United Kingdom, Global NY has on-the-ground experts around the world creating new business opportunities for New York State. In addition, the \$35 million Global NY Development program will soon provide loans and grants to help small- and medium-sized New York businesses export abroad. The Governor also recently unveiled [www.global.ny.gov](http://www.global.ny.gov), a one-stop shop for trade and investment. The Global NY trade mission to Cuba will be the first of several trade mission destinations, including Canada, China, Israel and Mexico.

Howard Zemsky, Acting President, CEO & Commissioner of Empire State Development, said, "The Global NY trade mission to Cuba will seek to expand economic development oppor-

tunities across New York by creating a trade relationship that will leverage the State's unparalleled resources. The business environment in the Empire State is thriving, and under Governor Cuomo's leadership, we will take these successes to new heights by creating a truly global New York."

**Bonacic Issue's Statement of Support for Board of Regents Candidate Gerald Benjamin**

New York State Senator John J. Bonacic (R/C/I-Mt Hope) issued the following statement in support of Gerald Benjamin, who is a candidate for the 17-member New York State Board of Regents. Mr. Benjamin is a resident of New Paltz, NY.

"I enthusiastically support Gerald Benjamin's candidacy for a seat on the New York State Board of Regents," said Bonacic. "Mr. Benjamin has devoted his professional life to serving the people of New York State. He served in elected office as the member of the Ulster County Legislature, and now serves as the Associate Vice President for Regional Engagement and the Director of the Center for Research, Regional Education and Outreach (CRREO) at SUNY New Paltz. With Mr. Benjamin's depth of knowledge regarding New York State government, he will be an asset to the New York State Board of Regents."

**UC Comptroller Auerbach Lends His Support**

Ulster County Comptroller Elliott Auerbach urges Assemblywoman Catherine Nolan, Chair of the Committee on Education, to support SUNY New Paltz Dean Dr. Gerald Benjamin for a position on the New York State Board of Regents.

"Dr. Benjamin is a man of sound character who has dedicated his life to service... His continued dedication to learning and education as the unofficial 'Dean of New York Government' through his role as the Director of CREEO (Center for Research, Regional Education and Outreach) has benefited the State of New York through his tireless dedication to the development of sound policy" wrote Auerbach.

Dr. Benjamin is challenging incumbent Regent Lester Young, Jr. of Brooklyn for the seat.

"As the Executive branch continues to push its way into education policy I take comfort in knowing that Dr. Benjamin is being considered for this coveted post" added Auerbach.

The Regents are responsible for the general supervision of all educational activities within the State, presiding over The University and the New York State Education Department.

The University of the State of New York is the nation's most comprehensive and unified educational system. It consists of all elementary, secondary, and postsecondary educational institutions, libraries, museums, public broadcasting, records and archives, professions, Adult Career and Continuing Education Services, and such other institutions, organizations, and agencies as may be admitted to The University. The concept of The University of the State of New York is a broad term encompassing all the institutions, both public and private, offering education in the State.

February 26, 2015

Cathy Nolan, Chairwoman Committee on Education  
Legislative Office Building 836  
Albany, NY 12248

Dear Assemblymember Nolan,

I write to express my support for Dr. Gerald Benjamin for a seat on the New York State Board of Regents. In my capacity as Ulster County's Comptroller I have had the pleasure and privilege of working with Dr. Benjamin on a wide array of issues.

Having a front row seat to witness Dr. Benjamin in action has been an enlightening and educational experience.

Dr. Benjamin is a man of sound character who has dedicated his life to service. His work as the Chairman of the Ulster County Charter Commission transformed government here in Ulster County. His continued dedication to learning and education as the unofficial "Dean of New York Government" through his role as the Director of CREEO (Center for Research, Regional Education and Outreach) has benefited the State of New York through his tireless dedication to the development of sound policy.

As the Executive branch continues to push its way into education policy I take comfort in knowing that Dr. Benjamin is being considered for this coveted post. I have complete confidence that he will bring to this position a level of understanding and independence that is critical for someone in this position.

I urge you to give the utmost consideration to Dr. Gerald Benjamin's candidacy.

Respectfully,  
Elliott Auerbach

**The County of Sullivan in Conjunction with the Office of Sustainability Energy Announces 2014 Accomplishments**

Monticello, N.Y. - The County of Sullivan in conjunction with the Office of Sustainability Energy (OSE) are pleased to announce their accomplishments for 2014. The County and OSE have been working to support our farmers, and have moved to adopt a plan for addressing climate change in a practical and holistic fashion. The strategies reflect a deep understanding of the interconnected issues of climate change, energy efficiency, renewable energy, agriculture, public health, economic development and environmental stewardship.

In 2014, Sullivan County has moved to:

- o Adopt the SC Climate Action Plan, with GHG reduction goals and other specific measures in the areas of energy, transportation, waste management, recycling, green purchasing and operations, land and water use, public health, and emergency management;

- o Complete a comprehensive Farmland Protection Plan based upon a thorough analysis of the existing strengths and resources, potential markets, best practices and most successful strategies to provide vital support for our farmers;

- o Pursue a 2 megawatt solar PV installation at the County's Liberty Health Complex through a power purchase agreement that will reduce the County's energy costs with no upfront expenses to the County;

- o Implement critically needed infrastructure upgrades at key County facilities through funding strategies that ensure significant energy savings.

"As Chair of the Sullivan County Agricultural and Sustainability Committee I am proud of the accomplishments achieved and the benefits of these efforts throughout the county" said Legislator Cindy Kurpil Gieger

For further information regarding this press release please contact County Manager Potosek at 845-807-0450.

**Assemblymember Cahill Appointed to Speaker's Climate Change Working Group**

(Albany, NY) Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie announced the formation of a new Climate Change Working Group, to which Assemblymember Kevin A. Cahill (D - Ulster, Dutchess) has been appointed. The Working Group will explore policy initiatives that will

reduce greenhouse gas emissions and combat the effects of climate change.

"I am honored to serve on the Speaker's Work Group, and look forward to working with my colleagues to protect and conserve the beautiful natural environment of New York State," said Assemblymember Cahill. "The signs of the growing threat of a fluctuating global climate are evident by the more frequent severe weather events that have recently impacted our state. I am confident that the Work Group will develop focused solutions and comprehensive plans that will make New York State a leader in clean energy and a more healthy place to live."

Assemblymember Cahill brings to the working group years of experience in the legislature addressing the issue of a changing global climate. As Chair of the Energy Committee, he led the effort for legislative approval of the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative Compact, securing \$112 million in support for the Green Jobs Program, and brought the opportunity for energy efficiency to over one million homes. More recently, as Chair of the Insurance Committee, he has spurred dialogue through public hearings and roundtables on the effect of increasingly severe weather patterns in New York State.

The formation of this Group is one of Speaker Heastie's first initiatives as Speaker. It will be led by Assemblymember Steve Englebright, Chair of the Assembly Standing Committee on Environmental Conservation. They will specifically examine legislative initiatives that may be helpful in reducing greenhouse gas emissions and developing greener energy initiatives intended to assist in minimizing the occurrence, damage and cost of severe natural disasters.

"Climate change has already begun to affect New York State and future generations will be directly impacted by the decisions we make today," said Englebright. "This Working Group will be the vehicle to move our state and our environment into a safer, more sustainable future."

**Dr. Carlos Holden from Catskill Regional Medical Center to speak at the Sullivan County Public Safety and Law Enforcement Committee Meeting**

Dr. Carlos Holden, Medical Director of the Emergency Room at Catskill Regional Medical Center (CRMC) will be making a presentation to the Sullivan County Legislature in the Public Safety and Law Enforcement Committee meeting on the opioid drug situation in Sullivan County: "One Year Later." The presentation is a follow up on a presentation he gave last year to the legislators.

The presentation will take place on Thursday, March 5, 2015 at 9:15 am sharp in the Legislative Committee Room on the second floor of the Sullivan County Government Center - 100 North Street - Monticello, NY.

Cora Edwards, Chair of the Public Safety and Law Enforcement Committee said: "The reason we are inviting Dr. Holden back to the committee meeting is so that he can give us an update on the activities of the Sullivan County Drug Task Force, after a very informative presentation he gave to the committee last year. We will also be planning an evening meeting in the spring (April or May) so more members of the community can attend after the workday. This is an issue that is affecting our county, our state and our nation. We must stay informed and pro-active."

The meeting is open to the public and everyone is welcome to attend. For further information, please call the Sullivan County Legislative Office at 845.807.0435.

**Claryville Fire Dept.**



**Corned Beef & Cabbage Supper**  
**Saturday, March 14**  
 Serving from 4:00 to 7:00 PM

Adults \$11.00  
 Beverage included  
 Children under 12, \$6.00,  
 under 5 yrs. free  
*\$50 from the dinner is donated to Claryville Reformed Church Food Pantry*

**Claryville Fire Dept**  
**All you can eat Pancake breakfast**



**Sunday, March 22**  
 Serving 7:00 until Noon  
 Adults \$7  
 Children under 12, \$3  
 Under 5yrs. Free  
*\$50 from the breakfast is donated to the Claryville reformed church food pantry*

**Community Blood Drive**

The American Red Cross and Ellenville Regional Hospital will join together for a community blood drive on Friday March 6, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Ellenville Regional Hospital at 10 Healthy Way. The Red Cross blood drive will take place in a traveling donor center outside of the hospital in their parking lot.

Blood is an essential component for patient care in area hospitals, and the only source of blood is a healthy volunteer blood donor, like you. Local blood donors are needed all year round to ensure the blood supply stays strong. Approximately every two seconds a patient in the United States needs blood. That's why your blood donation through the Red Cross is so important. Your blood donation can help save the life of a real person in our community. It truly is the blood on the shelves today that helps save lives tomorrow.

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

**Katie's Café Celebrates 4th Anniversary**

*Katie's Café, a free monthly lunch sponsored by St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Narrowsburg, NY, celebrates its 4th anniversary on March 7th. The public is invited to the party!*

Katie's Café, sponsored and hosted by St. Paul's Lutheran Church will celebrate its 4th anniversary on Saturday, March 7th, from 12 noon to 1 pm, at the Lutheran church located at 31 Erie Avenue in Narrowsburg, NY.

Since 2011, Katie's Café has served up free homemade meals on a monthly basis, with all costs and foods donated by church and community members. The public is invited to sit down for a meal and friendly conversation.

Katie's Café is named after Katharina Von Bora, a significant woman in church history who was the wife of Martin Luther, a leader in the Reformation.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church has been in the neighborhood for over 145 years. Opportunities for worship are Saturdays at 4:30pm; Sundays at 9:30am, with Sunday School meeting at 9am.

During this season of Lent, Wednesday services are at 9am and 7pm. St. Paul's is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, a denomination com-



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 Claryville, NY 12725  
 845-985-2041

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 Worship Services @ 10:00 am  
**Rev. Paul Nulton**  
 John Bult, Organist

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**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.

**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!!!**

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



**Ismael Berrios**  
 Lead Pastor

P. O. Box 480  
 507 Hasbrouck Drive  
 Woodbourne, NY 12788  
 845-434-8263

Email: [crosswayaog@aol.com](mailto:crosswayaog@aol.com)  
[www.crosswayaog.com](http://www.crosswayaog.com)

**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.  
 Mid-week Bible Study opportunities available!  
 For information contact Rev. Peggy Ann Sauerhoff 845-985-2283  
 e-mail: [Grahamsvilleumc@gmail.com](mailto:Grahamsvilleumc@gmail.com)

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

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**Third Saturday Thrift Sale & Boutique**  
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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:**

**TOWN OF NEVERSINK**

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

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Town Board of the Town of Neversink will hold a public hearing at the Town Hall, 273 Main Street, Grahamsville, New York, at 7:15 p.m. prevailing time, on March 11, 2015, in connection with the expenditure of Highway Machinery Capital Reserve Funds. Said expenditure is for the purchase of a New 10 ft. Stainless Steel Combination Dump Body and Spreader in an amount not to exceed \$37,000.00, at which time all interested persons will be heard.

Dated: February 17, 2015  
Lisa Garigliano, Town Clerk

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**NOTICE**

The Town of Neversink **ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT** for the fiscal year 2014 has been completed and filed in the Office of the Town Clerk.

The above mentioned report is available for public inspection at the office of the Town Clerk, Town Hall, 273 Main Street, Grahamsville, NY 12740, between the hours of 8:30 am and 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

LISA GARIGLIANO, TOWN CLERK  
TOWN OF NEVERSINK  
DATED: February 25, 2015

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**SECTION 5311 CONSOLIDATED GRANT ASSISTANCE PROJECT PUBLIC NOTICE**

Public notice is hereby made that the Sullivan County Division of Public works / Transportation Department is applying for federal financial assistance to provide public transportation service as follows: Fixed Route Deviation, the project duration will be 2015 - 2016 and the general service area covered will be the Towns of Callicoon & Lumberland and the Towns of Thompson & Bethel.

Public notice is further made that the County of Sullivan is also applying for federal financial assistance to purchase two (2) type III passenger busses that will be used to provide public transportation service for Fixed Route Deviation in the general service area of the Towns of Callicoon & Lumberland and the Towns of Bethel and Thompson, additional service areas within the County are being contemplated for inclusion during the project timeframe.

The transportation service will be available to the general public during all hours of operation. The project is expected to be financed by federal Section 5311 public transportation funds, with additional funds to be provided from local funds of the County of Sullivan the total federal share is expected to be \$120,000.

Comments on the proposed project are invited from the general public, private bus and taxi companies, other public transportation providers and human service agencies. Interested parties may comment on the project or obtain more details about the project by writing to:

Mr. Edward P. McAndrew, Commissioner  
Sullivan County Division of Public Works  
P.O. Box 5012, 100 North StrEET, Monticello, New York 12701  
(845) 807-0261 / Email: Edward.McAndrew@co.sullivan.ny.us

Human service agencies that receive assistance from other Federal agencies for non-emergency transportation services are encouraged to participate and coordinate with the provider in the planning, design and delivery of transportation services. Agencies may obtain copies of the service description and submit proposals for service coordination. Private bus and taxi operators may request copies of the project service description from the above named person and may submit comments on the service as described.

If you wish to comment on any aspect of the proposed project, submit a proposal or a request for service coordination or request a public hearing on this project, you must make your interest known in writing within ten days of the date of this publication and provide your comments within ten days of your receipt of the project service description. Your requests and/or comments must be forwarded to the above person.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

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

Town of Neversink  
Lisa Garigliano, Town Clerk  
Dated: February 25, 2015

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**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: FILING OF THE ANNUAL REPORT:**

AS required by New York State Town Law § 29(10-a) the Town of Denning **ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT** for the year 2014 has been completed and filed with the New York State Office of the State Comptroller. The report is on file in the Office of the Town Clerk and available for inspection during normal business hours at the Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Road, Claryville, N.Y. 12725.

Call 985-2411 for further information.

BY ORDER OF THE DENNING TOWN BOARD  
Joy Monforte,  
Town Clerk  
Feb. 26, 2015

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**Letters of Interest:**

**Double Crossing**

Robert Megna, Acting Executive Director  
New York State Thruway Authority  
Administrative Headquarters  
200 Southern Blvd.  
P.O. Box 189  
Albany, NY 12201-0189

Dear Director Megna,

I write to express my concerns with the proposed merger between the New York State Bridge Authority and the New York State Thruway Authority.

I am fearful that combining these entities could result in an increase in crossing costs for upstate commuters as the budget plagued Thruway Authority struggles to achieve fiscal solvency. As you are aware, the Mid-Hudson and KingstonRhinecliff bridges serve as Hudson River crossings for thousands of area residents and are vital conduits of commerce for Ulster County. It is my belief that combining these agencies could have an adverse effect on the commuting cost for the multitude of people and businesses who utilize these bridges daily. As our local economy continues to stabilize, I dread the potential impacts that a toll increase would have and the ripple effect it could create regionally.

I am generally a strong proponent of shared services and consolidation, but not if it negatively impacts the residents of Ulster County and our economy. As you consider this proposal, I urge you to conduct a study to review not just the impact this will have in saving New York State money, but also the effect on the local economy.

Sincerely,  
Elliott Auerbach  
Ulster County Comptroller

To the Editor:

A political recently called the proposal to raise the tax rate on high incomes "The Politics of Envy". Instead, it is return to common sense; the richer a person is, the less he misses any given percent paid in taxes. Consider: at a 10% tax rate, someone making \$20,000/year (\$10/hour), would pay \$2,000 and have \$18,000 left (\$345/week). Not much.

Someone making \$200,000/year paying the same tax rate, would pay \$20,000 and have \$180,000 left (\$3450/week). He might be able to get along on that. Someone making \$2,000,000/year, would probably refer the whole unpleasant subject to his accountant.

The example illustrates the quite general principle of declining satisfaction, in this case, of money. Declining satisfaction (economists call it "declining marginal utility", a grey word) also applies to other situations, like eating a delicious treat. The first bite is the best bite. Subsequent bites are a little less satisfying until, finally, you're sick of the damn stuff.

A rise in the top taxes doesn't mean more taxes for the ordinary taxpayer. That's because taxes are figured in stages. Our taxes are figured in seven stages, the rates on only the added money increasing in each bracket. For example, for a single person, the first \$9,225 of taxable income is taxed at 10%. If he makes no more than that, his tax is \$922.50 (\$9,225 X 10%). If he makes more, up to \$37,450, he is taxed at 15% of the difference. He then owes the \$922 (from the first bracket) plus what ever he owes from the second. The point is that a billionaire will owe the same \$922 on the first \$9,225 he made (in the first three seconds of the year). A rich man will pay the same taxes as anyone else in a given bracket.

A voter then must listen carefully to a political whenever he talk about taxes. In an era when people in Washington used more common sense than ideology to guide policy (we used to accuse only Communists of being ideologies) the

top income tax bracket was 70% (higher in wartime), compared with 39% today. That rate was in effect from 1945 to 1982, through the Eisenhower, Nixon and Ford administrations. In that era we reduced the national from 120% of the national income (GDP) at the end of WWII to 35% at the end of the Carter administration, among other good things.

Presidents Reagan and the senior Bush eventually reduced the top rate to 28% with the result that the federal budget was in debt every year and our national debt rose every year as the government sold bonds to raise the money Congress had authorized.

The only break in this sad story was provided by President Clinton (the first one?) who, with the help of some moderate Republicans, raised the top rate to 39% and resisted cries to get into the Balkan war. His successor cut the rate to 35% and initiated a couple of messy wars, which have so far is estimated to cost us \$1.6 trillion (that's a "t").

High-income people have done well in this country, it's time that they do well by this country.

John Higgins  
Grahamsville, NY

**Casting Call for the musical "Godspell"!**

The Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop announces auditions for "Godspell". Told almost entirely in song, Godspell presents the gospel of St. Matthew updated to New York City of the late '60s/early '70s. Auditions will be held on Saturday, March 7, from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM, on Sunday, March 8, from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM and on Saturday, March 14, from 1:00 pm to 4:00 PM at the Sullivan County Cultural Center (Museum) in Hurleyville, NY.

10 to 20 cast members needed - male and female, all voice ranges welcome, ages range from 20s through 40s. All shapes, sizes and colors welcome. Cast members must be 18 or older. Improvisational skills a plus. For more information, call Director Stephanie Watson 845 747-4530 or e-mail : HealthierSteph@gmail.com

The performance dates for "Godspell". They are July 10, 11, 12, 17, 18, 19 at the Rivoli Theatre in South Fallsburg.

**Casting Call for "Death of A Salesman"**

The Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop announces auditions for "Death of A Salesman" to be held on Saturday, March 14, and Sunday, March 15, from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM at the Sullivan County Cultural Center (Museum) in Hurleyville, NY. This classic play revolves around the last days of Willy Loman, a failing salesman, who cannot understand how he failed to win success and happiness. Through a series of tragic soul-searching revelations of the life he has lived with his wife, his sons, and his business associates, we discover how his quest for the "American Dream" kept him blind to the people who truly loved him. This is a thrilling work of deep and revealing beauty that remains one of the most profound classic dramas of the American theatre. Needed are 5 women (ages 20-55+), 8 men (ages 30-60's). For more information, call Director Sally Gladden 845-434-0209 or e-mail gladsally@gmail.com.

**Don't forget to set your clocks ahead this weekend!  
Spring ahead!**

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

**Skiing/Snowboarding at Holiday Mountain**  
 Sundays, January 4th-March 8th. Skiing/Snowboarding at discounted rates. Skiing hours 10 am to 5 pm. \$11 pp/Lift Tickets, \$11 pp/Ski Rentals, \$18 pp/snowboard rentals, Group Lesson 8+older \$11 pp, Group Lesson under 8 \$26 pp. For discount rates purchase a Town of Neversink Parks & Rec ID Card for \$8.

**Binghamton Senators Hockey Game** Saturday, March 14. Leave 5 pm. Game starts 7:05 pm. Bring dinner to eat on the bus and money for snacks. Return after mid-night. \$17 Neversink Residents and TV School Students/ \$33 non-residents must be paid no later than Tuesday, January 27.

**Westside Story Westchester Broadway Dinner Theatre** Thursday, April 30. Leave 9:45 am to Elmsford, NY, returns approximately 5:30 pm. \$40 Neversink Residents and TV School Students/ \$70 non-residents must be paid no later than Tuesday, January 27 this includes the show, lunch, dessert and transportation.

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

- 3/11/15 Town of Neversink Town Board Meeting - 7 :30 pm
- 3/5/15 Claryville Fire District Meeting 6:30PM
- 3/7/15 Covered Dish Supper - Sundown Methodist Church - 5:30 pm
- 3/7/15 Amy Paes Scholarship Basketball Game 5:00pm. Entry fee \$3 for adults/\$2 for students.
- 3/10/15 Town of Denning Town Board Business Meeting -7 pm Denning Town Hall
- 3/12/15 Town of Neversink Motor Vehicle 10 am - 2:30 pm
- 3/12/15 Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting 6 pm
- 3/16/15 Grahamsville Fire District Meeting 7 pm
- 3/17/15 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting - 7:30 pm
- 3/19/15 Neversink Fire District Commissioners Meeting 7 pm -Public Meeting 7:30 pm
- 3/21/15 Third Saturday Thrif Sale & Boutique Grahamsville UMC- 9 am-1 pm 3/22/15
- 3/22/15 Claryville FD All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast 7 am - Noon
- 3/31/15 Town of Neversink Parks & Rec 7 pm - Parks & Rec Office at Town Hall
- 4/1/15 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting - 7 pm
- 4/7/15 Town of Denning Town Board Meeting - 7 pm Sundown Church Hall

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

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

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- LIBERTY SHOPRITE • ELLENVILLE SHOPRITE • SUNY SULLIVAN LIBRARY
- LOCATIONS in the TOWN OF OLIVE & SHANDAKEN**
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- Phoenicia Gas Station • Phoenicia Pharmacy • Phoenicia Deli • Mama's Boy • Brio's
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- PETER'S MARKET
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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.

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

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

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

**Planned Exhibitions at Time and the Valleys Museum (From Pg. 9)**

**Denning and Claryville History Afternoon**  
 Sunday, August 9 2 p.m. FREE



See our rich collection of Claryville and town of Denning materials that bring life to the history of the Upper Neversink and Upper Rondout valleys. We welcome the sharing of any items relating to the Claryville or Denning area. Bring your research questions! Admission to the Museum is included.

**Fly Fishing in the Catskills**  
 Saturday, September 12 2 p.m. FREE

James Krul, Executive Director for the Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum will talk about fly fishing in Sullivan County's famous Catskill Streams. Refreshments and Museum admission are included.

**A Walk Among the Dead**  
 Sunday, September 20 1 p.m. FREE

Join us to learn about a few prominent or unusual characters buried in the local area. Attendees will receive a self-guided driving tour map of some area cemeteries. GPS locations for almost all town of Denning and town of Neversink cemeteries will be available upon request that day. Special guest Kathy Denman will be present to answer questions about the Grahamsville Rural Cemetery. Refreshments are included.

**Bus Tour of the Delaware Water Supply System** Saturday, September 26 8:30 a.m. \$25 per person members \$30 per person non-members

Join us as we tour some of the major features of the Delaware Water System, visiting the Cannonsville, Pepacton, Neversink and Rondout Reservoirs. The narrated tour will begin with a complimentary breakfast at the museum

and include frequent stops along the way for photos. Lunch is not included in the price. We will stop at an area restaurant, or you may bring a bag lunch.

**An Unforgiving Land**  
 Sunday October 25 2 p.m. FREE

A talk by author Robi Josephson on her new book with co-author Bob Larsen An Unforgiving Land: Hardscrabble Life in the Traps, a Vanished Shawangunk Mountain Hamlet. Refreshments and Museum admission are included and books will be available for sale.

**Calling All Collectors!**  
 Sunday, November 8 2 p.m. FREE

Have a collection of plates or buttons or cans or ANYTHING? If you are a collector, or just have a lot of "something" you would like to share, bring your collection to the Museum for others to admire. Reservations are required, please call or e-mail to reserve your free space. Dust off your collections and let them shine for an afternoon!

**Liquid Assets: The History of NYC's Water System**  
 Sunday, November 22 2 p.m. FREE



A talk by author Diane Galusha on her newly-reprinted book on the history of New York City's Water System, Liquid Assets. Books will be available for sale during the program, and after the program in our Museum Shop. It makes a great holiday gift! Refreshments and Museum admission are included.

**Please Join the Book Club!**

This month's book discussion: the fictional national bestseller "Bel Canto", by Ann Patchett.

The book club discussion group meets on the first Friday of the month from 1 to 3 pm in the Upper Level Conference Room of the Daniel Pierce Library in Grahamsville, N.Y.

Refreshments are provided by the members.

**Seeking TVCS Graduates Not Living Locally**

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Where are you now? \_\_\_\_\_

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

**All Aboard!**  
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ANSWER TO KNARF'S MOVIE TRIVIA

1. Eugene Pallette
2. Billie Burke

**Knarf's "Classic Movie Trivia"**

**TOPPER**



A fun-loving couple returns from the dead to help a henpecked husband Directed by Norman Z. McLeod. Constance Bennett, Cary Grant, Roland Young, Billie Burke, Alan Mowbray, Eugene Pallette, Arthur Lake, Hedda Hopper. Delightful gimmick comedy with ghosts Grant and Bennett dominating life of meek Young; sparkling cast in adaptation of Thorne Smith novel, scripted by Jack Jevne, Eddie Moran, and Eric Hatch. Followed by two sequels, a TV series, and a 1979 TV remake starring Kate Jackson and Andrew Stevens. (The first b&w film to be "colorized," in 1985)  
**See this film on TCM Sunday March 8, 2015 starting at 8:00 PM. BW - 98 min.**

1. Which actor played Casey?
2. Who played Mrs. Cosmo Topper?

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

**SUNDOWN**

On Saturday, March 7 at 5:30 pm the Sundown Methodist Church will hold their monthly Covered Dish Supper. Enjoy some good food, fun and conversation with your neighbors and friends.

**GRAHAMSVILLE**

Anyone who likes to get a bargain at the Grahamsville United Methodist Thrift Sales will be happy to know that they can get a good buy at *The Boutique* that is loaded with a variety of new items including clothing, jewelry, gifts, household items, handmade items and more! The Boutique will be open on both the days of the regular Thrift Sale and Luncheons that will start in April, and is now open during the monthly Saturday Thrift Sale. The next Saturday Thrift Sale and Boutique will be held on **March 21st**.

**March 7- Fun for the whole family - Amy Paes Scholarship Basketball Game** 5:00pm. Entry fee \$3 for adults/\$2 for students

**CLARYVILLE**

St. Patrick's Day is just around the corner. Claryville Fire Dept. will host their annual **Corned Beef & Cabbage Supper on Saturday, March 14** from 4:00 to 7:00 PM at the Claryville Firehouse. And don't forget the monthly Claryville Fire Dept. All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, March 22 Serving 7:00 until Noon

**ROCK HILL**

**Annual Rock Hill St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 14th** at 1PM. The day's activities kick off at 11:30AM with a special kids section, located at the Rock Hill Farmers' Market lot -223 Rock Hill Drive. Visit: [www.facebook.com/rhbc12775](http://www.facebook.com/rhbc12775)

**NARROWSBURG**

Katie's Café, a free monthly lunch sponsored by St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Narrowsburg, NY, celebrates its 4th anniversary on March 7th. The public is invited to the party! (See pg. 13 for details)

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