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Basic Seed Starting Class by the Bearfoot Gardener Russel Scheirer



Russel Scheirer, The Bearfoot Gardener

[Grahamsville, N.Y.] - The Museum's first program of the 2017 season is: Basic Seed Starting Class, Sunday, March 12, 2 p.m. at the Time and the Valleys Museum on St. Rt. 55 in Grahamsville, Sullivan County.

The Bearfoot Gardener, Russel Scheirer will share seed starting techniques and the steps that follow. Participants will also learn vocabulary to help choose seeds, including annual, perennial, heirloom, organic, open pollinated, hybrid, GMO. This is a hands on program for all ages. Refreshments are included. Members are FREE and non-members are \$3.

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

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

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

8th Graders Put on an Amazing Show at Tri-Valley's Seventh Annual Poetry Slam



Back Row - Left to right: Lorna Bragg (2nd Place), Madison Botsford (1st Place), Emily Schmidt (1st Place), Rebecca Musa (1st Place), Alex Prousalis (3rd Place) front row: Sean Feliciano (Performance), Jason Feliciano (Performance), Keegan Countryman (Performance)

On February 20, 2017, the seventh annual 8th Grade Poetry Slam took place at Tri-Valley Central School. Sixty-seven 8th grade students took to the stage to compete in the event. The evening event was watched by a very large crowd made up of students, teachers, administrators, parents, and community members. (Contd. Pg. 8)

Fallsburg Robotics Teams Excel at Northern NYS Robotics Championships



Back row Luis Geovany Rivera, Oliver Norminton, Tyler Dubois, and Team Manager Brittany Mackiel; front row left to right are Kai Schreier Odell, Roberto Matamoros, and Adem Crnovrsanin.

Congratulations to all four Fallsburg Robotics Teams who earned the right to compete in the Northern New York State Robotics Championships on the weekend of February 18-19, 2017 at the SRC Arena & Events Center in Syracuse. All four teams did an excellent job at the competition, and made it into the finals. The middle school teams really put on a show!

Oliver Normington and Kai Schreier Odell of team 99561D improved their overall skills score to 19, and are currently ranked first amongst all New York State middle school teams. (Contd. Pg. 4)

Senator Bonacic Joins Community Leaders and Tourism Officials at Catskills Legislative Roundtable



Senator Bonacic is pictured with (L-R); Rick Remsnyder, Director of Ulster County Tourism; Roberta Byron-Lockwood, President of the Sullivan County Visitors Center; and Warren Hart, Director of Economic Development, Tourism and Planning for Greene County.

(Middletown, NY)- State Senator John J. Bonacic (R/C/I-Mt. Hope) joined local community leaders and tourism officials at the Catskills Legislative Roundtable discussion this morning, which was held at Bernie's Holiday Restaurant in Rock Hill. Those in attendance heard presentations from local tourism officials from Sullivan, Ulster, and Greene counties about the regional attractions and destinations the area has to offer. Senator Bonacic spoke at the event and discussed the ways in which the State is helping boost the tourism industry in our region.

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ON THE FRONT BURNER: Sing unto the Lord; for he hath done excellent things, this is known in all the earth. Isaiah 12:5

MEMORIAL SERVICE:

There will be a memorial service for Melissa Crover at the Grahamsville United Methodist Church on Saturday, March 11, 2017 at 11 am.

THANK YOU:

The family of Raymond Muthig would like to thank all those for their expressions of sympathy. He would have been truly overwhelmed by the thoughtfulness of the community.

Dorothy, Dennis, Linda, Gary and Sandra

COLLEGE NEWS:

Local residents named to RIT Dean's List for fall semester

The following local residents made the Dean's List at Rochester Institute of Technology for fall semester 2016-2017:

- Emily Bockman of Hurleyville, who is studying in the ASL-English interpretation program.
- Blake Costa of Parksville, who is studying in the networking and systems administration program.
- Mona Lin of Ellenville, who is studying in the graphic design program.
- Gan Lin of Ellenville, who is studying in the new media design program.

DAYS OF YORE....

Today's History

March 6, 1957 - Miss Marion Louise Ackerley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Ackerley of Grahamsville, became the bride of Paul Delano Wegman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wegman of Roscoe, on Saturday at the Grahamsville Methodist Church. The Rev. Howard P. West officiated. Mr. and Mrs. Wegman will make their home in Liberty.

Miss Helen Louise Krom, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Krom of Grahamsville, was married on Saturday to Robert Mickelson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mickelson Sr. of Grahamsville. The Rev. Howard P. West officiated. A reception for about 100 guests followed at the Grahamsville Fire House. After a honeymoon in the south, Mr. and Mrs. Mickelson will make their home on South Hill.

March 1, 1967 - Airman 2/C and Mrs. Paul Kelly are the parents of a son, Preston Silas, born February 21st. The baby weighed 7 lbs. 5 oz. Mr. and Mrs. Preston Kortright are the maternal grandparents. Mr. and Mrs. Silas Kelly are the paternal grandparents.

Mr. Owen Davis, Business Education teacher and Guidance Counselor at Tri-Valley, has been invited by the National Education Association to attend the Regional Conference on instruction to be held in Philadelphia on March 1-4. Mr. Davis is one of a select group of teachers in New York State to be accorded this honor.

March 3, 1977 - Emma F. Van Benschoten, 96, of Woodbourne Road, died Saturday at the Roscoe Nursing Home, Roscoe. The daughter of Orlando and Celeste Perry Furman, she was born October 9, 1880 in Hasbrouck. Mrs. Van Benschoten was a lifelong resident of the area. Survivors include three sisters-in-law: Mrs. Anne Furman of Woodbourne, Mrs. Bessie Furman of Middletown and Edna Furman of Florida.

On Sunday, February 13, Scouts John Sheeley and Gary Carlsen of Troop 187, Grahamsville, received the God and Country Award from their Counselor, George Haag and Methodist Minister, George Hunsberger. The God and Country Award is given to scouts who have worked within the church, on their own time, for two years. Other community projects are also required.

March 5, 1987 - Plans are underway for preserving the historical landmark site of the former one-

room Lackawack Hill School House. The unveiling of a plaque and burial of a capsule will be videotaped. The capsule will contain photos of the old school, pictures of former students, a photo of the teacher, Mrs. Mabel Hill (now 102 yrs. Old), newspaper articles, a copy of the deed dated 1866, other memorabilia and a copy of the videotape of the dedication. Invitations will be sent to public officials, former students and to Mrs. Hill.

What is the future of the forest?

The future of the Catskill forest is the theme of the 11th Annual Schoharie Watershed Summit Sat., March 25 at Hunter Elementary School. Warming temperatures, extreme weather events, invasive species, and other threats will be discussed by featured speakers Dr. Charles Canham (Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies), Dr. Rebecca Sanders-DeMott (University of New Hampshire) and Dr. Jerry Carlson (NYS Department of Environmental Conservation). Afternoon workshops will cover the draft NYC Filtration Avoidance Determination and other topics. Register for the free conference:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2017-schoharie-watershed-summit-tickets-31493582152?ref=e>

Immigration Rights Discussion with Human Rights Commission

[Monticello, NY] Ms Guisela Marroquin, of NYCLU, is scheduled to present a discussion on Immigrant Rights to the Human Rights Commission on Thursday, March 9, 2017 at 6:15 pm. Guisela Marroquin is the regional organizer for the Long Island and Lower Hudson Valley chapters of the New York Civil Liberties Union. Ms. Marroquin leads statewide work in NYCLU's Justice for Farmworkers Campaign and carries out our educational and police reform priorities in both regions. Please join us in for this informative session in the Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library in Monticello. The public is welcome to attend. For additional information on this event, please contact Lorraine Lopez-Janove at (845) 807-018

Shawangunk Garden Club Open to the Public Meeting

On Monday, April 3, 2017 at 7 p.m. in the Community Room at the Ellenville Public Library & Museum, 40 Centre St., Ellenville, NY 12428

The guest speaker will be Ken Greene, Board Director for Organic Seed Alliance, and Founder of Hudson Valley Seed Library will provide instructions of how to foster and save regional seeds for home gardens and farms. Seed packets will be available for purchase.

Free to the public, refreshments will be served. For information call: 845-5530

SPAGHETTI DINNER TO BENEFIT PETER DEVENTIER

There will be a benefit to benefit Peter DeVentier on **Wednesday, March 8th** at the Roscoe Community Center starting at **5:00 pm.**
FREE WILL OFFERING: 50/50 raffles!!
Basket Raffles!!!!

ROSCOE CENTRAL SCHOOL DRAMA DEPARTMENT PRESENTS: MARY POPPINS

Libby Kuehn as Mary Poppins!!
PLEASE come and support the cast and crew on a fabulous job they have done and the hard work of months of practicing... **Friday, March 10th @ 7:00 pm**
and **Saturday, March 11, 2017 @ 7:00 pm**
Tickets are \$8.00 Per person. Donations are greatly appreciated!!! Location: RCS Auditorium
FAMILY SHOW FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY TO ENJOY!!!

A Round About Tri-Valley

Carol Furman

Condolences to the family and many friends of Teresa Greaves. Teresa, a Grahamsville resident, passed away on February 20th at the age of 61. She surely will be missed.

Congratulations to Julio and Annie Ayala of Neversink on the birth of a son. Austin Ayala was born at Catskill Regional on February 2nd, Groundhog's Day!

The Scouts held their pinewood derby on Sunday, February 26 at the Neversink Firehouse. Winners were: **Tigers:** Wyatt Chaboty, **Wolves:** Patrick Allison, **Bears:** Gregson McKenna, **Weblos 1:** Johnathan Allison, **Weblos 2:** Ethan Raykoff.

Girl Scout Troop 314 recently celebrated "Thinking Day". The girls researched four different countries (Israel, China, Italy and Vietnam) and presented their findings to the group.

Three cheers to Keith Stephenson, a Tri-Valley School Resource officer, the Tri-Valley Administration and School Board Members for their willingness to become the first school district in Sullivan County to authorize a mountain biking team. Boys and girls in grades 6 through 12, who attend Tri-Valley, are eligible to participate in this activity. Mountain biking is a healthy outdoor activity which individuals of all ages can enjoy.

Town of Neversink Parks and Rec announces that the trip scheduled for Tuesday, April 11 to the Sight & Sound Theatre in Lancaster has been canceled due to the fact that Jamie was unable to get 55 people interested in going.

The Sullivan County Music Educators Association's "All-County Festival" held last weekend at Tri-Valley School was wonderful! The selected band, orchestra and chorus middle school and high school students performed beautifully!

The Tri-Valley School Board adopted the 2017-2018 Academic Calendar at their February 16th Board Meeting. The calendar can be found on the Tri-Valley School's website.

Words of Wisdom:

Don't undermine your worth by comparing yourself with others. It is because we are different that each of us is special.

Life is not a race, but a journey to be savored each step of the way.

Local 4H Puppy Palsto to host a Corned Beef Dinner



Local 4H Puppy Pals members will host a Corned Beef Dinner to raise funds to support the Tri-Valley Backpack program, Friday, March 17, 4-7 p.m. at the Grahamsville Fire

Hall. Corned Beef, Hot Potato Bar with Fixings, Rolls, Dessert and Beverages included with dinner. \$12 per ticket. A tricky tray will be held as well. Purchase tickets in advance by calling 845-985-5073 or puppypalsrock@gmail.com, or purchase tickets at the door. Donations welcome. Featured in photo, 4H Puppy Pals, Gregson McKenna and William Richardson, getting ready to serve ice cold lemonade and water at the annual fundraising dinner

Tri-Valley Lions

January & February News

Our January meeting was held at Nardi's. Lion Phyliss Moore reported that all the money donated to the Daniel Pierce Library from the Pumpkin Party will be used to buy books.

Lion David Moore has submitted request for two grants to help with projects for the community we plan to do as our Lions Centered Project.

The February 7th meeting was held at Nardi's with a family style meal which was delicious and well-received by the members present.

We have received word that one of our grants has been approved.

Robert Longo from the Fallsburg Lions Club was our guest speaker. He gave a most interesting account of his service to our country during World War II as a Pilot Training Instructor in the Air Force. He had detailed drawings of planes and other pertinent information used during the war he had made. He flew many missions during his service. Mr. Longo has done many paintings

in large scale on buildings in local towns.

Lion Stuart Wizwer presented our \$100 donation at the Heart-a-thon.

Lions Clair Rennison, Donna Schick and Stuart Wizwer did Vision Screening at a Fallsburg school.

A nominating committee was chosen.

Thank you to those who donate their glasses to help others, in our boxes.

Local Chef Teaches Hands-On Artisanal Bread Making

LIBERTY, NY-The public is invited to an Artisanal Bread Making workshop on Saturday, March 25, 2017. Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County (CCESC) will offer this class from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm in the Catskills Kitchen Food Business Incubator at its Extension Education Center on 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road in Liberty.

Chef Victoria Ingrassia will present:

- Proper measuring and mixing techniques
- Fermenting, shaping, proofing, egg washing
- Baking, cooling, and storing for quality

Participants will take home golden raisin and walnut bread dough to bake or freeze, and can sample some in class. Everyone will also make and take home soft butter rolls.

Cost is \$35 per person. Space is limited and registration with non-refundable payment is required in advance. Partial scholarships are available with support from Sullivan Renaissance.

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

Canton Police Officer Rescues Man From Farmington River

- from the Hartford Courant

A Canton police officer waded into the icy waters of the Farmington River on Monday to rescue a man who had fallen into the river and nearly drowned.

Police and firefighters from Canton and New Hartford responded to the scene, which was near the town line in the Satan's Kingdom section of the river, along with state police and emergency personnel from Winsted. The fire department in Canton sent a rescue boat along with several firefighters for mutual aid but as they were getting ready it became apparent that the victim would soon drown.

"The person was losing consciousness and was going under the water," said Officer Andrew Schiffer. "I did a quick risk assessment and realized that if anyone was going to get to him was going to be me."

With that, Schiffer went into the river, which was running fast and swollen with melted snow on Monday. Schiffer said the victim's face was in the water when he reached him. The officer rolled the man over so his face was clear of the water and dragged him back to the shore, where he was pulled out and put in an ambulance.

"I kept him so he stayed in the game until the medics took over," Schiffer said.

Nicholas Maltby, vice president of New Hartford Volunteer Ambulance, was on the opposite bank but could not get to the patient because the water was too deep and running too fast.

"The patient was laying in the water with his face up but then he rolled over and had his face in the water," Maltby said. "Officer Schiffer just went into the river and got him out of there. I was on the other bank and wanted to get to the patient but couldn't. I was so relieved to see a rescuer get to the man, the officer was amazing."

The victim's name was not available and it was not clear how he got into the river. According to state police, the victim was air-lifted to Hartford Hospital by a Life Star helicopter and Canton police Chief Christopher Arciero said late on Monday afternoon that the person was still in the hospital.

Schiffer said the water was about knee deep and not running as fast where he was and that made going in to the rescue possible. Before coming to Canton three years ago Schiffer was an officer for the West Hartford department for 21 years. Schiffer said training he received while in West Hartford, including rescues in swift and cold water, was crucial for him to be able to help on Monday.

As for how cold the water was, Schiffer said he was able to manage it.

"I didn't really notice how cold it was," he said.

"You're working, you know you have a job to do and I'm fortunate that I had the right kind of training for this. But it certainly was chilly."

Andrew Schiffer is the son of Margaret Schiffer and the late Michael Schiffer of Claryville. Andrew is also a volunteer fireman in the Claryville Fire Department.

Nature Column - Linda Comando

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

Peepers Sing The Chorus of Spring

While there have been no local reports as of yet this year of Peepers, last Wednesday night while driving through Pine Bush we heard their welcome sound loud and clear!

There are two subspecies of the Spring Peeper. Here in the Catskills we have the *Pseudacris crucifer* (they used to be called *Hyla crucifer*), that is widespread throughout the eastern United States and Canada.



The peepers, who overwintered in the soil, behind loose tree bark, or under a log, have actually survived the freezing winter. Northern Spring Peepers produce glucose and "freeze" themselves to hibernate during winter and then return to normal when temperatures warm up again.

Spring peepers are tan or brown in color. They often have a dark cross that roughly forms an X on the ridge on their back called a *dorsa*; thus the Latin name *crucifer*, meaning cross-bearer. Their body length is normally between 1 in to 1 1/2 inches and they weigh between 0.11 and 0.18 ounces.

Spring peepers live mainly in forests and regenerating woodlands near transitory or semi-permanent wetlands. Like other frogs, peepers go through a life cycle that involves mating, laying eggs in water which hatch into tadpoles. Then the tadpoles undergo a metamorphosis and become frogs who head off to dry land.

Peepers require marshes, ponds, or swamp regions to support the aquatic environment the eggs and tadpoles need. Tadpoles feed on algae and other organisms in the water. Their predators include great diving beetle larvae (when in tadpole form), snakes, skunks, and larger frogs.

Adult peepers are nocturnal creatures, hiding from their many predators during the day and emerging at night to feed on such delicacies as beetles, ants, flies, and spiders.

Females are lighter-colored than males, while males are slightly smaller and usually have dark throats. Peepers have a vocal sac located near the throat, which expands and deflates like a balloon to create a short and distinct peeping sound. This vocal sac is almost the same size as its entire body. Only males have the ability to make this loud high-pitched noise, and they use it to attract mates. They breed from March to June, and as early as March you can hear male spring peepers calling for mates. Females choose their mate based on the quality of the call. The faster and louder he sings, the more likely he is to find a mate. If a female likes the song, she joins the male and they head off to the water to mate. After mating, the females lay eggs underwater on sticks and plants. The eggs hatch into tadpoles in about twelve days and will eat algae and tiny organisms in the water. The tadpoles will change to adult spring peepers in a few weeks. As adults, they will spend the rest of the year in the woods, coming out at night to look for food.

Peepers are among the first frogs in the Catskills to call in the spring. Their chorus almost resemble the sounds of sleigh bells. They are heard not long after the ice melts on or near the wetlands.

Spring peepers are to the amphibian world what robins are to the bird world. As their name implies, they begin emitting their familiar sleigh-bell-like chorus right around the beginning of spring. It won't be long, and I am sure we will get some local reports of the familiar chorus of "peeping" in the Tri-Valley area.

Household Hints

Vinegar in the Laundry

A cup of vinegar will brighten small loads of white clothes. Added to the last rinse, a cup of vinegar will keep your clothes lint and static-free.



Shaker

Mysterious Book Report No. 277
by John Dwaine McKenna



For the folks living over on the left coast, earthquakes are an accepted fact of life; about as ordinary – and as welcome – as public rudeness or graffiti on our national monuments. They're a trade-off perhaps, for the warm, wonderful Mediterranean climate and the endless eye-popping coastline, its scenic wonders and bountiful interior where the crops grow without end. Almost a perfect place . . . except for those damnable temblors that come along every now and then and tear things up. An earthquake however, makes a great background for our MBR this week.

Shaker, (Knopf/Penguin/Random House, \$26.95, 333 pages, ISBN 978-0-385-35003-7) by Scott Frank begins just a few days after the Los Angeles area has been devastated by a large earthquake . . . when a quiet, unassuming, middle-aged man named Roy Cooper comes to town. He's an errand runner for some New York City mobsters, and his errand is to clip a guy named Martin Shine . . . who disappeared after embezzling a boatload of money. Roy arrives, rents a car and gets a map to Shine's apartment, where he takes care of business. No more Martin Shine. Roy makes his exit, but can't find his car and after searching for a while, ends up in the midst of a mugging that becomes a second murder. Of course, being it's L.A, someone's watching . . . and filming . . . all the action as the murder takes place in the alley behind his house. What makes the video go viral however, is when Roy does something to one of the four gang-bangers who's holding a gun on him, the very same guy that Roy used on Martin Shine only moments earlier. In the next instant, that same lil banger will use that same antique pistol to blow away the jogger he and his three fellows had been terrorizing when Ray Cooper stumbled into their midst. Almost immediately, most of the City of Angels is hunting for Roy and the four young men who killed the jogger . . . who just happened to be the Hispanic law-and-order candidate for mayor in the upcoming election. With pitch-perfect dialog and dialect, non-stop action and a twisted, diabolic plot, which still finds places for humor that's reminiscent of the late, great Elmore Leonard, *Shaker* is bound to be enjoyed by all who read it. We sure did!

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Fallsburg Robotics Teams Excel at Northern NYS Robotics Championships

(From Pg. 1)
Landen Berry and Aiden Ferris of team 99561C stunned the competition by taking second place in their division of mostly high school teams and coming within two matches of qualifying for the world championships! However, their exceptional game play and team work really wowed the judges and the crowd and earned them the tournament sportsmanship award.

DEP Releases 2017 Watershed Recreation Newsletter

Annual Newsletter Provides Updates on Hiking, Fishing, Boating and Other Recreational Activities on City Lands in the Watershed

The New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) today announced the release of its annual Watershed Recreation Newsletter, which serves as a source of information for thousands of watershed residents and visitors who enjoy recreating on City-owned lands and waters. The 2017 edition includes a calendar of outdoor events such as family fishing days, boater safety courses, and guided hikes. It also includes stories about DEP's new RecMapper utility, a volunteer program for watershed stewardship, and profiles on two unique recreation units in Sullivan and Westchester counties.

"Our annual recreation newsletter provides a wealth of information for anglers, hikers and other outdoor enthusiasts who enjoy recreating on New York City's reservoirs and watershed lands," DEP Acting Commissioner Vincent Sapienza said. "The newsletter also highlights the City's efforts to make recreation areas throughout the watershed easier to find and access. We hope New Yorkers will join our DEP staff at watershed recreation events throughout the year to enjoy the protected lands and reservoirs that comprise our world-class water supply."

The Watershed Recreation Newsletter this year provides information about the interactive RecMapper utility that was developed by DEP to help watershed residents and visitors find recreation areas more easily. After using the interactive map to zoom in to recreation areas, users of the RecMapper can also print or download aerial, road or topographic maps of each parcel. The newsletter also includes stories on water supply properties that have been repurposed for recreation, upcoming revisions to DEP's recreation rules, and partnerships that are helping to expand outdoor offerings in the Catskills. Those who regularly use City-owned property for recreation will also find a helpful directory of DEP phone numbers and other contact information to renew permits and boat tags, or ask questions about accessible properties.

Central to this year's newsletter is a calendar of events that DEP will host throughout spring and the first part of summer. Additional events will be planned for summer and fall. More information on all these events will be posted throughout the year on DEP's watershed Facebook page at www.facebook.com/NYCWatershed. Some upcoming events include:

April 29 - Family Fishing Day at Kensico Reservoir - This is a great family event only 15 miles north of New York City. Experts will be at the reservoir to teach kids how to fish. Bait and tackle will be provided for those who don't have their own. The event is co-sponsored by the New York State Department of

Environmental Conservation (DEC). The event will be held from 9 a.m. till 2 p.m.

May 6 - Boater Safety Event at Pepacton Reservoir - Officers from the DEP Police will teach boater safety for those who fish and paddle on reservoirs in the Catskills. The event starts at 10 a.m. at the Shavertown boat launch off Route 30 in Andes, Delaware County.

May 13 - Boater Safety Event at New Croton Reservoir - Officers from the DEP Police will teach boater safety for those who fish on reservoirs east of the Hudson River. The event starts at 10 a.m. and an exact location at the reservoir will be announced on the DEP Facebook page.

May 27 - Family Fishing Day at Pepacton Reservoir - Experts will teach kids how to fish at this fun family event in the Catskills. Bait and tackle will be provided for those who don't have their own. This event will be held from 10 a.m. till 2 p.m. It is co-sponsored by the state DEC. An exact location at the reservoir will be announced on DEP's Facebook page.

June 3 - Safety & Survival Hike at Pepacton Reservoir - Join DEP Police at the Shavertown Trail in Andes, NY, to learn navigation, safety and survival techniques that can be helpful while hiking. The event, which begins at 10 a.m., will be followed by a Q&A session and an optional 2-mile hike with spectacular views of Pepacton Reservoir.

June 24 - Family Fishing Day at Rondout Reservoir - Families will love this fishing event along the border of Ulster and Sullivan counties. Bait and tackle will be provided for those who don't have their own. This event is also co-sponsored by the state DEC. The exact time and location for the event will be posted to DEP's Facebook page.

There are now more than 133,000 acres of city-owned land open for recreation in the watershed. Of that, more than 69,000 acres of land are in public access areas that are open to recreation without a DEP permit. For those areas that require a permit, the free-of-charge DEP Access Permit can be obtained online by visiting www.nyc.gov/dep/accesspermit.

Senator Bonacic Announces \$90,000 Grant for the Town of Liberty

(Albany, NY)-State Senator John J. Bonacic (R/C/Mt. Hope) announced today that the Town of Liberty has been awarded a \$90,000 grant for the rehabilitation of town hall. The grant was awarded through the State and Municipal Facilities program, funding for which was secured in the 2016-2017 State Budget.

The grant funds will be used to repair rotten siding and window trim and paint the structure. In addition, the funds will be used to move offices around in town hall to better utilize the current space. The Court offices, Building Department, and Assessor's offices will be moved into locations that will better serve the residents.

"This grant will allow the Town of Liberty to better serve its residents," said Senator Bonacic. "Not only will it ensure more efficient operations in town government, it will save the local taxpayers money."

Said Town of Liberty Supervisor Charlie Barbuti, "The Town is very grateful for Senator Bonacic's continued support of our efforts to preserve our historic Keller Memorial Town Hall. The Town Hall campus generates much needed activity in our downtown area, attracting visitors and residents alike. All of which is essential to the village remaining the center of our community."

SC Sheriff Continues Search for Missing Man

The Sullivan County Sheriff's Office continues to investigate the disappearance of Lawrence



Molinaro, age 76, of Cochecton, New York. Mr. Molinaro was reported missing on December 29, 2016 after he missed a doctor's appointment at Catskill Regional Medical Center in Harris. He was last seen on December 27, 2016 by a neighbor.

Mr. Molinaro is described as a male white, 5 feet 11 inches tall, 300 lbs. with white hair and brown

eyes. His gray 2004 Ford Explorer with New York registration CWG-9116 is also missing. Molinaro has been the subject of an extensive search in Sullivan and neighboring Wayne County, Pennsylvania, according to Sheriff Mike Schiff.



"Our deputies have spent several hundred hours on this case following up on leads", said the Sheriff who thanked the New York State Police Aviation Unit for their assistance.

Anyone with information regarding the whereabouts of Lawrence Molinaro is asked to call the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office at 845-794-7100 or the confidential TIPS line at 845-807-0158.



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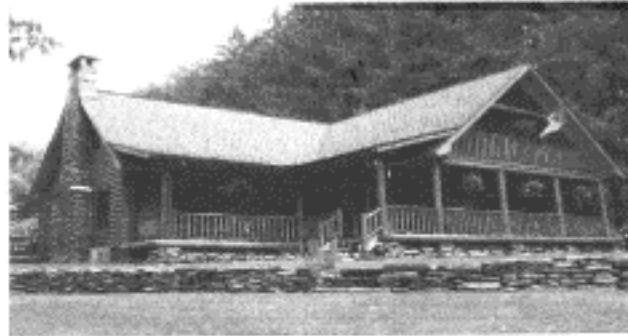
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The Olive Jar - By Carol LaMonda

The New Nostradamus

According to Nostradamus, the 16th century French seer who wrote quatrains foretelling future events in short poems called "Centuries", a third world war is imminent. Some interpret his "the trumpet" to refer to the current election. Feel free to read his predictions for the current government. Be prepared to have a stiff shot of hard cider to swallow those dire warnings, and remember what a skeptic said, "Nostradamus predicted everything and nothing. You can twist his words to mean anything from the end of the world to your Uncle Fred's bunion operation."

I have some predictions of my own about things other than those political ones. Mine are more Pollyanna. If you use the old adage, "Is the glass half empty or half full?" I always think the glass is refillable, preferably with a robust red wine.

Now, I am no Nostradamus, but I can foresee a future that technology will revolutionize. I predict Dyson will design windmills to replace cell towers which will no longer be used when satellites beam our information to HOT SPOTS. Our cable and electric companies will combine for a monthly energy bill. Our solar roofs and windows will connect directly to heating systems. Turbines in major rivers and off shore will harness water turbulence into usable energy, and those dreaded oil pipelines can be replaced by national irrigation systems channeling water from places with too much to places in drought.

Those devices like cameras, recorders, televisions, movie projectors, and computers will be combined into one device. This device, which I think should be called THE DEVICE will absorb and transmit all the media and will be able to project it onto any flat surface (like a wall) in the home. I feel like we are well on the way to this technological improvement.

Someone, an economic pundit, referred to FaceBook as the present MySpace with Instagram fading into an unknown obsolescence. I wonder what the next platform for social media will be on the new DEVICE. Perhaps we will talk to one another again.

I do think children will be micro-chipped which will make attendance revolutionized in kindergarten. These GPS-ed little folk can be tracked and monitored by parents. No playing "hooky" for these darlings.

Diet suits will replace gyms. Energy sapping clothing will burn fat and calories until we all look like swimsuit models. Chubby, or "fluffy" as I call myself, might become the new look to which we aspire.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

Dear Editor,

I would like to thank Governor Cuomo for including in his Executive Budget an \$8 million allocation for capital improvements to the Belleayre Mountain Ski Center.

I am very grateful for the advocacy efforts of our state representatives, Senator Seward and Assemblyman Cahill, and our conscientious local residents who traveled to Albany to articulate the importance of this type of investment at Belleayre. A special thanks to Mr. Joe Kelly from the NYS Olympic Regional Development Authority for his yeoman efforts. These local leaders have always been accountable to their neighbors and have worked to improve our beautiful area for the benefit of everyone.

This targeted investment will net economic growth by modernizing the ski center to meet the expectations of today's skiers, and our year-round visitors. There is doubt that you will see Belleayre's use grow as lift lines shorten and as word gets out. I believe it will also open our community to New York's culturally diversified citizenry who will choose this affordable option to ski over other more expensive choices.

Yours truly,
John R. Parete, Legislator
District 22

Olive Free Library Director's Message

On February 13th we had a tremendous wind storm that caused extensive damage in West Shokan. Many roads were blocked with downed trees and power lines. Electricity, phone, and internet were knocked out, but we were able to make and receive phone calls because we have a library cell phone for emergencies. The cell phone number is 668-0512. The library is able to open during power outages because we have a generator. We are also a designated Red Cross shelter and will open for sheltering when there is need. Please keep the library in mind during power outages and other natural disasters.

We will have a spring book fair on March 25 and are currently accepting donations of books that are in good condition. All donations must be brought in during library hours and reviewed by the staff. The fair will have activities all day so we hope you will stop in!

We have a couple of new programs starting this month: Women Walking Olive is a small group of women who take walks together and are opening this up for other women to join in. There is also a group forming to do knitting and crocheting projects for charity. The group will work together to make blankets for children who are gravely ill or experiencing homelessness. This will be on the first Tuesdays of the month at 10 a.m.

For those who like to do their taxes the good old-fashioned way we have tax forms available.

--Katie - director@olivefreelibrary.org

DEC Adopts New Freshwater Fishing Regulations

New or Modified Regulations Established for Various Fish Species and Methods of Take

New freshwater fishing regulations go into effect April 1, 2017, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos announced today.

"New York State is known for fantastic freshwater sport fishing opportunities," said Commissioner Seggos. "These regulatory changes will help maintain these opportunities and enthusiasm for the sport."

The modifications to the sport fishing regulations are a result of a two-year process that included biological assessment, discussions with anglers, and a formal 45-day public comment period. DEC used public input to finalize the changes. These regulations will be published in the 2017-18 Freshwater Fishing Regulations Guide that will be available at all license sales vendors and on-line in March.

Highlights of the new regulations include:

- o Adjustments to existing walleye regulations in various waters throughout the state, including measures to protect spawning walleye and conservative minimum harvest size and creel limits in waters where managers are trying to establish self-sustaining populations of this popular sport fish. Regulations have also been liberalized for two waters where successful management has resulted in increased walleye abundance, Chautauqua Lake (Chautauqua County) and Franklin Falls Flow (Essex County);
 - o Modifications to DEC Region 7 Finger Lakes rules to increase survival of rainbow trout, brown trout, and Atlantic salmon and to create a greater balance between these species and lake trout;
 - o Allowing ice fishing in some waters and restricting the number or use of devices used for fishing through the ice (including, but not limited to hand line, tip-up, tip down, etc.) in other waters to protect self-sustaining populations or limit fishing pressure;
 - o Simplification of the black bass regulations in Lake Erie by compressing the three existing seasons into two while expanding opportunities to use live bait and harvest one large bass per day during a special season;
 - o Greater protection for northern pike in the St. Lawrence River due to the declining abundance of spawning adults and poor recruitment of young-of-year fish in the Thousand Islands region;
 - o Relaxing of special regulations for trout and Atlantic salmon for various waters in DEC Region 5 (Adirondack Region) due to poor survival; and
 - o Multiple updates to clarify existing regulations.
- For a summary of the regulations changes, visit DEC's website.

The Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum Gets Ready – NYS Trout Season Opens April 1

New York State's trout season opens on Saturday, April 1st. Fly fishing is expected to be great this year in the Catskills with most of the streams showing little damage and good water levels. The Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum (CFFCM) is hosting several opening day activities and partnering on others. This year's theme is "Fly Fishing is for Everyone" with an effort to welcome new-comers to the sport. With that in mind, here's some first-day advice for first-timers from the New York State DEC: "Even with the expected fishable stream flows, trout will still be relatively lethargic until stream temperatures warm. Fishing will improve markedly once water temperatures move into the sixties later in the spring. The warming also encourages aquatic insect activity, which improves opportunities for those preferring to use fly fishing gear." Activities kickoff at 7:00 AM with an Opening Day First Cast Celebration at Junction Pool in Roscoe. Join as CFFCM partners with the Roscoe Rockland Chamber of Commerce for the Official First Cast of the 2017 NYS Trout Fishing Season at the center's Junction Pool property. First-timers and beginners are particularly welcomed. From then on it's one activity after another: a bamboo rod casting demonstration, Agnes Van Put's traditional soup, a new "Fly Fishing in the Catskills" traveling exhibit, fly tying and rod making demonstrations, and the annual Catskill Legends Dinner.

CASTING INSTRUCTION PROGRAM FOR 2017
This year CFFCM is offering three casting workshops to cover a range of casting skills. The workshops will take place from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the lower field at the center. Instructors Paul and Gail Gallo are both International Fly Fishing Federation (IFFF) certified master casting instructors with many years of experience teaching fly casting at all levels from beginner to expert. They are also founding members of the Catskill Mountain Casting Club and members of the Board of Directors of the Eastern Waters Council of the IFFF. They have published articles on casting in

the Loop, the professional journal of the IFFF for casting instructors, and regularly compete at the American Casting Association's National Casting Competition. They are avid fly fishers who call the Catskill rivers home and have also traveled throughout the US, Mexico, Canada, the Bahamas and Argentina. **BE A BETTER CASTER - Saturday, May 6, 2017** In this clinic workshop, students will have the opportunity to work on their individual casting problems and develop new skills at all levels from basic to advanced. This clinic will provide the opportunity to eliminate old faults and learn new skills, addressing issues like getting the line out straight, making a presentation cast, or doing an effective double haul. **PUTTING THE FLY WHERE YOU WANT IT TO BE - Saturday, June 3, 2017** For catching spooky fish rising in hard to reach spots on the river, there is no more useful skill than the ability to make an accurate cast. In this workshop on casting accuracy, all the elements of making an accurate cast will be taught. Students will learn to improve their loops for greater line speed and put their flies on a trajectory that will reach a desire target. Getting the fly where one wants it to go should not be hit or miss. Knowing the fundamentals of accuracy will make one's flies land where one wants them to land. **LEARNING TO CAST FARTHER - Saturday, July 1, 2017** Learning to cast a greater distance not only helps one reach more fish, but also teaches the skill for generating line speed that is so essential for casting on windy days. This workshop will cover the fundamentals and techniques of distance casting, including the double haul. The fee for each workshop is \$10 for museum members and \$15 for non-members. A rod will be available for those who need one for a \$5.00 fee per workshop. Registration is required to insure an appropriate instructor to student ratio. The instructors will meet the workshop participants on the porch at the gift shop at 9:45 a.m. To reserve a spot, individuals must prepay the entire amount. Cancellations will have money refunded, less 10%. No refund for cancellation 30 days or less before the class. Call CFFCM to register.

FLY TYING STARTER CLASS - Part of a series of monthly classes for individuals new to fly fishing, who want to learn about tying and casting. Each student will learn to tie a basic traditional fly. Materials are provided. The class is on Saturday, March 4 beginning at 10:00 a.m. The instructor is Joe Fox of Dette Fly Shop in Roscoe. Cost is \$10.00. CFFCM members get a 10% discount. The students should bring a lunch.

MARCH MADNESS BOOK SALE IS ONLINE

The annual March Madness Book Sale begins this month. This year most of the book sale will take place on the CFFCM's new online store. A sampling of books is listed inside the news-letter. The full selection will be available online at <http://books.cffcm.com> at least five days before the sale goes live on Sunday, March 12. Members will be able to pay with a credit card or through PayPal. The price shown is the sale price - unlike past years, there is no further member discount. Shipping is the same as past years: \$4 for the first book, and \$1 for each additional book. New books sent to NY addresses will incur an additional 8% sales tax. In fairness to other purchasers, items held in a cart too long will be released back into inventory. Members should review the list ahead of time and purchase books promptly. Individuals who require assistance, can call the office for help placing their order. As in years past, CFFCM volunteer Nina Daley has organized and catalogued the books donated to the center for sale to members. CFFCM welcomes additional books from the collections of members who are culling their libraries. Books must be relevant to fly fishing, stream ecology, or local history (Catskill Hudson area). Books about game bird hunting and firearms, river journeys and guides, fish cook books, and local trail guides are acceptable. Books not accepted include those mostly about bait, spin, deep sea or commercial fishing; big game hunting; outdoor pursuits such as hiking and camping; and National Geographic - type books about fish, rivers, ocean life, wilderness, parks, etc. All books must be in good or better condition - no substantial mold, mil-dew, or other moisture damage; or badly torn, loose, or missing pages. Donors who want a receipt must make an itemized list by author and title.

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Fall for Art Call for Entry Applications Now Available on-line
 Artists Call for entry applications Now On-line at www.fallforart.org for 2017 Fall for Art Juried Show & Fundraiser - Submission Deadline: April 30

The Call for Entries for Hudson Valley artists is on-line at www.fallforart.org for the 21st annual Jewish Federation of Ulster County's Fall for Art popular art show and cocktail reception fundraiser. The deadline for submission is April 30 and the accepted artists will be notified on or about May 30. The event is scheduled for Thursday, September 7, 2017 at The Chateau in Kingston from 5:00-9:00pm.

This annual fundraising event, which in 2016 attracted more than 400 attendees and raised more than \$24,000, supports many local not-for profits, including: the Hudson Valley Food Bank, Family of Woodstock, CASA, People's Place, Angel Food East, Jewish Family Services, and area synagogues, among others. Thirty of the area's leading professional artists will be featured at the 2017 juried Fall for Art event. On September 7th, representatives from The Kingston Library, this year's special recipient, will be invited to select \$1,000 worth of art from the show to be permanently exhibited at the Franklin Street facility.

Fall for Art is made possible thanks to the generous support of corporate and individual sponsors, patrons, ticket buyers and contributors. Sponsorships at various levels are still available and tickets will be on sale during the summer. Additional information about Fall for Art is available at: www.fallforart.org or from the Jewish Federation of Ulster County office at 845-338-8131

ed for contractors and developers who will be disturbing more than one acre of soil, is \$50. FMI: 845-292-6552.

Sullivan County BOCES/NYSED to host an Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Community Forum on March 9

On Thursday, March 9, 2017, the Sullivan BOCES Region, in collaboration with the New York State Education Department, will hold a public input meeting on the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). This session will take place from 5-7 p.m. at the Sullivan BOCES Ruben Pollack Education Center, 52 Ferndale-Loomis Road, Liberty, NY. Pre-registration is required and can be made by calling (845-295-4016).

Members of the public, parents/families of school-age children, K-12 educators, Sullivan County school board members, students, local business owners, members of the higher education community and representatives of civic organizations, are invited to attend to provide their feedback on the State's ESSA educational plan.

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), which replaced the federal No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB), is set to take full effect in the 2017-18 school year. New York, along with the other U.S. states, will be submitting plans to the federal Education Department that outline the educational goals on issues they have set for their k-12 students. These goals must address: proficiency on tests, English-language proficiency and graduation rates.

Headed into forest or field? Listen up

The NYC DEC maintains a page on its website detailing trail conditions, road closures, seasonal notices, regulatory updates, emergency contact information and other news of interest to those planning fishing, hunting and hiking excursions in the Catskill backcountry. There are also links to organizations and agencies, including NYC DEP's site for obtaining public access permits.

Senator Bonacic Meets with Pipetrades Association Representative



State Senator John J. Bonacic (R/C/I-Mt. Hope) met in his Albany office with Tom Gandolfini of Plumbers and Steamfitters Local 373 to discuss issues related to the pipe trades including, workforce development, increased benefits for employees, and collaborative ways for government to work with local trade unions. Local 373 covers Orange, Sullivan, Rockland and Ulster Counties.

Stormwater training at Liberty

The Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District will hold a Stormwater Erosion and Sediment Control Management training Wed., March 22 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Cornell Cooperative Extension, 64 Ferndale-Loomis Rd., Liberty. Fee for the seminar, intend-

8th Graders Put on an Amazing Show at Tri-Valley's Seventh Annual Poetry Slam



Hosts Jordan Rider, Kyle Giminiani, and Andrea Decker

(From Pg. 1) A large part of a Poetry Slam is the performance aspect and the students certainly didn't disappoint. Each student, or group of students, memorized an originally written poem and then delivered the poem with their best sense of emotion and theatrics. The audience showed their appreciation by responding to several of the poems with applause and laughter. But perhaps the best part of the night was witnessing the kids come together as one to support and encourage each other throughout the event.

Madison Botsford, Rebecca Musa, and Emily Schmidt were crowned Poetry Slam champions for their poem "What Were We Thinking?" Lorna Bragg won second place for her poem "That One Person." Alex Prousalis finished in third place for his poem "The Bully." Finally, Keegan Countryman and his untitled poem and Jason Feliciano and Sean Feliciano and their

poem "Feliciano Roast Battle" shared the Performance Award.

The event was hosted by 9th grade students Andrea Decker, Kyle Giminiani, and Jordan Rider, last year's Performance Award winners. Jason Closs-Tri-Valley Dean of Students and Athletic Director-served as the evening's guest poet. He performed his poem titled "What is a teacher? What is a coach? What is a Dean?" Mr. Closs made several insightful observations about his experiences in his career as an educator.

The Tri-Valley Annual Poetry Slam is run by 8th grade ELA teacher Matt Haynes. Mr. Haynes has been in charge of the Poetry Slam for all seven years of its existence. Deb Swett and Gayle Burger, middle and high school special education teachers, also played a large part in organizing the event.

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

SYDA Foundation Makes a Difference for Fallsburgh School District Students

On Wednesday evening, February 15th, the Board of Education proudly accepted a donation from the SYDA foundation. The donation was for \$4,000.

Presenting the donation to school board President Debra Barbiani and school superintendent, Dr. Ivan Katz, was Luciana de Oliveira Thompson and Gail Fairbank-Roch, SYDA Foundation staff.

Dr. Katz stated, "The Fallsburg Central School District is proud to have the support of the SYDA because it does make a difference for kids." Dr. Katz further stated, "The SYDA has been a supporter of the school district for many years, which speaks volumes to SYDA's commitment to Fallsburg students."



Left to right are SYDA Foundation Staff persons Ms. Gail Fairbank-Roch and Ms. Luciana de Oliveira Thompson, School Board President Mrs. Debra Barbiani and Superintendent of Schools Dr. Ivan Katz.

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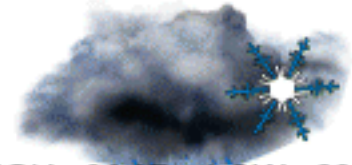
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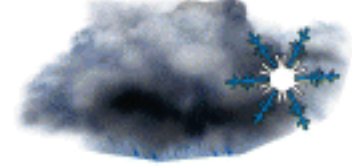
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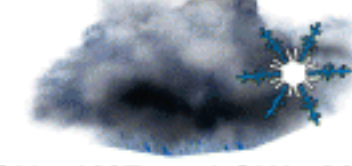
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TUESDAY



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Four Generations of the Exner Family Celebrate a Special Occasion



Four generations of the Helen Exner family recently attended the two-year-old celebration of Carter Kipp held at the Frank Exner home in Neversink.

The four generations include, from the left, Helen Exner, mother of Frank Exner; Carter Kipp, son of Katelyn Kipp; Katelyn Kipp, daughter of Frank Exner; and Frank Exner, father of Katelyn Kipp.

Egg-cellent Strength



Tyler, and his grandfather, Tim Conjura, next to Tyler's presentation for the Science Fair, on Feb. 3, 2017. Tyler won the "Best in Show" from grades 3-6, for his presentation: "Egg-cellent Strength"!

**Three Ways to Enjoy
the Beginning of Spring in the Catskills**



Spring is just about here - can you feel it? To celebrate the coming season, Frost Valley YMCA is offering three ways for families and individuals to enjoy the best of what the Catskills offers.

Maple syrup is such a top commodity here that it has its own unofficial season. Now that the sap is flowing through the sugar maples, visit Frost Valley's Maple Sugaring Free Open House on March 18 and 19 and March 25 and 26 from 10 am-4 pm to learn about the entire tree-to-table process of making maple syrup. This free event is open to all ages and includes a guided nature walk, lesson on sugar maples, a tour of the Maple Sugar House, and a sample of fresh syrup to taste. Bottles and small jugs of syrup are also available for purchase.

Next month, from April 10-14, students on spring break have the opportunity to spend their days enjoying crafts, games, hiking, and other fun programs during Spring Break Day Camp. Weather permitting, campers have the opportunity to take an offsite trip to a local indoor pool, experience a tour of the Maple Sugar House, and visit the Frost Valley Farm to see and pet baby farm animals. Lunch, snacks, and transportation are all included. Visit FrostValley.org to learn more or call 845-985-2291 to register in advance.

Hiking enthusiasts (or those who always wanted to give it a try) will want to attend Frost Valley's Hiking Gathering Weekend April 7-9. Groups meet at Frost Valley, where they'll be spending the weekend, before gearing up to trek trails on Frost Valley property and nearby popular trailheads. Frost Valley trails include a Catskill History hike, Cable Bridge hike, a hike to a Bear Cave or High Falls waterfall, and more. For off-site hikes, guests are shuttled from the camp to various popular trailheads including Slide Mountain, Giant Ledge, Double Top, and Red Hill Fire Tower. Guests who plan to stay the weekend at Frost Valley for this event can receive special rates. Please contact the Reservations department at Reservations@frostvalley.org or call 845-985-2291 ext. 450.

Don't Forget! Open Houses and Registration are in full swing for Frost Valley YMCA's Day Camp programs and sessions are filling fast. Open Houses will take place April 30, May 11, and June 11 from 10am-1pm. Registration is available online at FrostValley.org or by calling 845-985-2291.

**Broadcast Journalist Anderson Cooper Slated to
Speak to SUNY Sullivan Students**

(Loch Sheldrake, NY): Emmy-award winning broadcast journalist Anderson Cooper will participate in a live broadcast to SUNY Sullivan students, staff, faculty and the public on Sunday, March 12 at 7 p.m. in the college's Kaplan Student Union. Produced in partnership with The National Society of Leadership and Success and the NASPA association for collegiate student affairs administrators, the event will be broadcast live from NASPA in San Antonio, Texas. There is no fee to attend.



During the talk, viewers are invited to submit questions via Twitter and Facebook, which may be answered live during the broadcast. The event is a special installment of the 2016-2017 multi-speaker broadcast series sponsored by the National Society of Leadership and Success, which reaches more than 550 college campuses each month during the academic year, and is designed to support its overall mission of Building Leaders Who Make a Better World.

Cooper is an acclaimed author, award-winning journalist and current anchor of CNN's Anderson Cooper 360°. Since the start of his career in 1992, Cooper has worked in more than 40 countries, moderated several presidential debates and covered nearly all major news events around the world. Cooper helped lead CNN's Peabody Award-winning coverage of Hurricane Katrina and DuPont Award-winning coverage of the 2004 tsunami. Additionally, he has been awarded nine Emmy Awards, including two for his coverage of the earthquake in Haiti, as well as an Edward R. Murrow award.

For more information about the session, contact Klu Padu, SUNY Sullivan's Career Placement & Transfer Advisor at 845-434-5750, ext. 4202 or via email at kpadu@sunysullivan.edu.

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**MET Opera Live in HD Presents
"La Traviata" at SUNY Sullivan**



The Metropolitan Opera: Live in HD presents "La Traviata" on Saturday, March 11th in SUNY Sullivan's Seelig Theater. Start time is 12:55 pm.

Sonya Yoncheva sings one of opera's most beloved heroines, the tragic courtesan Violetta, a role in which she triumphed on the Met stage in 2015, opposite Michael Fabiano as her lover, Alfredo, and Thomas Hampson as his father, Germont. San Francisco Opera Director Nicola Luisotti conducts.

Running time is approximately two and a half hours, with one intermission. Tickets are \$20.00 (Adults); \$10.00 (Children 13 & Under); \$10.00 (Students with valid ID).

To order tickets, call the SUNY Sullivan Box Office at (845) 434-5750, extension 4472, between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm on weekdays.

Time and the Valleys Museum 2017 Programs

Basic Seed Starting Class Sunday, March 12, 2 p.m. Members: FREE, non members: \$3

The Bearfoot Gardener Russel Scheirer will share seed starting techniques and the steps that follow. Participants will also learn vocabulary to help choose seeds, including annual, perennial, heirloom, organic, open pollinated, hybrid, GMO. This is a hands on program for all ages. Refreshments are included.

Propagating Heirloom Perennials Sunday, March 26, 2 p.m. Members: FREE, non members: \$3

A presentation on propagating heirloom and deer resistant perennials by John Story, who received his B.S. from Cornell University and has extensive experience and knowledge in many areas of horticulture. Refreshments are included.

Heritage of Wool & Its Connection to Local History Sunday, April 2, 2 p.m. Members: FREE, non members: \$3

A presentation by Marilyn Jones on the history of wool, the science behind the fiber and local developments in the fiber industry. Participants will try a simple needle-felting activity and make a small decorative coaster to take home. Refreshments are included.

Creating Your Own Barn Quilt Sunday, April 9, 2 p.m. FREE

Dave Moore and Barbara Purcell, members of the Neversink Renaissance, will give a history of the barn quilts of Neversink including a "How To" demonstration for creating a barn quilt. Refreshments are included.

Kurpil Family Fiddlers Sunday, April 30, 2 p.m. Members: FREE, nonmembers: \$3

The Kurpil Family Fiddlers will perform their toe tapping fiddle music while intermingling local fiddle music history, song history and the origins of fiddling. Includes an exhibit of fiddle photos and memorabilia. Refreshments are included.

We Love our Volunteers Luncheon Sunday, May 7, 1 p.m. Museum Volunteers: FREE Guests: \$15

Join us for a delicious lunch and a program honoring our volunteers, with a special presentation to retired trustees. Please RSVP if attending. By reservation only.

Become a Museum Volunteer Sunday, May 21, 2 p.m. FREE

Discover the numerous volunteer activities for many different types of people. Volunteers teach students about NYC's water system, scan photos and organize the collections, assist visitors at the front desk, help in the shop, create exhibits, research the lost Catskill Farm, run our many programs throughout the year and more. No experience is needed, and you can help as much or as little as you want. Staff and volunteers will be on hand to answer questions and information will be available to take home. Refreshments are included.

Enterprise & Courage: Civil War Years at Lake Mohonk Sunday, June 11, 2 p.m. Members: FREE, non memb:\$3

Visitors to Lake Mohonk saw a very different place during the Civil War. Find out just how different as author Robi Josephson traces the earliest days of the mountain house. Ms. Josephson's book, Mohonk Mountain House and Preserve will be available for sale. Refreshments are included.

Special Weekend Event: Remembering World War I 100 Years Later

A unique exhibit of memories, photos and memorabilia from local residents who participated in WWI plus:

General Overview of WWI Saturday, July 8th, 2 p.m. Members: FREE, Non members: \$3

A talk by local military historian Charles M. Breiner will include an overview of the armies, impact of new weapons including gas, U.S. industry and how the Treaty of Versailles set the stage for over 100 years of warfare. Museum researchers will also give a short presentation on former Claryville resident Dr. Karl Connell who invented the Connell Gas Mask. Refreshments are included.

Songs of the Soldier - Performance by Mark Rust, entertainer and Broadway performer Sunday, July 9th, 2 p.m. Members: FREE, non members: \$3

A truly unique historical and entertaining program, The Songs of the Soldier is a stirring presentation of favorite songs of American soldiers and veterans from World War I. The songs reflect the experiences soldiers encountered while making the transformation from ordinary citizens to disciplined soldiers, as well as the songs of the families remaining on the home front supporting their young men and women abroad. The weekend of programs and exhibit is made possible by the Arts for Sullivan Decentralization Grants Program, a regrant program of the New York State Council on the Arts and administered by the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance, and a donation from the former VFW Post #8648 of Grahamsville.

Old Time Fair & Chicken BBQ Saturday, July 29, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Chicken BBQ: 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Grahamsville Fairgrounds FREE Admission

The Old Time Fair is our annual fundraiser and takes place rain or shine. The fair features old fashioned activities such as corn shucking, the very popular skillet toss and games for both children and adults. There are also demonstrations of old time crafts as well as vendor booths of local craftspeople and merchants. There is live music to entertain you throughout the day and the ever popular pie auction will be held before the kick

off of Miller's Famous Chicken Barbecue dinner. With fair food galore, plenty of free parking and free admission this event will be a day of fun to be long remembered. Denning and Claryville History Afternoon Sunday, August 6th, 1 p.m. FREE View our rich collections from Claryville and Town of Denning that brings life to the history of the Upper Neversink and Upper Rondout valleys. A Program on tanneries begins at 2 p.m.. We welcome the sharing of any items relating to the Claryville or Denning area. The Claryville Church and old schoolhouse will be open to visitors from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

1st N.Y. Mounted Rifles of the Civil War Sunday, August 27, 1 p.m. Members: FREE, non members: \$3

A presentation by former resident and geologist Robert Day on companies C&D of the 1st NY Mounted Rifles in the Civil War and the war's effect on the Tri-county area. Refreshments are included.

Neversink History Afternoon Sunday, September 10, 1 p.m. FREE

Photos, records, stories and artifacts from the Town of Neversink, including a special display on old Neversink. Presentation at 2 p.m.: "Friends, Family and Fun at the Farm: What Neversink Meant to My Dad" about life in 1930s Neversink, by Charles Barbuit, III. Come and share your Neversink history.

The Story of the Lenape Sunday, September 24, 2 p.m. Members: FREE, non members: \$3

The story of the Lenape is a historical reenactment by Tom Riley who plays the part of a Lenape warrior. Painted for war, he will recount the origins of the Lenape and trace their history from the earliest times, through the colonial period into the present. Tom will discuss how the land of our first inhabitants was dispossessed and their way of life destroyed by the arrival of European settlers. Refreshments are included.

Barn Restoration at the Lost Catskill Farm Sunday, October 15, 2 p.m. Members: FREE, non members: \$3

Zeke Boyle of Beechwoods Barns restored the local 1870s Huff Barn on the Museum's Lost Catskill Farm with help from Robert V. Curry. Hear their amazing story which will include how the barn was dismantled by volunteers including Trustee David Forshay, a history of 19th century barns and a demonstration on how to make a hand hewn beam. Refreshments are included.

From Wilderness to Woodstock Sunday, October 22, 2 p.m. Members: FREE, non members: \$3

The story of the Catskill resorts from 1823 to 1974. Originally a slide presentation by Manville Wakefield, the program includes an introduction by Trustee Emeritus Barbara Purcell. Refreshments are included.

The Right to Vote: 100th Anniversary Sunday, November 5, 2 p.m. Members: FREE, non members: \$3

Join us for a special program commemorating the 100th anniversary of women getting the right to vote in New York State, including an exhibit on prominent local women. Refreshments are included.



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Weekly Legislative Recap from Congressman Faso

Congressman John Faso (R-Kinderhook) participated in a hearing hosted by the House Appropriations Committee. Congressman Faso spoke before the Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies to advocate for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP).

"This week I had the opportunity to speak at a Member Day Hearing for the House Appropriations Committee. I advocated for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). Many families in my district heat their homes with heating oil which is one of the more expensive forms of energy, especially during the harsh winter months. Read more here and watch my testimony here."

"Many families in my district heat their homes with heating oil which is one of the more expensive forms of energy, especially during the harsh winter months," said Congressman Faso. "The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program is critical to vulnerable families who need assistance paying their energy bills. We can't turn our backs on our country's poorest and most vulnerable, which is why I testified before the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies requesting an adequate level of LIHEAP funding to better serve the constituents in my district and Americans across the country."

"I understand the value in providing home energy assistance to those struggling to make ends meet, especially seniors trying to stay in their home and low income families," said Subcommittee Chairman Tom Cole of Oklahoma. "In my bill last year, we strengthened the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program by providing an additional \$100 million over the previous year's level."

"I also spoke in support of the Economic Development Administration's (EDA) Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance programs. The Capital Region's local industry and economy can greatly benefit from these programs which is why I testified in front of the Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies in support of funding for the EDA. Read more here and watch my testimony here."

"An increase in legal opioids and illegal drugs has led to an epidemic that is devastating our communities. While there is no simple solution, I am working with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to end opioid abuse and save lives. I recently cosponsored two pieces of legislation that will aid us in this fight."

H.R. 664, the STOP OD Act of 2017, expands funding for treatment and education.

H.R. 1057, STOP ACT of 2017, helps thwart dangerous synthetic drugs like fentanyl and carfentanyl from being shipped across US borders. The bill requires foreign postal operators to supply advance electronic data to the U.S. Postal Service, which will enable federal law enforcement agencies to track high-risk shipments.

"I continued my discussions with Congressional leadership, including the chairmen of the Ways and Means Committee as well as the Energy and Commerce Committee, where the Affordable Care Act reform bill is expected to be marked up next week. At the same time, our New York delegation members are fighting for reforms that do not pull out the rug from anyone and provide patients with access to an affordable plan they can trust. I also continue to meet with healthcare providers including nonprofit federally qualified health center Cornerstone Family Healthcare, which is scheduled to open a new family-practice site in Plattekill (Ulster County) later this year."

Iran Deal, Seasonal Employee Visas Letters

"I recently sent a letter to Secretary of State Rex Tillerson requesting that he answer a series of questions regarding the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), better known as the Iran nuclear deal."

"In a bipartisan letter to Acting Secretary of Labor Edward Hugar, I requested that the Department of Labor address and fix the significant delay in the processing of H-2B visas. Seasonal workers are vital to our local economy. These visas are expensive and already take more time than necessary. The added delays will adversely affect local businesses who depend on the help of seasonal workers as well as the broader economy: for every H-2B employee hired, 4.64 American jobs are created and supported."

Statement from Governor on Arrest Related to Threats Against Jewish Community Centers

"The recent increase in anti-Semitic threats and acts of intolerance is disturbing, unacceptable, and directly contradicts New York's core values of tolerance and diversity. Today's arrest sends a strong message that anyone who targets and instills fear in our communities will be brought to justice."

"New York State Police will continue to work in close partnership with the Federal Bureau of Investigation and local law enforcement to aggressively pursue investigations into any reported hate crime in our state. We will remain vigilant in our efforts to hold those responsible for these reprehensible actions fully accountable under the law."

"With the Statue of Liberty standing tall in our harbor, New York has always been and will continue to be a beacon of unity and hope for all, and we will not allow anyone to threaten those values."

All New Yorkers who have experienced bias or discrimination are encouraged to call DHR's toll-free hotline at (888) 392-3644 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday - Friday or text "HATE" to 81336. If you want to report a crime or fear for your safety, call 911 immediately.

MANDATES- MISSIONS-MONEY Not-For-Profits Fill A Void

The Office of the Ulster County Comptroller concluded its review of the top five Not-For-Profit organizations providing services to the County with an assessment of Green Chimneys School, which offers "residential programs for students who have been unsuccessful in traditional education environments."

Ulster County contracts with close to 200 regional Not-For-Profits who provide a myriad of services including alternative education, sheltering the homeless, coordinating volunteer services for seniors and providing foster care for children. In a great many of these cases the organizations assist the County in carrying out numerous mandated functions and fill a meaningful void in the advocacy and human service sector.

In addition to Green Chimneys School the highest paid providers include The ARC of Ulster-Greene, Family of Woodstock, Gateway Community Industries and the Mental Health Association. These five contractors have been paid collectively over \$33 million during the past three years, have annual budgets ranging from approximately \$8 million to \$58 million, and compensate their top executive anywhere from \$110,000 to \$214,000.

The Report, along with the reviews of all of the providers, can be found in the Snapshot section on the Comptroller's website:

www.YourEyesOnUlster.com

Governor Cuomo Announces New Legislation to End Child Marriage Strengthens Protections for Minors by Making it a Misdemeanor to Issue a Marriage License to Anyone Under 18-Years-Old in New York State

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced that he is advancing new legislation to end child marriage by raising the age of consent to marry from 14 to 18-years-old in New York. The legislation strengthens protections for minors by preventing child marriage and holding violators accountable. Under the new measures, those who issue a marriage license to anyone under 18-years-old without parental and judicial written consent will be charged with a misdemeanor.

"New Yorkers will be shocked when they learn this law has been in place for so many years, and with this new legislation, we will put an end child marriage, give our young people a voice, and provide the rights and protections to minors that they deserve," Governor Cuomo said. "This is a major step forward in our efforts to protect children, prevent forced marriages, and create a safer and more just New York for all."

"Governor Cuomo has repeatedly taken steps to ensure that women are empowered to have control over their own lives," said Lieutenant Governor Hochul. "Whether decisions about healthcare, family planning, education, marital status or sexual consent, this administration has a strong record of promoting the interests of all women and ensuring the protection of exploited and disadvantaged New Yorkers. Ending child marriages is a continuation of those objectives."

Under current law, children as young as 14-years-old may get married with parental permission and written consent provided by a judge. The law, which dates back to 1929, does not provide guidance to judges determining whether or not to grant consent. As a result, more than 3,800 minors were married in New York between 2000 and 2010.

Research shows that young women who marry before 19 are 50 percent more likely than their unmarried peers to drop out of high school, and four times less likely to graduate from college. In addition, women who wed before 18 are at increased risk of developing mental and physical health disorders.

The Governor's legislation includes the following provisions:

- o Raises the age of consent to marry to 18;
- o Makes it illegal to get married under the age of 17;

o Requires parental and judicial written consent for New Yorkers between the ages of 17- and 18-years-old to get married; and

o Strengthens protections for minors by making it a misdemeanor to issue a marriage license to someone under 18-years-old without written consent.

Additionally, the new legislation includes guidance for judges issuing consent for New Yorkers between the ages of 17- and 18-years-old to get married.

In order for a judge to provide written consent, they must ensure that neither party has a history of domestic violence, orders of protection issued against them, or is a registered sex offender. The judge must conduct an in-person interview with the minor to ensure the following:

- o The minor is entering into a marriage of his or her own free will;
- o The minor is not being forced, coerced, or otherwise compelled to enter into the marriage; and
- o The marriage will not endanger the mental, emotional or physical safety of the minor.

Senator John Bonacic: Protecting New Yorkers from Cyber Attacks and Terrorist Activity

With New York being a major center for international business and commerce, our state is particularly at risk for terrorist activity.

That is why I recently supported the passage of legislation to crack down on cyber-attacks and increase penalties for supporting acts of terrorism.

The first bill would create a new crime for when a person intends to cause widespread financial harm or commits a larceny offense against more than 10 people using computer technology. It also prohibits the use of cyberterrorism to cause mass injury or damage, or to intimidate, coerce, or influence a civilian population or government. (S. 953)

The second bill would increase criminal penalties for soliciting or providing support for an act of terrorism. Such a crime occurs when a person plans, prepares, carries out or aids in an act of terrorism; conceals, or escapes from an act of terrorism; or raises, solicits, collects, or provides material support or resources for terrorism. This measure specifically targets money laundering and credit card fraud, which are large sources of funding for terrorist organizations. (S. 956)

New Yorkers live every day with the knowledge that we are a primary target for terrorism, including computer-based terrorism. They should be equally confident in our capacity to overcome these challenges, and these bills aim to do just that.

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

DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos Welcomes Recruits into Service at Training Academy

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced that 43 Environmental Conservation Officers and Forest Ranger recruits were sworn in as New York police officers in a ceremony at the Department of Environmental Conservation training academy in Pulaski.

"Environmental Conservation Officers and Forest Rangers are on the front lines in our efforts to preserve the environment and protect the health and safety of New Yorkers and visitors alike," Governor Cuomo said. "I applaud this new class of recruits who will serve this state by upholding New York's rich tradition of environmental stewardship, and safeguarding our citizens and our natural resources for generations to come."

The Department of Environmental Conservation opened the 21st Basic School for Uniformed Officers on February 12 with these 32 Environmental Conservation Officers and 11 Forest Ranger recruits reporting for duty. The recruits do not receive the Oath of Office until two weeks into the academy due to a high attrition rate at the start of the vigorous 28-week, 1,288-hour academy. The class is expected to graduate on August 25, 2017.

"Receiving the Oath of Office is significant for the recruits because this is the time they make the move from civilian life to law enforcement officer," said DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos. "Today, these recruits are taking a vow to uphold both the Constitution of the United States and of New York State, and I commend their desire to serve New York and its citizens."

The recruits range in age from 22 to 44 years old, come from 28 counties across the state, and include both a Pennsylvania and a New Jersey native. They also include four former corrections officers, two former Sheriff Deputies, an Air Force veteran, a former town police officer, a former Coast Guardsman, and an Army reservist.

While the first few weeks of the academy focus primarily on basic police skills such as physical training, drill and ceremony, and computer skills, recruits will later delve into intensive instruction, including firearms training, swiftwater rescues, wildland fire suppression, and emergency vehicle operation.

An ECO's job duties are centered on the 71 chapters of New York State Environmental Conservation Law and can range from investigating deer poaching and solid waste dumping to checking fishing licenses on a local waterway. In 2016, ECOs responded to more than 26,400 calls and issued more than 22,150 tickets. (Contd. Pg. 13)

DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos Welcomes Recruits into Service at Training Academy (From Pg. 12)

Forest Rangers' duties focus on the public's use of approximately 5 million acres of DEC-administered state lands and forests and can span from patrolling state properties to conducting search and rescue operations and fighting forest fires.

In 2016, DEC Forest Rangers conducted 356 search and rescue missions, extinguished 185 wildfires that burned a total of 4,191 acres, and worked on cases that resulted in nearly 3,000 tickets or arrests.

"Since 1880 the mission of an ECO is vital to the protection of New York's abundant natural resources," said DEC Division of Law Enforcement Director Joseph Schneider. "From Montauk Point to the City of Buffalo to deep in the Adirondack wilderness, ECOs are the 'Thin Green Line' protecting New Yorkers from environmental damage and exploitation, whether enforcing clean air and water regulations, supporting fish and wildlife laws, investigating large-scale environmental crimes, or ensuring solid waste management."

"Since 1885, Forest Rangers have been devoted to saving the lives of those who journey into our wilderness areas and protecting the great natural resources of this state," said Director of the Division of Forest protection Eric Lahr. "Over the next several months, these dedicated men and women will prepare for the rigors of a Forest Ranger career, from the Pine Barrens of Long Island to the Gorges of the Southern Tier and the High Peaks of the Adirondacks."

DEC Environmental Conservation Officers and Forest Rangers ECOs and Forest Rangers are full-fledged State Police officers and are often called upon to assist in some of New York's most important police work. These officers were among the first responders on the scene to help in the aftermath of Sept. 11; they assisted in Superstorm Sandy response; and helped in the 2015 search for two escaped felons from the Clinton Correctional Facility in Dannemora.

The first Forest Rangers, originally known as Fire

Wardens, were put into service in 1885 when the New York State Legislature established the Forest Preserve of New York State. The first eight ECOs, originally called Game Protectors, were appointed for service in 1880.

The recruits in this newest class were selected from a list of qualifications and passing scores generated from the most recent Civil Service exam, which was given in 2013. To view job qualifications for ECOs, visit the Environmental Conservation Officer job description web page. For Forest Rangers, visit the Forest Ranger job description web page.

For an inside look into what it takes to become an ECO or a Forest Ranger, watch a 4-minute clip from last year's Basic School for Uniformed Officers on *YouTube*.

Upon graduation, recruits will be assigned patrol areas, typically consisting of one or two counties. They will join the ranks of 286 ECOs and 132 Forest Rangers currently serving across the state

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Third Saturday Thrift Sale

9 am - 1 pm
 March 18

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Claryville Fire Dept. All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast



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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Neversink Fire District Board of Commissioners will hold a special meeting at 6 p.m. on Thursday, March 16 at the Neversink Fire House, located at 7486 NYS Rte. 55, Neversink, NY. The purpose of said meeting is to review and establish official standard operating guidelines, policies and procedures for the Neversink Fire District.

Allison Ruef, Secretary
Neversink Fire District
February 27, 2017

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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, each person owning, possessing or harboring a wild animal as set forth in §209-cc must report its presence to the Town Clerk on or before April 1st. A list of common names of animals to be reported is available at the Denning Town Clerk's Office, 985-2411. Failure to file as required will be subject to penalties under the law.

Joy Monforte
Denning Town Clerk
February 25, 2017

**ATTENTION:
PARENTS OF NON-PUBLIC
SCHOOL STUDENTS**

The Tri-Valley Central School District in accordance with Section 3635(2) of the Education Law requires that requests for transportation to a non-public school for the 2017-2018 school year be submitted, in writing, prior to April 1, 2017.

Tri-Valley residents should submit their requests to:

District Clerk
Tri-Valley Central School District
34 Moore Hill Road
Grahamsville, New York 12740
By Order of the Board of Education.
Norma Peña District Clerk
February 21, 2017

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**Senator Bonacic Cracking
Comments: Cracking Down on
Drug Trafficking and Dealers
Who Target Children**

Drug dealers have no shame. They prey on teenagers, even children, and brazenly push their toxic drugs in public parks and playgrounds. That is why I was pleased to recently support two drug prevention bills to protect our children and fight the spread of heroin and opioid use by strengthening enforcement of major drug traffickers and those who sell drugs in parks and playgrounds.

The first Senate-approved bill would strengthen existing laws to increase successful prosecutions of major drug traffickers in New York. (S. 301) Under current law, major drug traffickers are able to avoid prosecution for their role in infecting our communities with the menace of heroin. This bill will more accurately reflect the seriousness of their heinous crimes and hold them more accountable for their actions.

The second approved measure would help law

ANNOUNCEMENT

The following position is available at
Tri-Valley Central School
for the 2016-2017 Spring Sports Season:

Assistant Varsity Track Coach

Please submit a letter of interest and coaching credentials to Jason Closs, Director of Athletics, Tri-Valley CSD, 34 Moore Hill Road, Grahamsville, NY 12740
Phone: 845-985-2296 x 5303

Deadline to apply: March 10, 2017

enforcement prosecute drug dealers who use parks and playgrounds in an effort to target children. This bill will help to protect the safety of children and their families by providing enhanced penalties for the sale of controlled substances on park grounds and playgrounds. (S. 814A)

Our parks and playgrounds should be a safe haven where children play without fear from drugs dealers and the poison they sell.

Both measures were among the recommendations from a report released last year by the Senate's Joint Task Force on Heroin and Opioid Addiction that detailed measures to provide greater resources to law enforcement to aid in combating this crisis, as well as improve prevention efforts, increase access to treatment, and expand recovery options.

I will continue to support legislation that will help stop the scourge of heroin from destroying our communities and will keep you posted on my efforts.

CWC Seminar on Septic Systems

Septic system designers and engineers are invited to a March 16 seminar hosted by the Catskill Watershed Corp. discussing recent advances in wastewater treatment and dispersal. The free seminar will be held at the CWC, 905 Main St., Margaretville. Please register online at cwconline.org

Eric Murdock, P.E., of Onsite Sales & Service of Syracuse will be the presenter at this training, which starts at 8 a.m. Sign-in is at 7:30 a.m. The seminar, which concludes at noon, carries four professional development hours for licensed engineers.

Topics will include an overview of system types, their limits and effectiveness; economical designs, and how to select systems to address site conditions. Murdock will also take a look at the coming generation of treatment techniques and technologies.

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

**Assemblymember Cahill Works to Get
Homeowners Much-needed Tax Relief:
Assembly Passes Legislation to
Eliminate Star Rebate Delays**

Kingston, NY - Assemblymember Kevin A. Cahill (D - Ulster, Dutchess) announced the passage of A. 5969, a bill he co-sponsored, reforming the State's School Tax Relief (STAR) program. The legislation would roll back changes to the STAR program, in order to provide homeowners with their deserved tax relief without delays.

Last year, modifications were made to the STAR program that moved administration of the program to the State Department of Taxation and Finance and away from local assessors. The method for getting tax relief to some homeowners was also revised. Before the modification, all eligible homeowners saw a yearly reduction in their school tax bill. But last year's changes required that all new homeowners - those who bought their first home and those who moved to a different home - had to pay a higher school tax bill and then register for a rebate check.

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The STAR relief measure returns administration of the program to the hands of local assessors. The bill also requires the State to help localities by notifying residents of these new changes so that all qualified homeowners receive the exemption promptly. Senator Terrance Murphy carries the bill in the Senate where S.4733 is being considered by the Committee on Local Government.

"I am working to make sure homeowners all over New York and here in our communities get school tax relief as smoothly as possible," said Assemblymember Cahill. "The changes to STAR have resulted in far too many headaches for homeowners - from delayed checks to higher tax bills and less money in New Yorkers' pockets. I have heard their concerns and I am proud to that we in the Assembly Majority have taken action. This new legislation, if approved by the Senate and signed by the Governor, will provide homeowners with the property tax relief they deserve."

**UC Executive Mike Hein
Announces that UC Recognizes
March as National Colon Cancer
Awareness Month**

Kingston, NY - Ulster County Executive Mike Hein and Commissioner of Health Dr. Carol Smith announce that Ulster County recognizes National Colon Cancer Awareness Month, as well as the nationwide "80% by 2018" initiative of the National Colorectal Cancer Roundtable. This initiative includes hundreds of organizations who have committed to substantially reducing colon cancer as a major public health problem, working toward the shared goal of regularly screening 80% of adults aged 50 and older for colon cancer by 2018. There are over five hundred local and national organizations working collaboratively to substantially reduce colon cancer as a major public health challenge.

"Colon cancer is a preventable disease if caught early," said County Executive Mike Hein. "Everyone knows someone who has had cancer and the devastation it causes individuals and their families. Fortunately colon cancer can be detected in its early stages through the screening process. I encourage everyone over the age of 50 to be proactive and get screened. Life is precious and by encouraging our residents and employees to get their screenings it may be possible to save lives."

"Colon cancer in its early stages has no symptoms; so many people believe that there is no risk. People can only know for sure by getting screened. There are several screening options available and most insurance plans cover preventative cancer screenings. I strongly urge every adult over 50 to talk to their doctor and set up a screening appointment", said Dr. Carol Smith, Ulster County Commissioner of Health.

In 2013, over 136,000 men and women in the United States were diagnosed with colon cancer and over 50,000 individuals succumbed to the disease. Colon cancer is the second-leading cause of cancer related deaths; however it is one of the few cancers that can be prevented. Through proper colon cancer screening, doctors can find and remove hidden growths (called "polyps") in the colon, before they become cancerous.

More information regarding National Colon Cancer Awareness Month and colon cancer screening can be found on the American Cancer Society's website at www.cancer.org/colon, the Centers for Disease Control site at www.cdc.gov/cancer/colorectal, and for information regarding the 80% by 2018 initiative, please visit www.nccrt.org.



Town of Neversink Parks & Rec 2017 Trips/Events
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www.townofneversink.org

Holiday Mtn Skiing/Snowboarding
 Sundays Jan 1 to March 5
 Get your discount pass for \$6

- Fri-Mar 17 **Bowling** Liberty Bowl
- Tue-Apr 11 **Jonah Sight & Sound**
- May 1 - May 5 **Screen Free Week**
- Sat-May 13 **Maritime Aquarium/IMAX Movie**
- Sat-June 3 **Country Living Fair** Rhinebeck Fairgrounds
- Fri-June 9 **Mamma Mia** Westchester Broadway Dinner Theatre
- Fri-June 16 **Transportation to NYC**
- Fri-July 7 **Swimming Beach Party** Grahamsville Fairgrounds
- Sat-July 22 **New York State Museum**
- Sat-Aug 5 **Zoom Flume**
- Fri-Aug 25 **Back to School Fun Night**
- Fri-Oct 6 **Annie Get Your Gun** Westchester Broadway Dinner Theatre
- Nov 4-5 **Wolf Lodge**
- Sat-Dec 2 **Transportation to NYC**

Stop by the Parks & Rec office on Tuesdays between 3pm and 6 pm to drop off your permission slips and payment. It is never too early to sign up for trips! Secure your seats today!



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 Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
 Sunday and Monday: Closed
 If you have any questions, please call the library at 985-7233.
 The Library Board of Trustees meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month. On occasion, a meeting date is changed. Please call ahead to confirm.

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

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

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

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

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- 3/8/17 Town of Neversink Board Meeting 7:30 pm
- 3/10/17 **SUNY Sullivan Honors Program NF Walk** 12:00pm at SUNY Sullivan Campus, Loch Sheldrake
- 3/11/17 Claryville Fire Dept **St. Patrick's Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner** - 4-7 pm
- 3/14/17 Town of Denning Board Business Meeting 7 pm Denning Town Hall
- 3/18/17 Grahamsville UMC **Third Saturday Thrift Sale** 9 am - 12 noon
- 3/19/17 Claryville Fire Dept **All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast** 7am-Noon
- 3/20/17 Grahamsville Fire District Meeting 7 pm Grahamsville Firehouse
- 3/21/17 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals - 7:30 pm
- 3/27/17 Town of Neversink Chamber of Commerce Meeting 7 pm Daniel Pierce Library
- 3/28/17 Town of Neversink Parks & Rec Meeting - 6 pm in Parks & Rec Office at Town Hall
- 4/1/17 **Covered Dish Supper** - Sundown Methodist Church Hall 5:30 pm
- 4/5/17 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting 7 pm
- 4/6/17 Claryville Fire District Meeting - 6:30 pm
- 4/4/17 Town of Denning Board Meeting 7:00 pm - Sundown Church Hall

Save the Date!

Friday, March 17, 2017 **4H Club Puppy Pals Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner** 4:00-7:00 at the Grahamsville Firehouse for tickets & info - puppypalsrock@gmail.com
 April 22, 2017 - Boy Scout Troop 97 **Fish & Chips/Chicken & Chips Dinner** - 4:30 to 6:30 pm at Neversink Fire House

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

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

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

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

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

Sundown Community Memorial Day Weekend Miles & Miles of Yard Sales

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

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

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A Knarf Police Mystery Classic Film, on TCM
The French Connection (Crime, 1971)
Two New York narcotics cops set out to bust a French drug smuggling ring. Directed by William Friedkin. **Gene Hackman, Fernando Rey, Roy Scheider.**
Two narcotics detectives, "Popeye" Doyle, and his partner Buddy Russo (Gene Hackman, Roy Scheider), start to close in on a vast international narcotics ring. See this film on TCM starting at 10:00 PM Tuesday evening, March 14, 2017, Color, 104 min, CC, Rated TV-MA.
According to the British television program, (October 25, 1988) "The Men Who Killed Kennedy," the real life smuggler in this film, Lucien Sarti (circa 1931- 1972) was a French drug trafficker and was involved in President John F Kennedy's assassination. For the real story go to:
<https://search.yahoo.com/yhs/search?p=french+smuggler+and+JFK+murder&ei=UTF-8&hsparm=mozilla&hsimp=yhs-001>

Quiz:
1. Who played Marie Charmier?
2. Who played Pierre Nicoli?

What's Going on in The Gnome Neighborhood™

SUNDOWN
March 25 - Spring Fling Chicken & Biscuits \$10 per person. Reservations Only (Deadline for Reservations Mar 20) Call: 985-2455 • Sundown United Methodist Church Hall
April 1st - Sundown United Methodist Church Covered Dish Supper - 5:30 pm at the Sundown UMC Hall

GRAHAMSVILLE
March 12 • 2 pm - Basic Seed Starting Class by the Bearfoot Gardener, Russel Scheirer at the Time and the Valleys Museum (See Pg. 1 for details)
March 18 - Grahamsville United Methodist Church Third Saturday Thrift Sale 9 am- 1 pm

CLARYVILLE
March 11 - 4 - 7 pm Claryville Fire Department Annual Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner.

NEVERSINK
SUNY Sullivan's Culinary & Pastry Arts Banquet & Catering Class presents an Italian Buffet Dinner on Thursday, March 16 • 5 - 7 pm at the Neversink Fire Hall 7468 State Route 55 Neversink NY 12765. Proceeds benefit the Sullivan County Veterans Coalition Tickets: \$20 in advance . \$25 at the door; \$10 children 5 - 10 / No charge for children under 5 Seating is limited, so please email Hillary Egeland at hegeland@suny-sullivan.edu or call her today at 845-434-5750, ext. 4377 to reserve your tickets. (See pg 8 for more details)

LOCH SHELDRAKE
Join the SUNY Sullivan Honors Program on their NF Walk to raise funds and awareness about NF. Starts 12:00pm on March 10th at SUNY Sullivan.

Calvary Baptist Church is holding it's 10th Game Dinner Saturday March 11 2017. 4pm-8pm at Loch Sheldrake Fire House (See Pg. 13)

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