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## Senator Bonacic Welcomes West Point Cadets to Albany as NY Senate Celebrates West Point Day



(Albany, NY)- Senator John J. Bonacic (R/C/1-Mt.Hope) was pleased to welcome Cadets from the United States Military Academy at West Point to Albany as part of the NY Senate's 2015 West Point Day. Bonacic had the opportunity to speak with Cadet Christopher Whipple about his time at the Academy. Cadet Whipple resides in Neversink, NY and is set to graduate in 2015.

Senior Academy personnel were also on hand, including the Superintendent of the United States Military Academy, Lieutenant General Robert Caslen. These Cadets are some of the best and brightest that this country has to offer, and West Point Day offers the State Legislature a chance to recognize them

## Time and the Valleys Museum Opens for the Season Memorial Day Weekend

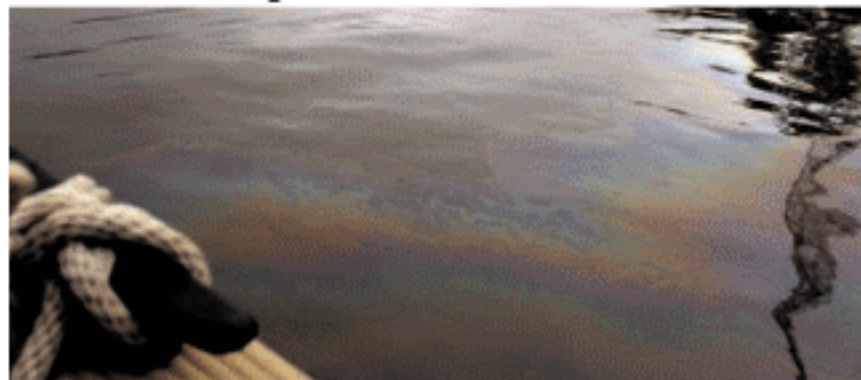
[Grahamsville, N.Y.] - The Time and the Valleys Museum opens for the season Memorial Day Weekend, May 23 and 24th, from noon to 4 p.m. Opening weekend includes discounts in the Museums shop and hourly tours of the Museums exhibitions:

- Water and the Valleys, an exhibit on the history of the Rondout and Neversink watershed area from early geological times to the 20th century.
- Celebrating Catskill Waters: Past and Present an exhibit on water recreation in Sullivan County including swimming, fishing and boating.
- Tunnels, Toil and Trouble: New York City's Quest for Water and the Rondout-Neversink Story (Contd. Pg. 3)



Kelly Priebe and son spinning the water wheel in the Museum's exhibition Tunnels, Toil and Trouble: New York City's Quest for Water and the Rondout-Neversink Story Photo by Dennis Muthig.

## Riverkeepers: "Latest Indian Point accident is proof positive that the plant must be closed"



Sheen on water from oil discharged into the Hudson River from Indian Point Sunday

Part of a New York nuclear power plant remained offline Sunday after a transformer fire created another problem: thousands of gallons of oil leaking into the Hudson River, officials said.

New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo said emergency crews were out on the water near Buchanan trying to contain and clean up transformer fluid that leaked from Indian Point 3.

"There's no doubt that oil was discharged into the Hudson River," Cuomo said. "Exactly how much, we don't know." (Contd. Pg. 12)

## "Congratulations to Newly Inducted National Junior Honor Society Members"

On April 30, 2015 the National Junior Honor Society Ronech Chapter at Tri-Valley Central School held its annual induction ceremony. The ceremony was attended by students, parents, teachers, administrators, and Board of Education members.

National Junior Honor Society is made up of upcoming freshmen, freshmen, and sophomore students. They must have a 90 average in all classes except honors courses, where the minimum grade requirement is 88. If they have qualified academically, teachers then rate the students in the areas of character, leadership, citizenship, and service. These ratings are then factored in to decide whether they are or are not inducted. (Contd. Pg. 3)



## Keyboarding Skills Club is a Great Success at Fallsburg Central School District



Third grade teacher Ms. Leah Exner (second from left) and Ms. Bernard (standing at second from right) observing and instructing fifth and sixth graders in the Band Room during their early morning session.

During the first few months of school beginning last September 2014, Benjamin Cosor Elementary School (BCES) Band and Music teacher Ms. Lauren Bernard started preparing newly purchased keyboards for the first ever Keyboard Skills Club. Neuroscience shows that learning and playing an instrument creates activity in both parts of the brain at once. No other activity the students participate in school does this. Ms. Bernard was excited about exposing fifth and sixth graders to this experience as she set up the keyboard lab in the large Band Room at the school.

Along with third grade classroom teacher Ms. Leah Exner, who has a degree in music and has given private lessons in piano and guitar, Ms. Bernard enrolled students to learn the elements of piano or to become more proficient in the Keyboard Skills Club that commenced in December 2014.

The Club has been a great success. Many students that are not otherwise engaged in the school music program are participating in the early morning hour prior to the beginning of the school day and immediately after school for an hour. (Contd. Pg. 4)

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**ON THE FRONT BURNER:** Let thy tender mercies come unto me, that I may live; for thy law is my delight. Psalm 119:77

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

**May 25, 1955** - The Sullivan County Board of Supervisors voted to purchase the Workmen's Circle property near Liberty for \$175,000 at a meeting at Monticello Court House last Monday night. A building will be constructed for an infirmary for the elderly and disabled. Welfare Commissioner, Robert Travis noted that the county has been spending roughly \$50,000 a year keeping the infirm in hospitals.

Pvt. Jack Denman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Denman of Grahamsville, won the individual championship with the highest score in his Battalion Small Bore match of the 18th F.A. Group Sharpshooter Battalion at Swabisch Hall, Germany.

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**May 5, 1965** - Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Van Keuren have announced the engagement of their daughter, Sharon Elizabeth, to Wayne Joseph Klumpp of Youngsville. The future bride is a graduate of Tri Valley Central School. She is now attending Roosevelt Hospital School of Nursing in Manhattan. Her fiance is a graduate of Jeff-Youngsville Central School. He is attending Manhattan College, pursuing a degree in electrical engineering. No date has been set for the wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Manville B. Wakefield are the parents of a son, Andrew W., born May 3rd at Hamilton Ave. Hospital. He weighed in at 8 lbs. The baby was born on his grandfather Wakefield's birthday. He is named after the famous American artist, Andrew Wyeth.

**May 21, 1975** - Elmer Denman, 71, of Sussex N.J. died May 10, 1975 after a short illness. He was born in Neversink on Feb. 6, 1904 to the late William and Sarah Denman. He is survived by his wife, Mollie Travis; one daughter, one son both of N.J. 10 grandchildren. He is also survived by 3 brothers: Bruce, Sr. of Grahamsville, Hugh of Woodbourne, and Tom of California; and five sisters all living out of the area.

May is Senior Citizen's Month and on May 23, 1785, Ben Franklin announced the invention of bifocal eyeglasses. You're getting old when the gleam in your eye is the sun hitting your bifocals.

**May 16, 1985** - Congratulations are in order for Mrs. Mildred Greenrose of Sundown, who received a plaque naming her "Senior Citizen of the Year for Ulster County and the "Pride of Ulster County" certificate.

**Red Hill Fire Tower News - 2015**

The Red Hill Fire Tower and observer's cabin will be open to the public on weekends and holidays from June 6 - October 12, 2015; 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM. In the event of fog, rain, or thunderstorms, the fire tower and cabin will be closed for the day. If you choose to visit the fire tower on a day when it is not manned, the view is still exceptional from the upper landings of the tower. Our guides look forward to seeing you up there.

Remember that the "Lighting of the Fire Towers" will be on the evening of September 5, 2015, at approximately 9 pm. Volunteers will be in the Red Hill tower, looking for your lights from the surrounding countryside, signaling them.

Thanks again to the staff at the Daniel Pierce Library for helping to provide such a fine place for us to hold our annual fire tower meeting.

If you have any questions, comments or would like to volunteer, please call Doug Hamilton at 845-985-7427, (e-mail: [redhillfiretower@gmail.com](mailto:redhillfiretower@gmail.com)).

**Liberty Faculty & Staff Sponsor**  
**Pro-Education Rally**

On Friday, May 15th faculty and staff of the Liberty Central School District will be sponsoring a pro-education rally at LaPolt Park on Main Street in the village starting at 3:30pm. As partners in education we respectfully invite all parents, legislative officials, residents, Board of Education members and others whose mission is to preserve the integrity of public education. Our mission is to peacefully protest the over-

abundance of standardized testing on our young children, lack of adequate resources for public schools, erosion of local control, and our Governor's attempt to have corporations, like Pearson, take over our public education system. "We hope everyone from this part of the county who is passionate about public education takes time out on Friday to demonstrate with us", states Maureen Crescitelli, President of the Liberty Faculty Association.

**Hop on the bus and take a BREW TOUR! CD Trips, LLC introduces new local day trips to Livingston Manor and Roscoe breweries/ distillery throughout the summer**  
Liberty, NY...Have you been wanting to check out the hot new local breweries and distilleries, but haven't found the time? Are you worried about the risks of driving after visiting these local establishments? Take a CD Trips, LLC BREW TOUR!

CD Trips, LLC, your common denominator for organized, hassle free and fun trips is proud to partner with local establishments to offer Thirsty Thursdays and Samplin' Saturdays BREW Tours throughout the summer.

Both tours take visitors to three new local establishments - The Catskill Brewery in Livingston Manor, the Roscoe Beer Company in Roscoe and Prohibition Distillery, also in Roscoe.

Thirsty Thursday tours begin at the Villa Roma Resort and Conference Center and make pick-ups at the Arnold in Shandeelee and at the Catskill Brewery in Livingston Manor. Samplin Saturday tours begin at BREW in Rock Hill and makes pick-ups in Liberty at Cracollicci's on the Green and in Livingston Manor at the Catskill Brewery. Both tours take approximately four hours and include tours of the breweries/distillery, samples, snacks and lots of fun.

"We are exploring ways to grow our business to include day trips throughout Sullivan County to visit regional locations and attractions," said CD Trips, LLC President Gary Siegel. "Touring Sullivan County's newest brewery/distillery establishments was a great place to begin this new venture."

Tours are priced at \$65 per person. Tours are planned to run on Thursdays and Saturdays throughout the summer and include round-trip transportation, tours and tastings at all three establishments and on-board snacks. All tours must have at least ten participants to operate.

All Brew Tours are guided by a professional CD Trips, LLC on-board tour guide. Riders can enjoy the relaxing view of the beautiful Catskill Mountains on the way to the first stop in the charming river town of Livingston Manor. Taste the freshly made ales and lagers, tour the brewing facility and then continue on to a visit and tasting at the famed Roscoe Brewery. Finally, enjoy the spirits at the Prohibition Distillery. Complimentary snacks and water are available on the bus and participants will have the opportunity to purchase growlers, souvenirs and bottles at each location.

"The Brew Tours are a great way to spend the day with friends and family," said Siegel. "It has never been easier to enjoy the offerings at Sullivan County's newest micro-breweries and distillery than stepping onto the bus and letting us be your designated driver."

(Tour guests must be 21 years of age or older and must show valid identification. Proper attire required, no rowdy or inappropriate behavior, please.)

**ABOUT CD TRIPS:**

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CD Trips, LLC (partnering with Big V Entertainment) also operates PARK, DINE & RIDE from Rock Hill - the best way to get to the hottest shows at Bethel Woods this season! For updated information and to make reservations for any of our upcoming trips, visit our website, [www.cdtrips.com](http://www.cdtrips.com) or contact us at: phone: 845-798-2188 email: [cdtripsllc@gmail.com](mailto:cdtripsllc@gmail.com)

**A Round About Tri-Valley**  
-Carol Furman

Royal Porter of Liberty passed away on April 27th at the age of 73. Condolences to his family. Sympathy should also be extended to the Conklin Family of Grahamsville and the Bivens Family of Parksville. Charles Conklin, Jr., age 56, died on April 28th and Dorothy "Dolly" Bivens also passed away on April 28th, at the age of 64.

Neil Bright, retired Tri-Valley teacher/administrator and SCCC professor, had another book published. The title of the book is "Rethinking Everything" (Personal Growth Through Transactional Analysis). Wow!

Margaret Dolan has returned to Grahamsville for the summer months after spending the winter with her daughter in Tennessee. Welcome back, Margaret!

Priscilla Bassett has also returned to her home on Glade Hill for the summer after spending the winter months in NYC. Priscilla recently took part in the Tri-Valley Lions "Journey For Sight Walk" held on May 2nd. It was a beautiful day and a successful walk!

The Town of Neversink's Memorial Day Service will be held at 11:00 am on Monday, May 25th at the Grahamsville Rural Cemetery. At that time, Harold Muthig's flag will be returned to his family and the flag of Air Force Major, James H. Grey, will be raised. All are invited to attend.

The Grahamsville Reformed Church will be having a turkey dinner, with all the trimmings, on Saturday, May 16th from 4:00 - 7:00 pm.

An Athletic Awards Dinner and Recognition Night will be held for all junior and senior varsity athletes at 4:30 pm on Sunday, June 7th at Frost Valley. Each student athlete may invite two guests. Students are free, but they must have a ticket, and the cost for guests is \$6.00 each. Tickets must be purchased and picked up from Mr. Derek Adams, no later than May 29th.

When you go to Tri-Valley for the budget vote and board seat vote on May 19th, you can also purchase an FBLA chicken dinner and enjoy it while eating at a table in the upstairs gym while listening to jazz bands and vocalists. The show begins at 6:00 pm. Drinks and snacks will be available. Plan to come and supports the performers! Admission is FREE!

Thank you, Jamie, for planning such a delightful trip to the Westchester Dinner Theatre to see "Westside Story". All who went are looking forward to going to Elmont again!

Save the date: May 15th - Grade 3-6 Talent Show at T.V.

**Words of Wisdom:** He who is good at making excuses is seldom good for anything else. Nothing ruins the truth like stretching it!

**"Congratulations to Newly Inducted National Junior Honor Society Members"**

(From Pg. 1) Ten new students were inducted into the National Honor Society: Jacob Allison, Emily Carey, Margaret Dembergh, Giovanna Lauria, Morgan McHugh, Aidan Mentnech, Kalic Perry, Cody Shamro, Frances Wallace, and Jacob Wilsen. They joined the twelve current members: Mikayla Clearwater, Taylor Cox, Erin Denman, Evan Edwards, Tim Glinski, Julie Helthaler, Kaylin Klein, Ben Lamboy, Gillian Mathews, Jackie Musa, Olivia Spriggens, and Mikhail Vainblat.

Following the induction of the new members, Tri-Valley Teachers' Association (TVTA) member and theatre/technology teacher Phil Pompeii served as the guest speaker. Mr. Pompeii gave an inspirational speech about what he values as being truly important in life.

The Tri-Valley National Junior Honor Society is run by TVTA member and English teacher Matt Haynes. This was Mr. Haynes' first year being adviser of the club. He enjoyed the experience and thinks very highly of all the students who have worked hard to become a part of National Junior Honor Society.

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

**SPRING CLEANUP 2015**

Spring Cleanup will be held on May 9, 13 & 16, 2015. The Transfer Station will be open during normal business hours. Residents with Blue 2015 permits will be allowed 2 loads which must be brought during the Spring Cleanup dates. Permit cards will be punched for each load.

TVs, other electronic items and fluorescent bulbs can be disposed of with payment being made by SW coupons. Tires, refrigerators, freezers, dehumidifiers and air conditioners require a Freon removal fee of \$15.00 per item. Scrap metal can be taken anytime throughout the year without charge. Due to the high volume of traffic during spring cleanup, residents are asked NOT TO bring any of these items during Spring Cleanup. Please bring these items at a later date.

The Town of Neversink Transfer Station is open only to those persons who have their household and generate their waste material in the Town of Neversink. Ownership of vacant land does not qualify for use of the facility. The Municipal Cleanup Initiative Program is made possible by the Sullivan County Legislature.

**Time and the Valleys Museum Opens for the Season Memorial Day Weekend**  
(From Pg. 1) The Museum is open from Thursday through Sunday, Noon to 4 p.m. through Labor Day, and weekends, noon to 4 p.m., until Thanksgiving.



*Building a water tunnel in the Museum's exhibition: Tunnels, Toil and Trouble: New York City's Quest for Water and the Rondout-Neversink Story.*  
Photo by Dennis Muthig

Time and the Valleys Museum is proud to be a Blue Star Museum, a collaboration between the National Endowment of the Arts, Blue Star Families, the Department of Defense and over 1,500 museums across America to provide free admission to active duty military members (with ID) and up to five family members. This free admission for members of the military and their families runs from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

The Museum is located at 332 Main Street in Grahamsville (St. Rt. 55), Sullivan County. Adults admission is Adults \$5, Children under 16 \$2, and children under six are free. Town of Neversink residents receive free admission every Thursday.

For more information please call 845 985-7700 or e-mail info@timeandthevalleysmuseum.org.

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. For additional information on the Museum please call us at 985-7700 or go to www.timeandthevalleysmuseum.org.

**ERH to host trip to "Kinky Boots"**

"The Ellenville Regional Hospital Auxiliary is hosting a fundraising trip to see the 6 time Tony winner and Best Musical award winner "Kinky Boots". It will be on June 10, 2015 at 2 p.m. Tickets for orchestra seats and bus transportation cost \$150. Pickup areas will be in Middletown, Ellenville, Kerhonkson and Wurtsboro. Reserve soon, tickets are going fast. For more info, please call Helene Morris at 845-434-2665."

**New Veterans Service Officer Announced**

Monticello, N.Y. -The Sullivan County Veterans Service Agency is pleased to announce the addition of a new Veterans Service Officer, Pablin Santiago-Lugo. Mr. Santiago-Lugo has 29 years of service in the army. He has a medical background as a Registered Nurse and is bilingual. Pablin is an asset to our veteran community with his military specialty and nursing background.

**Nature Column - Linda Comando**

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

**What is Jack Doing Now?**

It won't be long and we will begin to see another "Jack" back in the neighborhood. This time it won't be



Jack Frost, but Jack in the Pulpit! This native plant, also called Indian turnip, is unmistakable in our moist woods. This plant enjoys growing in open glades in the forest in rich, moist soil. They are an herbaceous perennial growing from a corm with trifoliolate leaves and a flower contained in a spadix, or club, covered by a striped hood reminiscent of an old-fashioned pulpit. Taken together, the spadix and hood supposedly look like a Sunday-morning preacher ready to deliver his sermon from his lofty podium to any passersby.

A Jack-in-the-Pulpit (*Arisaema triphyllum*) is classified in the Arum family (Araceae) along with skunk cabbage and the calla lily. It grows from 12-18" tall from an underground stem or corm. In spring it sends up a stout stem that looks like a green candle which unrolls into two three pointed leaves and a flower stalk.

Tiny white flowers cluster around a finger-like shape that we call Jack (spadix) and a leaf-like arches over Jack like an old-fashioned pulpit.

This pulpit (spathe) is striped with maroon and green or white and green.

Two large green, compound, long-petioled leaves (1-1.5' long), divided into three leaflets each, emanate upward from a single stalk and provide umbrella-like shade to the flower.



The fleshy stalk and leaves lend an almost tropical aura to the plant. Flowering plants initially produce only male flowers, but become hermaphroditic as they mature over the course of several years (male flowers on upper part of spadix and female on lower part). Most plants in a colony will vanish by mid-summer and become dormant, but the mature, hermaphroditic flowering plant will produce a cluster of red berries in mid to late summer which become visible as the spathe withers.

American pioneers learned to look for this distinctive spring plants in moist eastern woodlands. They called it Bog Onion.

They also learned that the bulb was poisonous when eaten raw but became a safe, spicy delicacy when cooked.

Bears coming out of hibernation in spring root out and eat Jack-in-the-Pulpit because the irritating peppery bulb expands the bears' shrunken bowels to normalcy.

According to some Native American tribes, this plant was initially thought to be a great diagnostic tool. The seeds were often dropped into small pools of water, and if they floated, then the patient would survive; if they sank, however, then the patient would get sicker or even die.

A preparation of the root was reported to have been used by Native Americans as a treatment for sore eyes. Preparations were also made to treat rheumatism, bronchitis, and snakebites. One report on "Indian Turnips" claims the Meskwaki Indians, the "people of red earth" of Algonquian origin, used the acrid seeds to poison their enemies during the heat of battle. They would poison their meats with the seeds.

Jack-in-the-pulpit is an intriguing native plant. If you should see one of these interesting little plants while you are walking through the woods, you now spring is definitely here and it is time to welcome Jack back!

**Household Hints**

**Wash store-bought produce**

You can't be too careful these days when it comes to handling the foods you eat. Before serving your fruits and vegetables, a great way to eliminate the hidden dirt, pesticides, and even insects, is to rinse them in 4 table-spoons apple cider vinegar dissolved in 1 gallon (3.7 liters) cold water.



## The Heist

Mysterious Book Report No. 193

by John Dwaine McKenna



One of the greatest tragedies in the world today-and God knows there's no shortage of them to choose from-is the huge and ever-expanding loss of the world's art heritage due to theft . . . crimes that are often underwritten by some of the globe's wealthiest citizens and performed by teams of well organized professional criminals. The stolen treasures are priceless, irreplaceable, seldom recovered, usually underinsured and often located in poorly, or altogether unsecured locations . . . which makes them easy targets. Add to this, the fact that the thieves are hardly ever caught and it becomes painfully obvious that the cultural heritage of the world is disappearing. All one has to do to appreciate the dimensions of the problem is to Google the words art theft. Why should you care? Because we all stand on the shoulders of those who've gone before. Human knowledge is cumulative; each of us learn from our elders, add to that knowledge, then pass it on to the younger generation, who will do the same, on and on *ad infinitum*. When our art treasures are gone we're all deprived of the opportunity to observe, learn from and educate and then pass on that learning. It's a tragedy of epic dimensions, and it affects everyone, from lowest to the highest society.

And that, ladies and gentlemen, is the introduction to this weeks MBR No. 193.

*The Heist*, (Harper Collins, \$27.99, 467 pages, ISBN 978-0-06-232005-6) by Daniel Silva, once again features Gabriel Allon, the legendary secret agent and assassin of the Israeli Mossad, as well as a world class art restorer. He's in Italy, working on a renaissance-era altarpiece when he's contacted by General Cesare Ferrari, the head of Italy's Division for the *Defense of Cultural Patrimony*, better known as the Art Squad, whose mission is protecting the countries art treasures and recovering stolen artworks. The General informs Gabriel that his friend Julian Isherwood, the eccentric London art dealer, has stumbled into a crime scene in Lake Como, Italy in which a British spy has been tortured and brutally murdered. The slain man has been trafficking in stolen works of art and selling them to a secret collector with fabulous wealth and means-and a total disregard for the covenants of international law. His identity however, remains a closely guarded secret the Brit took to his grave. Now, Isherwood is being charged with the gruesome murder unless Gabriel can find the mysterious collector criminal and at the same time, locate one of the world's most famous, valuable and sought after masterpieces, the iconic, *Nativity with St. Francis* and *St Lawrence* by Caravaggio, the baroque master who died at age thirty-eight in 1610.

The hunt takes Gabriel from the swank salons of London and Paris to the criminal underworld of Marseilles and Corsica, then to a small, very private bank in Austria where a sinister man protects the stolen wealth of a blood-drenched dictator. To coax his quarry out of hiding, the always resourceful Gabriel Allon decides that the best way to recover the stolen artwork is to steal more art . . .

*The Heist* will keep you busy guessing through its intricate plot twists and turns while you thoroughly enjoy yourself reading this entertaining, educational and dramatic spy thriller.

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### 31st Annual Town of Fallsburg Lions Club Alan Steingart Memorial Golf Tournament

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At the conclusion of the tournament will be an Awards Dinner. Awards will be given to the winners in several different categories, including Team

Scramble, Team Scratch, Long Drive, and Closest to the Pin for both Men and Women. There will be a Hole-In-One Car sponsored by Robert Green Auto and Truck Dealerships on one of the par 3's.

The cost of this exciting fun-filled day and evening is \$95.00 per player (\$85.00 per player with Town of Fallsburg Golf Membership). New this year, a corporate sponsorship will be available at a cost of \$500.00 and includes a Gold Tee Ad and golf for 4 players in the tournament. Extra dinner tickets will be available for \$25.00 each. Checks should be made out to Fallsburg Lions Charities Inc. and mailed to, Town of Fallsburg Lions Club Golf Tournament, PO Box J, South Fallsburg, NY 12779.

Please remember that in supporting our tournament you're supporting Catskill Regional Medical Center and other Lions' charities. If you have any questions or need further information, please call 845-434-4321. We look forward to seeing you at the tournament!

### Keyboarding Skills Club is a Great Success at Fallsburg Central School District (From Pg. 1)

This is a big commitment for these youngsters-having to get up earlier and/or stay later in the school day. Over forty children involved with two groups meet twice a week!

Students and parents are quite enthusiastic about this program. Children take advantage of the chance to practice during lunch and recess periods. Sixth grade, one of the most challenging ages to engage students in the classroom, has several of the young musicians composing and learning to read melodies on the page. The piano provides an accessible and necessary tool for this creative activity.

At open-house meetings, Ms. Bernard and Ms. Exner find out how happy are parents at their children taking to keyboarding. In watching one early morning class, one could see how bright-eyed and involved the youngsters are long before the first school bell has sounded for the day.

Both teachers emphasize that the skills learned through the keyboarding class can be transferred to other instruments and also bring out creative talents that some of the students didn't know they possessed. Ms. Exner says this about working with the children: "The use of individual keyboards and headsets allows the students to learn at various stages of experience and gives them an opportunity to play all together, in pairs, or individually. The students are happy to be there and enjoy playing for one another. The opportunities are endless and I am thrilled to see this program in the district."

These sentiments are echoed by two of the FCSD Administrators, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Matthew Evans and Director of Staff Evaluation & Student Data Ms. Jane Tingley, who sat in on two sessions with the students and listened and played alongside them.

Dr. Evans, who has two musically inclined young children and comes from a musical family, stated that "music plays a critical role in childhood development and studies have shown positive correlations between playing an instrument and improved student achievement, especially in math." Ms. Tingley, whose grown children followed her own path by learning to love and play music at an early age, enjoyed the Keyboard skills class. "The children had a chance to practice without being heard, had a chance to volunteer to play for all, could hear how well others were doing, and could learn new skills," said Ms. Tingley.

Ms. Bernard is so happy with this first year's results and the widespread use of the keyboards. She concluded, "My expectations were to involve students who are not involved in other musical activities and to teach the basics of reading music. They are most certainly being met! In fact students are signing up for band because they liked Keyboard Skills Club so much!"

The Sullivan County Community can hear the fruits of the Keyboarding Skills Club students and other musicians at the BCES Spring Concert, on May 19, 2015 at the High School Auditorium.

### 'Structures' by Laura Borneman Paintings, Drawings, and Sculpture at Alliance Gallery

"Structures," an exhibit of paintings, drawings, and sculpture by Laura Borneman, opens with a reception on Friday, May 15 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Delaware Arts Center's Alliance Gallery in Narrowsburg, NY. The exhibit will be on view through June 6. Born in Buffalo, NY, Borneman received her undergraduate degree from Buffalo State and a Masters from the University of Buffalo. She later moved to Philadelphia, PA and then Bakersfield, CA, while simultaneously receiving her MFA in Studio Art at Maryland Institute College of Art, in Baltimore. All this crisscrossing of the United States has influenced her art.

"My work begins with observation of my surroundings, both on a visual level, but also surveying the cultural landscape of wherever I am living," says Borneman. "I found early on that my training in classical forms felt too restrictive, and I soon began to abstract forms and create images that were based on what I was looking at or experiencing."

Borneman currently works in several mediums, including sculpture, painting, and drawing, allowing her the freedom to explore the psychological aspects of interior space, whether it be imaginative or reflective of actual structures.

Her artwork has been exhibited in solo and group shows in Philadelphia, Bethlehem, and Scranton, PA; Bakersfield, CA; and Kalamazoo, MI.

"I am interested in how our experiences shape our perception of the present circumstances and future possibilities," she says. "By stacking a variety of modalities, I am addressing what I believe to be the absurdities of the human condition, and our urgent search for stability and clarity in our everyday pursuits."

Borneman recently returned home to Buffalo, where she currently teaches drawing at Buffalo State College and Niagara Community College.

Alliance Gallery is located at the Delaware Arts Center at 37 Main Street, Narrowsburg, NY, and is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information call 845-252-7576 or visit [delawarevalleyartsalliance.org](http://delawarevalleyartsalliance.org).

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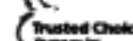
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## The Olive Jar - By Carol LaMonda

### DNA

As Mother's Day approaches, I remember my mom who died in 2006; yet I can celebrate the day with joy and fondness. She is with me. She stares out at me from the mirror as I brush my teeth. She speaks with my lips as one of her "momisms" slips from my lips. "Thumper's mother said, if you don't have anything nice to say, say nothing." She is there as I slurp up a raw clam or oyster. She guides me in my financial decisions. "Don't buy cheap. A bargain is okay, but pass up cheap. If you can't afford what you really want, wait."

That DNA is strong stuff. Not only do I find myself trying to micro-manage the world like she did. I find myself repeating her joys. She is beside me at the beach. She is the Warrior I and II on the mat next to me. She is morning coffee and evening wine.

I am glad that my own grandchildren will get a glimpse of my good fortune to have such a wonderful mom. My goal is that they will see it in me. A mom is a role model and mentor. On this Mother's Day, I vow to be the best of what she was.

I hope to pass on to my family the values I learned about living life to the fullest. She used her iron as a boat anchor and wore orchid corsages on her sweatshirt. She left a legacy of love and friendship without an enemy in the world. She didn't set limits or goals for her children, she just gently supported our decisions. I am reminded of the adage, "Preach sermons; sometimes use words." Her life was an unspoken sermon of love and joy.

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### Ellenville is the New Running Destination Old Race gets Big Makeover

Mike Hein, Ulster County Executive, is getting behind Ellenville's Run Like the Wind 5 and 10 K road races.

"This is the 32nd year of the Run Like the Wind Races," says Hein. "A tradition that brings together residents from all over Ulster County to enjoy a fun filled day that also raises funds for local food banks, scholarships and the Ellenville Cooperative Nursery School."

This year the tradition continues, but with award winning chef, Marcus Guiliano directing things, there are some big changes to note. This year a new USATF certified course for the 10K race will debut.

Marcus, well known healthy nut, and running fanatic has brought in six New York Breweries to showcase their brews for the after run relaxation period. This year will also see a food buffet at Aroma Thyme Bistro, Marcus's Green Certified restaurant, which lies conveniently right beside the finishing stretch of the race. There'll also be a DJ to boost the celebrations. Prizes this year will include tickets to the Shadowland Theater's shows as well as coupons for Ellenville restaurants, including Sook House, Gaby's, White Wolf and Aroma Thyme Bistro.

How to keep current with the race?

See the new website at :

[www.EllenvilleRunLikeTheWind.com](http://www.EllenvilleRunLikeTheWind.com).  
Plus a new facebook page [www.facebook.com/runlikethewindrace](http://www.facebook.com/runlikethewindrace)

Ellenville, with its access to Sam's Point and Minnewaska State Park is fast becoming known as a great place for elite runners. The annual vintage run in February is sold out every year. And this August I will see the First Annual Ellenville Running Festival, with 11 mile, half marathon and full marathon events.

Plus, the mighty Shawangunk Ridge Run/Hike passes through the area and plans exist for other endurance events to use Ellenville as a springboard into the parks and onto the Longpath trails.

Ellenville Mayor, Jeff Kaplan says, "Run Like the Wind, not just a race, but a magnificent tour through our beautiful valley."

For further information information call Marcus Guiliano at:

(845) 647-3000 or [info@EllenvilleRunLikeTheWind.com](mailto:info@EllenvilleRunLikeTheWind.com)

### Ulster County Residents Receive Awards For Dedication To Their Communities

Ulster County Executive Mike Hein proclaims May as Older Americans Month and announces that John Beilman of Ellenville is Ulster County's 2015 "Senior Citizen of the Year," and Carolyn Mary Short of Kingston is awarded the 2015 "Most Outstanding Contribution by a Senior Citizen." "Mr. Beilman and Ms. Short are two exceptional senior citizens who are appreciated for their caring and tireless contributions to our community," said County Executive Mike Hein. "I would like to congratulate them for receiving these awards and extend my deepest gratitude for their dedication in helping make Ulster County the finest place to live, work, and raise a family."



Mr. Beilman is a lifelong resident of Ellenville. The Ellenville community is much richer because of his dedication and spirit. After serving as the Superintendent of the Water and Sewer Department for 34 years, John began volunteering at Family of Ellenville six days a week, every week. For over 10 years, Mr. Beilman has dedicated countless hours delivering groceries to neighbors in an effort to eliminate hunger. John is known in the community for his humble manner, keen sense of humor, and fascinating stories.



At home, he is a rural "Renaissance Man." He heats his home with wood he cuts and splits himself, loves gardening, and provides for his family with true pioneer spirit. John and his wife, Marie, have been married for over 60 years; and together, they have 4 daughters, 6 grandchildren, and 1 great-grandchild. Mr. Beilman has touched so many lives through his passion for caring, by inspiring others with acts of kindness, and through giving back to his community through daily actions, and those are his greatest rewards.

Ms. Short has been a resident of Kingston for 56 years, and is a mother of 2. Among her careers, Carolyn has worked as a secondary teacher in the Kingston School District, a social worker at the Ulster County Department of Social Services, and as an educational coordinator at the Ulster County Health Department. At the age of 59, Ms. Short earned her M.S. in Public Health at Lehman College (CUNY). In addition to her involvement in the community through her careers, Carolyn has been volunteering for most of her life. She enjoys balancing her time between the young and senior citizens alike. As a member of the Board of Directors for local radio station WGHO's annual "Happy Christmas Fund,"

she raises money to give gift certificates to parents of needy families. She also is involved in the Ulster County Office for the Aging's "Blizzard Box," which delivers meals to shut-in seniors. Carolyn's favorite program, however, is the City of Kingston Recreation Department's "Intergenerational After School Program." The program allows seniors to participate as volunteers in weekly reading and crafting programs for 2 to 4 year old children. She really enjoys the program, and says that, "every kid deserves to have a grandmother."

The theme of this year's Older Americans Month is "Get Into The Act." According to Kelly McMullen, Director of the Ulster County Office for the Aging, "This theme focuses on older adults taking charge of their health and becoming involved in their communities to make a positive impact in the lives of others. Both Mr. Beilman and Ms. Short have exemplified this theme through their dedicated service."

Both award winners will also be recognized in Albany today as part of New York State Recognition Day.

The Ulster County Senior of the Year Award is a yearly recognition of two of Ulster County's outstanding senior citizens. This year, the Senior Citizen of the Year Award nominees were selected in two categories: "Senior Citizen of the Year" and "Most Outstanding Contribution by a Senior Citizen." Nominations are sent to the County Executive's Office for the Aging Advisory Council from numerous groups in order to make selections. An Advisory Council Selection Committee chooses two senior citizens for the awards based on the significance of their contributions to the community.

### Photographer and Writer Carol Gracie Speaks at Elizabeth Gross Lecture

The natural history of spring wildflowers was the topic of a lecture by freelance photographer, lecturer and writer Carol Gracie at SUNY Ulster on April 21. Part of the Elizabeth Gross Lecture Series, the program was presented by Ulster Community College Foundation, Inc. and sponsored by the Ulster Garden Club.



After a 30-year career, Gracie is retired from The New York Botanical Garden in the Bronx where she headed the Children's Education Program and the Foreign Tour Program. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree with a concentration in Plant Studies from Lehman College, City University of New York and is the author of Spring Wildflowers of the Northeast: A Natural History.

At the event, from left to right are: Anne Shultz, President Ulster Garden Club; Angel Morris, Rye Garden Club, former Chairmen of Garden Club of America Zone III; Carol Gracie, Freelance Photographer, Lecturer, Author; Kathleen Cloonan, Ulster Garden Club member, Board Member Ulster Community College Foundation, Inc.; and Kathy Strader, Garden Club of Orange & Dutchess Counties, former Chairmen of Garden Club of America Zone III

### At the Rivoli ...

The Rivoli Theatre in South Fallsburg, the home of the Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop, presents the Rivoli Spring Music Series. Friday, May 15, beginning at 7:00 PM, YASGUR and SLAM ALLEN take the stage. Roots Rock & Blues at its finest - Rich Johansen on Vocals, Mike Moss on Percussion, Dan Berger on Harp, Suresh on Bass and Tony Penn on Guitar and Vocals - "nothing but fun and music!" Yasgur will show you Blues can be fun! With over twenty years of entertaining audiences around the world, Slam Allen brings it home with his unique blend of Blues, Funk and his own brand of R&B - a veteran of the Chitlin' Circuit, he also fronted the James Cotton Band. The Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop delights in highlighting Local Bands and Local Brews. This is the fourth in a series of five concerts. General Admission is \$10. "All Event Pass" is \$35. Tickets available at the box office of the Rivoli Theatre, 5243 Main Street, S. Fallsburg, NY or at [www.ShowTix4U.com](http://www.ShowTix4U.com). For information, 845-436-5336. Proceeds to benefit the Rivoli Marquee renovation project.

### Rivoli Spring Music Series - 5/16/2015

The Rivoli Theatre in South Fallsburg, the home of the Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop, presents the Rivoli Spring Music Series on May 16, beginning at 7:00 PM, LOT 14 and JAZZMOSIS will dazzle you! LOT 14 performs Retro Progressive Jazz Rock; Ric Skinner (Lead Guitar, Vocals), Phil Santiago (Bass, Vocals), Jeremy Skinner (Drums, Keyboards), Dan Rogers (Guitars, Vocals) and Sarah Worden (Vocals). "Dance & move, or sit back, listen and groove!" JAZZMOSIS plays Jazz/Rock/Fusion with Steve Schwartz (Guitar), Mike Cevone (Drums), Tom Volpe (Bass) and Gregory Fisk (Tenor Sax). The energy of Rock, improvisational spark of Jazz and the element of surprise taking any musical direction!

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[FERNDALE] - Sullivan Renaissance is hosting a video contest as part of its 15th year celebration. Groups and individuals are invited to create a "visual time capsule" in the form of one-to-three minute videos that show how Sullivan Renaissance has impacted people, organizations and communities.

The winning video will receive \$1000, with additional prizes for the runners up. There is no submission fee.

To participate, individuals should register before Friday, May 29 with their name, mailing address, phone and email. They should also indicate the story they want to tell, if they already know.

Entries must be received by Wednesday, July 15 by emailing the following information to [info@SullivanRenaissance.org](mailto:info@SullivanRenaissance.org): name, contact information, title of video, featured community, and YouTube or Vimeo link to video.

The judging criteria includes: length, message clarity, creativity, audience appeal and technical aspects. Participants will be notified of the judges' decisions by August 3. The winning submission will be shown at the Sullivan Renaissance Awards Ceremony on Monday, August 10 at Bethel Woods Center for the Arts.

To obtain more information about contest registration, email [info@SullivanRenaissance.org](mailto:info@SullivanRenaissance.org) or call 845-295-2442. To learn more about Sullivan Renaissance and see the 2015 grant recipients, which will have inspiring stories to share, go to [SullivanRenaissance.org](http://SullivanRenaissance.org).

For some basic tips and tricks on how to edit a video, see the YouTube video by Zac Stuart-Pontier, Narrowsburg native and editor of *The Jinx: The Life and Deaths of Robert Durst* at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IjWdw2\\_ApQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IjWdw2_ApQ).

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**UC Sheriff VanBlarcum Hosts Seminar**  
Sheriff Paul VanBlarcum reports that the Ulster County Sheriff's Office, in conjunction with Upstate K9, hosted a 3 day Patrol-Decoy and Detection K9 Seminar on May 4th-6th, 2015.

23 Police K9 Teams from New York State and several other states participated in the event. The event included patrol training, decoy and "bite work" training, obedience, building searches and scent detection.

Some of the participating agencies include the Ulster County Sheriff's Office Patrol and Corrections K9's, New York State Police, Massachusetts State Police, City of Baltimore, Maryland Police, Towns of Saugerties and Ulster Police, Town of Warwick Police, New York City Department of Environmental Protection Police and SUNY Albany Police.

The instructors for the class are both world renowned KNPV (Royal Dutch Police Dog) K9 handlers from Holland. Instructors Henne Bolster and Ruud Lues of Holland travel all over the world sharing their knowledge with hundreds of police K9 teams.

Sheriff VanBlarcum would like to thank the following businesses and organizations for being major sponsors, supporters and contributors to the K9 seminar: Upstate K9, Marriot of Kingston, Johnsons Signs and Tees, New

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**Entrepreneurial Training Class Provided to Local Businessmen and Women**

Local businessmen and women participated in an eight session entrepreneurial training class hosted by the Division of Planning and Environmental Management. Below, Denise Frangipane spoke to the group about the Proud to be Sullivan campaign, and the importance to business success of a positive attitude.

Applications are now being accepted through May 31st for the next training session, to be held in later summer/early fall. The County will also host a training session on May 20th to help qualified businesses get certified as minority, women and/or veteran-owned business enterprises (MWVBE). For more information on these programs, contact [planning@co.sullivan.ny.us](mailto:planning@co.sullivan.ny.us) or (845) 807-0527



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**56th Annual Firefighters Memorial Ceremony Honors Sullivan County Volunteer Firefighters who died in 2014**  
by William A. Brenner



Attending the 56th Annual Firefighter's Memorial Ceremony are Neversink Volunteer Fireman Archie Dean's children from left two daughters, Caroline Hill and Bonnie Vandenberg with husband Claryville Fire Chief Glenn, and son George Dean with wife Barbara and their daughter Kylie Conjura and her two children Tyler and Johnny (Archie's great grandchildren) holding the leash of Dalmation Cody, Grahamsville's fire dog.

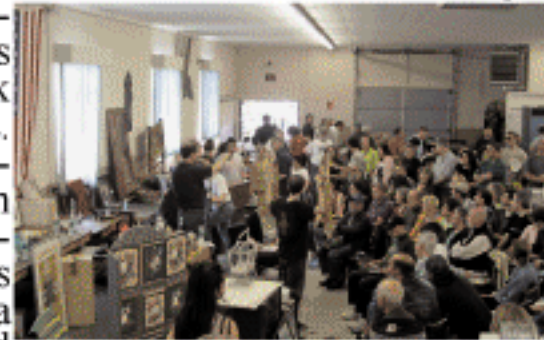
The Sullivan County Volunteer Firefighter's Association held the 56th Annual Firefighter Memorial Ceremony to pay honor and respect to Sullivan County Firefighter's who have departed in 2014.

The ceremony took place at the Sullivan County Government Center in Monticello on Sunday, May 3rd starting at 2:00 pm. Volunteer firefighters, emergency medical technicians, local police, sheriff deputies and state troopers, all in their respective uniforms and governmental officials formed two lines on the grass on both sides of the long path in the middle of the rear parking lot, while families of the deceased firefighters walked down the middle path, then around the Firefighter's Monument and into the Government Center lobby for the solemn respectful ceremony.

Local firefighters honored and memorialized were: **Grahamsville Fire Department** - Horace Sheeley and Ray Hornbeck; **Neversink Fire Department** Archie Dean; and **Claryville Fire Department** Bruce Papa

**WJFF Radio Catskill Annual Fundraiser Auction**

Jeffersonville, NY - Community radio station WJFF Radio Catskill will host its annual fundraiser auction on Saturday, May 30th at the Jeffersonville Fire Hall on Main Street in Jeffersonville, NY. WJFF is currently seeking donations of fine housewares, works of art, antiques, kitchen goods, decorative objects, gift certificates and more, which it will sell to the highest bidder during this traditional annual event. WJFF's fundraiser auction dates back to the station's earliest days. "Folks who came to the auctions regularly got to watch the children of WJFF volunteers grow up. The auctions are a really special thing to a lot of people," said David Dann, current on-air volunteer and past board president.



This year, the theme of WJFF's auction is "Something for Everyone" and the auction will include an indoor yard sale with lots of low-priced items. Returning this year will be a table of silent auction items and a showcase live auction featuring the station's General Manager as auctioneer.



Photo by Ted Waddell

"The goal of the live auction is for everyone to have a good time and to go home with some special treasures without feeling too intimidated to bid," said General Manager Adam Weinreich. "WJFF auctions are fun, easy and low-pressure. And there is always a chance to walk out with a few really valuable items for a fraction of

what they'd normally cost."

Auction preview begins at 11:00am in the Jeffersonville Fire Hall. A taco bar lunch will be served along with homemade baked goods from station volunteers. At 1pm the live auction will commence with a short break at 1:30pm for guests to stretch their legs and bid on silent auction items.

WJFF is currently seeking donations of items for the auction including antiques, art, decorative items, kitchen goods, home electronics, gift certificates, sports memorabilia, collectibles, jewelry and more. Donations are tax-deductible and may be dropped off at WJFF's Jeffersonville, NY studio during normal business hours. To arrange an after-hours donation, donors are asked to speak with station staff at 845-482-4141. WJFF is unable to accept donations of large items such as furniture and refrigerators without special arrangement, and donors are asked not to bring items which are damaged or broken.

WJFF, Radio Catskill, is a hydro-powered volunteer-driven public radio station based in Jeffersonville, NY and with a satellite studio in Honesdale, PA. Celebrating its 25th year on the air, its contingent of more than 100 volunteers provide listeners with a mix of both locally and nationally produced programming on the air at 90.5 FM and 94.5FM and streamed live and archived at www.wjffradio.org

**Fallsburg Seniors Blossom at Scholarship Luncheon**

For sixty-four years, Fallsburg Central School District has been awarding Community Scholarships to worthy members of the senior class. Just imagine the astounding number of students, staff, family members and alumni whose lives have been influenced by this process!



On Sunday, May 3, 2015, nine more students and their families were honored with scholarships at the annual Blossom Cohen Luncheon at Bernie's Holiday Restaurant in Rock Hill, NY.

Winners of Samuel Beytin Community Scholarships were Ms. Charley Gips, Ms. Madison Levine, Ms. Ashlyn Nardi, Ms. Amber Rundle, Ms. Natalie Tejada, and Ms. Allison Weiner. Ms. Candhace Forrest earned two awards: the Esther Mintz Flanagan and Milton Brizel Memorial Scholarships. Ms. Carly Leventoff also

earned two honors: the Candy Gold and Blossom Cohen Memorial Bryan Memorial Scholarship went to Ms. Mandtasia Boswell Fields.

All these young women expressed gratitude to their teachers, their own families and to the families of the scholarship providers. Ms. Leventoff mentioned that her mother had Blossom Cohen as a teacher when she was in grade school in Fallsburg and that Ms. Cohen was an early mentor in her life. It seemed appropriate that the daughter was receiving the award given in honor of Ms. Cohen. Special thanks go out to the Luncheon Committee headed by Ms. Renee Kates, who exceed the festivities. Superintendent Dr. Ivan Katz welcomed the guests, thanked the committee for their selfless work in keeping the scholarship program alive and vital for over sixty years, and acknowledged the scholarship winners, their families, and the school staff for supporting these special students over their years in Fallsburg.

As the young women came up to speak, their Guidance Counselor Ms. Sonja Ferreira introduced each of them and emphasized their excellence in academics, their community involvement, and their plans to attend four-year colleges next year. The scholarship funding will aid them in their continuing education.

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**SUNDAY**  
  
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**Frost Valley YMCA to Host an Autism Family Support Weekend**



Frost Valley YMCA is hosting an Autism Family Support Weekend from June 12-14, to provide families with the opportunity to meet others like them for friendship and support, while enjoying quality time in nature.

Nearly one in 68 children has been identified with autism spectrum disorder (ASD), according to estimates from the Center for Disease Control's Autism and Developmental Disabilities Monitoring Network. Because of this, it's important to ensure that families with a child or parent on the spectrum can enjoy quality time together within a supportive environment.

During these scheduled weekends, guests can experience a variety of activities together, such as climbing, hiking, canoeing, crafts, sports, and more - or, family members can find the right activity to suit their individual interests. Programs also include sensory activities and games to engage guests

who are on the spectrum. Parents can watch their child develop relationships and build confidence while trying new things, with the assurance that they are part of a community who understands their journey. With advance notice, Frost Valley can accommodate guests' needs for other specially adapted programming. Given Frost Valley's core values, individuals with autism are always welcome to participate in weekend programs or inclusive summer camp programming but this weekend is especially geared to support families affected by autism.

In addition, group classes and mixers allow family members of individuals with autism to share advice, stories, and knowledge about the disorder in a way that is both social and educational.

Please call in advance to reserve your family for this weekend, which is free for the family member with autism. The weekend is nearly full, but a wait-list will be available if necessary. Reservations for lodging can be made by calling 845-985-2291 and more information can be found at frostvalley.org.

**ThunderBash 10**



Left to right: Mark Mosher (Suburban Propane), Donna Ward (Suburban Propane), Kathy Kreiter (Sullivan County Federation for the Homeless), Harold Tighe (Thunder 102), Mike Sakell (Thunder 102), Anthony Bruno (Monticello Casino and Raceway), Roberta Lockwood (Sullivan County Visitors Association), Michelle Semerano (Thunder 102), Dawn Ciorciari (Thunder 102), Paul Ciliberto (Thunder 102), Jenn Desrochers (Thunder 102)

On Saturday, May 2, 2015 ThunderBash 10 was held at Monticello Casino and Raceway. The free concert brought to Sullivan County by radio station Thunder 102 featured performances by Country Music Star Eric Paslay, Emily Kinney of The Walking Dead fame, The Shots & The Bergen County Firefighters Pipe Band, Somerville, David Adam Byrnes, Cooper Boone and Iron Cowboy.

Concertgoers were asked to bring a non-perishable food item to the concert and drop it at the Suburban Propane truck parked out front. Donations were to benefit area food pantries and the donations filled the bed of the truck.

Monday morning Thunder 102 and Suburban Propane dropped off the donations at the Sullivan County Federation for the Homeless. Joining them were Roberta Lockwood from the Sullivan County Visitors Association and Anthony Bruno of Monticello Casino and Raceway, presenting sponsors of ThunderBash 10.

Donations filling the tables will then be distributed from the Federation of the Homeless. Looking at the amount of food donated, Paul Ciliberto, General Manager/Market Manager of Thunder 102 stated, "It's always amazing to see how our ThunderHeads come through! They never cease to amaze us!"

Thunder 102 would like to thank all of those who donated and made the event such a success. This was the tenth ThunderBash concert presented by Thunder 102 and is always a free concert thanking listeners for making Thunder 102 Sullivan County's most listened to radio station.

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### THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE

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#### A Review Of Lessons One Through Twelve

So far this series has introduced to you the parts of speech including verbs, nouns, pronouns, and adverbs as well as how these are used in sentences. The following is a cumulative review of what was covered. If you need help pull out your Townsman back issues or go to [workadaywriter.com](http://workadaywriter.com) and click on the English Language link in the left navigation column.

**Find the verb in each sentence below. Include compound verbs and verb phrases.**

1. Mom planted her vegetable garden.
2. River has many toys.
3. Janna should be having a baby soon.
4. Joe studied karate and fought in tournaments.
5. Dad was a swanky nightclub singer in the city.

**Find the subject of the verb in each sentence below. Include compound subjects.**

1. Mother's Day was fantastic.
2. Robert plays sports.
3. Brianna and Brandon are artists.
4. Maureen, Brenda, and others often car pool.
5. Some Mondays, Thorn is late with the English Lesson.

**Find all of the adjectives in each sentence below. Include any articles.**

1. The warm weather brings out happy people.
2. Several aliens were riding somberly with Joe in his dark blue convertible.
3. Great costumes and tasty treats will greet excited people at the parade.
4. Sweet snuggles, soft sounds, tiny fingers, and happy smiles are some of the best things about kids.
5. Purple, silver, and green are great alien colors.

**Find all of the one-word adverbs in each sentence below.**

1. The flowers grew beautifully.
2. Quickly and expertly, the EMTs responded to the emergency.
3. Maureen does not like fish.
4. River dramatically grimaced and then screamed loudly.
5. That duck is always protecting the pond.
6. I am never wrong.

**Use the following sentence and the listed functions to answer the questions below.**

The splendid bald eagle slowly soared above the calm water.

- Verb
- Subject of Verb
- Adjective
- Adverb

What are the sentence functions of the following words?

1. splendid
2. soared
3. slowly
4. eagle
5. bald

**In the following sections select the correct comparison adjective.**

1. Of all the seasons, autumn is the better/best.
2. Of the two brothers, Joe is the younger/youngest.
3. That car is faster/fastest than mine.
4. That movie was the more/most incredible of the three.
5. In our family, Dad needs money the less/least.

The answers to this cumulative review will be in the next installment of The English Language. If you want to see the answers now, go to [workadaywriter.com/one-twelve-review](http://workadaywriter.com/one-twelve-review) and scroll to the bottom of the content.

Lesson Twelve's answers are stealthily, quickly, silently, professionally, slowly, speedily, fearfully

To the Members of the Tri-Valley Community:

My name is **Keith A. Edwards**, and I am running for the Tri-Valley Central School Board. Thank you for allowing me to take the opportunity of explaining why I am interested in obtaining a position on the board. Over the course of the past few weeks, I have written about my interest in promoting a child-centered education and collaborative school culture.



In my final piece I'd like to address **STEWARDSHIP**.

By definition, stewardship involves the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one's care. During my 15 years employed by the Tri-Valley School District and now in my role as a District Administrator, I've been fortunate enough to learn a great deal related to fiscal responsibility and facilities planning. While at Tri-Valley I was asked to become the Chairperson of the Welfare Trust Committee where I oversaw the benefits of the faculty. During that time I modernized the bookkeeping and negotiated new contracts with vendors, which in turn saved the Trust money, allowing us to add more benefits. These actions also brought the Trust out of the red to a healthy fund balance. Each annual audit of the Trust cited a highly efficient organization with no errors or issues financially.

In my current role as a District Administrator at an area school district, I have been involved in several building project committee meetings and am in charge of facilities planning related to network infrastructure and technology. During the course of my day, I am often engaged in dialogue and tasks related to budgets, budget codes, state aid, purchasing, grants and seeking contracts with vendors which utilizes the available resources in a responsible and prudent manner.

Policy, fiduciary responsibility and facilities management and planning are major components of the role of a Board of Education member. I have experience in these areas which will guide me in making judicious decisions in utilizing our precious tax dollars to best meet the needs of our children and the community.

I am hopeful during these past few weeks you have learned about my stance on various topics and that you will entrust me with our greatest community resource, the Tri-Valley School District and our children. I look forward to speaking with you at the Meet the Candidate Night on May 13 at 7 p.m. at the Neversink Fire Hall. If at any time you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at: [keithforboard@gmail.com](mailto:keithforboard@gmail.com), 845-206-9670 or private message me on Facebook. I would appreciate your support on May 19.

### Sullivan County Seeking Input on Telecommunications Access Survey Launched to Help County Plan for Expanded Service, and Seek Funding

(Monticello, N.Y.) - Sullivan County residents, business owners, and visitors are all encouraged to participate in a new a survey about broadband internet and cell phone service that is being conducted by the Sullivan County Division of Planning and Environmental Management (DPEM). Strong participation in the survey is important to help the County plan, advocate, and seek funding for service expansion and improvements.

The survey can be completed on-line at [surveymonkey.com/s/sullivanbroadband](http://surveymonkey.com/s/sullivanbroadband) or at the Sullivan County website, [www.co.sullivan.ny.us](http://www.co.sullivan.ny.us). Paper copies will be available at Town and Village Halls, public libraries and other venues, and can also be obtained by calling DPEM at 845-807-0527. Additionally, paper copies are also being mailed to addresses shown on County coverage maps as not having access to wireline broadband.

Although the New York State Broadband Office maintains maps showing where people have access to high speed internet access, these official maps appear to report that more of Sullivan County has access to service than is actually the case. Additionally, coverage maps do not measure or document other types of information needed for applications to state and federal funding programs, such as the quality of service and how County residents use the internet. The survey is intended to collect information required to make the case for expanded telecommunications services in Sullivan County.

Earlier this year, the Sullivan County Legislature recognized the importance of universal broadband to education, health care, economic development and quality of life in a resolution supporting County efforts to expand and enhance telecommunications service. The survey is part of an ongoing initiative to work with service providers, funding agencies, local municipalities and consumers to increase internet access and cell-phone coverage. "This is your opportunity to help the County to advocate for improvements in broadband and cellular service so please take a few minutes of your time to complete the survey," said Alan Sorensen, Sullivan County Legislator District 9.

For more about the survey, or telecommunications efforts, please contact the Sullivan County Division of Planning and Environmental Management at 845-807-0527 or [planning@co.sullivan.ny.us](mailto:planning@co.sullivan.ny.us).

### 'Riverfest: 25 Years' Retrospective Exhibit at Alliance Gallery

"Riverfest: 25 Years," a retrospective exhibit of approximately 50 posters from 25 years of Riverfest, opens with a reception on Friday, May 15 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Delaware Arts Center's Loft Gallery in Narrowsburg, NY. The exhibit will be on view through June 6.

Twenty-five years ago, the first Riverfest, billed as a music, art and environmental festival, came to Main Street in Narrowsburg. The inauguration of Riverfest was, in part, a means to bring attention to the businesses on the street. Festival goers were treated to performances by the Hellbenders and campers from French Woods Performing Arts Summer Camp. There were pony rides and a petting zoo. Original work by artists and craftspeople was highlighted. Information about the river and the region abounded.

This year's Riverfest, the 25th Annual event, will be held on Sunday, July 26, with the now classic dog parade, music on the bandstand, local crafts, environmental displays, and-of course-art.

The centerpiece of Riverfest has always been the Riverfest poster auction. (The poster auction debuted in 1992, Riverfest's second year.) Local artists are invited to create original artwork, painted or mounted on a Riverfest poster, and the finished posters are auctioned off in a lively and sometimes thrilling display as bidders vie for their choices. Proceeds raised benefit programs of the DVAA. In 1992, a dozen posters were auctioned off. In 2014, over five dozen posters were bid on and sold.

To honor Riverfest's 25th anniversary, DVAA is hosting "Riverfest: 25 Years," a retrospective of posters, in the Loft gallery from May 15 to June 6. Artists featured in the exhibit include Robin Dintiman, Dale Emmart, Ellen Cibula, Rocky Pinciotti, Paul Vasquez, Linda Sokolowski, Hank Schneider, Dorothy Hartz, Niall Barrett, Frank Holmes, Laverne Black, Barbara Buckman, Jeff George, Ramona Jan, Jay Brooks, Steve Layman, Elise Freda, Joan Hill, Candy Spilner, Barbara Yeaman, Allan Rubin, Noah Baen, Riter Palleri, Claire Markus, E.M. Schongut, Sandy Schultz, Vera B. Williams, William Jung, Linda Slocum, Nancy Lew Lee, and the late Charles Searles and Judith Leire. The posters on view are on loan from private collections.

Come and take a look at the fanciful, fabulous posters that have been created over the decades: choose your favorites, wander down memory lane, and celebrate with us.

Alliance Gallery is located at the Delaware Arts Center at 37 Main Street, Narrowsburg, NY, and is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information call 845-252-7576 or visit [delawarevalleyartsalliance.org](http://delawarevalleyartsalliance.org).

### Books & Brews Discussion Group from Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library

Books & Brews, is a book discussion group run through the Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library in Monticello. Each month, the group meets at a different local bar or restaurant to discuss a book while enjoying food and drink. It's a great way to meet new people and have fun while discussing books in a relaxing atmosphere.

This month's discussion is on Wednesday, May 20 at 7:00 at Brew in Rock Hill, and the book is *Unorthodox* by Deborah Feldman. *Unorthodox* is a memoir about a young woman who grew in a Satmar Hasidic community, her struggles living within that community, and her decision to leave.

Upcoming discussion books are *I Am the Messenger* by Markus Zusak on June 24 at The Nugget in Monticello, and *The Art of Racing in the Rain* by Garth Stein in July, date and location TBD. Copies of discussion books are available at the Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library on 393 Broadway, Monticello.

For updates on books and locations for Books & Brews, visit the library website ([www.ebcrawfordlibrary.org](http://www.ebcrawfordlibrary.org)), 'Like' the library on Facebook, or follow us on Twitter (@Crawford PubLib).

If you would like more information on the group, or are a restaurant or bar owner interested in hosting a Books & Brews discussion, please contact Joanna Goldfarb at 845-794-4660 x 8, or by email at [jgoldfarb@rcls.org](mailto:jgoldfarb@rcls.org).

### Riverkeepers: "Latest Indian Point accident is proof positive that the plant must be closed" (From Pg. 1)

Cuomo revealed Sunday that even after the blaze on the nonnuclear side of the plant was quickly doused, the heat reignited the fire that was again extinguished. The governor said oil in the transformer had seeped into a holding tank that did not have the capacity to contain all the fluid, which then entered river waters through a discharge drain.

Joseph Martens, commissioner of the state Department of Environmental Protection, said measures were taken to keep the oil from spreading, including setting up booms over an area about 300 feet in diameter in the water.

The cleanup should take a day or two, Cuomo said.

A spokesman for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission said several thousand gallons of oil may have overflowed the transformer moat.

The Indian Point Energy Center in Buchanan supplies electricity for millions of homes, businesses and public facilities in New York City and Westchester County.

"These situations we take very seriously. Luckily this was not a major situation. But the emergency protocols are very important," Cuomo said Saturday. "I take nothing lightly when it comes to this plant specifically."

The transformer at Indian Point 3 takes energy created by the plant and changes the voltage for the grid supplying power to the state.

The blaze, which sent black smoke billowing into the sky, was extinguished by a sprinkler system and on-site personnel, Nappi said.

He said a foam-like substance containing animal protein and fat was used to put out the fire, leaving an oily sheen on the water that does not harm the environment. He said he cannot confirm that fluid from the transformer leaked beyond the holding tank until a probe is conducted.

It was not immediately clear what caused the initial failure. Officials did not know how long the 1,000-megawatt reactor would be down. Nappi estimated it could be "a few weeks" before Indian Point 3 reopened.

Cuomo said there had been too many emergencies recently involving Indian Point. Unit 3 was shut down Thursday morning for an unrelated issue - a water leak on the nonnuclear side of the plant.

"We have to get to the bottom of this," the governor said.

In March, Unit 3 was shut down for a planned refueling that took about a month.

Diane Screnci, a spokeswoman for the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, said an agency inspector was at the site Sunday and the agency would follow up as Indian Point assesses the affected equipment.

The environmental watchdog group Riverkeeper issued the following statement Sunday saying the latest Indian Point accident proves that the plant should be closed for good.

### "Latest Indian Point accident is proof positive that the plant must be closed - Indian Point 3 is exempt from the fire-protection standards required of other nuclear power plants"

The May 9 transformer fire at the Indian Point nuclear power plant - its third in the past eight years - appears to have resulted in an oil spill that could impact the health of the Hudson River and demonstrates why Indian Point must close.

On Mother's Day morning, Riverkeeper patrolled the Hudson off Indian Point after the previous evening's transformer fire, looking for possible discharges of transformer oil and/or of firefighting foam into the Hudson. Riverkeeper patrolled to the north and south of the plant and across the river on the Western (Rockland) shoreline. The patrol boat crew found areas of sheen at all locations except, thankfully, immediately at the Peekskill waterfront.

The oil sheen and notable odor were heaviest close to the Indian Point power plant. Riverkeeper also noticed that a containment boom at the power plant, designed to hold back a leak, had a gap in it and notified the DEC. A second boom was being deployed at 9:10 a.m. on Sunday.

The fire started in the switch yard of the Indian Point 3 reactor and was difficult to put out. Firefighters had to use a fire suppressant foam to get it under control. New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo, who inspected the aftermath of the fire on Saturday, expressed concerns regarding the volume of foam and oil released, saying that it could enter the river through storm drains.

"This is a problem to be taken with the utmost seriousness," said Riverkeeper President Paul Gallay. "Indian Point has a long, disturbing history of operational and environmental problems. The plant's aging infrastructure has caught up to it and we must see that it is closed or these problems will only worsen with potentially catastrophic results."

The latest accident comes only days after an unplanned shutdown at the plant due to a steam leak.

A 2011 transformer explosion leaked large quantities of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) from the oil into the groundwater. Questions remain as to Indian Point's compliance with consent order requirements following the 2011 explosion. Riverkeeper is calling on the State of New York to take aggressive enforcement action in the wake of this most recent event. In addition to plant closure, the organization wants the state to investigate this most recent accident and Entergy's possible non-compliance of the enforcement order following the 2011 transformer explosion.

Fire safety at Indian Point has been an ongoing concern. The Indian Point 3 reactor has only 24 minutes of fire safety insulation instead of the three-hour fire barrier that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) requires of other nuclear plants. Litigation against the NRC for refusing to require Entergy to retrofit Indian Point with adequate fire insulation has been going on since 2007. The case will be heard again in the coming months.

"The history of fire safety at Indian Point is one of mistakes, illegality, and failure by both Entergy and the NRC," said Gallay. "The plant should not be operated under its current fire safety regime. The plant is not cheaper, it's not safe, and it's not necessary. It's time to close Indian Point and move on."

Riverkeeper is a member-supported watchdog organization dedicated to defending the Hudson River and its tributaries and protecting the drinking water supply of nine million New York City and Hudson Valley residents."

## Catskill Mountains Scenic Byway Approved by State Advisory Board

A seven-year effort to have 65 miles of NYS Route 28 officially declared the Catskill Mountains Scenic Byway was rewarded May 1 when the Scenic Byways Advisory Board unanimously passed a resolution approving it.



Members of the Central Catskills Collaborative and other supporters were all smiles after receiving the approval of the NYS Scenic Byways Advisory Board for the long-proposed Catskill Mountains Scenic Byway May 1. L to r: Robert Selkowitz of Olive, John Duda of Fleischmanns, Planner Peter Manning, Drew Boggess of Olive, Iris Mead of Margaretville, Bill Rudge of DEC Region III, Carol O'Beirne of the Central Catskills Chamber of Commerce, Rob Stanley of Shandaken, and Diane Galusha of Middletown. Photo by Jo Mano of SUNY New Paltz.

The action came following an illustrated presentation at NYS Department of Transportation offices in Albany by members of the Central Catskills Collaborative (CCC), a group of elected leaders and appointed representatives from six municipalities in two counties located on and beside the Byway. The municipalities, are the Towns of Olive, Shandaken, and Middletown, the Villages of Fleischmanns and Margaretville, and the Town of Andes.

"Raising the visibility of the Route 28 corridor as the primary route through the Central Catskills will bring more attention and visitors to historic sites, cultural events, trails and waterways, to our incredible scenic vistas, and, of course, to our inns, restaurants and businesses," said Marty Donnelly, Supervisor of the Town of Andes and a member of the CCC.

"This effort is also a shining example of regional cooperation and forward looking commitment of local governments, public agencies, non-profit organizations, and citizens along the Byway," added Rob Stanley, Supervisor of Shandaken, who was one of the speakers at the Albany presentation. "An important outgrowth was the formation of the Route 28 Leaders Group made up of elected officials of the six municipalities who meet monthly to address common issues."

The Leaders Group will comprise the Byway's Board of Directors. The Central Catskills Chamber of Commerce is serving as Business Manager.

The CCC will now seek state legislative support for a bill to formalize the Byway, and will be eligible to apply for federal grants for signage and other projects.

The CCC was established in 2008 to work on ways to improve the economies of communities connected by historic Route 28 by promoting its many scenic, cultural and recreational resources. Pursuing official Scenic Byway status rose to the top of a list of actions, and after a period of gathering information and public comment the group submitted a proposed corridor management plan to the DOT in July of 2013.

Developed with assistance from regional planner Peter Manning, the plan spelled out the intrinsic qualities and assets of the route, which winds through the Esopus Creek and East Branch Delaware River Valleys, and offers pristine mountain views and access to wild lands of the Catskill Forest Preserve. The route traverses the Catskill Park, and passes the soon-to-open Catskill Park Interpretive Center and the state-operated Belleayre Mountain Ski Center. It provides a stunning panorama atop Palmer Hill in Andes, and links two of New York City's largest reservoirs, the Ashokan and the Pepacton.

In between are several hamlets and villages, each with its distinctive flavor and flare. "We know travelers who drive the Catskill Mountains Scenic Byway for the beauty will discover the appeal of our small towns, attractions and events and will stay a few days, supporting our local businesses," commented Carol O'Beirne, Executive Director of the Central Catskill Chamber of Commerce.

While developing the corridor management plan, the CCC conducted a contest to find a logo (a bobcat paw print designed by Kurt Boyer of Phoenicia), and supported the production of an audio driving tour by Chichester's Silver Hollow Audio (available as a free download at [www.drive28.com](http://www.drive28.com)).

Noted singer/songwriters Jay Ungar and Molly Mason also contributed their considerable talents by composing a theme song, "Catskill Mountain Home."

Caption: Members of the Central Catskills Collaborative and other supporters were all smiles after receiving the approval of the NYS Scenic Byways Advisory Board for the long-proposed Catskill Mountains Scenic Byway May 1. L to r: Robert Selkowitz of Olive, John Duda of Fleischmanns, Planner Peter Manning, Drew Boggess of Olive, Iris Mead of Margaretville, Bill Rudge of DEC Region III, Carol O'Beirne of the Central Catskills Chamber of Commerce, Rob Stanley of Shandaken, and Diane Galusha of Middletown. Photo by Jo Mano of SUNY New Paltz

## Statement from Governor Andrew M. Cuomo on NY Rising Recognition Among Top 10 Programs for 'Innovations in Public Engagement in Government Award'

This week the Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation at the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, announced the Top 10 programs for the Roy and Lila Ash Innovations in Public Engagement in Government Award. Included is the NY Rising Community Reconstruction Program, launched by Governor Cuomo in 2013 to help rebuild communities after the devastation caused by Superstorm Sandy, Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee.

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo released the following statement regarding the recognition:

"The NY Rising Community Reconstruction Program took an innovative approach by empowering local communities to not just rebuild what was lost, but also back better and stronger for the future. This award by Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government recognizes the high level of local engagement and community involvement that is at the core of the NY Rising Community Reconstruction Program, and has helped New Yorkers to play a leading role in the rebuilding after storms Sandy, Irene and Lee. I congratulate the program staff and executive director Jamie Rubin for their creative work and continued dedication to this cause."

**UC Transportation Council Launches Safe Routes To School Toolbox On Bike To School Day -Online Resource Will Help Local Citizens Plan And Implement Safe Routes To School In Their Own Communities**

Ulster County Executive Michael P. Hein, Chairman of the Ulster County Transportation Council (UCTC), is pleased to announce that in conjunction with National Bike to School Day and Healthy Ulster County Week, the Ulster County Transportation Council will be unveiling its Safe Routes to School Online Toolbox -- <http://www.uctcrts.com>. This new online resource is designed to assist communities - parents, school administrators, and local officials alike - with using a variety of methods that encourage children to walk and bike to school. The Toolbox is part of the UCTC's Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Program that is working to produce SRTS Plans for interested schools in Ulster County. In 2014, the Program completed plans for New Paltz, Lloyd and Shawagunk, and is currently working with Saugerties. Safe Routes to School (SRTS) is a program with a simple goal: helping more children get to school by walking and bicycling, and providing a safe means to do so. The Ulster County SRTS Toolbox can be used to develop individual safe routes to school plans and implement the "5 E's" of SRTS - Engineering, Enforcement, Encouragement, Education, and Evaluation - at schools around Ulster County.

"The Toolbox offers opportunities for individuals to become involved in improving traffic safety and air quality around schools, helping children to become more physically active and 'ready to learn,' and creating healthy neighborhoods," said County Executive Hein. "Whether you are a parent, a teacher, a school administrator, a neighbor, a public health professional, county staff, or a city official, the Toolbox will provide you with proven techniques, facts, and figures, as well as ideas and inspiration. The Toolbox identifies the Why, Who and How of Safe Routes to School, and is another way we can reach our goal of making Ulster County the healthiest county in New York State."

To develop Safe Routes to School "Action Plans," UCTC created citizen advisory committees for each school. The Committees included school and local elected officials, police, and concerned individuals. "Making sure that kids have a safe environment when they walk to and from school is always on our minds," said John Valk, Supervisor for the Town of Shawangunk. "This project allowed us to have a discussion with our local school officials and project staff about ways we can create safer streets in our community, which benefits not only school children, but also improves the overall quality of life in the entire community."

National Bike to School Day 2015 was celebrated across the country on May 6. The first-ever National Bike to School Day took place on May 9, 2012, in coordination with the League of American Bicyclists' National Bike Month. The event builds on the popularity of Walk to School Day, which is celebrated across the country, and the world, each October. Many communities and schools have been holding springtime walk and bicycle to school events for years. This year, National Bike to School Day fell in conjunction with Healthy Ulster County Week, in which special events, services and promotions are being offered by local businesses and community organizations to encourage Ulster County residents to live healthy lifestyles, in the ongoing effort to make Ulster County the healthiest county in New York State.

The Ulster County Safe Routes to School Program is funded in part through grants from the Federal Highway Administration, a division of the U.S. Department of Transportation. The views and opinions expressed therein do not necessarily reflect those of the U.S. Department of Transportation.

Relevant Resources:  
 UCTC Safe Routes to School Toolbox: <http://www.uctcrts.com/>  
 UCTC Safe Routes to School Program: <http://ulstercountyny.gov/planning/transportation-council/safe-routes-to-school>  
 Ulster County Transportation Council: <http://ulstercountyny.gov/planning/transportation>  
 Ulster County Government and Healthy Ulster: <http://ulstercountyny.gov/NationalWalkandBikeToSchoolDay>  
<http://www.walkbiketoschool.org/>

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**Roast Turkey Dinner**  
 May 16, 2015 SATURDAY,  
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**Rev. John J. Lynch, Ph.D., Pastor. 434-7643.**

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 845-985-2283  
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**LEGALS/PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

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

Tuesday, May 5, 2015  
At 7:00 P.M. (EDST)

for the purpose of presenting the budget for the 2015-2016 school year.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a copy of the budget statement showing the amount of money which will be required for the following year for school purposes, exclusive of public money, together with the text of any proposition which will be presented to the voters, may be obtained at the Office of the Superintendent, Tri-Valley Central School, Grahamsville, New York and any school building, by any resident in the District between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. on each day except Saturday, Sunday or holidays during the fourteen days preceding the Annual Meeting (Beginning Tuesday, May 5, 2015).

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Annual Meeting, including the VOTE upon the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimated expenditures for school purposes for the 2015-2016 school year budget and the VOTING for members of the Board of Education, and VOTING on any other proposition to be acted upon, will take place on Tuesday, May 19, 2015 between the hours of 1:00 and 8:00 P.M. daylight savings time at the Main Gymnasium of the Tri-Valley Central High School Building, in Grahamsville, New York.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the term of three members of the Board of Education will expire on June 30, 2015. Petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education shall be filed with the Clerk of said School District at her office in the Administration Building, on or before 5:00 P.M. on Monday, April 20, 2015. Vacancies on the Board of Education are not considered separate, specific offices; candidates run at-large. The three highest vote getters will fill the three full-term positions. Nominating petitions shall be directed to the Clerk of the District; must be signed by at least 25 qualified voters of the District; must state the name and residence address of each signer, and, must state the name and residence address of the candidate.

The 3-year terms of the following Members of the Board of Education expire on June 30, 2015, and are to be filled at this election:

Michael Brooks  
Curtis Brock  
Kathy Denman

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that pursuant to a prior resolution of the District, personal voter registration is in effect. The dates for personal voter registration have been set for Tuesday, May 12th, 2015 and Wednesday, May 13th, 2015 in the Main Entrance Area, between the hours of 4:00 P.M. and 8:00 P.M... Voters may also register at the Office of the District Clerk on any business day through Thursday, May 12th, 2015 between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. Residents are reminded that their registration is valid if they have voted at any school or general election held within the 4 calendar year period prior to May 19, 2015. If a voter is eligible to vote under Article 5 of the Election Law and is registered with the Sullivan or Ulster County Board of Elections, he/she is also eligible to vote at this election. The register of voters prepared pursuant to Section 2014 of the Education Law shall be available in the office of the Clerk, to any qualified voter, on each of the five (5) days prior to the annual meeting, except Sunday, and at the polling place on the day of the vote.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that in accordance with Section 2018a of the Education Law, applications for ABSENTEE BALLOTS may be applied for at the office of the District Clerk. Absentee ballots must be applied for unless the voter's registration is marked "permanently disabled" by the County Board of Elections. Such applications must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days before the election if the absentee ballot is to be mailed to the voter (Tuesday, May 12th, 2015) OR the day before the election (Monday, May 18th, 2015), if the ballot is to be picked up personally by the voter. Absentee ballots must be received in the Office of the District Clerk not later than 5:00 P.M. on the day of the annual meeting. A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots have been issued shall be available for public inspection during regular office hours (9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.) until the day of the election. Any qualified voter may file a written challenge of the qualifications of a voter, whose name appears on such list, stating the reasons for the challenge.

By order of the Board of Education  
Norma Peña, District Clerk  
Dated: April 1, 2015

4/2; 4/16; 4/30; 5/14

NOTICE OF COMPLETION  
OF TENTATIVE ASSESMENT ROLL

NOTICE OF COMPLETION SHALL BE PUBLISHED ONCE IN THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER OF THE TOWN AND A COPY OF THE PUBLISHED NOTICE POSTED ON THE SIGNBOARD AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE STATING THAT THE ASSESOR(S) HAVE COMPLETED THE TENTATIVE ROLL, WHERE THE ROLL MAY BE EXAMINED AND WHEN AND WHERE GRIEVANCE DAY WILL BE HELD (RPTL § 506,526(1), 1526).

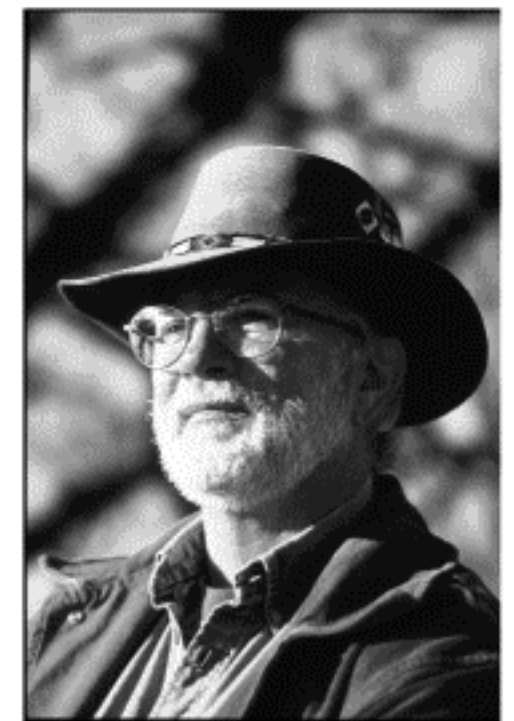
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE ASSESOR OF THE TOWN OF DENNING, COUNTY OF ULSTER (HAS/HAVE) COMPLETED THE TENTATIVE ROLL FOR THE CURRENT YEAR AND THAT A COPY HAS BEEN LEFT WITH THE TOWN CLERK AT THE DENNING TOWN HALL, 1567 DENNING ROAD, CLARYVILLE, NY.12725. WHERE IT MAY BE SEEN AND EXAMINED BY ANY INTERESTED PERSON UNTIL THE FOURTH TUESDAY IN MAY DURING REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS OR BY APPOINTMENT.

THE BOARD OF ASSESMENT REVIEW WILL MEET ON MAY 27, 2015 BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 4 - 8 PM AT THE DENNING TOWN HALL, TO HEAR AND EXAMINE ALL COMPLAINTS IN RELATION TO ASSESSMENTS, ON THE WRITTEN APPLICATION OF ANY PERSON BELIEVING HIMSELF TO BE AGGREIVED.

DATED THE 1ST OF MAY, 2015  
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**Benefit Concert for WJFF Radio  
Catskill and The Delaware Valley Arts  
Alliance - The 9th Annual Maris Hearn  
Life Celebration Concert featuring Folk  
Music legend Bill Staines!**

The Friends of Maris Hearn present the 9th annual Maris Hearn Life Celebration Concert, featuring legendary folk singer Bill Staines! Maris Hearn was a long time WJFF volunteer and producer of WJFF's famous Gumbo Shop program. The concert will take place on Saturday, June 13th at the Tusten Theater in Narrowsburg, New York. Doors open at 7:30 and the show begins at 8pm. Admission is \$15. Call 845 252-7272 for reservations.



Photograph by Larry Marcus

Anyone not familiar with the music of Bill Staines is in for a special treat. For more than forty years, Bill has traveled across North America, delighting audiences at festivals, colleges, concerts and coffeehouses. Of Bill's music Nanci Griffith says, "Bill Staines has been my hero since 1977. He carries on where Woody left off- carrying on the tradition of stories and characters you wish you knew."

Bill performs nearly 200 concerts a year and drives over 65,000 miles annually. He weaves a blend of gentle wit and humor into his performances, and one reviewer wrote, "He has a sense of timing to match the best standup comic." You have heard Bill singing on Garrison Keillor's A Prairie Home Companion, HBO's award winning series Deadwood, and Public Radio's Mountain Stage. His songs have been recorded by Peter, Paul, and Mary, Tommy Makem and Liam Clancy, The Highwaymen, Mason Williams, Grandpa Jones, Jerry Jeff Walker, Nanci Griffith, Glen Yarborough and many others.

Check out Bill's website at:  
<http://www.acousticmusic.com/staines/>

The concert is a benefit for WJFF Radio Catskill and the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance. Join us Saturday, June 13th, at 8pm, for an evening of heartwarming folk songs in support these two great community organizations.

**Town of Neversink Parks & Recreation**  
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 Call for info: (845) 985-2262 extension 312

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

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

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

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

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

**Splashdown Beach** Saturday, Aug. 1. Leave the Town Hall 8:30 am return approximately 7 pm. Please bring money to eat, swimsuits and a change of clothes. SIGN-UP: \$15 Neversink Residents/Tri Valley School Students/\$39 non-residents must be paid by Tuesday, June 23.

5/14/15 Town of Neversink Motor Vehicle 10 am - 2:30 pm  
 5/14/15 Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting 6 pm  
 5/16/15 **Third Saturday Thrift Sale & Boutique** Grahamsville UMC- 9 am-1 pm  
 5/18/15 Grahamsville Fire District - 7 pm  
 5/19/15 Grahamsville UMC **Thrift Sale & Boutique** (9:00 am-1 pm) & **Luncheon**(11 am - 1:00 pm)  
 5/19/15 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting - 7:30 pm  
 5/20/15 Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Association Meeting  
 4/21/15 Neversink Fire District Commissioners Meeting 7 pm -Public Meeting 7:30 pm  
 5/25/15 Town of Neversink Holiday - MEMORIAL DAY  
 5/27/15 Town of Denning Board of Assessment Review 4-8 pm Denning Town Hall will hear & examine grievances  
 6/2/15 Town of Denning Town Board Meeting - 7 pm Sundown Church Hall  
 6/3/15 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting - 7 pm  
 6/4/15 **Claryville Fire District Meeting** 6:30PM  
 6/6/15 **Covered Dish Supper** - Sundown Methodist Church - 5:30 pm  
 6/9/15 Town of Denning Town Board Business Meeting -7 pm Denning Town Hall  
 6/10/15 Town of Neversink Town Board Meeting - 7 :30 pm  
 6/20/15 **Father's Day Breakfast** Sundown Church Hall 7:30 - 9:30 am  
 6/21/15 Claryville Fire Dept. **All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast** 7- Noon Claryville Fire House

**Save the Date!**

**Tri-Valley Lions Annual Rabies Clinic** Wednesday, June 3, 2015 from 6 to 8 pm at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds.  
**3rd Annual Community Yard Sale, Craft & Vendor Fair** Saturday, July 11th Grahamsville Fairgrounds from 10 am to 3 pm  
**Matthew R. Bertholf 4th Annual Horseshoe Tournament** July 12, 2015 Neversink Firehouse

**Old Time Fair and Barbecue**, July 25, Grahamsville Fair Grounds, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

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

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

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



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

Tuesday: 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
 Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
 Thursday: 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
 Friday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
 Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
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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.

**WANTED ...VENDORS**

The 2015 Old Time Fair, sponsored by the Time and the Valleys Museum, is going to be held Saturday, July 25th. Vendors with home crafted items are needed. Why not reserve your \$15. space early, we promise you a large crowd and a fun filled day. For reservations and information please call Ann-Marie Kremer at 985-2016 or PO Box 161,982 Claryville Rd, Claryville 12725

**Tri-Valley Lions Annual Rabies Clinic**  
**Wednesday, June 3, 2015 from 6 to 8 pm**  
**at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds**

If you bring a previous Rabies certificate, your pet can receive a 3 year Rabies Shot.

All cats & dogs must be at least 3 months old and on a leash or caged.

**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.akateen.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

**Fallsburg School Budget Vote May 19th**

On May 19, 2015, between the hours of 8 AM and 8 PM, registered voters in the Fallsburg Central School District will cast their ballots for the 2015-2016 School District Budget at the High School Library. During the past week residents received a copy of the school district budget, with details for their review, as part of a district-wide mailing with the April/May Fallsburg Comet Newsletter. Details of the proposed 2015-16 budget can be found on the school website: [www.fallsburgcsd.net](http://www.fallsburgcsd.net).

In the newsletter, Superintendent Dr. Ivan Katz emphasized that the efforts of the Board of Education and the Central Administration were to balance what the school children need with what the taxpayers can afford. The main objective of the budget season was to minimize the impact on the tax levy by remaining under the allowable tax cap. Dr. Katz believes that the Board accomplished the goal with the 2015-2016 Budget.

The budget amount is \$40,373,237. The increase from last year is 4.13% (\$1,600,926). The final number was reached with no personnel or programmatic cuts. This year's budget includes a number of new instructional positions that are in response to new mandates from the New York State Education Department. Other items demonstrate program efficiencies, which include bringing a BOCES program back into the District.

The tax levy that goes along with the new budget number is a 1.5% (\$278,775) increase over the previous tax levy. To reach this number the Board is applying \$1,306,475 from the general fund to keep the levy low enough to support an increase of 1.5%. The state aid increase of \$1,264,517 helped the District moderate the tax levy increase as well.

In addition to voting on the School Budget, there are three seats on the School Board for three year terms. Shawn Wiles is running unopposed; Valerie Sitz-Mahmoud and Michael Weiner are candidates for the seat currently held by Valerie Sitz-Mahmoud; and Jennifer Reinhardt and Sonia O. Ward are candidates for the seat currently held by Sonia O. Ward.

As has been the practice over the past several years, the Fallsburg Central School District has scheduled two special

events on Voting Day. At 4:30 to 6:30 PM, in the school cafeteria, voters can enjoy a multi-cultural dinner served by the Class of 2018 for a nominal donation to benefit the Class. At 7:00 PM, in the auditorium, parents, friends, and others can listen to the beautiful music of spring created by the Benjamin Cosor Elementary School choirs and band members.

This is a special day in Fallsburg for community members to exercise their civic duty and enjoy the activities of the school children at the same time.

**Liberty UMC Spring Fundraiser**

**LIBERTY--** The Liberty United Methodist Church Spring Fundraiser will be held May 15-16 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. both days.

The Upscale Sale and Extended Silent Auction includes the sale of household items, collectible, toys, jewelry and more. The Silent Auction has gift certificates from numerous local merchants.

For information call 845-292-6243 or 845-292-5307.

**Governor Cuomo Proclaims May 6 as Health Care Auxilian Day**

Governor Andrew Cuomo has proclaimed May 6, 2015 as Health Care Auxilian Day in New York State to recognize the dedicated Auxilians who annually donate more than five million hours of service to their health care facilities and to their communities.

During the past year, the Ellenville Regional Hospital Auxiliary has held several fundraising events, including an Annual Luncheon, Tag Day, Bake Sale, and Bake-less Bake Sale! In addition, they manage the newly renovated Gift Shop in the Hospital. Funds raised last year were used to purchase equipment for the hospital's new Cardiac Rehab service.

New York State has more than 75,000 health care Auxilians who initiate, fund, and volunteer for a wide variety of patient and family care services—from outpatient clinics to intensive care units. They sponsor community health fairs, health screenings, blood banks, and wellness lecture series; raise funds for hospital and nursing home equipment; and organize and underwrite outreach programs in their communities.

**All Aboard!**  
**Join the Fun!**  
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Also **WANTED:** People for card games

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- UNDER CONTRACT Cute 1+ bedroom w/780 sq ft garage across from the Neversink in Claryville. \$99,000
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**Sundown United Methodist Church**

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(Drama, 1939)

An idealistic, free thinker literally believes in the US Constitution, becomes a Senate replacement, and takes on a battle against political corruption. Directed by Frank Capra, starring, Jean Arthur, James Stewart, Claude Rains, Edward Arnold, Guy Kibbee, Thomas Mitchell, Eugene Pallette, Beulah Bondi, Harry Carey, H. B. Warner, Charles Lane, Porter Hall, and Jack Carson. Stewart is the young idealist who finds nothing but corruption in the U.S. Senate. A fine *Capra Americana*, with Stewart's top performance bolstered by Arthur as a hard-boiled dame won over by earnest Mr. Smith. This is a stellar supporting cast. Carey is magnificent as the Vice President and a brilliant script, too! See these films on TCM Monday, May 18, 2015 starting at 7:30 AM, B/W 130 min, TV-G

**Quiz**  
1. Who plays *Diz Moore*?  
2. Who plays *Saunders*?  
PS In the future when they air, check out "Only Angels Have Wings" my favorite with Jean Arthur Gary Grant and a host of 30's favorite's.

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

**GRAHAMSVILLE**

The Grahamsville Reformed Church is having a Roast Turkey Dinner on May 16th and then on May 23 the Ladies Aid will hold a Bake Sale. See page 13 for details

The next Thrift Sale at the Grahamsville United Methodist Church will be held on May 16th and on May 19th there will be a Thrift Sale and Luncheon. The Boutique will be open each day.

**SUNDOWN**

Mark your calendar for the Father's Day Breakfast on Saturday, June 20 from 7:30 am to 9:30 am. at the Sundown Church Hall. Take Dad out to breakfast!

Get ready for the Annual Yard Sale that will be held on June 8th at the UMC Hall. Watch the *Townsman* for the time and more information.

**ELLENVILLE**

Ellenville Regional Hospital Auxiliary is planning a fundraising trip to see "Kinky Boots" on June 10th. For more information call Helene Morris at 845-434-2665. Reserve your seat and tickets soon as this event sells out quickly!

**NEVERSINK**

The Matthew R. Bertholf 4th Annual Horseshoe Tournament will be held on July 12, 2015 at the Neversink Firehouse. Watch the *Townsman* for further details.

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1. Thomas Mitchell  
Answers: