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## Town of Neversink Flag Exchange Ceremony Monday, May 25th, 2015

Memorial Day 2015, in the Tri-Valley Area will be observed by the Flag Exchange Ceremony, which has become a tradition in the Town of Neversink. The Program will take place at 11:00 am on Monday, May 25th, at the flag pole located in the Grahamsville Rural Cemetery on Route 55 in Grahamsville.

The event will feature the retiring of the flag, which has flown for the past six months, in honor of Harold Muthig. In exchange for the flag just retired, Scout Troop 97 will then accept a flag presented by the Grey Family of Grahamsville, which will fly for six months, in honor of Major James H. Grey, a veteran of the United States Air Force, who spent twenty years serving our country. Participating in the event will be Boy Scout Troops 97 and 87, an Honor Guard of local veterans and representatives of the Grahamsville Rural Cemetery Association, who sponsor the Flag Exchange Ceremony.

As always, the public is invited to attend and participate in this Memorial Day Observance. We welcome the opportunity to honor any members of the armed forces who might be in the area. Please join us as we pay tribute to all those who have served and all those who currently serve our great nation.

## Junior FBLA Members Active in the Community



Tri-Valley's chapter of the Junior FBLA-made up of 7th and 8th graders-has been very active in our school and community this year. The first weekend of May was an especially busy weekend for them.

On Friday, May 1, the club held a 7th and 8th grade dance with a sports theme. Several students came out to the event and had a great time. There was an admission charged for the dance and concessions were also sold. The Junior FBLA then donated half of the proceeds from the night to the March of Dimes. (Contd. Pg. 8)

## Sullivan Reading Teams Battle at Daniel Pierce Library



Late last month, approximately 40 high school readers from throughout Sullivan County met at the Daniel Pierce Library on a Saturday afternoon to compete in the 3rd Annual Sullivan County Battle of the Books.

Representing the public libraries in Liberty, Monti-cello, Eldred, Liv-ington Manor, Fallsburg, and Grahamsville, teams of two to ten teenagers answered high-speed questions about five notable young adult books. (Contd. Pg. 3)

The Daniel Pierce Library Country Pumpkins, competing at their "home court" library, were (from bottom of staircase) 7th graders Victoria Swett, Kira Ambrosi, Gillian Mathews, Captain (9th grade), Juliette Eddings, Christopher DiToro, Reanna McGregor, Brianna Hynson, and Emma Edwards

## St. Andrew's Episcopal Mission Celebrates Centennial of Founding, Saturday, May 30



On Saturday, May 30 at 11 am, The Right Rev. Allen K. Shin, Suffragan Bishop of the Diocese of New York, will preach and celebrate Mass at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 5277 State Route 52 in South Fallsburg. The occasion marks the

Centennial Year of the church, founded by the families of some of the very same people who worship there today. Everyone is invited to celebrate 100 years of St. Andrew's in Sullivan County. A reception will follow the service, welcoming special guests, some of which are former priests at St. Andrew's. For more information, call: 845-807-3418. (Contd. Pg. 3)

## 50 Ordination Anniversary of Rev. John J. Lynch of Immaculate Conception Church

On May 31, Rev. John J. Lynch of Immaculate Conception Church in Woodbourne will celebrate the Golden Jubilee of ordination in service of the Archdiocese of New York. He is a native of Newburgh, son of the late John Lynch and Ann Brady Lynch.

Father Lynch attended Newburgh schools, entered St. Joseph's Seminary in Yonkers and was ordained May 29, 1965. During his time at the Seminary, he undertook doctoral studies in classical languages. After receiving the Ph.D. from Fordham University in 1974, he taught elective courses in the Seminary and the Catechetical Institute of the Archdiocese. He was appointed to be spiritual leader of Immaculate Conception Church in 1996. Father Lynch's other parochial assignments have been: St. Gabriel's, New Rochelle; St. Mary Star of the Sea, City Island; St. Mary of the Assumption, Katonah; St. Sylvia's, Tivoli, and St. Joachim's, Beacon. From 1974 to 1982 he represented the Northeast Bronx on the Senate of Clergy, and was a member and chairman of its education committee. Articles by Father Lynch have appeared in *America*, *Church*, *Catholic New York*, *National Review*, *Pastoral Life*, and *Theological Studies*.

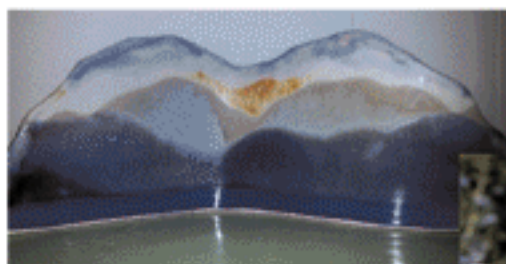
## Town of Olive Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony

On Monday, May 25, 2015 at 9:30 a.m. - There will be a Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony to honor the men and women who sacrificed their lives to defend the honor and principles of our great nation. We encourage you to come and support our effort to provide the community with a suitable program for this National Holiday.

The parade will begin at the West Shokan Post Office on Route 28A and proceed to the Veterans Memorial in front of the Town Hall Building on Watson Hollow Road. The ceremony will be held at the Veterans Memorial. Music will be provided by the Onteora High School Marching Band. In the event of rain, the Memorial Ceremony will be held under the pavilion at Davis Park which is adjacent to the Town Hall.

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## Claryville Pottery Memorial Day Weekend Show & Sale



Something to add to your list of fun things to do this weekend is to head up to Claryville for the Annual Claryville Pottery Show and Sale. Local potters Anne-Marie Kremer and Chris Parrow will be teaming up again to exhibit their new work in stoneware and porcelain. The show has become an annual tradition and is sure to offer lots of choices of handmade pottery for the home, as well as a chance to meet local friends and make new ones.

Anne-Marie's pottery is classic and graceful, combining traditional techniques and glazes with stylish sophisticated forms. Chris's recent Catskill Mountainscape sculptures are a unique and 'local' addition to her functional line of decorated pottery. Mugs, vases, bowls, plates, and platters are just some of the pieces available, and handmade pottery makes a thoughtful and lasting gift.

The show runs Saturday through Monday, May 22, 23 and 24, from 10 AM to 5 PM at 982 Claryville Road, Claryville, NY., by the intersection of Frost Valley Road, just four miles from State Rt. 55.

For further information call 845-985-2016 or 845-985-7564.



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**ON THE FRONT BURNER:** Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of they brothers' eye. Matthew 7:5

## COLLEGE NEWS

Amanda Scuderi of Loch Sheldrake, NY graduated from Coastal Carolina University with a Bachelor of Science in Physical Education Coastal Carolina University's commencement exercises on Saturday, May 9, at the HTC Center.

Zaira Carolina Pabon of Parksville, majoring in Liberal Arts & Sciences: Mathematics A.S. graduated from Herkimer County Community College at their 47th annual commencement held on May 15th.

Cheyenne Corbine of Grahamsville, NY, qualified for the Spring 2015 Dean's List at Belmont University. Eligibility is based on a minimum course load of 12 hours and a quality grade point average of 3.5 with no grade below a C.

## 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 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. 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 p.m. Volunteers will be in the Red Hill tower, looking for your lights from the surrounding country side, signaling them.

Thanks again to the staff at the Daniel Pierce Library for providing 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 or email [redhillfiretower@gmail.com](mailto:redhillfiretower@gmail.com).

## DAYS OF YORE....

## Today's History

**May 25, 1955** - Several of our ladies have procured work at the Grahamsville Dress Factory. Among them are Mrs. Bertha Lewis, Mrs. Bessie Bailey and Mrs. Catherine Hornbeck.

Mr. Fred Eckert, 73, of Middletown, died on Friday, May 20, 1955 after a short illness. He was born in Grahamsville, the son of Charles and Olive Eckert. He was a Mason and a member of the Brotherhood of Local Firemen. He is survived by his wife, Leona; one son, Charles; two sisters: Mrs. Pearl Rose of Grahamsville and Mrs. Otis Sherman of Woodbourne.

**May 12, 1965** - Mr. and Mrs. Earl D. Sheeley were honored last Sunday at the home of their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Sheeley, where there 40th wedding anniversary was celebrated. The honored couple were given flowers, an orchid for the bride and a carnation for the groom, in time to be worn to church. A buffet afterward was enjoyed by all the guests.

It has been announced by Robert W. Pyle, Dean of the college that John V. Higgins has been named to the Dean's List at the State University College at New Paltz for the winter quarter.

Anniversary congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Gerald DuBois on May 17th when they celebrated their 44th anniversary.

**May 28, 1975** - The Scoutmaster of Troop 187, Grahamsville, attended ceremonies at the Dutch Reformed Church in Woodbourne in honor of John Roberts, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Roberts of Woodbourne. John received the God and Country Award there on May 11th. Congratulations are extended to John from the Troop, Scoutmasters and Committee members for obtaining this most coveted award.

**May 23, 1985** - Bill Long, former resident of Sundown, was recently invited by Queen Elizabeth of England to compete in the Royal Windsor Grand Prix Horse Show in Windsor, England. He was accompanied by his wife, Linda and son, Bill Jr.

Melissa R. Costa and Scott L. Tompkins were married April 13, 1985 at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Woodbourne with Father John Maher officiating. The bride is the daughter of Fernando and Marilyn Costa of Grahamsville. The bridegroom is the son of Gerald and Patricia Tompkins of Scio, N.Y. The bride is a Tri-Valley Central School graduate and

attended Alfred State College, Alfred N.Y., earning an A.A.S. in Medical Lab Technology. The bridegroom graduated from Scio Central School and served three years in the U.S. Army. He is currently employed by Bush Industries in Little Valley, N.Y. They now reside in Rudolph, N.Y.

## From the collection of Jack Denman

During the next few weeks we will present segments of notes that were sent by Jack Denman regarding Civil War Veterans. After reading the article you may concur as others have, that nothing much has changed. Our veterans today, still face similar circumstances.

## The following are the resolutions:

*Resolved* (if the assembly concur), That it is the sense of this legislature, that in the appointment of persons to state, national, municipal or other offices, a just and liberal preference should in all cases be given to the soldiers and sailors of the republic, who shall have served in the armies of the United States for a period of two years, and have been, honorably discharged therefrom, or who shall have suffered permanent disability from wounds or injuries received in service, or who shall have been held for six months or over as prisoners of war, and that it is the duty of the state legislatures and congress to secure so far as practicable this end by appropriate legislation.

*Resolved*, That in grateful recognition of the sacrifices and suffering of the patriotic men who have died in the service of their country, or from wounds or injuries received therein, during the present rebellion, the state should provide ample means for the education of the children of such as may be in need, and that in all colleges, asylums and public schools, a preference should be given to such children of such downed soldiers.

**Mr. Chairman:** The resolutions under consideration were drawn up in accordance with suggestions made in the annual Message of his excellency, the Governor, which suggestions, I will with permission now read. The paragraph of the Message, to which I refer, is as follows:

Notwithstanding the liberal provisions made by the federal government, to those whose cases can be brought within the general rules, by which its bounties and pensions are disbursed, there must be a large number of persons thrown directly from the camp and battle field upon the charities of states, communities and individuals. These brave veterans are in poor condition to accept for all their sacrifices the simple honors of a nation's gratitude. They must be fed, clothed and warmed. Much has already been done in this direction. Vast sums of money have been contributed to the various soldiers' relief associations and in private charities, showing how thoroughly every Christian, philanthropic and patriotic impulse is enlisted, as well as how inexhaustible are our resources when the sympathies and interests of the people are awakened; and it only requires that, these efforts should be organized to give them permanence when they will become the crowning glory of our institutions.

I think that I may safely say, that the contest in which this nation has been so long engaged is drawing to a close. I may say, too, that it is the close of the most momentous and important struggle that has ever yet been known in the history of any nation - a struggle in which not only the liberties of our own country, and the rights of our own citizens have been intimately involved, but one in which the great question of constitutional government for which we have been battling for the last eighty years - is to be solved. It is nothing more than a contest, a direct contest of the "many against the few," for those rights which our forefathers fought for, and which we supposed they had permanently gained in the battles of the revolution. Thus far our government has been an experiment; thus far it has been reviled by almost all except those who live within the sphere of its influence. It has been a mockery and a by-word among the monarchies of Europe, which have taunted us with the falsehood, that as soon as the pressure of civil war should be brought to bear against our system, it would be found too weak to stand, and go down, and that our experiment would be short-lived. (Continued in Next Week's Issue)

## A Round About Tri-Valley

-Carol Furman

George and Rose Ann Knox of Neversink recently returned from a trip to Galveston, Texas where they watched their son, Andrew, compete in an Ironman 70.3 mile event. Andrew, a Tri-Valley graduate, swam for 1.2 miles, biked for 56 miles and then ran a half marathon of 13.1 miles. His time was 6 hrs. and 36 mins. Andrew lives in Abilene, Texas with his wife, Sabra, and two daughters. He is a Fire-Medic for the City of Abilene and an RIM at Hendrick Hospital.

Dottie Eckerson, formerly of Grahamsville and now living in Ellenville, recently had heart surgery at Valley Hospital in Ridgwood, NJ to repair a heart valve. Get well soon, Dottie!  
Leanore Egan of South Hill in Grahamsville is scheduled to have double knee replacements on May 20th. Good wishes are sent your way, Leanore!

Doug Mootz of Neversink will be having his hip replaced soon.

Congratulations to Mr. Ronald Musson, Interim Business Official at Tri-Valley, for preparing the 2015 - 2016 school budget booklet in a way that is easy to read and understand. The budget reflects a 1.33% increase in spending and a tax levy decrease of .93%. The Board of Education is to be applauded for their efforts.

Congratulations to all of the students who participated in and did so well at the NYS School Music Association's (NYSSMA) Spring Evaluation Festival on May 8th and 9th. Our Tri-Valley music teachers are to be commended for doing such a fine job!

The Tri-Valley second graders went on a field trip to Frost Valley on Friday, May 15th. The day was sunny and warm and they all had a great time!

The work on the Town of Neversink athletic fields seems to be progressing. The lack of rain during this spring has certainly made moving the soil a lot easier. Of course those who are doing any kind of spring planting are complaining because we haven't had enough rain.

I've been hearing the word "nepotism" around town during the past week. The definition, according to the dictionary, is "favoritism shown or patronage granted by a person or persons in authority or high office to relatives or close friends". This unpopular way of showing partiality to relatives or friends when hiring is considered to be unfair to other unrelated job-seekers.

**Words of Wisdom:** There are no shortcuts to any place worth going. Excellence is not a skill, it is an attitude.

## Sullivan Reading Teams Battle at Daniel Pierce Library (From Pg. 1)

Following several elimination rounds, Livingston Manor emerged victorious. Monticello's Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library's team finished in second place. The Daniel Pierce Library's team finished in third.

The top two teams were awarded cash prizes. All participants received new books, compliments of the participating libraries.

The Daniel Pierce Library team was coached by Tri-Valley Teachers' Association members Susan Rehm (ELA teacher), Matt Haynes (ELA teacher), and Jeanne Fiedler (school librarian). They collaborated with Joann Gallagher, Daniel Pierce Library Director, and Anita Jones, Youth Services Librarian, to make this event a success for students.

From here, teams may elect to continue on to regional competition. The Ramapo Catskill Library System (RCLS, of which the Sullivan County Libraries are a part) sponsors a regional Battle of the Books in September.

For more information, contact Joann Gallagher at the Daniel Pierce Library at 985-7233.

## St. Andrew's Episcopal Mission Celebrates Centennial of Founding (From Pg. 1)

The church, which has been described as "in the vernacular style of the early Nineteenth Century" was physically built by the congregation, and that hands-on feeling is still evident today, with members of St. Andrew's running a twice monthly food pantry for the Town of Fallsburg, and also offering free chamber music concerts. St. Andrew's hopes that this celebration is just the beginning of another 100 years of service to the community.

St. Andrew's is part of a four parish collaboration known as the Delaware Catskill Episcopal Ministry that also includes Grace Church in Port Jervis, St. James' Church in Callicoon and St. John's Church in Monticello.

## TV AYSO Spring Registration Now Open

Parents and volunteers... Online soccer registration for the fall season is now open through June 20th. Boys and girls ages 4 1/2 to 19 are eligible to play. Sign up today at [www.eayso.org](http://www.eayso.org)! Print two copies of each form, sign, and drop off payment at one of our registration events. New Players must present a birth certificate at the time of registration (no photocopy is necessary). The registration fee is \$50 / player. Early registration discount is \$45.00 which must be paid by June 1st to receive the discount! New uniforms are \$40.00 which includes shirts, shorts, and socks. Fall season practices start in August. Games are played on Sundays from September through the end of October. Further information regarding this league contact

Bill Richardson at 985-2137  
([trivalleyAYSORC@gmail.com](mailto:trivalleyAYSORC@gmail.com))  
or Rachel Countryman at 985-0360  
([KPCountrykid@yahoo.com](mailto:KPCountrykid@yahoo.com)).

### Spring Registration Dates:

Tuesday, May 19th @ TVCS Secondary School Library 3 pm - 7 pm

Friday, June 5th @ Daniel Pierce Library 3 pm - 7 pm

Saturday, June 20th @ TVCS Secondary School Library 9 am - 1 pm

Find us on Facebook at Tri-Valley AYSO.

## District Bass & Minnow Stocking Program

Once again it is time to think about stocking your pond with bass and minnows. The Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District is having their Annual Bass & Minnow Fish Stocking Program. If your pond seems to have excessive vegetation you may want to consider grass carp.

If you are interested in stocking your pond with Largemouth Bass, Fathead Minnows or Grass Carp, call the Conservation District at (845) 292-6552 and request an order form to be mailed to you or go online at [sullivanswcd.org](http://sullivanswcd.org). The District will be accepting orders until Monday, June 22, 2015.

## CCE Sullivan Master Gardeners Host Annual Plant Sale

LIBERTY, NY-Anyone with a passion for gardening or looking for a great Father's Day gift should swing by the Sullivan County Master Gardener Annual Plant Sale on Saturday, May 30, 2015 hosted by the Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County (CCESC) Master Gardener Volunteer program. This popular event lasts from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm but the public is encouraged to arrive early for the best selection. The indoor sale will be held at the CCESC Gerald J. Skoda Extension Education Center on 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road in Liberty.

The annual CCESC Master Gardener Plant Sale will offer an eclectic assortment of perennials, annuals, herbs, natives, vegetables, and more. Master Gardener Volunteers will be present to answer basic horticultural questions and offer free garden soil pH testing.

Fundraising efforts will include a bake sale of homemade items. The public can also win garden and yard themed raffle prizes with ticket purchase.

Questions should be directed to CCESC by calling 845-292-6180 or emailing [scmg@cornell.edu](mailto:scmg@cornell.edu). More information on this and other events can be found by visiting [www.sullivanccce.org](http://www.sullivanccce.org).

The Master Gardener Volunteer program is a national corps of volunteers trained in the science and art of gardening who work in partnership with their county Cooperative Extension office to expand educational outreach throughout the community by providing home gardeners with research-based information. For more information on the CCESC Master Gardener Volunteer program, contact Susan Dollard, Community Horticulture Educator, at [smd243@cornell.edu](mailto:smd243@cornell.edu).

## 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.

John Burroughs, was not only a naturalist, but he was an avid fisherman who I understand may have waded past our back yards in Sundown as he fished in the Rondout Creek in the early 19th century. In his book, "A Bed of Boughs," he wrote about the Rondout Creek. He stated, "If I were a trout, I would ascend every stream until I found the Rondout." Of course he was speaking of the Rondout Creek as this was written long before the Rondout Reservoir was built.

Arriving home just in time for his surprise 50th Birthday party on Saturday, our nephew (cousin) Adam Hornbeck brought home two beauties!

Perhaps Adam's catch was an incentive that led our son Joe to convince us that it was time to go fishing Sunday evening! First we stopped at Sundown Bait Shop. After a very busy weekend, Jim Connors still had lures, some worms and bait fish left. With a bucket of shiners, a container of worms and ample lures Joe, Brianna Rose, Frank and I were off for an adventure! Joe rowed out to a spot that he remembered where his grandfather would take him 'back in the day'. Each of us tried different bait and different novice techniques.

Sitting in the row boat, it was quiet and still as we



watched the beautiful sunset. The silence was broken when Joe's rod suddenly arched. He had a big one! It was then we realized we didn't have a net, so all hands were ready to grab the fish. But taking his time pulling the fish in, he didn't need our help.

It was a 20" Lake Trout!

Lake trout (*Salvelinus namaycush*) are a native trout of New York State waters. This silvery or dark grey fish inhabits deep, cold, well-oxygenated lakes and is found mostly in the Adirondacks, the Finger Lakes and the Great Lakes.

Lake trout are the largest of the chars (northern freshwater fish) and is a slow-growing fish, typical of oligotrophic (relatively low in plant nutrients and containing abundant oxygen in the deeper parts) waters. Lake trout commonly reach lengths of 18 to 24 inches and weights of 2 to 4 pounds.

They are also very late to mature. Lake trout are among the longest lived and largest freshwater game fish, often living 20 years or more and attaining sizes of over 30 inches and 10 pounds.

Lake trout have a typical trout-shaped body covered with light spots on a darker background ranging in color from light green or grey, dark green, brown or almost black with irregular, lighter colored spots with a light underside. Cream to yellow spots are often present on the head, body and dorsal and caudal fins.

During the fall spawning season, the fins near the tail become a pale orange.

They are a swift, torpedo-shaped fish that are the least colorful of trout.

They are closely related to the brook trout, but lack the bright coloration and can be distinguished by a deeply forked tail.

Lake trout have different spawning habits than other New York State trout. Instead of building nests, they scatter their eggs over rocky shoals. In addition, lake trout spawn in lakes, not streams.

Their name is derived from *Salvelinus*, an old name for char, from the same root as the German, Saibling, (little salmon) *namaycush*, a native American name, said to mean "tyrant of the lakes". Compare with the Ojibwe name, "sturgeon", and *namégoss*, "trout".

From a zoogeographical perspective, lake trout are quite rare. They are native only to the northern parts of North America, principally Canada, but also Alaska and, to some extent, the northeastern United States including New York State.

I just heard that fishing for lake trout is a challenge. Perhaps it was talent, or just beginner's luck.

Nevertheless, Joe's catch - trout dinner tonight!

## Household Hints

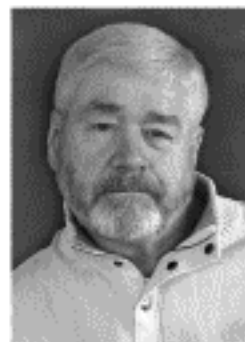
### Wash store-bought produce

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 tablespoons apple cider vinegar dissolved in 1 gallon (3.7 liters) cold water.

# All Day and A Night

Mysterious Book Report No. 194

by John Dwaine McKenna



In the argot of the penitentiary-prison slang-an inmate saying that he's "got all day" means that he's serving a life sentence. The term "all day and a night" means a life sentence without the possibility of parole, also referred to as life without and sometimes as LWOP. I know these terms because I just finished reading, at the expense of all other activities planned for this winter Monday, *All Day and A Night*, (Harper Collins, \$26.99, 352 pages, ISBN 978-0-06-220838-5) by Alafair Burke.

Published to rave reviews by the likes of Karin Slaughter, Michael Connelly, Megan Abbott and Ivy Pachoda, *All Day and A Night* is the story of a convicted serial killers attempt to overturn his sentence when an eerily similar murder takes place with the same broken bone method he was found guilty of using. The celebrity murder of a Park Slope psychotherapist prompts dual investigations by an aggressive celebrity defense lawyer-who enlists the aid of Park Avenue Corporate attorney Carrie Blank, whose sister Donna was one of serial killer Anthony Amaro's victims-and NYPD Detective Ellie Hatcher who, along with her partner J.J. Rogan, is tasked with a "fresh look" investigation into the police work that led to Amaro's sentence and incarceration. There's suspicion all around as Hatcher wonders if she was picked for the job because of her relationship with the lead prosecutor. Rogan distrusts the motivation and character of the defense team in general; Carrie Blank thinks at first that the cops may have manufactured some of the evidence used to convict Amaro, but later has doubts about that, and her client, and the grandstanding, publicity hungry and abrasive criminal defense attorney who recruited her as well. The novel is fast-paced, with new revelations coming in every chapter as Ms. Burke weaves all the disparate elements into the whole cloth of a classic thriller so artfully done that the reader feels like they're riding shotgun in the unmarked police car. *All Day and A Night* is the third of Alafair Burke's novels I've read and it's her best by far, and more than lives up to the 'whip-smart' comment another writer left about it. I was captivated, fully invested and enjoyed every page.

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## My View

By Michael Schiff

Sheriff of Sullivan County

I have always had a deep sense of appreciation and respect for the members of the volunteer fire service. This has caused me to reflect on the recent devastating brush fire that occurred on the Shawangunk Ridge in Summitville. Several hundred men and women went into the woods and put themselves in harm's way to protect the lives and property of people, that in many cases, they didn't even know. In the end there were no deaths, no homes lost and no serious injuries. An amazing feat given the odds they were up against. They are true heroes.

279 years ago, Benjamin Franklin founded the first volunteer fire department in Philadelphia. Many other founding fathers of the United States, including George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, John Hancock and Paul Revere, were volunteer firefighters as well. While many of these patriots were famous for their roles as "Minutemen" in the American Revolution, the principles of both services were basically the same; they were simply volunteers who were ready to respond at a moment's notice, to put their life on the line, in order to protect their fellow citizens.

As a young state trooper, I spent many nights on the desolate back roads of Sullivan County. I took comfort in knowing that no matter where I was, if I encountered a serious car accident, a medical emergency or a lost child, a call for help would bring the dedicated professionals of the local fire department. More than once I paused with the thought, that it was 3:00 a.m. and I was about to wake up several firefighters who were safely at home, with their families, probably sleeping. But never in a single case did a firefighter ever complain to me.

Our volunteer firefighters are today's modern version of "Minutemen". When the alarm sounds, they respond in minutes and risk their lives for us. Whether it is a natural or manmade disaster, you can count on them being there. Almost three centuries later, the fire service continues to embody the American spirit of volunteerism and the notion that a community can come together to help itself.

I may not have always had a chance to thank the volunteer firefighters who came to assist me over the years. So let me take this opportunity now to thank each and every one of you for your service and incredible personal sacrifice. You continue to be true American heroes.

Michael Schiff is the elected Sheriff of Sullivan County. He previously served 28 years as a New York State Trooper.

## Community Mitzvah Award Seasonal Communities Can Win Prizes in Beautification Contest

[FERNDALE] - Sullivan Renaissance is challenging seasonal bungalow colonies and summer camps to take part in a six-week long Community Mitzvah Award contest this summer. Up to ten applicants will be approved for participation.

Three top prizes worth \$10,000, \$5000 and \$3000 will be awarded to the camps or

colonies that best improve the look of their facilities and maintain their grounds. The award is designed to engage summer residents in the countywide beautification efforts.

The deadline for applying is Friday, May 29. Applications are available by calling Sullivan Renaissance at 845-295-2445 and on line at <http://www.sullivanrenaissance.org/grants/applications/>.

Last year saw the top award of \$10,000 go to Camp Bnos Ahavas Israel in Liberty for beautifying its facility. Second place award of \$5000 went to Khal Divre Chaim Bungalow Colony in Kauneonga Lake; while third place of \$3000 was awarded to American Theological Camp in Kiamesha. Camp Simcha in Glen Spey received a special \$5000 "Award of Excellence" as a role model for all institutions in Sullivan County. In 2013 there were five participants in the contest, which was won by Skolya Bungalows on Route 42 in South Fallsburg.

All the participating camps and colonies will receive a \$500 seed grant, and those that finish the contest will get a completion grant of \$500. Each participant also receives two planting containers with flowers and instructions, which must be maintained throughout the contest.

Campers and/or staff are also required to take part in an educational presentation and orientation by Sullivan Renaissance staff. Participants are treated to kosher ice cream provided by an approved vendor for the children attending the presentation.

The contest will begin in June with participants making improvements to their grounds. Each camp is then observed on a weekly basis by data takers who record what can be seen from the road. The sites will be visited by a team of judges from outside Sullivan County in August and the winner announced at the Awards Ceremony on August 10.

The goal of Sullivan Renaissance is to help guide communities to improve their visual standards.

Sullivan Renaissance also offers a limited number of matching grants for seasonal residents to improve the appearance of their properties with projects that serve as an example for others. Funding ranges from matching grants up to \$2500 to reimbursable mini-grants up to \$250.

For information about all of Sullivan Renaissance's seasonal programs, contact Allen Frishman at 845-436-8945 or [afrishman@sullivanrenaissance.org](mailto:afrishman@sullivanrenaissance.org).

## Hotel & Motel Room Occupancy Tax

The Sullivan County Treasurer's Office would like to remind all residents that there is a Hotel & Motel Room Occupancy Tax that has been in effect since 1989.

This law includes anyone who rents out a building or portion of a building for lodging on an overnight basis including, but not limited to, hotels, motels, personal homes, inns, bungalow colonies, clubs, boarding houses, and bed & breakfasts. All of these entities are required to apply for a Room Tax Certificate through the Sullivan County

Treasurer's Office, which authorizes them to collect the 5% Room Tax on behalf of the Treasurer and submit this tax to the Treasurer's Office on a quarterly basis.

For those facilities that are already in compliance with the Room Tax

Law, we are pleased to announce that there is a new filing form on the website that we hope will be easier for your use.

The Local Law, application for certificate, and filing form are all located on the County website. Go to: <http://co.sullivan.ny.us/Departments/DepartmentsAM/CountyTreasurer/tabid/3417/Default.aspx>.

If you have any questions, please call (845) 807-0210 and ask for Room Tax.

## SC Announces Auctions of County-owned Real Property

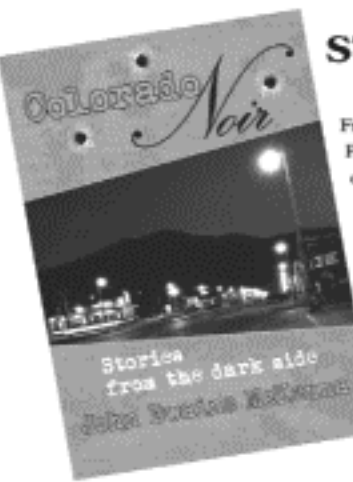
Sullivan County Treasurer Nancy Buck would like to advise residents that the next auction of County-owned real property will be held on Wednesday, June 10, 2015 and Thursday, June 11, 2015 at 10:00 am at The Sullivan, located at 283 Rock Hill Drive, Rock Hill, New York. Registration will be held each day commencing at 8:00 am.

First-time bidders are strongly urged to attend the Bidder's Seminar and Early Registration on Monday, June 9, 2015, also located at The Sullivan. Early registration begins at 5:00 pm. The Bidder's Seminar begins at 6:00 pm and Early Registration will be reconvened after the Seminar. Bidders are also welcome to register online at [NYSAuctions.com](http://NYSAuctions.com) for online bidding.

Auction brochures will be available in mid-May 2015 at the Sullivan County Treasurer's Office, located on the first floor of the Sullivan County Government Center at 100 North Street, Monticello, New York. Brochures are also available by calling Haroff Auction & Realty, Inc. at (800) 292-7653 or Absolute Auctions & Realty, Inc. at (800) 243-0061.

By visiting [NYAuctions.com](http://NYAuctions.com), bidders can have access to a more detailed list of the properties being offered at the auction with expanded photographs of improved properties.

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## The Olive Jar - By Carol LaMonda

### Palindromes

As I type today's date, which is 5/15/15, I see it is a palindrome which means it reads the same forwards or backwards. Today and for nine straight days in May, the date for the few countries who use the month/day/year format like Belize, Canada, Kenya, the Philippines, and the United States will read as a palindrome. A palindrome is when something can be read the same way backwards and forwards like "taco cat" or "race car." "Was it a car or a cat I saw?" is an example in sentence form.

I love palindromes. I have a special fondness for names that are able to read both ways: Anna, Otto, Hannah, Eve, Bob. One of the most famous palindromes is: "A man, a plan, a canal, Panama." It was used during the construction of the Panama Canal during the Roosevelt Administration. For purist martini drinkers say, "No lemon, no melon." Here is some sage advice in palindrome form: "You can cage a swallow, can't you, but you can't swallow a cage, can you?"

There is even a palindrome for the fear of palindromes. The word "aibohphobia," of course, is a palindrome.

There is a very special birthday during this period of chronological palindromes. Jack Molloy, the mayor of West Shokan, turns 85 this week. I am sure there will be a cake at his festive birthday party with friends and family. So I am using a palindrome to say that "desserts" spelled backwards is "stressed." So, un-stress on your special day and eat dessert first, Jack. Happy Birthday to a pillar of Olive.

### RESERVOIR MUSIC NOTES

- Fred Perry

*Reservoir Music Notes* returns... for a minute or a month. We'll see how much there is to say, but the days are warming and the unofficial kickoff to summer is here now, so I thought it would be a good time to return to civilization with a column about some of the outstanding concert series that are happening this summer. This won't be, as it might have been in the past, a comprehensive, all inclusive, guide to summer festivals, concert series, and shows. It will just be me, writing about whatever comes to my attention, whatever strikes me as good, or possibly interesting to you, or maybe something I should go out on a limb and recommend! It's part of a more laid back attitude to life that I've adopted since my shoulder surgery and closing of Reservoir Music as a retail store, last year. And part of this will be that columns and blogs will no longer be written weekly. They will be written and posted on the blog pages of my websites, [www.reservoirmusiccenter.com](http://www.reservoirmusiccenter.com) and [www.brooklyncowboys.com](http://www.brooklyncowboys.com), and probably on the articles page of [www.hvmusic.com](http://www.hvmusic.com) as well, whenever I feel like there is something noteworthy to tell you about. This could happen daily, or monthly, but I will always post an announcement on Facebook and Twitter when there is a new blog, and if it fits into the *Tri-Valley Townsman's* publishing schedule, as this column does, it will appear in the newspaper. So you won't get the complete guide to summer music in one sitting, but stick with me, and we'll get everything done over time, and just in time, for all of us to experience some great live music this summer!

Memorial Day weekend kicks off with the first show of a small, but mighty concert series at Brewery Ommegang in Cooperstown, NY! Dan Smalls, of Dan Smalls Presents, in association with the brewery, has put together a stellar line up for this summer's events. With only six shows and one event scheduled for the entire summer, they've overwhelmed with quality, not quantity! Every single show is a grand slam home run, as is the one non-musical event scheduled at the brewery! As a slugging percentage, this is the most powerful concert series happening this summer! There's plenty of other good ones, but so far I haven't seen any where every single show is killer, and hopefully, they'll be adding more! After that build up, I won't leave you hanging. The full line up of musical entertainment at Brewery Ommegang this Summer will be The Pixies, The Avett Brothers and John Prine (together), Old Crow Medicine Show, The Decemberists, Primus, and Bonnie Raitt! Short, but oh so sweet! Just like the best Rock n Roll! For the full schedule and more details, please visit [www.ommegang.com](http://www.ommegang.com). You won't want to miss any of the music at Ommegang this summer!

I'm very excited about their opening show, the Friday of Memorial Day weekend, when Dan Smalls Presents and Brewery Ommegang will be presenting the hugely influential, indie rock legends, The Pixies!

The Pixies' musical style has been described as "an unorthodox marriage of surf music and punk rock", and I suppose that's as good a description as any! To me, they sound like a punk-rock Raspberries, but I'm philosophically opposed to describing music in words. You have to hear it, if you know what I mean!

In their relatively short first incarnation, (1986-1993), The Pixies produced relatively few albums, whose sales were relatively modest. While they did enjoy some mainstream success, their importance lay in the fact that they influenced a number of bands associated with the alternative rock boom of the 1990s. Of course, since reforming in 2004,

they have experienced the kind of success that eluded them the first time around, selling millions of dollars worth of tickets to their performances around the globe! Gary Smith, who produced their *Come On Pilgrim* album, commented on the band's influence on alternative rock, and their legacy, in 1997:

I've heard it said about The Velvet Underground that while not a lot of people bought their albums, everyone who did started a band. I think this is largely true about the Pixies as well. Charles' secret weapon turned out to be not so secret and, sooner or later, all sorts of bands were exploiting the same strategy of wide dynamics. It became a kind of new pop formula and, within a short while, "Smells Like Teen Spirit" was charging up the charts and even the members of Nirvana said later that it sounded for all the world like a Pixies song.

The Pixies are credited with popularizing the extreme dynamics and stop-start timing that would become widespread in alternative rock. Artists including David Bowie, Radiohead, PJ Harvey, U2, Nirvana, The Strokes, Weezer, Bush and Pavement have cited admiration of or influence by the Pixies. Bono, of U2, has called the Pixies "one of America's greatest bands ever", and Radiohead's Thom Yorke has said that, while at school, "the Pixies had changed my life". Bowie, whose own music had inspired The Pixies while they were at university, has said that the Pixies made "just about the most compelling music of the entire 80s."

One notable citation as an influence was by Kurt Cobain, on influencing Nirvana's "Smells Like Teen Spirit", which he admitted was a conscious attempt to co-opt the Pixies' style. In a January 1994 interview with *Rolling Stone*, he said, "I was trying to write the ultimate pop song. I was basically trying to rip off the Pixies. I have to admit it. When I heard the Pixies for the first time, I connected with that band so heavily I should have been in that band-or at least in a Pixies cover band. We used their sense of dynamics, being soft and quiet and then loud and hard." Cobain cited Pixies' album, *Surfer Rosa*, as one of his main musical influences, and particularly admired the album's natural and powerful drum sounds-a result of Steve Albini's influence on the record. Albini later produced Nirvana's 1993 *In Utero* at the request of Cobain.

So you see what league we're playing in with The Pixies? The Major League, buddy, the Major League! May 22, Brewery Ommegang, Cooperstown. Doors 5:00, music at 7:00.

Now it has also come to my attention that almost every park in the city of New York is having a concert series this summer, many of them free, and that series kicks off in Central Park with an amazing show this Monday, May 18, when Tedeschi-Trucks pulls into town for a free show! This is really not to be missed! I'd probably recommend it as a paid show, but for free? No brainer!

Events in NYC parks are taking place all over the city, including Prospect Park in Brooklyn, and most of them are free! Genres range from Shakespeare and opera to Hip Hop and Rock, so there's something for everyone! One show that won't be free takes place at the end of the season, and features Phil Lesh of The Grateful Dead, with Chris Robinson from The Black Crowes, on lead vocals! There are also several local Hudson Valley luminaries on the Summerstage schedule. More information about music in New York City parks this summer can be found at <http://www.cityparks-foundation.org/events/>, and information about the Prospect Park series can be found at [http://www.prospectpark.org/news-events/events/?filter\\_by=tag&tags=Celebrate%20](http://www.prospectpark.org/news-events/events/?filter_by=tag&tags=Celebrate%20)

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On a sad note, it pains me to announce that the Bellayre Music Festival, which has taken place every summer for the past 23 years, at Bellayre ski resort in Shandaken, NY, is on hiatus for this year! The series has presented the best of every genre of music during its run, and this is a tremendous loss to the Hudson Valley's musical smorgasbord. Thankfully, organizers have announced that it will return next year.

Now I could continue, but I want to get this column online in time for y'all to be able to make it to Tedeschi-Trucks on Monday, which is in tomorrow! Unfortunately, those of you reading this in the *Tri-Valley Townsman* will have already missed this, which is a good reason to check in periodically at [www.reservoirmusiccenter.com](http://www.reservoirmusiccenter.com) or [www.brooklyn-cowboys.com](http://www.brooklyn-cowboys.com). Take a look at the blog page and you'll be able to see if there are any updates to the newspaper column. Still pick up *The Townsman* on Thursdays, because I'll try to be in there as often as I can, but stay in touch on the websites and follow me on Facebook and Twitter, and you'll never miss a word!

I will also be resuming my guest spots on John Madeo's excellent radio show, *The Delaware Jamboree*, which airs every Monday night from 8-10pm on WIOX-FM, 91.3, out of Roxbury, NY. If you're out of the area, you can also listen on [www.wioxradio.org](http://www.wioxradio.org), or at least you used to be able to. The WIOX site is temporarily down at the moment. Hoping it will return soon, but rest assured that I will investigate and find out the real skinny for you, my loyal readers, as always, and let you know in my next appearance here!

Thanks for reading. It's good to be back!

### From the UC Sheriff

Members of the Ulster County Sheriff's Office report the arrest of Antonio DePinto, 35, of VanWyck Expressway, Queens.

Mr. DePinto was charged with the violation of Harassment 2nd degree.

On May 14th, 2015 at approximately 10:45 a.m. Deputies and New York State Police responded to an Ulster County 911 call for a reported "fight in progress" at a residential facility on Briggs Highway in the Town of Wawarsing. A subsequent investigation revealed that Mr. DePinto punched one victim, threatened another, and spit on a third victim during an argument. No physical injuries were reported.

Mr. DePinto was arrested and issued an appearance ticket to appear in the Town of Wawarsing Justice court on June 6th, 2015.

Deputies were assisted at the scene by Troopers from the New York State Police.

### NYSRPA statement on the election of John Flanagan as Senate Majority Leader

The election of Senator John Flanagan as the leader of the New York State Senate Republican Caucus is a divisive blow to the freedom loving people of New York and should send a chill down the spine of every gun owner since the new leader voted in favor of the so-called SAFE Act.

What this says is the Republican Party cares nothing about the hardworking, God-fearing and 2nd Amendment loving residents of New York State. While paying lip service the concerns of their core constituency, they elect a leader who will continue the status quo. The Senators who cast their vote for Senator Flanagan must pay for this breach of trust in the next election.

View Online: <http://readme.readmedia.com/NYSRPA-statement-on-the-election-of-John-Flanagan-as-Senate-Majority-Leader/10925521>

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**Citizen Groups Demand Transparency from New York State DEC on Constitution Pipeline**

On Monday, May 11th, leading state and regional organizations sent a letter to New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Joe Martens calling for full transparency in its review of the Constitution Pipeline (CP).

A decision on the proposed 124 mile long project to carry fracked gas from Pennsylvania into New York and beyond now lies in the hands of the DEC, which must either approve or deny permits for trenching and blasting through nearly 300 rivers, streams, and wetlands in the project's path.

Facing stiff opposition from New Yorker's who are opposed to increased dependency on fossil fuels and landowners who have had their property rights taken by eminent domain, CP withdrew and resubmitted its application on April 29th so that the state would have more time to review the project. However according to a press release issued the same day by DEC, a decision from the state could be just around the corner. The same announcement said the public would have only 15 days to comment on the resubmitted application -despite the fact that land surveys are still underway and significant information has not been released.

"This is a serious problem," said Mark Pezzati of Stop the Pipeline, the grassroots organization leading the fight against CP. "DEC appears to be on the brink of deciding whether or not to grant permits for this fracked-gas project, yet we've been told that the public only has a couple more days to comment on information that nobody has seen."

According to the company website that readers are directed to in DEC's press release, the last time CP updated its application to the state was in August of 2014.

"That's even before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) prematurely released its Final Environmental Impact Statement," said Wes Gillingham, Program Director of Catskill Mountainkeeper. "CP has conducted surveys since then, but no one has shared information from those surveys with the public."

In fact data collection is still underway. The pipeline company only recently gained legal access to over 100 parcels of land, and is now gathering information about

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streams, wetlands, and species that would be impacted.

"This project, if built, will have major impacts on the habitat of birds and other wildlife," said Andy Mason, Conservation Chair of the Delaware-Otsego Audubon Society. "How can we provide input on those significant natural resources if the comment period is shut down before data collection is complete?"

Nor has the company provided information on changes made in recent months.

"CP now wants to trench through thousands of linear feet of streams and wetlands that it previously proposed to drill underneath," said Keith Schue with Catskill Citizens for Safe Energy. "Where is the analysis of those additional impacts and mitigation?"

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has also raised numerous unanswered questions of CP regarding unsurveyed parcels, threatened and endangered species, lack of restoration, steep slopes, alternatives, and cumulative impacts.

"These are major concerns that DEC ought to share; we want to know what data will be used to evaluate them," insist-

ed Robert Nied with the Center for Sustainable Rural Communities. "Rushing to judgment without facts betrays the public trust."

"By granting a few short days for people to comment on an incomplete application, DEC is following in the flawed footsteps of FERC," said Roger Downs, Conservation Director for the Atlantic Chapter of the Sierra Club. "We implore Commissioner Martens to step in."

In their joint letter to Martens, the groups call on DEC to post all information that CP has submitted to the agency and hold the public comment period open until at least 60 days after all of the information DEC will use to make a decision has been collected.

"This project stands to forever diminish the quality of New York's waterways and environment, threaten the safety of residents, undermine the character of the northern Catskill region, and damage the legacy of the Governor's administration," stated the letter.

The groups await a response from Commissioner Martens.



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**“Material Being” Exhibition Features Hudson Valley and Catskills Artists**



*Untitled, 2010, acrylic on canvas by Joni Wehrli. Featured in “Material Being” at the CAS Arts Center, on display May 30 - June 28.*

The Catskill Art Society will present “Material Being,” an exhibition of artwork by Ed Smith and Joni Wehrli at the CAS Arts Center at 48 Main Street, Livingston Manor, NY from May 30 through June 28.







“Material Being” centers on the human body, taking a number of different viewpoints to elevate our selves to entirely different planes. Taken out of its normal context, insides are made visible both literally and metaphorically. Both artists included in “Material Being,” with their wholly original takes on figure and anatomy, lift the physical into the metaphysical.

In her series of paintings “Landscapes of the Subtle Body,” Joni Wehrli draws on her personal history to depict internal organs, some recognizable and some fantastic, in a flurry of color that is by turns amazing, arresting, and chaotic. The sculptures of Ed Smith, bringing new twists on the classic bronze figure with works that are simultaneously mythic, gritty, and raw. Drawing on feelings of agony and heroism that have infused Western art since the days of the ancient Greeks, he reinvents the sculpted body for the contemporary age and shows his process over several studies, prints, and working drawings.

Ed Smith is a Guggenheim Fellow in Sculpture and Drawing and an Associate member of the Royal British Society of Sculptors. He is currently Gallery Director, Director of Marist Venice Biennale Program, and Professor of Art at Marist College. He has also taught and lectured at many American universities, including Bennington College, Bard College, Dartmouth College, Parsons School of Art, Pratt Institute, School of Visual Arts, and Yale University. His work has been collected and exhibited internationally in such places as the British Museum, the Royal Museum of Fine Arts, the Queens Museum, the Brooklyn Museum, the Hood Museum, and many more.

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**“Junior FBLA Members Active in the Community” (From Pg. 1)**



*Junior FBLA students raised an astounding \$1900 for the March for Babies Walk!*

On Saturday, May 2, several members then attended the Neversink Renaissance sponsored community cleanup day at the Daniel Pierce Library. Students helped clean and apply fresh layers of mulch to all of the gardens. It was a gorgeous morning and several different groups joined in on the efforts. Make sure to check out the gardens—they look amazing!

Finally, on Sunday, May 3, 24 members attended the March of Dimes sponsored March for Babies Walk on the Walkway Over the Hudson in Poughkeepsie, NY. Before the walk, Junior FBLA members sought out sponsors who were willing to donate to the cause. We couldn't be prouder to say that the club raised an astounding \$1900! It was an absolutely beautiful day for the walk and students were excellent representatives for our school and community.

This year's Junior FBLA officers include President Morgan McHugh, Vice-President Heather Foster, Treasurer Aidan Mentnech, Secretary Brandon Mayr, Historian Sam Raymond, and Reporter Gio Lauria. The advisors of the club are Tri-Valley Teachers' Association members Brenda Hay (business teacher) and Matt Haynes (English teacher). Ms. Hay and Mr. Haynes couldn't be more proud of all the work their kids have done this year. They feel very lucky to be working with such amazing kids.

Way to go, Junior FBLA. Keep up all the great work!

Joni Wehrli is an artist who lives and works in New York City and Livingston Manor, NY. She has exhibited her work in solo and group shows in galleries that include Rose Burlingham, Trabia McAfee, White Columns, The Painting Center and P.S 122 in New York City, and The State University of New York at Albany and CAS in Livingston Manor. Her work has been written about in The New York Times, the Village Voice and Art In America.

Gallery hours at the CAS Arts Center are Thursdays - Saturdays 11am-6pm, Sundays 11am-3pm, and Mondays 11am-6pm. The CAS Arts Center is wheelchair accessible.

Saturday, May 30, 2015 - Artist Talk and Opening Reception  
 CAS will host an Artist Talk on Saturday, May 30 at 4pm, followed immediately by a free Opening Reception from 5-7pm. All are welcome and light refreshments will be served.

**About the Catskill Art Society**

The Catskill Art Society is a non-profit cultivating public interest, participation, and enjoyment of the arts. Through its multi-arts center, CAS explores contemporary art practices and facilitates creative and professional development for established and emerging artists. Located in Livingston Manor, the renovated 4,500+ square foot facility includes a designated fine arts gallery, a large multi-purpose space, a pottery studio, a painting studio, and a digital arts lab. For more information, please visit [www.catskillartsociety.org](http://www.catskillartsociety.org).

Funding for CAS is provided in part by the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Legislature.



**Opening of Sullivan County Wildlife Exhibit at the Sullivan County Museum**

The Sullivan County Historical Society proudly presents their new Sullivan County Wildlife Exhibit, featuring mounted birds, mammals and fish native to Sullivan County.

Opening June 7, 2015 - 2:00 to 4:00 P.M. At the Sullivan County Museum, 265 Main Street, Hurleyville, NY. Free Admission - Refreshments.

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**Local Businesses Help Send Kids to Camp at Frost Valley YMCA**



The summer can present a unique challenge for parents: how can we keep children occupied when they're out of school? Frost Valley YMCA offers several options for parents in our community, such as Day Camp, and thanks to local businesses this option is now more affordable.

By providing scholarship dollars for children to come to camp, Frost Valley can offer children a safe environment that ensures a summer filled with productive activities to boost summer learning, encourage growth, and foster healthy friendships. Campers at Frost Valley enjoy swimming in Lake Cole, going on field trips, riding horses, and exposure to a variety of different cultures from around the world. Achievement, Relationships, and Belonging are essential dimensions of well-being that Frost Valley cultivates through Day Camp programs.

Several local businesses have made donations that support financial assistance, including Premiere Sponsor Blue Hill Lodge & Café, which generously gave \$5,000 to support local families. This support helps to ensure that all families have access to quality summer care for their children. Local business sponsorships support more than 90 campers with roughly \$22,000 in financial assistance.

Want to learn more about Frost Valley YMCA's Day Camp programs? Visit their final Free Open House event on Sunday, June 7 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Guests will enjoy a tour of the grounds, lunch, a Q&A session, and more. The event is free but Frost Valley asks guests to please reserve their spots. Call (845) 985-2291 ext. 203 or e-mail [campregistration@frostvalley.org](mailto:campregistration@frostvalley.org) for information and reservations.

**SUNY Sullivan Criminal Justice Club Visits Federal Court**

On Monday May 4, 2015, students from the SUNY Sullivan Criminal Justice Club visited Federal Court in Manhattan. The trip was organized by Adjunct Professor Amanda Ward in recognition of Law Day.



left to right: Andrew Martinez; Tiffany Kalanick; Pauline Lugo; Justice Clarence Thomas; District Court Judge Alison Nathan; Professor Amanda Ward; Kathy Rappaport; Catalina Peruchet; Cody Arana; Manny Lion.

At the Federal Court, students met with District Court Judge Alison Nathan who led a round table discussion on the functions of the court, her career and what the students' plans were for the future. The students were also treated to a surprise visit by U.S. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas, who stopped by Judge Nathan's courtroom.

May 1 was declared Law Day was by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in

1958. It was officially recognized by Congress in 1961. Law Day, USA is intended to raise awareness of the principles of equality, justice and the rule of law.

An adjunct professor at SUNY Sullivan for the past 5 1/2 years, Professor Amanda Ward has taught classes in Juvenile Justice, Constitutional Law, Introduction to American Law, Business law, and Healthcare Law and Ethics.

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#### Lesson Thirteen: Prepositional Phrases

"Don't walk behind me; I may not lead. Don't walk in front of me; I may not follow. Just walk beside me and be my friend."  
- Albert Camus

A preposition shows how one word relates to another in a sentence. In the English language we frequently use prepositional phrases as adjectives and adverbs.

Note the prepositional phrase in bold face in the sentence, "River ran **through the field**." The phrase consists of the preposition "through" and the noun object "field". The phrase is used as an adverb to define where River, the subject of the verb, ran, which is the action verb.

In prepositional phrases the preposition is always the first word and the noun (or pronoun) object is the last word.

There are prepositional phrases in the following sentences. Find them. As a bonus, find the prepositional phrases in the quote by Camus at the top of this lesson.

1. Maureen is at the school.
2. River is on the bed.
3. A stray cat is running through my front lawn.
4. I am sitting in my rocking chair.
5. The car with the black seats is ours.

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

The answers to the lesson one through twelve cumulative review are:

*planted, has, should be having, was, Mother's Day, Robert, Brianna and Brandon, Maureen, Brenda, and others, Thorn, The warm, happy, several, somberly, his dark blue, great, tasty, excited, the, sweet, soft, tiny, happy, some of the best, purple, silver, green, great, beautifully, quickly, expertly, not, dramatically, loudly, always, never, adjective, verb, adverb, subject of verb, adjective, best, younger, faster, most, least*

#### In Flanders Field - John McCrae

In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.  
We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie  
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.

During the early days of the Second Battle of Ypres a young Canadian artillery officer, Lieutenant Alexis Helmer, was killed on 2nd May, 1915 in the gun positions near Ypres. An exploding German artillery shell landed near him. He was serving in the same Canadian artillery unit as a friend of his, the Canadian military doctor and artillery commander Major John McCrae.

As the brigade doctor, John McCrae was asked to conduct the burial service for Alexis because the chaplain had been called away somewhere else on duty that evening. It is believed that later that evening, after the burial, John began the draft for his now famous poem "In Flanders Fields".

Remember all of our Veterans this Memorial Day. They made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom.

### Audition Notice:

#### Bethel Theatre Works announces Auditions for Vaudeville in the Catskills - Swings into the Sixties!

Bethel Theatre Works is holding Auditions for its 2015 summer production, "Vaudeville in the Catskills - Swings into the Sixties!"

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Auditions are May 26th and 27th (6:00-8:30pm), and June 6th and 7th (1:00-4:00pm). An accompanist will be present only at the May auditions.

Vaudeville in the Catskills is made possible with funds from the 2015 Arts for Sullivan Decentralization Program, administered by the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance and is sponsored by the Sullivan County Historical Society.

For more information and event bookings contact: [betheltheatreworks@gmail.com](mailto:betheltheatreworks@gmail.com) or 917-531-6689

Performances are slated for August 28th, 29th and 30th

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The audiobook, made possible with support from the O'Connor Foundation of Hobart, can be found at several local outlets; at Woodchuck Lodge on the first weekend of the month through October; or online through [amazon.com](http://amazon.com), [audible.com](http://audible.com), or more locally at [drive28.com](http://drive28.com).

"Pepacton" recounts Burroughs' 50-mile voyage in a home-made boat down the East Branch of the Delaware River from Arkville to Hancock in 1879. Much of the river is now submerged beneath the Pepacton Reservoir, part of the New York City water system.

"The Heart of the Southern Catskills" describes Burroughs' attempts in 1885 to surmount formidable Slide Mountain, the highest peak in the Catskills (4200 feet), now part of what is known as The Burroughs Range.

Narrators are Brett Barry and Rolland Smith. Barry has narrated more than 100 books, including a series of nature classics for Silver Hollow Audio, and has voiced numerous commercials, promos, and documentaries. He is the host of public radio's Sound Beat. Smith is an 11-time Emmy award-winning broadcast journalist, whose career includes co-hosting The CBS Morning Program, and anchoring the news at New York's WCBS and WWOR.

*Afloat & Afoot* includes commentary by Bill Birns, author, educator and President of John Burroughs' Woodchuck Lodge, and Diane Galusha, historian, author and Woodchuck Lodge trustee.

John Burroughs' Woodchuck Lodge ([www.woodchucklodge.org](http://www.woodchucklodge.org)) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving Burroughs' historic summer home on his boyhood farm in Roxbury, Delaware County and to promoting the naturalist's legacy.

In the early 20th century, Burroughs rivaled Mark Twain in popularity. He wrote nature essays for America's top magazines, and drew his readers toward a worldview that valued simplicity and harmony with the environment.

Friend and advisor to President Theodore Roosevelt, Burroughs was a major influence on America's earliest conservation movement and an apostle of simple living close to the natural world.

Silver Hollow Audio ([www.silverhollowaudio.com](http://www.silverhollowaudio.com)) publishes audiobooks about the journey and the places where nature, travel and history intersect. Other titles include John Muir's *My First Summer in the Sierra*, Henry Beston's *The Outermost House*, and Henry David Thoreau's *Autumnal Tints*.

#### Schumer, Gillibrand Announce SBA Disaster Assistance Now Available to Hudson Valley Businesses Affected by Drought: Orange, Dutchess, Putnam, Rockland, Sullivan, Ulster and Westchester Eligible for Low-Interest Loans to Recover From Season Drought; SBA Will Accept Applications For Emergency Federal Loans Through June 1st

U.S. Senators Charles E. Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand today announced that New York businesses affected by last year's drought, beginning August 15, 2014, can now apply for low-interest disaster loans through the U.S. Small Business Administration. The SBA will accept applications for emergency federal loans through June 1st. The SBA offers Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDLs) to help small businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, small aquaculture businesses and most private nonprofit organizations. The disaster declaration covers eligible farm-related and small businesses in Orange, Dutchess, Putnam, Rockland, Sullivan, Ulster and Westchester Counties.

"After the devastating drought that began last August, the SBA's decision to provide disaster loan assistance to Hudson Valley farmers and businesses that were impacted by last year's drought is welcome news. This means our small businesses and agricultural cooperatives that suffered financial losses during this drought will have access to critical low-interest loans they can use to recover," said Senator Schumer.

"These SBA disaster loans are a welcome and necessary relief for many of the businesses in the Hudson Valley especially Orange County that were hurt by the damaging drought last year," said Senator Gillibrand. "These funds can help give the region's recovery efforts a significant boost and help small businesses get back on their feet."

"Dryness and drought this past year has been immense. The multiple wild fires our residents have seen locally are very concerning. This has impacted our farmers' ability to grow their crops in Orange County and across the region. I appreciate the efforts of Senator Schumer and Senator Gillibrand on behalf of our agricultural community and we look forward to continuing to work with them and Congressman Maloney to ensure appropriate Federal assistance is available to Orange County residents," said Orange County Executive Steve Neuhaus.

The loans are allocated to pay fixed debts, payroll and other bills accumulated as a result of the disaster. Total loan amounts are up to \$2 million with interest rates of 2.625 percent for private nonprofit organizations and 4 percent for small businesses up to 30 years. The loans are not intended to replace lost sales or profits and terms are based on each applicant's financial situation.

Applicants may apply online using the Electronic Loan Application (ELA) via SBA's secure website at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>.

Disaster loan information and application forms may also be obtained by calling the SBA's Customer Service Center at 800-659-2955 (800)-877-8339 for the deaf and hard-of-hearing) or by sending an email to [disastercustomerservice@sba.gov](mailto:disastercustomerservice@sba.gov). Loan applications can be downloaded from [www.sba.gov/disaster](http://www.sba.gov/disaster). Completed applications should be mailed to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

The deadline to apply for a working capital disaster loan is June 1st, 2015.

## Under "Click It or Ticket - Border-to-Border" Campaign, Occupant Restraint Violations Could Result in Three Points on a Driver License

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced a crackdown on drivers and their passengers caught without a buckled seat belt or transporting unrestrained children as part of the national Click It or Ticket - Border-to-Border enforcement mobilization which will be launched on Monday, May 18 through Sunday, May 31. At the Governor's direction, the State Department of Transportation and the Thruway Authority have coordinated variable message boards to be activated with "click it or ticket" messaging on roadways throughout the campaign.

In 1984, New York was the first state in the nation to pass legislation requiring drivers and front-seat passengers to use seat belts. Since that time, thousands of lives have been saved by seat belts and child restraints in New York including 467 in 2012 and 446 in 2013.

"The evidence is inarguable - seatbelts save lives," Governor Cuomo said. "Dramatically increasing road safety for drivers and passengers can be accomplished with just the click of a seat-belt and this campaign encourages all New Yorkers to buckle up in order to prevent avoidable tragedies."

As part of this national enforcement effort, the New York State Police, county and municipal law enforcement agencies in marked and unmarked vehicles will aggressively ticket unbelted drivers traveling the state's roadways through border-to-border checkpoints and roving details to look for seat belt violations. This annual campaign is one of the many traffic safety initiatives sponsored by the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee throughout the year.

Currently, 91 percent of New York motorists buckle up, which is four percent higher than the national average. New York motorists have maintained a 90 percent or higher seat belt usage rate since 2010. Despite this achievement, approximately 32 percent of the front seat occupants killed in crashes in New York State between 2011-2013 were unrestrained.

Developed by NHTSA, the national Click It or Ticket campaign focuses on saving lives by encouraging all vehicle occupants to wear a seat belt. According to NHTSA, there were 9,580 unbuckled passenger vehicle occupants killed in crashes in the U.S. in 2013. In support of the national mobilization, New York State Police, county and municipal law enforcement agencies will conduct a border-to-border detail from 6 p.m.-10 p.m. on May 18. Police organizations from neighboring states - Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Vermont - also will participate in the mobilization effort. The goal of the Click It or Ticket campaign is to reduce fatalities in New York State, as well as nationally, through heightened enforcement of seat belt usage and increased public awareness.

According to the New York State Department of Health, nearly 700 unbelted motorists a month are injured severely enough to require hospital treatment. In 2011, 8,309 motorists in New York State who did not wear a seat belt required hospitalization for injuries sustained in a crash. Treatment of these injuries resulted in almost \$127 million in emergency room and hospitalization charges, and public funds were required to pay 12 percent (nearly \$16 million) of these costs.

Data from the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles indicates that statewide law enforcement issued approximately 198,000 tickets to drivers in 2014 for a violation of 1229-c of the Vehicle and Traffic Law, which directs that all front seat occupants, and passengers under the age of sixteen, be restrained by a safety belt.

The Institute for Traffic Safety Management and Research (ITSMR), a non-profit organization dedicated to improving highway safety in New York, says that restraint use among front seat occupants is lower at night than during the day, and that unrestrained front seat occupants killed or injured in crashes were much more likely to be male than female (63% vs. 37%). The largest proportions of unrestrained front seat occupants killed or injured in crashes were 30-39 (19%) and 40-49 (15%) years of age.

Highlights of New York State's occupant restraint law:

0. o In the front seat, the driver and each passenger must wear a seat belt, one person per belt. The driver and front-seat passengers aged 16 or older can be fined up to \$50 each for failure to buckle up.

0. o Every occupant, regardless of age or seating position, of a motor vehicle being operated by the holder of a Class-DJ Learner Permit, a Limited Class-DJ, or Class-DJ Driver License must be restrained by a safety restraint.

0. o Each passenger under age 16 must wear a seat belt or use an appropriate child safety restraint system. The restraint system must comply with the child height and weight recommendations determined by the manufacturer. Depending on the size of the child, the restraint system may be a safety seat or a booster seat used in combination with a lap and shoulder belt.

0. o The driver must make sure that each passenger under age 16 obeys the law. The driver can be fined \$25 to \$100 and receive up to three driver license penalty points for each violation.

0. New York State Police Superintendent Joseph D'Amico said, "Statistics show that wearing a seat belt saves lives and reduces the number of crash-related injuries. Safety restraints are not an option in New York. If a Trooper spots a driver or front seat passenger without a belt in your car, or a child improperly restrained, the Trooper will issue a ticket. The New York State Police want everyone to arrive to their destination safely."

Chuck DeWeese, Assistant Commissioner of the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee said, "Buckling up is one of the simplest ways individuals and their passengers can protect themselves in a crash. In fact, among motorists who were involved in a crash, those who were unrestrained were eight times more likely to require hospitalization than those who buckled up. I urge all New Yorkers to buckle up when they get into a vehicle. It could save their life."

NHTSA Regional Administrator Thomas Louizou said, "New York led the nation in enacting the country's first seat belt law in 1984. Before seat belt use became a primary law in New York on January 1st, 1985, only 16 percent of front seat occupants used seat belts. Today, thankfully, that number is 91 percent. Increased seat belt use has helped reduce fatalities and severe injuries in the State. Still, the State must continue to reinforce the positive messages about seat belt use to motorists so that every driver and each passenger buckles up every trip, every time."

## Senate Passes "Teresita's Law" by Senator Bonacic to Protect Pedestrians from Illegal Drivers

Today the New York State Senate passed "Teresita's Law," (S.1600) sponsored by Senator John J. Bonacic (R/C/I-Mt. Hope), which elevates the charge of causing the death of another, while negligently operating a motor vehicle with a suspended, revoked, or otherwise withdrawn license, from a misdemeanor to a Class E Felony.

This legislation was introduced in honor of Teresita "Grace" Solano, who was killed in Middletown, New York in 2012, when she was hit while crossing a street by a negligent driver who was operating a vehicle with a suspended license. The driver's license had been previously suspended multiple times, however under the current law he could only be charged with a misdemeanor, which carries a maximum jail sentence of 30 days and a \$500 fine.

"When a driver with a suspended license kills another person, he or she must be held accountable for their actions," said Senator Bonacic. "Those who drive without valid licenses should not be on the road, and when they kill an innocent person they cannot walk away with only a slap on the wrist."

The bill now moves to the Assembly for a vote.

## UC Exec Mike Hein Signs Local Law to Protect Youth from Tobacco Marketing

Kingston, NY - Ulster County Executive Mike Hein visited the YMCA, in Kingston, today to sign a new local law that protects youth from intensive tobacco marketing efforts targeted at them through retail outlets located around their schools. County Executive Hein was joined by County Legislator Jeannette Provenzano, who was the principal sponsor of the legislation, Ulster County Commissioner of Health and Mental Health, Dr. Carol Smith and representatives of Tobacco Free Action Communities, Ulster Prevention Council and the American Cancer Society.

The new local law, titled "A Local Law Establishing a Tobacco Retail License and Reducing Youth Exposure to Tobacco", establishes a County licensing requirement for the retail

sale of tobacco products and prohibits issuance of new retail licenses to businesses located within 1000 feet of K-12 schools in Ulster County. Existing retail businesses in possession of a valid New York State tobacco sales registration certificate, on or before January 1, 2016, would be "grandfathered" in and could apply for a new County license. The new law also carries enhanced penalties for multiple violations of the Adolescent Tobacco Use Prevention Act (ATUPA); a New York State statute that regulates the sale of tobacco products to persons under the age of eighteen.

"Simply put, this is about protecting our children. It was created to protect our children from the onslaught of tobacco industry marketing that is designed to recruit them to become new smokers. Tobacco companies spend over 2 1/2 million dollars a day to market their products and most of it is directed to point of purchase advertising and promotions at the retail level. We choose a 1000 foot buffer around schools because it is a best practice recognized nationally and one that is recommended by the New York State Department of Health. I think everyone can agree that schools, and their immediate surroundings, are places to learn and grow in the healthiest way possible. I'd like to thank Legislator Provenzano for her support and perseverance in getting this law passed. It's a win-win for our children and for our entire community," said County Executive Hein.

Legislator Jeanette Provenzano said, "This important piece of legislation makes it more difficult for our children to buy cigarettes and take that first puff on a cigarette. It also demonstrates that good things can happen when the County Executive and Legislative branch work together for the good of our community."

"Smoking and other tobacco use is by far the leading cause of preventable disease and death in the United States, accounting for some 478,000 premature fatalities annually. Not only does tobacco use cause tremendous suffering, it also results in huge, additional private and public health care costs. Studies clearly demonstrate that communities that have a higher density of tobacco retailers near schools also have a higher rate of youth smoking. This law will help keep young people from trying, and being attracted to, tobacco products. I would like to thank County Executive Hein for his visionary leadership in bringing this critical public health measure to fruition," said Dr. Smith.

"TFAC-Tobacco Free Action Communities thanks Ulster County Executive Mike Hein and the Ulster County Legislature for taking significant, life-saving steps to protect children from tobacco marketing, especially near schools," said Ellen Reinhard, Director of TFAC. "This is important because 90% of all smokers begin smoking before they reach 18 and tobacco companies know that marketing in stores is an effective way to reach the kids they need as their new smoker. We can't stop the tobacco industry from marketing its products; however, we can reduce our children's exposure to their marketing and help prevent our kids from becoming a new replacement smoker."

## Statement by A.G. Schneiderman on U.S. Senate Vote Against the Trans-Pacific Partnership

NEW YORK - Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman today released the following statement on today's vote by the United States Senate to not take up legislation ensuring fast-track negotiating authority to close the Trans-Pacific Partnership agreement:

"I applaud the Senate for refusing to fast-track approval for the Trans-Pacific Partnership, demonstrating necessary caution with this troublesome and opaque agreement. Along with many other states, I have serious concerns regarding a TPP provision creating special tribunals to decide claims by foreign investors, jeopardizing the ability of regulators like my office to defend our robust laws from challenges by wealthy, corporate interests. This entirely separate rule of law has no place in a nation committed to equal justice for all. Congress must continue to stand against the TPP."

Last month, Attorney General Schneiderman penned an op-ed in Politico Magazine about the potential for the Trans-Pacific Partnership agreement to undermine state law and authority.

**Renovation Fundraiser**

The Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop will hold a YARD SALE on the Rivoli property, South Fallsburg, on May 23 and 24, from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Featured are excess costumes, props and a host of Et Ceteras!

There will be lots of fabric, clothing, pictures/frames, and books. Every penny raised will go toward renovating the Rivoli Theatre's marquee and blade.

Jackie Horner has graciously donated scarce theatre prints that are for sale.

For more information: Sally (845) 434-0209

**Grahamsville Reformed Church**  
**Roast Beef Dinner**  
 June 13, 2015  
 Saturday, 4 pm to 7 pm  
 Menu: Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes, Peas and Carrots, Lettuce Salad, Bread, Brownie Sundae & Drinks  
 Adults: \$12.00, Child 5-10 \$5.00 under 5 free  
**Grahamsville Reformed Church Hall**  
 For more information please call: 845 985 7480  
 Thank you for your support and God Bless You All!

**Grahamsville Reformed Church**  
**Ladies Aid Bake Sale**  
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 Saturday, May 23, 2015  
 9 am till sold out!  
 Homemade pies, cakes, cookies, brownies and assorted goodies!  
**Grahamsville Reformed Church Hall**  
 845-985-7480  
 God Bless you and thank you for your continued support!

**Sundown Ladies Annual Yard Sale**




**June 6, 2015 at the Sundown United Methodist Church Hall**

**Sundown United Methodist Church**  
*Father's Day Breakfast*  
 June 20, 2015  
 7:30 am - 9:30 am  
 at the Sundown Church Hall



**ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL MISSION**  
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 845-985-2041  
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 Worship Services @ 10:00 am  
 Rev. Paul Nulton  
 John Bult, Organist

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 (Embraces Fallsburg, Neversink, Sundown and Ulster Heights)  
 6317 Rte. 42, Woodbourne, NY  
**Weekend Mass schedule:**  
 Saturday afternoon: 5:00.  
 Sunday morning: 9:00 am and 11:30 am  
**Holy days of obligation:** as announced in church bulletin.  
**Daily Mass schedule:**  
 Monday afternoon 5:45 (Holy Rosary at 5:30); Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday mornings: (includes Morning Prayer)- 8:30 am (starting Sept. 3 - 8:50 am.)  
**Saturday afternoon confessions:** 4 to 4:45.  
 Rev. John J. Lynch, Ph.D., Pastor. 434-7643.

**3rd Annual Community Yard Sale, Craft & Vendor Fair**

Please consider getting a spot for our 3rd Annual Community Yard Sale, Craft & Vendor Fair on Saturday, July 11 from 10 am to 3 pm at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds. Set up starts at 8 am!

There will be both new and used items! This is our annual fundraiser to help off-set the cost of future trips!

- Under pavilion: new items only space for crafters, home demonstrators.
- There will be no duplicate home party demonstrators
- One item from each vendor is required for raffle to benefit Parks and Rec for all those under the Pavilion.
- Out in lawn: Yard Sale Space makred and Assigned
- Food will be available for sale throughout the day
- Fee is \$15 per 8' Space
- Must supply your own table & Tents in needed
- NO MORE THAN 1 Family PER SPACE

**\*\*\*TOWN OF NEVERSKINK PARKS & REC WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE OR LIABLE FOR ANY LOSSES, DAMAGES OF ANY KIND TO EXHIBITORS, THEIR DISPLAYS OR ANY INJURY CAUSED DURING THE SHOW, INCLUDING SET UP AND CLEAN UP.**

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 Sunday Worship Service/  
 Children's Church 10:30 am  
 Monday Night Home  
 Bible Study 7 pm  
 Tuesday Night Youth Home  
 Bible Study 7 pm  
 Friday Youth Night 7 pm

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

**Grahamsville United Methodist Church**  
 Rte. 55, Grahamsville  
 Sunday Worship Service - 10:30 a.m.  
 Sunday School for grades k-7 - 10:30a.m.  
 Mid-week Bible Study opportunities available!  
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**Covered Dish Supper**  
 June 6  
 at 5:30 pm  
**Father's Day Breakfast**  
 June 20, 2015  
 7:30-9:30 am  
**Sundown Ladies Annual Yard Sale**  
 June 8, 2015  
 at the Sundown UMC Hall

**Grahamsville United Methodist Church**  
**June 9, 2015**  
 Thrift Sale & Boutique  
 9 am-1 p.m.  
 Luncheon 11 am p.m.  
**Third Saturday Thrift Sale & Boutique**  
 9 am - 1 pm  
 June 20, 2015

**St. Augustine's Chapel**  
 Watson Hollow Rd. • West Shokan, NY  
 Sunday Mass - 9:30 am  
 Holy Days 5:30 pm  
 Penance 9:00 am, 2nd Sunday of the month  
 Rev. George W. Hommel, Pastor

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

**LEGALS/PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING/Daniel Pierce Library Vote,  
OF THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF  
TRI-VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Special Budget Hearing of the residents of the Tri-Valley Central School District at Grahamsville, Sullivan County, New York will be held at the Daniel Pierce Library at Grahamsville, New York on: Tuesday, June 2, 2015 At 7:00 P.M. (EDST) for the purpose of presenting the Library's budget for the 2015-2016 school year.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special meeting of the qualified voters of the Tri-Valley Central School District shall be held at the Daniel Pierce Library, 328 Main Street, Grahamsville, Sullivan County, New York, 12740, on Tuesday, June 9, 2015, between the hours of 12:00 noon and 8:00 p.m. daylight savings time. The following proposition will be submitted for voter approval at said meeting:

**PROPOSITION**

Shall the following resolution be adopted, to wit:

BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 259 of the Education Law of the State of New York, the Board of Education of the Tri-Valley Central School District, Sullivan County, New York be authorized and directed to raise annually by taxes the sum of \$393,657 (which sum consists of \$387,610 previously authorized plus an additional \$6,047) for library purposes for free library services for the benefit and free use on equal terms of all residents of the School District. Said appropriation shall be for the annual support of the DANIEL PIERCE LIBRARY, Grahamsville, New York beginning in the 2015-2016 fiscal year and the funds collected thereby shall be paid over to the Treasurer of the Daniel Pierce Library, upon written demand of its Trustees.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the text of the foresaid proposition may appear on the ballot labels in the following abbreviated form:

**PROPOSITION**

Shall the Tri-Valley Central School District, Sullivan County, New York, be authorized to levy taxes in the amount of \$393,657 for the annual support of the Daniel Pierce Library, Grahamsville, New York, for library services for the benefit of residents of the School District beginning in the 2015-2016 fiscal year?

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that pursuant to a prior resolution of the District, personal voter registration is in effect. A date for personal voter registration has been set for Wednesday, June 3, 2015 in the Main Entrance Area of the High School, 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, June 4, 2015 between the hours of 9:00 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 June 9, 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, June 2, 2015) OR the day before the election (Monday, June 8, 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 Dated: April 1, 2015  
Tri-Valley Central School District  
Grahamsville, New York  
Norma Peña, District Clerk

4/23; 5/21; 5/28; 6/4/15

"During a time when federal and state policies highlight the importance of avoiding preventable readmissions, it is only logical and prudent for hospitals and institutions to have standards requiring appropriate care in the form of adequate staffing," said New York StateWide Senior Action Executive Director Maria Alvarez. "Council studies show that institutions that are adequately staffed have better quality of care, are more profitable, patients suffer fewer infections and there are fewer deaths. It is not only a matter of economics, but of humanity. Lawmakers should think about themselves or their loved ones when they consider whether they want enough and appropriate staff caring for them if, God forbid, they should end up in a facility with not enough nurses or personnel to care for them."

"Patients are suffering and dying because there is often no one to answer alarm bells and call lights or catch problems before they become medical nightmares," said Maryanne Reardon, RN, Chair, Healthcare Coordinating Council, CWA District One. "Staffing levels are determined by highly-paid executives who are judged by financial bottom lines, not bedside care. When a nurse loses a patient it stays with her forever; but for the CEOs, who make life and death decisions with the stroke of a pen, it only lasts until their million dollar severance check arrives in the mail. We need safe staffing ratios and we need them before it's too late."

Coalition members pointed out that when it comes to health care, everyone wants the best possible outcome for their loved ones and safe staffing is a critical step toward ensuring the highest quality of care is achieved

## Nurses, Caregivers and Patient Advocates call for Safe Staffing at our Hospitals and Nursing Homes

Albany, NY - Hundreds of nurses, health-care workers and patient advocates filled the halls and offices of the Legislative Office Building on Tuesday, May 12 to educate legislators on the benefits of establishing safe nurse-to-patient ratios.

The coalition, made up of the Communications Workers of America (CWA), New York StateWide Senior Action Council, New York State Nurses Association (NYSNA), New York State United Teachers (NYSUT), and the Public Employees Federation (PEF), sent a united message that safe staffing saves lives.

The coalition is fighting for passage of the Safe Staffing for Quality Care Act (A1548/S782) which would require acute care facilities and nursing homes to implement safe nurse-to-patient ratios. The safe staffing levels have a direct impact on the ability to assess, monitor, care for and safely discharge patients.

At a press conference, leaders of the coalition shared compelling stories from nurses and other caregivers who experienced fatigue, stress and burnout in order to provide the best quality care. Coalition members noted that in states with safe nurse-to-patient ratios, lives are saved, quality of care is improved and hospital stays are shorter.

"Plain and simple, safe staffing saves lives," said NYSUT Executive Vice President Andrew Pallotta. "Legislation that would require hospitals and other residential healthcare facilities to meet minimum nurse-to-patient staffing ratios is absolutely necessary. It will ensure that our loved ones continue to receive excellent care from skilled and dedicated nurses, while leading to shorter hospital stays and better outcomes. Passing 'safe staffing' legislation should be an end-of-the-session priority."

"Our patients deserve a nurse at the bedside to care for their healthcare needs and often today there just are not enough nurses to provide that care," said Judy Sheridan-Gonzalez, an Emergency Room RN at Montefiore Medical Center in the Bronx and president of the New York State Nurses Association (NYSNA). "New York State needs a safe staffing law that will ensure that all hospitals - from Buffalo to Brooklyn - have safe nurse-to-patient ratios that both will protect us and our patients."

"The New York State Public Employees Federation (PEF) is partnering with other labor organizations to send a powerful message to our lawmakers about short staffing in health care facilities," said PEF President Susan M. Kent. "Short staffing affects quality patient care and the mortality rate. Hospital-acquired infection is on the increase because of short staffing. For years, the legislation to alleviate short staffing has been stuck in New York. This year, our lawmakers need to get this legislation passed and realize short staffing is a health care problem that leads to a very large proportion of unnecessary deaths."

## CCE Workshops Return for Public to Save Energy

LIBERTY, NY- Homeowners and renters can learn to reduce energy consumption and lower energy bills at a Save Energy, Save Dollars workshop on Wednesday, June 24, 2015. This EmPower New York class is being offered by Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County at 6:00 pm at the Gerald J. Skoda Extension Education Center on 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road in Liberty.

Participants who attend this free event will learn about reducing energy bills by following some low-cost and no-cost energy conservation methods. Each person will receive three (3) compact fluorescent light bulbs at no cost to them.

Advanced registration is encouraged by calling 845-292-6180. This program is one in a series of identical classes. Additional dates and times can be obtained by visiting [www.human.cornell.edu/dea/outreach/index.cfm](http://www.human.cornell.edu/dea/outreach/index.cfm) and selecting "Empower Energy Use Management Workshop Schedule".

EmPower New York workshops are sponsored by the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) and developed by Cornell University Cooperative Extension and NYSERDA.

**Town of Neversink Parks & Recreation**

[www.townofneversink.org](http://www.townofneversink.org)

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.



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

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

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

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

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

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

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- 5/21/15 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 **Grahamsville UMC Thrift Sale & Boutique (9:00 am-1 pm) & Luncheon(11 am - 1:00 pm)**
- 6/9/15 Town of Denning Town Board Business Meeting -7 pm Denning Town Hall
- 6/11/15 Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting 7 pm
- 6/10/15 Town of Neversink Town Board Meeting - 7 :30 pm
- 6/15/15 Grahamsville Fire District - 7 pm
- 6/21/15 Claryville Fire Dept. **All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast** 7- Noon Claryville Fire House
- 6/16/15 Town of Neversink Motor Vehicle 10 am - 2:30 pm
- 6/16/15 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting - 7:30 pm
- 6/17/15 Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Association Meeting
- 6/20/15 **Father's Day Breakfast** Sundown Church Hall 7:30 - 9:30 am
- 6/20/15 **Grahamsville UMC Thrift Sale & Boutique (9:00 am-1 pm)**

**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.

**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

**Bethel Theatre Works: Vaudeville in the Catskills - Swings into the Sixties!**

May 26, May 27, (Tues & Wed) Theatre - Auditions: Vaudeville in the Catskills - Swings into the Sixties. 6:00-8:30pm at the Sullivan County Museum, 265 Main St., Hurleyville. This year's theme celebrates the 1960's, Catskill's Hotel Era. Seeking a variety of performers, Comedians, Singers, Dancers, Musical and Novelty Acts. Produced by Bethel Theatre Works, Sponsored by the Sullivan County Historical Society. Performances Aug. 28-30. Information: 917-531-6689 or [Betheltheatreworks@gmail.com](mailto:Betheltheatreworks@gmail.com)

June 6, June 7, (Sat & Sun) Theatre - Auditions: Vaudeville in the Catskills - Swings into the Sixties. 1:00-4:00pm at the Sullivan County Museum, 265 Main St., Hurleyville. This year's theme celebrates the 1960's, Catskill's Hotel Era. Seeking a variety of performers, Comedians, Singers, Dancers, Musical and Novelty Acts. Produced by Bethel Theatre Works, Sponsored by the Sullivan County Historical Society. Performances Aug. 28-30. Information: 917-531-6689 or [Betheltheatreworks@gmail.com](mailto:Betheltheatreworks@gmail.com)

**Sullivan United MWVBE Workshop**

Are you a Woman, Minority, or Veteran who owns a business in Sullivan County? Learn how to increase sales by getting certified as a New York State MWVBE contractor

This workshop will:  
- detail how you can benefit from NYS targets for MWVBE participation in state contracts  
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- connect you with follow-up assistance through the certification process  
May 20, 2015 from 6-8 PM Sullivan County Government Center 100 North Street, Monticello, NY 12701 Legislative Meeting Room (2nd Floor) Register at [www.catskills.com](http://www.catskills.com) or call 845-791-4200

**SC Chamber of Commerce Welcomes New Business in Grahamsville**

Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce is welcoming AJs FRIENDS and FINDS at 218 Main Street, Grahamsville, New York 12740 at their Grand Opening on May 21st, 2015. Ribbon Cutting at Noon! Stop by and wish "AJ" well with her new adventure!

**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.

**Governor Cuomo Update Following Incident at Indian Point Nuclear Power Plant**

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today issued the following update on this weekend's transformer fire at Indian Point Nuclear Power Plant in Westchester:

"Our investigation of this weekend's incident at Indian Point is ongoing as we continue the containment and clean-up phase. The State Department of Environmental Conservation and New York State Police are working closely with the U.S. Coast Guard to monitor the situation and determine the series of events leading up to the transformer fire, as well as the totality of the environmental impact. I thank the responders who are on the ground working around the clock to ensure a thorough cleanup of the area. We will share more information about our investigation as it becomes available."

The following steps are being taken to address the incident:

-Under the close oversight of the State Department of Environmental Conservation and the U.S. Coast Guard, power plant operator Entergy and its contractors continue to clean up the oil spill both on and off site at Indian Point. Contractor Clean Harbors removed the foam that was observed at the plant site and contractor Miller Environmental is replacing booms on the river today.

- DEC and U.S. Coast Guard staff have begun to evaluate the environmental damage, including to the Hudson River. To assist with this effort, the New York State Police conducted an overflight with a U.S. Coast Guard observer this afternoon. While DEC spills responders have observed sheens on both the east and west sides of the Hudson River, no recoverable amounts have been noted at this time.

- DEC anticipates having an estimate of the amount oil recovered from the Hudson River by the end of the week. Some oil burned during the transformer fire or dispersed before containment was in place in the river.

The State Department of Environmental Conservation asks anyone who notices sheens in the area to call the DEC Spills Hotline at 1-800-457-7362. Reports of sheens will be investigated by state or federal responders and private contractors.



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**Frost Valley YMCA Is Hiring Enthusiastic Role Models to be Senior Counselors & Inclusion Counselors for this Summer!** Applicants must be 18+ years old, have experience working with children or a strong desire to begin, and eager to work in an active, social, outdoor atmosphere, Mon-Fri, 8:30am to 4:30pm starting mid June through mid August. Apply online at [www.frostvalley.org](http://www.frostvalley.org) or contact Katia Martin at 845-985-2291 Ext. 305. EOE 5/21

**Frost Valley YMCA** is seeking an energetic, environmentally conscientious professional to lead the Natural Resources and Environmental Science department. The **Natural Resource and Environmental Science Director** is responsible for department administration, including budget management, supervision of staff and volunteers, GIS and GPS mapping projects, and maintaining excellent relationships with our partner organizations/agencies. This position is also responsible for overseeing our outdoor sporting membership program, forest management plan, and maple sugaring program.

Qualifications include: Associate's or Bachelor's degree in forestry, natural resources, biology, fisheries and wildlife, zoology or a related field; Excellent communication skills, both verbal and in writing; Excellent customer service skills; Ability to supervise staff, volunteers as well as multitask on project work; Possess a valid, clean, US driver's license; Ability to lift up to fifty (50) pounds and physical stamina over extended periods of time. Salary is commensurate with experience. Great benefits package. Submit resume, application and list of references to Linda Campbell, Director of Human Resources at [hr@frostvalley.org](mailto:hr@frostvalley.org) Contact at 845-985-2291 Ext. 254. EOE 5/21; 5/28

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2. Montgomery Clift  
1. Telly Savalas  
Answers:

**Knarf's "Classic Movie Trivia"**  
This week honoring our local Vets from today back to WW II with the great male heroes of war films, starring, John Wayne, Steve Mc Queen, Burt Lancaster, Montgomery Clift, Lee Marvin, Ernie Borgnine, Frank Sinatra, Jimmy Brown, Charles Bronson, Van Johnson, John Hodiak, Ricardo Montalban, George Murphy, Marshall Thompson, Don Taylor, Richard Jaeckel, James Whitmore, James Arness, Scotty Beckett, Clint Eastwood, Telly Savalas, Don Rickles on Turner Classic Movies, **STARTING AT 6:45 AM "THE GREEN BERETS", AT 9:15 AM, "THE SAND PEBBLES", AT 12:30 PM "FROM HERE TO ETERNITY", AT THEN AT 2:45 PM "THE DIRTY DOZEN", AT 5:30 PM, "KELLY'S HEROES," AT 8:00 PM "BATTLEGROUND," AT 10:15 PM "PATTON," AT 1:15 AM "BATTLE OF THE BULGE. THAT'S IT, HAVE FUN. GET A PIZZA FROM ONE OF OUR LOCAL ADVERTISERS AND WATCH YOUR FAVORITES.**

**THE GREEN BERETS(1968)**  
After vigorous training, two Army detachment see service in Vietnam. Director: John Wayne Cast: John Wayne , David Janssen , Jim Hutton , Color 142 min CC

**THE SAND PEBBLES (1966)**  
A naval engineer stationed in 1926 China defies local authorities to rescue a group of missionaries.

**FROM HERE TO ETERNITY (1953)**  
Enlisted men in Hawaii fight for love and honor on the eve of World War II. CC. Directed by Fred Zinnemann. a nd starring, Burt Lancaster, Montgomery Clift, Deborah Kerr, Donna Reed, Frank Sinatra, Philip Ober, Ernest Borgnine, Mickey Shaughnessy, Jack Warden, Claude Akins, George Reeves. Toned-down but still powerful adaptation of James Jones' novel of Army life in Hawaii just before Pearl Harbor. Depiction of Japanese sneak attack combines unforgettable action scenes with actual combat footage. Brilliantly acted by entire cast, including Sinatra in his "comeback" role as the ill-fated soldier Maggio. Eight Oscars include Best Picture, Director, Screenplay (Daniel Taradash), Cinematography (Burnett Guffey), and Supporting Actors Sinatra and Reed.

**THE DIRTY DOZEN**  
A renegade officer trains a group of misfits for a crucial mission behind enemy lines. Lee Marvin, Ernest Borgnine, Charles Bronson, Jim Brown, John Cassavetes, Richard Jaeckel, George Kennedy, Trini Lopez, Ralph Meeker, Robert Ryan, Telly Savalas, Donald Sutherland

**KELLY'S HEROES**  
An American platoon tries to recover buried treasure behind enemy lines.

**BATTLEGROUND**  
American soldiers in France fight to survive a Nazi siege just before the Battle of the Bulge. Van Johnson, John Hodiak, Ricardo Montalban

**PATTON**  
The legendary general's rebellious behavior almost costs him his command during World War II. George C. Scott, Karl Malden

**BATTLE OF THE BULGE**  
A crack Nazi unit holds off the Allies during World War II. Henry Fonda , Robert Shaw , Robert Ryan .

**Quiz**  
1. In **FROM HERE TO ETERNITY** who plays Robert E. Lee Prewitt?  
2. In **the THE DIRTY DOZEN** who plays Archer Maggott?

**What's Going On In The Gnome Neighborhood™?**  
**GRAHAMSVILLE**  
Memorial Day 2015, - Flag Exchange Ceremony, a tradition in the Town of Neversink will take place at 11:00 am on Monday, May 25th, at the flag pole located in the Grahamsville Rural Cemetery on Route 55 in Grahamsville.  
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