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ANNUAL TOWN HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY TO BE HELD

On Saturday December 6, 2014 at 5:00 PM the Town of Neversink will hold its Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony in Bicentennial Square on Main Street in Grahamsville.

There will be caroling in the Square, special music, holiday readings and refreshments. This will officially open the holiday season in the town.

Any organization or group that would like to take part should contact the Town Clerk's Office at 985-2262, x-307.

News from Tri-Valley FBLA

By Elise Yamen, Tri-Valley FBLA Reporter



In the photo L-R and F-B: Kneeling: Jack Eddings Row 2: Mikayla Clearwater, Amy Hubbert, Stefanie Rios, Autumn Bender, Gillian Mathews Row 3: Elise Yamen, Nicole Scuderi, Angelina Ulaj, Kayla Butler, Julia Helthaler, Anna Hendrickson.

Tri-Valley's FBLA and Jr. FBLA attended the Fall District Meeting for District 3N on October 14 at Dutchess Community College in Poughkeepsie. Twelve FBLA members and twenty-three Jr. FBLA members were joined by four advisors to participate in various workshops that taught topics ranging from Business Achievement Awards to team building activities. (Contd. Pg. 4)

Deputies Graduate from Dutchess Co Corrections Academy



Three Deputies from the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office are congratulated on their graduation from the Dutchess County Corrections Academy on October 31, 2014. Pictured from left to right are Chief Deputy and Jail Administrator Harold Smith, Jr., Deputy Jessica Contrys, Deputy Samantha Ruff, Deputy Sean Lewis and Undersheriff Eric Chaboty.

Liberty Free Theatre to Encore Tony Award 'Red'



Parkville - The Liberty Free Theatre continues bringing its work around the county with an encore reading performance of the Tony award play, "RED" by John Logan. There will be two performances on Thursday and Friday, November 13, 14 at 8:00 P.M. in the Seelig Theatre at Sullivan county Community College in Loch Sheldrake. (Contd. Pg. 4)

SC 4H Hobby Horse Kids Year-End Champions at Woodstock Riding Club Annual Awards Banquet



Erin Denman of Grahamsville, Ashlynn Ratner of Livingston Manor, Bridget Kackos of Neversink and Lisa Shaver-Steingart of Livingston Manor.

Hurley, New York - On October 24, 2014, the Woodstock Riding Club held their annual year-end awards banquet at the Twin Pines Resort in Hurley, New York. Members and guests from Dutchess, Sullivan, and Ulster Counties enjoyed a wonderful evening of food and awards. (Contd. Pg. 3)

UC Exec Mike Hein and the UC Crime Victim Assistance Program Host a Panel Discussion Aimed at enhancing Access to Care for Victims of Violence

Government And Agencies Working Together To Create A Model Based On Mobilizing And Coordinating All Available Assets



Ulster County Executive Mike Hein and the Ulster County Crime Victim Assistance Program hosted a panel discussion at the Fair Street Reformed Church in Kingston last week. (Contd. Pg. 6)

Patrick Ruiz Promoted to Corporal

Ulster County Sheriff Paul J. VanBlarcum announces that Patrick T. Ruiz has



been promoted to the rank of Corporal in the Corrections Division. He joined the Sheriff's Office in 2006, graduated from Correction Officer Basic Academy that same year, and previously held the rank of Correction Officer.

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ON THE FRONT BURNER: Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done.
Psalm 105:1

COLLEGE NEWS:

Elena Schaefer Honored for Academic Achievement at Bowdoin College

Bowdoin College held its annual Sarah and James Bowdoin Day ceremony Friday, October 31, 2014, to honor those undergraduates who distinguish themselves by excellence in scholarship.

Those students who are designated Sarah and James Bowdoin Scholars are in the top (highest GPA) 20 percent of each class for the previous academic year. In addition, those scholars who earned a GPA of 4.0 are designated Sarah and James Bowdoin Book Award winners.

Sarah and James Bowdoin Scholar Elena Schaefer, of Olivebridge, NY, is a member of the Bowdoin College Class of 2016.

Schaefer is earning a major in French and English and a minor in Teaching.

Announcement from Grahamsville Fire Department Ladies Auxillary

We would like to thank those who came out to support our 2nd annual Chili cook off. The winners are: Bill Swezey (Mild Chili winner) from E. Quogue NY, Joseph Barkley (Medium Chili and People's choice winner) from Grahamsville, NY, and Jerry McCarthy (Hottest Chili winner) from Grahamsville NY.

We would like to Thank them for participating and we hope to see more contestants and community support next year!

Sincerely,

The Grahamsville Fire Department Ladies Auxillary!

DAYS OF YORE....

Today's History
November 17, 1954

December 1, 1954 - Mrs. Mildred Hewlett Van Keuren, 57, passed away suddenly at St. Vincent's Hospital, N.Y.C. on November 23rd. Mrs. Van Keuren was born in East Alton, Ill. on April 6, 1897, the daughter of Nelson Hewlett and Cora Decker. In 1916 she married George Van Keuren who survives her. Mr. Frank Van Keuren of Grahamsville is her brother-in-law.

Mr. and Richard Slater are the parents of a baby girl, born Thursday, November 18th. She weighed 9 lbs. 1 oz. She has been named Karen Marie and joins brother, Kirklyn. Mr. and Mrs. Morris Slater are the baby's grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. Theron Hasbrouck celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on Saturday evening by entertaining some friends at a venison dinner.

November 11, 1964 - The woods are closed, we've had no rain and the main question on everyone's mind is, "Will it rain?" Hunters are anxious to have the woods open for gun hunting season for deer which should begin on Monday, November 16th. Farmers and other folks without water look up to the sky each day and shake their heads.

George R Spann, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Spann of Sundown Road, Grahamsville, is a member of the varsity football squad at Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, Penn. A senior history major, George has started as quarterback this year. He is a graduate of Tri Valley Central School.

The Vernon Gridley Sr. farm has been sold to Mr. and Mrs. Norman DeWire of Sussex, N.J. through Klothe Real Estate.

November 27, 1974 - Congratulations to Ralph and Pat Dymond who celebrated their 23rd wedding anniversary recently.

George Lewis Miller, 59, of DeBruce Road, Livingston Manor, died Tuesday in the Manor while deer hunting. He was born in Willowemoc on December 7, 1914 to George and Jennie Hand Miller. He was married to Irene Davenport. Mr. Miller was the operator of the DeBruce Road Sports Shop. He is survived by his wife; two sons; James of Illinois and David of Livingston Manor; two daughters; Joan Williams of Hasbrouck Hts., N.J. and Carol Curry of Grahamsville; 11 grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

December 6, 1984 - Richard W. Schmitz, son of June Schmitz of 148 Hasbrouck Rd. and Lorence Schmitz of 145B Hasbrouck Rd., both

of Woodbourne, has been promoted in the U.S. Air Force to the rank of staff sergeant. Schmitz is a flight control specialist at Holloman Air Force Base, N.M. with the 479th Aircraft Generation Squadron. Sergeant Schmitz is a 1984 graduate of Tri-Valley Central School.

Six athletes from the Grahamsville area have qualified for the AAU National Junior Olympic Cross Country meet in San Antonio, Tex. on December 15, 1984. This year's qualifiers are: Jenny Allison, Caryn Landau Tammy Roosa, Cathy Coombe, Kristian Agnew and Mark Rosenshein.

Dear Friends,

I am pleased to announce that the New York State Senate is sponsoring a Thanksgiving Day Creative Celebration program for children in grades K through 6.

School districts throughout the state have already been sent posters and details about the program which invites children to submit an original poem, one-page essay, or artwork expressing something from the past year that they're thankful for. All submissions will be published online at the New York State website, and students from the 42nd district who participate will receive a NYS Senate certificate from my office.

With Thanksgiving approaching, it's traditional to think of the good things we have, and what we're thankful for. My list includes our service men and women who put their lives on the line everyday for our country's freedoms. Next, the community heroes, the firefighters, the police, State Troopers, EMS workers, and all those who keep our communities safe. I hope this program starts the discussion about what it means to be thankful, and I look forward to seeing the children's submissions.

All submissions must be uploaded electronically (preferably jpeg or pdf format) via my New York State Senate website at bonacic.nysenate.gov and clicking on the Thanksgiving Day link on the left hand side of the page. That will direct you to the "What Are You Thankful For" online form, and all submissions are due by November 24th, 2014.

From my family to yours, I hope everyone enjoys a happy and healthy Thanksgiving.
Sincerely,

John J. Bonacic
State Senator

SUNY Ulster Offers Winter*net Courses Academic Trips Offered to Paris and Panama

SUNY Ulster has opened registration for its 2015 Winter*net courses that are offered to its students as well as visiting students and the community in an accelerated course format over the vacation.

Winter*net offers the benefits of low tuition of \$95 per credit for students wanting to get ahead on the upcoming semester or complete required courses. Courses are open to students at any college and credits transfer back.

Courses run Dec. 26 to Jan. 16 with a wide range of online courses offered in business, computers, sciences, languages, education, history and psychology, as well as blended and classroom courses and two academic trips to Paris and Panama.

For information on Winter*net, visit: www.sunyulster.edu/winternet. To register, call: (800) 724-0833, extension 5075 or (845) 687-5075 or email: reginfo@sunyulster.edu.

Academic Travel Winter*net Offerings

Space is still available to register for the upcoming trips to:

- Sketchbook Tour of Paris that will tour and draw at major museums and sights in the city, including The Louvre, Musée d'Orsay, Rodin Museum and Notre-Dame Cathedral of Paris, among other stops.

-Tropical Field Ecology in Panama, an introduction to the ecology and biodiversity of the Neotropics, will visit rainforests and other habitats and includes camping, snorkeling and hiking.

For information and trip costs, contact Chris Seubert, SUNY Ulster's Program Coordinator of Academic Travel, at seubertc@sunyulster.edu, (845) 687-5134.

A Round About Tri-Valley

-Carol Furman

I guess Halloween in the Tri-Valley area was quite a success. Hundreds of youngsters took advantage of "Trunk or Treat" sponsored by the Tri-Valley PTO and the hayride and haunted house, sponsored by Cub Pack 87, was also well attended.

Congratulations to Michelle Quick of Neversink and her Liberty High School Spanish students for winning first prize in the Liberty parade for their float celebrating "El Dia De Los Muertos"

Congratulations to Sandra Alemany-Benayas and Brittany Pennell, two female Tri-Valley cross-country runners, who qualified for the NYS meet to be held in Canton. Sandra, a sophomore at Tri-Valley, is a foreign exchange student from Spain who had never run crosscountry before coming here this fall.

Ian Kurzrock, a Tri-Valley student, placed first in the Falling Colors Run in Rock Hill and Kelci Lockhart placed third in her age group. Barry Lewis placed third in the Walk category.

The weekend of November 1 and 2, Neversink Parks and Recreation sponsored a trip to Great Wolf Lodge in the Poconos. Great Wolf Lodge is noted for its wonderful water park however, there are also so many other activities available - scavenger hunts with magic wands, bowling, story time with live characters, mini-golf and arcades. The people who went on the trip had a wonderful time enjoying the activities along with the other families. Thank you to Jamie Brooks, Parks and Rec. Director, for planning this great trip!

The local Cub Scouts went on a hike to see the Vernoo Kill Falls in Rock Hill on November 8th. The "Pay It Back Dinner", sponsored by Nardi's Restaurant in Hurleyville on October 26th-was a huge success! The benefitting Organization, "Wiggle Your Toes" was very pleased.

November 1st was "Make a Difference Day". Each morning on channel 2, John Elliott, the meteorologist, informs everyone what is "unofficially" being celebrated on that day. On November 1st, one was supposed to try to make a difference in someone else's life. Of course, you really don't need a special day to make a difference in someone else's life. You can help a neighbor by raking their leaves, make a bowl of soup for a shut-in, phone someone just to let them know you are thinking about them, whip up a batch of cookies for a friend, or stop by a restaurant and pick up a meal for someone special on any given day. An unexpected thoughtful act of kindness can really make a difference in someone's life any day of the year!

Gene Fuller of Grahamsville is out of the hospital and is now spending some time in the Achieve Nursing Home in Liberty.

Words of Wisdom: Give of yourself; offer your services; You will be rewarded tenfold.

NEVERSINK NEWS - Hulda Vernoo

Get well wishes to Amanda Hinski. Amanda is Director of Marketing and Communications at Frost Valley. It is Amanda who keeps us smiling with her stories and pictures each week about Frost Valley and the fun they share with our community. Feel better Amanda.

Holiday Craft Fair and Luncheon

The Grahamsville United Methodist Church will be hosting a Holiday Craft Fair and Luncheon on Saturday, December 6, 2014 from 10:00 to 3:00 in their Fellowship Hall. Local artists and craftsman will be selling their jewelry, original watercolors, pottery, handmade soaps and much more. A lunch of soup, sandwiches and desserts will be available. The church is located on Route 55 in Grahamsville. For more information call 985-7427 or 985-2283.

Support Local

Holiday Food Distribution

The Grahamsville Community Food Pantry will provide approximately 30 holiday food baskets to neighbors in the Tri-Valley School District at both Thanksgiving and Christmas this year.

The Grahamsville Community Food Pantry welcomes donations from area residents to help us provide for this special outreach. The food pantry requests gifts of canned hams, chicken or turkey breasts, roasting chickens and frozen turkeys. Non-perishable food items such as

gravy, stuffing, instant white potatoes, sweet potatoes, green beans, corn, and cranberry sauce, are also needed. The food pantry welcomes monetary donations to help with the purchase of perishable items for each basket.

The Grahamsville Community Food Pantry is located in the Grahamsville United Methodist Church, Route 55, Grahamsville, N.Y. Monetary donations can be sent to the Grahamsville United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 86, Grahamsville, NY 12740 (with "Food Pantry- holiday baskets" indicated on the memo line).

Non-perishable food items can be dropped off at the food pantry any time. To arrange for the delivery of perishable food items please call the church (845-985-2283).

These are difficult days for many in our community. The Grahamsville Community Food Pantry thanks our friends and neighbors for your continuing support throughout the year and we pray for your generosity as the holiday seasons approach.

News from Tri-Valley FBLA (From Pg. 1)

The keynote speaker at the meeting was Rick Zolzer, Vice President of Special Events for the Hudson Valley Renegades, and he spoke to the members about his journey in his career, and emphasized the importance of networking and giving back to the community as keys to his success. Our own Tri-Valley FBLA hosted a workshop entitled, "Action, Auction, and Chocolate," which included team building activities learned during our field trip to Frost Valley YMCA last spring.

On June 25, accompanied by advisors, Mrs. Nancy Peters and Mrs. Judy Swarouth, twenty-five FBLA members spent a fun-filled day at Frost Valley YMCA and learned many helpful skills and tips for a business-related future. Members participated in team building activities ranging from games requiring minimal verbal communication to unwittingly grasping a tangled rope, then trying to unravel it without releasing the rope. This resulted in some giggles and laughs, but the group learned the deeper meaning of each exercise, which is the importance of teamwork and communication. After a lunch break, the members and advisors discussed what being in FBLA would entail, and the opportunities it would bring to each member for their future. Much fun was had at the camp, and the new inductees to the senior club were ready to have an even greater experience in the upcoming year.

SC 4H Hobby Horse Kids Year-End Champions at Woodstock Riding Club Annual Awards Banquet (From Pg. 1)

Woodstock Riding Club hosts an open horse show series that offers year-end awards for its members. Awards are given to members who excel in any of 15 divisions. This year 12 of the division champions were awarded to club members from Sullivan County. All award recipients from Sullivan County are associated with the Hobby Horse Kids 4-H Club as well as members of the Tri-Valley Chapter of FFA. The youth members are Bridget Kackos of Neversink, Erin Denman of Grahamsville, and Ashlynn Ratner of Livingston Manor. In addition, one of the co-leaders of the club, Lisa Shaver-Steingart of Livingston Manor is also a member and award winner.

Erin Denman was the Walk/Trot High Point Champion, as well as Rookie of the Year on her horse "Eat A Lot Oreo." Ashlynn Ratner was the Novice English High Point Champion, Novice Western High Point Champion, and Brighter Days Memorial Trophy Winner for High Point Novice on her horse "Cant Passup A Cowboy." Lisa Shaver Steingart was the High Point Champion in Adult Walk/Trot/Jog with her horse "Patch of Chocolate." To round out the list of champions for the evening, Bridget Kackos received High Point Champion in Schooling Hunter, Jack Baron Perpetual Award for high points in the Open English division, and the Carol Hicks Perpetual Award for high points in the Open Western division. Bridget Kackos was also awarded the Linda P. Avery Versatility Award and was named, along with her horse, "Heza Hotroddin," the Horse and Rider of the Year.

Woodstock Riding Club has a wonderful show series as well as a Dressage and October Fun Show every year. Whether attending as an open show participant or becoming a member, there are facilities which include a practice arena, stables, main arena and trail course. Woodstock Riding Club is operated by a completely volunteer staff who do their very best to welcome every participant. For more information on Woodstock Riding Club, their schedule, and membership information see www.woodstockridingclub.com.

Nature Column - Linda Comando

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

The weather has gotten colder, days are shorter and most of the leaves have fallen off the trees. Soon, winter will be here and snow will cover the ground. We will live in our warm houses, but what do animals do? In order to face the winter wild animals must adapt. There are many types of adaptations; some start migrating towards warm regions. Many birds migrate in the fall using the sun, moon and stars for direction and seem to have a compass in their brain for using the Earth's magnetic field. Scientists consider migration as part of a yearly cycle of changes a bird goes through controlled by changes in the amount of daylight and the weather.

Many mammals build a thick fat layer and fur coat over their body such as the snowshoe rabbit whose new fur is white to help them hide in the snow. Deer also build a thick layer of fat and a heavy fur coat and spend winter looking for moss, twigs, bark and leaves to eat.

Animals may find winter shelter in holes in trees or logs, under rocks or leaves, or underground. Some mice will build tunnels through the snow and will huddle close together to stay warm.

Cold-blooded animals like fish, frogs, snakes and turtles have no way to keep warm during the winter. Snakes will find shelter in holes or burrows, and spend the winter inactive, or dormant. This is similar to hibernation.

Water makes a good shelter for many animals. When the weather gets cold, they move to the bottom of lakes and ponds. There, frogs, turtles and many fish hide under rocks, logs or fallen leaves. They may even bury themselves in the mud. They become dormant. Cold water holds more oxygen than warm water and the frogs and turtles can breath by absorbing oxygen through their skin.

Earthworms move down into the earth, some as far as six feet below the surface!

Insects look for winter shelter in holes in the ground, under the bark of trees, deep inside rotting logs or in any small crack they can find. One of the most interesting places is in a gall. A gall is a swelling on a plant. It is caused by certain insects, fungi or bacteria. They make a chemical that affects the plant's growth in a small area, forming a lump. The gall becomes its maker's home and food source.

And others just sleep through the winter, or hibernate. Hibernation is an extended period of deep sleep, or torpor. Many hibernating species get ready for winter by eating extra food and storing it as body fat. They use this fat for energy while hibernating. The reduction of their metabolic rate and lower body temperature enables them to survive through cold periods when food is scarce.

Bears, squirrels, skunks, chipmunks, and some bats hibernate. Some animals hibernate for part or all of the winter. A squirrel sleeps for about 4 to 5 days at a stretch and will wake up, again eat some of the food it has collected all summer and then go back to sleep for 4 to 5 days.

When people think of animals that hibernate, bear are often the first animals they think about. Ironically, bear are not true hibernators. Instead of hibernating, bear in the Catskills go into what is called a torpor during the winter months. During their torpor, they don't eat or drink for about 6 months on average and they rarely urinate or defecate.

Raccoons and skunks also take long naps as opposed to going into a true hibernation. While true hibernators will sometimes wake up to forage for food, light hibernators get up more frequently. Their long naps may be several days, weeks or months long, but their bodies don't go through changes as extreme or long-lasting as the true hibernators. Like true hibernators, these species lower their body temperature, heart rate and breathing rate during the winter while they're sleeping. An example of waking up for other duties and activities is when a mother bear gives birth to and cares for her young during her hibernation period.

The main difference between a torpor and a hibernation is that during a torpor the animal is easily awoken. So tread lightly near that bear's den; it may wake up!

Household Hints

How to Remove Kerosene or Fuel Oil Odor from Your Hands

It's that time of the year when you may be working on the furnace! To remove the odor of fuel oil or kerosene from your hands, wash them with some apple cider vinegar. It will cut the grease and make your hands smell fresh again!

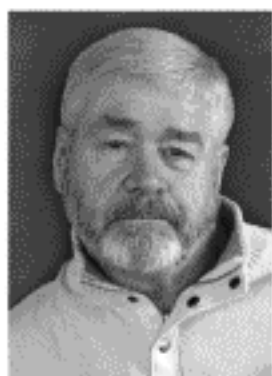


Snowshoe rabbit during summer (top) and during winter (bottom).



The Ways of the Dead

Mysterious Book Report No 171 by John Dwaine McKenna



It's a fact that cities around the world have two faces. The first face is the Chamber of Commerce one; that's where we see beautiful monuments and buildings, parks and well maintained streets with trees and greenery, stately homes and scenic vistas which tempt us to visit . . . or perhaps even move there. Then there is the other face: the Mr. Hyde face, the one with warts, scars and pimples. The dark seamy side of town where there's graffiti on the walls, and crime in the streets. It's where poverty, drugs and mayhem are found . . . and it's part of every city in the world . . . including our nation's capitol, Washington D.C.

The Ways of the Dead, (Viking Penguin, \$27.95, 272 pages, ISBN 978-0-670-01658-7) by Neely Tucker is a debut by an author with some serious chops: he's been a journalist for twenty-five years, fourteen of which have been with the Washington Post. His novel takes place, of course, in the District of Columbia. It begins when Sarah Reese, the white teenage daughter of a federal judge whose name is being mentioned as the next in line for the U.S. Supreme Court-walks across the street from her ballet class to buy a soda at a ghetto convenience store. Inside the store, she's accosted by three black teenage boys, flees out the back door and is murdered. Her body is found in a dumpster in the alley. The three boys are arrested. One of them confesses and agrees to testify against his companions, but Sully Carter is suspicious. He's a reporter who thinks the Reese murder may be related to a string of killings of prostitutes in the same area, but he's having trouble proving it. Sully, short for Sullivan, has some serious issues of his own and he's not dealing with them. Cynical and tough, he's been recalled from the Bosnian war with a gunshot wound to the face, a drinking problem and a total disrespect for any and all forms of authority. He rockets around the city on a 916 Ducati race bike, files his stories while half-blitzed at ten o'clock in the morning and teams up with one of the most notorious crime lords in the city to prove his case. The novel moves swiftly, while the murders keep coming, and just as Sully is about to prove corruption in high places . . . he may die trying. There's plenty of suspense, edge-of-disaster danger and a stunning, surprise conclusion that will leave the reader gasping for breath and looking for the next great yarn from Neely Tucker! I know I will be . . .

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Liberty Free Theatre to Encore Tony Award 'Red' (From Pg. 1) "RED" chronicles the story of the painter, Mark Rothko, and his aspiring assistant, as Rothko tries to fulfill the commission for the Seagram's Murals, which became masterpieces of 20th century art. The New York Times called the play, "Intense and exciting..." The New Yorker said it was, "Smart, eloquent entertainment...behind its wallop is a lot of learning..." Paul Austin performs Mark Rothko and Bradley Diuguid performs his assistant. Admission is free and food and drink will be served after the performance. For reservations and more information call or email Liberty Free Theatre at 845 798-1527, libertyfree1@verizon.net.

John Logan is a prolific writer producer. In addition to "RED," which received six Tony Awards He received an Academy Award nomination for co-writing the Best Picture-winner, "Gladiator" and his screenplay of the musical, "Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street" received a Golden Globe Award. Two new plays premiered in 2013, "Peter and Alice" opened in London at the Noël Coward Theatre and "I'll Eat You Last: A Chat With Sue Mengers" opened on Broadway at the Booth Theatre. He also created the 2014 television series "Penny Dreadful."

Paul Austin is the Founder and Director of the Liberty Free Theatre. He has worked extensively all across the country as actor, director, writer and teacher. Local audiences recently saw him as the title character in Krapp's Last Tape and as the Chief of Police in "The Police."

Bradley Duiguid grew up in Sullivan County and is currently the Executive Director of the Catskill Art Society, as well as a playwright and author. He formerly served as the Manager of Education Programs for Waterwell, a collaborative theater company based in New York City, where he oversaw their intensive Drama training program in partnership with the Professional Performing Arts School. He also worked in arts administration and advancement at The Juilliard School, the American Repertory Theater, Roundabout Theatre Company, and the Puppet Showplace Theatre. As an educator, he taught classes, directed and devised shows with companies like the Kentucky Shakespeare Festival, Long Wharf Theatre, Premiere Stages, and the ETC School, among others. Bradley is a graduate of Harvard University and SUNY New Paltz. He most recently appeared in "The Agony and the Ecstasy of Steve Jobs" and as the Sergeant in "The Police."

News from Tri-Valley FBLA (From Pg. 1) The keynote speaker at the meeting was Rick Zolzer, Vice President of Special Events for the Hudson Valley Renegades, and he spoke to the members about his journey in his career, and emphasized the importance of networking and giving back to the community as keys to his success. Our own Tri-Valley FBLA hosted a workshop entitled, "Action, Auction, and Chocolate," which included team building activities learned during our field trip to Frost Valley YMCA last spring.

On June 25, accompanied by advisors, Mrs. Nancy Peters and Mrs. Judy Swarhout, twenty-five FBLA members spent a fun-filled day at Frost Valley YMCA and learned many helpful

The Top of the Deck: The Nevele project is ready to go

If you have not already, visit www.nevele.com - see the renderings of the re-development of Nevele. Though it has been three years, this project has brought together the village of Ellenville, the Town of Wawarsing and the County of Ulster unlike any other economic development activity in years. The interest and support was highlighted by the NYS Gaming Commission's public comment event last month by the many speakers and thousands of endorsement letters. See a recent article: <http://www.gunkjournal.com/2014/10/02/news/1410025.html>

Nevele Appearances and Speaking engagements: Nevele attends many community and regional functions and events throughout the Hudson Valley. If you wish to have us talk to your group, please let us know as soon as possible.

Awaiting the Decision: When will the decision be made by the Commission? There is no exact date. Though early fall was the official timeframe - it appears to be in about another month or so.

Nevele History Note: Nevele Pride, a speedy brown racehorse, who appeared on the cover of Sports Illustrated, was a true race champion, winning 57 of 67 race starts from 1967 - 1969. Stanley Dancer was its trainer and racer. The winnings from this fabulous horse help to build the iconic nine story tower that still stands at the Nevele site.

Fall Fun Day at the Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library - Sponsored by the Friends of the E.B. Crawford Public Library

The Friends of the Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library are happy to sponsor Fall Fun Day at the Library on November 15 from 1:00-2:30 p.m. Come for an afternoon full of activities. Bring your own clothes and supplies and enter the scarecrow decorating contest. Listen to a story, and create a fun craft. Enjoy snacks and face painting, and browse our book sale items. Prizes will be awarded to the top three scarecrows.

skills and tips for a business-related future. Members participated in team building activities ranging from games requiring minimal verbal communication to unwittingly grasping a tangled rope, then trying to unravel it without releasing the rope. This resulted in some giggles and laughs, but the group learned the deeper meaning of each exercise, which is the importance of teamwork and communication. After a lunch break, the members and advisors discussed what being in FBLA would entail, and the opportunities it would bring to each member for their future. Much fun was had at the camp, and the new inductees to the senior club were ready to have an even greater experience in the upcoming year.

Fall Fun Day is great for the whole family! This is a free program. Space is limited. To register, or for more information, please call 845-794-4660 ext. 8. The Friends of the Library supports the Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library. For more information about the friends, come to a monthly meeting. Meetings are typically held on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00 at the library, however, November's meeting will be on Tuesday the 4th at 6:00 p.m.

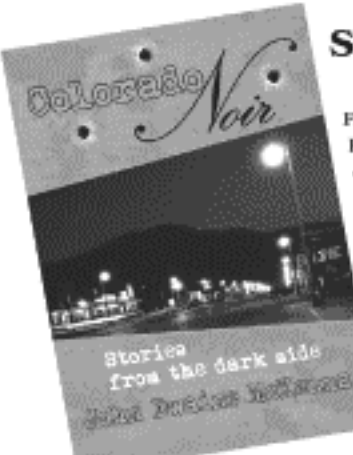
UC Sheriff Paul VanBlarcum announces Free Snowmobile Certification Course

With the the winter sports season upon us, Ulster County Sheriff Paul J. VanBlarcum reminds snowmobile riders to sign up for the free snowmobile certification course held this Saturday, November 8th, West Hurley Firehouse, 24 Wall Street, West Hurley from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. To enroll, contact the Sheriff's Office at (845) 340-3803. Pizza and soda will be provided free, or bring a bag lunch.

The New York State Young Operators and Adult Certification Course for snowmobiles is required for riders between the ages of 10 and 17 by New York State law. A parent or guardian must accompany a child to the beginning of class to sign a state-required permission form.

The course will be repeated twice: on Saturday, November 15th, Tillson Firehouse, 5 Tillson Rd. and Saturday, December 6th, Milton Fire Company, 21 Main St., Milton.

This course is part of the Ulster County Sheriff's Office youth-oriented training to make recreational sports safer. Co-sponsoring the course are the TT Trailblazers Snowmobile Club of Rosendale, NY; the Fire Departments of Tillson, West Hurley and Milton; with donations made by Arctic Adventures, Antonio's Pizzeria of Rosendale, Kirky's Deli of Milton, Hannaford Stores of Kingston and Highland, the Stewarts Shops of Rosendale and West Hurley, Young's Motors, the Tillson American Legion, the Sons and the Ladies Auxillary Post 1219 and the UC DSPBA.



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The Polar Vortex Express

With my Halloween candy still in the basket by the door, I am bombarded with guilt because I haven't thought about Thanksgiving nor shopped for Christmas. A dear friend announced she was all done with her Christmas shopping and gotten her free turkey from the supermarket promotion. I resisted the urge to punch her in her smug smile. Trying to muster enthusiasm and cover my holiday inadequacy, I announced that I try to enjoy each holiday and never shop for gifts until the turkey became crockpot soup and I had eaten all the pies. What I didn't admit is that I am procrastinating about putting away my summer clothes and lawn furniture.

The nice weather of fall lulled me, and I am sure others, into a complacency. The leaves still cling to the branches like I am clinging to the most lovely autumn I can remember. My mind isn't on the holiday season at all. I am still savoring glorious sunrises, spectacular sunsets, and warm afternoons with petunias and sweet peas still blooming in pots on the deck.

The Polar Vortex, which is expected next week, might jump start my holiday procrastination. I am so fortunate to have my family in a ten-mile radius, so no one has to contend with traffic or travel nuisance. We all do Thanksgiving as a group project. Someone brings the sweet potato casserole, Heather does the whipped potatoes, so the dinner becomes a combined effort. Monica brings a black bean cilantro salad and a flan for dessert. We all have our favorite dishes to contribute. What is still to be decided is "where?" The lucky hostess gets to clean the house to company specifications and gets to deal with the leftovers. I intend to play the "senior citizen" and "been-there-done-that" cards and hope that one of my daughter-in-laws gives in.

I honestly can't hold two holidays in my thoughts, so I admire those who can set goals like getting all their Christmas greeting cards written, addressed and ready to mail, but that is not me. I will not be up and out shopping on Black Friday. The best I will do is sit around in a bathrobe and order something on-line on Cyber Monday (or maybe Tuesday). I am that person who shops and decorates right up to the moment when Santa tries to squeeze down our woodstove chimney to bring presents and eat those cookies that I forgot to bake.

UC Exec Mike Hein and the UC Crime Victim Assistance Program Host a Panel Discussion Aimed at enhancing Access to Care for Victims of Violence (From Pg. 1)

They were joined by a panel of individuals representing Law Enforcement, Mental Health, the LGBTQ Community Center, County Government, and Youth Serving Agencies. "Let's Talk About It! - Part 2, Enhancing Access to Care for Victims of Violence" is the second panel discussion, the first was held this past April, to identify the demographics that tended to under-report crime victimization as well as identify what some of the barriers were to obtaining necessary services. The panel continued that discussion with the goal of developing a community-based approach to empower individuals and families so they have the information and support that they need in order to come forward when they are victims of crime.

"We have made great strides in Ulster County in our efforts to insure justice and meet the needs of victims of violent crimes with compassion and professionalism, from establishing the Family & Child Advocacy Center, providing crisis hotlines, working with Family of Woodstock's Washbourne House, providing services through our Crime Victim Assistance Programs, Child Protective Services, Adult Protective Services, and the list goes on," said County Executive Hein. "However, with limited resources it is becoming more difficult for agencies and local government to act on their own and I want to thank our talented community members who are joining us in developing partnerships to best assist those who would not otherwise be aware of the resources available to them. I deeply appreciate the work that the Ulster County Crime Victim Assistance Program and this community-based approach empowering individuals and families with the resources they need. It is remarkable that Ulster County has such amazing agencies working together toward the same important goal; helping those who have been the victim of a violent crime. I invite all agencies in our community to join in this important effort by contacting Lydia Diaz at the Ulster County Crime Victim Assistance Program. It is critical that victims of crime know that there is support and help available to them and that they are not alone."

"There are still members of our community who traditionally do not report a crime to the police," said Lydia Diaz, Educator with the Ulster County Crime Victim Assistance Program. "The reasons victims of crime do not report are varied, including fear of retaliation by the perpetrator. We want to raise awareness of the many services and resources available to victims of crime, whether it be through Ulster County government, through local service providers, or by means of partnering with community-based organizations. County Executive Hein realizes the importance of making sure Ulster County residents are informed and know where they can turn in the event they become a victim of crime."

"When an Advocate is able to support a victim from the start, studies show that their chances of developing Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder can be significantly reduced," said Madeleine Miller of the Crime Victims Assistance Program.

"We're looking to provide information to homebound seniors through the Meals on Wheels Program and I thank County Executive Hein for his ongoing support of this and our many other services," said Kelly McMullen, Director of the Office for the Aging.

The panel included representatives from the Ulster County Crime Victim Assistance Program, Resource Center for Accessible Living, LGBTQ Community Center, Ulster County Department of Health and Mental Health, Family and Child Advocacy Center,

Worker Justice Center, and the District Attorney's Office. Various other agencies were also in attendance to join in the discussion.

Currently, the following programs and resources are available through Ulster County:

- The Family & Child Advocacy Center
- Family of Woodstock's Washbourne House
- Crisis Hotlines
- The Child Protective Services Unit
- The Adult Protective Services Unit
- The Crime Victim Assistance Program
- The Special Victims Unit at the District Attorney's Office
- Kingston Domestic Violence Court
- The Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Unit at the Health Alliance's Broadway campus
- The Inter-Agency Domestic Violence Council
- The Elder Abuse Task Force

The Ulster County Crime Victim Assistance Program can be reached at 845-340-3443 and the Family Domestic Violence Services hotline can be reached 24 hours-a-day at 845-338-2370. These programs provide counseling, shelter, as well as legal and financial support for victims. For more information regarding the Crime Victim Assistance Program please visit its website at: <http://ulster-countyny.gov/probation/crime-victim-assistance>.

Calendar of Events From Pine Hill Community Center

Well, winter is definitely on its way. Our pellet stove is keeping us cozy, the garden has been put to bed, and all sorts of holiday activities and fun are in the works.

We are excited to welcome three new members to The Board of Directors. Francesca Warnes, Karen Rauter and Marylou Stapleton have joined the Board, bringing with them diverse talents and lots of enthusiasm and energy. We thank Patti Rudge and Maureen Nagy Krueger who have recently resigned from the Board after having served valiantly and well. The heart and soul of any not-for-profit organization is its Board, the uber volunteers who give selflessly of their time and talent.

More good news: The Peekamoose Restaurant has designated the Pine Hill Community Center as the recipient of their Good Deed wine program. \$1 from every glass of their Good Deed wine selections sold goes to benefit the Center. The program runs from 11/1/14 through 3/30/15. We thank the Peekamoose crew for this honor and urge you all to support us by dining at the Peekamoose and selecting Good Deed wines as your beverage.

And, coming up at the Center:

Nov. 15, & 22 8 am . Injury Prevention for Runners A 4-week exercise class designed specifically for current and potential runners looking to prevent injury and improve performance. We will focus on core and hip strengthening as well as lower body flexibility specific to the running population. Whether you are training for a marathon or the Phoenicia Turkey Trot, this class is free to all you runners.

Join us Saturdays in November (Nov. 1,8,15,22) from 8-9am at The Pine Hill Community Center. Taught by Heather Roberts, physical therapist.

Bring a mat or blanket to cushion the floor, a belt or strap if you have one and wear loose comfortable clothes.

Join us for an informal community run from 7-8 am from the Community Center. Length to be determined by the group.

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November 14, 6pm. Catskill Mountains Acoustic Slow Jam. A group of friendly acoustic musicians meets once a month to play Bluegrass, Old Time, Irish, and Catskills fiddle tunes in a low-key, non-competitive atmosphere. You can pick up standard tunes across genres, become more proficient on a 2nd or 3rd instrument, or improve your improvisational skills, all at a slower pace. For advanced beginners to intermediate and professional players. Come play music and have fun with other musicians without the pressure of performing for an audience!

November 16 1 pm. Square Dance with the Tremperskill Boys and caller John Jacobson. Time to swing your partners once again in this fun afternoon for all ages and all levels of dancers. Squares will be taught and everyone will have a really good time. In collaboration with Catskills Folk Connection.

\$10 includes lots of seasonal snacks and beverages.

November 20, 3 pm. Story Circle. This new group invites all who have a tale to tell and are interested in the craft of storytelling. We'll meet on the third Thursday of each month to listen and share.

December 6, 10 am - 4 pm. Annual craft fair and chile festival. Our annual chile festival, with a selection of great chiles and all the fixin's (including the famous chilies of Jaimie DeForest) and the best of regional crafts. Music, mingling, and fun. A perfect day to celebrate with great chile and to make your last minute holiday gift selections. Vendor inquiries welcome.

We'd like to announce a special workshop on Dec. 14th from 1-5. Bonnie Schadle will teach you how to make a lovely kissing ball from greens, ribbons and pine cones. All materials are free, a \$5 free will donation would be welcome. Please reserve a space by December 8 by calling 845 254-5469.

Olive Free Library Calendar of Events:

Saturday, November 15, 11:30-2:00 International Games Day- Come learn to play chess, play a new board game, create a Minecraft world with others, hone your ping pong game, join in a card game, or bring your own game. Other people across the globe will be celebrating games by playing together today.

Book Club -Saturday, November 15, 4:00 p.m. *Delicious* By Ruth Reichl - In her bestselling memoirs Ruth Reichl has long illuminated the theme of how food defines us, and never more so than in her dazzling fiction debut about sisters, family ties, and a young woman who must finally let go of guilt and grief to embrace her own true gifts. (Goodreads)

Monday, November 17, 6:30 p.m. Beekeeping Group The beekeeping support group meets on the third Monday of each month at the library. The group includes new and veteran beekeepers. Each month a topic is presented, followed by open discussion of all things beekeeping. For more information go to Hudson Valley Hives website.

Lego Club Wednesday, November 19 6:00-8 p.m. (grades 1-7) Each month kids take up a new creative challenge with Lego. The library supplies the Lego, no experience necessary.

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

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Leslie Gerber's first book, "Lies of the Poets"

"Lies of the Poets" has just been published by Post-Traumatic Press of Woodstock, New York. She will be reading from the book, and other poems, at a book launch party on November 15, 4 p.m., at the Woodstock Artists Association and Museum, 28 Tinker St., Woodstock.

She will also be a featured reader at the Calling All Poets Series, Howland Cultural Center, 477 Main St., Beacon NY on Friday, December 5, at 8 p.m.; and at the Cafe Mezzaluna Writers Series, 626 Route 212, Saugerties NY on Friday, December 12, at 7 p.m.

The book has already received some outstanding endorsements, printed on the back cover:

"Your poem ['Lies of the Poets'] is clever and erudite enough to rescue your dubious reputation." -Billy Collins

"Your poems are very beautiful." -Charles Baxter, novelist and poet

"Sometimes sharply funny, sometimes achingly sad, always wise, precise, keenly observed, Leslie Gerber's poetry is a richly textured joy to read." --Robert Olen Butler, Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *A Good Scent from a Strange Mountain*

"These poems brim with wit, feeling, shapeliness, connections, and sorrow. This poet loves the world that keeps breaking his heart." -Gail Godwin, novelist

"Leslie Gerber is plenty deft at humor, but he's just as deft at heartbreak, delivering poems so unsentimentally powerful that they

rearrange my organs. In his work, domestic violence survivors, a loved one with Alzheimer's, and a dead child elbow their way through goose poop, shiny physical therapists, and the charming burbs of North and South Beerville. Stitched through these worthy works are language gems: '...dog leash in one hand/memory in the other'; 'Wind blew a woman/away from me'; and (here go my organs) 'So strange/to think that water hurts/something made to contain it-the way I, meant to contain/your love, am now eroding.'" -Gretchen Primack

"For some inexplicable reason poetry leaves me insensitive of all the arts, but just as strangely yours speaks to me." -Janos Starker, cellist

"Lies of the Poets" will be on sale at the readings and various nearby bookshops at \$8. For those outside the area, it can be bought for \$10 including shipping in the U.S., \$12 overseas. Send check payable to Leslie Gerber, to P.O. Box 493, Woodstock NY 12498, or payment by PayPal to parnassus@parnassusrecords.com

Judith Kerman is featured at the monthly Writers Night at Cafe Mezzaluna

Friday, November 14 at 7 p.m, poet Judith Kerman is featured at the monthly Writers Night at Cafe Mezzaluna, 626 Route 212, Saugerties. Poets and writers are invited to read at the open mic. Dinner served from 5:00 p.m. For directions and reservations, call 845-246-5306

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Tri-Valley Lions News



Manny Pardo with Carmen Salvemini

At our November 4, 2014 Tri-Valley Lions Dinner Meeting, we were honored to have District 20-0 Lions District Governor, Manny Pardo, join us for dinner at Nardi's and speak to us about how important it is to retain membership numbers and to induct new members. After all, one of the primary goals of Lions Clubs worldwide is to not only assist the sight and hearing impaired, but to assist their local communities. To do this, it is important for



Manny Pardo and Carol Furman

The Tri-Valley Lions to be available to help out those in our community who are in need of hearing and/or sight exams and to provide assistance for those in need of glasses or hearing aids, but are unable to afford these devices due to lack of insurance or other reasons. In addition to sight and hearing, The Tri-Valley Lions are also available to assist those who suffer catastrophic losses, such as fires,

hospitalization, and other medical needs, but are unable to fund these on their own. Very often it is our own Lions members who hear about such needs and bring them to the attention of our Club, so we can help out. But, we don't always hear of such needs on our own, so if you, the reader of this article know of someone who needs the types of assistance we may be able to provide, please contact us.

During the November 4th Dinner Meeting, District Governor Manny Pardo also handed out 15 and 35 year pins to many of our members, and in the photograph attached you can see Manny presenting long-time Tri-Valley Lion and current Treasurer, Carol Furman with her pin. He also acknowledged former Tri-Valley Lion President Carmen Salvemini for his ongoing assistance and mentorship to our Club and for receipt of a Silver Membership pin, as Carmen has brought in several new members to date. District Governor Manny also presented his own personal and lovely Lion's pin to all Officers of the Tri-Valley Lions Club.

Several members of the Tri-Valley Lions Club will attend the District Convention on November 15, 2014 in Fishkill. The Tri-Valley Lions Club will also host the next Sight and Hearing meeting to be held on November 17, 2014 at Nardi's.

The Tri-Valley Lions meet the first Tuesday of each month at either Nardi's in Hurleyville or the Daniel Pierce Library. Board meetings are the third Thursday of each month at The Daniel Pierce Library. Our next dinner meeting will be on Tuesday, December 2nd at the Daniel Pierce Library in Grahamsville and starts promptly at 6:30 pm. This will also be our Christmas Party.

For more information or to inquire about joining the Tri-Valley Lions Club, please contact Membership Chair MaryLou Vernooy at 845-434-7781 or at mlvernooy@yahoo.com or Tri-Valley Lion President, Esta Jacob at 845-985-2927 or at jacobville@earthlink.net.

Local Residents Attend Chris Gibson's Victory Celebration in Kinderhook



Holding a strong lead to his victory Republican Candidate Chris Gibson will be heading into his third term of office representing the 19th Congressional District.

With his wife, Mary Jo and his family at his side, Chris Gibson was joined by many of his supporters at the Winding Brook Country Club in Kinderhook, NY to celebrate his win on Election night. Among the crowd of well-wishers and friends were Charlie and Iris Breiner of Claryville.


Winning with a 65 percent to 35 percent lead, Gibson not only had the Republican support, but had the support of Democrats in his district as well. The Sienna poll revealed an impressive 41 percent favorability among Democrats.



**Weather
FORECAST**


SUNRISE: 6:39 AM SUNSET: 4:40 PM
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THURSDAY



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HIGH: 42°F LOW: 29°F

**Faculty Works 2014 to
Open at SUNY Ulster
Gallery With Latin
American Music
Performance**

Exhibit featuring art teaching faculty runs through December on Stone Ridge campus

SUNY Ulster's Fine Art and Design faculty will showcase their creative work in an exhibit at the Muroff Kotler Visual Arts Gallery, opening with a reception Nov. 21, from 5 to 7 p.m.

Faculty Works 2014 will feature painting, drawing, photography, performance, fashion design and more from over a dozen faculty members who teach in the art department. It will run through Dec. 11 on the Stone Ridge campus.

The opening will include a performance by Passero World Music Ensemble, a Latin and World Music band featuring SUNY Ulster drawing and painting instructor Pablo Shine, whose paintings also will be on display.

The Muroff Kotler Visual Arts Gallery is open Mondays through Fridays, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., and by appointment. It is closed on college holidays. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, call (845) 687-5113.

Two Tri-Valley girls travel to SUNY Canton



Brittany Pennell took home the top women's time with a 22:27 in her first year attending the Lucy Town 5K.

Sandra Alemany and Brittany Pennell traveled to SUNY Canton for the NYSPHSAA Cross Country meet. Sandra finished with a time of 22:04; (88 out of about 140 runners) and Brittany with 22:23; (98 out of about 140 runners).

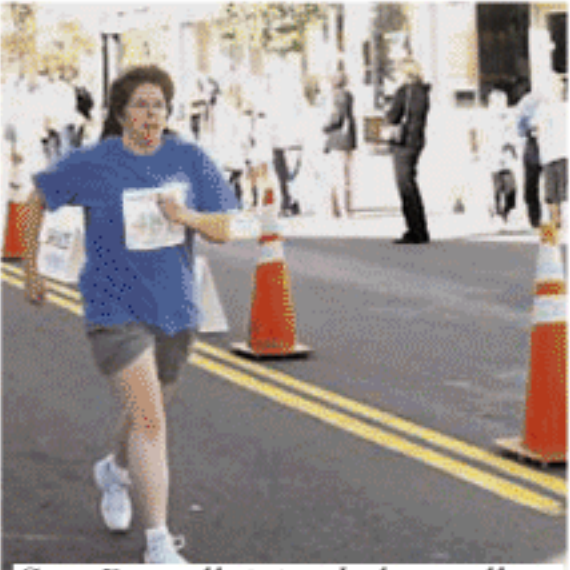
According to The Sunday Post-Journal - Jamestown, NY, Jack Holmberg of Erie, 14, was the overall winner with a time of 18 minutes, 58 seconds.

Meanwhile, Brittany Pennell, also 14 and hailing from Grahamsville, took home the top women's time with a 22:27 in her first year attending the Lucy Town 5K.

"It was a good course. It was nice and flat, so it was good to run," Pennell said after catching her breath. The hill in the beginning was good to work off of. It was nice weather, too. I just came because my mom and I were planning this as a fun thing to do."

Brittany Pennell and her mom, Sue traveled to Jamestown, New York, Lucille Ball's hometown on Columbus Day weekend to participate in the Lucy Town 5K. Sue Pennell joined the walkers and placed 4th out of 35 walkers (Placed 2nd of the women). Overall, Brittany placed 8th out of the 175 runners.

... and a on a final note from proud Grandma, Mary Ingrhim, "I forgot to add Brittany lost her shoe in the mud. The course was very muddy. She completed the race with only one shoe on."



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Adult Care Center Welcomes Ghosties and Ghoulies

On Friday morning October 31 Family Council's Co-President Joe Heilman, Secretary Gail Fredenburg and Treasurer Barbara Konvalin visited the S. C. Adult Care Center to judge the facility's Halloween Decorations created by staff and residents for the enjoyment of everyone.

Participating in the spooky offerings were registrants in the Adult Day Health Services, Physical and Occupational Therapy Departments, residents in the Secure Memory Care wing, the Activities Department, Short-Term Rehab as well as residents in all other units.



Unit 4 - Witch Donna Funcheon with Dracula

Family Council has been judging the yearly Halloween Celebrations at the facility for over 15 years and always presented First, Second and Third prizes for originality of theme. This year, however, for the first time THREE



Secure Memory Care Unit: Kim Neves, Peter Fanning and Meredith Rivera

first prizes were awarded. It was impossible for the judges to chose any other way due to the excellence of decorations in



Physical Therapy/Occupational Therapy: Tin Man, Sunil Reddamagari; Lion, Heather Saylor; Dorothy, Terry Freiermuth; Scarecrow, Judy Spafford; and Witch, Stephanie Lindholm

ASK Presents Concert by World Music Ensemble Levanta

The Arts Society of Kingston (ASK) will present a concert by World Music ensemble Levanta on Saturday, November 22, at 7 p.m. The group will perform in a variety of musical styles including Brazilian, Gospel, European classical, as well as original compositions and on-the-spot improvisations. The members of Levanta are Gabriel Dresdale on cello; Thomas Workman on vocals; Evry Mann on percussion; and Raphael Garritano on guitar and mandolin. Tickets at the door are a suggested donation of \$10.

The Arts Society of Kingston (ASK) is located at 97 Broadway in Kingston, New York. Visit www.askforarts.org for more information.

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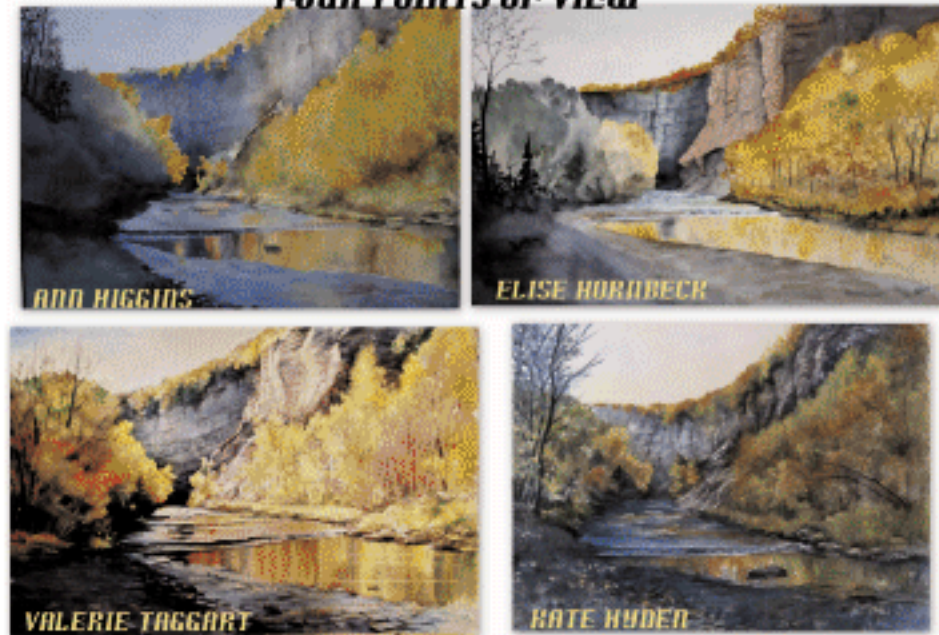
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CAS Winter Members Show Features Brand-New Artwork Celebrating the Season

The Catskill Art Society will present its annual CAS Winter Members Show, an exhibition of work by CAS member artists displayed throughout the CAS Arts Center at 48 Main Street, Livingston Manor, NY from November 22 through December 29.

FOUR POINTS OF VIEW



the various (often humorous) ways we cope with the cold are depicted in all media by CAS member artists.

All artwork is available for sale, with proceeds benefiting the artists and the nonprofit CAS Arts Center.

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.

CAS will be closed on Thursday, November 27 for Thanksgiving Day. For more information for visitors and upcoming exhibits, visit our website at www.catskillartsociety.org/exhibits.

Call to Artists
All CAS member artists are invited to drop off up to two works for the CAS Winter Members Show at the CAS Arts Center during regular gallery hours, now through Monday, November 17.

The entry fee for CAS member artists is \$15 for one work and \$20 for two. All work must be wall ready with securely attached wire (nothing visible, please) and priced for sale. Artists will receive 75% of all sales and have the option to replace sold work at no additional entry cost.

CAS Member Shows are open to current CAS members. If you are not a CAS member, you are welcome to join and participate in the exhibit. If your CAS membership has expired, you may renew at any time. Annual CAS memberships start at \$40 for seniors and students, \$50 for other individuals, and \$75 for families. All CAS members are regularly invited to exhibit work during Member Shows, which are currently held twice a year. CAS members also receive discounts on CAS events, classes, and items from several participating local merchants. (Contd. Pg. 10)

Catskill Art Society (From Pg. 9)

If you are interested in participating in the CAS Winter Members Show or joining CAS as a member, please call 845-436-4227 or email bradley@catskillartsociety.org for a submission form.

November 22, 2014 1-2pm - Annual Members Meeting

All current CAS members are invited to attend the Annual Members Meeting. Join Executive Director Bradley Diuguid and meet our organization's Board of Directors as we present the year's achievements and look forward to the year to come. Everyone is welcome to stay afterward for a free public reception to celebrate the CAS

Winter Members Show

November 22, 2014 2-4pm - Opening Reception The Catskill Art Society will host a free opening reception for the CAS Winter Members Show on Saturday, November 22 from 2-4pm. All are welcome and light refreshments will be served.

CAS Member Shows are presented twice annually to showcase artwork made by current CAS members. CAS members also receive discounts on CAS classes, programming, and items from several participating local merchants. If you are interested in learning more about membership at CAS, contact Bradley Diuguid at bradley@catskillartsociety.org, call us at 845-436-4227, or visit our website at www.catskillartsociety.org.

"A Day of Jewish Learning" to be Held at SUNY Ulster

The area's first "Day of Jewish Learning" will be held on Nov. 16 at SUNY Ulster's Stone Ridge campus featuring two guest presenters who will share stories of survival during World War II, as well as area spiritual and lay leaders. Co-presented by the Jewish Federation of Ulster County and SUNY Ulster, the event will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Vanderlyn Hall.

Among the featured speakers is Vera Nussenbaum, who as a Jewish child was rescued from Nazi-controlled Germany to safety in England during World War II on the first Kindertransport train. Her husband, Seymour Nussenbaum, will also speak about how he used his knowledge of military camouflage in America's top secret "Ghost Army" as part of a unit with a unique mission of impersonating other U.S. Army units to visually deceive the enemy.

Other speakers during the full day of classes and discussions include area rabbis and lay leaders who will lead sessions on chanting, interpretations of humor in Judaism, and an "instant choir." Activities also will be available for children ages 8 to 12 and a book exchange will be held. Registration is open to people from all backgrounds ages 13 and up. Online advance registration at www.ucjf.org is encouraged. Cost is \$20 for adults and \$15 for teens and students. Door admission is \$25 for adults and \$18 for teens and students. Admission includes a Kosher dairy lunch and snacks. For additional information, contact the Jewish Federation of Ulster County, www.ucjf.org or (845) 338-8131.

Vera Nussenbaum

Born Vera Paula Ribetski in Leipzig, Germany, she lived with her family in Germany until the age of 12. As a Jewish child in Nazi-controlled Germany, Vera was sent to safety in England in 1938 on the very first Kindertransport (German for child transport) rescue train before the outbreak of World War II.

She was among hundreds of children rescued and footage of their arrival in England can be seen at the Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C. During the war, she learned her whole family in Germany had been killed in the Holocaust. Vera spent eight years living with one family in England until an uncle in America paid her way to come to this country in 1946.

Vera met Seymour Nussenbaum in 1947 at a summer camp where they both worked as counselors. They were married

in 1949 and have two daughters and three grandchildren. The couple now resides in a retirement community in Monroe, New Jersey.

Seymour Nussenbaum

Born in Manhattan, Seymour grew up in the Bronx and Brooklyn. He worked in the Garment Center in the early 1940s to pay for college at night at the Pratt Institute. In 1943, he entered the U.S. Army. His coursework at Pratt in Military Camouflage led to him being transferred at his request to a Camouflage Battalion.

As part of America's top-secret "ghost" army, his outfit, the 23rd Headquarters Special Troops, was given a unique mission of impersonating other U.S. Army units to visually deceive the enemy. The unit was part of the largest pre-invasion convoy. Some of the troops landed on D-Day and the unit took part in 21 missions before the war ended.

After being discharged from the Army, Seymour graduated from Pratt in 1948 with a certificate in illustration and had a successful career in package design until his retirement in 1988.

Gov Cuomo Announces New Virtual Tours Now Available at NYS Parks and Campgrounds - Experience Tours on State Parks and Department of Environmental Conservation Websites

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced the availability of 93 virtual tours for popular destinations across the Empire State that will inspire and help visitors plan their getaway. The virtual tours offer stunning 360-degree views of scenic vistas, popular attractions and campgrounds across New York State, making it easier than ever for prospective visitors to plan a trip to experience New York.

"New York has an unparalleled array of outdoor locations for people to enjoy - and now it is easier than ever to preview some of the State's most scenic destinations," Governor Cuomo said. "By offering a glimpse into the great outdoors, we're providing an important resource for travelers looking to plan the perfect vacation, while also promoting some of the best tourism assets in virtually every corner of the State. I encourage all New Yorkers to check out this online gateway and plan a trip to their favorite in-state destination today."

The virtual tours include both moving "spins" and still images of a variety of State-owned parks, campgrounds, trails, playgrounds, pavilions, golf courses, boat launches, beaches and pools in the parks, as well as landscapes and premium viewing spots. Each virtual tour includes multiple scenes and key information about the property.

State Parks Commissioner Rose Harvey said, "These virtual tours are a convenient and valuable tool for families planning their getaways. By offering a preview of each park's highlights, the tours can play an important step in introducing first-time visitors to our properties and inspire our regular patrons to explore new parks and campgrounds."

Department of Environmental Conservation Commissioner Joe Martens said, "New York offers exciting and easily accessible camping opportunities in nearly every region of the state, providing a great experience for families and people of all ages. Governor Cuomo continues to make important investments to promote camping, fishing and other outdoor recreation activities, which attract tourists and benefit regional economies. These virtual tours showcase New York's beautiful scenery and natural resources, and we encourage people to view the virtual tours to discover the perfect destination for their next outdoor experience."

The tours of campsites look at sample interior and exterior images of the diverse types of lodging available, including boat-access-only waterfront sites, family-friendly camping loops,

secluded wooded settings, rustic cabins, fully-equipped cottages and more. More than 15,000 campsites and 800 cabins are conveniently located near day-use parks, historic sites and other family-oriented properties.

Tourism is a powerful economic driver in Upstate New York, and Governor Cuomo has made it a priority to promote travel and extended stay in Upstate - and today New York is welcoming a record number of visitors. The 2014 summer season, which is between Memorial Day weekend and Labor Day, welcomed 36 million visitors to the State's parks, historic sites, campgrounds and facilities.

Hudson Valley Manufacturing Celebrated at Council of Industry Annual Luncheon

Manufacturers from throughout the Hudson Valley gathered on November 7th for the Council of Industry's Annual Luncheon and Member / Associate Member Expo at the Dutchess Golf Club in Poughkeepsie, NY. The keynote address was given by E.J. McMahon, president of the Empire Center for Public Policy, Inc., who discussed the current fiscal state of affairs for New York and the impact of the election results. The event honored the recipients of the Certificate in Manufacturing Leadership which was presented at the luncheon by SUNY Dutchess Dean Virginia Stoeffel. The Council of Industry also premiered short video segments that will be added to their website highlighting local manufacturers. There were over 200 manufacturers and associated industry professionals in attendance at the event.

Keynote speaker, E.J. McMahon has written numerous pieces on regional, state and local issues, recommending policy changes and reforms to increase economic growth. His presentation focused on the way upstate New York is lagging behind much if not all of the other states and down state New York in recovering from the recession. He included slides on the out-migration of New York residents to other states, and the past few attempts at cutting and restructuring New York's deficit-ridden state budget. Some key points McMahon hit on were how private employment upstate peaked in 2000 and hasn't fully recovered from the last two recessions, and upstate's relative economic decline is strongly related to its long-term loss of manufacturing jobs-which has exceeded the national decline - and its failure to generate sufficient new employment opportunities in other sectors. The lack of opportunity in upstate New York is reflected in population trends over the past two decades-especially the region's failure to retain young adults. His articles have appeared in The Wall Street Journal, The New York Times, Barron's, the Public Interest, the New York Post, the New York Daily News, Newsday, and the New York Sun, among other publications. McMahon was the Council of Industry's keynote speaker in 2009 and we are thrilled to have him back again.

Seventeen graduates of the Manufacturing Leadership program were recognized at the luncheon. SUNY Dutchess and the Council of Industry have been partners for over fifteen years in this constantly evolving program designed to provide skill sets for supervisors and managers. Ten full day classes cover topics from Fundamentals of Leadership to Problem Solving & Decision Making, to Making a Profit in Manufacturing. Virginia Stoeffel, Dean of Community Services and Special Programs at SUNY Dutchess presented the following individuals with their certificates: Matthew Mc Donald from Alcoa Fastening Systems; Don Sylvester from Ametek; Jason Chabut, Gerald Pulis, and Jay Reed, from Balchem Corporation; Jim Reap and Ben Rothwell, from MPI; Karen Chastain,

Gary Dohrman, Fabian Juhr, Evelyn Rivera, and James Wilson, from Selux; Marc Weiss from Stanfordville Machine & Mfg.; Tracy Diviesti, Arthur Grund, Brian Harris, and Sharon Roff, from Zumtobel Lighting.

The Expo portion of the event showcased the products and services Council of Industry members and associate members provide. There was a wide variety of displays from insurance, construction, gift baskets, video production, custodial products, staffing, training and packaging, just to name a few. This is an opportunity for members and associate members to showcase their wares and make connections.

Sponsorships make this event possible and The Council of Industry would like to thank the following supporting sponsors for their support of Hudson Valley Manufacturing: The Chazen Companies, Direct Energy Business, Jabil Circuit Inc., TD Bank, Verticon Ltd., Zumtobel Lighting.

UC Exec Mike Hein Proclaims November as National Adoption Month in Ulster County

Kingston, NY - Ulster County Executive Mike Hein proclaims November as National Adoption Month in Ulster County. Currently there are 134 children placed in foster care in Ulster County and over 19,000 children in foster care across New York State. In addition, there are approximately 700 foster children in New York who are now waiting to be placed in a nurturing, safe and permanent home. Over 2,000 children in the State of New York were adopted from foster care in 2013 and 24 were adopted in Ulster County, providing them a loving family and an opportunity for a brighter future while bringing great joy to the adoptive parents.

"This is a month we focus on and recognize adopted children, teenagers, foster parents and adoptive parents because we know that adoption is critical in the lives of children and youth in foster care as well as our entire community," said County Executive Hein. "National Adoption Month helps to raise awareness of the ongoing need for adoptive parents and we greatly appreciate all the Ulster County families who welcome adoptive children into their homes and lives. It is so critical that children and teenagers have the security of a safe and loving environment; especially if there have been previous hardships they need to overcome. To learn more about becoming a foster and/or adoptive parent, please contact the Ulster County Department of Social Services at 845-334-5400."

"We continue to be very fortunate in Ulster County that we have families and individuals dedicated to making a commitment to fostering and adopting children into safe, supportive and caring homes," said Social Services Commissioner Michael Iapoco. "We are pleased to share that so far in 2014 we have completed 4 adoptions to date and expect to complete 4 more during the month of November. I join County Executive Mike Hein, our home finding staff and foster care unit in congratulating these special families."

"All children are deserving of a forever home and Ulster County DSS strives to find permanent resources for all of our children who have been freed for adoption," said Deputy Commissioner of Social Services Barbara Sorokin. "It is a blessing that so many people are willing to open their hearts and their homes to become adoptive parents and, by choice, form lasting families."

National Adoption Month features National Adoption Day on Saturday, November 22nd. On this day hundreds of children and families will have their adoption processes finalized while raising awareness of those children still waiting for a permanent family. The requirement to become a foster and/or adoptive parent involves attending a nine week foster parent training course and participation in the home study and assessment process. Please contact the Ulster County Department of Social Services at 845-334-5400 to learn more.

Strategic Fuel Reserves in Rensselaer, Brewerton, Rochester, Marcy, Vestal and Buffalo will Ensure Availability of Gasoline and Diesel Fuels to First Responders if Supply is Disrupted

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo announced the establishment of a strategic fuel reserve at six key locations in Upstate New York to help ensure that gasoline and diesel fuels are available to emergency responders in the event of an emergency, including future severe storms. The reserve terminals are positioned to rapidly provide service to all areas of Upstate New York in the event of a declared emergency. Establishing an Upstate fuel reserve is a key component of Fuel NY, the Governor's statewide fuel infrastructure protection initiative developed in direct response to disruptions caused by Superstorm Sandy.

"The strategic Upstate fuel reserve will enable emergency responders to continue their vitally important jobs, even in the event of a prolonged disaster, and addresses vulnerabilities discovered in the aftermath of Superstorm Sandy," Governor Cuomo said. "This addition to New York's fuel infrastructure plan makes it the strongest of any state in the nation, and is one more way that we are building back better."

Approximately 2.5 million gallons of gasoline and ultra-low sulfur diesel fuel will be housed in the strategic fuel reserve, and will be supplied to first responders during a declared emergency in the event that their own fuel supplies are disrupted. The six key reserve terminals that will provide service to all of Upstate New York are located in:

Rensselaer; Brewerton; Rochester; Marcy; Vestal; and Buffalo

The Upstate Strategic Fuel Reserve Program is administered by the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority with \$10 million in funding provided by the New York Power Authority. The fuel is owned by New York State, and the reserves are managed by Buckeye Terminals, LLC. Suppliers will be able to pre-register with the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority to facilitate distribution of fuel upon declaration of an emergency and release of the strategic fuel reserve in their region.

Fuel NY is the nation's strongest program for meeting the backup electricity requirements of gas stations to be better prepared for a declared emergency. Today, more than half of all gas stations in New York City, Long Island and Westchester and Rockland Counties are required to have back-up power in the event of an emergency. Additionally, Fuel NY has established the first-in-the-nation State Strategic Gasoline Reserve on Long Island.

New York State Energy Research and Development Authority President and CEO John B. Rhodes said, "Under Governor Cuomo's leadership, New York State is developing a resilient and reliable energy infrastructure, and the Upstate Strategic Fuel Reserve Program is an important piece of that solution. This reserve will ensure that critical first responders like police, ambulance, fire department, and other emergency personnel have fuel to assist New Yorkers and aide in the recovery efforts during severe weather events."

New York Power Authority President and CEO Gil C. Quinones said, "The Upstate Strategic Fuel Reserve will provide the New York Power Authority, other utilities in the state and first responders with added assurance that their transmission and repair crews will have the necessary fuel supplies for their bucket trucks and other vehicles for restoring power after major storms. The fuel reserve is a vital emergency-preparedness initiative for lessening the disruptive impacts of

future storms."

Buckeye Partners, L.P. Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Clark C. Smith said, "Buckeye is pleased to be partnering with the State of New York to provide a strategic refined petroleum products reserve for the Upstate New York markets. Buckeye's success in quickly and safely re-starting operations after the Superstorm Sandy landfall in 2012 demonstrated our commitment to minimizing disruptions in the markets we supply. Buckeye is very proud to be a part of the storage and distribution option for first responders should there be another emergency event in the future."

Assemblymember Cahill Reminds Area Residents to Apply for HEAP (Home Energy Assistance Program)

(Kingston, NY) - Assemblymember Kevin A. Cahill (D-Ulster, Dutchess) wants residents to be aware of available assistance for those struggling to heat their homes. Low-income and working class families are encouraged to apply for the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) starting November 17, 2014.

"The winter season is often the most difficult for many, and the prevention of heating emergencies is of utmost concern," Assemblymember Cahill said. "HEAP has consistently helped people to survive the colder months with a sense of dignity and assurance. When unforeseen situations arise, it is reassuring to know that there is pre-existing and proven support for those who may not know where to turn."

The program will be open for applications starting Monday, November 17. Eligibility is based on income criteria and the fuel source used in the home. Those who are currently in receipt of temporary assistance or SNAP benefits automatically qualify for HEAP. Please check with your case worker to ensure that you are enrolled.

In addition to regular HEAP, the state also offers Emergency HEAP and the Heating Equipment Repair and Replacement Program. Emergency HEAP, which will be available starting January 2, 2015, addresses issues such as utility shut-off, fuel scarcity and inoperable heating machinery. The Heating Equipment Repair and Replacement Program is effective starting November 10, 2014 and provides assistance for the repair and replacement of existing systems. Applications for this program must be made in person at your local Department of Social Services.

To determine if you are eligible for these support services, citizens should visit mybenefits.ny.gov or call their local HEAP office. The Ulster County Department of Social Services HEAP Office can be reached at 845-334-5436. To leave a message with your information call 845-334-5435. Dutchess County residents should call 845-486-3249. As always, you may call my Kingston District Office for assistance at 845-338-9610.

Innovative tracking tools help prevent over 250,000 individuals from stealing Unemployment Insurance benefits - Governor Cuomo Announces \$500 Million Saved Through Unemployment Insurance Fraud Prevention Measures

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced that over \$500 million has been saved since 2011 thanks to innovative efforts to prevent Unemployment Insurance fraud in New York State.

"These fraud-fighting reforms have helped strengthen New York's Unemployment Insurance system for job seekers and ensure employers do not bear the burden for those who seek to game the system," Governor Cuomo said. "This

administration will continue to crack down on Unemployment Insurance fraud and make sure that these benefits only go to the New Yorkers who need them."

Employers across the state contribute to New York's Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund. When the Trust Fund is forced to pay out because of a fraudulent claim, employers have to pay more, and that means consumers pay more as well.

The main technologies that the state Department of Labor uses to help prevent and detect fraud are new-hire and incarceration data cross-matching, data mining and foreign Internet Protocol (IP) address blocking.

Cross-matching new-hire databases helps identify individuals who may not be eligible for Unemployment Insurance benefits because they started working again. In most cases, this cross-match immediately stops them from collecting any benefit payment, even before they receive their first paycheck. Since January 2011, new-hire cross-matching protocols have prevented \$409 million in benefits from being paid out to more than 200,000 individuals.

Incarcerated individuals are not eligible for benefits because they cannot meet the requirement to be available for work. Cross-matching incarceration databases halts attempts by incarcerated individuals who file for Unemployment Insurance benefits. Applications by an individual, their friends or their family members to collect on their behalf are blocked when incarceration databases are compared. By blocking more than 7,500 individuals from collecting benefits, incarceration cross-matches have saved an additional \$18 million.

Since June 2012, foreign IP blocking technology has prevented \$97 million in benefits from being paid out to more than 40,000 individuals. When computers or mobile devices from foreign countries attempt to access the New York State Department of Labor's system, they are blocked from claiming benefits. This prevents individuals from collecting benefits while out of the country and not available for work as required by law. Since IP blocking was implemented, the number of attempts per quarter has been reduced by nearly two-thirds. (Contd. Pg. 14)

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GOVERNOR CUOMO ANNOUNCES NEW ONLINE HIRING RESOURCE FOR VETERANS

Albany, NY (November 10, 2014)

Eligible Veterans Can Submit Information for Temporary State Employment Consideration

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced the launch of a new online portal that will provide veterans the tools they need to connect with temporary employment opportunities offered by New York State. The website enables job seekers to upload resumes and designate geographic preferences, which State agencies then use to identify and consider candidates for open positions throughout New York.

"We owe all of our Veterans a tremendous debt of gratitude for their service, and helping them find employment is an important way to support them here at home," Governor Cuomo said. "By connecting Veterans with job opportunities in their area, this new online portal will help the men and women of the armed forces leverage their skills and experiences and ultimately grow their careers. This is another example of how New York State is working to put Veterans first, and I want to thank Senator Ball and Assemblyman Benedetto for their work in making this new resource possible."

The Veterans Temporary Hiring Program offers opportunities for temporary employment in positions such as a disaster assistance representative, transportation construction inspector and highway maintenance worker, as well as seasonal positions, such as a lifeguard and tax information aide. The online portal can be accessed through the Department of Civil Service's website here.

Civil Service Commissioner Jerry Boone said, "Interested veterans seeking temporary employment are encouraged to utilize this convenient employment resource. Temporary jobs provide valuable experience our veterans can leverage to improve their employment opportunities both inside and outside state government."

Director of Veterans Affairs Eric Hesse said, "This is another significant program for servicemembers to use to their advantage. I think it will be especially useful as servicemembers transition from the service helping them to discover new opportunities in a competitive job market. The Governor's continued leadership on Veterans' issues is making a difference for all Veterans."

The online portal is a result of a chapter amendment to the Veterans Employment Act sponsored by Senator Greg Ball and Assemblyman Michael Benedetto.

Senator Greg Ball, Chairman of the Senate Veterans, Homeland Security and Military Affairs Committee, said, "We jump through hoops to prepare young men and women to enter into the military, but once they finish their service there is often very little transition back into civilian life. Many of our servicemen and women find this transition very difficult and often times can't find meaningful employment upon their return. This new law will help lead our unemployed veterans into the workforce. I would like to thank the Governor for his support of this legislation to help put our veterans back to work."

Assemblyman Michael Benedetto said, "Providing veterans with the opportunity to access temporary employment opportunities offered by New York State is a common sense way to allow our jobless vets a way to re-enter the workforce and have the State benefit from their skills and expertise. I applaud the Governor for launching this site."

Eligibility for the Veterans Temporary Hiring Program is limited to veterans with a Department of Defense Form 214. In general, applicants must have served on active duty in the United States Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Coast Guard or the Reserve Components of the Armed Forces of the United States, or served in active military service of the United States as a member of the Army National Guard, or Air National Guard. Veterans serving in the State's volunteer New York Guard or New York Naval Militia who have a DD Form 214 are also eligible. Applicants with a DD Form 214 must have been released from service after September 11, 2001. Applicants with a dishonorable discharge are not eligible.

Applicants will be required to provide their DD Form 214 to prove eligibility for this program. More information on the Veterans Temporary Hiring Program is available at <http://www.cs.ny.gov/> Andrew M. Cuomo Governor,

Jerry Boone Commissioner, President of the Civil Service Commission

This space is also for you. What are your thoughts? *To have your comments and/or questions published space allowing and following Townsman guidelines as listed in the masthead send an Email: politicalslant@yahoo.com*

Join the Fun and Things to do at Fishkill Farms

There will be a Farm Community Potluck on November 15th, 12-2pm meet the Fishkill Farms CSA community! Bring a favorite dish to share, and any questions about our unique winter farm-share program. Please RSVP! Call Us: (845) 897-4377 Email: info@fishkillfarms.com

Join the Winter Season Kickoff Party on November 22nd, 11am-5pm. We're proud to announce that we've just gotten licensed to retail NYS-produced hard cider, beer, and fine spirits! Come sample our newest stock alongside some of our rare and unique heirloom apple varieties. Holiday Tasting Faire

Getting closer to the holidays, on December 19th, 12pm-4pm Hungry for gift ideas? Try some great new craft foods at the Fishkill Farms Store--including local cheeses, pickles & preserves, organic chocolate, handmade pastas and more! And for something to do after the New Year, DIY Sauerkraut & Home

Fermentation Workshop will be held on January 3rd, 1pm-3pm Love pickled veggies? Want to learn how to make 'em? \$10 gets you an assortment of Fishkill Farms winter veggies, plus a jar, salt, and walk-through of the preparation process -led by Derek Dellinger, local author of "The Fermented Man" (pub. date 2016)

A Beer Home-Brewing Workshop: Extract Brewing 101 will be held on January 17th, 1pm-3pm Derek Dellinger returns to demonstrate extract brewing, a simplified method ideal for newbie homebrewers. Pull up a chair and learn as he walks us through the process. Free! Space limited, please RSVP!

Claryville Fire Dept.
Welcome Hunters
All You Can Eat
Pancake Breakfast



Sunday, Nov. 16
Serving 7:00 until 12:00 Noon
Adults \$7
Children 5-11 \$3
Under 5 free
\$50 from the breakfast is donated to the Claryville Reformed Church Food Pantry

GFD Ladies Auxiliary Presents:
Santa Comes to Grahamsville



When: Sunday December 14, 2014
Where: Town Hall, Grahamsville NY.
Time: 11-1 pm

Please join us for this fun event by bringing your little one(s) to meet and take a picture with Santa!! Refreshments will be served! It will be held whether it snows, rains, sleets, or shines!! Hope to see you there!



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The Little Church with the Big Heart
Sunday, 8:15 am Service of Holy Communion

Music by Susan and Fred Van Wagner
Coffee hour follows service
All are welcome!

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Claryville, NY 12725
845-985-2041

Bible Class 9:00 am
Worship Services @ 10:00 am
Rev. Paul Nulton
John Bult, Organist

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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.

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Sundown Methodist Church
Nov 1, 2014
Covered Dish Supper
5:30 pm
at the Church Hall

Grahamsville United Methodist Church
Saturday Thrift Sale
Nov. 15, 2014 • 9-1
Fellowship Hall
Rt. 55, Grahamsville, NY

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

† Sundown United Methodist Church
† Annual †
HOLIDAY FAIR
November 22, 2014
10am - 3pm
Come and start your holiday Shopping early
Lunch will be served
Thanksgiving style bake table

SUNDOWN METHODIST CHURCH BREAKFAST
NOVEMBER 15, 2014
5:30 - 9:00 AM
NOVEMBER 16, 2014
5:30 - 8:00 AM
EVERYONE WELCOME
HUNTERS START YOUR DAY WITH A GOOD BREAKFAST
FREE WILL OFFERING

Holiday Craft Fair and Luncheon
hosted by
Grahamsville United Methodist Church
on Saturday, December 6, 2014
from 10:00 to 3:00 in their Fellowship Hall.
Local artists and craftsman will be selling their jewelry, original watercolors, pottery, handmade soaps and much more.
A lunch of soup, sandwiches and desserts will be available.
The church is located on Route 55 in Grahamsville. For more information call 985-7427 or 985-2283

TIME & THE VALLEYS MUSEUM
GRAHAMSVILLE, NY
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Three floors of exhibitions, Local History Resource Center and a Museum Shop
Time and the Valleys Museum has copies of every Townsman printed since the beginning (1947) classified by year for anyone to research.
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Bible Study 7 pm
Friday Youth Night 7 pm
Ismael Berrios
Lead Pastor
P. O. Box 480
507 Hasbrouck Drive
Woodbourne, NY 12788
845-434-8263
Email: crosswayaog@aol.com
www.crosswayaog.com

Sundown United Methodist Church
Peekamoose Rd., Sundown
Sunday Worship Service - 8:30 a.m.
Sunday School - after worship (9:40 a.m.)
Wednesday Bible Study - 6:45 p.m.
Pastor: Rev. Peggy Ann Sauerhoff
845-985-2283
e-mail: Sundownumc@gmail.com
Grahamsville United Methodist Church
Rte. 55, Grahamsville
Sunday Worship Service - 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School for grades k-7 - 10:30a.m.
Mid-week Bible Study opportunities available!
For information contact Rev. Peggy Ann Sauerhoff 845-985-2283
e-mail: Grahamsvilleumc@gmail.com

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PUBLIC NOTICES/LEGALS:

LEGAL NOTICE
Town of Neversink
Notice of Budget Adoption

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Town of Neversink Town Board, Sullivan County, New York has met and considered the Preliminary Budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2015 and conducted a public hearing thereon November 6, 2014 as required by Town Law, Section 108, and

FURTHER NOTICE IS GIVEN, that the Preliminary Budget is hereby adopted as the Annual Budget of the Town of Neversink for the fiscal year beginning on January 1, 2015. Copies of said budget are available at the Office of the Town Clerk, 273 Main Street, Grahamsville, NY during normal business hours.

By order of the Town Board
Lisa Garigliano
Town Clerk
November 7, 2014

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ANNUAL ELECTION OF GRAHAMSVILLE FIRE DISTRICT
DECEMBER 9, 2014

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Annual Election of the Grahamsville Fire District will take place on December 9, 2014 between the hours of 6:00 pm and 9:00 pm at the Grahamsville Firehouse located at 205 Main Street, Grahamsville, New York for the purpose of:

1) Electing one Commissioner for a 5-year term commencing on January 1, 2015 and ending on December 31, 2019.

Candidates for the District Office of Commissioner must submit their request in writing to the District Secretary at PO Box 343, Grahamsville, NY 12740 to be placed on the ballot no later than November 19, 2014.

All residents of the Fire District duly registered with the Sullivan County Board of Elections as of November 17, 2014 shall be eligible to vote.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS OF THE GRAHAMSVILLE FIRE DISTRICT.

Scott L. Raymond, District Secretary
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Legal Notice

ANNUAL ELECTION OF THE CLARYVILLE FIRE DISTRICT
DECEMBER 9, 2014

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual Election of the Claryville Fire District will take place on December 9, 2014 between the hours of 6:00pm and 9:00 pm at the Claryville Fire House located on Denning Rd. for the purpose of electing one commissioner for a five (5) year term, commencing January 1, 2015, ending December 31, 2019 and one commissioner for a four (4) year term, commencing January 1, 2015, ending December 31, 2018. All voters registered with the Sullivan County Board of Elections and the Ulster County Board of Elections on or before November 17, 2014 shall be eligible to vote.

Candidates for the District Office shall have filed their names with the Secretary of the Claryville Fire District, PO Box 22, Claryville, NY 12725, no later than ten days before the election, November 29, 2014 to be on the ballot.

Dated November 4, 2014
Jim Tisch, Secretary
Board of Fire Commissioners
Claryville Fire District

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PUBLIC NOTICE:

ANNUAL ELECTION OF THE NEVERSINK FIRE DISTRICT - DECEMBER 9, 2014

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE That the Annual Election of the Neversink Fire District will take place on December 9, 2014 between the hours of 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. at the Neversink Fire House Community Hall, located on NYS Route 55, Neversink, New York for the purpose of:

Electing one commissioner for a five (5) year term commencing on January 1, 2015 and ending December 31, 2019.

Candidates for District Office of Commissioner must submit their Letter of Intent to run for office to the District Secretary at PO Box 394, Neversink, no later than November 19 to be placed on the ballot.

All residents of the Fire District duly registered with the Sullivan County Board of Elections as of November 17, 2014 to be eligible to vote.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS OF THE NEVERSINK FIRE DISTRICT

Allison Mehr-Ruef, District Secretary
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Be an 'American in Bloom Community' or Just Look Like One - Beautification 'Best Practices' from Around the United States

[LIBERTY] - "Lessons Learned from America in Bloom" will be the focus of a seminar on Wednesday, December 3 at 7:00 p.m. at the CVI Center in Liberty. Sullivan Renaissance Horticultural Coordinator Diana K. Weiner will take participants on a photographic road trip to see what volunteers are doing to beautify their communities throughout the United States.

America in Bloom is a nationally-based organization that promotes community beautification through the use of flowers, plants and trees. Founded in 2002, the program was modeled after Communities in Bloom in Canada, as was Sullivan Renaissance. America in Bloom sponsors an annual nationwide competition and also provides one-on-one mentoring and evaluations with detailed recommendations to participating communities.

The America in Bloom program focuses in six areas: floral displays, landscaped areas, urban forestry, environmental efforts, heritage preservation and overall impression.

"Any one of our Sullivan County communities could find themselves a natural competitor in this program," said Weiner, "And if there is an interest, Sullivan Renaissance would work with that community through a community development grant to cover the registration fee to participate." Staff from Sullivan Renaissance attended the 2014 America in Bloom symposium in Philadelphia, PA in October. As part of the seminar they will share their "top takeaways" and best practices learned.

The first five registered communities will receive a complimentary copy of the book "Ten Years of Best Ideas - From America in Bloom Towns and Cities" which offers 2000 best practices and photos of all the great ideas from participants in the program across the country. There will also be a door prize raffle of gardening items showcased during the 2014 America in Bloom Symposium. Space is limited, pre-registration is requested. Refreshments will be provided. For more information or to register, contact Sullivan Renaissance at www.sullivanrenaissance.org or 845-295-2445.

Schneiderman: We Will Take Action To Ensure Consumers Have Access To Accurate Provider Directories When Comparing Health Plans-

NEW YORK - Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman today issued a brochure offering tips to New Yorkers buying health insurance coverage for 2015. The pamphlet, titled "Shopping For Health Insurance Coverage," is being released in advance of the New York State of Health Marketplace's open enrollment period, which begins November 15. The Marketplace is the only official health insurance exchange for New York established under the Affordable Care Act (often referred to as Obamacare).

In anticipation of the upcoming open enrollment period, Attorney General Schneiderman, in particular, encourages consumers to confirm that their key health care providers participate in a plan before enrolling -- or that they are still participating in a plan before re-enrolling.

"Take the time during the upcoming open enrollment period to evaluate available plans. I am urging you to do this even if you are happy with your current health plan because your plan, and other plans, may have changed," Attorney General Schneiderman said. "I also strongly urge New York consumers not to rely solely on provider lists offered by insurance companies. Call the insurance company you are considering, as well as your providers, to confirm that they are in the plan's network. Do this before you sign up. It's a quick and easy way to protect your family's health and your wallet."

The Attorney General's brochure offers important information for all New Yorkers shopping for health insurance, whether they are considering purchasing health coverage for the first time, re-enrolling in their existing plan, or switching into a new health plan. The New York State of Health Marketplace first offered New Yorkers access to affordable health insurance coverage in 2014, and approximately 960,000 New Yorkers enrolled in the first year.

Open enrollment through New York State of Health begins on November 15, 2014, and New Yorkers seeking coverage effective January 1, 2015 must enroll by December 15. Once open enrollment begins, you will be able to review all available health insurance plans, as well as determine what premium tax credits, or subsidies, you may be eligible for to reduce the cost of your monthly premiums. Take this opportunity to review all available plans. Prior to enrolling, take some time to: (1) identify your health needs for the upcoming year; (2) consider your budget; and (3) based on your identified health needs and budget priorities, compare the available plans to evaluate how they satisfy those needs.

The Attorney General's Office encourages all New Yorkers shopping for health insurance to take the following steps when evaluating their health care providers:

- 1) Check and Confirm Your Provider's Participation Status With the Insurance Company
 - o As a first step, check the list of participating providers made available by the health plan you're considering.
 - o Health plans typically make lists of their participating providers available on their websites, sometimes through a search tool.
 - o You can also search through the New York State of Health website if you are planning to enroll through the Marketplace.
 - o Next, if your providers are listed as participating, call the insurance company directly and ask a representative to confirm that your providers are participating in particular plans.
 - o Keep in mind that health insurance companies often offer several different health plans, and the different plans may have different participating provider networks. Make sure you're searching and asking about the right plans.
- 2) Check With Your Providers
 - o Even if the insurance company confirms the provider's participation in the

plan, call your providers so they can confirm as well. Do not just rely on information posted on the provider's website, as it may not be current.

3) Document All Searches and Conversations

o Document all online searches and calls, even if both the plan and provider confirm participation in the plan.

o If you have conducted an online search of a provider directory, print or save the results of that search.

o If you speak with a health plan representative or provider, make sure to write down when you called, with whom you spoke, the providers discussed, and what you were told about each provider's participation status.

o If a provider turns out to be incorrectly listed as participating, but you have taken these steps, you will be in a better position to obtain reimbursement for out-of-pocket expenses incurred as a result of the inaccurate listing and/or temporarily continue treatment with that provider.

If you encounter inaccurate provider listings once you are enrolled in a plan and cannot access needed care from that provider, contact the Health Care Bureau Helpline for assistance: 1-800-428-9071.

Innovative tracking tools (From Pg. 12)

The Department also conducts sophisticated data mining to detect identity thieves who use that information to collect benefits. Agency investigators have uncovered large-scale identity theft rings that have preyed on New York and other states. In one case, state Labor Department investigations detected numerous false claims filed with stolen identities coming from Florida. Working together with Federal law enforcement, investigators found a cache of stolen identities, hundreds of credit and debit cards and evidence of fraud against numerous state benefit programs. The defendant pled guilty in Federal court last week and is awaiting sentencing. Data mining alone has prevented an estimated \$10 million in illegal benefits from being paid out to nearly 700 individuals in the past three years.

State Labor Commissioner Peter M. Rivera said, "The Department of Labor is using and helping to develop the latest technology to deter Unemployment Insurance fraud at every stage of the process. We are as proactive as possible in preventing fraud, and when dishonest individuals attempt to collect benefits they are not owed, investigators are waiting to catch them before the money goes out the door. The Department is committed to keeping the Unemployment Insurance system fair, sensible and free of fraud."

In addition to preventing fraud, the Department of Labor also recovers payments for benefits that were illegally collected and refers cases for prosecution. Governor Cuomo's comprehensive Unemployment Insurance Reform measures created a stronger mechanism to prevent, detect and recover benefits that were fraudulently collected.

As a national leader in fraud prevention, many of the Department of Labor's methods have been adopted by other states. As a result of New York's leadership in fraud prevention, the state was selected in 2012 to house the Unemployment Insurance Integrity Center of Excellence - a national collaboration of state workforce agencies, the U.S. Department of Labor and the National Association of State Workforce Agencies. The Center is a laboratory of innovation for integrity strategies in the Unemployment Insurance program, focusing particularly on the prevention detection and recovery of improper payments. These efforts will further improve system integrity in New York and in other states.

To anonymously report any kind of fraud, please visit: www.labor.ny.gov/fraud. For more information on what constitutes Unemployment Insurance fraud, please call 1-888-598-2077 or visit: www.labor.ny.gov/agencyinfo/ufraud.shtm

Town of Neversink Parks & Recreation Department

www.townofneversink.org

Call for info: (845) 985-2262 extension 312

Dec 6 - **Transportation to NYC** Leave Town Hall 8:00 am return approx. 8:00 pm. \$22 Neversink Residents/Tri-Valley Students/ non-residents. **Must be paid by Nov 5.**

Thank you **Jamie Brooks** and the **Town of Neversink** and all the **volunteers** for all the fun and opportunities you have offered us this past year.

Looking forward to next year!

FREE FUN every FRIDAY afternoon 1- 4 pm in the upstairs meeting room in the Neversink Town Hall.



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

All Aboard!
Join the Fun!
Play Mexican Train
FREE FUN every FRIDAY 1- 4 pm in the upstairs meeting room at the Neversink Town Hall
Also **WANTED:** People for card games

Veteran Arts Showcase November 21-23, 2014

Veteran Arts Showcase, a celebration of multiple arts and how they heal and create community. The artists are veterans, family members of veterans, or military connected. It will be held at the FDR Presidential Library/Wallace Center on Route 9, Hyde Park, NY. Opening night reception Friday evening Nov 21, 5:30 pm - 8:30pm: meet the artists, hear selections by the cast of the musical "Deployed," enjoy original poetry and join in a community rhythm circle.

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- 11/13/14 Dept of Motor Vehicles - Neversink Town Hall 10:00 am - 2:30 pm
- 11/13/14 Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting 7 pm Denning Town Hall
- 11/13/14 Claryville Fire District Meetings 6:30 pm -Regular Meeting
- 11/15/14 Grahamsville United Methodist Church **Saturday Thrift Sale** 9am-1pm
- 11/16/14 Claryville Fire Dept. All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast - 7 am - Noon Claryville Fire House
- 11/16/14 Carol Smyth-Around Neversink: From the Rondout Reservoir to the Neversink Reservoir 2 p.m. Daniel Pierce Library
- 11/17/14 Grahamsville Fire Dist. Board of Fire Commissioners - 7:00 pm
- 11/18/14 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals - 7:30 pm
- 11/19/14 Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Association Monthly Meeting 7:30 pm
- 11/20/14 Neversink Fire District Meeting at 7 p.m.; Public Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
- 11/22/14 **Holiday Craft Fair** at the Sundown Church Hall 9 am - 3 pm and Luncheon
- 11/27-28/14 Town of Neversink Holiday - THANKSGIVING
- 12/3/14 Town of Denning Board Meeting - 7:00 pm - Town of Denning Town Hall
- 12/3/14 Town of Neversink Planning Board - 7:00 pm
- 12/6/14 Sundown Methodist Church **Covered Dish Supper** - 5:30 pm Church Hall
- 12/10/14 Town of Neversink Town Board Meeting
- 12/10/14 Town of Denning Town Board Business Meeting 7:00 pm Town of Denning Town Hall
- 12/13/14 7:30 - 9:30 am **Breakfast & Cookie Walk** 9:00 am at Sundown UMC Church Hall
- 12/14/14 Dept of Motor Vehicles - Neversink Town Hall 10:00 am - 2:30 pm

Save the Date!

- November 22 - **Holiday Craft Fair** at the Sundown Church Hall 9 am - 3 pm and Luncheon
- December 13 - 7:30 - 9:30 am **Breakfast & Cookie Walk** 9:00 am at Sundown UMC Church Hall
- December 14 - **Santa Comes to Grahamsville** 11-1 Neversink Town Hall
- December 14 - **Annual Christmas Tree Lighting** 7 pm Bicentennial Park

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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.

Refreshments will be served. Saturday and Sunday Nov 22 and 23, 10:00am - 5:00pm: art exhibit, readings, demonstrations, open discussions by veteran authors. Sunday closes with "Lucid Body," a veteran and civilian theatrical troop performing an interactive play with the audience. Free and open to the public. For program times and updates contact: www.VETFAM-SA.org Dr. Lori Arella (845) 226-4218.

Tri-Valley Teachers' Association Cares Committee is getting in the Holiday Spirit!

The Tri-Valley Teachers' Association Cares Committee, along with other community groups, will again be assisting families during the holiday season. We are looking for anyone who may be interested in purchasing gifts for families in our school district. You could be an individual, a group of people, or an organization that is willing to help out to make a family's holiday even more special. There is a great need again in this upcoming holiday season to help the people in our community. If you are interested in doing this, please contact Deb Swett at: debraswett@trivalleycsd.org or 985-2296 x 4229, or Kim Edwards at kimberlyedwards@trivalleycsd.org or 985-2296 X 7061 by Nov. 15. Thank you in advance for any support you can give!

SC Sheriff's Patrol to Host an Open House

The Sullivan County Sheriff's Patrol will host an open house on Saturday November 15, 2014, from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM at the Sheriff's Patrol Headquarters located at 8 Bushnell Avenue in Monticello. The public is invited. Meet Deputy Sheriff's and take a tour of their base of operations. For more information call the Sheriff's Office at 845-794-7100.

Sullivan County Family Court will be closed at 12:30 p.m. on the following days:

- Friday, November 28th
 - Wednesday, December 24th
 - Wednesday, December 31st
- If you have an emergency while Court is not in session, please contact your local police agency or go to your local Justice Court

The Arts of the Angler Show

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Visitors will have the opportunity to sit down and see first hand how to tie special patterns by 35+ top flytyers, talk to a dozen of the best bamboo rodmakers in the USA, meet Spain's Luis Meana Baeza and learn about Spain and tying flies with coq de leon, attend seminars, lectures and demonstrations that include writing, flytying, traveling, landing big fish, furling leaders and new this year for those exploring new adventure "An Intro to flyfishing".

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Following the show in Saturday is a special price fixe dinner and a live consignment auction at 7:15 PM.

A live radio streaming will be sponsored and supported by Radio Show: John Kovac's The Yankee Fisherman and follow up television program: (David) Dirk's Outdoors.

Sunday the show resumes at 9 AM. From the largest flyfishing center in the world....It's all about flyfishing.

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Holliman. Near-legendary epic based on Edna Ferber's novel about two generations of Texans holds up beautifully when not broken up into two nights on TV. Hudson's best performance, close to Taylor's best, and Dean's last film. Stevens won Oscar for direction. Screenplay by Fred Guiol and Ivan Moffat. **See this film on TCM. November 17, 2014, starting at 12:15 PM Monday afternoon Color, 201 min. Quiz 1.** Who played Uncle Bawley, Bick's uncle? **2.** Who recorded some of Jett Rink's dialogue after Dean's death.

What's Going On In The Gnome Gneighborhoodtm This Week?

GRAHAMSVILLE

The last Tuesday Thrift Sale and Luncheon season for 2014 has ended, but don't forget there will still be a Thrift Sale Only on Saturday, November 15th from 9 am - 1 pm at the Grahamsville Methodist Church on Rt. 55 in Grahamsville.

... and check out their ad on page 13. They will be holding a Holiday Craft Fair and Luncheon from 10 am - 3 pm.

Yes, the Holiday Season is just around the corner. It's my favorite time of the year! Santa is scheduled to visit Grahamsville on December 14 from 11 am - 1 pm he will be at the Neversink Town Hall in Grahamsville. And there will be a lot more to celebrate on the 14th, too. The Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony will be held later on in the afternoon at 5 pm in Bicentennial Square on Main Street in Grahamsville. There will be caroling, special music, holiday readings and refreshments. Mark your calendars and join the fun as we officially open the holiday season in Tri-Valley!

SUNDOWN

For a tiny little hamlet there is a lot going on in Sundown, too. On November 15th from 5:30am - 9:00 am come have breakfast at the Sundown Church Hall. Breakfast will also be served on November 16th from 5:30 am - 8:30 am. Hunters are welcome to start their day off with a good breakfast. There will be a free will offering.

Do your Christmas Shopping close to home. The Sundown UMC Annual Holiday fair will be held on November 22 from 10 am - 3 pm at the Sundown Church Hall.

CLARYVILLE

Hunters! More food! Sunday, November 16 the Claryville FD will hold their All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast from 7 am to Noon.

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