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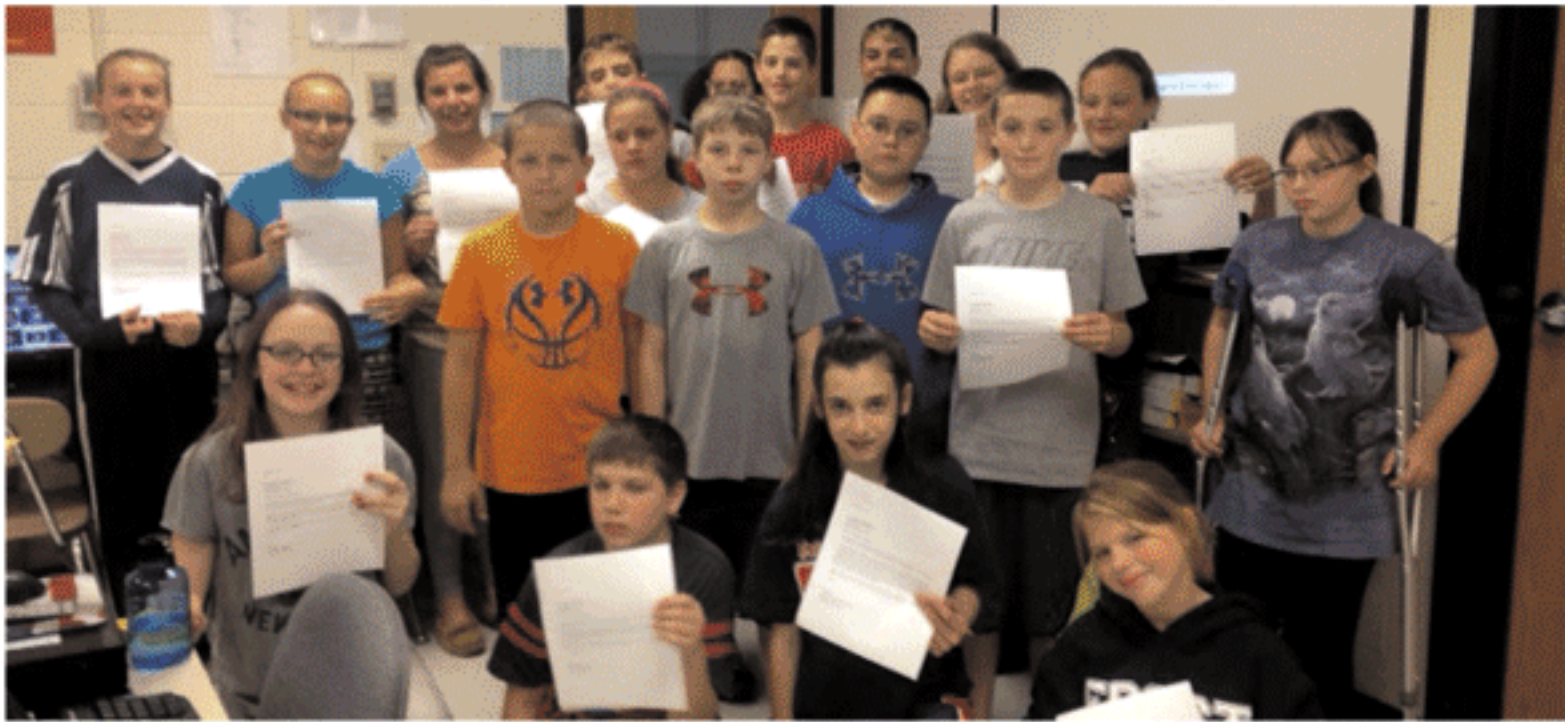
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Grahamsville Reformed Church Sunday School Students Children Help Operation Christmas Child



The Grahamsville Reformed Church Sunday School students packed and wrapped over 70 Christmas shoe boxes to be sent to children in other countries through Operation Christmas Child. Supplies were donated by community members, church members and Vacation Bible School attendees. Pictured left to right: Anna Furman, Grace Darder, Emily Lucak, Van Furman, Jacob Lucak, Cole Terwilliger, Adam Furman, and Carsen Terwilliger.

"Reaching Out: Letters to RCT Regina"



Mrs. Nancy Peters' 7th grade computer class at Tri-Valley Central School recently wrote letters to Marine RCT Regina, Christopher, a 2015 graduate of Tri-Valley, currently in Parris Island, SC. His brother, Taylor Gonsher, is in the class.

The class had just learned how to write personal business letters. Mrs. Gonsher contacted Mrs. Peters and asked if the class would like to write letters, knowing that both of her sons really missed each other and would appreciate the kind gesture. (Contd. Pg 3)

Brianna Worden Receives CTF Strength and Honor Award



On Saturday, November 7th at 'the beNeFit III Detroit' held at the Cobo Center Grand Ballroom in Detroit, Michigan, all eyes were on Brianna Worden. Brianna was the guest of honor at this year's benefit that raised over \$5.1 million for the Children's Tumor Foundation a not-for-profit organization dedicated to finding effective treatments for the millions of people worldwide living with neurofibromatosis (NF), a term for three distinct disorders: NF1, NF2, and schwannomatosis. NF causes tumors to grow on nerves throughout the body and can lead to blindness, bone abnormalities, cancer, deafness, disfigurement, learning disabilities, and excruciating and disabling pain.

The Children's Tumor Foundation funds critical research into neurofibromatosis. In addition to benefiting those who live with NF, this research is shedding new light on several forms of cancer, brain tumors, bone abnormalities, and learning disabilities, ultimately benefiting the broader community.

Brianna was diagnosed with neurofibromatosis when she was still a toddler. She has lived her entire 18 and 1/2 years while enduring chronic pain and undergoing numerous major surgeries. She has battled cancer three times and won and just this past year went through months of chemotherapy.

During her battle with cancer, Brianna competed and won the title of Miss Teen NY International in the 2013 Pageant. During her reign she educated hundreds of people about NF. Brianna has recently been selected as an official State Finalist in the Miss New York Teen USA Pageant that will be held in January 2016. If crowned Miss New York Teen USA Brianna has vowed that she will continue to educate all she meets along the way about Neurofibromatosis (NF) (Contd. Pg. 8)



Five Deputies from the SC Sheriff's Office Jail Division Complete Basic Training



Five Deputies from the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office Jail Division recently completed basic training and graduated from the Dutchess County Corrections Academy.

In the photo from left to right are, Jail Administrator and Chief Deputy Harold Smith, Jr., Deputy John Besson, Deputy Michael Ruggiero, Deputy Kaylee Grosch, Deputy Jessica Turner, Deputy Brandon Reeves and Sheriff Michael Schiff.

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ON THE FRONT BURNER: Have mercy upon me, O Lord; for I am weak; O Lord heal me; for my bones are vexed.
Psalm 6:2

Obituary

Frank Lawson Stratton, of South Fallsburg, passed away on Tuesday, November 10, 2015 in Hackensack Medical Center in NJ. He was 76. The son of the late Melvin D. and Dorothy G. Stratton, he was born on June 10, 1939 in South Fallsburg, NY.

Frank proudly served our country in the US Army from 1958 - 1960. In high school, Frank was a competitive athlete. He enjoyed his work with heavy equipment as an operating engineer Local #825, partnering with Bill Cohen installing swimming pools, after experience in the family business, Melvin D. Stratton Construction. Best known for owning and operating a Frank Stratton's Service Center for 30 years, before his association with the NYS Gaming Commission at Monticello Raceway, first as an inspector and retiring as Paddock Judge and member of CSEA. He was very involved in his community, well known for his larger than life sense of humor and upstanding character and a huge promoter of Sullivan County. He was a past member of the Masonic Lodge in Monticello, VFW 1575, Fallsburg Fire Dept. and Town of Fallsburg Architectural Review Board. In his free time he loved to read, landscape, travel and kibitz. To know him was to love him. He will be sorely missed and fondly remembered by his wife, children, relatives and friends.

He is survived by his soul mate, wife and cheerleader of 26 years: Annette Stratton at home; his children: Danielle Martha Stratton of South Fallsburg, Christopher Arthur Stratton of Kingston and Mikel Lindsey Stratton of California; and several nieces, nephews and cousins. He is predeceased by his brothers: Arthur, Roger, Walter and Eugene.

As per Frank's wishes, there will be no services. Arrangements made under the direction of Colonial-Bryant Funeral Home, for further information please call 845-434-7363 or visit us at www.colonialbryantfuneralhome.com

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

November 23, 1955 - The stream flowing towards Sundown from Greenville, known as the Sundown stream, was turned back into its old channel last week. It had been flowing through the Ivan Sheley and Ben Johnson flats since the October floods.

So many warm and friendly things

Have happened through the year.

Let's count our many blessings-

Thanksgiving Day is here!

KUM TO KRUMS

November 24, 1965 - Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Kelder of Grahamsville have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Karen Brown, to Robert Curry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chandler Curry of Neversink. Miss Brown, a Tri Valley Central School graduate, is a student at the State University College at Cortland. Her fiancé, also a Tri Valley graduate, is studying at Delhi Tech.

Eber Black Jr., 35, died on November 18, 1985 at Roswell Park Memorial Hospital, Buffalo, N.Y. He was born in Ellenville on June 8, 1930, the son of Eber and Martha Mulford Black. He was a Corrections Officer at Eastern Correctional Facility, Napanoch, N.Y. Surviving are his father at home; one sister, Mrs. Frank Maier of Slate Hill, N.Y.; one aunt, Mrs. Robert T. Many of Grahamsville; and two nieces.

December 3, 1975 - Best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Costigan who will be celebrating their 25th Wedding Anniversary on December 9th.

Neighbors on Red Hill, Claryville welcome Joyce and Jack Jordan to their community and wish them much happiness. The Jordans are now residing in their new home on Red Hill.

November 28, 1985 - Karen Furman's essay entitled "Salute to Agriculture" has been judged by the Hesston Corporation as one of the top 100 entries submitted in the 1985 "Salute to Agriculture Contest. Karen's essay was chosen from among 3,700 entries submitted by FFA members from chapters throughout the United States. There were only two finalists from the entire State of New York.

ANNUAL TOWN HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING**CEREMONY TO BE HELD**

On Sunday December 6, 2015 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, special music, holiday readings and a visit from the man in the red suit. Refreshments will be served. Come on down and join the fun. 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.

Claryville Pottery Holiday Sale

Local potters Anne-Marie Kremer and Chris Parrow will be showing new work for the Holiday Season on Thanksgiving Weekend. The sale will take place at Anne-Marie's studio in Claryville, Friday through **Sunday, November 27, 28, & 29**, from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

There will be a variety of beautiful hand-built and wheel-thrown high-fired pottery available, including bowls, mugs, plates, platters, vases, pitchers, berry bowls, Catskill landscapes, and more - something for everyone on your list.

Claryville Pottery is located four miles from State Rt. 55, at 982 Claryville Road by the intersection of Frost Valley Rd. Please call 985-2016 or 985-7564 for more information. Support the arts and shop locally for meaningful handcrafted gifts created in our own community.

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. 13. Thank you in advance for any support you can give!

A Round About Tri-Valley

-Carol Furman

Alice C. Walter, a former Fallsburg teacher and guidance counselor, passed away on November 4th at the age of 97 in Denver, Colorado. I'll always fondly remember Alice because in August of 2005, six couples from our town went to Alaska with her on a trip she organized through the Loch Sheldrake Senior Citizens Club. This fourteen-day trip was well planned and everyone had a fantastic time! Sympathy to Alice's family and friends.

Thank you to the Tri-Valley Lions for donating \$600, each to the Grahamsville United Methodist Church, The Grahamsville Reformed Church, The Claryville Reformed Church and The Immaculate Conception Church in Woodbourne. Monies were also donated to the Tri-Valley School Back-Pack Program. It is hoped that these donations will assist in helping others during this holiday season.

A Prayer For Thanksgiving by Kathleen Pidwell We give our thanks, dear God, to You this special time of year, For blessing us with lives so full of love and friendships dear. For teaching us to share our lives with others having less, And giving those who are in need of love and tenderness. You show us how to clothe and feed the hungry and the cold, With help from others in our town whose hearts are made of gold. So thank you, God, for giving us the patience and the heart, To care for those you send our way who need a helping start. Thanksgiving Day is cherished in this great land where we live. Reflected in our happy hearts and the grateful praise we give.

I hope that everyone has a happy Thanksgiving. Remember to count your blessings and to be thankful for all of them!

Did You know? Flugertown was a complete company lumber mill town, with many homes, a school, stores and everything a town needed. Today all that remains is the Flugertown Road. Flugertown runs along the Willowemoc Stream and the Willowemoc Camp Grounds. It is a beautiful ride and at the end of the road there is a state-marked hiking trail that leads to Long Pond, the only natural lake in the Township of Neversink.

Words of Wisdom: Happiness lies in the joy of achievement and the thrill of creative effort. (Franklin Delano Roosevelt)

The best way to cheer yourself up is to cheer somebody else up. (Mark Twain)

NEVERSINK NEWS - Hulda Vernooy

Alexa Wakefield, daughter of Andrew and Maria Wakefield, is a member of the State champion soccer team from Port Jefferson. Her grandmother, aunts, uncles and cousins went to Cortland to watch the game. The Port Jefferson Royals have a perfect record of 12 victories for the year. Way to go Alexa and the Royals!

Belated Happy Birthday to Claire Smith formally of Grahamsville and now a resident of Kingston Nursing Home. She was 102 on November 1st.

Karl Allison will be 93 on December 1st. Happy Birthday Karl!

Also Marge Denman celebrated her birthday in November and now we wish her well after hip surgery. Hope your out and about real soon

Helen Conrad had her big day in November, also. Happy Belated Birthday Helen!

"Reaching Out: Letters to RCT Regina"

(From Pg. 1) The class thought it was a great idea! They started by looking at the website, Operation Gratitude, for ideas on what to write and what not to include in a letter written to a currently deployed service member, new recruit, or wounded warrior. According to the website, the objective is to "put a smile on someone's face."

Students wrote about the unseasonably warm weather, the Pumpkin Party, Halloween dance, Trunk-or-Treat, sports, and Homecoming. They also asked questions about the weather in South Carolina, what sports RCT Regina played while at Tri-Valley, and what motivated him to serve. Of course, they all thanked him for his service.

The highlight for the students came when they received a letter in return, which Mrs. Peters read to the class prior to attending the Veteran's Day assembly. RCT Regina thanked the class for their letters, kind words of encouragement, and answered ALL of their questions. Letter writing is a lost art, but can be lots of fun especially when it is done with the sincerity and heartfelt appreciation that the students expressed in their letters. It truly put a smile on the faces of everyone involved!

REMINDER: Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman will not be published next week, November 26, 2015 in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday. On behalf of the entire Townsman Staff, we wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving!

Chamber of Commerce Meeting

There will be a Chamber of Commerce meeting at 7:00 pm in the Community Room at the Daniel Pierce Library on Monday, November 23, 2015. All residents of the Tri-Valley area are welcome.

Tri-Valley Lions Club October November News

On October 3rd the club participated in the Giant pumpkin Party at the fairgrounds to raise funds for the Daniel Pierce Library. It was a rainy and blustery day but we remained busy selling coffee, tea and hot chocolate. The funds raised will be presented to the library board at the clubs Christmas party on 12/1/2015 which will be held at the library. This would be a great time to meet the Lions and find out more about us, and dare say consider joining a wonderful club. The Sullivan county Lions Sight and hearing group has purchased two new vision screeners and all Lions in Sullivan County are being urged to learn how to use the devices. Vision screening is for children 4-6 years old and can detect vision defects which if corrected at an early age will not lead to permanent impairment. Our club now has four Lions who have been trained and certified. Our District governor was our guest speaker at the October meeting and he challenged us to join the vision screening team and attempt to screen 6000 thousand children in our district before the end of the Lion year in June.

We had four lions who attended the District 20-O convention in Fishkill on November 7th. At that convention the peace poster submitted by Tri-Valley School came in second in a close judging. In the spirit of giving our club donated to four food pantries in our area so that they could prepare for Thanksgiving.

We wish everyone a blessed and happy Thanksgiving!

Veteran's Day 2015 Flag Exchange Ceremony

On Veteran's Day, November 11th, there was a Flag Exchange Ceremony sponsored by the Grahamsville Rural Cemetery. Dennis Ackerley Memorial Post 8648 provided the Honor Guard.

The flag of James Grey was lowered and the flag of a Navy Veteran, Donald TerBush was raised.

Tim TerBush gave the tribute for the Donald TerBush family. The following is Tim's tribute to his father.

In 1945 after enlisting in the Navy and a summer of basic training our Dad stepped onto the USS Hornet which would become his new home as the were called to duty from Finland to Guam.

Upon completion of his service in 1947, he returned home and married his hometown sweetheart, our mom, Francis in 1948.

Dad dedicated himself to serve his community and to all six of us, his children.

He had many, many roles throughout his life: Volunteer firefighter, Charter President of the Lions Club, Democratic Chairman for Sullivan County, Assessor, Town Board, Masons, to name a few

Our family is deeply honored and grateful for his recognition as we are thankful for the service of all veterans who gave their lives and commitment to keep our country safe and free. Not just today on Veterans Day, but everyday. Thank you!

Community Driver Safety Program

Community Driver Safety Program at the following location: Community Driver Safety Program Defensive Driving Class 1072 Lake Shore Drive, White Lake, New York on Saturday, December 12, 2015 from 9:00AM-4:00PM To Register via mail to Community Driver Safety Programs, Inc., P O Box 444, White Lake NY 12786 or call toll free for additional information 1-877-910-7843.

The course is instructed by a RSVP Volunteer and will give this course in one full day session, which will consist of lecture, discussion and video presentations. Participants will receive a certificate which entitles them to apply for a discount on their automobile insurance. The fee is \$25 per person over 50 years of age and \$35 per person under 50 years of age.

This course is instructed by a Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) volunteer and sponsored by Community Driver Safety Programs, Inc., and Sullivan County RSVP.

Nature Column - Linda Comando

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

Thanksgiving; a Time for Thanks and Tradition in Tri-Valley and ...

AMERICAN WILD TURKEY

By Peggy DeWine

"Gobble, gobble," said the wild tom turkey sitting on a limb in a



maple tree almost hidden in the leaves. "You caught me resting after my lunch of grasshoppers and seeds. I'm called Tom Two Toes and I'll tell you how I got named."

He settled himself more comfortably on the limb fluffing out his beautiful brown plumage, tail hanging down neatly folded and beard tassel on his chest swinging to and fro.

Two years ago when I was a small chick, my Mom moved me and my twelve brothers and sisters away from our nest on the ground hidden in the woods to the edge on an open field.

There we watched how she pecked at ants, bugs and berries (strawberries are my favorite). She showed us things that are good to eat. She walked along very slowly to keep her brood together and stopped often, spreading her wings so we could rest under their shade.

We came to a pond on our way to the next open meadow and the whole family waded in with Mom cackling at us to stay together and paddle quickly across.

All the splashing caught a snapping turtle's attention and it investigated, managing to bite off two toes of the last chick to struggle up on land, safely across. I limped along at first but I kept right up with my family after that awful experience.

I also remember my first flight one summer day when I was about two weeks old. Mom and all of us were feeding together in a field pecking at ants and grass seeds. My keen eyesight helped me get the smallest bits of food as well as keep a sharp lookout for danger.

Suddenly Mom flew up into a tree and landed on a limb six feet off the ground. From there she called perk, perk encouraging us to join her.

One by one we flapped out little wings to get up there, the smaller chicks landing short on the ground and launching themselves again and again till they succeeded. I made it on my first try and snuggled beside Mom proudly. After that day we never slept on the ground but always in a tree.

By the end of my first summer I was nearly as big as Mom and looked like her in my new brown-bronze plumage. My head and wattle turned red, white and blue, my wing feathers brown with white edging. Half-inch long yellow spurs grew on my legs. A grand five-inch brown bristle beard drooped from my chest.

My brothers and I practiced loud gobbling, dragging wing tips on the ground and spreading our tail feathers into wide showy fans.

All this gobbling commotion was too much for Mom and she drove all her young toms out of the flock with loud yelping cries, and led our sisters off and away.

During the winter it was very hard to find enough food until we joined some deer that scraped snow aside uncovering moss and grass. While they foraged, we turkeys with sharp eyesight watched every alert for danger. And then we ate.

I'm now a full-grown gobbler who controls the clearing you're standing in looking up at me. This spring I fought another tom and beat him in a knock-down fight for this spot.

He grabbed me by the neck but I spurred him hard enough on the chest to draw blood. He let go and fell flat on the ground defeated. I jumped on his back and did a victory march to and fro. Then I let him escape.

Now I gobble to attract hens to my clearing where I'll be the alpha male for the next ten years, barring a hunting accident.

I think it's easier for you to call me Tom Two Toes rather than my full name, Meleagris galloparrva.

Household Hints

Steam-clean your microwave

To clean your microwave, place a glass bowl filled with a solution of 1/4 cup vinegar in 1 cup water inside, and zap the mixture for five minutes on the highest setting. Once the bowl cools, dip a cloth or sponge into the liquid and use it to wipe away stains and splatters on the interior.



Dragonfish Mysterious Book Report No. 219 by John Dwaine McKenna

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Noir fiction "Emphasizes the human urge toward self-destruction," and "Focuses on the villain," according to crime fiction writers James Ellroy and Otto Penzler. Its about the down-and-outers, the losers, the hopeless, unforgiven and abandoned among us who often spend their entire literary lives trapped in self-imposed prisons of the mind. These characters-who attract and repel the reader-are endlessly fascinating at the same time, because they're altogether alien to the rest of us who live ordinary lives. Literature, crime fiction in particular, allows us to peek into what would otherwise be unknown, forbidden or illegal lifestyles and experience them from the comfort of our favorite reading spot . . . and this weeks MBR No 219 does exactly that.

Dragonfish, (W.W. Norton & Company, \$26.95, 296 pages, ISBN 978-0-393-07780-3) by Vu Tran is an awesome first novel by a creative writing professor at the University of Chicago who was born in Saigon, Vietnam and grew up in Oklahoma. It's an intricate tale of obsession and loss. It's also a twisted story that tells of the immigrant experience; the struggle to survive and establish a new home in a foreign landscape controlled by entrenched crime lords from the old country.

In *Dragonfish*, an Oakland, California cop named Robert Ruen still longs for his ex-wife Suzy. She's the complicated, often enigmatic Vietnamese immigrant who disappeared and divorced him two years ago after he hit her during a brief and violent argument. Now she's remarried-to a Vietnamese gambler and crime boss named Sonny-and living in Las Vegas . . . or was until she disappeared a second time after another argument and personal injury. Now, Sonny is blackmailing Ruen into using his cop contacts and skills to find Suzy. The hunt takes him through the seamy gambling places and strip joints of the Vegas scene, all the while pursued by thugs and Sonny's sadistic son named Junior. It turns into a journey of discovery as the lovesick cop gradually uncovers the other life his ex-wife kept from him, the man she longs for, the daughter he never knew she had, and abandoned twenty-some years ago. The plot is deep, the writing exquisite and the emotional pull gut-wrenching. It's a novel that speaks from and to the heart, making it one the reader will long remember. Vu Tran is a talented, up-and-coming author to keep an eye on . . . one I think is destined for greatness.

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Fallsburg School District Hosts Parent Leadership Academy

At the Open House for Fallsburg Junior/Senior High School in early October, Principal Michael Williams stressed the importance of parental involvement with their children's performance in school. For the past twenty years research studies demonstrate the positive impact parents can have on early learning and development and student achievement.

With these studies in mind, Fallsburg Central School District (FCSD) has been actively partnering with Every Person Influences Children (EPIC). EPIC offered teachers and staff valuable training before classes began this fall in ways to engage parents in the learning experiences of their children throughout all grades. On October 15 EPIC gave a full day workshop to Fallsburg parents entitled "EPIC Parent Leadership Academy." The essence of the program, as explained by the three presenters, is to empower parents to lead students and schools to success.



The workshop leaders were Ms. Tara Burgess, Director of Opportunities and Family Engagement, Phyllis Eig, Central Hudson Regional Director, and Juana Billy, Program Coordinator for the Central Hudson Region. Early morning activities "broke the ice" with the fourteen participants, and they soon began working together in four smaller teams. Then Ms. Billy involved the entire group of parents in understanding the basics of parental engagement that will lead to service on PTA/PTSO, school-based committees and greater involvement in the school district as a whole.

Some of the many benefits of the training for participants are building relationship and trust between parents and school staff; creating confidence and a sense of capability in parents; developing basic leadership skills; strengthening parental engagement in the school; promoting ability to advocate for ALL children in the school; and instilling competencies and learning strategies that will make parents a valued resource in supporting their children and the schools in meeting today's challenges. By the end of the day, fueled by a healthy lunch and excellent teaching by the EPIC presenters, the participants to a person were inspired to actively engage with the school staff and, most importantly, the students. Assistant Superintendent of Instruction Dr. Matthew Evans and Superintendent Dr. Ivan Katz were very pleased with the turnout of interested parents and the enthusiasm shown for the day's teachings. When the participants left that afternoon, they took with them effective communication strategies, an understanding of the power of teamwork, and a commitment to be actively involved in school meetings.

Books & Brews Discussion Group at the Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library

Books & Brews is a book discussion group run through the Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library in Monticello. Each month, the group meets at a different local restaurant to discuss a book while enjoying food and drink.

In honor of the new library, this month's discussion will be held at the library (479 Broadway, Monticello) on Wednesday, November 18 at 6:00. We will discuss *Still Alice* by Lisa Genova as we enjoy a beer tasting provided by the Roscoe Beer Company. Copies of discussion books are available at the circulation desk. Please call 845-794-4660 ext. 8 to register for this program.

This group is a great way to meet new people and have fun while discussing books in a relaxing atmosphere. If you would like more information on the group, or are a restaurant or bar owner and are interested in hosting a Books & Brews discussion, please contact Joanna Goldfarb at 845-794-4660 x 8, or by email at jgoldfarb@rcls.org.

For updates on books and locations for Books & Brews, visit the library website (www.ebcrawfordlibrary.org), 'Like' the library on Facebook, or follow us on Twitter (@Crawford_PubLib).

Still Time to Apply Early Get Approval for a 2016 Grant before Next Spring

[LIBERTY] - Sullivan Renaissance is continuing to accept applications for early admission to its 2016 community beautification and maintenance support programs.

"Applications for our maintenance, garden and community grant programs will be received until March 16, 2016; but if communities know now that they will be applying for assistance from Sullivan Renaissance they can take advantage of this opportunity to complete the paperwork before the spring," said Diana Weiner, Sullivan Renaissance Horticulture Coordinator.

Sullivan Renaissance representatives will meet with individuals and organizations in their communities to assess sites for both new projects and maintenance of existing gardens. Staff members will visit at an applicant's convenience to explain the changes, review garden designs and volunteer management plans, and assist with applications.

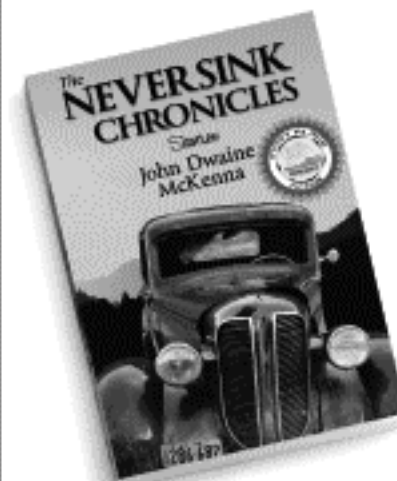
Some of the grant categories have been given new names for 2016, with changes in funding amounts and other details. A new Municipal Partnership Grant Program has been established to engage towns and villages in supporting volunteer beautification efforts while improving code enforcement.

Applications are available from the Sullivan Renaissance web site in a portable document format (PDF) with fillable form fields (<http://www.sullivanrenaissance.org/grants/applications/default.aspx>). Applications can be completed electronically and e-mailed to Sullivan Renaissance (along with required documentation) or printed and mailed by the appropriate deadline.

Early admission is available only for the community beautification and maintenance support programs. Other Sullivan Renaissance grant programs retain their traditional application deadlines which vary based on the program.

For more information, contact Sullivan Renaissance at www.sullivanrenaissance.org or 845-295-2445.

Sullivan Renaissance is a beautification and community development program principally funded by the Gerry Foundation. Sponsors include Bold Gold Media Group/Thunder 102, FisherMears Associates, Kristt Company, Robert Green Dealerships, Sullivan County Democrat, The River Reporter, Thompson Sanitation, and WSUL/WVOS.



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Pieces for Peace

What is the fix for violence and hatred in this world? As I write this column, the television downstairs is reporting the terrorist attack on Paris which senselessly killed 127 or more innocent, random victims. For what? To prove who is right, who is better, or who is stronger? I am sick to my stomach with man's inhumanity to man, but there is a deadline for submission and I remember what I had planned to write. Perhaps, here is the answer to my questions. Perhaps, quiet hands working for peace, piece by piece, is the antidote for chaotic violence.

On the second Tuesday of each month a group of sewers meet at the Library to create quilts that are given to shelters and community groups that offer a balm to the victims of violence. Most of the quilts go to children. Cheryl Kosarek is the local organizer of Project Linus, and the group that meets at the library is one of two groups under her leadership that produced seventy some quilts last year. Each one is blessed in a church and sewn with love.

The picture to the left is of Kate, library director, accepting a scrappy, charm quilt made by Cheryl Kosarek on behalf of the library. It is called a "charm" quilt because each piece is unique. The library will raffle the quilt off at its annual Holiday Fair on December 12.

The group, which varies each time, drags sewing machines, ironing boards, irons, and bags of fabric to the library to participate in an old time quilting bee. The hum of sewing machines can barely be heard under the hum of chatter as the women share their everyday lives along with their talents. Sandy Friedel, Jane McCabe, Sue Miller, Gail Carle, Linda Byer, Janette Kahill, Carol LaMonda, Lois Ostapczuk, Sue Coccoza, MaryAnn Shultis, Marie Pantliano and Cheryl Kosarek are some of the regulars who stitch together squares for others in need. The act of caring for others is, perhaps, the antithesis of violence. They stitch pieces in hopes of peace.



Letter for our Readers:

Dear Readers:

Today is a great day in the fight against the invasion of our state by a flood of dangerous and dirty fossil fuels. We have just learned that Governor Cuomo has officially vetoed the Port Ambrose Liquefied Natural Gas project proposed just 19 miles off the shore of Long Beach.

This is a huge victory, and I am proud of Mountainkeeper's work to rally the public outcry that helped convince the Governor to do the right thing and say no to this reckless project. Port Ambrose would have threatened coastal communities in Queens, Brooklyn and Long Island with the risk of catastrophic spills and explosions and endanger treasured marine ecosystems.

Many people and organizations worked tirelessly for this victory, from the front line communities all along the southern shore of Long Island, to the Rockaways, to the local elected officials from both parties, to the members of the No LNG Coalition, and to Mountainkeeper online activists like you.

You helped Mountainkeeper play a key role in this incredible coalition, and the results are yet another powerful example of what we can achieve working together. Our team now looks forward to shifting some of that energy to build support for the offshore wind farm proposed for the same location as Port Ambrose.

We thank Governor Cuomo for his leadership on climate, for saying no to the fossil fuel industry, and for choosing the path toward our renewable energy future.

Please take a moment to do the same by sending a message to Governor Cuomo to thank him for vetoing Port Ambrose.

And thank you for supporting Catskill Mountainkeeper's campaign to stop Port Ambrose and for helping us Free New York from Fossil Fuels!

Sincerely,

Ramsay Adams
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Congressman Gibson calls on NYS Comptroller to investigate state's handling of failed Health Republic CO-OP

Washington, DC - Congressman Chris Gibson (NY-19) formally requested New York State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli investigate the state Department of Financial Service's oversight of the failed Health Republic insurance CO-OP.

State and federal regulators decided to close Health Republic, a not-for-profit CO-OP (consumer operated and oriented plan) established under the Affordable Care Act, leaving more than 200,000 New Yorkers without health insurance.

"When the healthcare of more than 200,000 New Yorkers is interrupted and more than \$250 million of federal investment has been lost, it is the duty of government officials to restore confidence in the regulatory infrastructure designed to prevent such failures," wrote Congressman Gibson in a letter to Comptroller DiNapoli November 10. "I urge you to initiate an investigation of the caliber that your office has been known for by the people of New York, and look forward to reviewing your findings."

Congressman Gibson asked Comptroller DiNapoli to consider several points of inquiry, including whether Health Republic misrepresented their financials to DFS and if that agency had the appropriate staffing to oversee Health Republic given the vacancies of several senior-level positions in recent months.

Go to in order to read the congressman's letter:

http://chrisgibson.house.gov/UploadedFiles/CG_Letter_to_DiNapoli_requesting_Investigation_of_DFS_re_Health_Republic.pdf

Governor Cuomo Announces New Industry Working Group to Modernize NY Alcohol Laws

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced the creation of a working group of industry leaders to recommend revisions to New York State's Alcoholic Beverage Control Laws. The group, which is a direct result of the 3rd Wine, Beer, Spirits and Cider Summit, will review existing statutory provisions and explore approaches to clarify and modernize the 80-year-old statute.

"This administration has worked hard to cut red tape and break down bureaucratic barriers in order to help this state's burgeoning craft wine, beer, spirit and cider producers thrive and create jobs," Governor Cuomo said. "This working group will help continue these efforts, providing both perspective and first-hand experience on how to bring our laws into the modern era and further aid in the growth of this great New York industry."

The working group will hold an opening meeting on November 12, 2015 at 1:00 pm at the State Liquor Authority's Harlem office located at 317 Lenox Avenue. Headed by State Liquor Authority Chairman Vincent Bradley, the review will build upon the legislative and regulatory progress achieved over the past five years, focusing on reorganizing or replacing the current alcohol beverage control law, including, but not limited to:

- o Removing outdated and redundant provisions;
- o modernizing statutory language for clarity;
- o improving and consolidating various licensing provisions;
- o clarifying the types of licenses available;
- o reducing mandatory paperwork; and
- o eliminating unnecessary restrictions imposed on manufacturers.

Members of the industry workgroup include:

- Rose Mary Bailly, Executive Director, New York State Law Revision Commission; Robert Bookman, Counsel, New York City Hospitality Alliance; Jean Marie Cho, General Counsel at William Grant & Sons; Keven Danow, Partner, Danow, McMullan & Panoff; Lester Eber, Vice President, Southern Wine and Spirits; Tom Edwards, President, New York State Liquor Store Association; Ralph Erenzo, Founder and Master Distiller, Tuthilltown Spirits; Steve Harris, President, New York State Beer Wholesalers Association; Noreen Healey, Counsel, Phillips Nizer; Steve Hindy, Co-founder, Brooklyn Brewery; Mark Koslowe, Managing Partner, Buchman Law Firm;
- Nick Matt, Chairman & CEO, F.X. Matt Brewing Company; Michael Rosen, President & CEO, Food Industry Alliance of New York State; Ebenezer Smith, District Manager, Community Board 12, Manhattan; Jim Trezise, President, New York Wine & Grape Foundation; and Scott Wexler, Executive Director, Empire State

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The workgroup will also include representatives from the State Department of Agriculture and Markets, Empire State Development Corporation, and the Department of Taxation and Finance. Additional industry members and other interested parties are encouraged to attend the November 12th meeting.

"While recent business friendly legislative and regulatory changes have been made, the current organization of the law makes it challenging for regulators, difficult for attorneys, and almost impossible for the average licensee to easily comprehend," said SLA Chairman Vincent Bradley. "I applaud Governor Cuomo for bringing together some of the best minds in the industry to examine these challenges and develop working solutions to update and modernize the law."

Since Governor Cuomo took office in 2011, both the number of farm based businesses manufacturing wine, beer, spirits and cider using ingredients grown in New York and the total number of manufacturers producing alcoholic beverages have more than doubled since 2011, spurred by state actions that support the alcohol beverage industry.

NYS Bar Association Calls on State Government to Prepare now for Statewide Vote on State Constitution

The people of New York will decide in 2017 whether to hold a constitutional convention to examine if state government needs to be overhauled. In advance of that vote, the New York State Bar Association urges state officials to create a preparatory commission, as they have done in the past.

"Parts of the state Constitution predate the automobile, airplane and Internet. Although it has been amended multiple times, much of the current Constitution dates to conventions ratified in 1894 and 1938," said State Bar Association President David P. Miranda. "A preparatory commission would provide citizens with impartial research on the issues covered in the Constitution prior to their vote."

About six times longer than the U.S. Constitution, the New York State Constitution establishes the structure of state government and enumerates fundamental rights and liberties of individuals. It governs our courts, schools, local government structure, government finance and development in the Adirondacks, and affects the daily lives of New Yorkers.

The 2017 referendum is mandated by the state Constitution itself, as explained in a report of the State Bar Association's Committee on the New York State Constitution.

"The state Legislature can propose amendments to the state Constitution, subject to voter approval. However, the framers of the Constitution wanted to make sure that there was an even more direct way for the citizenry to review fundamental principles of governance. That is why at least once every 20 years New Yorkers get to decide for themselves whether to hold a Constitutional Convention," the report says.

The report, which was approved by the Association's House of Delegates November 7, offers several recommendations, including:

"The state should establish a non-partisan preparatory Constitutional Convention commission as soon as possible."

• The report notes that it has been nearly 50 years since the state held a convention. "There are few living delegates from the last convention in 1967, and little, if any institutional memory on how to hold one. The hard, complex work of preparing for a vote and convention cannot begin too soon, it said. (Contd. Pg. 12)

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Assemblymember Cahill Encourages Students to Apply for Stem Scholarship

Assemblymember Kevin Cahill (D-Ulster/Dutchess), a strong advocate for making higher education affordable, encourages high school students to take advantage of scholarships available through the New York State Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Initiative.

This scholarship will be available in January 2016 and is open to New York students who graduate in the top 10 percent of their high school class; attend SUNY or CUNY schools; study in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math and who commit to work in the state for five continuous years. "While applications are not available until January, now is the time when students and families must make decisions about the upcoming semester," said Assemblymember Cahill.

As a member of the Assembly Higher Education Committee, we created this initiative to make college more affordable. The STEM scholarship program offers students the opportunity to pursue careers in science, technology,

engineering and math here in their home state, and also provides an incentive to remain in New York upon completion of the program," Cahill concluded.

Students interested in the program should visit: <https://www.hesc.ny.gov/pay-for-college/financial-aid/types-of-financial-aid/nys-grants-scholarships-awards/nys-science-technology-engineering-and-mathematics-stem-incentive-program.html>

GIVING THANKS TOGETHER Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

The Monticello Interfaith Council is hosting its annual Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service on Sunday, November 22 at 5:00 p.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints at 104 Richardson Avenue in Monticello. Each year, the service acknowledges and celebrates the various faiths of the people living in the community. All are welcome to attend.

The celebration of Thanksgiving will be led by LDS Monticello Branch President John D. Fuller and the sermon will be given by Rev. Diana Scheide, Vicar of the Delaware Catskill Episcopal Ministry. The service will include scripture readings and prayers by representatives of various religious organizations as well as several music performances. An offering of canned goods and donations will be collected for the Caring Hands Food Pantry at St. John's Episcopal Church. Light refreshments will be available during a time of fellowship after the service.

For more information about the service, contact Elder Paul Hsieh at (845) 401-4064

The service follows the Council's Free Community Thanksgiving Meal, planned for Saturday, November 21 at Monticello High School from 12 noon to 4:00 PM. To volunteer at the meal or make a donation, contact Scott Cooper at (845) 239-2142.



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Brianna Worden Receives CTF Strength and Honor Award

(From Pg. 1) A quote from Brianna's Facebook page, "My arm is different but I'm proud of it. Because I have a



disfigurement (NF) it has given me the chance to meet so many people who have inspired me. Although I've had many issues with NF I'm glad I have it. I've gotten to meet others just like me. Neurofibromatosis is who I am. It's my life. Together we can solve the NF puzzle. For more information about Neurofibromatosis feel free to message me! You can also visit www.ctf.org!"

Brianna's smile is contagious, her spirit is courageous and her crusade to make people aware of NF continues every day as indicated by her speech at this year's gala and fundraiser. At the event with over 5,000 guests attending *The beNeFit III*

A Playdate to End NF, Brianna was presented with the prestigious CTF Strength and Honor Award for her courage and intentions in dealing with the obstacles and challenges of NF. The event was hosted by Dan and Jennifer Gilbert. Dan is the chairperson and founder of Rock Ventures and Quicken Loans Inc., the National Basketball Association's Cleveland Cavaliers, the American Hockey League's Lake Erie Monsters, the Arena Football League's Cleveland Gladiators and the NBA Development Leagues' Canton Charge. He is also the operator of the Quicken Loans Arena in Cleveland, Ohio and chairman of Rock Gaming, which opened its first Horseshoe Casino in Cleveland in May of 2012. The Gilbert's 19 year old son, Nick also has NF.

Brianna graduated from TVCS this past June and is now a freshman at Sullivan County Community College. Brianna plans to become a child life specialist, effectively using her own experience to help chronically ill children.

Brianna, all who know you are so very proud of you. Congratulations!

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SUNRISE: 6:43 AM SUNSET: 4:37 PM
 AVERAGE HIGH: 52°F AVERAGE LOW: 30°F

THURSDAY



HIGH: 57°F LOW: 43°F

FRIDAY



HIGH: 52°F LOW: 35°F

SATURDAY




HIGH: 48°F LOW: 34°F

SUNDAY




HIGH: 44°F LOW: 29°F

MONDAY



HIGH: 51°F LOW: 29°F

TUESDAY



HIGH: 55°F LOW: 36°F

Send Your Your Holiday Greetings by way of The Townsman

Each year *Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman* offers the opportunity for you to send your holiday greetings to friends, neighbors and family in our Holiday issues.

This year the deadline for our Hanukkah greetings will be November 27, 2015 and they will be published in the December 3rd issue. The deadline for all other holiday greetings will be Friday, December 11th and they will be published in the December 16th issue. If you wish to send a greeting, please fill out the form and send it along with a check for \$9 to The Townsman, P O Box 232, Grahamsville, NY 12740. The actual size of your greeting will be 2" x 2"

Name _____ Tele # _____

Greeting # _____

The holiday message that you wish to have on your greeting:

SUNY Ulster Theatre Department Presents *Spoon River* on its 100th Anniversary beginning Thursday Nov. 19 in the John Quimby Theater

The production features faculty, administration, staff and students in a fundraiser for Academic Travel.

SUNY Ulster's John Quimby Theater announces the opening of their fall production of *Spoon River Anthology*



upon the 100th anniversary of its original debut.

The play opens Thursday, November 19 with additional shows on Friday, November 20 and Saturday, November 21 at 7:00 pm and Sunday November 22 at 2:00 pm on the SUNY Ulster Stone Ridge campus. Richard Cattabiani is guest director

The play, *Spoon River Anthology* by Edgar Lee Masters, had a radical impact on society when released a century ago. In the play, 75 epitaph poems are presented as monologues, as people of all walks of life come forward, "raised from their graves," to share compelling stories of their hopes, dreams, tragedies and joys - as well as advice and warnings for the living. Originally becoming an immediate commercial success because of its unconventional style and content, *Spoon River Anthology* shattered the myth of the moral superiority of small town American Life. It remains a landmark of American literature today. Ultimately, the stories capture all aspects of life - irony, comedy, failure and success and reflect on the life and times of 1915 Illinois, but with universal themes to share.

The production, a fundraiser for the college's Academic Travel program, is unique in that it features students, faculty, administration and staff who have worked in a collaborative effort to mount this theatrical experience that showcase the tight-knit nature of the SUNY Ulster community. Stephen Balantzian, Theatre Program Coordinator at SUNY Ulster comments of the synergy, "Over twenty five administrative, faculty and staff members and over a dozen theatre students make up our cast and crew including our new President Dr. Alan Roberts. This unique collaboration speaks for itself: we believe in and love our college community. In the Theatre Department, we're excited to host our college staff and welcome them to our theatre community." (Contd. Pg. 11)



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Title: Frost Valley's Free "Festival of the Holidays Community Day" Is December 5

With Thanksgiving being just a week away, the holiday season is upon us.



And what better way to celebrate the joys of winter than as a community?

As a part of their ongoing Free Community Day events, Frost Valley YMCA is providing families and neighbors with a day of festive fun on December 5. Gather friends and relatives and visit Frost Valley from 9am-4:45pm for games, activities, and lunch during Festival of the Holidays Community Day.

This all-ages event provides holiday-themed fun for all. Choose from a range of indoor and outdoor activities, including hiking, archery, climbing, holiday crafts and games, and much more, or simply relax with a mug of hot cocoa and swap stories with members of your community, while admiring the Catskills scenery.

This event is free but reservations are required; please call 845-985-2291 ext. 450 or visit FrostValley.org/contact-us

Speaking of holidays, winter break is just around the corner for local students! During this week off, your child can experience fun days filled with activities and adventures in a safe and nurturing environment during Frost Valley's Winter Break Day Camp. From December 28-January 1, campers have the chance to connect with other kids and enjoy daily activities. Outdoor fun includes snow tubing, cross-country skiing, and broomball; indoors, they'll enjoy arts and crafts, games, sports, rock climbing, and more. Bus transportation is available for several locations, and lunch is provided. Register or learn more at FrostValley.org, or by contacting 845-985-2291 ext. 305.

White Table Honors Veterans, POWs and MIAs

In honor of our Nation's veterans, three students at the Rubin Pollack Education Center at Sullivan BOCES spearheaded a White Table Initiative based on the



(From Left to right) Standing: Logan Dunn, Nikko Torres kneeling: in front, Ethan Connor

book "America's White Table".

To give our students (grades 6-8) a better understanding about what Veterans Day really means and what our military does for our Country every day, the social studies teachers at BOCES read "America's White Table" to each of their classes. As soon as 7th graders, Nikko Torres (Monticello CS), Logan Dunn (Fallsburg CS), and Ethan Connor (Ellenville CS) heard the story, they wanted to set up a White Table in an area that was visible to all students in honor of our veterans.

According to Principal Nicholas Millas, the three young men came to him to ask permission to set up a White Table to honor our veterans. "I'm very proud of these three young gentlemen; they told me about their experiences and were very serious about getting our school community involved in honoring our veterans," said Millas.

"I feel great about doing this," stated Nikko Torres, "My dad has a couple of friends that are veterans and I want to support them for serving for our Country. They gave for us and we should do something for them."

For Logan Dunn, his family has been in the military for a long time. In addition to setting up the table, Logan wrote a summary about their initiative and mentioned that they are creating a writing campaign and urged others to write a letter or make a card to send to our troops. "I wanted to do this to honor what they did for us and thank them," said Dunn.

For Ethan Connor, this effort brings a personal connection. His father currently serves and grandfather served. "My grandfather actually died in the war in Iraq. When we read the book, it made me think that I wanted to do this in honor of my grandpa," said Connor. "I'm really happy we were able to do this, I know my grandpa can see what we are doing to honor him."

"America's White Table" by Margot Theis Raven

Small Table- to show one soldier's lonely battle against many
White Table Cloth- honor a soldier's pure heart
when he answers his country's call to duty.

Lemon Slice- to show a captive soldiers bitter fate
Grains of salt on the plate- the tears of families waiting
for loved ones to return home

Empty chair- for the missing soldiers who are not here.

Black napkin- the sorrow of captivity

Turned over glass- the meal that won't be eaten

White candle- Peace

Rose in the vase with a red ribbon- hope that all our missing soldiers
will return home someday

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Balloon Day at the Hudson Valley Mall



The Ulster Ballet Company will be performing excerpts from its Dickens holiday classic, "A Christmas Carol," on Friday, Nov. 27th, 2015 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Food Court of the Hudson Valley Mall, Kingston, New York.

Performers will be distributing free balloons just in time for Santa's arrival.

Then be sure to join us for the Ulster Ballet Company's upcoming production of "A Christmas Carol" on Friday, December 4th, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, December 5th at 4:00 p.m. (new time) and Sunday, December 6th at 2 p.m. at UPAC, 601 Broadway, Kingston, New York. Tickets are \$22 for adults; and \$18 for senior citizens, and UPAC/Bardavon members. For groups of ten or more, and children 12 and under, tickets are \$15. To purchase tickets, call the UPAC box office at 845-339-6088; visit Ticketmaster at ticketmaster.com, or call 800-745-3000.

In an effort to reach out to the community, the Ulster Ballet Company is offering a discounted ticket price of \$15 to employees of HealthQuest; Health Alliance; Mid-Hudson Regional Hospital of Westchester Medical Center; Marist, Bard and Vassar Colleges; City of Kingston and County of Ulster employees, and members of the YMCA. Present your employee/student ID, or membership card to the UPAC box office when purchasing tickets.

On Thursday, December 3rd, 2015 at 10 a.m., a special full-length performance for area students will be presented at reduced ticket prices. (Snow date: Friday, December 4th, at 10:00 a.m.) For information, or tickets for the school performance, contact Michele Szydal at ulsterballet@gmail.com or call 845-283-3809. Teachers: be sure to check the School Educational Programs Page on our website for lesson plans.

The Ulster Ballet Company is a non-profit organization that has been bringing area residents innovative and creative dance entertainment since 1977. For additional information, visit the website at ulsterballet.org, or contact ulsterballet@gmail.com.

A Christmas Carol is sponsored in part by Health Quest Neugarten Family Birth Center at Northern Dutchess and iHeart Media

SUNY Ulster Theatre Department Presents Spoon River (From Pg. 8)

The theatre students travel to the Humana Festival of New American Plays at Actors Theatre of Louisville in Kentucky each year where they participate in workshops, see groundbreaking plays and rub elbows with creative festival staff. There is a suggested donation of \$10. Students are free. Proceeds from Spoon River Anthology will off-set some of the costs.

The John Quimby Theater

The 500 seat John Quimby Theater is the venue for student and professional theatrical productions, concerts, dance presentations, poetry readings, guest lectures and other featured events at SUNY Ulster.

For additional information on the production, contact the John Quimby Theater at 845-688-1959 or visit our Stone Ridge Campus.

Invitation to Local Fire Companies

The annual Wawarsing Wassail (Old World Celebration), organized by the Ellenville-Wawarsing Chamber of Commerce, Inc. (EWCOG), is scheduled for Friday, Saturday and Sunday December 4th through 6th 2015. In addition to our ongoing musical performances, theatrical productions, children's activities, tree lighting and toy drive, we are looking to add a spectacular evening event this year - an electric fire truck parade! These parades are popular all around the country, and we are excited to bring that magic to Ellenville this holiday season.

After careful thought and consideration the EWCOG's Wassail committee has decided to dedicate this electric fire truck parade in memory of a local fire company volunteer who not only lit up everyone's day with a smile but also spent considerable time at his local firehouse, Cragmoor Volunteer Fire Company. Therefore, with his family's support and blessings we proudly name this new event as The Josh Peters Memorial Electric Fire truck Parade.

We encourage your company to participate in this fun community event to honor Josh's life and his cheerful impact on our town. Please spread the word to all area fire departments, rescue squads and any business that would like to enter a truck or float filled with holiday decorations and lights. Attached is the invitation flier which contains the parade's details. If you are unfamiliar with this tradition, we encourage you to go to Google or YouTube and search Electric Fire truck Parade or Christmas Firetruck Parade and see what all the hype is about!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Sam Bugna by phone, text or email. Please use that same contact information to RSVP to the event.

We look forward to your participation in this great new tradition in Ellenville and Wawarsing.

Sincerely,
EWCOG Wassail Committee members
Cynthia 'Sam' Bugna, Ellenville Wawarsing Youth Commission (email: ewycny@yahoo.com; cell: 845-797-4675 work: 845-647-7800 ext. 129)
Lynne 'Asha' Golliher, Ellenville Public Library & Museum
Jerry Maier, EWCOG Vice President
Kim Wiederkehr, EWCOG Board Member

"Affordable Originals" Features Artwork and Gifts by Local Artists

The Catskill Art Society will host a collection of local artists for "Affordable Originals," an all-day art and gift expo, at the CAS Arts Center at 48 Main Street, Livingston Manor, NY from Friday, November 20 through Sunday, November 22.

Holiday Sale: Wood, Fabric, Paper, Clay and Sweets!

Picking up gifts for the holidays? Why not look at some original art from local artists? Come browse a hand-picked selection of top local vendors featuring silk scarves, beaded jewelry, block printed cards, finely crafted wood vases, pottery, jams, jellies, sweets and teas.

Featured artists and artisans include Carolyn Duke, Ayla and Franco Lo Pinto, Helena Clare Pittman, Jane Blake, Hank Schneider and Buff McAllister, and Sister Diana Narbello, one of the sisters from the International Center for a Culture of Compassion: Heart's Home, gourmet desserts and teas. Stop in for distinctive gifts from world-class Catskills-region artists from \$5 to \$50.

There is no cost to attend this public event. "Affordable Originals" will run from 4pm to 7pm on Friday, 11am to 6pm on Saturday, and 11am to 3pm on Sunday. For more information,

please call CAS at 845-436-4227 or email info@catskillartsociety.org. About the Catskill Art Society

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

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

Holiday Duck Print Sale to Benefit Ride to Survive

Livingston Manor, NY Grab your coat and hat. Call a friend and pack your holiday spirit and generous heart. The public is cordially invited to Ride 2 Survive's "Holiday Duck Print Exhibit and Sale" at Morgan Outdoors in Livingston Manor. Come enjoy the lovely duck prints which Ride 2 Survive is offering for sale, thanks to the generosity of longtime collectors, Hedy and Eric Page.



Sullivan County Board Member Lauren Ellison with one of the beautifully-framed duck prints for sale.

The exhibit and sale will open Saturday, November 21, 2015 and continue through Monday, January 4, 2016. Both professionally framed and unframed prints will be available for sale at attractive prices. A special print by well-known wildlife artist Robert Bateman will be a highlight of the exhibit and sale.

The public is also invited to a wine and cheese reception on Saturday, December 5, 2015 from 1 to 3 PM, co-hosted by Morgan Outdoors and the board members of Ride 2 Survive - Sullivan County. "Get your holiday shopping spirit on!" says Board Member Michele Hemmer. "Join us in celebrating these beautiful works of wildlife art and the Ride 2 Survive cause. We hope to see friends, nature lovers, and duck enthusiasts at the exhibit and sale."

Ride 2 Survive is a non-profit, community based organization helping Sullivan County cancer patients with travel-to-treatment expenses. To date Ride 2 Survive has assisted over 250 cancer patients by providing the financial support for travel, tolls, parking fees and related expenses.

R2S Board Member, Joe Anne Baker, says of the exhibit and sale, "Ride to Survive is thrilled to present these lovely duck prints to the public. Our event with Morgan Outdoors will place some beautiful wildlife prints into the hands and homes of nature lovers and will raise funds needed to continue our work with Sullivan County cancer patients."

Morgan Outdoors is located at 46 Main Street, Livingston Manor, NY, 845 439 5507. www.morgan-outdoors.com

'Between the Lines' Exhibit - SUNY Ulster to Host Kate Hamilton 'Between the Lines' Exhibit with Opening Reception, Nov. 20th, Muroff-Kotler Visual Arts Gallery.

SUNY Ulster will host an opening reception on Friday, Nov. 20th from 5-7 pm as artist Kate Hamilton kicks off her 'Between the Lines' exhibit, slated to run Nov. 20 - Dec. 11, 2015. It will be held in the college's Muroff-Kotler Visual Arts Gallery.

The exhibit will be a unique exploration into our life with clothes. Visitors will experience diminutive to giant works as they wander through a world in which strangeness lurks behind the familiar.

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Changing in scale and standing empty, Hamilton's translucent papery garments will experiment with architectural details palm-size to room-size and the human experience of clothing.

Hamilton, a sculptor, costumer and designer who works in the Mid-Hudson Valley and New York City area, has spent her life studying the nature of clothing. She comments, "Clothes are both the subject and medium of my work. Garment wearing and making is an ancient constant human experience. It reveals as it conceals; its shapes echo and shelter the human body like flexible shells." It is from these principles that Hamilton's unique artistry evolves.

Kate Hamilton's sculptural work has been shown around the United States and her costuming has appeared in art performances, operas and theater in New York, Berlin and Zurich. Her hats and clothes sell internationally. Having studied at Brown University, Rhode Island School of Design, Parsons and FIT, she presently teaches costume design at St. Ann's School in Brooklyn, NY. She regularly exhibits throughout the region and beyond.

The Muroff-Kotler Visual Arts Gallery

The Muroff-Kotler Visual Arts Gallery serves as a center for creative artistic activity at SUNY Ulster and for the outside community. It also functions as an environment for teaching, performing, and exhibiting.

For more information on the upcoming 'Between the Lines' exhibit, contact the gallery at 845-687-5113. To read more about Kate Hamilton and her art, visit her site at www.kate-hamiltonstudio.com.

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December 4th 7pm Book Launch & celebration for "Ellenville" Ellenville Public Library & Museum 40 Center Street

December 4th, 5th & 6th Shadowland Theatre presents Ghosts! 157 Canal Street 845-647-5511 for tickets

December 5th 8-11am Ellenville Nursery School invites you to Breakfast with Santa! Methodist Church 89 Canal Street 845-647-5495 \$6 adults & \$4 kids

December 5th 12-1pm Make Cookies at Cohen's Bakery! 99 Center St

December 5th 11am-1pm Crafts for Kids with the EW Youth Commission Center of Market Street

December 6th 1pm Noonday Club's Annual Senior Luncheon Ellenville Central School 845-647-6990

December 6th 3pm Electric Parade & Village Tree Lighting! Liberty Square

December 6th 3pm Ellenville Public Library presents "Into The Light!" High School Auditorium \$5.00 donation at the door

December 6th 6-8pm Monmouth Lighting Library Square

December 5th 12-4pm Napeenoch Public Interest Group Annual Toy Drive Norfolk Hall 79 Center Street Live music & more 845-797-5228

Family friendly events all weekend!
For more information please call EW Chamber of Commerce (845) 647-4620

NYS Bar Association Calls on State Government to Prepare now for Statewide Vote on State Constitution

(From Pg. 6)

- The commission should educate the public about the state Constitution and the process for changing it; make a comprehensive study of the Constitution and compile proposals for change and simplification; research how past conventions were conducted; and prepare impartial background materials for the 2017 voters-and for delegates-if a convention is held.

- The commission should have "a dedicated, full-time, expert staff."

"The commission will face the daunting task not only of examining the substantive areas of the Constitution and related issues, but also surveying and educating the public, and helping to plan and prepare for a convention, if one is held."

- The commission and its staff should be adequately funded by state government.

In calling for the creation of a study commission, the report notes that since 1914 state officials have created five such commissions.

"The Legislature created preparatory commissions for the 1915 Convention, the 1957 referendum and the 1967 Convention; governors established commissions for the 1938 Convention and the 1997 referendum," the report says. "History teaches us that regardless of how a preparatory commission is formed, it requires the support of all branches of government to produce useful and comprehensive work product for the benefit of New York voters, lawmakers, interested groups, and delegates if a convention is held."

The Association's Committee on the New York State Constitution, which wrote the report, was created by President Miranda earlier this year. Its goal is to serve as a resource to the Association and public about issues relating to the 2017 referendum. It is chaired Henry M. Greenberg of Albany (Greenberg Traurig).

The committee's full report is available at www.nysba.org/nysconstitutionreport.

To view video excerpts of the Nov. 7, 2015 House of Delegates discussion, go to https://youtu.be/5f_sljGqMb4.

For background about the State Bar's Committee on the NYS Constitution, go to: www.nysba.org/NYSConstitutionReviewCommittee.

The 74,000-member New York State Bar Association is the largest voluntary state bar association in the nation. It was founded in 1876.

COLD WEATHER PROGRAM WARMLY RECEIVED Home Energy Assistance Program Well Managed By A Diligent Department of Social Services

The Office of the Ulster County Comptroller recently audited the 2014 Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) and Home Equipment Repair and Replacement program (HERR) and found that the County's Department of Social Services (DSS) complied with their responsibilities as prescribed by New York State.

The audit of this \$7.4 million program which processed 19,000 claims did highlight some State guideline vulnerabilities and offered some recommendations to the local Department regarding record keeping, vendor billing and fraud investigations.

The audit concluded that the "DSS HEAP unit is in compliance with the guidelines set forth..." and includes a follow-up response by the Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner of the Ulster County Department of Social Services.

The report can be found on the Comptroller's website at:

<http://ulstercountyny.gov/comptroller/sites/default/files/DSS%20HEAP%20Application%20Audit.pdf>

Wide Ranging Investigation by AG Finds That Both Companies Are Violating New York State Law Against Illegal Gambling Schneiderman: Daily Fantasy Sports is Neither Victimless or Harmless

NEW YORK-Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman issued cease-and-desist letters to daily fantasy sports ("DFS") wagering sites DraftKings and FanDuel on Tuesday, ordering both companies to immediately stop accepting wagers inside New York. The AG's action follows an investigation by his office that found DraftKings and FanDuel to be in violation of New York State law against illegal gambling. Traditional, season-long fantasy sports are not implicated by the AG's action.

"Our investigation has found that, unlike traditional fantasy sports, daily fantasy sports companies are engaged in illegal gambling under New York law, causing the same kinds of social and economic harms as

other forms of illegal gambling, and misleading New York consumers," said Attorney General Schneiderman. "Daily fantasy sports is neither victimless nor harmless, and it is clear that DraftKings and FanDuel are the leaders of a massive, multi-billion-dollar scheme intended to evade the law and fleece sports fans across the country. Today we have sent a clear message: not in New York, and not on my watch."

In addition, the investigation found that both companies consistently use deceptive advertising to lure consumers into an unregulated online gambling operation that, while marketed as a game that anyone can win, in fact distributes the vast majority of winnings to a small subset of experienced, highly sophisticated players. These winners constitute roughly 1% of all players on the two sites. The AG's investigation also revealed that both companies deliberately target demographics susceptible to problem gambling.

Governor Cuomo Announces Home Heating Assistance Began November 16 - Nearly 1.5 Million Households Received Assistance Last Winter

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo announced households that need help paying their heating bills this winter can begin applying for assistance from the Home Energy Assistance Program on Monday, November 16. The program provides financial assistance to help low-income and elderly New Yorkers keep their homes warm in the winter months.

"The Home Energy Assistance Program is vital to helping struggling households afford the costs of heating their homes during the cold New York winters," Governor Cuomo said. "It provides some much-needed relief, especially for low-income working families, as well as senior citizens on a fixed income. I encourage anyone in need of this assistance to apply before the coldest weather sets in."

The Home Energy Assistance Program is funded by the federal government and is overseen by the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance.

Eligible households can receive a one-time benefit of up to \$625 this winter depending upon income, household size and heating source. For the upcoming season, a household of four can earn up to \$51,792, or \$4,316 a month, and still qualify for assistance.

Last winter, 1.48 million households received benefits through the program. A breakdown of the number of households that received assistance last winter, by region is below:

Households may also be eligible for an emergency benefit if they are in danger of running out of heating fuel or having their utility service shut off. Applications for emergency benefits will be accepted beginning Monday, January 4, 2016. Households facing an energy emergency should call their local department of social services for assistance.

Anyone living outside of New York City can apply for a regular Home Energy Assistance benefit online at myBenefits.ny.gov. Last year, more than 42,000 households applied through the myBenefits site.

For more information about the Home Energy Assistance Program, go to <http://otda.ny.gov/programs/heap>. New Yorkers can find contact information for their county department of social services at <http://otda.ny.gov/programs/heap/HEAP-contacts.pdf>.

Vacancies on the SC Agricultural & Farmland Protection Board

At this time there are three (3) open positions on the Sullivan County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board: One position for an active farmer; One position for an active farmer and/or other agricultural stakeholder and/or stakeholder from an organization dedicated to agricultural land preservation; One position for an agribusiness representative

The Sullivan County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board (AFPB) was established by the Sullivan County Legislature in 1992. Under Article 25AA of the New York State Agriculture and Markets Law, counties are required to establish agricultural and farmland protection boards to assist in review of public land acquisition, review of non-farm projects within New York State Certified Agricultural Districts, formation and review of Agricultural Districts and the development and implementation of county and municipal agricultural and farmland protection plans.

The AFPB generally meets quarterly. During the thirty-day window to include viable agricultural land into the New York State Certified Agricultural Districts, which occurs annually in April, members meet more frequently and participate in site visits to evaluate applications for property to be included into the Agricultural Districts. In addition, during the eight-year comprehensive review of an Agricultural District, members meet to review proposed modifications to the districts and pre-

pare recommendations for the County Legislature.

Sullivan County updated its Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan last year, with considerable input from the Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board. It will continue to provide oversight on plan implementation.

New terms will be for four years, after a new appointment and confirmation by the Sullivan County Legislature.

The term "active farmer" is defined by the Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board as a person who actively farms land that he or she either owns or rents, and that falls within one of the following categories:

- not less than seven acres of land used as a single operation for the production for sale of crops, livestock or livestock products of an average gross sales value of ten thousand dollars or more; or, less than seven acres used as a single operation for the production for sale of crops, livestock or livestock products of an average gross sales value of fifty thousand dollars or more.

Interested persons should send a letter of interest and statement of qualifications to AnnMarie Martin, Clerk to the Sullivan County Legislature, Sullivan County Government Center, 100 North Street, PO Box 5012, Monticello, NY 12701 by December 11, 2015.

Governor Cuomo Raises Minimum Wage for State Workers to \$15 per hour - Making NY First in Nation to Enact \$15 State Public Sector Minimum Wage

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo announced that his administration is raising the minimum wage for state workers to \$15 an hour. To date, no other state has enacted a \$15 public sector minimum wage. This groundbreaking action comes as the Governor is pushing to make New York the first state in the nation to implement a \$15 minimum wage across all industries, and follows the \$15 minimum wage increase for fast food workers approved by the Governor's administration earlier this year.

"I believe that if you work hard and work full time, you should not be condemned to live in poverty. Yet millions of families nationwide continue to be left behind by an insufficient minimum wage - and it's time that changed," said Governor Cuomo. "Today in New York, we are leading by example and creating an economy that is defined by opportunity, not inequality. We are restoring the fairness and economic justice that built the American dream and standing up for what's right. I am proud of what we continue to accomplish, because New Yorkers deserve nothing less."

Approximately 10,000 state employees will be benefited by the Governor's action, including those in all Executive Agencies, the Legislature, the Judiciary, and the independently elected agencies of the Department of Law and the Office of State Comptroller. Approximately 9,000 employees are outside of New York City, and 1,000 within New York City.

This change will be reflected in the State's Budget Policy and Reporting Manual. When fully phased in on July 1, 2021, this wage increase has an annual projected cost of roughly \$20.6 million, including the anticipated effect of fringe benefits.

This increase, which was announced by the Governor at a rally for low-wage workers in New York City, will be implemented on the same phased-in schedule currently underway for fast food workers. That schedule is as follows:

Governor Cuomo has consistently fought to increase the minimum wage in New York State. In 2013, the Governor signed legislation that raised the minimum wage from \$7.25 to its current level of \$8.75. That legislation included another incremental increase to \$9.00 that will take effect by the end of 2015. Additionally, the State Department of Labor empaneled a wage board last July focusing on tipped workers. The Governor's administration ultimately accepted that wage board's recommendations, setting the stage for an increase in wages for tipped workers from \$4.90, \$5.00 and \$5.65 to \$7.50 per hour on December 31, 2015.

Most recently, the Governor directed the Department of Labor to empanel a wage board to investigate and make recommendations on an increase in the minimum wage in the fast food industry. Earlier this year, then-Acting State Labor Commissioner Mario J. Musolino accepted those recommendations and signed the official order setting in motion the phased increase toward \$15 per hour described above. An estimated 200,000 fast food workers are expected to benefit from this increase.

In total, more than 2.3 million New Yorkers (roughly 1,435,500 workers living outside of New York City and 927,400 living within New York City) will be directly benefitted by the Governor's proposal to increase the minimum wage for workers in all industries to \$15 per hour.

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 Call 985-2028

Community
Thanksgiving Eve Service

Nov. 25, 7 p.m.

Place: **Grahamsville United
 Methodist Church**
 365 Route 55, Grahamsville, NY
 Preacher: the **Rev. Paul Nulton**
 of the Claryville Reformed Church

Please join us as we thank
 God for all our blessings!
 (Free will offering will be split between the
 Grahamsville Community Food Pantry and
 the Claryville Food Pantry)

Grahamsville Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary
 Presents:

Santa Comes to Grahamsville

When: Sunday, December 13, 2015
 Where: Town Hall
 (Front Porch of Building)
 Time: 11 am to 1 pm



Please bring your little one(s) to meet and take a picture
 with Santa! We are serving Hot Dogs, Hot Chocolate
 and a cookie. This is a free event for our community.
 This will be held Rain, Sleet, Snow or Shine!!!

Grahamsville Cub Scout Pack 87
Spaghetti Dinner

At the Grahamsville Reformed Church
 Saturday, December 5, 2015 4-7 pm
Menu: Spaghetti, meatballs, sauce, garlic bread, salad,
 ice cream, ice tea, lemonade, hot tea and coffee
 Adults - \$10 Children 5-12 years old \$5.00
 Children Under 5 years free

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TIME & THE VALLEYS
MUSEUM



Saturday & Sunday, noon to 4 p.m.
 through Thanksgiving
 Three floors of exhibitions, Local History Resource
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Time and the Valleys Museum has copies of every
 Townsman printed since the beginning (1947) classified
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985-7700
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ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL MISSION

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

Music by Fred VanWagner
 5277 State Rt. 42 Coffee hour follows service
 South Fallsburg All are welcome!
 845-436-7539
www.standrewsepiscopalmission.org

**Claryville Reformed
 Church**

Claryville Road
 Claryville, NY 12725
 845-985-2041



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

**CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE
 IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

(Embraces Fallsburg, Neversink, Sundown and Ulster Heights)
 6317 Rte. 42, Woodbourne, NY

Weekend Mass schedule:
Saturday - Start of Advent, November 28th. Confessions will be heard
 from 3:45 to 4:15 pm and Mass will be celebrated at 4:30 pm.
 Note that Christmas and New Year's Eve Masses will remain at 5:00 pm.
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.)

Rev. John J. Lynch, Ph.D., Pastor. 434-7643.

Covered Dish Supper
 Dec. 5, 2015
 at 5:30 pm

Holiday Fair
 Nov. 21, 2015 • 10-3
 Cookie Walk 1/2 b/a

Family Movie Night
 Nov. 28, 2015
 Feature film - *The Littlest Angel* • 2nd film
 to be announced

all at the Sundown United
 Methodist Church Hall

**Grahamsville
 United
 Methodist
 Church**

Saturday
Nov. 21, 2015
**Thrift Sale &
 Boutique**
 9 am-1 p.m.

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

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PUBLIC NOTICES/LEGAL:

**TOWN OF NEVERSINK
NOTICE: ALTERNATE MEMBER POSITION
AVAILABLE ON THE PLANNING BOARD**

The Town of Neversink announces an Alternate Member positions available on the Planning Board. The alternate member will serve when a regular member is unable to participate on an application or matter before their respective Board. Alternate members are expected to attend all meetings.

This Alternate Member Position to the Planning Board is fill a vacant position which will expire on 12-31-2016. After that it is a three year position. All provisions of state law relating to Planning Board member eligibility, vacancy in office, removal, compatibility of office and service on other boards, as well as any provisions of a local law/local ordinance relating to training, continuing education, compensation and attendance, shall also apply to the alternate member.

Please send a letter of interest to: Mark McCarthy, Supervisor, Town of Neversink, PO Box 307, Grahamsville, NY 12740 or drop it off at the Town Hall. Letters of interest should be received by December 9, 2015. Please address any questions to Mark McCarthy, Supervisor at (845)985-2262, ext. 301 11/19

PUBLIC NOTICE:

**ANNUAL ELECTION OF THE NEVERSINK
FIRE DISTRICT - DECEMBER 8, 2015**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE That the Annual Election of the Neversink Fire District will take place on December 8, 2015 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, 2016 and ending December 31, 2020.

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, NY 12765, no later than November 18 to be placed on the ballot.

All residents of the Fire District duly registered with the Sullivan County Board of Elections as of November 16, 2015 to be eligible to vote.

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

Allison Mehr-Ruef, District Secretary
November 11, 2015 11/19

LEGAL NOTICE

CLARYVILLE FIRE DISTRICT

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS FOR THE CLARYVILLE FIRE DISTRICT, ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR Thursday, December 3, 2015, HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED TO Wednesday, December 9, 2015, AT 6:30 PM.

November 11, 2015

Board of Fire Commissioners,
Claryville Fire District

By: Andrew J. Ford
Chairman

11/19;12/3

ANNOUNCEMENT

The following positions are available at Tri-Valley Central School:

Substitute Cafeteria Workers

Interested parties should submit letter of interest or application to:

Mr. Robert Whitaker,
School Business Official
Tri-Valley Central School District
34 Moore Hill Road
Grahamsville, New York 12740
(845)985-2296 ext. 5201

Cut-off date for receiving applications/letters of interest: November 30, 2015

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CCE Energy Workshops Can Help Reduce Winter Utility Costs

LIBERTY, NY- Homeowners and renters can learn to reduce energy consumption and lower energy bills at a Save Energy, Save Dollars workshop on Tuesday, November 24, 2015 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. This EmPower New York class is being offered by Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County at its Gerald J. Skoda Extension Education Center located on 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road in Liberty.

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

Advanced registration is encouraged by calling 845-292-6180. Additional dates and times can be obtained by visiting www.human.cornell.edu/dea/outreach/index.cfm and selecting "Empower Energy Use Management Workshop Schedule".

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

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that sealed proposals are being requested for the construction of a new truss roof on the existing Town of Neversink Highway Department "Old Garage" located on NYS Route 55 between the Hamlets of Grahamsville and Neversink. The work shall include the provision of all labor, materials and equipment necessary to perform the work hi accordance with plans and specifications prepared by Glenn L. Smith, P.E., Consulting Engineer, P.C. for the Town of Neversink.

The general scope of work includes the construction of a new wood truss roof with metal roofing panels over the existing flat roof on the 40' x 175' one-story masonry building.

Sealed bids will be received by the Town Clerk at the Neversink Town Hall up until 2:00 PM on Monday, December 7, 2015, at which tune they will be opened and read aloud.

Sealed bids to be entitled for consideration shall be accompanied by a certified check or bond payable to the Town of Neversink, for a sum equal to five percent (5%) of the bid price. The checks of the unsuccessful bidders will be returned. Within 15 days of notification of acceptance and approval of the proposal, the successful bidder shall furnish the town with the one hundred percent (100%) Performance Bond and one hundred (100%) percent Labor and Material Payment Bond described in the Specifications, at which time the five percent (5%) bid security will be returned. Should the bidders neglect to, or refuse to furnish the aforesaid bonds, the five percent (5%) bid security shall be retained by the Town as liquidated damages.

The work will be subject to the prevailing wage rates established by the New York State Department of Labor.

Plans, specifications and proposal forms may be obtained at the office of the Neversink Town Clerk, NYS Route 55, Grahamsville, NY. A \$50.00 refundable deposit, made payable to the Town of Neversink, is required and any bidder returning such set in good condition will be returned the deposit. If required, a set of contract documents will be mailed upon receipt of a separate mailing and handling fee of twenty dollars (\$20.00) per set made payable to the Town of Neversink.

Non-Discrimination in Employment - Bidders on the work will be required to comply with the President's Executive Order No. 11246. The requirements for bidders and contractors under this order, which concerns non-discrimination in employment, are explained in the contract documents. Bidders are also required to comply with the provisions of Section 290-299 of the Executive Law of the State of New York.

Owners Rights Reserved - The Town of Neversink, hereinafter called the Owner, reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any formality or any technicality in any proposal in the interest of the Owner.

Statement of Non-Collusion - Bidders on this contract are required to execute the non-collusive bidding certification required by Section 103-d of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York.

Lisa Garigliano,
Town Clerk November 10, 2015

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

Transportation to NYC and 1 Hour Tour of One World Observatory-Saturday, December 5. Leave Town Hall 8 am 2 drop offs: One World Observatory; New York Marriott Marquis 1535 Broadway Return to the Town Hall 8 pm. \$22 Transportation ONLY or \$27 Transportation and One World Observatory Tour **Must be paid by Tuesday, November 10.**

Breakfast with the Parks and Rec Elves
 Sunday, December 13. 8 am to 11 am
 Children 3 to 12 \$3 each Adults \$7 each.
 Meet Santa after breakfast at Town Hall.

Thank you to Neversink Parks and Recreation for another year of fun for the whole family. And a special thanks to Jamie Brooks for all that she has done to bring these events about and thank you to all who have assisted.

- 11/18/15 Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Association Meeting
- 11/19/15 Neversink Fire District Commissioners Meeting at 7 p.m.; Public Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
- 11/21/15 **Holiday Fair** - Sundown Methodist Church Hall 10-3
- 11/21/15 **Grahamsville UMC Thrift Sale & Boutique** (9:00 am-1 pm)
- 11/21/15 **Grahamsville Reformed Church Roast Pork Dinner** - 4- 7 pm
- 11/22/15 **Liquid Assets: The History of NYC's Water System** 2 p.m. at The Time and the Valleys Museum **FREE**
- 11/28/15 **Sundown Methodist Church Hall -Family Movie Night** Feature film -*The Littlest Angel*
- 11/28/15 **Claryville Fire Dept. Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner**
- 12/1/15 **Town of Denning Town Board Meeting** - 7 pm Denning Town Hall
- 12/2/15 **Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting** - 7 pm
- 12/3/15 **Claryville Fire District Meeting** 6:30PM
- 12/5/15 **Covered Dish Supper** Sundown Methodist Church - 5:30 pm
- 12/6/15 **Town of Neversink Annual Christmas Tree Lighting** 5:00 pm Bicentennial Square in Grahamsville
- 12/9/15 **Town of Neversink Town Board Meeting** - 7 :30 pm
- 12/8/15 **Town of Denning Town Board Business Meeting** -7 pm Denning Town Hall
- 12/10/15 **Town of Neversink Motor Vehicle** 10 am - 2:30 pm
- 12/10/15 **Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting** - 7 pm Denning Town Hall
- 12/15/15 **Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting** - 7:30 pm
- 12/21/15 **Grahamsville Fire District** - 7 pm

Save the Date

Sundown Methodist Church Hall - Holiday Fair Nov. 21, 2015 • 10 am - 3 pm Vendors needed. Call 985-2028.
Grahamsville United Methodist Church Dec. 5 - Annual Christmas Craft Sale 10 am - 3 pm
Holiday Tea - Sunday, December 13, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., in the Daniel Pierce Library Reading Room

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

<p>TRI-VALLEY AREA SUNDOWN CAMP & BAIT SHOP GRAHAMSVILLE DELI A J's FRIENDS & FINDS EUREKA MARKET & CAFE CANNIE D'S BLUE HILL LODGE FROST VALLEY YMCA</p>	<p>• VALERO MINI MALL (Loch Sheldrake) • SC COMMUNITY COLLEGE LIBRARY WOODBOURNE - CITGO STATION • MO'S GAS STATION • P.D. SMITH ENTERPRISE LIBERTY - LIBERTY FITNESS • CHARLIE'S PIZZA • AGWAY (Liberty) CLAUDIA'S BEAUTY SALON • SHOPRITE • IDEAL FOOD</p>	<p>ELLENVILLE JAMES NAPANOCH GROCERY DR. LONSTEIN'S OFFICE MATTHEW'S PHARMACY NAPANOCH APPLIANCES EWCO • ELLENVILLE CITGO ELLENVILLE REG HOSPITAL PETER'S MARKET THORTON HARDWARE SHOPRITE</p>
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 Phoenicia Gas Station • Phoenicia Pharmacy • Phoenicia Deli • Mama's Boy • Brio's
 Emerson Resort • Phoenicia Diner • Shokan Citgo

TOWN OF OLIVE MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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

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

Daniel Pierce Library hours of operation

beginning September 1, 2011.
 Tuesday: 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
 Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 Thursday: 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
 Friday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
 Sunday and Monday: Closed
 If you have any questions, please call the library at 985-7233.
The Library Board of Trustees meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month. On occasion, a meeting date is changed. Please call ahead to confirm.

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

SC Ninth Meeting of the Charter Review Commission

Please be advised that the ninth meeting of the 2015 Charter Review Commission will be held on Wednesday, November 18, 2015 at 6:00 P.M., in the Legislative Committee Room, 100 North Street, Monticello, NY 12701.
 The public is welcome to attend.

SULLIVAN COUNTY HEAP ALTERNATE CERTIFIERS

Action Toward Independence
 Monday – Friday 9 am – 4 pm appointments & walk-ins
 309 East Broadway, Monticello, N Y
 Phone: 845—794-4228

CACHE
 Monday – Friday 9 am – 4:30 pm – walk-ins only
 63 South Main Street, Liberty, N Y
 Phone: 845-292-5821

Independent Living, Inc.
 Monday – Wednesday 10 am – 4 pm appointments only
 Thursday & Friday 10 am – 4 pm walk-ins
 10 Prince Street, Monticello, N Y
 Phone: 845-794-3322

Sullivan County Federation for the Homeless
 Monday – Friday- call to schedule an appointment
 9 Monticello Street, Monticello, N Y
 Phone: 845-794-2604

Sullivan County Head Start, Inc.
 Monday – Friday 8 am – 4 pm appointments & walk-ins
 392 State Route 52, Woodbourne, N Y
 Phone: 845-434-4164

Sullivan County Office for the Aging
 Monday – Friday 9 am – 4 pm; 9 am – 10 am walk-ins
 100 North Street, Monticello, N Y
 Phone: 845-807-0241

Veterans Day: A Time to Say Thank You

Since the founding of this country, men and women from all walks of life have served as members of the armed forces. Some of this country's most pivotal battles were fought by volunteers, individuals who selflessly gave of themselves, more than most Americans can comprehend. Without the resolve, and bravery of our men and women in uniform, this country might look a lot different. That is why we pause, every year, to honor their dedicated service, and remember the sacrifices that they have made on our behalf.

Veterans Day allows us to come together as a nation and honor the memory of those who have fought and died, those who survived, and those who continue to serve. The greatness of America is not measured by our wealth, it's measured by the spirit of individuals, people who have dedicated their lives to serving a cause greater than themselves.

So today I ask that you take a moment and thank a veteran, whether it be a relative or a neighbor, or someone you've never met before. Attend a remembrance ceremony in your community, visit your local American Legion or VFW Hall. These simple gestures can go a long way towards showing the gratitude and admiration we have for our service men and women.

Sincerely,
 John J. Bonacic
 State Senator

UC Sheriff's Office Hosted Police K9 Graduation

The Ulster County Sheriff's Office hosted a Police K9 graduation on Friday, November 13th 2015 at the Ulster County Community College in Stone Ridge.

The graduation was conducted for three K9's that recently completed training which included obedience, Tracking, Searches and Handler protection.

K9 Maverick is a Chocolate Lab and is assigned to the Ulster County Sheriff's Office Corrections Division handled by Corrections Officer Anthony Maggio

K9 Kiah is a PitBull and is assigned to the City of Poughkeepsie Police Department and is handled by Officer Justin Bruzzul.

K9 Farrell is a German Shepard and is assigned to the Ulster County Sheriff's Office and is handled by Deputy Sheriff James Slinsky.

K9 Farrell was named in memory and in honor of Sgt Shawn M. Farrell II who was killed in action while serving with the US Armys 10th mountain division on April 28th, 2014 in Afghanistan.

2015 Dept. of Motor Vehicles Schedule - Neversink Town Hall

10:00 am - 2:30 pm

January 15th	May 14th	September 10th
February None	June 11th	October 15th
March 12th	July 16th	November 12th
April 16th	August 13th	December 10th

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Have a bountiful and blessed Thanksgiving
 - *The Townsman Staff*



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**Attention all Crafters and
Small Business Owners!**

The holidays are just around the corner! Again this year, we will be offering a **Holiday Special** for advertising in *The Townsman*. If you have a product that you would like to advertise in our Holiday Classifieds, you may add your listing for only \$2 per week.

This includes gift certificates as well as actual gifts and handcrafted items. For example, gift certificates for: restaurants; tires or oil change; one month's insurance payment; a visit to a hairdresser or nail salon; holiday spirits from a liquor store; or produce; gift baskets, etc. Get creative and let's celebrate your business for the holidays!

This offer is good starting next week, Nov. 12th and through to the end of the year.

Send us your listing in 20 words or less (be sure to include your contact information) along with \$2 for each week you would like your ad to appear to: **The Townsman**, PO Box 232, Grahamsville, NY 12740

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4. Shirley MacLaine
3. Dean Martin
2. Shirley MacLaine
1. Peter Sellers

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BEING THERE

(Comedy 1979)

Political pundits mistake an illiterate gardener for a media genius and turn him into a national hero. Directed Hal Ashby *Starring Peter Sellers, Shirley MacLaine, Melvyn Douglas.* See this film Monday evening, November 23, 2015 starting @ 8:00 PM, 130 min,

Color, TV-14, You're going to love these two Stay tuned right after Being There @ 10:15 PM

SOME CAME RUNNING

(Drama, 1958)

A veteran returns home to deal with family secrets and small-town scandals. Directed by Vincente Minnelli. *Starring, Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Shirley MacLaine, Martha Hyer, Arthur Kennedy, Nancy Gates.* Slick adaptation of James Jones' novel about disillusionment in a small midwestern town in the late 1940s; more character study than narrative. MacLaine is especially good as luckless floozie who's stuck on Sinatra; Elmer Bernstein's music score also a standout. CinemaScope See this film Monday evening, November 23, 2015 starting @ 10:15 PM, 136 min, Color, TV-PG, Quiz

1. Who plays Chance?
2. Who plays Eve Rand?
3. Who plays Bama Dillert?
4. Who plays Ginny Moorhead?

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

GRAHAMSVILLE

Grahamsville UM Church -November 21st, the **Third Saturday Thrift Sale** and **The Boutique** will be open. This will be the last Saturday Thrift Sale this year *Mark your Calendars!* Dec. 5 - **Annual Christmas Craft Sale** 10 am - 3 pm

Nov. 21 -Grahamsville Reformed Church
Roast Pork Dinner 4 - 7 pm

SUNDOWN

Holiday Fair Nov. 21, 2015 • 10 am - 3 pm - Bake table - Thanksgiving-style. Vendors needed. Call 985-2028.

Nov 28 - **Movie Night**

Dec 6. **Covered Dish Supper** - Dec- 5 pm.

At the **Sundown**
United Methodist Church Hall

CLARYVILLE

Spaghetti Dinner November 28 Claryville Firehouse

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