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Governor Cuomo Announces the Catskill Challenge during the 'Ride the Catskills' Motorcycle Tour



The convoy of motorcycles with Governor Cuomo in the lead as they pass by the Blue Hole near the Peekamoose Campgrounds.

Grahamsville, NY-- Governor Andrew M. Cuomo announced a series of actions to promote tourism in the Catskill Mountain region, including holding the first annual Catskill Challenge in summer 2016. New York State will launch a \$5 million Catskill region tourism ad campaign to draw visitors from around the world. The Governor made these announcements while on a "Ride the Catskills" Motorcycle Tour last week. After leaving Minnewaska State Park on a motorcycle, the Governor was joined by the Blue Knights, the Fire Riders and some really quality riders. They stopped to watch the eagles along the Rondout Reservoir in Grahamsville and then headed up through Sundown past the Peekamoose Campgrounds and the Blue Hole before moving on to the Maurice D. Hinchey Catskill Interpretive Center in Mount Tremper. (Contd. Pg. 8)

TV Lions Makes Donation to Immaculate Conception Church

Tri-Valley Lion's Secretary, Carmen Salvemini, recently presented a donation to Reverend John Lynch, Pastor of Immaculate Conception RC Parish in Woodbourne NY. The donation is from the Tri-Valley Lions Club for their parish Thanksgiving food basket program which feeds over 100 families annually in the local area.

The Tri-Valley Lions also support three other food pantries: Grahamsville Reformed Church, Grahamsville



United Methodist Church, and Claryville Reformed Church each year during the month of October.

The Tri-Valley Lions are affiliated with Lions International which has over 1.4 million members worldwide serving the elderly, youth, sight and hearing impaired and the hungry.

Our motto is "WE SERVE". For further information contact carmensalvemini1@msn.com.

Town of Neversink- Flag Exchange Ceremony Wednesday, November 11th

Veteran's Day, 2015 in the Tri-Valley Area will be observed by the Flag Exchange Ceremony, which has become a tradition in the Town of Neversink. The Program will take place at 11:00 am on Wednesday, November 11th, at the flag pole located in the Grahamsville Rural Cemetery on Route 55 in Grahamsville. (Contd. Pg. 3)

Tri-Valley Harvests Student Talent for Upcoming "Four Seasons" Cabaret Night!



Cabaret fun for all ages! Aaron Edwards, age 6, rocks out to 70's disco jam at last year's Cabaret at Tri-Valley

There's a rich yield of talent this year, so mark your calendars for Tuesday, November 10, at 7 p.m. for Tri-Valley Central School's annual fun-filled musical festivity, *Cabaret!* This year's event, "Four Seasons," will feature a variety of performances by the High School Jazz Band and several vocal and instrumental soloists. (Contd. Pg. 3)

Tri-Valley Student Gets "Once-in-a-Lifetime" Opportunity Community Rallies to Make Dream Possible!

It isn't every day that a young woman is plucked from the hills of upstate New York to compete thousands of miles away in an elite, international Track and Field competition! To the delight of her family, coaches, and community, Tri-Valley ninth-grader, Katerina Plescia is the second student from Tri-Valley to receive such an honor! Brittany Pennell competed last year, and reveled in an enriching experience both on and off the course.

The prestigious Down Under Sports Tournaments are hosted on the Gold Coast of Australia annually, and this year, Katerina Plescia was selected to be a member of the Track and Field team. Not only is she proud to represent her school and community, she is thrilled to be able to represent our nation in what has become an exciting international competition.

Katerina started running in the fifth grade under the guidance of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Iatauro. She was inspired by her parents, who began to run for fitness and later competed in half marathons and marathons. (Contd. Pg. 3)

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ON THE FRONT BURNER: When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest and finding none.
St. Matthew 12:43

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

November 9, 1955 - State agents have been condemning properties in the Liberty area, the removal of which will be required for the new Liberty by-pass. In most cases notices state that the property must be vacated by April 1, 1956. According to the Liberty Supervisor William Pearson, the final plans for the by-pass are now in existence and will not be altered.

Mr. Arlington Visscher and the following members of the woodwind and brass sections of the Tri Valley School Band will participate in the New York State Musical Sectional at New Paltz on Saturday evening: Misses Patsy Banta, Sara Brown, Irma DuBois, Doris Edwards, June Hasbrouck, Margaret Marks, Alfreda Sheeley, Helen Spann and Fred DuBois.

November 10, 1965 - Mrs. Oma Barnes, age 92, died at her home on Rte. 55, Neversink after a short illness. She was born on October 24, 1873 in Grahamsville, the daughter of Lorenzo and Mahala Porter Tillson. She married Harvey Barnes in 1896 in Grahamsville. A housewife, Mrs. Barnes has made her home in Neversink for the past 31 years. Surviving are her sister, Mrs. Nancie Seaman of Neversink and several nephews and nieces.

Anniversary congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Roger Banta, 30 years on November 16th and to Mr. and Mrs. A.J. Erath on November 17th.

November 26, 1975 - Mr. Edward Lewis died Wednesday at Community General Hospital in Liberty after a long illness. He was 88. Born in Rosendale on July 28, 1887 to Andrew and Aletta Winchell Lewis, he was an area resident for 60 years. He was married to Bertha Van Aken Lewis. A retired fire tower observer, Mr. Lewis was a member of the Claryville Fire Dept. and the NYS Retired Employees Association. He is survived by his widow; his daughter, Catherine of Claryville; two brothers, Fred and James, both of Ellenville; three sisters: Mrs. Leora Van Aken of Red Hill, Mrs. Ella Cutler of Ellenville, and Mrs. Clara Schoendwaldt of Valley Stream, L.I.; and several nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Marguerite Harris of Mutton Hill Road, Neversink, died Saturday at Community General Hospital in Liberty. She was 45. She was born December 5, 1929 in Marietta, Ohio to Merle and Thelma Berger Kercher. She was an area resident for 24 years. She was married to French Harris. Survivors include her husband; three daughters: Mrs. Linda Harris Ter Bush and Miss Vicki Eileen Harris both of Grahamsville and Rhonda Harris at home; her mother of Ohio and four brothers.

November 14, 1985 - Helen Aldrich, Editor of *The Townsman*, is in the Ellenville Hospital recovering from an operation for a broken hip. Her operation was successful and she hopes to be "back in harness" before too long. In the meantime, *The Townsman* is being taken care of by faithful volunteers.

In the November 9th issued of *The Times Herald Record*, Jean Webster of Grahamsville, a Record correspondent, reported on a pamphlet written by Esther George of Sundown. The pamphlet is entitled "A Short History of Sundown". Mrs. George has lived in Sundown with her husband, Herbert, for over 50 years. Besides writing, she also paints and writes poetry and she is one of the original members of the Alchemy Poetry Club.

Grahamsville Community Food Pantry Seeks Community Support

The Grahamsville Community Food Pantry provides food to approximately 35 to 45 families a month throughout the year. The Food Pantry also hopes to provide approximately 30 holiday food baskets to neighbors in the Tri-Valley School District at Thanksgiving and possibly at Christmas, if supplies are sufficient. The Grahamsville Community Food Pantry welcomes donations from area residents to help us provide for this special outreach. The food pantry requests gifts of canned hams, chicken or turkey breasts, roasting chickens and frozen turkeys. Non-perishable holiday food items such as gravy, stuffing, instant white potatoes, sweet potatoes, green beans, corn, and cranberry sauce, are also needed. The food pantry welcomes monetary donations to help with the purchase of perishable items for the baskets as well.

The Grahamsville Community Food Pantry is located in the Grahamsville United Methodist Church, Route 55, Grahamsville, N.Y. Monetary donations can be sent to the Grahamsville United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 86, Grahamsville, NY 12740 (with "Food Pantry-holiday baskets" indicated on the memo line). Non-perishable food items can be dropped off at the food pantry any time. To arrange for the delivery of perishable food items please call the church (845-985-2283). For Thanksgiving, the Food Pantry coordinator needs to have a sense of expected donations by Nov. 15. These are difficult days for many in our community.

The Grahamsville Community Food Pantry thanks our friends and neighbors for your continuing support throughout the year and we pray for your generosity as the holiday seasons approach.

Congratulations to UC-Based Fruition Chocolate on Its 2015 International Chocolate Awards

Chocolate lovers are invited to Fruition Chocolate's celebratory open house on November 11th from 5 - 9 PM.

Bryan and Dahlia Graham's Fruition Chocolate, one of only a few chocolatiers in the United States that produces all of its chocolate directly from the cocoa bean, are to be congratulated on their recent gold and silver awards at the 2015 International Chocolate Awards in London. "I look forward to celebrating their success on November 11th at their open house and on working with this exemplary small company as it continues to grow in Ulster County," said Suzanne Holt, Director of the Ulster County Office of Economic Development.

Fruition Chocolate began its small batch manufacturing four years ago in Shokan, and now also operates a Hudson Valley boutique location in the heart of Woodstock. In addition to their acclaimed flavors like the Dark Milk with Fleur de Sel chocolate bar, Fruition Chocolate recently introduced a new line of sweets including filled chocolates and confections with flavors such as Honey Rosemary Ganache, Banana Rum Pecan and Crispy Cashew Gianduja with Strawberry Preserves.

Among other local Hudson Valley businesses and farms, Fruition Chocolates collaborates on their confections with Tuthilltown Spirits, Bread Alone, Newburgh Brewery and Roneybrook Farm. They are currently formulating plans for a larger manufacturing facility which is expected to offer enhanced tourist opportunities.

The International Chocolate Awards, founded in 2012, is an independent competition, recognizing excellence in fine chocolate making and in the products made with fine chocolate. As the World's only fully independent international fine chocolate competition, it aims to support companies producing fine chocolate and chocolatiers, small companies and artisans working with fine chocolate. By helping these markets to grow and develop, the group also aims to support the farmers that grow fine cacao.

The artisan chocolatier has also gained accolades on slate.com, which called it one of the "top makers in the field of craft chocolate," saying its dark chocolate with milk bar "just might change your worldview." And Dessert Professional Magazine recognized Bryan Graham as one of the Top 10 Chocolatiers in North America.

For more information on Fruition Chocolate, please visit: <http://www.tastefruition.com/>

A Round About Tri-Valley

-Carol Furman

Get well wishes to George Knox of Neversink, Lori Thayer of Claryville and Paul Muthig of Aden. They should remain in our thoughts and prayers. Also good wishes go out to Frank Nicoletti of Claryville who recently had hip surgery. Frank, I'm sure you'll be up and about in no time!

The Grahamsville Reformed Church had 230 attend their turkey dinner on October 24th. Hats off to the cooks and their helpers! The next dinner will be a roast pork dinner and will be held on November 21st from 4:00 - 7:00 pm.

Tri-Valley School Cabaret -Tuesday, November 10th at 7:00 pm.

When Pete found ice on his tractor seat early one morning and I noticed that the bird bath and the dog water on the deck were iced over, we knew it was definitely the end of the growing season. Now gardens had to be cleaned out, the lawn had to be mowed for the last time and it was definitely time to get the remainder of my flower bulbs planted and my house plants inside. That frost was indeed a reality check. We all knew it was coming but, if you're like me, you kind of wait until the last minute to get things done. Now that those fall chores are accomplished, I can breathe a thankful sigh of relief. I am now, although I hate to admit it's coming, ready for winter!

In the Town of Neversink, Veterans Day, 2015 will be commemorated on Wednesday, November 11th at 11:00 am at the Grahamsville Rural Cemetery flag-pole. This year the flag honoring Navy veteran, Donald TerBush, will be raised and will fly until Memorial Day. On Veterans Day, a grateful nation thanks all veterans and those currently serving for their service, sacrifice and dedication. We honor and salute all of you for keeping our country safe and secure.

Did you know? That the Town of Neversink was relocated and when you stand on the Neversink Reservoir Dam and look across the water, that the Towns of Bittersweet, Neversink (Neversink Flats) and part of Aden and their history lie beneath the waters. Did you know that Neversink Flats had many homes and stores, a beautiful church, a school, as well as a bowling alley and an arcade?

Words of Wisdom There are no shortcuts to any place worth going.

You know you're getting older when your little black book contains only names ending in M.D. and when you have too much room in the house and not enough in the medicine cabinet.

Calling All Collectors! A day to share what you love to collect with others at the Time and the Valleys Museum

[Grahamsville, N.Y.] - Calling All Collectors! will be held on Sunday, November 8th at 2 p.m. at the Time and the Valleys Museum on St. Rt. 55 in Grahamsville, Sullivan County. Anyone with a collection they love of anything - plates? buttons? cans? is welcome to bring their collection to the Museum for others to admire. From serious collectors, to those who just have a lot of "something" in their closets, all are invited. Dust off your collection and let it shine for an afternoon, and share what you love with others!

The show (not sale) is FREE and there is no cost to rent a table to display a collection. Please call 845 985-7700 or email info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org to reserve a table. Admission is also free for those coming to view the collections, and includes admission to the Museum with three floors of exhibitions.

Located on St. Rt. 55 in Grahamsville, the Time and the Valleys Museum is open weekends from noon to 4 p.m. through November 22nd. With THREE FLOORS of exhibitions, the Museum also has a Local History Resource Center (open Thursday and Sundays, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.) and Museum Shop with local history and environmental publications, handcrafted artwork and gifts by local craftspeople, old fashioned toys and other unique items. For more information call 845 985-7700 or go to our website: timeandthevalleymuseum.org.

Current Exhibitions:

- o Tunnels, Toil & Trouble: New York City's Quest for Water and the Rondout-Neversink Story
- o The Impact of Water on the Life and Growth of the Valleys
- o Celebrating Catskill Waters: Past and Present

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

Groups, camps and schools are always welcome - Guided tours are conducted for groups of 15 to 100 people. For further information on the Museum and all exhibits and activities, please call 845 985-7700, email info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org or visit www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org.

Town of Neversink- Flag Exchange Ceremony Wednesday, November 11th

(From Pg. 1) The event will feature the retiring of the flag, which has flown for the past six months, in honor of James Herbert Grey. In exchange for the flag just retired, Scout Troop 97 will then accept a flag presented by the TerBush Family of Grahamsville, which will fly for six months, in honor of Donald TerBush, a veteran of the United States Navy. Participating in the event will be Boy Scout Troops 97 and 87, an Honor Guard of local veterans and representatives of the Grahamsville Rural Cemetery Association, who sponsor the Flag Exchange Ceremony.

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

Following the ceremony at the Cemetery, a brief wreath-laying ceremony and flag exchange will take place at the Neversink Town Hall in Grahamsville. Light refreshments will be served at Town Hall following the ceremony.

Tri-Valley Harvests Student Talent for Upcoming "Four Seasons" Cabaret Night!

(From Pg. 1)

Cabaret is one of Tri-Valley's most beloved, long-standing traditions--yet another enjoyable event that involves our entire community: students, families, faculty, staff, and neighbors. And it's a great night out for the whole family! Children, especially budding musicians of all ages, are welcome! The event will take place in the Tri-Valley Upstairs Gymnasium. Admission is FREE! Refreshments will be available for purchase.

The student performers are participants in the Tri-Valley Music Program, which under the direction of Mr. John Calabrese, Mr. Kevin Giroux, Ms. Regina Hartman, and Mr. Matthew Weyant, inspires children to discover and develop their unique talents. Early music education, instrumental and vocal training, and participation in choral and band activities trains, forms and prepares music students for engagement with musical programs in college or university and successful careers in Fine Arts and Performance.

For additional information about this event or the Tri-Valley Music Program, please contact Mr. Matthew Weyant at Tri-Valley Central School, 985-2296, X 5509

Tri-Valley Student Gets "Once-in-a-Lifetime" Opportunity Community Rallies to Make Dream Possible!

(From Pg. 1) "When I was younger, my parents had me try a lot of different sports. Unlike my mom, I was terrible at soccer and I got hurt in basketball all of the time. In 5th grade, I was asked to manage the Tri-Valley cross-country team. My first question was, 'What's cross country?'"

The rest was history. Katerina fell in love with the sport, and with ongoing training has enjoyed tremendous success. At the end of last year, her former coach, Mr. Tyler Eckhoff awarded her with Most Improved Player for her efforts in indoor track. Her bedroom walls, festooned with medals and ribbons, represent a spirit of hard work and dedication. She also shared how running has helped her in other ways, citing her parents' support. "Running is very important in my life. It's a good stress reliever and after school it's nice to go and clear your head from all of the drama. I've also made some of my best friends through running. Our team is like a family, we have our ups and downs but we're always there for each other. My biggest mentors, as well as supporters, are my parents. They've taught me to never give up. This has helped me when running a race or finishing a math test."

Perhaps most importantly, Katerina has learned about the value of tenacity, even in the face of obstacles. "Running and competing isn't always easy. I've gone through many ankle sprains and pulled muscles. Last cross country season, in 2014, my old coach Mr. Eckhoff would hand out cards with quotes and words of encouragement before every meet. I have one card quoting Jesse Jackson that I kept, it was before my first race back from an injury. It said, 'If you fall behind, run faster. Never give up, never surrender, and rise up against the odds.'" This year, Katerina and her team continue to train under the dedicated, watchful eyes of Tri-Valley coaches, Joseph Manasari and Ms. Christie Wright.

In order to be able to participate in the Down Under Tournament, Katerina and her family will need our community's assistance. On Sunday, November 8th, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Liberty Trading Post, there will be a bake sale to raise funds for her trip. If you can't patronize the bake sale, you may make a contribution, by visiting <https://downundersports.com/registrations/payment.php?160127> or by contacting Kelly or Mark Plescia at katdom52@hotmail.com.

"To go run in Australia with other athletes from around the world would be an amazing opportunity. Please help me represent my team and community in this once in a lifetime race."

Let's make this dream come true, folks!

Nature Column - Linda Comando

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

Settling Down for a Long Winter's Nap

This year Halloween felt more like it should compared to last year and the year before when Halloween was basically cancelled because of a snow! Now that we have pushed the clock back, and the days seem so much shorter and most of the leaves have fallen off the trees we know winter is on its way! We take our warm houses for granted, and spend more time inside, but what do the wild animals do?

In order to face the winter wild animals must adapt. There are many types of adaptations. Most birds that typically migrate in the fall have already left the area. They use the sun, moon and stars for direction and seem to have a compass in their brain for using the Earth's magnetic field. Scientists consider migration as part of a yearly cycle of changes a bird goes through controlled by changes in the amount of daylight and the weather.



Snowshoe rabbit in summer

Many mammals in the Catskills build a thick fat layer and fur coat over their body. The snowshoe rabbit's new fur is white and acts as a camouflage in the snow. Deer also build a thick layer of fat and a heavy fur coat. They spend winter looking for moss, twigs, bark and leaves to eat.

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



Snowshoe rabbit in winter.

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

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

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

Insects look for winter shelter in holes in the ground, under the bark of trees, deep inside rotting logs or in any small crack they can find. They may find a gall, a swelling on a plant caused by certain insects, fungi or bacteria that produces a chemical that forms a lump on a plant.

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

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

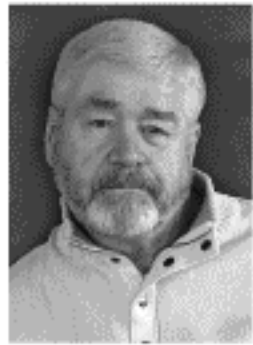
When people think of animals that hibernate, bear are often the first animals they think about. Ironically, bear are not true hibernators. They go into a period called a torpor. They don't eat or drink for about 6 months on average and they rarely urinate or defecate. The main difference between a torpor and a hibernation is that during a torpor the animal is easily awoken. A mother bear wakes up and gives birth to and cares for her young during this time. Bear can be easily woken from their long winter nap.

Remember if you leave your warm abode, and are out for walk in the woods, tread lightly near that bear's den; it may wake up!

Household Hints

Clean your Air-conditioner

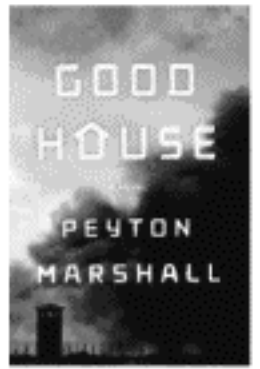
Before you put those air-conditioners away clean them by wiping them with full-strength white vinegar. Use an old toothbrush to work the vinegar into the tight spaces on air-conditioner grilles and exhaust fans.



The Crossing

Mysterious Book Report No. 217

by John Dwaine McKenna



It's no secret that Michael Connelly is widely considered to be one of the finest crime writers working in America today. With twenty-seven novels and sixty million copies sold worldwide he could arguably be called one of the top ten best-ever mystery and thriller authors in the world because, as my friend Dwight—a retired CSPD detective—said, "Connelly just gets it." "Gets what," I asked. "Cops," he replied, adding after a moment, "cops and criminals both." Probably needless to say it, but Dwight, like me is a big fan of Connelly and his charismatic, lonely and brilliant Los Angeles Police Department Detective named Harry Bosch.

In his latest, entitled *The Crossing*, (Little, Brown and Company/Hachette Book Group, \$28.00, 388 pages, ISBN 978-0-316-22588-5) Bosch has been forced to retire from the LAPD after thirty years of service. He's tinkering with an old Harley-Davidson motorcycle when his half-brother, a man named Mickey Haller, aka *the Lincoln Lawyer*, asks him to lunch. Although they have the same father, Bosch and Haller haven't been close, partly because they didn't know about each other, and partly because they've been on opposite sides of the law. Bosch catches and jails criminals, while Haller defends them. Now, Haller has a client who's charged with the violent murder of a woman who is a prominent LA County Official and her husband's a deputy sheriff. Haller thinks his client—a reformed gang banger—is being framed and asks Bosch to investigate. Bosch refuses. He has no intention of going to the dark side, or, working on behalf of criminals after a career of catching them. Haller persists, promising to abide by whatever Bosch uncovers—good or bad—and agreeing to turn over any evidence of guilt to the prosecutor's office. With secret help from his old LAPD partner, Bosch starts work. The more he uncovers, the more his investigation leads Harry inside the police department . . . where he realizes that the killer he's searching for has also been searching for him. The suspense builds with every chapter and the dramatic tension is so thick, it bleeds off of the page as Connelly once again demonstrates that not only does he get it, he's keeping it and he's putting it to work in each new work of fiction. All of Connelly's books are fresh, original and stand on their own merit. Nothing is formulaic or rubber-stamped. As a reader, I appreciate that. I can open a new Michael Connelly novel, knowing in advance that it'll be a fresh new story, pitch-perfect in tone and crammed full of accurate details, language and interesting characters. In all of his books, the newest is the best one so far. *The Crossing* is no exception. You'll love it whether you're a new reader, or an old fan who's read all of the three million or so words Connelly's written thus far, because, "He just gets it."

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Farm and Field: The Rural Folk Arts of the Catskill Region



This exhibit will be on display at the Daniel Pierce Library in the Anne Elizabeth Holt Reference Room through April of 2016. "Farm and Field" is a photographic study in black and white of local farms and related subjects by Benjamin Halpern. Ben is a professional photographer who hails from Sullivan County and whose childhood memories take him back to the dairy farms that once surrounded his home town.

"Farm and Field" is a collaborative initiative among the New York Folklore Society, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Delaware County, and Catskill Folk Connection, which documents and showcases the rural folk arts rooted in the agricultural heritage of the Catskill Region of New York State. The Catskill Region continues to have a strong agricultural identity that has evolved more than three centuries since the arrival of the first pre-Revolutionary settlers. Its dairy industry continues to play a prominent role, but now shares the spotlight with producers of fine foods and produce to satisfy the palate of local and regional consumers alike. The photographs highlight a variety of interactions between people and their landscape that reflect the ongoing nature of agriculture in Sullivan and Delaware Counties.

Benjamin Halpern grew up in Livingston Manor, and has spent more than thirty years recording images of people and places in his beloved Catskills. He has exhibited photographs on a wide range of subjects that include agriculture, architecture, the railroad industry, and the steel industry. Ben strives to use photography as a medium to open people's eyes and to give a sense of connection to the subjects and the people he photographs. He will be featured in a program at the Daniel Pierce Library in early spring.

Beautifying School Grounds 'Let's Make Our Schools as Beautiful as Our Kids'

Join Sullivan Renaissance for a discussion on how to enhance students' learning and school experience through beautification of school grounds. The free seminar will be held on Wednesday, November 4 at 6:00 p.m. at the CVI Center in Liberty.

A panel of teachers, administrators, volunteers and parents who have participated in different programs will share their experience and its impact:

- o Lisa Layman, Principal at St. Peter's Regional School
- o Maria Pappas, Parent Volunteer at St. Peter's Regional School
- o Jane Sorensen, EPIC Program Director at Monticello Central School
- o Thomas Vorstadt, Teacher at Eldred Central School

Research shows that the design and care of school grounds influences children's attitudes and behavior. Engaging students in projects at their schools encourages them to examine their own environment, assess how it is used and how it could be improved.

The seminar is open to everyone, but groups who may want to attend include:

- o Students wanting to take an active role in enhancing their school
- o Parents interested in lending support to their child's school experience
- o Teachers open to an experiential learning opportunity
- o Administrators seeking grants to enhance school grounds

Space is limited, pre-registration is requested. Refreshments will be provided.

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

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.

Celebrating Thanksgiving in Monticello Assistance Needed for Community Meal

[MONTICELLO] - Your help is needed! The Community Meal Committee of the Monticello Interfaith Council in cooperation with the Monticello Central School District is holding its second annual free Community Thanksgiving Meal on Saturday, November 21 from 12 noon to 4:00pm at the Monticello High School Cafeteria. All community members are invited to attend.

The group is seeking donations from organizations, local businesses and individuals in the form of paper goods, including: napkins, forks, knives, spoons, tablecloths, take out containers, hot cups and cold cups. Volunteers are also needed to decorate the cafeteria as well as set up, serve food and clean up after the event.

Monetary contributions are requested to help cover the cost of food and desserts. Tax-deductible donations by check can be made out to "Community Thanksgiving Dinner" and mailed to PO Box 528, Monticello, NY 12701.

Special thanks to Schmidt's Wholesale, a Gold-Level Sponsor of this event. For information about sponsorship levels or to sign up for a volunteer spot, email monticellocommunitymeal@gmail.com or contact Scott Cooper, Community Meal Committee Member, at (845) 239-2142.

The Monticello Interfaith Council brings together representatives of various faith communi-

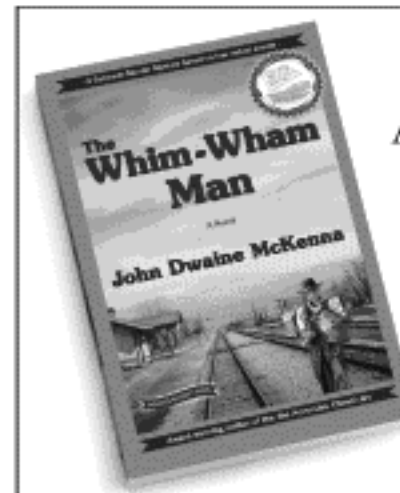
ties and religious organizations, as well as interested individuals, to increase understanding, respect and cooperation and to help address the social needs of Monticello. For more information contact Sullivan Renaissance, a longtime supporter of the Council, at (845) 295-2445.

"Fuel The Federation" Chicken Dinner to Raise Heating Funds

The Sullivan County Federation for the Homeless is hosting a "Fuel The Federation" chicken dinner with all the fixings on November 13th from 4-7pm at the Federation's 9 Monticello St location in Monticello. Attendees can dine in or take out. Tickets can be purchased in advance at Kristt Co. on Broadway in Monticello. The purpose of the dinner is to offset fuel costs for the upcoming heating season.

According to director Kathy Kreiter, the Federation provides a warming station opportunity to all Sullivan County residents in need. "In addition to the homeless population, many of our senior citizens and others on fixed incomes are among those especially affected during the coldest winter months," Kreiter notes. She adds that as a warming center, the Federation offers an opportunity for area residents to lower the cost of their energy use by providing a warm place for them to go for a few hours of the day. This allows them to turn down the thermostat and reduce their heating costs at home. Some other benefits include socialization, and access to other important services which may assist them in maintaining their independence in the community.

Sponsors for the dinner include Murray's Chicken, The Farmer's Market, Shoprite of Monticello and Zakarin & Sons. The event features a raffle and lottery tree drawing, and anyone bringing food donations will be entered for a special door prize raffle. The Sullivan County Federation for the Homeless operates the only soup kitchen in Sullivan County, providing breakfast and lunch five days a week to local residents. In addition to several housing programs, they also operate two food pantries, one exclusively for Veterans. For more information on the dinner, or Federation services, please call Kathy at (845) 794-2604



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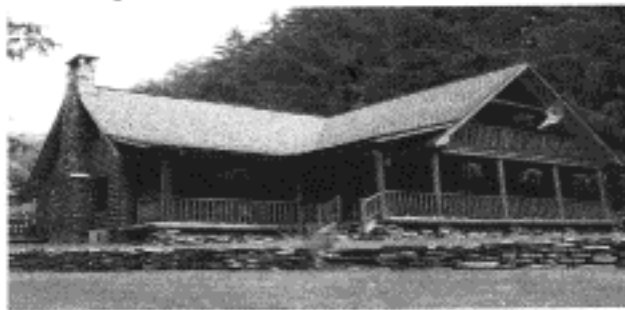
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The Ghost of Halloween Past

I picture a young child sitting on her grandfather's lap asking, "Tell me again how you dressed up and went trick or treating when you were my age. Did you really make your own costumes and get to eat all the candy? Why didn't your parents go with you?"

Halloween has morphed, ballooned really, into a choreographed, wardrobe commercial enterprise orchestrated by Madison Avenue and produced and directed by helicopter parents.

Back in the day, there was a preponderance of ghosts who borrowed white sheets from the linen closet. If you weren't a ghost, you got to be a hobo or pirate or something you could create a moment before you headed out in the dark begging for treats. A princess was someone repurposing an older sister's prom dress with an aluminum foiled tiara. I walked neighborhoods and hit a bonanza when we came upon an apartment house where you could score twenty treats at once. I remember changing from pirate to ghost to re-knock on some doors. Costumes now require a wee mortgage. and trick or treaters get driven in an SUV from house to house.

I saw a cartoon showing a group of trick-or-treaters approaching a house asking for healthy, low sodium, no GMO, gluten free, vegan treats without artificial sweeteners. A parent lurked a few feet behind the group making sure no "candy treats" were distributed. The other parent drove the van.

Pumpkin carving contests and parties produce squashes with elaborate scenes and characters etched into their orange flesh. Department stores sell pumpkins in gold, silver, and glittered black with prices up to \$39.98. What ever happened to the two triangle eyes, round nose and toothy grin of the Jack O' Lantern?

I don't long for the simple holiday although I remember the thrill of sitting in the living room emptying the pillow case of its bounty. Sorting out the apples from the good stuff and then prioritizing the candy bars was a memory to savor until old age. Times have changed. Halloween hasn't been spoiled; it is just different as a modern event on steroids.

Halloween has become a multi-media event. It is a night for hayrides, parties, block parties and parades. Unlike any other holiday, it is pure fun, outrageous in orange and black. I wonder if my 800 thread percale sheet still fits me.

Watershed News October 2015 Governor takes a ride on the wild side of the Catskills



Governor Andrew Cuomo and a convoy of fellow bikers

Governor Andrew Cuomo and a convoy of fellow bikers rode from Minnewaska State Park to Mt. Tremper October 23 to announce that the state will launch a \$5 million tourism ad campaign next year to promote the Catskills region. The Governor was introduced by new DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos. The campaign will include TV ads, expanded service for the I LOVE NY bus, a Catskills concierge program with New York City hotels, and marketing to international tour operators and travel agents. A new "Ride the Catskills" tourism website has been launched featuring itineraries, activities, and links to outdoor recreation options as well as dining, shopping and lodging opportunities in the region. Next summer, Governor Cuomo will host a Catskills Challenge to promote tourism and showcase all of the recreational opportunities the region has to offer, including fly fishing, paddling, hiking and mountain biking. The announcement was made at the new Catskill Interpretive Center before more than 100 invited guests.



DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos

Cannonsville briefing for CWC Board

The CWC Board and several staff members were given a rare look at the workings of the Cannonsville Reservoir's Stilesville Dam October 3. Paul Rush, Deputy Commissioner of the NYC DEP (shown here answering a question from Board member Innes Kananof of Halcott), led a tour of the dam and release chamber. The tour followed a presentation by John Vickers, Chief of DEP's Western Operations Division, on this summer's incident in which an artesian aquifer was



Paul Rush, Deputy Commissioner of the NYC DEP

mistakenly tapped during soil boring operations for a proposed hydroelectric generating plant. The resulting flow of turbid water into the West Branch of the Delaware River was halted when relief wells were dug and the bore holes plugged. The reservoir level was dropped and informational meetings of downstream officials and residents were held in three states as the problem was rectified. After being briefed on the situation, the CWC Board held its monthly meeting at the Deposit Town Hall, hosted by Supervisor Thomas Axtell.

Learning in field and stream at Sundown

Tri-Valley Central School science teacher Robert Hayes, right, takes notes under the watchful eye of his pal Buddy as Emily Smith of NYC DEP shows students how to read an elevation gauge to take a stream profile during a field exercise along Stone Cabin Brook in Claryville October 22. Other stations at the site, near the brook's confluence with the Rondout Creek above Sundown, provided hands-on lessons in cross-sectioning, pebble count and bank erosion. The field visit was part of a year-long interdisciplinary project in stream science that will engage students in the school's environmental conservation, digital photography and art programs. Staff members of the Rondout-Neversink Stream Management Program and the NYC DEP are assisting with this project, which is funded by a CWC Watershed Education Grant. Applications for the next round of grants will be released in mid-November



Scenic Byway promo gets rolling

The Central Catskills Collaborative will kick off promotion of the new Catskill Mountains Scenic Byway (NYS Route 28) with two public meetings Tuesday, Nov. 10, 8 a.m. at the Shandaken Town Hall, and Thursday, Nov. 12, 8 a.m. at the Middletown Town Hall. The meetings will be hosted by the Central Catskills Chamber of Commerce. Business owners from Byway towns and villages (Olive, Shandaken, Middletown, Andes, Margaretville and Fleischmanns) are especially welcome to share ideas for promoting the corridor. FMI: 845-586-3300.

Forest threats covered at conference

"Challenges to the Catskill Forests," a conference for municipal officials, forest landowners, resource managers, foresters, loggers, agencies and environmental organizations will be held Friday, Nov. 13 at Windham Mountain Resort. A roster of Cornell researchers will discuss impacts of deer, invasive pests and competing groundcover on the region's forests. The conference runs from 9:30 to 3:30 and is sponsored by Cornell Cooperative Extension of Columbia-Greene Counties. Credits will be available for planning board members, SAF foresters and TLC loggers. This event is made possible in part by a Watershed Education Grant from the Catskill Watershed Corporation in partnership with New York City Department of Environmental Protection. Register here.

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Sign up now for the Sheriff's Office Snowmobile Safety Course, encourages Sheriff Paul VanBlarcum

Ulster County Sheriff Paul J. VanBlarcum encourages young snowmobilers and adults to sign up for the New York State Young Operators and Adult Certification Course to guarantee a place in one of the 3 sessions given. The course is required for riders between the ages of 10 and 17 by New York State law. It is offered free of charge and takes place on the following Saturdays, from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, at the locations specified:
November 14th, West Hurley Firehouse, 24 Wall Street, West Hurley
December 5th, Tillson Firehouse, 5 Tillson Rd.
December 12th, Milton Fire Company, 21 Main St., Milton

The intent of the course is to instruct young snowmobilers in proper riding habits, safety equipment, and laws and rules of the trail. The New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation: Bureau of Marine and Recreational Vehicles prescribes this course. It is also available to adults. Training is by certified instructors with more than 50 years of combined experience snowmobiling in both the U.S. and Canada.

Anyone interested in enrolling himself or herself or one's child should contact the Ulster County Sheriff's Office at (845) 340-3803. A parent or guardian must accompany a child to the beginning of class to sign a state-required permission form.

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

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Best-selling authors Abigail Thomas & Kim Wozencraft are the selected authors of this year's Herbert H. & Sofia P. Reuner Library Writers Series presenting their work on Tuesday, November 10th, 2015 from 11:45 am - 1:00 pm in the College Lounge of SUNY Ulster's Stone Ridge campus. Award-winning author Nina Shengold will interview and moderate the audience discussion. The event is free and open to the public.

Abigail Thomas is the author of many popular memoirs and works of fiction. Thomas' 'A Three Dog Life' was named one of the best books of 2006 by the Los Angeles Times and the Washington Post. The LA Times describing Thomas recently as "a calm and generous writer", Abigail's 'What Comes Next and How to Like It' was published in 2015. Abigail's poetry and other works have appeared in the Nation, The Paris Review, The New York Times, The Washington Post, Tin House and numerous literary magazines.

Kim Wozencraft is the author of several critically acclaimed novels, including the internationally best-selling 'RUSH' which was adapted to a feature film starring Jennifer Jason Leigh and Jason Patric. Wozencraft's work has appeared in The Best American Essays, Texas Monthly, The Los Angeles Times, Chronogram and numerous literary magazines and anthologies. Kim is an associate professor of English at SUNY Ulster.

Nina Shengold writes fiction, plays, screenplays, and magazine features. She won the Writers Guild Award and a GLAAD Award nomination for her teleplay Labor of Love, starring Marcia Gay Harden. Other TV credits include Blind Spot, with Joanne Woodward and Laura Linney. She is a SHINE Award winner for 'Unwed Father.' Her novel 'Clearcut' has been optioned for film by Screen Sirens.

This event is co-sponsored by Macdonald DeWitt Library and the Ulster Community College Foundation, Inc. The Herbert H. & Sofia P. Reuner Library Writers Series is a special program sponsored by the Reuners and the Foundation, started in 1998, and brings renowned writers to campus every fall.

For more information visit http://libguides.sunyulster.edu/writers_series.

Delaware River, Geotourism Meetings
National Geographic, and the National Parks Conservation Association are launching the new Scenic, Wild Delaware River Geotourism Project at a community meeting.

Organizations in New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania are joining with National Geographic Maps to launch a new Geotourism initiative to highlight the world-class natural and cultural attractions of the middle and upper Delaware River region. Community outreach meetings will be held November 4-6 in the nine counties along the Upper and Middle Delaware River covered in the project to kick off the site nomination process. The meetings are open to the public. For more information and to RSVP contact Melanie McDowell at mmcdowell@npca.org.

Family Fun and a Holiday Buffet Dinner Next Month at Frost Valley YMCA

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Letter to Our Readers:

**Pushed to the Perimeter?
Fine Arts and Education**

By Jennifer Edwards

The culture of public education has changed within the past several years. Debates continue to rage regarding the No Child Left Behind Act, Common Core Standards, and high-stakes testing.

In the midst of these tensions, some of the most compelling concerns raised by parents and educators relate to the proper formation of "the whole child." Many have questioned the use of scripted curriculums, the practice of teaching "to the test," not to mention lawmakers' understanding of child development theory pioneered by the likes of Jean Piaget and Erik Erickson.

One of the casualties in this field of battle includes Fine Arts education, which is ironic, since in the federal No Child Left Behind Act, the arts share equal billing with reading, math, science, and other disciplines as "core academic subjects." For many districts, however, especially schools under pressure to prepare children for "career readiness," Fine Arts education has taken a hit. While more people are recognizing their value in learning and life, the study of music, art, dance and theater is quietly vanishing from our schools, nationwide. Opportunities for students to participate in quality arts instruction are diminishing due to shifting priorities and budget cuts. Poor, rural schools bear a disproportionate share of such losses.

In light of limited resources, isn't Fine Arts education a luxury? Not according to various psychological, educational, and medical studies. Not only do children enjoy creative activities, research indicates that they are some of the crucial building blocks of child development.

What difference does Arts education make in terms of student success? A growing body of research* has concluded that regardless of socio-economic factors, early and ongoing Fine Arts formation:

- o Enhances Motor Skills
- o Improves Language Development and Decision Making
- o Nurtures Inventiveness
- o Increases Cultural Awareness
- o Improves Academic Performance Across Disciplines
- o Enhances Brain Development and Concentration
- o Raises Test Scores

Fine Arts have born such wonderful fruits among our very own Tri-Valley students:

Emily Higgins, 2011 graduate, who recently received a B.S. in Engineering Physics from Cornell University and is currently preparing for Doctoral work, spent much of her time immersed in the school's Fine-Arts offerings. At University, Emily became a member of the Cornell University Chorus, one of the nation's finest treble choirs, and performed at Carnegie Hall and in London, including a performance in the House of Parliament. "Without the seeds planted by Tri-Valley's choral arts program, none of these remarkable experiences would have been possible." A member of both the band and chorus from fourth grade to her senior year, a participant in the annual NYSSMA Festival, and involved in theater from sixth grade onward, Emily shares her experience of the arts at Tri-Valley school:

"The benefits of these experiences were manifold...but I'd like to focus on two offshoots of these activities which directly transfer to personal and professional development beyond the arts: mental discipline and cultural exposure. The act of learning to sing or play an instrument is a rigorous exercise of the full self. A musician must be constantly processing the notes on the staff or in their mind, paying attention to dynamics and rhythm, checking in with their breathing and muscles just like an athlete, and, if performing in an ensemble, be hyper-aware of the same processes in a number of others. If a student wants to make any music, he or she must think keenly and quickly and always push for improvement. Developing this sort of awareness helps a student engage with their non-musical studies because they've seen that the payoff of mental discipline can be profoundly satisfying. It certainly did so for me! Secondly, much of our collective culture and history is transmitted in the arts, and a music or theater student will come into contact with vibrant, interesting media from many different time periods and places. In addition to this, the arts at TVCS brought me directly to many fascinating places, which I would not otherwise have had an opportunity to visit. The Theater Club, NYSTEA

conference, band, and NYSSMA ...these experiences gave me an understanding of our global community (not to mention a bit of wanderlust!) grounded in direct experience, not just textbooks."

Danielle Sanok, Tri-Valley alumna who received her Bachelor's in Agricultural Education from Cornell University and a Master's Degree in Agricultural Leadership and Communications from the University of Tennessee, was also involved in the Arts from a young age. She remarked, "The Tri-Valley Fine Arts program most certainly developed me into the strong, charismatic, intellectually charged person I am today. I will never forget what it was like to 'lose' myself on stage, in the music, and in the script, in all of the productions I was in. I was encouraged by my peers and theater advisor to do better and be better, not just in theater arts, but also in school and the other extra-curriculars with which I was involved. My success at Tri-Valley was due to the fact that every club and teacher supported each other and understood that a well rounded, driven, and successful student was involved in many activities at Tri-Valley and outside of Tri-Valley as well. If I wanted to be involved in a theater production, my FFA advisor understood and encouraged this commitment, as well as my basketball coach, track coach, and church organization because the fine arts promoted emotional well being and further increased the sense of community."

The educational system might be a battlefield at the moment, but one thing won't change: children need to experience beauty and creativity to thrive. It is the responsibility of the wider community to make sure art, music, and theater are not pushed to the perimeter, and it's our job to make sure our school districts feel supported as they continue to offer quality Fine Arts programs.

There are several studies available online for your reading pleasure, but for some worthwhile summaries, visit

http://www.tmea.org/assets/pdf/Washington_Post_2013_Top_10_Skills_Children_Learn_from_the_Arts.pdf

<http://www.pbs.org/parents/education/music-arts/the-importance-of-art-in-child-development/>

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<http://www.nasaa-arts.org/Publications/critical-evidence.pdf>

A Repaved Story

- William Brenner

They are retarring Route 42 between Grahamsville and Woodbourne. New York State is doing a beautiful job - the two lane highway is as smooth as a racing speedway.

While waiting in my car, I was talking to the woman in the shiny yellow coat holding the "STOP" sign on the tall pole. With the steamrollers and long hot oil trucks along the road, with the hard hat supervisors and shovelers and rakers working the details, I complimented their work. The woman walked over, apologized for the long delay and, in a sad voice said to me: "Thank you. But what really worries and concerns me is what happens now on this new smooth and tarred road"

"Motorcyclists like to speed up and drivers, particularly young drivers around 16 to 20 years old do not really realize or appreciate that when it rains, the new oil and tar mix with the gas and water on the road, and this beautiful road gets deceptively slippery"

"It's the same with older drivers and parents with kids or drivers late for school or work. In an instant the car skids off or across the road and sometimes flips or worse. Some call themselves "lucky"

It seems that most families especially with kids have a potentially scary driving story to tell.

Then the woman's walkie talkie squawked on, she twists the "STOP" sign to "SLOW" and waved me, and the line of cars on. As we started moving, she said with a smile, "Take it easy, and have a nice day"

Dedicated Caregiver Recognition Awarded to Carol Brucher (From Pg. 9)

Examples of her generous nature that were given include delivering groceries, cooking, driving, and arranging for medical appointments-all done quietly and without seeking recognition.

The Caring for Caregivers Committee presented Carol with a certificate naming her as the outstanding caregiver for the fall. Kathy and friends celebrated her recognition with a cake and lovely bouquet of flowers. Carol was also invited to the Caregiver Celebration in November, recognizing National Family Caregiver Month.

How can we continue to protect Fine Arts education in our schools?

o Show up and Support the Kids! Attend concerts, plays, and Art Shows and bring your friends and family. It is inexpensive, fun-filled local entertainment, and it's inspiring to see young people celebrating their creativity and talent. (There's nothing cuter than Kindergarten Art, or seeing a wee fourth-grader toting a giant trombone across the stage!)

o Learn, Experience, and Advocate! Educate yourself about the value of the arts in human development. Join a choir, frequent art shows, or help underwrite costs for students to attend concerts, plays, operas, or art museums. Let your children, family, teachers, administrators, board of education, and community and government leaders know that beauty, creativity, and the formation of the whole child is important to you. Remind them that arts instruction and formation belongs in the body of school curriculum, so that they are accessible to all students, regardless of socio-economic background.

The Caring for Caregivers Committee was created earlier this year to seek family caregivers in the area who should be acknowledged and honored. The committee is represented by Bonnie Lewis, RN, dependent care educator of Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County's Caregiver Resource Center and Jodi Goodman, director of community services at Catskill Regional Medical Center.

The Caring for Caregivers Committee, realizing caregivers often neglect their own needs and selflessly give of themselves, continues to seek nominations. Letters should include the name and description of why the caregiver is to be considered.

Letters can be mailed to: Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County, Attn: Bonnie Lewis, 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road, Liberty, NY 12754.

The Caregiver Resource Center is a co-partnered program between Cornell Cooperative Extension and Office for the Aging of Sullivan County and is supported by a grant from the NYS Office for the Aging's Caregiver Program.

Essential Substance Abuse

Treatment Legislation Becomes Law

Albany, NY - Assemblymember Kevin A. Cahill (D-Ulster, Dutchess) announced today that Assembly Bill 1327 (Cahill), which promotes more timely access to treatment for chemical dependence, has been signed by the Governor. The legislation addresses concerns with the delayed approval of insurance coverage for substance abuse care that were raised during roundtables hosted by Assemblyman Cahill and his colleagues on the Health and Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Committees in the 2014 session.

"It is troubling to see that our entire state has experienced such a great rise in substance use and abuse over the past two years," said Assemblyman Cahill. "This legislation will make sure that individuals who are remanded to treatment and rehabilitation by the court system have an efficient pathway to obtain insurance coverage for appropriate care."

Under existing law, people who are required to obtain chemical dependence treatment by the court system were subject to standard approval guidelines and time frames set forth by their insurance company when attempting to access these services. This has created a host of problems in that individuals under a court mandate are unable to obtain care within the time frame set by the court while waiting for approval from their insurer. Cahill's legislation removes roadblocks in the approval process by creating an expedited review procedure specifically for individuals attempting to access mental health and substance abuse services mandated by a court.

The bill was sponsored in the Senate by Health Committee Chair, Kemp Hannon (R, C, IP - 6th Senate District).

"It is essential that chemical dependence services and adequate insurance coverage are accessible to all in our communities," added Cahill. "Those who have been recommended by the court system to obtain this type of care are often times people who need of immediate treatment and might not otherwise have the resources or support system to do so on their own. Now that this bill has become law, these individuals will be able to begin rehabilitation and get their life back together without delays in coverage."

Governor Cuomo Announces the Catskill Challenge during the 'Ride the Catskills' Motorcycle Tour

(From Pg. 8) "The Catskills are really one of the areas in the state that has been overlooked. People don't understand what we have here in the Catskills. They really don't. I say to people, 'There is no reason to leave New York State to vacation or travel. You tell me what you want to see, what you want to explore, and I'll tell you where it is in this state. You can stay right here.' But it's a story we have to tell. They don't know the magnificence that we have here in the Catskills and we're going to tell them because we want them to know and we want the growth in the economy that comes from tourism."

"So we're going to dedicate \$5 million of I Love New York advertising just to tell the story of the Catskills and what we have in the Catskills. That's going to be part of the advertising budget that starts next year. As part of the lottery games, the lottery winnings, we're going to have a scratch-off prize on lottery tickets that are trips throughout New York State, including to the Catskills, just as another way of publicizing what we have here in New York."

"And this year, we're going to have the Catskills Challenge. The Catskills Challenge is going to be the second challenge. We have something called the Adirondack Challenge, which we've done for a few years because the Adirondack started when I was actually challenged to a rafting race and someone accused me of not being as good as a white water rafter as I said I was."

"But for people who don't want to go all the way up to the Adirondacks, we have a lot of the same activities right here in the Catskills. And that is what we are going to do with the Catskills Challenge this year. County Executive Mike Hein says that he is a world-class rafter and paddler and he thinks he and his county team can beat the state team. Well we are going to take them on and I am going to teach that boy how to paddle, I can tell you that much. Joe Martens likes to tell me about what kind of kayaker he is and his upper body strength that he has from years of development. So we're going to put him in a kayak and we're going to see what he can do and we're going to have some fun at the Catskill Challenge."

"Part of the 'I love New York' campaign is the beautiful system of state parks that we have and it is a legacy that we inherited, it really is. This particular spot, as Kim and the commissioner mentioned, was added to the system by my father who stood almost where we are standing today 30 years ago. They were going to develop a hotel conference center around the lake and the environmental community conservationists said, this place should be preserved because it is so special and it is so beautiful and my father added it to the state park system. He called it an 'environmental heirloom' at that time and he was exactly right and he said it in a way that no one else can say it."

"So we wouldn't be here today without that legacy and it is our obligation to take that gift, take that legacy and advance it for the next generation. So our children can come here 30 years from today and see what we did and say that their parents added to that legacy. That is why we are putting over a billion dollars into the rebuilding of the state parks that were abandoned for many, many years and did not have the improvements that they needed - not just because it is the right thing to do from a preservation point of view, but it also a smart thing to do from an 'I love New York' tourism point of view because it is a great, great economic asset."

"Beyond being an economic asset as we are experiencing today and we already have and will be doing a little bit more, it's just good for the soul, it's good for the spirit to come out here, to see the beauty of Mother Nature, to see the beauty of this state, to experience the outdoors - it just is therapeutic in so many ways. So yes it is serious business, but there is nothing else I would rather be doing today, period, than exactly what I am doing exactly where I'm doing it. So thank the Commissioner, thank the Open Spaces Institute, thank the motorcycle riders and let's get back on those bikes and let's ride."

Schneiderman Issues Letter Calling on Banks to Revise Their Applicant Screening Methods and to Expand Access to Mainstream Banking for Unbanked and Underbanked Communities - Attorney General's Agreements With Five Banks Have Allowed Tens Of Thousands Of Consumers In New York To Open Checking Accounts ; Amalgamated Bank Is Latest Bank To Overhaul Its Applicant-Screening Procedures

NEW YORK - Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman today called on banks operating in New York State to revise their consumer-screening protocols to ensure that more consumers receive access to standard checking accounts. In a letter issued to nearly 100 banks, the Attorney General detailed the results of an initiative that his Office launched in 2013 to expand access to main-

stream banking for unbanked and underbanked communities. The Office's initiative, which led to agreements with five banks-Chase, Citibank, Capital One, Santander, and, most recently, Amalgamated-has transformed the way banks around the state screen consumers who apply for checking accounts and permitted thousands of consumers to open their first checking accounts. In today's letter, the Attorney General urged other banks operating in New York State to follow the lead of these five banks by adopting a set of best practices to govern their own applicant-screening policies.

More than two million households in New York State lack access to mainstream bank accounts. As a result, they are forced to rely on high-cost alternative financial services, including non-bank money orders, check-cashing outlets, and pawnshops. Alternative financial services place consumers at an economic disadvantage because they come with higher fees and interest rates, while mainstream financial institutions make it easier for consumers to save money, avoid fraud, pay bills, qualify for loans, and build and protect wealth. African-American and Hispanic consumers are disproportionately represented among the population of consumers who lack access to mainstream financial services.

As part of the initiative to expand access to mainstream banking for unbanked and underbanked communities, the Office examined the methods that banks use to screen applicants for checking accounts. The examination revealed that the use of consumer-screening agencies like ChexSystems, Inc. and Early Warning Services, LLC causes some banks to unnecessarily reject many thousands of applicants throughout the state. In particular, many financial institutions reject applicants for minor financial missteps, even when those missteps occurred years ago, involved de minimis amounts, or otherwise did not reflect a consumer's ability to pay responsibly.

In agreements signed with the Attorney General's Office, Chase, Citibank, Capital One, Santander, and Amalgamated, which collectively control nearly 50% of the depository market share in New York State, committed to taking a variety of steps to curtail their use of such screenings. While they will continue to screen applicants for identity verification and fraud history, they have significantly reduced or eliminated the number of applicants rejected on the basis of past financial missteps. The latest bank to sign such an agreement is Amalgamated Bank, which, like the previous four banks, will adopt new policies governing its use of ChexSystems.

"It is critical that low-income Americans-and New Yorkers in particular-have access to mainstream banking services," Attorney General Schneiderman said. "These new actions on the part of Amalgamated, and those of the other four banks that have already undertaken similar changes will help expand access to low-cost financial services available to the benefit of consumers across the state. I have sent letters today to the other banks in the state requesting that they look closely at the benefits that would accrue to the people of the state, as well as to their institutions, if they were to adopt similar changes to their account screening procedures. I look forward to working with the other banks to follow the lead of Amalgamated, Chase, Citibank, Capital One and Santander."

Amalgamated uses ChexSystem to screen consumers who apply for checking accounts. Amalgamated has modified its screening procedures to further expand access to certain consumers who have resolved or paid off prior accounts that were overdrawn. Consumers who do not qualify for a regular checking account will generally not be rejected outright, but instead will be offered a limited account which does not provide for overdrafts.

The Attorney General's letter is being sent to the following banks: Manufacturers and Traders Trust Co.; TD Bank, NA; Keybank NA; First Niagara Bank; Community Bank NA; HSBC Bank USA, NA; Citizens Bank, NA; New York Community Bank; NBT Bank; People's United Bank, NA; Trustco Bank; Apple Bank for Savings; Sterling National Bank; Five Star Bank; Berkshire Bank; Valley National Bank; First National Bank of Long Island; Bridgehampton National Bank; Ridgewood Savings Bank; Chemung Canal Trust Co.; Glens Falls National Bank & Trust Co.; Signature Bank; Hudson City Savings Bank; Investors Bank; Suffolk County National Bank of Riverhead; Canandaigua National Bank & Trust Co.; Dime Savings Bank of Williamsburg; Northfield Bank; Flushing Bank; Adirondack Bank; Northwest Bank; Bank of Castile; Pioneer Savings Bank; Woodforest National Bank; PCSB Bank; Putnam County Savings Bank;

Evans Bank; Mahopac Bank; Steuben Trust Co.; Bank of Greene County; Cathay Bank; Elmira Savings Bank; Ponce De Leon Federal Bank; Oneida Savings Bank; Tompkins Trust Co.; Ulster Savings Bank; Catskill Hudson Bank; Jeff Bank; Rhinebeck Bank; Adirondack Trust Co.; Lyons National Bank; National Bank of Delaware County; Lake Shore Savings Bank; Tioga State Bank; Walden Savings Bank; Alma Bank; Ballston Spa National Bank; Carver Federal Savings Bank; First Central Savings Bank; First National Bank of Scotia; Pathfinder Bank; Watertown Savings Bank; Champlain National Bank; First American International Bank; First Republic Bank; Generations Bank; Orange County Trust Co.; Saratoga National Bank and Trust; Solvay Bank; National Union Bank of Kinderhook; Cattaraugus County Bank; National Bank of Coxsackie; Webster Bank, NA; Fulton Savings Bank; Bank United, NA; Country Bank; Cross County Savings Bank; East West Bank; Gold Coast Bank; Maspeth Federal Savings & Loan; Salisbury Bank & Trust Co.; Shinhan Bank America; American Community Bank; Bank of Akron; BBCN Bank; Empire State Bank; Fairport Savings Bank; Greater Hudson Bank; Northeast Community Bank; Savannah Bank NA; North Country Savings Bank; Victory State Bank; The Berkshire Bank; Putnam County National Bank of Carmel; Metropolitan Commercial Bank; Emigrant Bank; and Rondout Savings Bank

This matter is being handled by Assistant Attorney General Melvin Goldberg of the Consumer Frauds Bureau and Special Counsel Jessica Attie of the Civil Rights Bureau. The Civil Rights Bureau, led by Chief Kristen Clarke, is part of the Division of Social Justice, which is led by Executive Deputy Attorney General for Social Justice Alvin Bragg. The Consumer Frauds Bureau, led by Chief Jane M. Azia, is part of the Division of Economic Justice headed by Executive Deputy Attorney General Karla G. Sanchez.

My View Regarding Judicial Diversion

- by Senator John Bonacic

New York City Police Officer Randolph Holder was shot and killed in the line of duty on Tuesday, October 20, 2015. Officer Holder dedicated, and ultimately sacrificed, his life to protect and serve New Yorkers. He was given no breaks, no easy road to achieve such an honorable profession. Yet his alleged shooter, Tyrone Howard, a known, life-long criminal, was afforded every break and every alternative to incarceration that our state judicial system has to offer. This tragedy is an example that there is an overzealous movement in New York State to circumvent the criminal justice system. From bail reforms to diversion programs for violent criminals, such reforms are not only nonsensical, they are dangerous and often deadly.

Tyrone Howard is only 30 years old, and he spent most of his life in the revolving door of the New York State criminal justice system. According to court documents, he was convicted of armed robbery as a youthful offender. In 2009, Mr. Howard shot a drug rival on a crowded outdoor basketball court in East Harlem. In 2011, he avoided imprisonment by providing information on other criminal cases. Over the course of a two-decade criminal career, he continuously returned to a life of drug crime.

While alternatives to incarceration have pushed forward, they have done so without considering fully that such alternatives are not appropriate for every convicted criminal. Judicial diversion programs are meant to counsel and rehabilitate those who have committed non-violent crimes, which often are related to addiction and abuse. Judicial diversion programs are not meant for criminals with a known propensity for violence, who should be incarcerated to protect the general public. The shooting of Officer Holder illustrates this all too tragically. The alleged shooter, Mr. Howard, was a drug diversion participant with a history of violence. Our laws failed us by permitting him to continuously return to street crime.

In 2011, I introduced legislation to require a court to consider a defendant's propensity for violence before assigning them to a judicial diversion program for substance abuse, and to require a greater level of security at facilities that treat judicial diversion defendants. This legislation passed the Senate in 2011, then in 2012, then in 2013, in 2014 and again in 2015. It has never come to a vote in the Assembly.

It is essential that as the conversation about criminal rehabilitation moves forward, protections that ensure public safety move along with it. We can never know if these reforms would have prevented this tragedy, but it is obvious that more must be done to ensure not only the security of those working with judicial diversion defendants, but also the safety of all of our citizens.

SCVA BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINATION REQUEST:

The Sullivan County Visitors Association would like the input of its membership regarding future members of the Board of Directors. There are four positions on the Board with terms ending this year: Rick Lander (Lander's River Trips), Richard Glisson (Monticello Casino & Raceway), Elaine Giguere (Delaware Valley Arts Alliance) and Matt Wein (Inn at Lake Joseph). They have all indicated their interest in returning. We are also requesting additional nominations from our members. The final ballot will be a combination of the four current Board members and four of the nominations from our membership which receive the highest number of submissions. This will provide the membership with a diverse list to choose from on their final ballot selections. Please take a few moments to consider who you would like to have on our Board. A form is provided below for your use. It can either be returned

to us via email (pla@scva.net) or fax (747-4468). Only member businesses can be nominated. Nominations are due by November 6, 2015. Your responses will be compiled for the official election ballot.

Sundown UM Church Hall
Corner of Peekamoose Rd
and Greenville Rd

Holiday Fair

Nov. 21, 2015
10 am - 3 pm

Bake table
Thanksgiving-style

Vendors needed
Call 985-2028

Neversink Ladies Auxiliary

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Neversink, NY 12765

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Claryville Road
Claryville, NY 12725
845-985-2041

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

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Service Times
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Sunday Worship Service/

Ismael Berrios
Lead Pastor

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507 Hasbrouck Drive
Woodbourne, NY 12788
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Children's Church 10:30 am
Monday Night Home
Bible Study 7 pm
Tuesday Night Youth Home
Bible Study 7 pm
Friday Youth Night 7 pm

Email:
crosswayaog@aol.com
www.crosswayaog.com

CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
(Embraces Fallsburg, Neversink, Sundown and Ulster Heights)
6317 Rte. 42, Woodbourne, NY

Weekend Mass schedule:
Saturday afternoon: 5:00.
Sunday morning: 9:00 am and 11:30 am
Holy days of obligation: as announced in church bulletin.

Daily Mass schedule:
Monday afternoon 5:45 (Holy Rosary at 5:30); Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday mornings: (includes Morning Prayer)- 8:30 am (starting Sept. 3 - 8:50 am.)
Saturday afternoon confessions: 4 to 4:45.

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

Covered Dish Supper
Nov 7, 2015
at 5:30 pm

Holiday Fair
Nov. 21, 2015 • 10-3

Cookie Walk t/b/a

all at the Sundown United Methodist Church Hall

Grahamsville United Methodist Church

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

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

Grahamsville United Methodist Church
Rte. 55, Grahamsville
Sunday Worship Service - 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School for grades k-7 - 10:30a.m.
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For information contact Rev. Peggy Ann Sauerhoff 845-985-2283
e-mail: Grahamsvilleumc@gmail.com

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

**PUBLIC NOTICES/LEGALS:
NOTICE:**

This is to certify that the following roads within the Town of Denning under my jurisdiction, are designated Seasonal Use as according to NY State Highway Law 205_A. There shall be no snow removal services

From December 1 to April 1. These roads are posted as such:

1. Dinch Road from turnaround located at Fisher residence to bottom.
2. Glade Hill from Barnes Road turnaround to Neversink line.
3. Cross Road from Greenville Road to Dymond Road.
4. Spencer Road to Town line.
5. Wild Meadow Road from turnaround by Hamlin Camp to end.
6. Basily road from State Parking Lot to end.
7. Whitehouse Road from snow plow turnaround to end.
8. Rudolph Road from Heron./Richards to Dinch Road.
9. Wildcat from snowplow turnaround to end.

By order of Superintendent
Daniel Van Sadars.
Town of Denning
Highway Department 11/5

**NOTICE-
PURSUANT TO TOWN LAW,
SECTION 108; §5-11
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE OF THE
PRELIMINARY BUDGET**

NOTICE is hereby given that the Preliminary Budget of the Town of Denning for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2016 has been completed and filed in the office of the Town Clerk,

Where it is available for inspection by any interested person during normal Town Hall hours, at the Town of Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Road, Claryville, N.Y. 12725.

FURTHER TAKE NOTICE of a Public Hearing to be held at 6 PM prior to the Town Board meeting on Tuesday, November 10th, 2015, at the Denning Town Hall. At such time any person or persons will be heard, in favor or against any item or items therein contained.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE of the proposed salaries for the following Town Officers, specified as follows:

Supervisor	\$ 13,500.00
Councilman	1,500.00
Supt. Of Highways	48,229.00
Town Justice	6,506.00
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	\$ 25,085.00

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF DENNING
Joy Monforte, Town Clerk
October 26th, 2015 11/5

October 26, 2015

ANNOUNCEMENT

The following positions are available at Tri-Valley Central School for 2015-2016:

**MONITORS
SUBSTITUTE MONITORS
for Fitness Room and Basketball**

Hours: Mondays - Thursdays 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Beginning 11/9/15

Interested parties should send letters of interest to:

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 accepting letters of interest:
October 30, 2015

My Most Memorable METS Moment

I am old and a former Brooklyn Dodger fan and lifelong Met fan. A long suffering Met fan. They won a World Series before they won an Opening Day game.

It was 1969. I was working in my father's office on 5th Avenue in Midtown Manhattan. I asked if I could leave early. "Why?"

"So I could go to the Mets game".

"Why?"

"Because this is the last game of the season at Shea Stadium. If the Mets win, they will have won the Eastern Division. At home!"

"My father grabbed his hat and said "Lets go together".

From the bleachers behind 3rd base that night we watched the Mets win the division and the absolute uncontrolled bedlam that broke out immediately after the last out.

The Mets had never won anything before. There were few cops. My father said "lets sit and just watch". The fans stormed the field and the players taking or ripping up everything from the bases to the grass. Several fans climbed to the top of the huge Scoreboard and cheered. One fan fell off and luckily only broke a leg (according to the newspaper). Finally we walked onto the field and I grabbed my own patch of Shea Stadium grass and we went home.

There was never, ever such a spontaneous baseball celebration at Shea. Several days later, my mother, cleaning, threw out the wilted grass. But the memory remains. Respectfully submitted.

William A. Brenner, Graham

ED Notes:

I am not the most sports oriented person, but I do still get a twinge of excitement during the World Series. Sorry that the METS didn't win for those METS fan, but Bill Brenner's story should make you smile. . Thanks Bill.

Liquid Assets: The History of NYC's Water System

Liquid Assets: The History of NYC's Water System will be held on Sunday, November 22 at 2 p.m. at the Time and the Valleys Museum in Grahamsville. This event is FREE

A talk by author Diane Galusha on her newly-reprinted book on the history of New York City's Water System, *Liquid Assets*. Books will be available for sale during the program, and after the program in our Museum Shop. It makes a great holiday gift!

Refreshments and Museum admission are included.

**CAS Film Club Presents
Screening and Discussion of
"Seymour: An Introduction"**

LIVINGSTON MANOR, NY - The Catskill Art Society will present a special screening of the independent documentary film "Seymour: An Introduction" (2015), featuring a talkback with Andy Waggoner from Weekend of Chamber Music, at 7:30pm on Saturday, November 7. Part of the CAS Film Club series of screenings, this event will take place at the Laundry King, 65 Main Street, Livingston Manor, NY.



Still image from the film "Seymour: An Introduction" (2015), a documentary about musician Seymour Bernstein.

Meet Seymour Bernstein: a virtuoso pianist, veteran New Yorker, and true original who gave up a successful concert career to teach music. In this wonderfully warm, witty, and intimate tribute from his friend, director Ethan Hawke, Seymour shares unforgettable stories from his remarkable life and eye-opening words of wisdom, as well as insightful reflections on art, creativity, and the search for fulfillment. A "poignant guide to life" (Indiewire) that is "profoundly inspiring" (The New York Times) from IFC Films.

Runtime: 81 minutes. This film is rated PG. Recommended for ages 8 and up.

This event is free and open to the public, and donations will be accepted at the door. Presented as part of the "CAS Film Club" series.

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.catskillartsocty.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.

**Eat Your Way
Through Ulster County**

Starting November 2, you have two weeks to eat your way through a variety of dining establishments. Hudson Valley Restaurant Week features an array of eateries that will offer special three-course dinner menus for \$29.95, and possible three-course lunches for \$20.95. Be sure to visit our participating Ulster County restaurants - whether it be to enjoy an old favorite, or experience something new:

There are plenty of choices for eating out during your visit. Whether it be diners, bistros, bakeries, delis or pubs - you will find a table set for you in Ulster County.

Visit ulstercountyalive.com to view a complete listing of local dining options.

Honor our Veterans

11/11/15 at 11 a.m. Town of Neversink

Veteran's Day Flag Raising Ceremony at Grahamsville Rural Cemetery

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

The Time and the Valleys Museum & Pizza Dinner Friday, November 6. \$3 All Tri Valley School Students in 5th through 12th grade **must be paid by Tuesday, October 13.**

Show Boat Westchester Broadway Dinner Theatre Fri, Nov 13. Leave Town Hall 9:45 am to Elmsford, NY. Return 6 pm. \$40 Neversink Residents/Tri valley School Students/\$70 non-residents **must be paid by October 6** (includes lunch, show, transportation).

Disney on Ice - Sold Out

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.



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.

- 11/4/15 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting - 7 pm
- 11/5/15 **Claryville Fire District Meeting** 6:30PM
- 11/7/15 Covered Dish Supper Sundown Methodist Church - 5:30 pm
- 11/8/15 **Calling All Collectors!** 2 p.m. at The Time and the Valleys Museum. FREE!
- 11/10/15 Town of Denning Town Board Business Meeting -7 pm Denning Town Hall
- 11/11/15 Town of Neversink Town Board Meeting - 7 :30 pm
- 11/12/15 Town of Neversink Motor Vehicle 10 am - 2:30 pm
- 11/12/15 Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting - 7 pm Denning Town Hall
- 11/15/15 Claryville Fire Dept. **All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast** 7- Noon Claryville Fire House
- 11/16/15 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting - 7:30 pm
- 11/16/15 Grahamsville Fire District - 7 pm
- 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)
- 11/18/15 Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Association Meeting
- 11/22/15 **Liquid Assets: The History of NYC's Water System** 2 p.m. at The Time and the Valleys Museum FREE
- 12/1/15 Town of Denning Town Board Meeting - 7 pm Denning Town Hall

Save the Date

November 11th: **Veteran's Day Flag Raising ceremony Grahamsville Rural** 11:00 am.
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

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

<p>TRI-VALLEY AREA SUNDOWN CAMP & BAIT SHOP GRAHAMSVILLE DELI EUREKA MARKET & CAFE CANNIE D'S BLUE HILL LODGE 3 GOLDENS</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 EWCOC • ELLENVILLE CITGO ELLENVILLE REG HOSPITAL PETER'S MARKET THORTON HARDWARE SHOPRITE</p>
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LOCATIONS in the TOWN OF OLIVE & SHANDAKEN

Boiceville IGA • Snyder's
 Phoencia Gas Station • Phoencia Pharmacy • Phoencia Deli • Mama's Boy • Brio's
 Emerson Resort • Phoencia 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.

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

Calling All Collectors!

A day to share what you love to collect with others

Sunday, November 8th at 2 p.m. at the Time and the Valleys Museum on St. Rt. 55 in Grahamsville, Sullivan County.
Anyone with a collection they love of anything - plates? buttons? cans? is welcome to bring their collection to the Museum for others to admire.

The show (not sale) is FREE and there is no cost to rent a table to display a collection. Please call 845 985-7700 or email info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org to reserve a table. Admission is also free for those coming to view the collections, and includes admission to the Museum with three floors of exhibitions.

Sullivan County Paranormal Society Presentation

On November 15 at 2:00 p.m., at the Sullivan County Museum in Hurleyville, NY, the Sullivan County Paranormal Society will present the results to their investigation of the Museum building and discuss how they go about their investigations and the philosophy of ghost hunting. The cost of the program is \$5.00 per person. For information please call (845)434-8044.

Sullivan County Historical Society to hold election

On Sunday, November 15 at 1:00 p.m. the Sullivan County Historical Society will hold the election of Officers and Directors for 2016. All members are urged to attend. For information please call (845) 985-2839

Friday of the Month Book Discussion Group

You love to read and want to talk about it - so why not join our book club?
 The first Friday of the month book discussion group meets in the Upper Level Conference Room of the Daniel Pierce Library in Grahamsville, N.Y. from 1 to 3 p.m.
 Refreshments are provided by the members.
 This month's book discussion: "The Greatest Generation Speaks", Letters and Reflections by Tom Brokaw

SC Historical Society Expresses Gratitude to all Veterans

The Sullivan County Historical Society wishes to express their gratitude to all the Veterans for their dedicated service to our country. We also want to remind our Veterans that for them our research and genealogical fees are waived. Give us a call to set up an appointment. 845-434-8044. Museum hours : Tuesday through Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Sunday 1:00 - 4:30 p.m.

The American Red Cross and Ellenville Regional Hospital will join together for a community blood drive

The American Red Cross and Ellenville Regional Hospital will join together for a community blood drive on Friday November 6, 2015 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Ellenville Regional Hospital at 10 Healthy Way. The Red Cross blood drive will take place in a traveling donor center outside of the hospital in their parking lot. Blood is an essential component for patient care in area hospitals, and the only source of blood is a healthy volunteer blood donor, like you. Local blood donors are needed all year round to ensure the blood supply stays strong. Approximately every two seconds a patient in the United States needs blood. That's why your blood donation through the Red Cross is so important. Your blood donation can help save the life of a real person in our community. It truly is the blood on the shelves today that helps save lives tomorrow. Walk-ins are always welcome, but donors are encouraged to schedule an appointment in advance by calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767), 845 647-6400 ext. 226 or by visiting redcrossblood.org.

About the American Red Cross:

The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides emotional support to victims of disasters; supplies about 40 percent of the nation's blood; teaches skills that save lives; provides international humanitarian aid; and supports military members and their families. The Red Cross is a not-for-profit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to perform its mission. For more information, please visit redcross.org or visit us on Twitter at @RedCrossBloodNY.

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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