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## Parents Meet Teachers for Conferences in Fallsburg



Third grade teacher Ms. Jennie Kohler, Maribel Cruz and Brent Olmsted, mother and father of student Austin Olmsted.

Twice during the academic year, parents and teachers at Fallsburg's Benjamin Cosor Elementary School (BCES) meet during the afternoon of a half-day school session to discuss the child's progress and answer questions. Parent/Teacher Conferences are valuable for everybody involved. At BCES, these opportunities are a special part of the school district's on-going initiative to encourage parent engagement with the school. (Contd. Pg. 4)

## Fallsburg High School Hosts Today's Students, Tomorrow's Teachers



Fallsburg High School students that attended the workshop.

Fallsburg High School has been actively involved in Today's Students, Tomorrow's Teachers (TSTT) since 2007. TSTT's mission is to recruit, mentor, and train culturally diverse and economically challenged students from high school through college and place them as effective teachers.

With a growing presence in the region, TSTT has enough schools to create a Mid-Hudson Valley Regional Advisory Council. Participating school districts include Fallsburg, Monticello, Liberty, Sullivan BOCES, and Ellenville. FHS welcomed students from all but Liberty on November 15, 2016 to share a morning of workshops. (Contd. Pg. 4)

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## Way to Go 7th and 8th Grade Students!



Front left to right: 7th Graders: Zachary Dertinger, Shane Williams, David Allison  
Back left to right: Amber Spear, Alexandra Cossack, Andrew Cox, Benjamin Smith

On Friday, December 2, a special ceremony was held at Tri-Valley Central School for 7th and 8th grade students. The assembly, put on by the 7th and 8th grade teachers, recognized students for achieving Perfect Attendance, Honor Roll, High Honor Roll, and Principal's Honor Roll.



Front left to right: Eighth Graders: Emily Schmidt, Rebecca Musa  
Back left to right: Jeremiah Steinhilber, Aidan Guenste, Sean Feliciano

Special awards were also given to students who the 7th and 8th grade teachers selected as going above and beyond expectations inside and outside of the classroom. In the 8th grade, Aidan Guenste and Rebecca Musa won awards for Academic Excellence, Sean Feliciano won the award for Excellent Work Ethic, Emily Schmidt and Jeremiah Steinhilber won awards for Leadership, and Isiah Mathews won the award for Most Improved.

In the 7th grade, Andrew Cox won the award for Academic Excellence, David Allison and Zachary Dertinger won awards for Excellent Work Ethic, Alexandra Cossack and Benjamin Smith won awards for Leadership, Amber Spear won the award for Most Improved, and Shane Williams won the Comeback Kid award.

Congratulations to all of the students who were recognized. We are very, very proud of all of their accomplishments!



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**ON THE FRONT BURNER:** Be not envious against evil men, neither desire to be with them. Proverbs 24:1

**OBITUARY**

**Michael "Mickey" S. Mullen** of Neversink, NY, a superintendent at the Sullivan County Airport in White Lake, NY and a lifelong area resident passed away Wednesday, December 7, 2016 at Orange Regional Medical Center, Middletown, NY. He was 55.



The son of the late William and Jacqueline Dibble Mullen, he was born August 29, 1961 in Liberty, NY.

Michael proudly served our country in the U.S. Navy; he was a member of the Grahamsville Reformed Church; a 15 year member of the Neversink Fire Department-Station #25; a councilman for the Town of Neversink; a member of the Neversink Rondout Antique Tractor Club; and a member of the Aden Night Riders. He loved spending time with his sons and he was an avid golfer.

Survivors include his wife, Patricia Denman Mullen at home; two sons, Devin Mullen and Ian Mullen; one stepdaughter, Lauren Utmost; one brother, Todd Mullen and his companion, Nancy Lomax of Cherry Valley, NY; one sister, Peggy Eisenberg and her husband, Steve of Ft. Meyers, FL; in-laws, Carl and Marge Denman of Bradley, NY; sisters-in-law, Linda Muthig and her husband, Dennis of Parksville, NY and Carol VanDenberg and her husband, Dale of Liberty; his step-mother, Ellie Wells of Parksville, NY and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

The Neversink Fire Department services followed by U.S. Navy Military services were conducted on Saturday, December 10 in the Harris Funeral Home, Liberty, NY.

Funeral services were held on Sunday, December 11, 2016 at the Grahamsville Reformed Church, Grahamsville, NY. The Rev. Paul Ruter officiated. Burial will be in Grahamsville Rural Cemetery at a later date.

Memorial contributions in Michaels name may be made to Devin and Ian Mullen - Future Fund, 6552 State Route 55, Liberty, NY, 12754.

**WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT:**



Mr. and Mrs. Frank Comando announce the marriage of their daughter, Janna to Dan Walter, son of Donna Walter and Ray Walter.

Janna and Dan exchanged wedding vows at the Villa Roma on Sunday, November 29, 2016. Pastor Peggy Feinstein officiated at the ceremony that was attend-

ed by family and friends.

Both Janna and Dan were graduates of Tri-Valley School.

Dan is a NYS Corrections Officer at Sullivan Maximum Corrections Facility and Janna is a CHN/ Maternal Child Health at Sullivan County Public Health.

The couple have made their home in Grahamsville, NY.

**SUNY New Paltz Student Paul Pritchard Passes the Business Field Test**

SUNY New Paltz student Paul Pritchard of Ellenville, N.Y. was one of a number of business majors who passed the Educational Testing Service (ETS) Major Field Test for Bachelor's Degree in Business, an internationally recognized, end-of-program exam that tests students' knowledge and aptitudes in a variety of business content areas.

Pritchard helped the New Paltz School of Business score in the 82nd percentile relative to the nearly 110,000 students from more than 600 colleges and universities who took the exam.

**REMINDER:**

**Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman will not be published:**  
Thursday, December 29th, 2016  
in observance of **Christmas**  
&  
Thursday, January 5th, 2016  
in observance of **New Years**.

**8th Grade Movie Night a Success**

On the night of December 7, 2016 nearly 40 Tri-Valley 8th graders came back to school to watch the movie version of S.E. Hinton's timeless classic *The Outsiders*. Students had recently finished reading the novel in their 8th grade ELA class and were very interested in comparing the movie to the book. Several parents also attended the movie.



Refreshments were served throughout the movie and they were certainly a big hit-none were left at the end of the night!

The movie was put on by 8th grade ELA teacher Matt Haynes. Deb Swett (middle and high school special education teacher), Gayle Burger (middle and high school special education teacher), and Patty Shamro (elementary special education teacher) also helped make the event a huge success.

Thanks to everyone who was able to make it. It was a fun night for all!

**DAYS OF YORE....**

**Today's History**

**December 12, 1956** - Newcomers in town are Mr. and Mrs. C. Van Dusen and Mr. and Mrs. John Mears, who are living in one of the Osterhoudt houses. They are employees at the Concord Farms on Thunder Ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. William Hotchkin were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Bonnell of Liberty on Dec. 3rd where they celebrated their 54th wedding anniversary and Dannie's birthday.

**December, 1966** - Mr. and Mrs. Fred Costa are the parents of a son, Matthew, born at the Benedictine Hospital in Kingston on Sunday, Dec. 3rd weighing in at 6 lbs. oz. Mrs. Fred Mickelson Sr. is the maternal grandmother and Mr. Anthony Costa is the paternal grandfather.

**December 16, 1976** - James Edward Kile, age 28, of Ulster Heights Road, Woodbourne, died Thursday at home. He was born in Ellenville on Oct. 28, 1948. His parents are James L. and Vera Rode Kile. He was a communicant of the Immaculate Conception Church, Woodbourne; a member of the Ulster Heights Rod and Gun Club; the Ulster Heights Pistol Team and the NRA. He is also a Vietnam Army veteran. Surviving are his parents; two brothers, Kenneth and Donald at home; one sister, Mrs. Gail Hornbeck of Ulster Heights; maternal grandmother, Mrs. Adeline Rode; and his paternal grandmother, Irene Kile.

**December 18, 1986** - No noteworthy news in this issue.



**A Round About Tri-Valley**

Carol Furman

Sympathy to the family and friends of Jennie Redmond, formerly of Claryville, who passed away on December 1st at the age of 75. Jennie, at one time, was a dedicated member of the Grahamsville First Aid Squad and a Den mother for her sons.

Congratulations to Arianna Fassetta of Neversink who was the recipient of the 2016 New York State Sheriffs' Association Institute Criminal Justice Scholarship. Arianna is a sophomore at Sullivan County Community College majoring in criminal justice.

Seussical The Musical, performed by Tri-Valley students on December 2nd and 3rd was just wonderful! ALL of the students did a fantastic job. Jack Eddings, who portrayed "The Cat In The Hat", performed exquisitely in the lead role.

Thank you to the Frost Valley staff for serving a delicious buffet dinner at their 4th annual Holiday Gathering held on Friday, December 9th. Local families and friends were welcomed by Frost Valley for dinner and festive activities. The event was free and was enjoyed by many local families.

I attended the final luncheon for 2016 at the Ulster Heights Methodist Church on December 1st. The meal was fabulous! Pastor Peggy from the Grahamsville Methodist Church led all in singing Christmas Carols. The monthly luncheons will resume in April.

It was nice to read about Town of Neversink resident, John Story, in the December Sullivan County Cornell Cooperative Extension magazine. John and his Neversink Plant Company has a wealth of knowledge about cactuses, succulents and more and is always ready to share this knowledge with fellow horticulturists.

Dot Muthig of Aden told me now that the Neversink Reservoir is low, all should be looking out for "Neversink Nessie"!

*Playing in the Snow* by K. Kuskin

"Under my hood I have a hat. And under that my hair is flat. Under my coat my sweater's blue. My sweater's red, I'm wearing two. My muffler muffles to my chin and round my neck and then tucks in. My gloves were knitted by my aunts. I've mittens, too, and pants and pants and boots and shoes with socks inside. My boots are rubber, red and wide, and when I walk I must not fall, because I can't get up at all."

**Words of Wisdom:** Our background and circumstances may have influenced who we are, but what we are responsible for is who we become.

**NEVERSINK NEWS:**

by Hulda Vernoooy

Sincere sympathy to the family of Mike Mullen who passed away on December 7th.

**Tri-Valley Lions Christmas Party is a Tribute to a Beautiful Woman**

by William A Brenner

The Tri-Valley Lions held their annual Christmas Party at the Daniel Pierce Library downstairs conference center on Tuesday, December 6th.

The dinner was out of sight delicious, prepared by Lions/Lioness Mary Lou Vernoooy, Phyllis Moore and Tanya Martin, consisting of an array of appetizers, hot buffet dinner and an outstanding dessert section of cakes and pies. Fellow Lions had assisted with the set up and Christmas decorations and music. Everyone also helped with the clean up.

Although the general meeting was dispensed with, President Gene Froelich gave to Phyllis Moore on behalf of the Daniel Pierce Library a check for \$575.00 from the traditional Lions operations of the Soda and Coffee booth at the Giant Pumpkin Party at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds.

At the previous Lions meeting, the members unanimously voted to hold their Christmas Party here in Grahamsville in the off chance of inclement winter weather.

However, the Lions Christmas Party was missing a cheerful, cherubic and happy smile.

The longtime Tri-Valley Lions Treasurer Liza Salvemini had suddenly died on November 22nd, two days before Thanksgiving. Visitation was held in Kingston in a room filled with flowers. A Lion's service was held.

Her husband Lion Secretary Carmen Salvemini read Liza's Treasurer Report at the previous week's Board of Directors meeting at the library. Liza had been a bit under the weather.

At the start of the Christmas Party, Carmen was presented with a dozen fresh roses, six red and six multi-colored, white, lavender and peach. The card read, "For Carmen and Liza. Thank you! With love, Tri-Valley Lions".

These were 'special' roses that were prepared by

**2016 Town of Neversink Holiday Hours**

The Town of Neversink will observe the following Holiday Hours: Christmas - close at noon on 12/23 and all day on 12/26. New Years - close at noon on 12/30 and all day on 1/2/2017.

The Transfer Station will be open from 9 am to 1 pm on Christmas Eve Day - Saturday 12/24. It will be open normal hours on New Year's Eve Day - Saturday 12/31.

Please plan your Transfer Station and Town Hall business accordingly. The Town of Neversink wishes you a very Joyous Holiday Season and a Healthy and Happy New Year.

Colonial Florists in New Paltz. A member of the florist owner's family was a Lion. She assisted with the roses to be presented at the Christmas Party. Each long stem rose had a glass water holder with lots and lots of extra ferns and baby's breath.

After the dinner and before dessert, the huge rose bouquet was opened and the bouquet was passed around to each woman who selected a favorite color rose with fern and baby's breath.

President Gene Froelich took two roses to give to two Lion members in Willowemoc, one who recently had hip surgery and the other Lion who was her caregiver.

There were cheerful, cherubic and happy smiles among the ladies admiring their flower as they discussed or argued where they were going to place their long stem rose in their home.

The Lion's Christmas Party ended just as the heavy overnight snowstorm began.

Carmen said, "That was a nice surprise."

Thank you Carmen and Liza.

**Grahamsville Fire Department 946-2016 (Sullivan Station #67) 70th Anniversary of Community Service**

by William A Brenner

The Grahamsville Fire Department (1946-2016) and Ladies Auxiliary celebrated its 70th Anniversary of Community Service with a wonderful dinner dance on November 5, 2016 at the Neversink Fire Department community hall.

Fire Chief Ed McCarthy and President Lawrence Bracken, Jr. gave the Presentation of Awards for Years of Service in Grahamsville Fire Department.

Ladies Auxiliary President Christie Allison and Vice-President Melody Arroyo gave the Presentation of Awards for Years of Service in the Grahamsville Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary.

Master of Ceremonies, once again, was Scott Raymond, Secretary with his far out humor.

Chief McCarthy and President Bracken proudly announced the induction of twenty new members into the fire department over the past five (5) years. Under the updated FEMA rules, each took extensive firematic training classes and drills for their certification. The new recruit's enthusiasm was greatly appreciated.

Chief McCarthy and President Bracken further announced the creation of a new firematic award: Fireman of the Year - retroactive. Fireman of the Year 2015: Michael Gliniski. Fireman of the Year 2014: Kyle Byrne. A standing ovation was given to Fireman of the Year 2012 - a fireman who always seem to be there: Michael Garigliano.

A wooden plaque was presented on behalf of the Officers and Members of the Claryville Fire Department which stated:

"In honor of seventy years of unselfish dedication, professionalism and service to your community".

Captain Robin Mahnken, Lieutenant Sean Lewis and Sergeant Charles Clark, on behalf of the Officers and members of the Grahamsville First Aid Squad presented a beautiful wooden plaque for their endless devotion and tireless dedication.

On behalf of the Officers and members of the Neversink Fire Department, their Chief presented a special plaque with the inscription, "Congratulations on 70 years of Outstanding Service and Dedication to the Community". On it was a firematic emblem with its motto, "To Serve and Protect" and a metallic statue of a fireman in full turnout gear, oxygen mask and tank climbing a ladder. (Contd. Pg. 4)

**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, Joyce Lockhart and Jean Helthaler.*

**The Reindeer's Magical Adaptations**

When we think of reindeer, we often visualize the magic of Rudolf and his friends pulling Santa's sleigh. However, there is much more to these fascinating creatures that is certainly phenomenal - another word for magical.

Imagine living in a place where temperatures can fall to around 58 degrees below zero during long periods of darkness? The reindeer do not seem to mind at all.

One of the most magical-like adaptations of the reindeer is their eyes. Approximately two weeks before the winter solstice begins, a reindeer's eyes change from golden to blue. The blue eyes scatter more light instead of reflecting it, which allows the eyes more chances to process it. Researchers at the University College London recently discovered reindeer are the only mammals that can see ultraviolet light with a range up to 320 nm. This range covers the part of the spectrum humans can see with the help of a black light. This helps reindeer see things in the glowing white of the snow during the dark times of the Arctic that they would otherwise miss. Instead they show up in high contrast.



The reindeer's feet also change with the season. Each winter, the foot pad is surrounded by fur. This fur makes the feet function like snow shoes for walking on ice and snow. In the spring, the fur on the feet goes away. The hooves of the reindeer are also quite amazing. In the summer, when the ground is wet, their foot pads are also softened, providing them with extra traction. In the winter the pads tighten and reveal the rim of their hooves, which is used to provide traction in the slippery snow and ice.

Another unique adaptation is reindeer fur. Each strand of hair in the thick fur is hollow. The hollow hair traps air, which insulates the body, keeps the fur from being too heavy and helps reindeer float when crossing a body of water.

While we believed that Rudolf's red nose was rooted in myth, there's actually more truth to it than most of us realize. The species of deer scientifically known as Rangifer tarandus, native to Arctic regions in Alaska, Canada, Greenland, Russia and Scandinavia actually do have noses colored with a distinctive red hue. This is due to an extremely dense array of blood vessels, packed into their nose that supply blood and regulate body temperature by changing how the reindeer breathes and also changes how the blood flows to the brain. Reindeer have amazing heat exchangers inside their noses where warm air is cooled down before it's vented outside, saving the majority of that heat.

A reindeer can put the whole system into reverse to dump heat, when it is running from a predator. During normal conditions, a reindeer breathes through its nose. The cold air cools the blood near the nasal passages and sends the slightly cooled blood to the arteries in and around the heart. This process helps keep the reindeer's organs cool. Once a reindeer starts breathing up to 260 breaths per minute, it starts breathing from its mouth. The cold air travels over its very large tongue, cooling the large blood vessels and sending the cooled blood into the body.

Reindeer comes from the Old Norse word "hreinin," which means "horned animal. During certain times of year, you can usually tell the sex of a reindeer by checking for antlers. Males lose their antlers in winter or spring, while females shed theirs in the summer.

Since reindeer shed their antlers at different points of the year based on their sex and age, we know that Santa's reindeer probably aren't older males, because older male reindeer lose their antlers in December and Christmas reindeer are always depicted with their antlers. That means Santa's sled either has to be pulled by young male reindeer or Santa's reindeer are all female.

During Europe's Reindeer Age 16,000 years ago, reindeer were abundant. Primitive humans relied heavily on them for their skins to keep them warm, meat to sustain them, and bones to create tools. Reindeer still have a major cultural and economic significance among indigenous peoples of the North.

The evolution of the reindeer has provided some incredible solutions to withstand the dark cold of their habitat. The ability to continually change its body functions surely make the reindeer one very magical creature ... but, of course, that's science.

**Household Hints**

**Remove Stubborn Rings on Furniture from Wet Glasses**

Stubborn rings resulting from wet glasses being placed on wood furniture may be removed by rubbing with a mixture of equal parts of distilled vinegar and olive oil



## A Hero of France

Special Mysterious Book Report No. 267  
by John Dwaine McKenna

On September 1, 1939, German Armed Forces invaded Poland with tanks, armored infantry divisions and dive bombers. Great Britain and France declared war on Germany the next day and World War II began. Poland surrendered two weeks later. The German forces occupied Poland, loaded their weapons and combat troops onto railroads, and headed west, right at their traditional enemy, France – who had humiliated Adolf Hitler and all of *Deutschland* with the terms of surrender that ended World War I and bankrupted the German nation. The French, using some of the reparation moneys they'd extracted, built a series of fortifications called the Maginot line along their common border, depending on it to repel another invasion from the east – as it happened in 1914, at the start of World War I. In 1940, the German armies simply drove their tanks around the end of the line, crushing Belgium and Holland in the process, and invaded anyway; then proceeded to wreck the combined British and French armies.

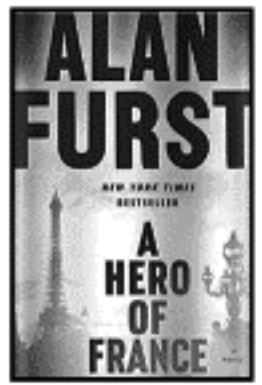
In June of 1940, the remnants of the British Expeditionary Forces were evacuating the continent in anything that could make it across the English Channel at a place called Dunkirk; the commander-in-chief of all the French armies, Marshal Petain, the hero of Verdun in the Great War, surrendered to Hitler himself, and created a pro-Nazi government at Vichy, in unoccupied southern France. At the same time, the victorious armies of Hitler's *Third Reich*, enjoyed all the splendors of Paris and fortified the northern coastline, preparing to invade England. By the early Spring of 1941, the Nazis have tightened their grip on all of Europe, The Brits-with American Lend-Lease assistance-are bombing Germany, and as some French are resisting-others are collaborating.

*A Hero of France*, (Random House, \$27.00, 234 pages, ISBN 978-0-8129-9649-4) by Alan Furst, is his fourteenth volume of historical fiction with a focus on World War II. He's the acknowledged master of WWII spy yarns, and this, his newest, does nothing to disabuse us of that notion.

March, 1941 Paris, *The City of Lights*, is in the hands of the Nazis and lighted no more. It's dark, cold, under military control-blacked out at night-and being slowly plundered by the rapacious German appetite for French art treasures, luxury goods and natural resources. All loaded on trains and disappearing to the east, as are the Jews, who're being disappeared at an alarming rate, to camps in Poland. A man named Mathieu is leading a small group of resistance fighters-rescuing British pilots and airmen who've been shot down over France-and escorting them to the southern French territory. From there, they can escape back to England and rejoin the bombing campaign, where they are desperately needed. The life expectancy of spies and resistance fighters, as well as their enablers, is usually measured in days and weeks behind enemy lines. As the German occupiers try to catch them, the resistance fighters resort to ever-more desperate measures, using the riskiest of methods to keep from being captured, tortured and killed. The tension ratchets up with each sentence and every page, as Mr. Furst skillfully, accurately and knowledgeably guides the reader through some of the most deadly – and actual exploits of the second World War. He'll show you exactly why they're called *The Greatest Generation*, at the same time he enralls, entertains and educates everyone who reads his awe-inspiring work.

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## Parents Meet Teachers for Conferences in Fallsburg

(From Pg. 1) On December 1 and 2, dozens of parents, grandparents, siblings and guardians attended the conferences. Because of FCSD's large population of Hispanic families, a Spanish speaking translator will sit in and support good communication. BCES provided two other supports for the visitors to the school and to those students that were part of the after-school program held during the hours of noon through 4 PM.

Ms. Debbie Jacobsen, who directs the After School Kids Club Program, invited various public agencies and health-related services to set up information tables for parents and families in the school gymnasium. Parents were welcome to be there before and after their meetings with teachers. Groups like Sullivan County Rural Health Network, SC Youth Bureau, New Hope Community, SC Child Care Council, Fidelis Health Care, and Cub Scouts were represented to name a few.

The Fallsburg Library's staff was at the gymnasium and in the cafeteria where they conducted a program called "Rethink your Drink" with 24 students. The event is part of similar activities done throughout the year by the Steam Club collaboration between the Library and the After School Kids Club. The children performed experiments and taste testing to determine the effects of amounts of sugar contained in different soft drinks. The children learned about the health impacts.

By the end of each afternoon, parents and children came away from the school with valuable information from the student's teacher about their child. They made new useful contacts with several local agencies that provide important services to support and nourish the needs of their families. Similarly, teachers and staff of BCES benefited greatly

by getting to know parents in a one-to-one setting and finding out more about the children and their needs as well as answering the questions about their child's learning and progress. Overall, these two Parent/Teacher Conference Days were a productive time for the Fallsburg community.

## Fallsburg High School Hosts Today's Students, Tomorrow's Teachers

(From Pg. 1) Helping to welcome the young people was the founder and guiding light for TSTT, Dr. Bettye Perkins who offered some encouraging words. She appreciated their efforts and commitment to learn and to give back to their communities. "Believe in yourself, create a vision for yourself. Hopefully one day you will be able to stand in front of a classroom just as I am with you." The students applauded Dr. Perkins, and then proceeded to the classrooms for individual sessions.

The topics for the day included Tutoring, Co-Teaching, Local Work Opportunities, College Preparation, and Job Readiness. Organizing the activities were TSTT's Ms. Aleta Lymon, Regional Program Manager, and Mr. Darrin Raynor, Regional Program Coordinator. They assembled an excellent group of local professionals to lead the sessions with the students.

After a lunch for the students and presenters, Ms. Lymon thanked everyone for their participation in a full morning of learning and bonding for the school districts. Fallsburg's Faculty Advisor for TSTT Ms. Colleen Keaveney was grateful for the active involvement of the students and looked forward to future projects with the regional schools.

## Grahamsville Fire Dept 946-2016 (Sullivan Station #67) 70th Anniversary of Community Service

(From Pg. 3) Senator John Bonacic also presented a Certificate of Appreciation to the Grahamsville Fire Department.

The Fireman receiving "Certificate of Recognition" under the category of Years of Service in the Grahamsville Fire Department are:

## Less Than 5

Lawrence Bracken, Jr.; Lawrence Bracken III; Kyle Butler; Kyle Byrne; Tyler Cassidy; Martin Conjura; Donald Curry; Darick DeGraw; Ted DeGraw; Andrew Garigliano; Mike Glinski; Mike Kelly; Dale Kufert; Mike Mickelson; Mark Sanok; Ryan Sanok; Mike Schulte; Kenneth Smith, Jr.; Don Starner; and Dale Wynkoop

**5 Plus** - Sean Barkley; Erik Raykoff; Ryan Barkley; Chris Mathews; and Charles Clark, Jr.

**10 Plus** - Curtis Frantz and Sean Lewis

**15 Plus** - David Hermann; Ed McCarthy; William Conjura; and James Allison

**20 Plus** - Kevin Murphy; Steven Semonick; and Kenneth Richardson

**25 Plus** - Charles Barnard; Fernando Costa; Jeffrey Huggler; and Scott Raymond;

**30 Plus** - Jerry McCarthy; Joseph Barkley; Craig TerBush; Walter Garigliano; Matthew Costa; and Scott Mahnken Glenn Hill

**35 Plus** - Michael Garigliano; Kenneth TerBush; Anthony Costa; and William Brenner

**40 Plus** - Roger TerBush and James Sheeley

**45 Plus** Joseph Pond; James Allison and James Minarsky

**50 Plus** - William Schulte; Donald Osterhoudt; Alton Hall and Warren Graham

**55 Plus** - Bruce Denman

Receiving the Certificates of Recognition under the category of Years of Service in the Grahamsville Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary are:

**Less Than 5** - Melody Arroyo; Carey Ann Thompson; Kelly Whipple; and Julie Starner

**5 Plus** - Christie Allison; Louise Dayton; Penny Hennessey; Amanda LaHanko; Michelle Richardson; and Ashley VanAken

**10 Plus** - Norma Pena; Clair Rennison; and Renee Simerson

**15 Plus** - Peggy Geyer

**20 Plus** - Josie Dubas

**25 Plus** - Regina Metzner; Debbie Huggler; and Kathy Denman

**35 Plus** - Martha Lee TerBush

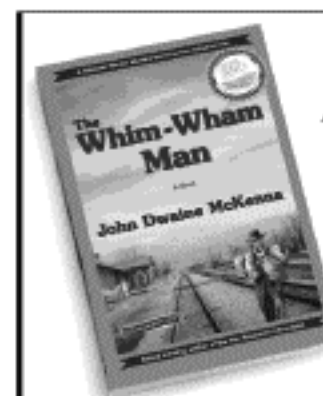
**40 Plus** - Eileen Minarsky; Barbara Barkley;

**Honorary Members:** - Mary Lee Haag; Marion McGill; Elsie Wynkoop; Maria Raymond; and Susan Sheeley

There was a moment of silence in memorial to our department members from the past 5 years:

**Fire Department:** Fernando "Fred" Costa; Owen Davis; Eugene Fuller; Raymond "Ray" Hornbeck; Herman Probst; Horace Sheeley; Donald TerBush; Clarence Tilson; and Richard Wynkoop

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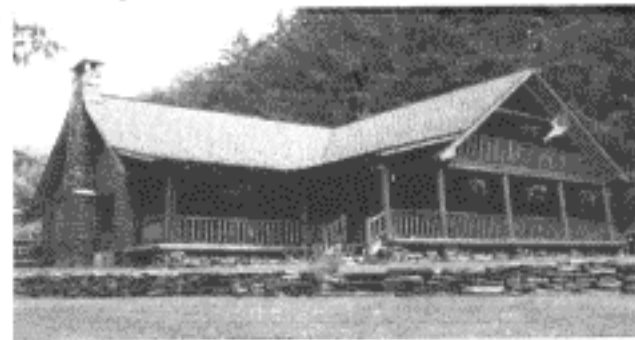
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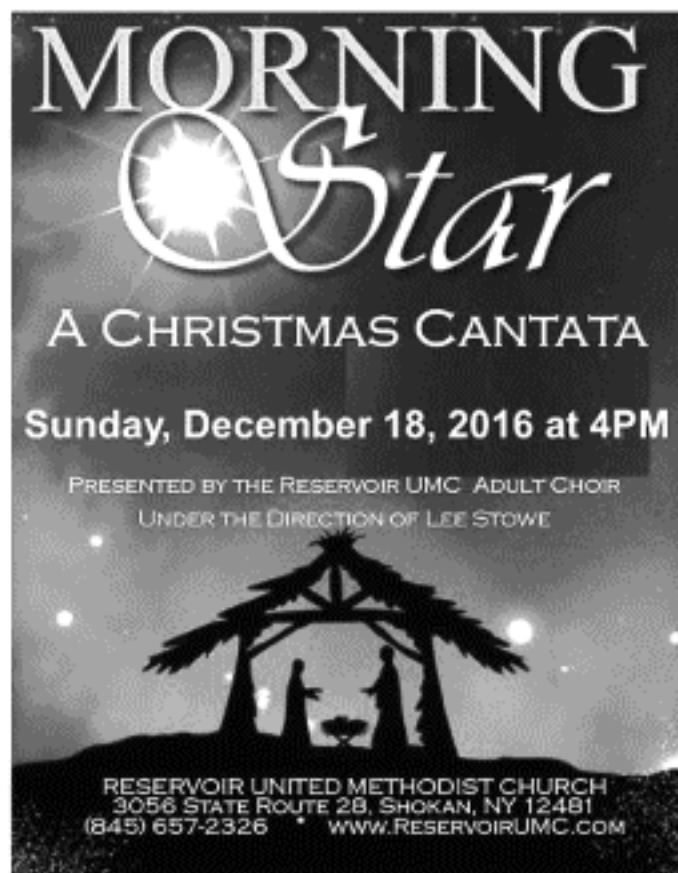
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## The Olive Jar - By Carol LaMonda

### Believing in Santa



**Breakfast with Santa at the Reservoir Methodist Church, Saturday, December 17 from . Pancake Breakfast with Goodwill Offering. 8-10:30 am**

Ah, to believe. My one granddaughter is six and a half, and no one on the school bus or first grade has told her that Santa is really her parents. She is at the age to engage in all the little niceties, social conventions that they are, that make the holiday special for children. She follows an advent calendar, watches the classic cartoon specials, wrote a letter to Santa, cut down her Christmas tree with her family and friends, and decorated the tree with joy. Tonight she will go to the play "The Nutcracker."

Her excitement in the lights, the pageantry and the fun of Christmas is contagious. I am looking forward to baking Christmas cookies with her, and I can't wait to see her glee as she opens her presents on Christmas morning.

Oh, how I miss Santa. When we first moved to Deerfield, we met the Ranks--Judie and Henry. On Christmas Eve, Henry would dress up as Santa and visit homes to surprise children in the neighborhood. We would leave wrapped packages outside on the deck, and Santa would ring the bell and pull that special gift from his overstuffed pack. Santa would join us for some liquid cheer and head on to the next house.

Later, Henry was the Santa at Breakfast with Santa at the Boiceville Inn taking over from Vince Barringer. Years later, he gave gifts to my grandchildren. He also was the Santa at the Olive Tree Lighting Ceremony along with his elf Linda Burkhardt. He even got to give his own grandchildren a special, deeper "Ho, Ho, Ho" because anyone would recognize Henry's raspy, squeaky voice.

Henry would grouse about how itchy the beard was and how hot, and sometimes, how snug the Santa costume was. He loved it.

Henry is gone, but the suit and tradition lives on. Peter Friedel, Fred Burkhardt, and Keith Davis make fine Santas. Carole Roberts, Tanya Davis, and Diane Sorbellini do a fine Mrs. Claus.

Next Saturday, December 17, one granddaughter will fly home from college in California, and my little granddaughter will sit on Santa's lap at Breakfast with Santa at the Reservoir Methodist Church from 8-10:30 with a goodwill offering for pancakes. I am fortunate to see Christmas again with the eyes of a six-year old, and I promise to sucker punch anyone who tells her there is no Santa.

On Sunday, December 18, she will go with me to the Cantata to learn about the love that came to us on Christmas Day.

Merry Christmas everyone.

### CWC Watershed Education Grant Applications Available

The Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC) is now accepting Watershed Education Grant proposals from schools and non-profit organizations serving students and teachers in the New York City West-of-Hudson (WOH) Watershed and within the five boroughs of New York City.

Applications are also available for projects intended for WOH adult audiences.

All proposals are due February 1, 2017. Forms and guidelines are available at [www.watershededucators.org](http://www.watershededucators.org), where educators can also find ideas for projects, field trips, teacher training opportunities and links to watershed and environmental programs.

Questions may be directed to 845-586-1400, ext. 306; [galusha@cwconline.org](mailto:galusha@cwconline.org).

This grant program is offered in partnership with the NYC Department of Environmental Protection.

Projects must focus on fresh water, the WOH Watershed and/or the New York City water supply system. They may use science or art, classroom exploration or outdoor experience, history research, hydrology experiments or any other teaching method that results in a greater appreciation for the critical role of water in our lives.

Applicants may also choose from among several Special Options, including trips to environmental education centers, Arm of the Sea Theater performances, Trout in the Classroom and classroom models for teaching about water quality.

The CWC is a non-profit, Local Development Corporation responsible for several environmental protection, economic development and education programs in the New York City Watershed West of the Hudson River.

### CWC grant assists Shandaken with proposed Town Hall move out of flood plain

The Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC) Board of Directors on December 6 approved a grant of \$114,000 to the Town of Shandaken to purchase property for the proposed relocation of the town hall and highway garage.

The funds (\$105,000 for the land, and \$9,000 for associated legal and closing costs) were authorized under the Flood Hazard Mitigation Implementation program which helps move to safer ground 'critical facilities' such as firehalls, schools, town halls, or water or wastewater systems which, if impaired, would threaten the health and/or safety of the public. Part of the Shandaken municipal complex, located on Route 28 in Allaben, was inundated by Esopus Creek floodwaters during Tropical Storm Irene in 2011, when water lapped at the entrance to the town hall. The town was forced to use an alternate location to run day-to-day government operations and the command center for post-flood response. The 3.2 acre site has been designated a Special Flood Hazard Area; the highway garage is actually located within the floodway.

The CWC grant will allow Shandaken to reimburse the NYC Department of Environmental Protection for funds it provided the Town several years ago under the New Infrastructure Program (NIP) to purchase a parcel of land east of the hamlet of Phoenicia. That land was eyed as a potential location for a wastewater treatment facility which did not come to fruition. Under terms of the NIP Program contract, the Town must either reimburse the city for the property if it intends to use it for something other than a wastewater facility, or sell it and return the proceeds to the City.

A recently completed Local Flood Analysis (LFA) for the hamlets of Mt. Tremper and Phoenicia recommended relocating the Town Hall and garage to this 4-acre parcel. Under the state-funded New York Rising Community Reconstruction Program, the town engaged C. T. Male Associates to conduct a feasibility analysis on the relocation. The analysis will be completed in 2017, and the move, also funded under the NY Rising Program, is anticipated by the end of 2018.

In other business, the CWC Board authorized a Stormwater Retrofit grant of \$260,000 to the Delaware County Department of Public Works for the purchase of a vacuum truck to keep culverts and street drains clean.

It also approved reimbursement to Delhi Community Church of the costs of design and construction of stormwater controls required by the City for the addition of a handicapped rest room and ramp; and reimbursement to Windham Ventures of the cost of the design of stormwater best management practices for the parking areas at the Windham Theater and retail complex.

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### DEP to Remove Hazard Trees Near Monument at Ashokan Reservoir -

*Project is part of a long-term plan for public access at J. Waldo Smith monument: Work will require closing part of the recreation path until the end of 2016*

The New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) today announced that it will remove hazardous trees from the immediate proximity of a monument at Ashokan Reservoir beginning next week. The project is part of a long-term plan to enhance public access at the J. Waldo Smith Monument, a stone tower located on a hill along the south side of the reservoir. DEP will close a portion of the popular recreation path at Ashokan Reservoir to allow for the safe removal of century-old trees that are dead, dying, or within falling distance of the monument. That section of the trail, located between the monument and the Dividing Weir Bridge, is expected to be closed until the end of December. Signs will be posted at both ends of the closed area to inform walkers, joggers and cyclists.

In the coming weeks, timber experts will remove trees within a 100-foot radius of the monument to prevent them from falling on the tower. Dead and dying trees will also be removed from a 9-acre area surrounding the monument. This tree thinning will open the forest floor to sunlight and promote the growth of a younger, more diverse forest to replace the conifer trees that have stood at that location for a century. It will also allow DEP to create a lawn area near the monument that can be used by the public.

The removal of these trees is the first step in a long-term plan to restore the monument and establish public access at the site. The historic monument was built in 1908 as hundreds of workers constructed the dam, dikes, chambers and tunnels that would become Ashokan Reservoir. It was built atop Winchell Hill - a high point in the vicinity of the construction - and used as a triangulation tower to provide surveyors with an elevated and unimpeded view from which to take measurements. On Nov. 11, 1908, the tower was dedicated as the McClellan Monument. It was named after New York City Mayor George B. McClellan, who successfully pushed for the construction of Ashokan Reservoir, the Catskill Aqueduct, and the other reservoirs and infrastructure that comprise the City's Catskills Water Supply System.

McClellan traveled by automobile to Kingston the night before the dedication ceremony, and gave a speech to the assembled crowd the following day: "We have met here today to dedicate a triangulation tower," he said, "not because it is a triangulation tower, nor because triangulation towers are of themselves beautiful, although this is an exception, but because this particular triangulation tower marks the middle point of the largest dam in the world, and because its dedication at this time marks the progress that has been made by the Water Supply Commission during the comparatively brief period of its existence."

In 1936, a memorial tablet was added to the monument in memory of J. Waldo Smith, the chief engineer for the Board of Water Supply, who directed construction of the Catskill System. When he died in 1933, Smith was remembered as a remarkable engineer whose expertise influenced the waterworks of many cities throughout the country, including Boston, Kansas City, San Francisco, Philadelphia and Baltimore. But the construction of New York City's first water supply in the Catskills, hailed as a marvel of modern engineering, was considered his jewel. Still, he refused to accept credit for the work, noting to reporters that the system was made possible by his "splendid, loyal band of enthusiastic workers." Although the tower at Ashokan was dedicated in McClellan's name, it has been colloquially referred to as the J. Waldo Smith Monument for many years.

The monument, now 108 years old, has fallen into disrepair, and the removal of hazardous trees is meant to prevent further damage. While DEP does not have an exact timeline for the work, the City does intend to restore the monument when the Dividing Weir Bridge and other facilities at Ashokan Reservoir are upgraded sometime over the next decade.



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December 14 at 6:30 PM at the Everette Hodge Center, 15 Franklin St., Kingston, NY.

Donaldson emphasized that this free training and is open to everyone from first responders to concerned citizens who may know someone involved in opioid use or someone who just wants to be prepared. He hopes to give responsible people the tools to save the life of a friend or loved one who ends up in a dangerous and life threatening situation.

A free Narcan kit will be dispensed to each participant who attends the training. Narcan (naloxone) is a prescription medicine that reverses an opioid overdose. It cannot be used to get high and is not addictive. It is simple to administer and has been credited with saving many lives when administered during the first critical minutes.

The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and the World Health Organization issued a report supporting that naloxone be available to first responders (e.g., police and firemen) and to people dependent on opioids, their peers and family members who are likely to be present when an overdose occurs.

(<http://www.unodc.org/docs/treatment/overdose.pdf>)  
 Anyone interested in attending this free training is asked to RSVP via email at [ucawarenessprogram@gmail.com](mailto:ucawarenessprogram@gmail.com).

funded through the NYS Environmental Protection Fund. To learn more and apply for grants, visit the NYS Parks website.  
 Questions about the program should be directed to Susan Carver at 518-474-6736 or [susan.carver@parks.ny.gov](mailto:susan.carver@parks.ny.gov).

**The Ashokan Center Rings in 2017 with New Year's Weekend and New Year's Eve Dance & Dinner Party**

The Ashokan Center, in collaboration with Ashokan Music & Dance, will ring in the new year with a 3-day New Year's Weekend celebration beginning December 30. The weekend will feature a full lineup of activities including live music, dance and music classes, and more. In addition, a New Year's Eve Dance and Dinner Party will take place on December 31. Guests are invited to attend either event or both. Complete details are as follows: Jay & Molly and Swingology •<sup>a</sup> New Year's Weekend Friday, December 30 through Monday, January 2. The weekend of activities includes performances by Jay & Molly and Swingology with new material and old favorites, Les Ferrailles (pronounced fer-RAY), Yvette Landry's Cajun band featuring Chris Segura and Jonno Frishberg on fiddles, Ryan Brunet on accordion, Yvette's son Trevor Landry on drums and Chris's wife Erin Segura teaching Cajun dance. In addition, Cindy Overstreet and Steve Ryan return to teach swing dance classes and more, John Krumm will call contras and squares and Tom Krumm and Swingology and Les Ferrailles band members will offer a variety of fun and informative music classes.

Visit [www.ashokan.org](http://www.ashokan.org) to register and for more information.

**The Connect Kids Transportation Grants Program**

The Connect Kids to Parks Transportation Grant Program is available to K-12 classrooms in Title I schools across the state to connect New York public school children with nature and New York State history by providing reimbursement grants to public schools for visits to a New York State park, nature center or historic site, a Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Environmental Education Center or Fish Hatchery, or the SUNY ESF Adirondack Ecological Center in Newcomb. Classes may participate in special guided programs at some sites, or self-guided tours. Grants will reimburse bus costs, tolls, the fee for bus entry into the facility and any programs fees, up to \$750.

The Connect Kids Transportation Grants Program is administered by NYS Parks in cooperation with Governor Andrew Cuomo's office and is

**Federation Hosts 20th Annual Christmas Eve Dinner**

The Sullivan County Federation for the Homeless will be hosting it's annual Christmas Eve Dinner on Saturday, December 24th at their 9 Monticello St location in Monticello. There will be two seatings - 3-4pm & 4:30 -5:30pm. All are welcome, but seats must be reserved in advance.

Continuing his longstanding dedication & commitment to the Federation, Mr. Bill Sipos and his staff at Mr. Willy's will once again be assisting in the preparation & service of this bountiful holiday feast. Santa Claus will also be on hand with a gift for kids under 12 and a free picture keepsake.

The Sullivan County Federation for the Homeless is committed to developing individualized and community wide plans for disadvantaged people to break the cycles of poverty that cause homelessness and hunger. For more information on the dinner and to reserve your seat, please come in to the Federation or call Esther at 845-794-2604.

**UC Legislator Donaldson Sponsoring Free Community Narcan Training**

Kingston, NY - Ulster County Legislator David Donaldson is sponsoring a free community Narcan Training in cooperation with Dr. Raymond Harvey from the Institute for Family Health, Dr. Maya Hambright of Maverick Family Health and Marie Shultis, Director of Awareness Inc., on Wednesday,



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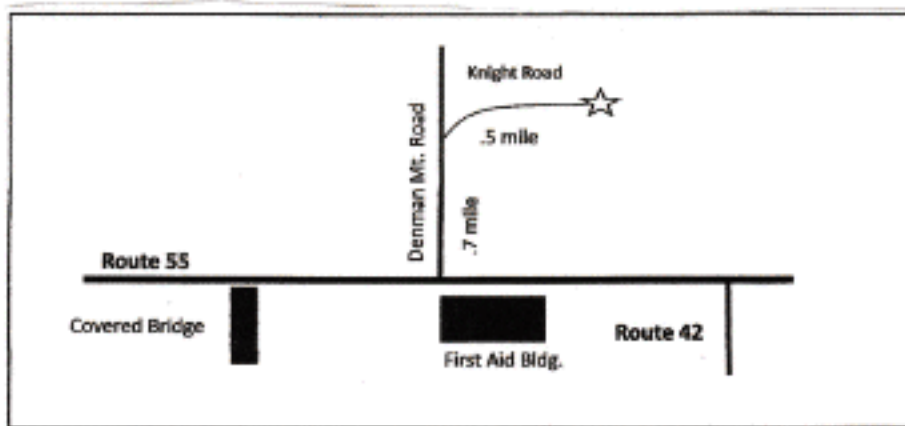
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## Sullivan Agencies Leading Together (SALT) Receives Certificate for Turkeys at BCES



Ruth Stratton of Fidelis Care and Martin Colavito of Sullivan Agencies Leading Together (SALT)

Ruth Stratton of Fidelis Care donating a certificate for the turkeys to Martin Colavito of Sullivan Agencies Leading Together (SALT) on December 1, 2016 at Benjamin Cosor Elementary School, where Fidelis Care had an information table for parents coming to the school for parent teacher conference.

Mr. Colavito works for Catholic Charities of Sullivan and Orange County.

# Weather FORECAST

SUNRISE: 7:13AM SUNSET: 4:26 PM

AVERAGE HIGH: 38°F  
AVERAGE LOW: 21°F

**THURSDAY**



HIGH: 20°F LOW: 3°F

**FRIDAY**



HIGH: 20°F LOW: 10°F

**SATURDAY**



HIGH: 34°F LOW: 35°F

**SUNDAY**



HIGH: 40°F LOW: 32°F

**MONDAY**



HIGH: 29°F LOW: 7°F

**TUESDAY**



HIGH: 30°F LOW: 15°F

## Cornell Cooperative Extension is a Good Friend to Fallsburg Schools

Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) and Fallsburg Central School District (FCSD) have enjoyed a good working relationship for several years. In the past year, CCE's Healthy Schools Coordinator Mrs. SueAnn Boyd has become a member of the District's Wellness Committee. SueAnn and others at the agency have been participating actively in a number of good health related initiatives at FCSD.

A major involvement has been collaboration on a Healthy Community Grant awarded to FCSD by Sullivan Renaissance and reconstruct a hiking trail behind Benjamin Cosor Elementary School (BCES). CCE has donated several park benches and will be providing signage for placement along the trail. Mrs. Boyd and Ms. Emily Devore of CCE have donated time to help clearing the trail, painting railroad ties alongside the elementary school children, and will soon be helping put together bird houses, with all materials donated by Brian Brustman, owner of Brustman Land Services in Obernburg, NY. Brian is the District Manager for Soil and Water Conservation District which is located in the same building as CCE.



In front of the movable salad bar at Benjamin Cosor Elementary School Cafeteria are left to right BCES teacher Phil Moll, CCE Healthy Schools Director SueAnn Boyd, FCSD Athletic Director Suzanne Lendzian, and BCES teacher Leah Exner. All of these people are members of the FCSD Wellness Committee, chaired by Ms. Lendzian.

This past fall, Mrs. Boyd presented Fallsburg High School with two refillable water bottle filling stations located in the school building and Zip 2 Water Station, donated by Pam Gallaher, owner of Zip 2 Water, Inc. for use outside the building for physical educational classes and athletic events. All these items provide access to safe potable water.

As part of the Creating Healthy Schools and Communities, and Eat Smart New York grants for Sullivan County Schools, CCE has provided signage in the cafeterias at both BCES and Fallsburg Jr/Sr High School for the new salad bars in use this year. The signs encourage healthier eating by making healthy food choices such as fresh vegetables and fruits.

The future of the close cooperation between the Cornell Cooperative Extension and the Fallsburg schools is quite rosy. At the very productive monthly Wellness Committee meetings, ideas for grants and projects are often on the table. The common goal is to provide the healthiest environment for the children of Fallsburg and Sullivan County.

## Town of Neversink Parks and Rec Santa Workshop



On Sunday, December 4th, some of Santa's helpers transformed the Neversink Town Hall into Santa's Workshop!

With elves on the walls, supplies on the table, busy hands created a variety of Christmas treasures and every one had a great time! The event was hosted by the Town of Neversink Parks and Recreation under the direction of Jamie Brooks.



**Frost Valley Holiday Community Dinner and Gathering**



The holidays are a wonderful time of the year, spent with family and friends, enjoying each other's company and delicious food. The holidays are also the time for giving, which is important to remember, as there are many people who do not have the opportunity to enjoy a holiday feast, receive gifts, or even travel to see their family.

It has always been a priority for Frost Valley YMCA that every person in this community is able to celebrate and join in on the festivities of the holidays. Which is why Frost Valley hosted its annual Holiday Community Dinner and Gathering on December 9th. It was a night for families from the local area to get together and share a nutritious dinner while enjoying games, crafts and other fun festivities.

In addition to Frost Valley organizing the event, several food vendors contributed donations for the night. This year, Sysco Food Service kindly donated 8 hams, 10 turkey breasts and 2 cases of cookie dough. Riviera Produce generously contributed 100lbs of chef potatoes, 40lbs of sweet potatoes, a case of butternut squash, a case of fresh broccoli, and a case of brussel sprouts. New England Linen Supply donated the linens for the evening.

The evening was a wonderful success and local families and friends enjoyed the delicious buffet-style dinner, winter-themed arts and crafts for all ages, mingling by the fireplace, and so much more! The event provided a great opportunity for our neighbors to get to know one another and spend time together, celebrating the holidays and experiencing a festive night with the kids. The organization wishes to thank everyone who made the night a special way to get into the true spirit of the holidays!

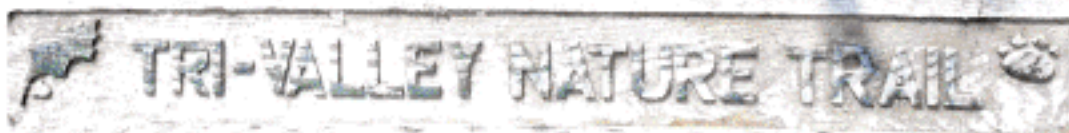
**Sheriff Paul J. Van Blarcum is pleased to announce the hire of Deputy Sheriff Peter J. Czapliski.**



Sheriff Paul J. Van Blarcum is pleased to announce the hire of Deputy Sheriff Peter J. Czapliski. Deputy Peter Czapliski is the son of Deputy Sheriff Derek Czapliski. Law Enforcement is often a family tradition that spans several generations. Father Derek Czapliski was proud to be present as his son Peter was presented with his shield by Sheriff Van Blarcum.

**Local Girl Scouts Earn Money for Gifts for Children in Need**

Girls Scout Troop #60 is working to earn their Girl Scout Silver Award, the second highest award that they can earn as Girl Scouts.



Pictured from left to right are Erin Duffy, Rachel Brooks, Lorna Bragg and Sanaa Carter.

The girls are all 13 years old, in 8th grade at Tri-Valley CSD and are Cadettes in the Girl Scouts. They have spent weeks making crafts and selling them to earn enough money to purchase gifts for children in need.

They made and sold crafts at the Giant Pumpkin Party in Grahamsville and at the Neversink Firehouse annual craft fair. They were able to raise \$546 and purchase presents for 20 children through the Boys and Girls Clubs of Wallkill. On Thursday December 8, the presents were delivered to the Town of Neversink town hall to Barbie Neumann-Marty, the Senior Unit Director of the Boys and Girls Clubs. She will wrap them and distribute them to the children.

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**Three New Artists Kick Off CAS 2017 Exhibition Season**  
 LIVINGSTON MANOR, NY - The Catskill Art Society presents three exhibitions - "small things of unknowable value" by Matthew Bliss, "The Thing Is" and "Objet D'Art" by Paula Elliott, and "Encaustics" by Donise English - at the CAS Art Center at 48 Main Street, Livingston Manor, NY from January 7 through February 12.

Matthew Bliss creates small sculptures that give an impression of the monumental. The work brings to mind an urban artifact, but not something randomly discarded and stumbled upon, but rather an artifact that has been carefully considered and crafted with the utmost devotion to detail, like a little industrial jewel. His own description of his work is cryptic: he makes "small things of unknowable value."

Paula Elliott's works on paper are derived from the question of: what exactly constitutes a container? By shaping the form with successive layers of charcoal, a density of surface evolves creating an impression of material solidity. The ephemeral effects of the charcoal medium combined with allusion to a three dimensional object create an enigmatic quality that challenges the viewer's perception of the work.

Donise English describes her encaustic paintings as visual journeys. The works are created using oil paint and wax in a series of layers with each successive layer responding to previously applied wax or paint. Her residual marks, lines shapes and colors become subject of the work. Some layers obscure earlier marks, some layers enhance those marks, there by taking her on a journey with no preconceived ending.

Matthew Bliss grew up in Valhalla, NY, attended undergraduate school at Columbia University, and trained in scenic design under Ming Cho Lee at the Yale School of Drama, where he received his MFA. His first solo show as a sculptor was at ZieherSmith in NYC in 2003. His work has been shown regularly since and collected privately by such figures as Richard L Feigen and Carolyn Alexander. George Negroponte wrote an artist on artists feature on Matthew's work for 20th anniversary issue of Bomb Magazine [Spring 2001].

Paula Elliott grew up in Minnesota and studied art at the University of the Americas in Mexico City before going on to receive a BS in Fine Arts from the University of Wisconsin-Stout. After college she spent a year in London then returned to attend Cornell University where she earned a Master of Fine Arts degree.

Denise English received her MFA at Bard College. She lives and works in Poughkeepsie, NY, where she is also a Professor of Studio Art at Marist College.

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

January 7, 2017 - Artist Talk and Opening Reception  
 CAS will host an Artist Talk on Saturday, January 7 at 2pm, followed immediately by a free Opening Reception from 3pm to 5pm. All are welcome and light refreshments will be served.

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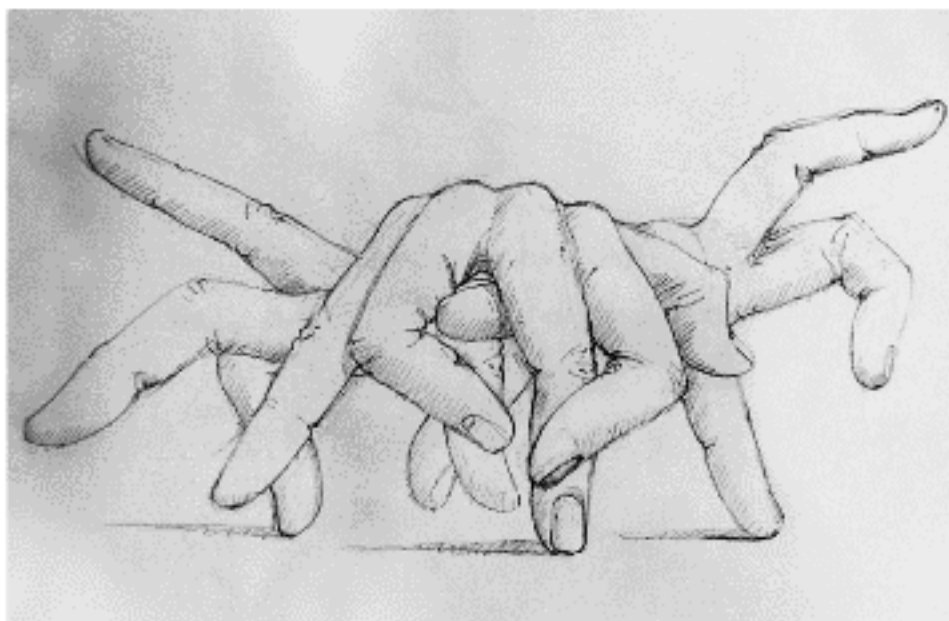
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**DIGITAL DANCE Exhibit at the Ellenville Regional Hospital's Healing Arts Gallery**



*DIGITAL DANCE exhibiting at the Ellenville Regional Hospital's Healing Arts Gallery 12/12/16 through 2/3/17 is a recent manifestation of Chuck's spectral imagination. A variety of Chuck's artworks can be seen on his web site: chuckdavidson.com*

Charles "Chuck" Davidson - studied fine art at Otis Art Institute and commercial art at the Art Center College of Design, Los Angeles. Davidson blends both art experiences into a synergistic approach to his work.

As a result, Chuck's ANTIBES watch design for Concord Switzerland resides in the permanent collection of the Cooper Hewitt Design Museum, NYC. Nine of his 38 GEOLOMORPHOSIS Stone Butterflies constructions exhibited at the Russian Academy of Art Museum, St. Petersburg, tour Russia as part of their permanent collection. Chuck's STAMPING OUR HISTORY book published by Carol Publishing resides in the permanent collection of the Smithsonian Postal Museum Rare Book Library, Washington DC. And Chuck's seasonal song, HOW MY THANKSGIVING TURKEY FLEW AWAY BLUES had aired locally on WHUD and Z Morning Zoo.

"Expression, every which way... categories are irrelevant... art relates to how we articulate what is inside us. A one handed fingertip catch in the end zone by Odell Beckham Jr is to a Giants fan as artistic as a 'pas de deux' by Mikhail Baryshnikov is to a ballet aficionado." says Chuck.

**Holiday Concert Schedule for  
 Sullivan County Government Center**

Monticello, N.Y. - County Manager Joshua Potosek announced that holiday music and songs will be offered in the Lobby of the Sullivan County Government Center, 100 North Street, Monticello, New York. The first event will be held at 12:00pm on Thursday, December 8th, with the holiday event series wrapping up on Friday, December 23rd.

"The public and County employees look forward to the holiday music events each year and I want to thank our local school districts for continuing to provide the sounds of the holiday season," said Potosek. These events not only provide seasonal music and songs, but showcase the talents of our children that are learning valuable skills throughout schools," added Potosek.

The annual Holiday Concerts featuring local bands and chorus groups will take place on the following dates at 12:00 noon (\*\*except where noted) in the Atrium of the Government Center.

DATE:	SCHOOL PERFORMANCES	LED BY:
December 8th	Livingston Manor High School Band & Chorus	Dan Smith / Sara Simon-Shult
December 12th	Sullivan County Legislature	Scott Samuelson/ Catherine Owens/ Alan Sorensen Beth Deyermond
December 13th (11am)	The Center for Discovery	
December 14th	Liberty Middle/High School Orchestra	Sarah Weber
December 15th	Liberty Middle School Jazz Band	Eric Aweh
December 16th	Eldred Music Dept.	Justin Glodich
December 19th	Liberty HS Band	Dan McConnell
December 20th	Liberty HS Honors & Mixed Chorus	Tim Hamblin
December 21st	Roscoe Central School Music Dept. Rachel Kleinman-McClure MHS Chamber Ensemble	Kelly Bullis
December 22nd		David Chidsey
December 23rd (11:15am)	Monticello Minstrels Nesin Cultural Arts presents: The Treble Makers & Young Children's Chorus	Amy Phillips

For further information contact Joshua Potosek, County Manager, at 845-807-0450

**Anime and Art Programs for Teens**

Teens ages 12-18 can come to the Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library in Monticello on December 22 and 28 for Anime Club and Art Club. These programs are free and open to all teens.

Anime Club is held twice a month. Teens who participate decide which anime show to watch, and work on a project. On Thursday, December 22 from 4:30-6:00, the group will make their own cosplay emergency repair kits.

Art Club is a new program that was conceived by the library's Teen Advisory Group. The first session will be held on Wednesday, December 28 at 5:00. We will discuss what types of activities participants would like to do and which mediums to work in. There will also be a short project. Light refreshments will be served.

These programs do not require registration. For more information, call Joanna at 845-794-4660 ext. 8, or email her at jgoldfarb@rcls.org. The Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library is located at 479 Broadway in Monticello. For a full list of programs, visit the library website (www.ebcrawfordlibrary.org) or find us on social media (@ebcplibrary).



**Forever Wild Clause Unlikely to be Altered by Constitutional Convention Says State Bar Association**

There is "no reason to modify the forever wild clause" of the New York State Constitution--which protects the state-owned Forest Preserve in the Adirondacks and the Catskills--concludes a report released today by the New York State Bar Association. After examining the historical record, the report concludes that fears--such as those that some groups expressed in 1997--that a future constitutional convention might weaken the "forever wild" clause are unwarranted.

However, the report points to other environmental provisions in the state Constitution that "merit serious consideration by policymakers and the public." The report, "The Conservation Article in the State Constitution (Article XIV)," recently was approved by the Association's House of Delegates.

"In less than 12 months, New Yorkers will go to the polls to decide whether to call a constitutional convention that would study and recommend changes to the state Constitution. Our report on the Conservation Article offers voters an insightful analysis of environmental issues that a convention might consider," said Claire P. Gutekunst, president of the New York State Bar Association.

Ultimately, any amendments proposed through a constitutional convention must be approved by state voters.

**The Forever Wild Clause**

In 1894, voters ratified an amendment that mandates that the state-owned Forest Preserve "shall be forever kept as wild forest lands."

The amendment's catalyst was the destruction of Adirondack forests by the lumber industry during the 19th century, raising alarm about the impact on rivers, canals and water supplies hundreds of miles away, all critical to the state's economic well-being.

Since 1894, the report observes, "there has never been broad-based public support for repealing or diluting the forever wild protections, and nothing in the lengthy record of past conventions and amendments to Article XIV suggest that delegates to a 2019 Convention would seek to do so."

As another measure of public support, the report also notes that voters and the Legislature repeatedly have expanded the Forest Preserve, which now protects 2.6 million acres in the Adirondacks and 286,000 acres in the Catskills.

**Other sections of the Conservation Article**

Elsewhere in the Conservation Article, the report identifies opportunities to simplify its text and address obsolete aspects.

The report also examines what was intended to be a "Conservation Bill of Rights" (Section 4 of Article XIV), approved by voters in 1969. Instead of conveying specific rights, its language appears aspirational, saying, for example, that conserving and protecting "natural resources and scenic beauty" shall be "the policy of the state." However, that provision lacks teeth, the report says. "Citizens apparently cannot seek judicial enforcement of the Conservation Bill of Rights, as they can the 'forever wild' clause."

The report examines pros and cons of making the right to a clean environment an enforceable right. On one hand, "Arguably, the narrow scope of Section 4 in Article XIV is insufficient to address New York's new environmental challenges." It notes that the constitutions of Pennsylvania and five other states recognize specific environmental rights that are enforceable.

On the other hand, the report makes note of broad environmental protections under existing state and federal laws that were enacted after the amendment's adoption in 1969. "Thus it is debatable whether the addition of a self-executing constitutional environmental right could do more; indeed it might even lead to needless, duplicative litigation, which would discourage economic development, especially in economically-depressed regions of the state," the report states.

The report concludes, "In 2017, voters will have a unique opportunity to debate whether the provisions of the state Constitution's Conservation Article, Article XIV, are sufficient to meet current needs or can otherwise be improved."

The Conservation Article report is available at [www.nysba.org/ArticleXIVreport](http://www.nysba.org/ArticleXIVreport). It was written by the Association's Committee on the New York State Constitution, which is chaired by Henry Greenberg of Albany (Greenberg Traurig).

Additional information about the NYS Constitution. The committee's previous reports examine the need for a nonpartisan commission to prepare for the 2017 referendum ([www.nysba.org/nysconstitutionreport](http://www.nysba.org/nysconstitutionreport)); and the "Home Rule" provision, which deals with relative powers of the state and local governments ([www.nysba.org/homerulereport](http://www.nysba.org/homerulereport)). Its next report will focus on New York's court system.

The New York State Bar Association recently published a 400-page book called Making a Modern Constitution: The Prospects for Constitutional Reform in New York. To download a free copy or purchase a

paper copy, go to: [www.nysba.org/ConConBook/](http://www.nysba.org/ConConBook/). The 74,000-member New York State Bar Association is the largest voluntary state bar association in the nation. It was founded in 1876.

**Ulster County's Region was the Highest Performing Region in New York State**

Kingston, NY- Ulster County Executive Mike Hein is pleased to announce that in the 2016 round of New York State's Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) process announced by Governor Cuomo today, the Mid-Hudson Region, of which Ulster County is a member, was the highest performing region in the state. As a result, many worthwhile Ulster County projects were awarded significant grant funding. In total, Ulster County's businesses, not-for-profits and municipalities received over \$9.3 million and the seven-county Mid-Hudson region was awarded a total of \$83.3 million.

**Michael P. Hein, Ulster County Executive** "Governor Cuomo's Regional Council awards to Ulster County are a huge win for Ulster County and the Hudson Valley regional economy," said Ulster County Executive Mike Hein. "I want to thank Governor Cuomo for his commitment to economic development. My administration took an aggressive role in assisting businesses, not-for-profits and municipalities in applying for CFA funding. In addition to successful applications by Ulster County for the Ashokan Rail Trail and expansion of our municipal composting facility, my team and I dedicated significant time and resources to assisting several successful projects including Mary Stuart Masterson's Stockade Works Film Studio, Star Vodka's new distillery and tourism destination on the Hudson River and Health Alliance of the Hudson Valley's new Medical Village, which will create jobs and investment in Ulster County."

County Executive Hein continued, "As a member of the Regional Economic Development Council, I was able to advocate for our county's municipalities, including the City of Kingston, which resulted in the City of Kingston receiving awards totaling nearly \$3.3 million, including \$2.75 million towards transportation and connectivity projects."

**Steve Noble, Mayor of the City of Kingston** "We're excited about today's awards, and about the progress we will now be able to make on projects throughout the City," said Kingston Mayor Steve Noble. "I appreciate the support County Executive Mike Hein provided for these applications and for the strong partnership we have built between Ulster County and the City of Kingston. Together, we are moving forward."

**John McHugh, Executive Director, The Arc of Ulster-Greene** "We are truly excited to be awarded a 2016 CFA grant and join in the renaissance happening in mid-town Kingston. The grant will allow The Arc of Ulster-Greene the opportunity to repurpose space at our 139 Cornell Street building for start-up businesses and local artists," explained John McHugh, Executive Director of The Arc of Ulster-Greene. "Much thanks goes to the Ulster County Office of Economic Development and County Executive Mike Hein. Their continued support of this initiative is invaluable."

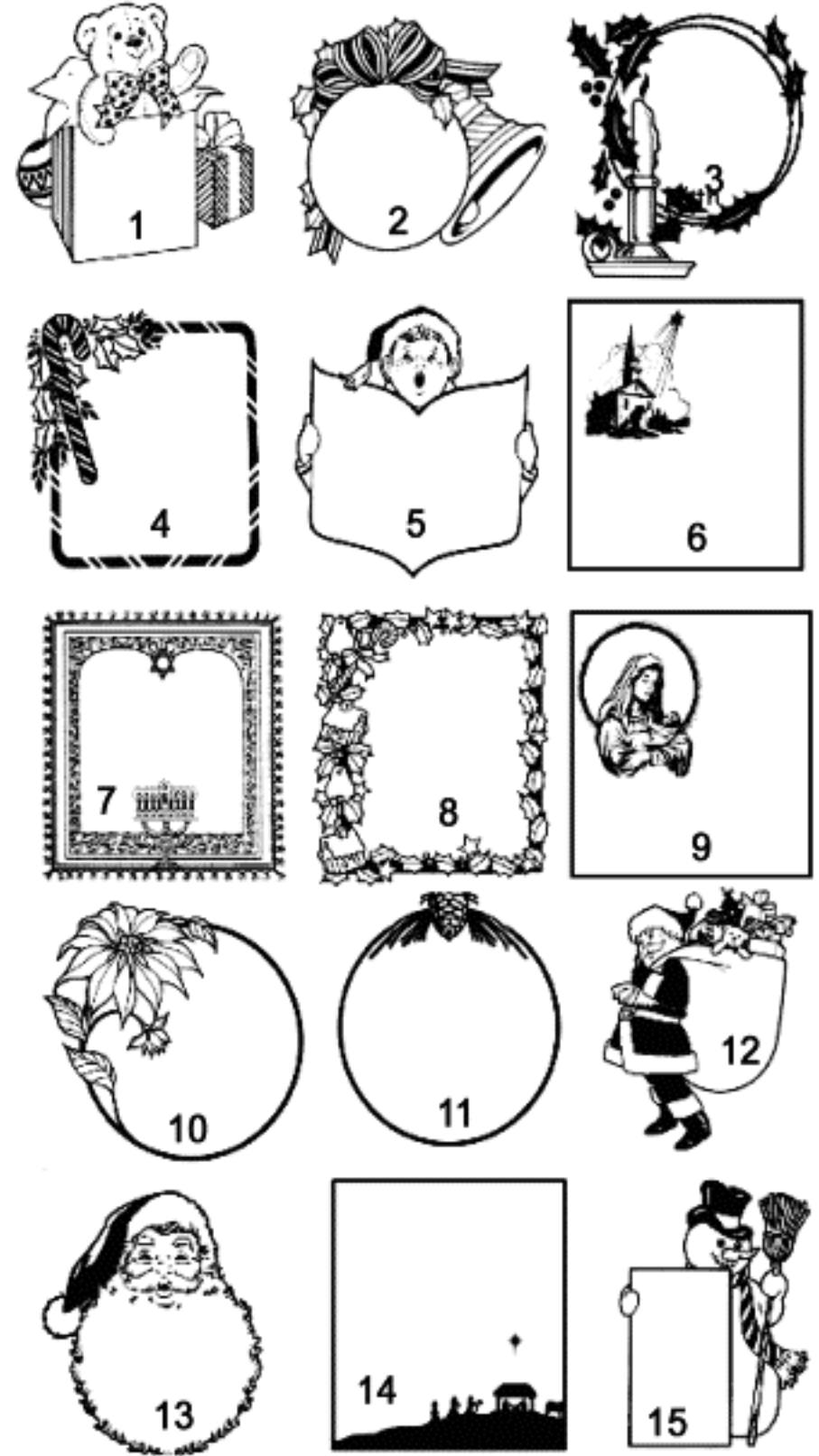
**Kevin O'Connor, Executive Director, RUPCO, Inc.** "We are thrilled with today's announcement of \$1M for RUPCO's planned redevelopment of a defunct 70,000 square foot factory located on Greenkill Avenue to house Stockade Works, Mary Stuart Masterson's soundstage & post production training center that will bring film and TV production jobs to Kingston. Additional space will be used as 'maker space' for other local entrepreneurs involved in small manufacturing. For RUPCO, this is a community wealth building project that leverages our expertise for redeveloping derelict properties into productive re-use and combines it with entrepreneurial job creation. We are grateful to County Executive Mike Hein and his team of economic professionals that helped us put this project together with SUNY Ulster's Start-Up New York and in particular, County Executive Hein's advocacy that was instrumental in getting Governor Cuomo to sign legislation that extended the 40% tax credit for TV and Film production to Ulster County. RUPCO is working across Midtown Kingston and this project featuring Stockade Works coupled with the Lace Mill and our plans for Energy Square are transformative for the region."

**Mary Stuart Masterson, Executive Director and Founder, Stockade Works** "All of us at Stockade Works are so incredibly grateful to the REDC, Ulster County Executive Mike Hein and the Ulster County Office of Economic Development for the opportunity to begin making our vision come to fruition: 'Making Local Work' in the Mid-Hudson Valley through training the work force, attracting large scale projects in film and tech, and connecting the local film and tech makers," said Mary Stuart Masterson, Executive Director and Founder of Stockade Works. "These funds will allow us to kick start our co-working, production facility which is an essential link in the entertainment ecosystem chain."

**SEND YOUR HOLIDAY GREETINGS BY WAY OF THE TOWNSMAN**

Each year *Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman* publishes holiday greetings to your friends, neighbors and family. This year our holiday issue will be published on December 22<sup>nd</sup>. The deadline for all holiday greetings is Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. **Businesses are welcome to send greetings too!**

Please use our "Holiday Wishes" order blank when ordering your greeting. Thank you and have a wonderful Holiday Season! Each greeting will be approx. 2"x2"



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**Charles Ferri, Founder & CEO of Star Vodka USA** "We are so excited and honored to have been awarded such a generous grant from Governor Cuomo and New York State. County Executive Mike Hein and his team were instrumental in making this happen and we could not be more thrilled to call Ulster County and New York State our home," stated Charles Ferri, Founder & CEO of Star Vodka USA.

**Senator Bonacic Applauds the Awarding of \$83.3 Million to the Mid-Hudson Regional Economic Development Council**

(Middletown, NY)-Senator John J. Bonacic (R/C/I-Mt. Hope) is pleased to announce that the Mid-Hudson Regional Economic Development Council has been awarded \$83.3 million in state funds, to put toward economic development projects throughout the region. The funds were announced at the Regional Economic Development Council awards ceremony, today, in Albany. The Regional Economic Development Council process splits the state into ten regions, with each submitting economic development plans for their respective territories.

"The hard work and collaborative effort put forth by the Mid-Hudson Regional Economic Development Council has once again paid dividends with the awarding of this significant economic development funding," said Senator Bonacic.

The counties that are included in the Mid-Hudson Region are; Orange, Sullivan, Dutchess, Ulster, Rockland, Westchester, and Putnam.





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**Archdiocesan Confession Day**

The annual pre-Christmas Recon-ciliation Monday, conducted throughout the Archdiocese with extended confession hours, is this year on December 19th, here from 4:00 to 5:00 pm and from 7:00 to 8:00 pm.

**Confessions**

Saturday, December 24th  
 3:30 - 4:00 pm

**Masses**

Christmas Eve  
 Saturday, December 24th  
 4:30 pm & 10:00 pm

**Christmas Day**

Sunday, December 25th  
 10:00 am

**Feast of Mary, Mother of God**

Saturday, December 31st  
 4:30 pm  
 Sunday, January 1st  
 9:00 & 11:30 am

**Bethel Author to Hold Book Signing**

The Dr. Frederick A. Cook Society will host a book signing for author and Bethel resident Maura Stone on December 18 to introduce her latest award winning book *Amour Anarchy - A Memoir*.

The event will take place from 2:30 - 4:00p.m. at the Sullivan County Museum, 265 Main St, Hurleyville, NY. Refreshments.

For information please call (845) 434-8044.



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Claryville Road  
 Claryville, NY 12725  
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 Monday afternoon: 5:45 pm (Holy Rosary at 5:30 pm);  
 Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday mornings: (includes Morning Prayer) - 8:50 am

Saturday afternoon confessions: 3:45 to 4:15 pm

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

**Grahamsville and Sundown United Methodist Churches**

Christmas Pageant - Dec. 18  
 10:30 a.m. Grahamsville UMC

Candlelight Christmas Eve Services - Dec. 24  
 5 p.m. Sundown UMC  
 7 p.m. Grahamsville UMC  
 11 p.m. Holy Communion at  
 Grahamsville UMC

Christmas Day Worship Services - Dec. 25  
 8:30 a.m. Sundown UMC  
 10:30 a.m. Grahamsville UMC  
 Call 845-985-2283 for further information.

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Thursday Prayer 7 pm



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 845-434-8263

Email: [Crosswayag@jesusanswers.com](mailto:Crosswayag@jesusanswers.com)

**Sundown United Methodist Church**

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

**Grahamsville United Methodist Church**

Rte. 55, Grahamsville  
 Sunday Worship Service - 10:30 a.m.  
 Sunday School for grades k-7 - 10:30a.m.

Mid-week Bible Study opportunities available!  
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 e-mail: [Grahamsvilleumc@gmail.com](mailto:Grahamsvilleumc@gmail.com)

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**Grahamsville Reformed Church**

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 Worship Service 9:30 A.M.

Rev. Paul Z. Ruter, Pastor

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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Have a Joyous and a Blessed New Year

Sundown United Methodist Church Hall



**PUBLIC NOTICE:****2016 Town of Neversink  
Holiday Hours**

The Town of Neversink will observe the following Holiday Hours: Christmas - close at noon on 12/23 and all day on 12/26. New Years - close at noon on 12/30 and all day on 1/2/2017.

The Transfer Station will be open from 9 am to 1 pm on Christmas Eve Day - Saturday 12/24. It will be open normal hours on New Year's Eve Day - Saturday 12/31.

Please plan your Transfer Station and Town Hall business accordingly. The Town of Neversink wishes you a very Joyous Holiday Season and a Healthy and Happy New Year.

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**Trails Projects in Sullivan County  
Launched with State Funding/Grant also  
Awarded for Public Works  
and Workforce Development**

Sullivan County was awarded two New York State grants toward the creation of a contiguous regional multi-use trail system in the southern Catskills that would span 50 miles in Sullivan County, from Wurtsboro to Livingston Manor, with connections into Orange and Ulster Counties. The project builds on approximately 25 miles of the former O&W rail line that have already been converted for trail use within Sullivan County. Because those 25 miles exist in disjointed segments of a few miles each, funding has been awarded to plan for connecting the gaps.

The funding, from the New York State Office of Parks Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) and Empire State Development's Market New York program, totals \$149,500. It will be used to evaluate built and unbuilt segments of the O&W Rail Trail, identify needs for repairs, upgrades and acquisitions, determine on-road connections, and develop cost estimates and a phasing plan for construction. The Market NY funding will be used to create a trail "brand" and for materials to market and increase utilization of the existing segments.

County Legislative Chairman Luis Alvarez noted that "When fully completed, the O&W Rail Trail will link business and amenities in two villages and nine hamlets, supporting main street revitalization and providing a much needed outlet for safe exercise. It addresses two high priority needs in the County, economic development and improved health." Legislature Alan Sorensen, who chairs the County's Trails Advisory Committee, said "Studies have demonstrated that longer trail systems attract more users and bring much greater economic benefits." He added, "In addition to the 50-mile main stem, this project will also look into the feasibility of trail development on a O&W spur that runs south from Monticello to the Upper Delaware River corridor and Port Jervis."

The Town of Rockland was awarded two grants totaling \$420,000 construct a Riverwalk along the Willowemoc Creek in Livingston Manor. The idea for that project emerged in a downtown revitalization strategy for the hamlet created in 2002, and which has been nurtured over time. Last year, with funding from local businesses and the Sullivan County Funding Corporation, a group that included the Town of Rockland, the Livingston Manor Chamber of Commerce, the Sullivan County Division of Planning and Environmental Management, the Sullivan County IDA, and Sullivan Renaissance, oversaw consultants who created preliminary designs and cost estimates for the project. The Riverwalk will consist of pathways, board-walked segments, and signage that will lead people through an Event Lawn on Main Street to the Willowemoc Creek, and then parallel the flow of the Creek behind Main Street businesses to Renaissance Park. The project includes streambank stabilization that will help mitigate the potential for future flooding.

Other projects in Sullivan County that received funding through the 2016 NYS Regional Economic Development Council awards, announced by Governor Andrew M. Cuomo include Phase 7 improvements in the White Sulphur Springs Water District, the relocation of the Town of Highland's town shop from a location in the floodway of Halfway Brook to NYS Route 55, and two projects to support workforce development training. One of these will provide training in the "green housing" industry. The other will assist non-native English speakers in training for residential care jobs. \$1,877,835 was awarded to projects in Sullivan County from five different State programs.

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

**Tri-Valley Central School District, 34  
Moore Hill Road, Grahamsville, New York  
12740**

**Phone: 845-985-2296, Fax: 845-985-0310**

**The following position is available  
at Tri-Valley Central School for 2016-2017:**

**Long-Term Maternity Leave  
Replacement K-12 Art Teacher NYS  
Certification K-12 in Art Education  
Required Approximate Leave Dates:  
March 31 - June 23, 2017  
Contact: Thomas Palmer, Superintendent  
Cut-Off Date for Submitting  
Application/Materials: January 6, 2017**

12/15; 12/22

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

**The following positions are available at Tri-  
Valley Central School  
for 2016-2017**

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**SUBSTITUTE MONITORS FOR  
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\$12/hour  
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**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 inter-  
est: December 22, 2016**

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**Regional Economic Development  
Councils Receive Funding to Drive  
Local Economies Forward and  
Implement Strategic Plans for Growth -  
Finger Lakes, Mohawk Valley, Capital  
Region, Mid-Hudson and New York City  
Named 'Top Performers' -**

**Awarded \$409 Million in Total Funding**

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo announced that more than \$700 million in economic and community development funding has been awarded through Round VI of the Regional Economic Development Council initiative.

A centerpiece of the Governor's strategy to jumpstart the economy and create jobs, the Regional Councils were established in 2011 to replace the state's old top-down approach to economic development, with one that is community-based and performance-driven. The initiative empowers community, business, and academic leaders, as well as members of the public in each region of the state, to develop strategic plans specifically tailored to their region's unique strengths and resources in order to create jobs, improve quality of life and grow the economy.

More than \$700 million in economic and community development funding has been awarded through Round VI of the REDC initiative.

Mid-Hudson: Top Performer Awardee - \$83.3 million supporting 105 projects.

**Tri-Valley Superintendent's Message\**

Dear School Community,

The Tri-Valley Central School District is excited to bring Frank Kolarik to speak to our students and school community on Tuesday, December 20, 2016 throughout the school day for our students and at 6:30 pm in the Tri-Valley Theatre to speak to our parents and community.

We are always trying to strengthen the knowledge and skill set of our students in dealing with the number of societal issues they face. Please come out and hear our presenter speak.

Next week, I will be posting a communication survey on our webpage, and a link from our Facebook page.

It will ask about your satisfaction level regarding the District's ability to communicate with the school community. It will only take you 10 minutes to fill out.

Your input is greatly needed in helping us to look at our communication to improve, change, or maintain our actions to keep you informed.

Your help and cooperation is greatly needed and appreciated.

Thank you,  
Tom Palmer

**Conway and Golden Age in  
Livingston Manor**

Livingston Manor, NY - Sunday, December 18 at 2:00pm, Sullivan County Historian, John Conway will present 500 Hotels: Sullivan County's Golden Age (1940 - 1965) at Morgan Outdoors as part of the Holiday Festivities in Livingston Manor.

As the so-called Golden Age of tourism was approaching in 1950, Sullivan County had nearly twice as many hotels as Miami Beach, representing a total investment of more than \$150 million and entertaining between two and three million guests each summer and an additional 100,000 or so during the off season.

By May of 1953, the New York Times reported that the county's accommodation included "538 hotels, 50,000 bungalows, and 1,000 rooming houses." And by 1955, the hotel industry in Sullivan County was spending upwards of \$55 million here in a single summer. There was plenty of gold in Sullivan County's Golden Age and County Historian John Conway examines the time period, including its origins and the factors leading to its demise.

Also on display at Morgan Outdoors is a pop-up exhibit titled "Trains, Travels, and Trails" that features several O&W Railway maps and photos from the Livingston Manor area as well as sections of the O&W that have been transformed into public trails.

To reserve a seat for John Conway's presentation, call Morgan Outdoors at 845 439 5507. Morgan Outdoors is located at 46 Main Street, Livingston Manor, NY. [www.morgan-outdoors.com](http://www.morgan-outdoors.com)

**Fallsburg Families Greet the Santa  
Express on Railroad Avenue**

Warmed by hot chocolate, the sounds of the holiday season provided by the Benjamin Cosor Elementary School Chorus under the direction of Ms. Andrea Henderson, and the exciting routines of the award winning Pop Warner Cheerleaders coached by Ms. Andrea Hook and Ms. Kierra Miller Ector, dozens of families with small and big children alike awaited the arrival of Santa Express in the Town Plaza outside the Town Hall.

Just before Santa's arrival, Town of Fallsburg Councilman and Board of Education Member Mike Weiner introduced Superintendent of Schools Dr. Ivan Katz for his annual reading of "Twas the Night before Christmas". Mr. Weiner thanked Dr. Katz and all those responsible for making a chilly winter evening so successful.

Ms. Valerie Sitz has organized this annual event for the past several years, with the full support of the Town, represented by Ms. Linda Ingber, Supervisor's Confidential Secretary, Town Councilmen Nathan Steingart and Joe Levner, Fallsburg Police and Fire Departments and the Parks & Recreation Department headed by Gregg Bennett, and the School District represented by Dr. Katz.

Other contributors to the evening were Rolling V Bus Corp., the SYDA Foundation that provided the hot chocolate, Lorrie Blank, Tracie Samuels, PartyMaster, Julie Sandoval, Cindy Fracasse, and Maria Smith.

One of the most welcome gifts of the frigid December 4 night was warm gloves and hats generously provided by Fidelis Health Care's Anthony Rodriguez. All those present this night were appreciative of the warm clothes, tasty cookies and hot cocoa, and seasonal music. The atmosphere was perfect to welcome Santa, Mrs. Claus, the reindeer and the elves that make up the wonder of Santa Express. Thanks to all those who made the night such a warm occasion for all these Fallsburg families.



**Town of Neversink  
Parks & Recreation**



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

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

Saturday, December 3 **Transportation to NYC Leave Town Hall 8 am SOLD OUT!**

Watch the *Townsmen* for upcoming winter 2016 & 2017 events.



Purchase for \$5 a **Re-usable Infuser Water Bottle** to be brought to Parks and Rec events and refilled for \$1.50 each refill.



**Daniel Pierce Library** hours of operation

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 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.*

**2016 Town of Neversink  
Motor Vehicle Schedule**

March 10	August 11
April 14	September 15
May 12	October 13
June 16	November 10
July 14	December 15

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

AL-ANON MEETINGS-  
<http://www.al-anon.alateen.org>

Mon- 7:00 p.m. United Methodist Church, 170 N. Main Street, Liberty  
 Thurs- 7:00 p.m. Immaculate Conception Church Annex, 6317 Rt 42, Woodbourne  
 Sat- 8:00 p.m. United Methodist Church, 170 N. Main Street, Liberty

**All Aboard!**  
 Join the Fun!  
**Play Mexican Train**  
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- 12/14/16 Town of Neversink Town Board Meeting 7:30 pm
- 12/15/16 Dept of Motor Vehicles -Neversink Town Hall 10 am-2:30 pm
- 12/15/16 Neversink Fire District Commissioners Meeting at 7 p.m.; Public Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
- 12/20/16 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals 7:30 pm
- 12/21/16 Neversink-Rondout Antique Machinery Assoc Meeting 7:30 pm
- 12/22/16 **LAST ISSUE OF THE TOWNSMAN** for 2016. **Next issue January 12, 2017!**
- 12/23/16 **TOWN OF NEVERSINK HOLIDAY - 1/2 Day Christmas**
- 12/25/16 **CHRISTMAS**
- 12/26/16 **TOWN OF NEVERSINK HOLIDAY - CHRISTMAS**
- 12/30/16 **TOWN OF NEVERSINK HOLIDAY - 1/2 Day New Years**
- 1/1/17 **TOWN OF NEVERSINK NEW YEAR HOLIDAY**

**REMINDER: To all Tri-Valley municipalities, churches & community groups please send us your 2017 calendar of events so that we can continue to post your events and meetings on the calendar each week during the New Year.**

Please note that the agenda for the upcoming Tri-Valley Central School District Board of Education Meetings can be viewed at <http://www.boarddocs.com/ny/trivc/Board.nsf/Public>

**TRI-VALLEY AREA**

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

Unless otherwise noted, all **Town Board meetings** are held at the Town Meeting Hall, Bostock Road, Shokan at **7:00 pm.** Town Board Meetings are the **second Tuesday of each month** with the **audit/workshop meetings** being held the **Monday preceding the second Tuesday.**  
**Town of Olive Planning Board** meets the **first and third Tuesdays of each month.** Meetings start at 7:30 PM at the Town Hall on Bostock Road, Shokan, NY. You can contact the Town Building & Zoning Department to confirm a meeting date if you would like to attend at 657-2015. If there is nothing on their agenda, they will cancel meetings.

**CAS Opens Submissions for 2018 Main Exhibition Season**

The Catskill Art Society is currently accepting artist proposals for its 2018 Exhibition Season. All artists may submit proposals to CAS starting December 1, 2016 through the deadline of February 1, 2017. The annual CAS Main Exhibition Season spotlights high-quality artists chosen from both local and national talents. All proposals are accepted online at [www.catskillartsociety.org/submissions](http://www.catskillartsociety.org/submissions).

All proposals are reviewed by an outside jury panel of independent curators that changes each year. All work will be considered for solo and group shows at the recommendation of the jury panel. CAS will notify all applicants by the end of April.

Proposals must be made online by the deadline of February 1. Late applications and proposals without all required materials unfortunately cannot be considered. The online submission form and detailed information can be found at [www.catskillartsociety.org/submissions](http://www.catskillartsociety.org/submissions).

**Hanukah: Festival of Lights, Freedom, and Peace**

*By Rabbi Fred Pomerantz*

*Congregation Agudas Achim, Livingston Manor, NY*

The Jewish Holiday of Chanukah is often referred to by Christians as "The Jewish Christmas." Yet, it is an entirely different observance with a separate history. It is a solstice celebration that occurs on the 25th day of the lunar month of Kislev, which, depending on the year, usually falls between the middle and end of December. Its origin stems from the year 165 BCE when Antiochus Epiphany the newly crowned king of the Greek-Syrian remnant of Alexander the Great's Empire The Seleucids, prohibited the worship of God in the Temple in Jerusalem and in all the synagogues and holy places in Israel. Antiochus commanded that a gigantic statue of Zeus to be placed in the Holy Temple, and had statues of Zeus and other pagan gods erected in all the other Israelite praying places, ordering that Jews must worship these idols. The Seleucids invaded Israel with the region's most powerful army to enforce Antiochus' decrees, and to conquer the Land.

Led by a family of Priests named the Hasmoneans, who were also called the Maccabees, the Jews waged a war for liberty and freedom of religion. They refused to bow down and pray to the pagan idols instead of worshipping God. Against overwhelming odds, the Maccabees led the zealots to victory against Antiochus' forces.

Though fierce fighters, they maintained that it was God's Spirit which allowed their success. But the Seleucids had desecrated and despoiled the Holy Temple. So after regaining this holy Shrine in fierce combat, on the 25th of the lunar month of Kislev, The Maccabees led the People in a service of rededication. (The name, Chanukah mean's rededication.)The Holiday lasted for eight days of celebration. The war for freedom lasted another two years of bloody struggle when the Seleucids where finally repelled from the Land.

These events are recorded in The Book of Maccabees from the Apocrypha, which is also included in the canon of Christian Scripture. The lesson of the worship of One God, and religious dedication-both personal and communal-was so powerful that Chanukah is celebrated not only by Jews, but it was a holy day in the Christian calendar until the sixth century.

Four centuries after the Maccabees, a legend appeared in the Talmud, a post biblical Jewish holy work that describes a beautiful story called the miracle of the light. The tale relates that when the Temple was rededicated, there was on hand only enough specially prepared oil to illuminate the menorah, the Chanukah candelabra, for one night. However, while the priests were preparing new sacramental oil, the original supply amazingly burned for eight nights instead of one. This legend provided another reason for celebrating Chanukah for eight days.

In modern times Chanukah has taken on new meaning. While according to religious traditions, it is considered a minor holiday, in North America and in Israel, it has emerged-along with Passover- to become a powerful expression of Jewish Identity.

Like Passover, the strongest element of the holiday is through home celebration.

Families gather around a kitchen or dining room table which becomes as a home altar. Blessings are sung each night as candles are lit in chanukiot, Chanukah candelabras. Children are given center stage in these warm home rituals. Songs about the original Chanukah taught in religious school are sung around the table in the candle glow and traditional foods are shared. Children and adults play a game with a top called a dreidel. On each of four sides is a letter from the phrase describing Chanukah namely, "A great miracle happened there." The winnings are usually accumulated in candies and other sweets.

An old tradition was to place a Chanukiah in the window of the home, or on the wall next to the door so that the burning candles could proclaim the miracle of God's power. Many families have borrowed customs from their Christian neighbors and display multi colored electric menorahs, or illuminations of other types. And while historically, gift giving was a small part of the celebration, now many families have emulated their Christian neighbors to a smaller degree and give gifts to the children.

In the establishment of the modern State of Israel where the lesson from the Maccabees of a victory by the few against the many for religious freedom and ethnic identity, Chanukah took on increased meaning and power. Many Israelis have seen themselves as modern day Maccabees.

Nevertheless, the enduring lesson of Chanukah is one of spiritual rededication. It is best expressed by a quotation from the Prophet Obadiah which has become a familiar song sung by students, "Not by might, and not by power, but by God's spirit alone, shall all people live in peace."

From ancient Israel, to the contemporary Catskills and beyond, Chanukah signals spiritual rededication.





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**Christmas Shopping? Think Local**

There are plenty of ideas and items ideal for Christmas gifts from our local shops and local crafters. Get creative - visit Superior Building Supply; Neversink General Store, the Grahamsville Deli and Blue Hill Lodge (they have delicious imported beautifully boxed candy)! Most places offer gift certificates, too! Then there are those special gifts that you can order from Chestnut Creek Baked Goods, Harnett Designs, The Dragonfly -- or what about helping 'Grandma' get her furnace cleaned for Christmas?? Or an oil change from one of our local auto repair shops for Grandpa? Get Creative for Christmas • Shop Local Put the Belief Back in Christmas this year! Believe in your Local Community

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See this film starting at 8:00 PM Monday evening December 19, 2016, B/W, 107 min rated TV-G, CC

- Quiz: 1. Who played Masters?  
 2. Who played Panama Smith?

**What's Going on in The Gnome Neighborhood™**

**CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT LOCAL CHURCHES**

Please see Page 13 for dates and times of local church services during the Christmas season

**SHOKAN**

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Answers:  
 1. George Meeker  
 2. Gladys George