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Tri-Valley Jr. FBLA Active in the Community

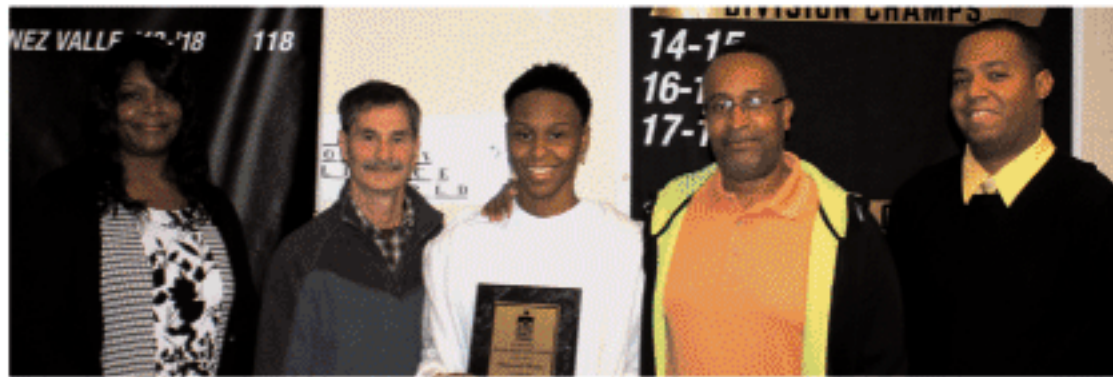
by Samantha Morgan, Jr. FBLA Reporter



Jr. FBLA students at the Halloween Dance.

Tri-Valley's Jr. FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) is a club in which students from the 7th and 8th grades can participate in and create fun activities to do. It also provides exciting ways to give back to our community. Community service is very important to everyone in our club, as it means helping our community to better itself and to strengthen it. (Contd. Pg. 8)

Diamond Weeks Earns Fallsburg Do the Right Thing Award



Girls Varsity Basketball Assistant Coach Lucille Carter Harris; Judge Bart Rasnick; Diamond Weeks; Girls Varsity Basketball Assistant Coach, Girls Modified Basketball Head Coach and Diamond's father Adrian Weeks; and Girls Varsity Basketball Head Coach

At a lunch time ceremony on November 30, 2017 in the Board Room at Fallsburg Jr/Sr High School, senior Diamond Weeks received an Al Rasnick Do the Right Thing Award. (Contd. Pg. 4)

41st Annual Winter Concert



The Sullivan County Community Chorus, under the direction of Conductor Kevin Giroux, will perform its 41st Annual Winter Concert on Sunday, December 10 at 2:30 p.m. at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 6317 Route 42, Woodbourne.

Conductor Giroux's theme for the winter concert is "Choral Snowflakes." Just as no two snowflakes are alike, no two singers, or compositions are the same. Snowflakes gathered together can produce some mighty storms, or mighty performances. (Contd. Pg. 3)

No-Shave November Ends on a Positive Note!



No-Shave November is all over with! To the left is the final picture of our Tri-Valley participating teachers. "We are proud to say that we raised over \$2000 for cancer research. Thank you to everyone for their generosity!"

SC Sheriff's Office Reports: No Shave November

Fifty-six members of the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office participated in this year's "No Shave November" program for Cancer Research. The program works in partnership with

The American Cancer Society to raise awareness and funds through donations, which go towards research and provides free information and services to cancer patients and their caregivers. In order to participate, Deputy Sheriff's must donate at least \$50 each for the privilege of not shaving. This year the Sheriff's Office raised \$2926. In the photo are Deputies from the Jail and Patrol Divisions on the last day of "No Shave November". From the left: Deputy Robert Taylor, Sergeant Mark Shene, Deputy Shane Cunningham, Deputy John Wagner, Jr., Sergeant Charles Blackburn, Corporal Kyle Muthig, Sergeant Blake Starner and Deputy Michael Barrett.



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Fallsburg High School to Host Important NY State Preparedness Training



Benjamin Cosor Elementary School student dressed in cold weather gear and preparing to put on snow shoes for safe travel in deep snow

With severe weather events becoming more frequent and more extreme, it is important that New Yorkers are prepared for disasters. Fallsburg High School will be hosting The New York Citizen Preparedness Training Program on Friday, December 15, 2017 at 1:20 PM in the school auditorium at 115 Brickman Road.

Preparedness Training teaches residents to have the tools and resources to prepare for any type of disaster, respond accordingly and recover as quickly as possible to pre-disaster conditions. The training course will provide an introduction to responding to a natural or man-made disaster. Participants will be advised on how to properly prepare for any disaster, including developing a family emergency plan and stocking up on emergency supplies.

To learn more about the program, visit the NY State web site: www.prepare.ny.gov that has been set up by Governor Andrew M. Cuomo. To register for this free event, open to the public, contact Fallsburg Central School District Family and Community Engagement Liaison Ms. Aleta Lymon at (845) 434-5884, ext. 1223 or alymon@fallsburgcsd.net. Walk-ins are welcome.

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ON THE FRONT BURNER: You who brings good news to Zion, go up on a high mountain. You who bring good news to Jerusalem, lift up your voices with a shout, lift it up, do not be afraid; say to the towns of Judah, "Here is your God!" Isaiah 40:9

Maurice Hinchey Laid to Rest at the Catskill Interpretive Center He Championed Fund Established and Programs Planned for the Center to Honor His Legacy

The Honorable Maurice D. Hinchey, who represented upstate New York in Albany and in Washington for four decades, was laid to rest in a private ceremony today on the grounds of the Catskill Interpretive Center, a facility he fought for more than 30 years to create.

The former Congressman and former New York State Assemblyman passed away on Wednesday, November 22 from complications of Frontotemporal Degeneration (FTD).

As one of the leading progressive voices in Congress, Hinchey was a tireless defender of the environment and an unwavering champion of working people everywhere, fighting to ensure economic fairness and human rights worldwide.

His extraordinary work to protect New Yorkers' water, air, land and food saved thousands of acres of open space for future generations.

From 1974-1992, Hinchey represented Ulster County in the New York State Assembly. He then went on to serve 10 terms in the US House of Representatives.

During his tenure, Hinchey created the Hudson River National Heritage Area, authored several landmark first in the nation environmental laws and led the investigation of the infamous Love Canal, the nation's first toxic waste site.

Hinchey spearheaded the creation of a Catskill Interpretive Center when he was a NYS Assemblyman, and was fiercely dedicated and successful in securing the initial funding necessary to bring that vision to reality more than three decades later. He said of the project:

"For too long the Catskill State Park was one of the only major state or national parks in the country without an Interpretive Center. I was determined to change that. It's critically important to have a place where residents and visitors can learn about our unique natural, historical, and cultural resources. It will help preserve our rich heritage, keep our local economies strong, and keep our quality of life intact."

The Maurice D. Hinchey Catskill Interpretive Center opened in 2015.

The Center is a partnership between the Catskill Center for Conservation and Development, a nonprofit organization, and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. It serves as the visitor's center for the Catskill Park as well as an education center and community space.

Future exhibits are planned to help visitors to the Center learn more about Maurice Hinchey's life and work.

Construction on an event pavilion is currently underway, and designs for new multimedia exhibits on Catskills history, nature and culture in the main building are slated to be completed by 2019.

"The Catskill Interpretive Center was a major part of Maurice's life for so long that we found it fitting to be Maurice's last home," said the Hinchey family.

"It represents the very spirit of his work and the unrelenting spirit of the man. He loved the land and the surrounding mountains and we thank the leadership of the Interpretive Center and the Catskill Center for making this possible."

"Congressman Hinchey was a tireless advocate for the Catskills and protecting our precious environment. We are proud to celebrate his legacy with the Catskill Interpretive Center," said DEC

Commissioner Basil Seggos.

"We hope that all visitors to the center will take a moment to remember Mr. Hinchey's accomplishments and his work to safeguard New York's natural resources and incredible areas like the Catskill Park."

"Since opening the Maurice D. Hinchey Catskill Interpretive Center in 2015, we have been proud to continue Maurice Hinchey's work for the Catskills," said Jeff Senterman, Executive Director of the Catskill Center.

"We are honored and humbled to be the final resting place for Congressman Maurice Hinchey and know that he is at home among our Catskill mountains, streams and forests."

Maurice Hinchey's burial site will open to the public in the spring.

With the permission, encouragement, and support of the Hinchey family, the Catskill Center has established the Maurice D. Hinchey Legacy Fund to support the programs, operations, and long-term capital improvement projects at the Maurice D. Hinchey Catskill Interpretive Center while honoring his legacy.

For more information about the Hinchey Legacy Fund, or to make a donation, visit <http://catskillinterpretivecenter.org/legacy>.

COLLEGE NEWS:**News from SUNY New Paltz**

SUNY New Paltz student Marena Clunie of Ellenville, N.Y. will perform in the Nov. 30 Choral Ensemble, part of the Department of Music Concert Series.

The event will feature a program of great oratorio choruses from Handel's Messiah, Haydn's Creation, Mendelssohn's Elijah, and the Brahms Requiem.

The performance will be held at Studley Theatre on the New Paltz campus beginning at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for the general public, \$6 for seniors and faculty/staff, and \$3 for SUNY New Paltz students. All tickets will be available at the door.

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

December 5, 1947 - The Board of Supervisors of Sullivan County recently adopted a budget of \$793,000 for the coming year of 1948. The budget estimate put revenues at \$345,215.00 and expenditures of \$793,843.00. The difference is to be raised from the towns by taxation. Salaries were raised in the budget for most county officials, but the County Highway Superintendent's salary will remain at \$3,600.

December 1957 - The bodies of two Air Force Officers were found in the wreckage of their jet on Panther Mountain. Search parties climbed over rough terrain to reach the wreck. Mr. George Erts saw the flaming plane in the sky before it crashed.

Al Julian of Ellenville shot one of the biggest bucks reported this year. The eight-pointer weighed 237 pounds.

December 1967 - More than 300 people attended the first open house sponsored by the Sullivan County Board of Cooperative Services held at the occupational center.

December 1977 - Robert Many, husband of Elthea Many, passed away Tuesday afternoon, December 6.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Stratton have announced the engagement of their daughter, Elaine, to Mr. Joseph Iatauro.

A Round About Tri-Valley

Carol Furman

Thanksgiving 2017 is past and the hustle and bustle and anticipation of the Christmas season is fast approaching. Holiday times provide some of the happiest and most touching moments, and memories, of our lives. As the year winds down, I reflect on the some of the holidays spent in the past, when my children and grandchildren were young. Things change. Now my two oldest grandchildren are in college and the younger ones seem to be growing up too quickly. Oh, we still have an "elf on the shelf" and a tree with a train, but even the youngest grandchild is beginning to have some doubts regarding Santa. The Christmas season, for me, begins with the lighting of the Rockefeller Center Christmas tree and ends on New Year's Eve. Somehow the season always seems too short. Remember to capture your holiday memories, relive those special holiday gatherings and take time to reminisce about your family and friends throughout the year. As you grow older, fond memories are quite often recalled.

A beautiful retirement celebration was held on Sunday, December 3rd at the Grahamsville Reformed Church for Pastor Paul Z. Ruter. Pastor Paul has been a pastor for almost 45 years

20 of those years were spent preaching at the Grahamsville Reformed Church. Words of appreciation and special gifts were presented to Pastor Paul at the conclusion of Sunday's worship service. A light lunch, with a "special" cake, followed in Memorial Hall. Pastor Paul's last Sunday in Grahamsville will be on December 31st and he will be missed. Sunday morning services at the Church will continue, utilizing guest preachers, until a permanent replacement is found.

Congratulations to the Tri-Valley cross country athletes who were named first team "Sullivan County Democrat" All-Stars: Andrew Coddington, Gillian Mathews, Macy Shamro and Brittany Pennell.

The Tri-Valley PTO Book Fair will take place at the school on December 14th. Books make nice holiday gifts.

Sunday, December 10th from 11:00- 1:00, Santa will be at the Grahamsville Firehouse. Wednesday, December 13th- at 7:00 pm, Tri-Valley School Music Concert

Saturday, December 16th at 4:00 pm, the Vine and Branch Church in Liberty will present "A Night in Bethlehem". The event, which will last approximately 2 hours, will feature authentic townspeople, shopkeepers, live animals and Christmas music. All are welcome!

Congratulations to all the successful hunters. It seems quite a few nice bucks were taken this year.

Words of Wisdom: Obstacles are those frightful things you see when you take your eyes off your goal. (Henry Ford)

It is better to be prepared for an opportunity and not have one than to have an opportunity and not be prepared. (Whitney Young, Jr.)

41st Annual Winter Concert

(From Pg. 1) The concert selections include: energetic and rousing African "Noels," the powerful 20th century classic "Ave Maria," by Franz Biebl, arrangements of seasonal classics by John Rutter and André Thomas, as well as the majestic baroque glory of Bach's "Magnificat in D," accompanied by Chamber Orchestra. The performance will also feature guest performers, and the Sullivan Chamber Singers, selected by audition from the chorus.

The Sullivan County Community Chorus consists of members from throughout Sullivan County, whose ages range from 16 to over 80 years of age. Performances of the Sullivan County Community Chorus are made possible in part with funds from the Sullivan County Decentralization Program, a re-grant program of the New York State Council on the Arts, administered by the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance.

In appreciation of for the 41 years of support

from the community, there will be no admission charged; however, free will donations will be graciously accepted. Immediately following the performance, there will be a reception open to all attending the concert. In case of inclement weather, the "snow date" will be Sunday, December 17 at 2:30 p.m. For further information contact Diane Foster at (845) 439-4458.

News from North Carolina

- sent from Missy and Joe Iatauro

On Saturday Dec 1st at McAlpine Park in Charlotte, North Carolina, Adam Furman a 7th grader at Tri-Valley, participated at the AAU Cross Country national Championship. He placed 23rd of 89 competitors, in a time of 11:06.50 for the 3000 meter (1.8 mile) distance. Congratulations!

Also on Sunday Dec 2nd in Sacramento California at the USA Marathon Championship, Tri-Valley Alumna Kate Landau placed 31st of 3419 women. More importantly she placed 1st in the 40-44 yr old masters division. Congratulations!

... and a big THANK YOU to Missy and Joe for sending us the good news!

Grahamsville Community Food Pantry Seeks Community Support

The Grahamsville Community Food Pantry currently provides groceries and other necessary items to approximately 25 families per month, assisting approximately 100 individuals on a monthly basis. The Food Pantry expects to provide approximately 20-25 holiday food baskets to neighbors in the Tri-Valley School District for Christmas.

The Grahamsville Community Food Pantry welcomes donations from area residents to provide for our neighbors in need in this special season. The food pantry requests gifts of fresh or canned hams, chicken or turkey breasts, roasting chickens and frozen turkeys. Non-perishable holiday food items such as gravy, stuffing, instant or real potatoes, sweet potatoes, green beans, corn, and cranberry sauce, are also welcome.

In addition, the food pantry can make good use of monetary donations to help with the purchase of perishable items for the baskets.

The Grahamsville Community Food Pantry is located in the Grahamsville United Methodist Church, Route 55, Grahamsville, N.Y. Monetary donations can be sent to the Grahamsville United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 86, Grahamsville, NY 12740 (with "Food Pantry- holiday baskets" indicated on the memo line). Non-perishable food items can be dropped off at the food pantry any time. To arrange for the delivery of perishable food items please call the church (845-985-2283).

Donations toward Christmas food baskets are requested by Dec. 11. Donations of unwrapped gifts for children are also welcome since clients with children are offered the opportunity to pick out presents for their young ones. The food pantry coordinator is glad to report that a number of families who once needed our services are seeing better days but there are still many in need.

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

Bereavement Series Starting December 17-Woodbourne

For those who grieve the death of a loved one, the holidays can be a difficult time. Understanding grief, your emotions, and knowing you're not alone can provide solace and clarity. Starting Sunday, December 17, at 6 p.m., a four-week Bereavement Series facilitated by Anthony Perito will be offered at the Father Maher Center, Immaculate Conception Church in Woodbourne. All are welcome, regardless of the circumstances of your loss or how recent or long ago your loss occurred. Childcare is provided for those who require it. Pre-registration is suggested. For information or to register, please contact Jennifer Edwards at 845-866-1689, jenhenedwards@gmail.com, or on Facebook.

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.

Starlings - To be or not to be!

I am not sure if anyone else who went on the Parks and Rec trip this past weekend got a chance to pass any of the city parks. If they did, I am sure they noticed and the huge flocks of starlings!

European starlings are those little black birds with white polka dots that chirp and chatter and, in the cold weather, hang out in flocks of thousands.

The first European starlings (*Sturnus vulgaris*) were deliberately introduced to the United States on March 6, 1890. The thinking of Eugene Schieffelin, chairman of the American Acclimatization Society,



was that any bird worthy of inclusion in Shakespeare's works deserved a place in North America. The starling gets a quick mention in Act I of "Henry IV, Part I".

Today they flourish in every region of the world except the tropics. In fact, starlings are probably the fourth most common birds on our planet. In winter, starlings are a glossy black with satiny highlights liberally speckled with white spots. Though the dots mark the tips of starlings' new feathers all winter, they wear off as spring fades into summer, leaving the birds with a very different plumage without the need to grow a new set of feathers. They have plump bodies and short tails. This is the only blackbird with a yellow beak in spring and summer, and dark in winter.

As usual in the history of man's importation of species across oceans and continents, Schieffelin was not thinking of any long-term consequences. For the first six years after he released his birds they rarely strayed beyond Manhattan. The first nesting pair was discovered in the eaves of the Museum of Natural History, across the street from Central Park. Many years ago, visitors to the American Museum of Natural History in Manhattan were greeted by a caged starling named Sam. Often called the "poor man's myna," starlings are excellent mimics.

By the mid-1950's they numbered more than 50 million. Schieffelin's mission had become more appropriate to a work of Hitchcock than of Shakespeare! In 1960 a Lockheed Electra plummeted seconds after taking off from Logan Airport in Boston, killing 62 people. Some 10,000 starlings had flown straight into the plane, crippling its engines.

In Washington, D.C., few creatures have inspired so much folly and failed attempts to eradicate a species. Balloons, artificial owls, exposure to itching powder, and mechanical hawks were tried. Speakers were set up to broadcast recordings of starlings rasping out their alarm call. The birds vacated and moved to sycamore trees on Pennsylvania Avenue!

Their strong beak helps a starling gather a wide variety of foods: spiders, earthworms and insects and plants including corn and grains, berries and fruits. The starling's eye have evolved to the narrow front of its face, giving it the perfect view for ferreting. Its binocular vision combined with its open-bill probing ability means that starlings can find insects in colder climates better than other birds, thus starlings do not have to migrate to warmer climates in winter, which means that they can take the best nesting holes before the breeding season of returning birds.

Starlings breed from March to September raising three broods a year. Males use wing waving (wings flap halfway) to attract females and mate with many partners. Eggs are pale blue, 4-6 to a clutch. With plenty to eat and lots of habitat to live on - what else does a species need to survive?

In New York State, nearly all species of wildlife are protected. Starlings remain one of the few unprotected species. When starlings become over abundant, they drive out native birds and strain the balance of nature.

Despite knowing that starlings bully native birds and destroy crops and are a menace, it was interesting to see a megaflock of these feisty birds gather and make themselves known with their noisy whirring wings and polyphonic calling. Maybe they were mimicking the crowds on the streets!

Household Hints

How to clean your jewelry so it sparkles during the holidays!

Cleaning your gold and gemstone jewelry couldn't be easier with white vinegar. Simply drop the jewelry into a jar of vinegar and let sit for 10 to 15 minutes, agitating occasionally. Remove and scrub with a soft-bristled toothbrush, if necessary.

The Shadow District

Mysterious Book Report No. 312

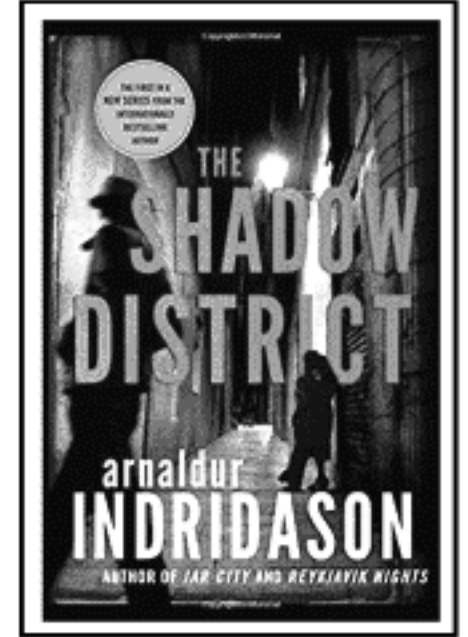
by John Dwaine McKenna



Iceland, positioned at the top of the world between Europe and North America, is a land of active volcanoes, long winter nights and some of the best noir writers in the world. Case in point . . . the newest crime fiction thriller by international best-selling author Arnaldur Indridason is a meticulously plotted murder mystery that combines elements of an unsolved World War II homicide with a present day suspicious death.

The Shadow District, (Thomas Dunne/Minotaur Books, \$25.99, 344 pages ISBN 978-1-250-12402-9) by Arnaldur Indridason, opens in 1944 with the death of a young woman in the seedy "Shadow District" of Reykjavik, Iceland.

The city is occupied by British and American forces who are staging men and materials in preparation for the soon to come invasion of Europe. American G.I.s there are getting romantically involved with Icelandic women in what's called *The Situation* by the locals, who bitterly resent the foreigners competition. The homicide is being investigated by a Reykjavik detective named Flóvent and a Canadian military officer named Thorson, who are finding it difficult to gather any information about the murdered woman. At this point, the novel changes to the present day death of a ninety year-old man, smothered in his bed. A retired Reykjavik detective named Kónrad is asked to carry out an unofficial investigation into the old mans death. He discovers that the unsolved wartime murder is a piece of the puzzle in the contemporary killing. Alternating between the present day investigation and the wartime police inquiry, the novel depicts two investigations separated by decades. After discovering that two girls were attacked in similar circumstances, Kónrad begins to wonder if the police arrested the wrong man all those years ago.



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Diamond Weeks Earns Fallsburg Do the Right Thing Award

(From Pg. 1) Assistant Girls Varsity Basketball Coach Ms. Lucille Carter nominated Diamond for coming to her during the tryouts for the basketball team. Ms. Weeks noticed that one of the younger girls did not have appropriate sneakers. She told Ms. Carter and asked if she could offer her one of her extra pairs from her locker. Ms. Carter suggested that Diamond asked the student if she would be okay with that offer.

The girl was so pleased and explained that it was a hard time to be getting new sneakers. Diamond went to her locker, came back with the sneakers, and the girl immediately put them on. A perfect fit in all ways. The player was so grateful and Diamond is her idol, according to Coach Carter. The whole event took only a few minutes and was handled so discretely. It was not big deal for Diamond as the girls continued their practice. In presenting the plaque, Judge Bart Rasnick praised the recipient as being a "Captain" of the Girls Varsity Basketball Team. "A captain is chosen for leadership by her teammates. The award is the most deserving I have given since 2004 when the awards began. It is a testament to herself, to her family, and to everything that makes Diamond, Diamond."

Principal Michael Williams echoed Judge Rasnick and emphasized that Diamond Weeks was "not just doing what was expected, but what was exemplary." He acknowledged the Weeks family and athletic coaches for the great work they have done and invited everyone present to enjoy salad, pizza and soft drinks to celebrate.

You Can't Bait the Deer and Bear



On Nov. 18, ECOs Josh Sulkey and Jason Smith were checking hunting camps as part of Southern Zone opening day patrols. While at a camp in the town of Wawarsing, the ECOs noticed bags of feed lying around the camp. The ECOs questioned the property owner about the feed and he took them to a hunter's tree stand where several piles of feed were scattered nearby. The ECOs learned that a hunter had taken a deer and a bear that morning nearby and had brought the carcasses to a taxidermist. The ECOs located the hunter and after a brief interview he admitted to hunting near the feed. The deer and bear were seized as evidence and the hunter was issued tickets for hunting with the aid of pre-established bait, illegally taking a black bear, and illegally taking a deer. On The

opening weekend of the Southern Zone rifle season for deer saw ECOs Tom Koepf, Corey Hornicek, and State Trooper Ken Schafer working together as part of the annual "Green and Gray Detail," during which ECOs and State Police work jointly during the big game seasons.



ECO Corey Hornicek and Trooper Ken Schafer with the Illegal 6-point buck

his grandfather. The six-point buck was confiscated and six tickets were issued, three to the suspect for illegally taking protected wildlife, hunting big game without a license, and trespassing on posted property, and three to the grandfather for having a loaded gun in a motor vehicle, failure to possess a consignment tag, and accessory to violation of the fish and wildlife law. All tickets are returnable to the Town of Neversink Court.

SUNY Sullivan Announces Tuition Discounts for Winter Session Classes

Loch Sheldrake, NY (December 1, 2017) - Registration is now open for SUNY Sullivan's three-week "Let It Snow" Winter Session which begins on Wednesday, January 3, with more than 20 classes to choose from and in-state tuition reduced by 33%. All classes are offered online, with the exception of Clinical Calculations.

SUNY Sullivan is once again offering its current and prospective students a financial break - a 33% discount on in-state tuition. Students who enroll in the Let It Snow winter session classes will do so at a cost of only \$450 for a 3-credit course, which amounts to \$135 per credit and which includes a \$15 per credit fee for all online courses. For students paying out-of-state tuition rates, discounts will bring the cost down to \$270 per credit. Students should check with the Office of Financial Aid to determine if classes are covered by aid. Additional course fees may apply based on course selection.

SUNY Sullivan's Let It Snow Session provides students with an excellent opportunity to get a jump on the Spring semester, fulfill their General Ed requirements, or just catch up on credits.

Online classes include: Human Resources Management, Managerial Accounting, International Business, Macroeconomics, Composition I & II, Fundamentals of Speech, Introduction to Literature, Afro-American History, U.S. History and the Paranormal, Elementary Statistics, Intermediate

Algebra, Physical Fitness & Wellness, Introduction to Political Science, General Psychology, Developmental Psychology, Statistics for the Social Sciences, Philosophy of Sport, Health Sciences Applied to Coaching, Theory and Techniques of Coaching, and Introduction to Sociology. Clinical Calculations will be offered on campus.

To begin the registration process online, students should visit www.sunysullivan.edu/offices/registration-services/ and click on Course Schedule, winter 2017-18. To register, click on Part-Time Registration. For more information, call (845) 434-5750, extension 4302.



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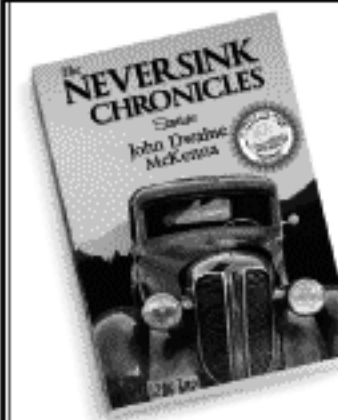
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Day By Day

When a friend of mine retired, she was given a clock; it was a clock without numbers. Instead, it had an big arrow that pointed to the day of the week. It seemed like a very apt retirement gift because teaching requires each minute to be tracked into an eight or nine period day with a twenty minute lunch break. You knew exactly what you would be doing at 9:23. It was well into retirement that I discovered the amazing feeling of not having life measured in minutes of activity marked by bells and the independence of visiting a rest room whenever I chose.

Instead of minutes and hours, retirement can be one of daily activities of one's choosing. Delightful. When I get up around six, the first thing I think of when my feet hit the very cold floor is, "What day is it?" Each day starts the same with taking Hudson, the chocolate lab, out for a morning constitutional and then feeding him his breakfast. Some days, activities do not start until ten, so I can sneak back into bed for a sweet bonus hour of morning sleep. Bladder emptied and belly filled, Hudson is game for an additional nap until the sun arises and the day begins. Some days like yoga or Meals on Wheels require an "up-and-at-em" pace. However, I always have time for that second cup of coffee.

This week, the news media and the social media ramped up the importance of days. First there was Thanksgiving, then Black Friday followed by Shop Local Saturday.

Cyber Monday started early and went on and on past Taco Tuesday, Prince Spaghetti Wednesday, Throw-back Thursday and Casual Friday. I never knew days had so many names. It was exhausting and regimented. What day was "Match the Socks" Monday or "Oil Change" Thursday? What if I shopped local on Black Friday. Was it blasphemous?

Long ago, women had a laundry day and a marketing day. Laundry took all day to process, and marketing day was usually when she could use the one family vehicle. Nowadays, I have choices to build a schedule or not. I can be washing dishes, drying laundry, cooking a roast and playing Candy Crush all in the same forty-five minutes. Long ago, I realized that housework is never done, so there doesn't need to be a closing or finishing activity. The longer I am retired, the more likely I am to put something off until tomorrow or the day after or the day after that.

My grandmother's words echo in my mind giving me validation. "Leave a little for tomorrow," she said. And I do.

Olive Free Library Director's Message/Events

Get a gift for everyone on your list and keep it local and handmade at our annual Holiday Fair, Saturday December 9, 10-4! Thanks to the generous donations of local businesses we have an amazing assortment of raffles this year brimming with delectable goodies. The raffles are located in our lobby and tickets can be purchased now through December 16, the drawing will be on Monday, December 18. As a gift to the community, we will have free books from the book sale available the day of the holiday fair. Make sure to go downstairs and grab some freebies! The Catskills Ukulele Group has been rehearsing all of our favorite holiday songs and will have everyone humming while we shop, eat, and enjoying visiting. We will have Catskill Essentials goat milk soaps, Purple Branch body products, pottery from 28A Clay Studio, handmade American Girl doll clothes, quilts, aprons, maple syrup, honey, felted wool hats & bags, dog treats, jams & jellies, ornaments, and jewelry of several different styles among other things. Please note that there will be no yoga class on December 9th because of the fair.

The holiday fair elves will be busy setting up for Saturdays big event so there will not be a movie on Thursday, December 7. The movie scheduled for that night, Maudie, will be shown on December 21.

Starting January 2 we will have new hours at the library. We will be open:

Monday 10-8
Tuesday 10-8
Wednesday 1-8
Thursday 1-8
Friday 1-5
Saturday 10-4
Sunday closed

We will be closed the following days:

Saturday, December 23 & Monday, December 25
Saturday, December 30 & Monday, January 1

The library now has an Instagram account, make sure to follow us. Also like us on Facebook. See you at the library!

--Chrissy
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Thursday Night Movie Series

(8 speaker surround sound, overhead projector)
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Dean - Thursday, December 14, 6:00 p.m.

Maudie - Thursday, December 21, 6:00 p.m.

Wonder Woman - Thursday, December 28, 6:00 p.m.

Every Thursday in December

5:30-7:30 p.m. Teen Time at the Library (Gr. 6 & up)

December 7 Movie Night: Queen of Katwe

December 14 Gift Making: Soy Candles

December 21 Baking Club

December 28 Book Group: Saints & Misfits

Thursdays at 9:00 a.m. Open Level Flow Yoga Class Christina Steen will be teaching an open level Flow Yoga class. Participants should have some prior yoga experience and be familiar with terminology and basic poses. There will be options offered for poses in order to embrace individual ability and physical limitations. \$6 per class.

Tuesday, December 12, 10:00 a.m. Community

Quilting - This group sews quilts for children who are homeless or gravely ill in Ulster County as part of Project Linus. You don't need to know how to sew to come and participate. There are other jobs like cutting and tying. Bring a bag lunch and a sewing machine if you have one.

Wednesday, December 13, 7:00 p.m. Board of Trustees Meeting

Saturday, December 16, 4:00 p.m. Book Discussion Group. We have extra copies of *The Mothers* by Brit Bennett available for check out at the library. Everyone is welcome to come join the discussion.

Thursday, December 28, 2:30 p.m. Family Movie Matinee: Cars 3 (G) Need to get out of the house? Come to the library and watch Lightning McQueen zip around the race track. We'll have popcorn and comfy seats.

Thursday, December 28, 6:00 p.m. Community Dinner offered by Boy Scout Troop 163 Come enjoy a bowl of soup and slice of bread with your neighbors! This free dinner is offered as a service to the community by Boy Scout Troop 163

Thursday, December 28, 6:00 p.m. Lego Fun Projects We provide the Legos - you provide the creativity!

Wednesday, January 3 10:30 - 12 Intro Class for Tai Chi for Health Series This introductory class is for beginners and will teach you the basics so you can join the weekly classes. The fee for the intro class is \$6. Wear comfortable, loose clothing and shoes with little to no tread. Students will be standing for the whole class, but chairs will be available.

Tai Chi is a great form of exercise. Suitable for people who have pain or limited mobility due to arthritis.

Kathy Carey is the instructor of this series as well as the Gentle Yoga classes. Saturday, January 6 at 2:00 p.m.

SIREN Baroque Concert Saturday, January 6 at 2:00 p.m. \$15 suggested donation SIREN Baroque is New York City's only all-female early music ensemble, dedicated to luring audiences to the irresistible music of the Baroque.

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Mondays 7:00 p.m. Wednesdays and Saturdays 9:00 a.m. Gentle Yoga New session starts Monday, January 8. \$48 for 12 week session or \$6 drop-in fee. In gentle yoga, postures are practiced to align, strengthen and promote flexibility in the body. A form of hatha yoga, gentle yoga is perfect for the elderly, women who are pregnant, or those who are just starting a yoga practice.

Tuesdays 10 a.m. Preschool Story Hour Come join the fun! Each week we do a craft activity, read some

books, do yoga, sing, make music together, and everyone plays an instrument in a parade through the library. All are welcome!

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Jukebox Jewels Singing Circle Wednesdays 1:30-2:30 p.m. We sing the most fun songs from a wide timespan! Open to all ages and free. Participants can request a song or bring a song, and be willing to join in with others. Reading music is not necessary. Musician Julia Haines is a music therapist and educator. She plays piano, accordion, and harp, among other things. (This is Julia leading the merriment at our Summer Reading kickoff carnival in July).

Catskill Ukulele Group Wednesdays 6:00-8:00 p.m. Pull up a ukulele and learn a song! This is a friendly group who welcomes all comers. If you do not have a ukulele but would like to participate, you can check one out from the library. This group stays connected to other players through Meetup.com under the name Catskill Ukulele Group

Thursdays at 9:00 a.m. Open Level Flow Yoga Class Christina Steen will be teaching an open level Flow Yoga class. Participants should have some prior yoga experience and be familiar with terminology and basic poses. There will be options offered for poses in order to embrace individual ability and physical limitations. \$6 per class.

Local farm food pickup We are a Friday drop off location for Rondout Valley Organics, a group of local organic farms in the Rondout Valley. It is similar to a CSA but includes more than vegetables and more flexibility. Please visit the website to learn more about the farms and find out how to join. There are lots of vegetables available during the growing season.

Up-Coming Events and Programs

Wednesday January 3, 10:30 a.m. Intro Class for Tai Chi for Health (\$6)

Saturday January 6, 2 p.m. SIREN Baroque Concert (\$15 suggested donation)

Saturday January 13, 11-3 Intro to Beekeeping All Day Seminar

Saturday January 20, 7 p.m. Family Movie Night: Despicable Me 3

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Sullivan County Issues Reminder About Safe SHARPS Disposal

Monticello, NY - The Sullivan County Department of Solid Waste and Recycling reminds residents that injection needles, lancets and syringes (SHARPS) MUST be disposed of properly in order to protect people from unintentional needle sticks.

Used sharps may hold residual blood infected by HIV (the virus that causes AIDS) or Hepatitis B & C. Someone who accidentally gets cut or stuck by a used sharp could get infected from the blood.

New York State requires registered Article 28 Healthcare Facilities to accept (at no cost) properly packaged, unwanted, residentially generated medical SHARPS from households for safe disposal. The New York State Department of Health lists participating hospitals and nursing homes that accept home-generated sharps as a free community service: https://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/aids/consumers/prevention/needles_syringes/sharps/.

The Sullivan County Adult Care Center in Liberty participates in this program. It is located at 256 Sunset Lake Road, Liberty. Acceptance hours are 8 a.m.-4 p.m. at the facility entrance.

In addition, some pharmacies, health clinics, community-based organizations and mobile van needle exchange programs may offer syringe collection drop boxes to help facilitate the safe collection of used sharps. Prior to using other SHARPS disposal facilities, check with hospitals or nursing homes for appropriate instructions before transporting SHARPS for disposal. Special SHARPS containers and hours of acceptance may be specified for these items as well.

- Here are a few important reminders about SHARPS and proper needle disposal:
- Plastic containers used to hold SHARPS are NOT RECYCLABLE! Do not place SHARPS containers in your recycling bin for any reason.
- Contact health care facilities BEFORE dropping off SHARPS. Special hours of acceptance and certain SHARPS containers may be required by these facilities prior to dropping off these items.
- Some doctors' offices, veterinary practices, treatment clinics and pharmacies may accept SHARPS from their clients, but are not required to do so by law. Please accept these conditions and find acceptable means to properly discard SHARPS.
- Medical waste, including SHARPS, scalpels, lancets and medical equipment used in conjunction with blood or bodily fluids by health care providers, is considered regulated medical

waste and MUST be disposed of by the medical practice according to New York State Department of Health guidelines.

• Needle exchange programs may be available in your community. Please check with Sullivan County Public Health Services, 845-292-5910, for additional information.

"SHARPS should be disposed of properly to protect public health and the safety of solid waste and recycling workers," advises District 7 Legislator and Public Works Committee Chairman Joe Perrello. "Our staff works hard in challenging conditions - let's not make it any tougher on them."

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Tri-Valley Jr. FBLA Active in the Community

(From Pg. 1) Jr. FBLA is also about leadership, career exploration, and coming together to create something or make a change. The Jr. FBLA has hosted and volunteered at many recent events such as the Pumpkin Party, the Fall District Meeting (FDM), and the Halloween Dance.



: Jr. FBLA students attending the Fall District Meeting.

Twenty-one members of the Jr. FBLA attended the FDM on October 3rd, at Bethel Woods Center for the Arts. During the FDM, we heard speakers who talked about their expertise and their lives. We also participated in all different kinds of workshops, which taught us about leadership, initiative, etc. We were then able to take a tour of the Bethel Woods museum and the Woodstock site.

The Pumpkin Party took place on October 7th and we had a fantastic turnout of volunteers: about twenty! I would like to thank everyone who volunteered, as they helped us and the Daniel Pierce Library out a lot! At the Pumpkin Party we helped out with running the Grahamsville Fire Department's hotdog/hamburger stand, we sold pumpkins, and we ran some of the games that were available to play. Volunteering at the Pumpkin Party is a great experience for everyone because it teaches us how to keep up with customers and how to count and give back money. Once again, thank you to all the volunteers who took their own time to come out and help.

Our Jr. FBLA Halloween Dance was held on November 3rd. The dance had a great turnout and many people attended! We love hosting these kinds of dances as they are enjoyable for our fellow students and us. Before the dance, we had to set up committees for concessions, decorations, music, setting up and cleaning up, chaperones, and much more. Half of the proceeds we made we are donating to the Grahamsville Methodist Church. We made this decision because the church is always giving back to the community and we thought that we should give back to them, and thank them, for all that they do.

We are looking forward to the rest of the year to do a lot of community service, dances, activities, trips, and more! I would like to recognize our Jr. FBLA officers and advisors by name: our President, Ben Smith; our Vice President, Andrew Cox; our Secretary, Danielle Bertholf; our Treasurer, Vanya Khodakovski; our Historian, Brandon Kaplan; and our Reporter, Samantha Morgan. Finally, I would like to recognize our Jr. FBLA advisors, Mr. Haynes and Mrs. Patete. We thank them for making this club possible.

Fallsburg SGA's Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive



BCES SGA left to right are Faculty Advisor Mr. Peter Dworetzky, Austin Olmstead, Hannah Johnson, Mia Irlbacher, Arianna Gonzalez, Adam Frunzi, Gavin Storms, and Salih Sininaj.

For Thanksgiving going back many years the Fallsburg Central School District's Student Government Association (SGA) has organized food drives among the staff and students just prior to the holiday. The SGA's in both the Benjamin Cosor Elementary School (BCES) and Fallsburg Jr/Sr High Schools (FJSHS) brought all



Jr/Sr High School SGA left to right are Tulsi Patel, Catherine Flores, Sadie Caballero, Sabrina Abohussien and Leah McGrath

collected food to the high school cafeteria on November 20 and 21st for delivery to the Hurleyville Bread of Life Food Pantry at the Methodist Church. Faculty Advisors to the SGA's are Mr. Peter Dworetzky at BCES and Ms. Elisa Baum at the FJSHS.

Weather FORECAST

SUNRISE: 7:08 AM SUNSET: 4:28 PM
AVERAGE HIGH: 41°F
AVERAGE LOW: 25°F

THURSDAY

HIGH: 36°F LOW: 20°F

FRIDAY

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SATURDAY

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SUNDAY

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SEND YOUR HOLIDAY GREETINGS TO FAMILY, FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS

Each year *Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman* publishes holiday greetings to family friends and neighbors. This year our Hanukkah holiday issue will be published on December 14th. Please be sure your greeting reaches us by Friday, December 8th.

Our Christmas holiday issue will be published on December 22nd. Please make sure we have your greeting by Friday, December 15, 2017.

Businesses are welcome to send greetings too!

Please use our "Holiday Greeting" order blank when ordering your greeting. Each published greeting will be approximately 2" x 3". Please circle the greeting you want and then write the holiday message you wish to include in your greeting:

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Frost Valley YMCA Announces 2018 Day Camp Dates and New Programs

Autumn may be well underway, but Frost Valley YMCA has already announced their 2018 Day Camp programs and dates, including new specialty camps! This past summer filled up fast - especially for the equestrian and farm camp sessions - and more dates are expected to fill early next year.

Day Camp is a wonderful option for families in our community who are interested in providing their children and teens with a place to spend their summer days, going on fun adventures in a safe, nurturing environment. Camp begins for Session A on June 25-29, followed by Session 1 on July 2-13, Session 2 on July 16-27, Session 3 on July 30-August 10, Session 4 on August 13-24 and concludes with Farm Camp on August 27-31.



In addition to the traditional camp activities, numerous themed specialty camps are offered. This year, Frost Valley has announced four new specialty camps including Sports of all Sorts, where campers get to enjoy all the great sports that camp has to offer; Happy Hikers, a camp where children will hike along trails, create and follow maps, and even try their hand at orienteering; Sports Sampler, a selection of all of Frost Valley's favorite sports and games for a younger group of campers; and Mountain Toppers, a more advanced hiking session where campers will learn geocaching, create and read sundials and practice leave-no trace hiking techniques.

Avoid the Day Camp wait list by choosing the best Day Camp program for your family now, and register early. To learn more about Frost Valley YMCA's Day Camp dates and programs, please visit FrostValley.org/camp/day-camps, or call 845-985-2291.

Don't forget: Winter Break Day Camp takes place December 26-29, 2017 for kids and teens. They'll enjoy winter activities such as snow tubing, cross-country skiing, sleigh riding, broomball and arts & crafts, plus daily transportation and lunch are provided at no additional fee. Learn more at frostvalley.org

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Olive Free Library Save the Date (From Pg. 6)

Preschool Story Hour Tuesdays at 10 a.m.

Yoga - \$6 drop-in or \$48 for 12 week session Mondays at 7 p.m. (Gentle) Wednesdays at 9 a.m. (Gentle) Saturdays at 9 a.m. (Gentle) New Session Starts January 8

Tai Chi for Health - \$6 drop-in or \$48 for 12 week session Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. New Session Starts January 10

Singing Circle Wednesday, 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Ukulele Circle Wednesdays, 6-8 p.m.

Open Level Flow Yoga - \$6 drop-in or \$48 for 12 week session Thursdays at 9 a.m.

Teen Time (book club, baking, arts/crafts, movie) Thursdays, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting Fridays at 7:30 p.m. Olive Free Library 845-657-2482

Holiday Spirit Returns to SC Government Center In Series of Concerts by Area High-Schoolers

Monticello, NY - Sullivan County Manager Josh Potosek warmly invites all to stop by the lobby of the Government Center throughout December for holiday music and songs offered by the bands and choral groups of local high schools.

Beginning December 8, the noontime concerts will, as always, be free and open to the public.

"Everyone looks forward to these holiday music events each year, and I want to thank our local school districts for continuing to provide the sounds of the season," says Potosek. "The concerts are a pleasure to hear and watch, showcasing the talents of our young people and demonstrating the valuable skills they are learning in school."

All performances begin at noon in the Government Center, 100 North Street, Monticello:

- December 8 - Liberty High School Honors Orchestra
December 11 - Nesin Cultural Arts' The Treble Makers
December 12 - Liberty Middle School Jazz Band
December 13 - Monticello High School Chamber Music Ensemble
December 14 - Liberty High School Band
December 15 - Liberty High School Mixed Orchestra
December 18 - Livingston Manor Band & Chorus
December 20 - Liberty Honors Chorus
December 21 - Roscoe Central School Band & Choir

Police Agencies Participate in Emergency Lockdown Drill at SUNY Sullivan

(Loch Sheldrake, NY): SUNY Sullivan, in conjunction with local police agencies, this morning conducted an "emergency lockdown drill" on campus. The New York State Police, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office, the Fallsburg Police Department and the SUNY Sullivan Office of Public Safety all participated. At approximately 10 a.m. an announcement went out over the college's public address system, instructing those on campus to seek shelter in a locked room or office. Once all hallways were clear of students, faculty and staff, an email and text alert was sent out announcing that the lockdown was a drill, but requesting that everyone remain locked down until an all-clear message was sent.

Lockdown drills are held annually at SUNY Sullivan to test the college's public address and text alert systems, as well as to reinforce proper procedures in the event of an actual emergency lockdown.

"Special thanks to the area police agencies for taking the time to participate in this valuable training to reinforce our campus safety measures," said

SUNY Sullivan President Jay Quaintance. "I greatly appreciate the fact that our law enforcement partners are always ready to help us assure the safety of our students, faculty and staff."

Upcoming BOCES Classes

Enhance Your Existing Construction Skills by Learning Specialty Area Entry Level Skills

The Adult and Continuing Education Program at Sullivan BOCES is offering a course in Basic Construction at the St. John Street Education Center in Monticello. Classes run Monday through Friday from 12:30 pm to 4:30 pm. New participants are able to enroll every Monday.

This 240-hr course costs \$2,350 - Funding is available for eligible students.

This course offers several different modules to build your entry level skills or enhance your existing skills in areas where you have had little exposure. This course also includes the 10-hour OSHA General Industry Training.

Modules include: Safety; 10-hour OSHA General Industry Training; Basic Residential Electric; Basic Plumbing and Soldering; Basic HVAC; Masonry; Carpentry & Finishing; Painting; Landscaping & Grounds; and Solar Panel Installation

Pistol Permit Pre-Licensing Course

MONTICELLO - The Adult and Continuing Education Program at Sullivan BOCES is offering a 4-hour Pistol Permit Pre-Licensing Course on December 16th at the Kauneonga Lake Fire Hall from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. The cost is \$85

This 4-hour non-shooting course introduces the pistol permit applicant to the basic skills necessary for the safe storage and handling of firearms and ammunition. You will learn the basic rules of safe firearms, handling, the primary causes of firearms accidents, basic firearms nomenclature, safe unloading and loading procedures, common ammunition types and components, basic care and cleaning and ways to safely store firearms in the home. Gain advice on what to look for when purchasing a handgun. The course provides a brief overview of NYS laws that cover firearms and use of force. Upon completion of this course, you will receive a certificate of training to present with your pistol permit application.

The instructor is a 20-year veteran, law enforcement officer who has 10 years in SWAT. He is a NYS Certified Firearms Instructor, FBI Certified Firearms Instructor and NRA Certified Instructor. He has taught numerous firearms classes to law enforcement, SWAT and civilians.

Learn 20 Ways to Earn Residual Income

The Adult and Continuing Education Program at Sullivan BOCES is offering course on 20 Ways to Earn Residual Income. The course will run on Monday, December 11th from 6:00pm-8:00pm. The cost is \$40

Uncover over twenty specific ways to earn dependable, ongoing and reliable income from stocks, bonds, mutual funds, equity index annuities and insurance; taxes, retirement income and social security; your mortgage; self-publishing and on demand printing, residuals from showing appreciation, electricity and natural gas; network marketing; how to evaluate the merits of a home-based business; beach money and so much more! Instructor; Jim Farnham, MBA, MS has traveled the US and Canada as a professional speaker and author and he has over 20 years experience in insurance and financial services.

To register or for more information, contact the Adult and Continuing Education Program at (845) 295-4915 between the hours of 9:00 am and 6:30 pm or visit us at scbooces.org. For program updates Like Sullivan County BOCES on Facebook and follow us on Twitt

SCDW Holiday Show at Sullivan County Museum

(Hurleyville, NY) In keeping with a Holiday tradition over the past several years, the Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop presents a program that will include a Children's Show, 1940s style Radio Play version of a Christmas Classic and Desserts. This year, performances are December 8, 9, 10 at the Sullivan County Museum, Art and Cultural Center in Hurleyville.

Charles Dickens' beloved holiday classic, A Christmas Carol, adapted by Kevin Connors and Joe Landry, is set as a live 1940s radio broadcast, with seven actors bringing dozens of memorable characters to the stage as the familiar story of love and redemption winning over avarice unfolds -- there's Scrooge, Marley, the Spirits of Christmas Past, Present and Yet-to-Come, Bob Cratchit and all the little Cratchits, including Tiny Tim. As a radio play, audiences will delight with the magic of live sound effects and musical underscoring - and vintage commercials for extra fancy fruit-cake, and the like!

Under the direction of Harold Tighe, the cast consists of Shawn Bailey, Alan Charney, Joe Guidone, Peter Nastasi, Paul Puerschner, Amber Schmidt and Heather Strauss with Jim Schmidt providing the live sound effects and music by Leon Hilfstein. Dawn Perneszi is Stage Manager and Jim Schmidt is Technical Director.

The Children's Show is Peace on Earth by John Heath and Ron Fink - a multi-species celebration by our children, for our children, directed by Bunny Woloszczak with Musical Direction by Sally Gladden and Costumes by Fran Schiff. The cast includes Michael Feltman, Sophia Hayes, Seriya Jorge, Nicole Lavere, Blaze Nolan, Abigail Ruef, Becky Salerno, Ruby Shamson and Lily Siciliano

General Admission for the Holiday Show is \$10.00 and includes both the Children's Show and the Radio Play, coffee and desserts. Performances are Friday and Saturday, December 8 and 9 at 7:00 pm and Sunday, December 10 at 1:00 pm at the Sullivan County Museum, Art and Cultural Center, 265 Main Street, Hurleyville, NY. Limited parking is available behind the museum, or park along Main Street. Tickets available at the door prior to each performance or online in advance at www.SCDW.net For additional information, phone (845) 436-5336.

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Assemblymember Cahill Applauds New Law Protecting New Yorker's Access to Medically Necessary Breast Cancer Screening Technology

(Albany NY) - Assemblymember Kevin Cahill (D-Kingston), Chair of the Assembly's Insurance Committee, announced today that a bill, A.5677 (Seawright), has been signed into law. The measure clarifies that tomosynthesis must be covered without cost-sharing when found medically necessary by a patient's provider. Tomosynthesis is a process that uses X-rays to collect multiple images of the breast from several angles which are then synthesized to form a 3-D view of the tissue.

In 2016, New York State made the fight against breast cancer a priority. An important step is barring cost-sharing for diagnostic imaging to detect breast cancer. Covered processes are mammograms, breast ultrasounds or magnetic resonance imaging. This measure states that tomosynthesis is also a process that was intended to be captured by the 2016 law.

"Today we made early detection of breast cancer more possible for millions of New Yorkers. This action assures that insurance coverage for tomosynthesis, a proven diagnostic technique, will now be protected by the law. Up to now, insurance coverage was not clear; many carriers refused coverage for this lifesaving test. Confusion persisted even after the New York State Department of Financial Services put out guidance declaring it a covered procedure. Now, thanks to the good work of Assemblymember Rebecca Seawright and the patient advocates she worked so closely with, access to the test will be available in all appropriate circumstances. It is this kind of advocacy for which the State Assembly stands," stated Assemblymember Cahill.

When asked about the positive action, Assemblymember Seawright, (D- Upper East Side, Yorkville and Roosevelt Island) stated, "It is important to continue to expand access to breast cancer screenings and New York State is a leader in this movement. Breast cancer is one of the most common cancers in New York State. Each year in New York, over 15,000 women are diagnosed with breast cancer. This bill clarifies that insurers would cover 3-D mammograms without co-pays or deductibles. Early detection is critical. At the time when the federal climate is stripping women's health coverage, the local government must act, and we did."

This bill was part of a package signed into law and marshaled by Assemblymember Cahill.

What Is Sexual Harassment? And What Can You Do About It?

Monticello, NY - As the Sullivan County Human Rights Commission pursues its mission of making the County "the best possible place to live," they stand firm in the commitment to protect the rights of local citizens against all forms of discrimination.

Just like harassment against people because of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, age, disability, sexual orientation/preference, marital status, or criminal conviction, sexual harassment is equally WRONG and should not be tolerated.

The U.S. Equal Opportunity Commission says it is unlawful to harass a person (an applicant or employee) because of that person's sex. Harassment can include "sexual harassment" or unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical harassment of a sexual nature.

Harassment does not have to be of a sexual nature, however, and can include offensive remarks about a person's sex. For example, it is illegal to harass a woman by making offensive comments about women in general.

Both victim and the harasser can be either a woman or a man, and the victim and harasser can be the same sex. The harasser can be the victim's supervisor, a supervisor in another area, a co-worker, or someone who is not an employee of the employer, such as a client or customer.

Although the law doesn't prohibit simple teasing, off-hand comments, or isolated incidents that are not very serious, harassment is illegal when it is so frequent or severe that it creates a hostile or offensive work environment or when it results in an adverse employment decision (such as the victim being fired or demoted). SOURCE: https://www.eeoc.gov/laws/types/sexual_harassment.cfm

The Sullivan County Human Rights Commission urges all citizens to be aware of the law and to report instances where your rights have been violated. Call the Commission at 845-807-0189 so they can advise you on how to report harassment and seek relief.

"Harassment is always demeaning and discouraging, so it does nothing to improve profitability or customer service - just the opposite, in fact," notes Legislator Terri Ward, chair of the Public Safety and Law Enforcement Committee of the Sullivan County Legislature. "A harassment-free workplace is a productive workplace, a friendly and professional area to get business done. We all have a right to that kind of atmosphere. I encourage everyone to become familiar with the law - and to follow it."

The Commission meets on the second Thursday of each month at the Sullivan County Government Center, 100 North Street, Monticello. Meetings are open to the public. Visit the Commission website at www.co.sullivan.ny.us/Departments/HumanRightsCommission/tabid/3205/default.aspx

Hospital Will Pay Restitution To Patients & Change Billing Procedures A.G. Sends Letters To Additional NY Hospitals Seeking Info On Policies • Schneiderman: Survivors Are Entitled To Cost-Free Emergency Care Under New York Law

Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman announced an agreement with The Brooklyn Hospital Medical Center ("Brooklyn Hospital") after an investigation that revealed the hospital illegally billed sexual assault survivors for forensic rape examinations. As part of the settlement, Brooklyn Hospital will maintain a Sexual Assault Victim Policy that prevents such improper billing, and will provide full restitution to improperly billed sexual assault survivors.

Attorney General Schneiderman has also sent letters to 10 additional hospitals across New York State seeking information on their policies. Attorney General Schneiderman reminded New Yorkers that survivors of sexual assault are entitled to cost-free emergency care under New York law, which requires those services to be provided free of charge through the state's Office of Victim Services.

"It's hard to imagine the heartache and anxiety a survivor must feel having to fight a collection agency over an unlawful bill for a rape kit. It's unacceptable, and we will not allow it to continue," said Attorney General Schneiderman. "I want to be clear: survivors of sexual assault are entitled to cost-free emergency care under New York law - and we will do everything possible to ensure they get the respect and care they deserve."

Attorney General Schneiderman initiated an investigation after receiving a complaint that a survivor of sexual assault was billed seven separate times by Brooklyn Hospital for a forensic rape exam administered in Brooklyn Hospital's emergency room.

The Attorney General's investigation further revealed that between January 2015 and February 2017, Brooklyn Hospital conducted 86 forensic rape exams - and in 85 out of those 86 cases, the hospital either improperly billed the patient directly, or billed the patient's insurance plan without advising the patient of their payment options as required by law. Brooklyn Hospital had sent some of these improper bills to collection.

New York State Executive Law Section 631(13) provides that when a hospital furnishes services -- including a forensic rape examination (FRE) - to any sexual assault survivor, it shall provide such services to the patient without charge and shall bill the Office of Victim Services (OVS) directly, or alternatively, the sexual assault survivor may voluntarily opt to assign the costs to private insurance. The purpose of Executive Law 631(13) is to ease payment of FREs by providing for submission of bills to OVS; provide quality exams; and give survivors of sexual assault the ability to choose a means of payment for their FREs, either through the OVS program or their own insurance. Allowing sexual assault survivors to choose to have OVS directly pay for services helps ensure privacy and confidentiality. This increased privacy increases the likelihood that a survivor will submit to the FRE, which in turn increases the ability of law enforcement agencies to identify offenders.

"It is unconscionable that a survivor who undergoes an intensive rape kit collection process would then receive a bill in the mail to pay for her own rape kit. What other crime victims must cover the costs of their own crime investigations? This goes to the very heart of blaming the victim, and we commend A.G. Schneiderman for stopping this illegal practice in its tracks," said Sonia Ossorio President NOW-NY.

Hon. Judy Harris Kluger, executive director of Sanctuary for Families, said, "At Sanctuary for Families, we assist survivors of many forms of gender violence, including domestic violence, sex trafficking, and sexual assault. We applaud Attorney General Schneiderman for uncovering the untenable practice of charging sexual assault survivors for forensic rape examinations. Institutions like hospitals should be places of refuge and healing for gender violence survivors. Victims should not be re-traumatized by receiving a bill for the collection of evidence used to find and prosecute the person who assaulted them."

"Survivors of sexual assault should not have to pay for an evidence gathering medical exam. New York State law provides for direct payment through its Office of Victim Service for all sexual assault medical exams," said Mary Haviland, Esq., Executive Director, NYC Alliance Against Sexual Assault. "A hospital may not charge the patient for that exam. We applaud Attorney General Eric Schneiderman for taking the initiative to make sure that charging survivors of sexual assault for medical exams does not take place in New York State."

"No survivor of sexual assault who consents to a Forensic Rape Exam should ever receive a bill for medical services that NYS hospitals are obligated to provide.

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Receiving an underserved notice from a collections agency is a traumatizing reminder of a devastating event, and completely unnecessary. As NYS's oldest Rape Crisis program, CVTC praises the actions of the Attorney General's Office in ensuring that every survivor of sexual assault has access to the free medical exam promised by New York State," said Christopher E. Bromson, Executive Director, Crime Victims Treatment Center.

Safe Horizon CEO Ariel Zwang said, "Rape survivors deserve expert and immediate medical care after an assault, including access to a rape kit. The Violence Against Women Act requires states to pay for these sexual assault forensic exams-there should be no cost to survivors. For so long, survivors and victim advocates fought to change the law so that survivors would not incur the cost of these important exams. We applaud the Attorney General's office for ensuring enforcement of this law, holding hospitals accountable who have unnecessarily charged for this exam, and standing up for survivors."

"The Downstate Coalition for Crime Victims thanks the Attorney General for ensuring state mandated free forensic rape exams for survivors of sexual assault. This law is of the utmost importance for survivors, and no medical facility should consider itself exempt," said Kimberly Sanchez, Co-chair, Legislative Committee, Downstate Coalition for Crime Victims.

New Yorkers with complaints regarding hospital billing or other health-care related issues may contact the Attorney General's Health Care Helpline at 1-800-428-9071.

The investigation of this matter was conducted by Assistant Attorney General Adrienne Lawston of the Attorney General's Health Care Bureau, under the supervision of Deputy Bureau Chief Susan Cameron and Bureau Chief Lisa Landau. The Health Care Bureau is a part of the Social Justice Division, led by Executive Deputy Attorney General for Social Justice Alvin Bragg.

Statement From Governor Cuomo

It has been two months since Hurricane Maria made landfall on the island of Puerto Rico. While our fellow citizens have been struggling to recover and meet their daily needs, Puerto Rico still lacks adequate federal resources to accomplish their recovery and rebuilding. Yet, while Congress considers a supplemental appropriation, they are also debating expanding the powers of the financial oversight board created by the PROMESA Act. Congress should keep its eye on the ball and not get distracted.

"Expanding the authority of the Board would not only lead to government dysfunction, it would slow the recovery effort and it would take away the voice of the people of Puerto Rico and give it to an unelected body. Puerto Rico has an elected governor. He must lead the recovery as the elected representative of the voters of Puerto Rico. If provided with the needed federal resources - at a level consistent with what states typically receive after a hurricane of this magnitude - Governor Rosselló will be able to build back and build back better.

"As the Governor of New York, a state with the largest Puerto Rican population on the mainland, I call on Congress to turn down attempts to create a parallel government, and to defend American democracy by rejecting additional governing powers for the financial oversight board."

Federation Hosts 21st Annual Christmas Eve Dinner

The Sullivan County Federation for the Homeless will be hosting its annual Christmas Eve Dinner on Sunday, 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 of Mr. Willy's catering 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.

Calico Geese Meeting

The Calico Geese Quilters of Sullivan County special meeting on December 11, 2017, Cornell Cooperative Extension Building (CCESC), 64 Ferndale Rd, Liberty.

Doors open for "Sewcial" gathering at 6:00 pm and meeting begins at 6:30 pm. Meetings are 2nd Monday every month. For information call (845) 292-6180. Visitors always welcome.

Rhinebeck Jewish Center Annual Chanukah Family Fun Day! Chocolate Themed!

Each year the RJC hosts a day filled with crafts and exciting hands on workshops all themed and connected to the holiday of Chanukah. There are artistic Menorahs, dreidels, and more charming crafts that make great holiday decorations or gifts for loved ones. There will be a Chocolate Chanukah Gelt Factory workshop where all the children will make their own chocolate coins and LED Menorah decorations!

The event will be held on Sunday, December 10th from 10:30am - 12:30pm at 102 Montgomery Street, Rhinebeck, NY 12572 RSVP at: RSVP@RhinebeckJewishCenter.com

To learn more about the Rhinebeck Jewish Center, please visit <http://www.rhinebeckjewishcenter.com> or call 845.876.7666. -<https://facebook.com/rhinebeckjewishcenter>.

Shabbat Services with Chanukah Celebration

Congregation Agudas Achim in Livingston Manor will have Shabbat Services with Chanukah Celebration on Friday, December 8th at 7:00 pm. Enjoy latkes (with fixings) and donuts too! Bring your menorah to light. Bring schnapps or other festive drink to share.

Any questions, please call Sherry Silver at (845) 747-9088.

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Camille
Regolec**
Sunday Worship
Service 10:30 am
P. O. Box 480
507 Hasbrouck Drive
Woodbourne, NY 12788
845-434-8263
Thursday
Prayer 7 pm
Email:
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
Grahamsville United Methodist Church
Rte. 55, Grahamsville
Sunday Worship Service - 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School for grades k-7 - 10:30a.m.
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For information contact Rev. Peggy Ann Sauerhoff 845-985-2283
e-mail: Grahamsvilleumc@gmail.com

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**Sunday, 8 am Service of Holy Communion, except:
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All are welcome!
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Church**

Claryville Road
Claryville, NY 12725
845-985-2041

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

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

Weekend Mass schedule:
Saturday afternoon: 4:30 pm
Sunday morning: 9:00 am and 11:30 am

Daily Mass schedule:
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

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**Sundown
United Methodist Church
Annual Cookie Walk**



Cookies will
be sold at
\$5 a pound.

Hot breakfast
sandwiches
and other breakfast goodies
will be sold

When: Saturday
December 9th, 2017
Where: Sundown Church Hall

Breakfast will be served 9-11am

The cookie walk will be
10 am-12 noon or until
cookies are sold out

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Jan. 6, 2018
5:30 pm
Covered Dish
Supper
Dec. 9, 2017
Annual Cookie Walk
10am-12 noon or until
cookies are sold out
Breakfast 9-11am
**Sundown
United Methodist
Church Hall**


**Grahamsville
United Methodist
Church**
Grahamsville
Community
Food Pantry
Seeks Community
Support • Donations
toward Christmas food
baskets are requested
by Dec. 11 (See Pg. 3
for details)
Fellowship Hall.
For info 985-7427 or
985-2283

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

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

LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES:

The Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC) is seeking to retain an engineering firm to provide professional services to assist with design, permit applications and approvals, preparation of construction bid documents and construction inspection for the Mt. Pleasant Bridge (BIN 3347070) Removal, a bridge owned by Ulster County in the Town of Shandaken. Responses must be received at CWC by 4:00 PM, December 28, 2017. For bid documents please contact John Mathiesen or Timothy Cox at 845-586-1400. EOE 12/7; 12/14; 12/21-24/72

Legal Notice

Please take notice that the annual election of the Neversink Fire District will take place on December 12th between the hours of 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. at the Neversink Fire House Community Hall, located at 7486 State Route 55 Neversink, NY. for the purpose of electing:

One commissioner for a (5) five year term commencing on January 1st 2018 and ending on December 31st 2022. Candidates should file their names with the Secretary of the Neversink Fire District at PO Box 394 Neversink, NY 12765 no later than December 1st .

By order of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Neversink Fire District. Eileen Delaney, Treasurer

Sincerely,
Eileen Delaney, Treasurer
Neversink Fire District

12/7

BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA
 Thursday, December 7, 2017
TRI-VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
 GRAHAMSVILLE, NEW YORK 12740
 FISCAL YEAR 2017 - 2018
 ANTICIPATED EXECUTIVE SESSION - 6:00 P.M.
 - SECONDARY SCHOOL LIBRARY
 UPPER LEVEL

REGULAR MEETING #9 - 7:00 P.M. -
 SECONDARY SCHOOL LIBRARY
 LOWER LEVEL

THIS AGENDA IS FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY AND IS PROVIDED AS A COURTESY TO THE COMMUNITY. THIS AGENDA IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

MISSION STATEMENT:
 "EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION WILL ALWAYS BE TRI-VALLEY'S NUMBER ONE PRIORITY."

Monticello Candidates Endorsed

(Monticello) The Town of Thompson Democratic Committee has unanimously endorsed two candidates for the Village of Monticello election coming up in March.

The Committee's 20 members have endorsed incumbent Judge Josephine Finn to run for another term as Village Justice. The Committee has also endorsed incumbent Trustee Aleta Lymon.

Judge Finn and Trustee Lymon are both seeking four year terms. The committee believes the candidates will continue to serve village residents with integrity. Both endorsements were unanimous at a meeting held on Thursday, November 30th. Thompson Democratic Chair Bill James said, "The candidates and their volunteers will be gathering signatures in Monticello until January 16th. Please welcome them as they go door to door." The village election is scheduled for Tuesday, March 20th from Noon to 9pm.



NOTICE OF PROJECT AVAILABILITY
Request for Proposals – Maple Tapping on City Property
December 2017

Description:

The New York City Bureau of Water Supply is soliciting Proposals for maple tapping on certain City-owned water supply lands.

Project Information:

The following locations have been identified and the City will accept proposals for the following:

Project No.	NYC PID	Former Owner	SBL (s)	Town	Road	No. of Taps*
2613	648	Harshman	14.-1-3.2	Neversink	Hunter Rd	1200
2614	5503	Roxbury Mtn Realty	155.-1-6.2 & 6.3	Stamford	Roxbury Mtn Rd	1500

*Approximate (Following Project award, this number will be revised to reflect the actual number of taps used)

Availability of Information:

Information about the above projects and Request for Proposal Packages are available by calling the Project Supervisor- Charles Laing at (845) 340 -7218, or requesting via e-mail at: claing@dep.nyc.gov

Minimum Annual Payment:

The minimum annual payment shall be sixty five cents (\$0.55) per tap, equivalent to two-hundred seventy-five dollars (\$275.00) per year for a 500-tap project.

Requirements – Maple Tappers Selected Shall:

1. Maintain the required Workers Compensation and Disability Benefits Coverage (or proof they are not required to carry coverage).
2. Furnish and maintain a commercial general liability insurance policy.
3. Have demonstrated experience in tapping and extracting maple sap from maple trees.

Proposal Due Date:

All Proposals must be sent to the Project Supervisor via mail, at: 71 Smith Ave, Kingston, NY 12401 postmarked NO LATER THAN December 15, 2017.

Notice of Award: The expected date for awarding the projects will be on or about December 22, 2017.

12/7;

Letter to the Editor:

**Dollar General wants to open a store in Neversink:
What is all the fuss about? Health, Safety & Welfare!**

How it would adversely affect Economic Welfare in Neversink:

The Neversink General Store and the Neversink Farmers Market currently have over 20 LOCAL vendors that sell at these locations. There would be a decrease in sales for these businesses and other local businesses. Local businesses put their money right back into the community. Dollar General (DG) is not a local company. Their headquarters is in Tennessee. The money DG makes will not stay in our area.

General Safety- These are but a few issues!

In 2016, DG was repeatedly cited for stores blocking fire exits and aisles with merchandise, a serious safety violation. We have all been in one of the DG stores in the area - they are everywhere! We have all seen how the aisles are crowded with merchandise; what if there-was a fire or other emergency? There are plans for traffic at the store, but no sidewalks for people (including kids on bikes) leading up to the proposed DG site. It will not be safe for kids and adults who will be walking or biking there. DG recently settled a case in California for \$1.7 million for not training employees properly in the disposing of hazardous materials; "Undercover inspections of waste bins at retail and distribution locations found that hazardous materials including automotive fluids, alkaline batteries, electronic waste, aerosol cans, expired medications, and other toxic and corrosive items were routinely being sent to landfills that were not permitted to receive that type of waste." Why take a chance that DG would dump their hazardous waste in our community?

Health Hazards:

DG sells many products (toys, vinyl tablecloths, etc.) that contain hazardous chemicals that are above health safety levels. DG has had product recalls due to high levels of lead in their products! If you agree that Dollar General is a threat to our health, safety, and welfare, please sign this form and bring it to the Neversink Town Hall for the Planning Board to review by Dec 6th, 2017!

I feel that having a Dollar General in Neversink would be a threat to my health, safety, and welfare for (but not limited to) the above reasons.

Signed: William A Brenner

Date: 11/24/17

Town where you live Grahamsville, Neversink

P O Box 369
157 Main Street
Grahamsville, NY 12740

You can either drop this off at the Neversink Town Hall (273 Main Street in Grahamsville) or mail it to:

Town of Neversink Planning Board
C/O Jim Stengel
PO Box 307
Grahamsville, NY 12740

Shop Local - Buy Local - Keep it Rural

I feel that having a Dollar General in the Town of Neversink would be bad for the following reasons:

I personally feel that a Dollar General store in the middle of the Town of Neversink would be an ugly blotch on the rural character of our quiet country town. It would detract from the overall rural beauty of our mountains, fields, streams, homes, small businesses, library, museum, fairgrounds, school and country atmosphere.

A Dollar General store built in the Town of Neversink, no matter how architecturally correctly built, by its billionaire owner with its rip-off, misleading "Dollar" name and yellow and black sign and which are popping up in various prime town locations throughout Sullivan County, and throughout the rest of this country, is like unwelcome weeds, is as out of place in Grahamsville as a Walmart Superstore open 24 hours.

I would not like to see it as I drive by each day.

Respectfully,
William A. Brenner
Grahamsville, NY



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

2018 Upcoming Events

- Jan 7 - Mar 4 **Sundays** Discounted Passes Skiing & Snowboarding at Holiday Mt.
- 1/19 Free Snow tubing Trip to Holiday Mt.
- 2/9 Free Roller Skating Trip to Skaters World
- 2/10 Great American Outdoor Show
- 4/13 Free Animal Embassy Presentation
- 4/30 May 4 Screen Free Week
- 5/15 Tour of Bethel Woods Museum & Lunch
- 6/1 *Sister Act* Westchester Broadway Dinner Theatre
- 6/10 Wine, Food, Music Bounty of the Hudson
- 7/4 Decorated Bicycle Parade & Albi Concert
- 7/13 Free Water Fun @Grahamsville Fairgrounds
- 8/4 NY Renaissance Fair
- 9/15 Community Yard Sale, Craft & Vendor Fair
- 9/29 Garlic Festival
- 10/13 Jack O Lantern Blaze
- 10/27 Look for our Trunk at the PTO Trunk or Treat
- 11/3-11/4 Indoor Water Park Sleepover
- 12/1 Transportation to NYC
- 12/2 Elf Workshop & Tree Lighting
- 12/15 Disney on Ice



Daniel Pierce Library

hours of operation
 Tuesday: 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
 Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 Thursday: 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
 Friday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
 Sunday and Monday: Closed
 If you have any questions, please call the library at 985-7233.

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

2017 Town of Neversink Motor Vehicle Schedule
 10 am - 2:30 pm
 Dec 14

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

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

All Aboard!
 Join the Fun!
Play Mexican Train
 FREE FUN every FRIDAY 1-4 pm
 in the upstairs meeting room at the Neversink Town Hall

Also **WANTED** People to play cards

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- 12/6/17 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting 7 pm
- 12/7/17 Claryville Fire District Meeting - 6:30 pm Regular Meeting
- 12/12/17 **Neversink Fire District Fire Commissioner Election 6-9 pm**
- 12/12/17 Town of Denning Board Business Meeting 6 pm Denning Town Hall
- 12/13/17 Town of Neversink Board Meeting 7:30 pm
- 12/14/17 Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting 6:00 pm - Denning Town Hall
- 12/18/17 Grahamsville Fire District Meeting 7 pm Grahamsville Firehouse
- 12/19/17 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals - 7:30 pm
- 12/20/17 Neversink-Rondout Antique Machinery Association Meeting - 7:30 pm
- 12/21/17 Neversink Fire District Commissioners Meeting 7 pm - Public Meeting at 7:30 pm
- 1/6/18 **Covered Dish Supper** - Sundown Methodist Church Hall 5:30 pm

REMINDER: To all municipalities and local organizations please send us a copy of your 2018 Calendar of Events to: The Townsman, P O Box 232, Grahamsville, NY 12740 - so that we can continue to post your meetings and events on our calendar each week in the coming year. **THANK YOU!**

Save the Date!

DEC. 2 - **Grahamsville United Methodist Church Christmas Craft Fair** 10 a.m. - 3 p.m

Dec. 9 - **Sundown United Methodist Church Annual Cookie Walk** 10am-12 noon -
Breakfast will be served 9-11am

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>

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FALLSBURG - FALLSBURG TOWN HALL
WOODBOURNE - CITGO STATION • MO'S GAS STATION • P.D. SMITH ENTERPRISE
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 MATTHEW'S PHARMACY
 EWCOG
 ELLENVILLE CITGO
 ELLENVILLE REG HOSPITAL
 PETER'S MARKET
 THORTON HARDWARE
 SHOPRITE
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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.

CLIP & SAVE

GRAHAMSVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 2018

THIRD SATURDAY THRIFT SALES
 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon

Join us on the following Saturdays:

- January 20 July 21
- February 17 August 18
- March 17 September 15
- April 21 October 20
- May 19 November 17
- June 16 (No Thrift sale in Dec.)

Dec. 1 - Christmas Craft Fair 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Thank you for shopping with us. We invite you to join us on Sundays for Worship and Church School (grades pre-K through 7th) at 10:30 a.m. We also welcome you to worship at our sister church, Sundown U. M. Church, at 8:30 a.m.

GRAHAMSVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 2018 THRIFT SALES & LUNCHEONS

Thrift Sales 9:00a.m. - 12 noon
 Luncheons 10:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
 Join us on the following Tuesdays:

- April 3 & 17 August 14 & 28
- May 1 & 29 September 11 & 25
- June 12 & 26 October 9 & 30
- July 10 & 31 November 6

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 December 9 & 10
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Knarf's Classic Movie Trivia THE CLASSICS OF THE CLASSICS
 December 11th, on TCM

At 8:00 PM the lessons of life from the genius minds of *Peter Sellers*, and *Shirley MacLaine* starring in, "*Being There*," 1979. An off the wall comedy with a moral twist, based on Jerzy Kosinski's short comic novel about a simpleton, "*Chance*," *Peter Sellers*, raised in isolation whose only education came from watching TV.

At 10:30 PM, "*My Favorite Year*" - A tug on your heart strings as flamboyant star, Alan Swann (*Peter O'Toole*) throws a TV comedy show into chaos, 1982.

Next, insane hilarity at 2:30 am, Tuesday morning, with the *Marx Brothers* in "*Horse Feathers*." In an effort to beef up his school's football team, a college president *Groucho Marx*, mistakenly recruits two loonies *Chico Marx*, and *Harpo Marx*, 1932.

Coming at 4:00 AM, more insanity with the *Marx Brothers*, in "*A Day at the Races*," 1937. This uproarious comedy features some of the trio's funniest set pieces (Chico selling race tips, the seduction scene, etc.) your belly laughing funny-bone, will never forget you.

STARTING at 8:00 PM Monday evening December 11, 2017 CC, Rated G, BW/Color.

I am sorry to say there was no film honoring our fallen dead. - our hero's of the December 7th attack on Pearl Harbor and the valiant who died in all our wars. Dying to preserve our democracy. Dying to protect our rights. *Lest We Never Forget.*

Quiz:
 1. "*In My Favorite Year*" who played Belle Carroca?
 2. Who played King Kaiser?

What's Going on in The Gnome Neighborhood™

SUNDOWN
 Dec 9th Sundown UMC Annual Cookie Walk and Breakfast at the Sundown Church Hall. Breakfast will be served 9-11am. The cookie walk will be 10am-12 noon or until cookies are sold out

Jan 6 -Covered Dish Supper - Sundown Methodist Church Hall 5:30 pm

CLARYVILLE
 Fri., Dec 8 - 5:30-8:00 pm Frost Valley's 5th Annual Community Holiday Dinner & Gathering. See flyer in this issue for details.

GRAHAMSVILLE
 Neversink Parks and Recreation is now offering Sunday Discounted Passes for Skiing and Snowboarding at Holiday Mountain - Jan 7 thru March 4. - *A great Stocking Suffer!* Call for info: (845) 985-2262 extension 312 or visit our website: www.townofneversink.org

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 1. Laine Kazan
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