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## Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop Presents its Annual Valentine Cabaret

Valentine weekend, the Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop presents its annual Valentine Cabaret - this year entitled, "Love Songs... And Not".



Kim Schneeberger, Lynne Porter, and Mekayla Perneszi work on a song for the Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop's Cabaret with accompanist Leon Hilfstein.

Come to the Sullivan County Museum 265 Main Street in Hurleyville on Friday and Saturday, February 12th and 13th at 8:00PM and Sunday, February 14th at 2:00PM to hear some of Sullivan County's finest voices entertaining you with love songs... and not.

*The Cabaret*, directed and produced by Jim Schmidt, features Shawn Bailey, Terri Hall, Michael Harrins, Valeria Henry, Tom Masciopinto, Noam Naiman, Teri Paris, Ellen Pavloff, Mekayla Perneszi, Lynn Porter, David Rosenberg, Amber Schmidt, Kim Schneeberger, Lori Schneider, Grace Strauss and Heather Strauss accompanied by Leon Hilfstein on piano and others.

General Admission is \$10 and includes delicious desserts following the performance.

For information, please call 845-798-4971.

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### Call to Artists: Jeff Bank 2017 Calendar Photo Contest

Photographers are encouraged to submit up to four (4) color images for the Jeff Bank 2017 Calendar Photo Contest. Submissions will be accepted February 19 - April 15, 2016. Organized by the Catskill Art Society, the theme of the contest is the Four Seasons of Nature and Landscapes in Sullivan County, NY.

Interested artists may submit up to four (4) color photographs, preferably depicting each of the four seasons, for consideration. Recognizable locations are preferred, but not mandatory. (Contd. Pg. 9)



## Fallsburg Families Make Winter Carnival Awesome



"Who needs snow to make a successful Winter Carnival," said one of the Fallsburg school teachers attending the event at Morningside Park on January 31. "It's all about the community. Just look at the great turnout." This was the feeling that was echoed by many of the more than 300 people that turned out on the snowless, almost balmy day to enjoy hot dogs, hot chocolate, and fun and games. (Contd. Pg. 8)

## The Woodsongs Coffeehouse at the Sullivan County Museum Presents: "Duets"

A Showcase Concert featuring five musical couples bringing love songs and more while the Valentines flowers are still fresh in the vase will be presented on Sunday, February 21st, 2016 from 1:30-4:00 pm at the Woodsongs Coffeehouse at the Sullivan County Museum. This



will be a special afternoon of musical duos including acoustic Folk, Americana and Bluegrass music performed by musicians from Sullivan, Orange and Ulster counties. Doors open at 1pm at the Sullivan County Museum, located at 265 Main Street in Hurleyville, New York

### The couples are:

**Steve and Clancey Lane** -<https://www.reverbnation.com/stevelanemusic>  
Mike Baglione and Anne Loeb -<https://www.facebook.com/Breakneck-Annie-118537831499721/>

**Betty Altman and Phil Miller**  
<https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=1376441949249484&set=a.1376441945916151.1073741825.100006510750246&type=3&theater>

**Rick and Donna Nestler** <https://www.facebook.com/Rick-Nestler-21201421056/>  
**Carol Smith and Aldo Troiani** (of Little Sparrow) <https://www.facebook.com/Little-Sparrow-106454596069509/?fref=ts>

The evening is hosted by Carol and Aldo Troiani of Little Sparrow and the Sullivan County Historical Society. Admission is \$8.

This project is made possible in part with funds from the Decentralization Program for Sullivan County, a regrant program of the New York State Council on the Arts, administered by Delaware Valley Arts Alliance.

For directions please visit our website <http://www.sullivancountyhistory.org/> or call 845 434-8044.



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**ON THE FRONT BURNER:** If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself. St. John 7:17

## COLLEGE NEWS

The College of Saint Rose in Albany, New York, announced that 815 students have been named to the Dean's List for the fall 2015 semester.

Full-time students who complete a minimum of 12 credit hours and achieve a semester grade-point average of at least 3.5 with no grades of D, F, Incomplete or Pass/Fail are eligible for the Dean's List. Students from this area who are on the Dean's List for fall 2015 are:

Taylor Stoddard of Liberty, New York

Nora Townsend of Liberty, New York

Leeana Santillo of Liberty, New York

The College of Saint Rose is a dynamic, progressive college in the heart of New York's capital city where teaching is the first priority. The Saint Rose experience empowers students to improve themselves and the world around them.

## DAYS OF YORE....

## Today's History

**February 8, 1956** - Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Eck, former residents of Lackawack, now residing at Bradley, celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary on January 27th. The couple was married at Lows Corners by the Rev. H. Alfke in his home. Mr. Eck, a retired farmer, said winters are not like they used to be as it was 30 degrees below zero the night they were married. They traveled by horse and wagon from Lackawack to Lows Corners which was a cold ride.

Remember your sweetheart

On Valentine's Day...

A gift or a card -

sentimental or gay

A surprise from a loved one

is always a treat

Why not give candy,

that's "Sweets to the Sweet"

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**February 9, 1966** - Mr. and Mrs. Carl Allison of Grahamsville are the parents of a girl born Monday at Liberty.

Mr. and Mrs. George Stailing of Claryville are the parents of a son born February 8th at Monticello Hospital. He weighed 6 lbs. 10 oz.

The State Conservation Department reported that New York hunters killed a record 648 black bears during last fall's big game season. This tops the previous high of 622 set in 1960 and confirms pre-season predictions for a banner year.

Ann Marie Luttinger has received word of her acceptance at the State University of New York at New Paltz. Ann Marie plans to pursue a career in Art.

**February 11, 1976** - Four Tri-Valley seniors have recently been notified by Congressman Matthew McHugh of their selection as recipients of Congressional Nominations to service academies. Thomas Arielly, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Arielly of Neversink; Lynn Robinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Robinson of Grahamsville; and Elaine Stratton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Stratton of Grahamsville have been nominated for an appointment to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. Eric Dixon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Dixon of Grahamsville has received Congressman McHugh's nomination for the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy at King's Point.

**February 20, 1986** - Plans are being made for a Little League field to be erected and dedicated to Jerry Scanna. We have set up a Memorial Fund so that in the near future, when the new field is completed, we would like to have it equipped for an electric scoreboard and possibly bleachers. We all will remember Jerry for the time he spent so unselfishly for our children.

Scott Nyhoff, son of Rev. and Mrs. Harlan Nyhoff of Grahamsville, has been named to the Dean's List for the Fall, 1985 semester at the Southampton Campus of Long Island University. Scott is a senior majoring in Marine Geology and is a 1981 graduate of Tri-Valley High School.

### Assemblymember Cahill Issues Statement on Combined Primary Day Legislation

ALBANY, NY - Assemblyman Kevin Cahill issued the following statement regarding A9108, overwhelmingly approved by the New York Assembly on Tuesday. The measure calls for a combined Congressional and state primary to take place on Tuesday, June 28, 2016.

Saving taxpayers money, improving participation in democracy and assuring that those who are on active duty have a full chance to participate are all good reasons to support a combined, early primary day. By getting our state office and congressional primary behind us in June, all candidates can focus on getting their messages out to voters. I also call upon the New York State Senate to not repeat their action from two years ago when they refused to come to the table and agree to a unified primary, limiting participation and forcing voters to return to the polls numerous times just to exercise this basic right of citizenship. We need to work together, across party boundaries to prove to folks that things really have changed in Albany and that partisan dysfunction and self interest is a thing of the past, that we are on a track of open, responsive government and reform. I am proud to be a co-sponsor of this important and timely legislation. Now let's return to putting the voters first. The companion bill is sponsored in the New York State Senate by Senate Democratic Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins (35th District).

### Agreement To Provide Certain New York Borrowers With Loan Modifications; Foreclosed HSBC Loans May Be Eligible For Payments For Past Abuse

NEW YORK - Attorney General Eric Schneiderman today announced a \$470 million joint state-federal settlement with mortgage lender and servicer HSBC to address mortgage origination, servicing, and foreclosure abuses.

The settlement provides direct payments to New York borrowers for past foreclosure abuses, loan modifications, and other relief for borrowers in need of assistance, rigorous mortgage servicing standards, and grants oversight authority to an independent monitor. It is estimated that New York State has nearly 136,000 HSBC loans, nearly 31% of HSBC's total portfolio.

The settlement includes New York, 48 other states, the District of Columbia, the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB).

"There has to be one set of rules for everyone, no matter how rich or how powerful, and that includes lenders who engage in abusive business practices," said Attorney General Schneiderman. "The settlement announced today is a joint partnership that will create tough new servicing standards that will ensure fair treatment for HSBC's borrowers and provide relief to customers across New York State and across the country."



**A Round About Tri-Valley**

-Carol Furman

Sympathy to the family of Doug Mootz of Neversink on the passing of his mother, Jean Mootz on January 27th.

George Knox III and his wife Amanda are the proud parents of another daughter. Charlotte Rose was born on December 4th and joins 2 year old, Maggie. George, Amanda and girls make their home in Fairfield, ME. George and Rose Ann Knox of Neversink are proud Great Grandparents.

Congratulations to Brent and Judith Clarke and their children who have moved into their new home on Myers Road in Neversink. Their home was previously owned by John and Jan Bowers who moved away to be closer to their children and grandchildren.

I heard from Hayes McCardell that the "Back Porch Gang", country music musicians, have been performing at the Grahamsville First Aid Squad Building about every two weeks or so. They are a very talented group of country music enthusiasts!

The Tri-Valley Lions held their February meeting at the Blue Hill Cafe in Claryville. Following a delicious dinner, raffle winners were drawn. I believe there were about 30 prizes. Watch for a list of winners in a future *Townsmen* issue.

Emily Devore, a resident of Neversink, a Tri-Valley grad and a recent graduate of the State University of Cortland, is a part of Sullivan County Cornell Cooperative Extension's "Creating Healthy Schools and Communities Team". The Team will be working in Liberty, Fallsburg and Monticello to improve access to healthy foods and opportunities for physical activities.

Abraham Lincoln was the first president to be depicted on a U.S. coin, a penny issued in 1909. The penny is the only U.S. Coin where the person faces right instead of left.

Reminder: February 19th is the Tri-Valley PTO sponsored Science Fair for grades 3-6.

Practices have begun for the Sullivan County All-County band, orchestra and chorus festival. The performances will be held on Saturday, March 5th at the Liberty Central School. Tickets for the concerts are only available by pre-sale and must be purchased by February 12th. The cost is \$6.00 per ticket. Contact the Tri-Valley Music Department if you are interested in attending.

Sap must have started to run on or about the end of January. I see the tanker trucks going up and down my road.

Our two most beloved American presidents, Abraham Lincoln and George Washington, are remembered for their honesty. I've read stories about Abe and George and realize that their habits of honesty and truthfulness began early in their lives. A person who is honest in his or her youth is not likely to change as he or she grows older. Honesty is an admirable trait. Being deceitful can take a terrible toll on your self-respect and can cause much unhappiness. Honesty in your private life also makes for honesty in public office. As of late, we have heard too much about corrupt politicians!

**Words of Wisdom:** Honesty is armor for the soul. (Henry Wotton)

**Neversink Renaissance to Plan for 2016**

Neversink Renaissance will be holding an organizational meeting for 2016 on Wednesday March 2nd at 7:00 in the Daniel Pierce Library basement Community Room. For the first time in a number of years we are anticipating competing against other Sullivan County communities in the Sullivan Renaissance competition. This will be an important meeting to set our community's beautification game plan for this year. With the new Town Park/Little League Field and the Museum Village taking big steps toward completion this summer, Neversink Renaissance expects to play an important role in assisting the community in making both of these spectacular additions to our town. We look forward to coordinating with many of our community organizations to help make this happen.

As always, we are excited to welcome new participants in our beautification efforts; so please join us. Should you have questions, please feel free to contact Dave Moore at 985-2746.

**Tri-Valley Chamber of Commerce Invites You to Their February Meeting**

The next meeting of the Tri-Valley Chamber of Commerce will be held on February 22, 2016 at 7 pm at the Daniel Pierce Library in Grahamsville. Bring a friend, your ideas and some of your business cards to exchange with other small business owners like yourself.

There will be an election of officers at the March 28th, 2016 meeting. Details will follow.

Want your name added to our email list? Send an email to:

Hope to see you at our next meeting.

**SC Soil and Water Conservation District Annual Tree & Shrub Sale**

The Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District is pleased to announce their annual spring Tree & Shrub Program. Landowners can choose from a wide variety of deciduous and conifer trees and shrubs and specialized packets such as Nut Tree, Flowering Tree & Shrub, Wildflower, Butterfly and perennials. Tree size and age allows for you, the purchaser, to select what's right for your needs. We offer a range of quantities at reduced costs to promote conservation plantings.

Other items available through the program are fruit trees and wildlife habitat housing.

Trees and shrubs offered through the District program can be planted for a number of purposes such as wildlife habitat, windbreaks, hedges, screens and streambank and road bank stabilization.

To order, please contact the District Office at (845) 292-6552 and request the brochure and order form or go online at [sullivanswcd.org](http://sullivanswcd.org). The order deadline is Monday, April 11, 2016.

**New 'Bunting' for the Local SC Museum**

"New bunting" for the roof is coming, - blue tarp like in so many other places in the county will gleam from the highest peak on the oldest schoolhouse in Hurleyville. The roof is leaking and 'new' bunting in the form of big plastic sheets is covering the most important Historical artifacts on the second floor. The volunteers there all are protecting the treasures twice or three time as old as they are. Sullivan County history buffs are a dedicated people, working under the most diligent rules of perfection. Storing things so they can be found when needed is an art and a devotion. The Historical society needs one or two new volunteers willing to add some 'hands' and a good mind' and preserve the work of historical factors.

"New bunting" is what is needed" I said this morning! In great agony the retort was: "Yes, but I don't want to be the one putting it up."

Two or three exhibits are being planned for the summer, moving rooms around with content to be chosen-a-new or with restoration of 'old' treasures. Museums are an important link of all that remains of some past event.

Putting up one or two truly historical signs requires a drill and some know-how, it may require stepping on a ladder and working with a volunteer older than he or she is, and sometime as old as the sign itself. Capable students in search of volunteer satisfaction might find the work rewarding, regardless of age. There is no greater satisfaction than being part of the future while preserving the past.

Age is a funny thing, it affords people time to volunteer for a grand effort of treasuring what otherwise will be lost to young people. Age also is an issue at the museum in ways that only volunteers can appreciate who care to make a difference for generations to come, be it appreciating 'old' things or preserving worthy memories for future generations.

Some volunteers are needed to go on a list for the occasion when they would be called to drill two screws into the street sign picked up and saved for posterity, or to put up 'new bunting' for a 'great opening' of several new vinyets of 'historical' rooms, or memorabilia displays planned for this coming summer.

New bunting is a metaphor but also a means to make a meaningful contribution for anyone willing to pick up a phone and volunteer some time. Bunting can be all sort of involvement, making a place look pretty.

Time to maybe water some flowers, or pull some weeds once or twice a season, or in advance of the Grand Openings.. Ha-ha, grand???? Maybe not so much, yet still of great importance to keep the Sullivan County Historical Museum as a spec of dust on current Historical maps (tong in cheek.) If you can share your time now or later, will you please call 845 434 8044 and leave your name there. Pat or Donna will call you back.

**Nature Column - Linda Comando**  
A tribute to the memory of all of the *Townsmen* ladies that we have lost and loved so much... Peggy DeWire, Avril Pappa, Joan Hall, Polly Hill and Joyce Lockhart.

**Love Doves**

Doves are a year-round symbol of peace and also a romantic Valentine's Day symbol of love. Why are these birds considered so lovey-dovey?

The association dates back to the Middle Ages, when people believed that all birds chose their mates on



Valentine's Day. The dove was singled out to represent romance. According to Greek mythology, they associated the small, white bird with Aphrodite, the goddess of love, known in Roman mythology as Venus. Aphrodite/Venus is often depicted with doves fluttering around her or resting on her hand. The Greeks and Romans worshiped doves for their apparent affection they show to one another. Building a nest together and raising their young together, doves mate for life creating an image of devoted, loving birds. In today's times, the use of doves at weddings can be traced to ancient Greek and Roman times when doves were a gift to the groom from the bride. In biblical passages, the appearance of the white dove came to symbolize purity, fidelity, and love.

It won't be long and we will soon be hearing the familiar woeful sound, "oo-ah cooo-cooo-coo," from dawn to dusk, of the Mourning Doves signaling they have returned to the Catskills.

During courtship of the young birds, the male flies up with noisy wing beats and then goes into long circular glide, wings fully spread and slightly bowed down. On the ground a male dove will rigidly approach a female with his chest puffed out, bowing and giving an unconditional cooing song. Once mated pairs may preen each other's feathers. The male will lead the female to a potential nest site, however it will be the female who chooses site. The male will bring the material and the female will build a flimsy platform of twigs on a building ledge, or other structure usually lower than 40 feet above the ground.

The female dove then lays her eggs. It is almost always just two. The pair take turns sitting on the eggs during incubation that takes just two weeks. When the young hatch, males and females work together to feed their new babies something called "crop milk" or "pigeon milk" for the first few days of their life. Rich in protein and fat, it resembles cottage cheese. It is secreted by the adults' crop lining, and is regurgitated to the little ones. Weaning is fast and completed by the fourth day of life when the diet of the baby birds starts to segue to seeds. By two weeks old, the youngsters are nearly fledged, meaning they have wing feathers that are large enough for flight. The young will leave the nest, usually staying nearby to be fed for next 1-2 weeks. Mourning Doves raise three or more broods in a single breeding season. In the south where it is warm, they may raise up to six broods a year.

Doves feed almost entirely on seeds favoring cultivated grains, grasses and ragweeds. They forage mostly on the ground. It is common to see Mourning Doves gather under your bird feeder where seeds that have dropped. They will fill their crop with seeds, then digest them while resting. Individual birds can hold up to 7,500 seeds providing an economic benefit by controlling weed populations!

The genus name, *Zenaida macroura*, was given to this group of doves in 1838 by the French zoologist Charles L. Bonaparte in honor of his loving wife, Princess Zenaide Charlotte Julie Bonaparte.

The Mourning Dove is from 11 to 13 inches long, with a wingspan of 17 to 19 inches. Weights range from 4.5 to 6 ounces. They're delicate brown to buff-tan overall, with black spots on the wings and black-bordered white tips to the tail feathers. Males have a bluish crown and nape, and a rose wash to the throat and breast. The crown and nape of the female is grayish brown, and the throat and breast has a brownish or tan wash.

The reputation of the Dove as symbols of love is still strong today. These traits have endeared the Dove to us, and continue to establish a place in romantic literature and art as a symbol of devoted love and peace.

May your Valentine's Day be filled with love.

**Happy Valentine's Day!**

**Household Hints**

**Salt Sense**

If your starting your Spring Cleaning early this year, try polish that dusty old kerosene lamp with salt for a brighter look.



## Run You Down

## Mysterious Book Report No. 228

by John Dwaine McKenna



The word *Haredi* is literally translated from the Hebrew as "One who trembles in awe at the word of God." The *Haredim* are "Members of any various Orthodox Jewish sects characterized by strict adherence to the traditional form of Jewish Law and the rejection of modern secular culture," according to the Oxford Dictionary of English language. The Hasidim, or Hasidics, are one branch of the Haredi and they are all, by definition, a cult. Cults are dedicated, highly restrictive and generally patriarchal, or male-dominated in nature, as exemplified by the Amish, Hare Krishna, fundamentalist Mormon, Islamist or Christian sects which come in all stripes and sizes, and all of which have lists of dos and don't-dos and taboos that are as long as your leg and designed to enforce absolute conformity to a strict set of rules. It's a stifling environment that crushes free will. But some still struggle to free themselves from those cults at the risk of losing all that they know and love because they will be shunned by family and friends alike. They'll be forced to cope with and live in an alien, unfamiliar world they're unprepared for because they've been prevented from interacting with it by the cult leaders and the cult rules. In extreme cases, those who attempt to leave may be faced with the threat of physical harm . . . up to and including death.

*Run You Down*, (Minotaur Books, \$25.99, 278 pages, ISBN 978-1-250-04340-5) by Julia Dahl is the second book in her acclaimed and Edgar nominated series featuring a young, New York City based tabloid reporter named Rebekah Roberts, whose father is a Christian minister in Florida and whose mother is a Hassadic woman who abandoned both father and newborn baby nearly three decades earlier. As a reporter, Rebekah has roots in both communities, but knowledge of only the father who raised her. As an adult, she wants to know why her mother abandoned her.

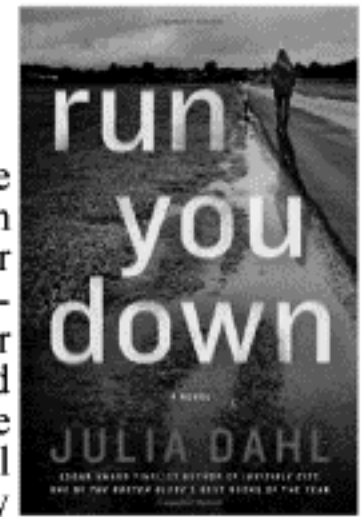
In her first book entitled *Invisible City*, (Mysterious Book Report No. 187) Rebekah investigates and reports on the murder of an ultra-orthodox Jewish woman and searches unsuccessfully for her estranged mother. Unbeknownst to her, the story was avidly followed by the Hassidic communities in Brooklyn and a number of upstate orthodox enclaves in Rockland, Orange, Sullivan, Ulster and Greene counties as well. That all changes when a Hassidic man in the orthodox haven of Roseville contacts Rebekah and asks her to look into his wife's death. It's been called a suicide which he disputes, but is unable to properly investigate because of the restrictions imposed by his religious beliefs. The case appears simple enough at first; the woman, named Pessie Goldin, was found in her bathtub and apparently drowned. Her family is calling it a tragic accident, but the facts just don't add up, and the more Rebekah discovers, the more she's drawn into a murky, secret world of people who've gotten 'off the path' of ultra-orthodoxy . . . just like her mother. It doesn't take long before she's drawn ever deeper into a dangerous, and life-threatening series of events which immerse her into a clandestine sub-culture peopled with racism, white supremacists, her missing mother, and an ex-convict uncle she never even knew existed. She struggles to uncover an elusive truth, as well as the facts of a most insular society, determined to keep its age-old traditions.

Julia Dahl is an inspired writer whose work will leave you with a keen insight into the closed society of the Hasidim and an understanding of the demons that family can impose. Bravo! And five stars! Julia's a keeper, a wordsmith of the first magnitude and an author I'll be watching and reading for a long time to come. And please . . . let your friends know, You saw it in the Mysterious Book Report . . .

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### GNH Lumber Gets CWC Grant to Study Possible Relocation

The Catskill Watershed Corp. Board of Directors on February 2 authorized a Flood Hazard Mitigation Implementation (FHMI) grant of \$15,000 to the Town of Windham to study the feasibility of relocating an anchor business out of the floodplain.

Moving GNH Lumber out of the Batavia Kill floodplain is one of the recommendations in the Local Flood Analysis (LFA) for the hamlet of Windham. The LFA indicates that lowering the elevation in that area off Main Street will reduce flood elevations elsewhere in the community.

GNH Lumber, which includes a large lumber yard, storage facility and retail/office complex, has been seriously damaged in previous floods, most recently during Tropical Storm Irene in 2011. The study will examine relocation options, infrastructure needs and other issues to determine if benefits outweigh potential costs.

Greene County Industrial Development Agency (IDA) will provide additional funding for this feasibility study.

In other action, the CWC Board voted to allow rolling submissions of applications to the FHMI grant program, rather than restricting awards to twice a year.

The Board also approved reimbursement of eligible costs of stormwater control designs incurred by Nick Bove Enterprises for an addition to Windham Mountain Outfitters; Windham Foursome for a 10-lot subdivision; and to homeowners Chris Barber (Windham) and Andrew Penson (Tannersville) for stormwater practices required for their properties.

On the economic development front, the CWC Board

o voted to continue its contract with SUNY Ulster to partially fund the salary of a full-time business counselor who helps Watershed entrepreneurs develop business and marketing plans. This service is provided at no cost to the businessperson.

o authorized \$30,000 to help administer and promote the Recreational Boating Program on New York City reservoirs in 2016. The CWC has actively supported this popular program since its inception in 2010.

The CWC is a non-profit, Local Development Corporation responsible for several environmental protection, economic development and education programs in the New York City Watershed West of the Hudson River. [www.cwconline.org](http://www.cwconline.org)

### Meeting of Long Term Care Council

The Long Term Care Council is the advisory board for SULLIVAN NYCONNECTS, the single Point of Entry for information on long term services and supports in Sullivan County. The next meeting of the Long Term Care Council will be Wednesday, February 17, from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. in the Legislative Committee Room (2nd floor) in the Sullivan County Government Center. Meetings of the Long Term Care Council are open to the public and all are welcome to attend.

For further information about the Long Term Care Council, please contact Martha Scoppa, Point of Entry Coordinator, SULLIVAN NYCONNECTS, Office for the Aging, 100 North Street, P.O. Box 5012, Monticello, New York 12701 or (845) 807-0257.

### BOCES to offer Soups and Flatbreads Cooking Class

MONTICELLO - The Adult and Continuing Education Program at Sullivan BOCES is offering two Soups and Flatbreads Cooking classes, on February 11th and February 16th. Both classes will run from 6:00 to 9:00 pm at the Rubin Pollack Education Center in Liberty NY in the Culinary Arts Kitchen. The cost of each class is \$30 plus \$18 materials fee.

Join Chef Kathy Poppo for a night of soups, flatbreads, and fun! Leave full, happy and with some go-to recipes to use throughout the year. Dress appropriately and bring an apron for participation.

To register or for more information, contact the Adult and Continuing Education Program at (845) 295-4915 between the hours of 8:30 am and 7:00 pm or visit us at [sbooces.org](http://sbooces.org). For program updates Like Sullivan County BOCES on Facebook and follow us on Twitter.

### Winter Gardening Class Series Continues with Microgreens

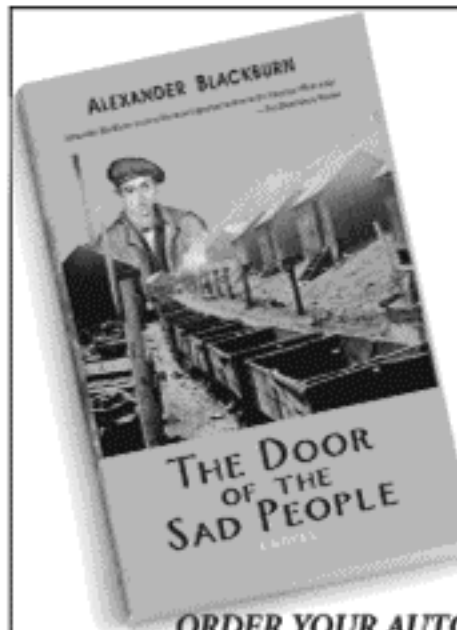
LIBERTY, NY- New and seasoned gardeners alike can take advantage of a winter series of horticulture classes offered in the new year that continues with a hands-on Growing Microgreens workshop on Thursday, February 25, 2016. Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County (CCESC)'s Master Gardener Volunteer (MGV) program will host this class from 5:30 to 7:30 pm at its Gerald J. Skoda Extension Education Center on 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road in Liberty.

Dayna Valenti-Gaeta, CCESC community horticulture program educator will team up with Ari Mir-Pontier, MGU to present on the various types of microgreens, the methods of growing hydroponically vs. in soil, plus basic care and harvesting techniques. Each participant will choose from microgreens of arugula, broccoli, sweet clover, radishes, or sweet lettuce that they can plant in a container to bring home.

Microgreens are the young shoots of vegetables, just after the first leaves have developed. Consumed within 14 days, these shoots are known to be nutritious powerhouses that can be used as garnish on salad, sandwiches, and soup. Microgreens can be easily grown at home, at the office, or even in a small college dormitory room!

Cost is \$20 per person or \$15 per CCESC enrollee. Anyone can enroll in CCESC with an annual contribution of \$25 per household. Space is limited and pre-registration with non-refundable payment is required in advance. Seats are only guaranteed with payment. Scholarships are available to the public for this educational program, made possible through generous donations from Sullivan Renaissance.

Registration and more information can be completed by calling CCESC at 845-292-6180, emailing [sullivan@cornell.edu](mailto:sullivan@cornell.edu), or visiting [www.sullivancee.org](http://www.sullivancee.org). Payment can be made in advance by check, cash, or credit. Additional donations for CCESC programs are appreciated.



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## The Olive Jar - By Carol LaMonda

### Judie Makes Lumpy Gravy

Contemplating a talk with a local woman's group about how to begin writing, I began to think about my own advice which is: "Write what you know and feel. Record a memory." Life is just a bunch snapshots and anecdotes. Sometimes they can arrange themselves into a book or film, but, for the most part, they are just memories worth retelling or recording in writing. The memory that came to my mind was Judie Rank's lumpy gravy. Now, Judie was an excellent cook. If you were lucky enough to be invited over for her husband Henry's favorite birthday dinner, you were treated to melt-in-your-mouth sauerbraten. We were lucky enough; however, something went wrong with the gravy. Too many smushed ginger snaps or something. Being such a wonderful cook, Judie kept apologizing for her gravy. It tasted just fine but was too "lumpy."

My husband, the eternal joker, drove to our local gas station in Boiceville, which was across the street from the high school and run by Paul and Mirella Bresciani. He asked if they would put something up on their billboard. "Of course, they said." The next morning when Judie drove by the gas station to work at the school, she saw in capital letters: "JUDIE RANK MAKES LUMPY GRAVY."

Since Henry's birthday was in November and the snow came early and furious that year, the billboard was soon stuck in a snow bank. No one changed the message for months. "Judie Rank Makes Lumpy Gravy" stood at the edge of busy Route 28 for all hunters and skiers to see until early spring.

Judie, Henry, Paul and Mirella are gone, but as characters in this vignette they live on. Wish I could have another helping of that sauerbraten with LUMPY GRAVY again.

## UC Executive Mike Hein Invites Ellenville's Commercial Building Owners to Apply for the Ellenville Million Main Street Façade Revitalization Grant Program

Ellenville, NY - Ulster County Executive Mike Hein announced today that the Main Street Façade Grant Program, which is an integral part of his Ellenville Million initiative, is now accepting applications.

Ulster County Executive Mike Hein, "We have seen throughout our country that renovated Main Streets attract tourists and help spur economic development," said Ulster County Executive Hein. "For these reasons, the Ellenville Million Program included a Main Street Façade Revitalization Grant Program that can help Ellenville's building owners to maintain attractive and code compliant buildings. The rules and application for this program are available on the County's website."

Mayor Jeff Kaplan, Village of Ellenville, "In the Village of Ellenville's ongoing efforts to revitalize our downtown business community, we are excited to announce an initiative established by County Executive Hein that provides assistance to downtown business owners for renovating their building exteriors," said Mayor Kaplan. "We encourage all business owners in the downtown district to consider projects that will qualify for these funds."

Applications must be received by the Village of Ellenville Clerk by the last day of March, 2016 and all façade improvements approved by the Village of Ellenville must be completed within 4 months of final approval. The maximum award amount is \$10,000. To qualify for the Main Street Façade Program applications must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Existing commercial buildings located in the business district of Ellenville that comprises the 14 blocks located:
- East/West between Childs Street and Water Street
- North/South between Warren Street and Spring Street
- Façade improvements must meet the requirements of Chapter 228-6 of Zoning and Design Standards, Facades and Fenestration of the Village of Ellenville. See: <http://ecode360.com/13591169>
- A cash match equal to 50% percent of the award is required.
- Applicants must demonstrate financial capacity to meet the program match-funding requirements, and must be current on all property taxes, mortgages and insurance.

**To download the application and rules, please visit:**  
<http://ulstercountyny.gov/economic-development/ulster-county-economic-development/alliance/ellenville-million>

Applications can be sent to the attention of Noreen Dechon, Village Clerk, at 2 Elting Court, Ellenville, NY 12428. If you have questions about the application process, please call Joe Stoeckeler, Village Manager, at 845-647-7080 x303.

### The Ellenville Million includes funds that can be used in the following 9 program areas:

1. Defray the costs of the needed water and sewer infrastructure improvements that will allow new and existing business to access needed water and sewer;
2. Establish an Economic Development Fund for developers and new business enterprises within the Village and Town to apply for assistance in defraying engineering costs and other necessary costs associated with potential new development;
3. Tourism promotion;
4. Expansion of outdoor recreational opportunities such as rail trails, town and village parks including pavilions, expanded parking, trail connections, and bathrooms;
5. Assistance to Shadowland Theatre for its planned renovations and to be used to leverage other available grants;
6. Use by the Hunt Memorial Preservation Committee to assist in the complete restoration of the Hunt Memorial Building and the establishment of a tourism center;
7. Main Street improvements and beautification projects in the downtown historic district to emphasize assets and complement the surrounding natural beauty and vistas;
8. Project management including allocations oversight; grant writing, liaison for public relations and marketing efforts and festivals/events; and
9. Provision of high speed internet such as high speed fiber within the US Rt. 209 corridor, critical public entities and businesses, schools, hospital, library, and other relevant sites.

## Olive Library Director's Message

Normally we have a comfortable, modest crowd for our Thursday night movie series. On January 7th well over 100 people packed in to watch The Walk and then ask Philippe Petit questions about what it was REALLY like walking on that tightrope between the World Trade Towers. We are so grateful to him for his generous appearance. Everyone was riveted.

We have just cataloged a local history collection of diaries written by Elwyn Davis who lived in West Shokan and kept a daily diary from the early 1900s through the 1970s. Mr. Davis wrote for the Daily Freeman and other local newspapers covering the Town of Olive. In the near future we will have one of the people responsible for transcribing and digitizing the diaries, Gina Giuliano, come and talk about the collection and the world Mr. Davis documented. We are in the process of putting the diaries on our website. You can see the first installment here.

On the library's website, down in the right hand corner there is now a virtual newsstand called Zinio. This is a digital collection of popular magazines that you can check out and download directly to your computer, phone, or other handheld device using your library card. There is a great selection of today's magazines.

We are considering using the library as a CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) pick up site. In a CSA people purchase a share of the harvest for the season and weekly receive a box of produce directly from the farmer. The produce is local and the farm we would use would be all organic. This can be inconvenient for people if they don't have time to drive out to the farm each week. Thus we are proposing to be a pick up site for your produce share. Tagliaferro Farms is an example of a local organic CSA. If you are interested, please send us an email.

At the end of February we will offer two opportunities for gathering for dinner and getting to know your neighbors. An Olive Boy Scout troop will offer the first of what will be a monthly free community dinner on February 25, and on February 27 we will have a potluck dinner, poetry reading and open mic night at the library. Please see more details below.

Finally, the Piano Plus Concert Series will begin March 12. Those who have attended these concerts know that we bring world-famous musicians right here to the Catskills for an intimate and affordable concert experience. See details below. See you at the library!

--Katie  
director@olivefreelibrary.org

### Olive Free Library February Calendar of Events

#### Thursday Night Movie Series

Everest Thursday, February 4, 6:00 p.m.  
*All Things Must Pass: The Rise and Fall of Tower Records* - Thursday, February 11, 6:00 p.m.  
*Suffragette* Thursday, February 18, 6:00 p.m.

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Thursday, February 11, 6 - 8 p.m. **Adult Coloring Club**

Saturday, February 13, 10:30 a.m. **Etsy Sellers Workshop**

Saturday, February 13, 10:30 a.m. **Lego Fun Projects!** Come do Lego projects at the library. We supply the Legos and a theme, you supply the creativity!

Saturday, February 13, 2:00 p.m. **Ancient Foods, Ancient Wisdom.**

Monday, February 15, 10:30 a.m. **Presidents Day Robinson Wildlife Live Animals**

Monday, February 15, 6:30 p.m. **Beekeeping Support Group** Te!

Wednesday, February 17, 7:00 p.m. **Library Board of Trustees Meeting** The library's board meetings are open to the public!

Saturday, February 20, 10:30 a.m. **Canning Workshop: Making Apple Chutney**

Saturday, February 20 3 p.m. **Frontline Documentary Screening: Being Mortal** 4 p.m. Book group discussion of book *Being Mortal* Come for the film, the book discussion, or both!

Thursday, February 25, 6-7:30 p.m. **Free Community Dinner**

Saturday, February 27, 2:00 p.m. **Art Opening: 4th Graders of Bennett Elementary**

Saturday, February 27, 6:00 p.m. **Poetry Reading & Open Mic + Potluck**

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**Statement from Governor Andrew Cuomo Regarding Indian Point Nuclear Facility**

On Sunday, Governor Cuomo made a statement regarding the Indian Point Nuclear Facility. "Yesterday I learned that radioactive tritium-contaminated water leaked into the groundwater at the Indian Point Nuclear facility. The company reported alarming levels of radioactivity at three monitoring wells, with one well's radioactivity increasing nearly 65,000 percent. The facility reports that the contamination has not migrated off site and as such does not pose an immediate threat to public health.

"Our first concern is for the health and safety of the residents close to the facility and ensuring the groundwater leak does not pose a threat. This latest failure at Indian Point is unacceptable and I have directed Department of Environmental Conservation Acting Commissioner Basil Seggos and Department of Health Commissioner Howard Zucker to fully investigate this incident and employ all available measures, including working with Nuclear Regulatory Commission, to determine the extent of the release, its likely duration, cause and potential impacts to the environment and public health."

The text of the Governor's letter directing Acting Commissioner Seggos and Commissioner Zucker to their begin investigation can be viewed below:

Dear Commissioners Zucker and Seggos:  
 I am deeply concerned to have learned that radioactive tritium-contaminated water has recently leaked from operations at the Entergy Indian Point Energy Center (Indian Point) into groundwater at the site. This is not the first such

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release of radioactive water at Indian Point, nor is this the first time that Indian Point has experienced significant failure in its operation and maintenance. This failure continues to demonstrate that Indian Point cannot continue to operate in a manner that is protective of public health and the environment.

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Our first concern is for the health and safety of the residents close to the facility and ensuring the groundwater leak does not pose a threat. As such, I am directing you to fully investigate this incident and employ all available measures, including working with Nuclear Regulatory Commission, to determine the extent of the release, its likely duration, its causes, its potential impacts to the environment and public health, and how the release can be contained. We need to identify whether this incident could have been avoided by exercising reasonable care. We also need to know how a recurrence of this episode can be avoided by specific steps that Entergy should be taking.

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- o Academic subject matter taught with relevance to the real world
- o Employability skills, from job-related skills to workplace ethics
- o Education for additional training and degrees, especially related to workplace training, skills upgrades and career advancement
- o Second-chance education and training

Studies have shown that high school students who attend career and technical training during high school demonstrate higher levels of success in post-secondary education and employment. During a time when many college students can't find a job after graduation, this group of high school seniors is catching the eyes of future employers.

In Sullivan County, 32% of high school juniors and seniors attend the Career and Technical Education Center at Sullivan BOCES. Even though each student chooses to enter their respective CTE program for a different reason, they are acquiring the knowledge, work ethic and skills necessary to succeed in post-secondary education, the work force or the military.

Career & Tech offers high school students the opportunity to learn job skills through instruction, hands-on experience and internships. All of our programs align with 21st century industry and learning standards, which foster college and career readiness.

Each of our programs includes articulation agreements with two and four year colleges or trade schools. This affords the students the opportunity to earn college credit toward an associate or bachelor degree.

The Career & Tech Center at Sullivan BOCES strives to work with students to help them develop into responsible, qualified professionals preparing them to become the leaders of tomorrow.

For more information on the programs available through the Career and Technical Education Center visit our website at [www.scboces.org](http://www.scboces.org) or call 295-4152. For program updates, like Sullivan County BOCES on Facebook and follow us on Twitter.





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Ulster Ballet to Host Metropolitan and Regional Dance Companies at its 33rd Annual FESTIVAL OF DANCE

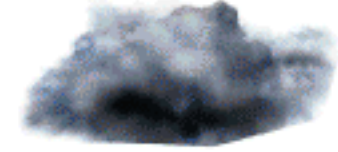


On Saturday, March 19th, 2016 at 8 p.m., the Ulster Ballet Company will proudly present The 33rd Annual Festival of Dance, to be held at Ulster Performing Arts Center (UPAC) in Kingston, NY. Since 1983, the festival has showcased both aspiring and professional dancers and choreographers, with a diverse range of styles and techniques. Each year, its stunning, original programs captivate dance enthusiasts of all ages. There are very few dance pro-

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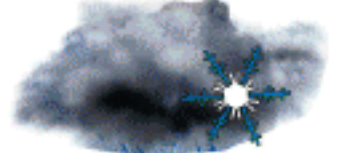
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ductions in the Hudson Valley where one can experience phenomenal, first-rate dancing of so many different genres, all in one night!

The Festival of Dance is an electrifying, explosive, and dynamic coming together of dance companies and dance styles from around the metropolitan area and around the region. Highlighted will be performances by returning favorites: Silver Screen Ballroom, Syncopated City Dance Company, The Ellen Sinopoli Dance Company, Energy Dance Company, and our own Ulster Ballet Company. Also performing in this high quality, original program will be newcomer, NEVILLE Dance Theatre.

From the metropolitan area comes Silver Screen Ballroom, partner dancing at its best, in the style of movie greats, Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers. Syncopated City Dance Company, a dynamic New York City Company, takes its inspiration from the jazz era of the 1920s to the 1950s. From the Albany region comes The Ellen Sinopoli Dance Company presenting provocative contemporary modern dance, is celebrating their 25th performance season. From the Mid-Hudson Valley comes, Energy Dance Company, sure to excite the audience with its entertaining versions of Hip-Hop, Reggae and Latin Dance Styles. The Ulster Ballet, who will not only be hosting the event, but will be presenting original choreography as well.

New to Festival this year is NEVILLE Dance Theatre. Neville Dance Theatre has been hailed as "compelling," "imaginative," and a "pure delight" by both critics and patrons alike for over 10 years. Founded in 2006 in New York City by international performer and choreographer Brenda R. Neville, the company excels in bringing innovative and emotionally charged contemporary dance works that explore our shared world and the vastness of the human spirit to audiences of all ages.

Tune in to WKNY (1490 AM) radio to hear all the exciting details about Ulster Ballet Company's 33rd annual Festival of Dance! Don't miss Speak Out on Saturday, March 12, 2016 from 9 a.m. - 11 a.m., and the A.M. Drive with Warren Lawrence on Tuesday, March 15, 2016 at 9:10 a.m. Be sure to listen to WKNY for a chance to win free tickets to the show.

Then come out and support the Ulster Ballet Company at Kingston's St. Patrick's Day Parade on Sunday, March 13th, 2016. The parade steps off from the Kingston Plaza in the historic stockade area of uptown Kingston and continues through the City of Kingston to the Rondout section of town. (Contd. Pg. 11)

Fallsburg Families Make Winter Carnival Awesome

(From Pg. 1) The Fallsburg Central School District Wellness Committee partnered with the Town of Fallsburg Parks and Recreation Department to organize the event. The intention was to have an enjoyable time in the outdoors during the middle of winter and have healthy activities to get bodies, young and old, moving and to cultivate some rosy cheeks.

With the help of dozens of volunteers from the Fallsburg schools, parents, and community and with donations of hot dogs and buns, hot chocolate, and some ethnic delicacies, families were grateful for everyone serving them. The Parks staff welcomed people and directed them to the ample parking lots, they kept the bonfire going for warmth and the safe toasting of marshmallows, and they drove dozens through the park on a hay wagon trailer.

Town councilmen Arnold Seletsky and Mike (aptly named) Weiner cooked the hot dogs donated by Murray's Chickens in the kitchen and brought them out to Valerie Sitz, to be placed on the donated buns from Stewart's Shoppes. Valerie's daughter Amani, who is a substitute teacher in Fallsburg, made fresh popcorn right next to her mom. The SYDA Foundation provided the hot chocolate.

Also providing continuous entertainment were Party Masters, with Corey Gips as DJ and a very popular bouncy house that could hardly contain the exuberant children present.

The Park had dozens of ice skates, and kids and parents alike were lacing up and heading out to the special skating rink cleared near the lake area. Jack Halchak, Jr., was out on the big lake showing people how to ice fish. Physical Ed teachers from FCSD were playing games with kids on snow shoes on the frozen grass; other kids were playing volleyball, soccer, ice golf, broom ball on the frozen lake, and Frisbee games.

The FHS Cheerleaders were entertaining the entire time, from holding the American flag aloft with two pyramids during the National Anthem, to cheerleading during the four hour long event, and face-painting small children, including the young daughter of their Faculty Advisor Kiffanie Rogers-Sanchez. Spanish teacher Angela Hist danced along with the Hispanic American United Club that she advises, and they enticed many to join in and enjoy foods from their native lands.

To see the joy in people's faces, go to the school web site www.fallsburgcsd.net once photos are edited and downloaded. It was a memorable day of celebration for the Town of Fallsburg. The organizers can't wait to meet and start thinking about next year's event. They know now that it can be a success with or without snow.



Ellen Levine and Grandson Braydan



Camdyn Hoefling coming down the slide at the bouncy house





**Autism Family Support Weekends at Frost Valley YMCA**

Frost Valley YMCA is hosting two Autism Family Support Weekends this year: March 18-20 and June 10-12. These fun and inclusive weekends provide families with the opportunity to meet others like them for friendship and support, while enjoying quality time in nature. Plus, the weekend is free for the family member with autism.



Nearly one in 68 children has been identified with autism spectrum disorder (ASD), according to estimates from the Center for Disease Control's Autism and Developmental Disabilities Monitoring Network. Because of this, it's important to ensure that families with a child or parent on the spectrum can enjoy quality time together within a supportive environment.

Given Frost Valley's commitment to inclusiveness, individuals with autism are always welcome to participate in weekend programs or summer camps, but this weekend is especially geared to support families, with the assurance that they are part of a community who understands their journey. Guests experience a variety of activities, such as climbing, hiking, canoeing, crafts, sports, and more. Programs also include sensory activities and games to engage guests who are on the spectrum and encourage children to develop relationships and build confidence while trying new things. With advance notice, Frost Valley can accommodate guests' needs for other specially adapted programming. In addition, group classes and gatherings allow family members to share advice, stories, and knowledge about the disorder in a way that is both social and educational.

Please call in advance to reserve your family for this weekend, which is free for the family member with autism. Reservations for lodging can be made by calling 845-985-2291 and more information can be found at FrostValley.org.

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**Call to Artists** (From Pg. 1) All entries must include a completed application form (available at all Jeff Bank branches, online at [www.jeffbank.com](http://www.jeffbank.com) or by contacting [info@catskillartsociety.org](mailto:info@catskillartsociety.org)), a CD with a maximum of four high-resolution images in digital, horizontal JPEG format (at least 3,000 by 2,000 pixels), and a signed photo release. There is a contest entry fee of \$5 payable to CAS.



*This photograph by Pat Ashley was selected for the cover of the 2016 Jeff Bank Calendar.*

All entries must be hand delivered to the CAS Arts Center at 48 Main Street, Livingston Manor, NY or mailed to CAS, PO Box 991, Livingston Manor, NY 12758 by Friday, April 15.

This initiative is an ongoing partnership between the Catskill Art Society (CAS) and Jeff Bank, started in 2009 to support the local arts community and to give talented photographers a venue to share their work with the public.

If you have any questions, please contact Bradley Diuguid at 845-436-4227 or [info@catskillartsociety.org](mailto:info@catskillartsociety.org). Saturday, March 12 - Photography Workshop 2-4pm - For the first time ever, the Catskill Art Society will offer a free photography workshop for anyone interested in submitting for the annual Jeff Bank Calendar Photo Contest. Participants will learn from a panel of expert artists and curators about the craft of taking photos outdoors, tips for editing, and insider info about what the jury panel is looking for. This workshop is free, but advance registrations are encouraged. To register, email [info@catskillartsociety.org](mailto:info@catskillartsociety.org) or call 845-436-4227.

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**About the Catskill Art Society**

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

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

**'Brooklyn' Nominated for Three Academy Awards at Callicoon Theater**



Delaware Valley Arts Alliance and the Callicoon Theater present John Crowley's critically acclaimed new film Brooklyn (PG-13) starring Saoirse Ronan, based on the novel by Colm Toibin and screenplay by Nick Hornby.

Brooklyn, which is nominated for three Academy Awards including Best Picture, Best Actress, and Best Writing, tells the profoundly moving story of Eilis Lacey (Saoirse Ronan), a young Irish immigrant navigating her way through 1950s Brooklyn. Lured by the promise of America, Eilis departs Ireland and the comfort of her mother's home for the shores of New York City. The initial shackles of homesickness quickly diminish as a fresh romance sweeps Eilis into the intoxicating charm of love. But soon, her new vivacity is disrupted by her past, and Eilis must choose between two countries and the lives that exist within.

Michael Phillips of the Chicago Tribune said "It's one of the most satisfying films of 2015." (Contd. Pg. 11)

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## Ulster Ballet to Host Metropolitan and Regional Dance Companies at its 33rd Annual FESTIVAL OF DANCE (From Pg. 8)

Tickets for Ulster Ballet's Festival of Dance are \$22 for adults, \$18 for seniors and UPAC/Bardavon members, and \$15 for children under 12. Discounted tickets are available to groups of 10 or more. To purchase tickets, call the UPAC box office at 845-339-6088; visit Ticketmaster at ticketmaster.com, or call 800-745-3000.

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

The Ulster Ballet Company is a non-profit organization that has been bringing area residents innovative and creative dance entertainment since 1977. For further information, visit [www.ulsterballet.org](http://www.ulsterballet.org) or call 845-246-4316.

## Governor Cuomo Warns Consumers of New Tax Season Scams - Be wary of fraudulent calls from individuals posing as Treasury representatives - New webpage launched for New Yorkers to report scams, fraud, and identity theft

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo alerted consumers to new tax season scams from individuals posing as Treasury representatives. Over the past several weeks, taxpayers, as well as tax preparers, have received calls from scammers claiming to be from the U.S. and New York State Treasury Departments. The Governor also announced the launch of a new website for New Yorkers to report scams, fraudulent activity, and identity theft.

"Our administration is committed to protecting consumers from scammers who seek to prey on hardworking New Yorkers," Governor Cuomo said. "New Yorkers need to remain vigilant, be skeptical of anyone seeking to solicit personal information, and report any suspicious activity to the appropriate authorities."

The scams target taxpayers, as well as tax preparers. Governor Cuomo urged taxpayers to be wary of three new scams emerging early in the tax season:

1. Scammers posing as NYS or U.S. Treasury representatives - Callers posing as NYS Treasury agents encourage victims to turn over their bank account information along with \$250 in return for a larger sum of cash to come at a later date. To make themselves appear more convincing, the scammers provide the victim with a phone number, address, and confirmation code specific to the transaction. New Yorkers have also received calls from individuals posing as U.S. Treasury agents.

2. Pocketing Affordable Care Act penalties - Uninsured New Yorkers may face another tax scam involving penalties under the Affordable Care Act. In some cases, untrustworthy tax preparers tell clients to pay the penalties directly to them, and they keep the money. Taxpayers should never make a tax payment directly to an individual or tax preparer. Payments should be made only with a tax return or in response to a letter from the IRS.

3. Tax preparers become the targets - Tax preparers also need to remain vigilant. Recent scams are targeting the preparers via phone calls demanding client information. In these cases, scammers pretend to be from the IRS in hopes of gaining usernames and passwords to taxpayer accounts.

To help New Yorkers protect themselves, Governor Cuomo offered the following tips:

o Don't be fooled by callers who threaten you or ask for personal information. Thieves posing as IRS agents or Tax Department employees use this time of year to prey on taxpayers. Be sure you only give your personal information-including your social security number-to someone you trust. Remember, the NYS Tax Department and the IRS will always send you a letter before contacting you by phone or email about a tax debt. Don't agree to meet anyone who claims to be a tax representative and insists you pay a debt in person.

o Beware of "phishing" emails. Taxpayers may receive emails that bear fictitious government logos that offer assistance in settling fake tax issues. The NYS Tax Department and IRS will never request personal or financial information by email. Taxpayers can protect themselves against these bogus emails by not clicking on any links and instead going straight to the IRS or Tax Department website.

o Avoid identity theft. Your tax return contains personal information, including your social security number, that identity thieves and scammers seek. To prevent your sensitive information from being compromised, only give it to a tax preparer you trust and regularly monitor your bank account for suspicious activity.

o Report it - If you believe that you've been contacted by someone attempting a scam, have been the victim of fraud or identity theft, or suspect a tax preparer is engaging in illegal activities, visit the Tax Department's new fraud webpage to learn how to report it.

In 2015, the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance flagged more than 291,000 suspicious income tax returns saving taxpayers \$500 million. If criminal activity is suspected, it's investigated and, if appropriate, referred to criminal prosecutors.

## 'Brooklyn' Nominated for Three Academy Awards at Callicoon Theater (From Pg. 9)

"Brooklyn is easily the year's best and most beguiling love story," wrote Peter Travers in Rolling Stone.

And Ty Burr in the Boston Globe said "It is a beautiful film to experience."

Brooklyn will screen Friday, February 12 through Tuesday, February 16, nightly at 7:30 p.m., with matinees at 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. The Callicoon Theater is located at 30 Upper Main St, Callicoon, NY. Admission is \$10.50 (\$8.50 admission on Mondays and matinees) and \$7 for children under 12 at all shows.

CineArt is a partnership between Delaware Valley Arts Alliance and the Callicoon Theater that promotes and screens independent, foreign, and art films. A percentage of the profits and \$1 per person from ticket sales benefit the programs and services of the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance, the Arts Council for Sullivan County. For more information, call (845) 887-4460 or visit [www.DelawareValleyArtsAlliance.org](http://www.DelawareValleyArtsAlliance.org).

## New Exhibit Pays Tribute to Ten African-American Activists Who Fought for Social Justice

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced the grand opening of a new Black History Month exhibit honoring African-American leaders who brought forth social change and helped shape a better world for New Yorkers and all Americans. The exhibit is located in the War Room on the second floor of the New York State Capitol, and will run through the end of February.

"This month we proudly honor visionary African-American leaders who fought for social justice and helped build a better future for all New Yorkers," Governor Cuomo said. "The legacy of these inspiring leaders will never be forgotten, and it is my hope and expectation that those visiting the State Capitol will come away with a greater appreciation of our state's history and the incredible contributions of these outstanding men and women."

The new exhibit depicts the history of the civil rights movement, including the desegregation of the armed forces, mass transit, and public schools. The exhibit also illustrates the fight for better access to higher education and jobs for minorities, in addition to other forms of social progress that still resonate today.

In total, ten African-American leaders are being recognized for their accomplishments, including:

1. Elizabeth Jennings Graham: Schoolteacher who stood up for her right to ride a streetcar, leading to the desegregation of the New York City transit system.
2. James Weldon Johnson: Leading figure in the creation and development of the Harlem Renaissance and the first African American professor at New York University.
3. Florynce Rae "Flo" Kennedy: Civil rights advocate who founded the Feminist Party and the National Black Feminist Organization.
4. Bill Lynch: Political advisor and strategist who played a key role in former New York City Mayor David Dinkins' election and major achievements.
5. Norman McConney Jr.: Political advisor dedicated to advancing higher education opportunities for minority students.
6. Constance Baker Motley: The first African American woman to serve in the New York State Senate and the first to serve as a federal judge.
7. Philip Randolph: Social activist whose March on Washington movement helped to end segregation in the armed services.
8. Charlotte E. Ray: The first female African American lawyer in the United States and the first woman to argue a case before the U.S. Supreme Court.
9. Cleveland Robinson: Labor leader who chaired and helped to organize the famous March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom.
10. Maria Stewart: The first African American woman to lecture publicly and the first to lecture about women's rights.

The Black History Month exhibit is free and open to the public. For more information about visiting the New York State Capitol, please go to: <http://www.ogs.ny.gov/esp/ct/tours/Capitol.asp>

## Governor Cuomo Launches 'Faces of Addictions/Face of Hope' Public Service Announcement During the Super Bowl 50 - New PSA to Combat the Stigma Associated with Addiction Airs Statewide This Month

At the Super Bowl 50 on Sunday, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo announced the launch of a new public service announcement to educate New Yorkers about the disease of addiction and inform them that help is available. The 30-second PSA will debut today during Super Bowl 50 on the Capital Region CBS affiliate, and will air statewide through television and digital media starting Feb. 15. This is the latest addition to the Governor's multi-faceted campaign to expand public awareness about addiction.

"Addiction can afflict anyone from any walk of life," Governor Cuomo said. "Through this campaign we are building on this administration's ongoing efforts to combat substance abuse and ensure that all New Yorkers have access to the resources they need to help them on the road to recovery."

The PSA, available in English and Spanish, features New Yorkers in recovery who discuss their past alcohol or drug misuse. It shows the progression of addiction from one substance to another and, in an effort to encourage those who suffer from substance use disorders to seek help, it calls on viewers to "Stop the Stigma" often associated with addiction. The PSA directs those who need help for or more information about addiction disorders to the New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services website.

NYS OASAS Commissioner Arlene González-Sánchez said, "There is no one face that identifies addiction. The disease of addiction can affect people of all races and socioeconomic status. We have to help broaden the understanding that addiction is a disease, just like any other chronic disease, however, treatment is available and recovery is possible. This PSA will help more New Yorkers realize they are not alone, and that we are here to help them take that first step to begin treatment and start on a path toward recovery."

Since Governor Cuomo signed historic legislation into law in 2014 to address the heroin and opioid crisis, many advances have been made to ensure individuals have access to the substance use disorder care they need, raise awareness among New Yorkers about addiction, and connect families and communities affected by addiction with services and supports.

New Yorkers struggling with an addiction, or whose loved ones are struggling, can find help and hope by calling the State's HOPEline at 1-877-8-HOPENY (1-877-846-7369) or by texting HOPENY (Short Code 467369). Find an OASAS-certified substance use disorder treatment provider by using the OASAS Bed Availability Dashboard or by visiting the NYS OASAS Find Help web page. Visit [www.combatheroin.ny.gov](http://www.combatheroin.ny.gov) for more information on addressing heroin and prescription opioid abuse, including a Kitchen Table Tool Kit to help start the conversation about the warning signs of addiction and where to get help. For additional tools to use in talking to a young person about preventing underage drinking or drug use, visit the State's Talk2Prevent website.



## Decrease Salmonella and Campylobacter In Poultry - Salmonella & Campylobacter Cause Nearly Two Million Foodborne Illnesses Each Year

Washington, D.C. - U.S. Senators Kirsten Gillibrand, Dianne Feinstein and Dick Durbin today announced that the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) finalized new federal standards that will reduce the risk of foodborne illnesses from poultry. The new standards are targeted at Salmonella and Campylobacter in chicken parts and ground chicken and turkey products. FSIS will use these new pathogen standards to assess the food safety performance of establishments that process these types of poultry products. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimate that Salmonella and Campylobacter cause nearly two million foodborne illnesses, 27,500 hospitalizations, and over 450 deaths each year. Further, the CDC reports current food safety regulations have not reduced the number of illnesses caused by Salmonella since 2000.

"Everyone seated at their kitchen table needs to be confident that we're doing all we can to keep our food and our families safe," said Senator Gillibrand. "The new federal food safety standards from USDA are vital to improving food safety and safeguarding our nation's public health. Standards that help food safety inspectors monitor the types of poultry products that many Americans purchase every week is a great step forward. We need to continue strengthening regulations to reduce foodborne illnesses."

"American consumers should not have to worry about whether the food they eat will make them sick," said Senator Feinstein. "The new standards, which will prevent 50,000 foodborne illnesses each year, are an important step forward. I urge USDA to take the next step and update pathogen standards for beef and pork products. Pathogen standards should be regularly reviewed and revised to protect public health."

"These new, stronger pathogen standards for poultry products will protect public health and improve food safety for consumers nationwide," said Senator Durbin. "I look forward to continuing work with USDA, the Food and Drug Administration, and my Senate colleagues to ensure that the food American families find on store shelves and serve on their dinner tables is safe. Delivering on that promise means taking steps to address the fragmented nature of our current food safety system, in addition to establishing effective food safety standards."

Gillibrand, Feinstein and Durbin have pushed for updated and improved pathogen standards to better match the variety of poultry products consumers purchase today. The new pathogen standards, sampling methods, and public notification regarding food company performance will provide a more thorough assessment of a company's food safety system and whether additional measures to ensure food safety are needed.

In 2014, Gillibrand, Feinstein and Durbin addressed their concerns to the Office of Management and Budget on the alarming rates of foodborne illness due to the high levels of Salmonella and Campylobacter contamination on poultry products. Last summer, the Senators in a joint letter to the U.S. Department of Agriculture urged for new performance standards to safeguard public health and decrease contamination and the risk of foodborne illnesses.

The new standards will require Salmonella contamination rates of no more than 25 percent for ground chicken and no more than 13.5 percent for ground turkey. In contrast, the old standards allow 44.6 percent contamination for ground chicken and 49.9 percent for ground turkey.

For chicken parts, the standards will require Salmonella contamination rates of no more than 15.4 percent and Campylobacter contamination rates of no more than 7.7 percent. The standards will also require Campylobacter contamination rates of no more than 1.9 percent for ground chicken and no more than 1.9 percent for ground turkey. Previously, there were no federal standards for pathogens in chicken parts or for Campylobacter in ground chicken and turkey.

As part of their ongoing efforts to improve food safety, the Senators have also asked the USDA to update pathogen standards for beef and pork products.

## Reps. Gibson and Esty Introduce Bill to Improve Brownfields Revitalization Program

Washington, DC - Representatives Chris Gibson (NY-19) and Elizabeth Esty (CT-5) introduced bipartisan legislation yesterday to help communities revitalize neighborhoods and spur economic development through brownfields assessment and remediation. The new bill, H.R. 4463, the Brownfields Reauthorization Act of 2016, will reauthorize and improve the EPA's

Brownfields Program.

"Dilapidated former industrial sites across the Northeast not only threaten public health and safety, they hinder economic development and blight our neighborhoods," said Rep. Gibson. "This bipartisan bill strengthens the federal brownfields program to give struggling communities the tools they need to remediate these properties, returning them to the tax rolls or creating prized open space for outdoor recreation. Having spent time recently at the moldering Beech-Nut plant in Canajoharie, a possible candidate for brownfield designation, I am proud to help launch this effort in the House."

"I've heard from local leaders and business owners across central and northwest Connecticut that revitalizing our cities and towns is critical to supporting economic growth and creating good-paying jobs. One of the best ways to revitalize our communities is to convert our brownfields into livable, workable spaces that will boost our economy," said Rep. Esty. "After collaborating with the Mayors and First Selectmen in Torrington, Meriden, New Milford, and communities across the district, I am proud to introduce the Brownfields Reauthorization Act of 2016. This legislation, which reauthorizes the EPA's Brownfields Program, will empower states, communities, and stakeholders to assess, clean up, and redevelop brownfield sites. On average, every dollar of federal grant funding awarded through this program leverages \$18 in other public and private financing. This is truly one of the best investments we can make."

"I applaud Congressman Gibson and Congresswoman Esty for sponsoring a bill that would enhance the brownfields program," said Montgomery County Executive Matthew L. Ossenfort. "An enrichment of these funds is certainly a positive for the redevelopment of old industrial sites. This financial support would make a significant impact for counties like Montgomery, which have former manufacturing sites to be redeveloped, such as the site in Canajoharie, at Exit 29 of the New York State Thruway. Any available funding for brownfields from the federal government will go a long way in helping to relieve the burden on these small communities by safely cleaning up and reusing these properties."

The Brownfields Reauthorization Act of 2016 (H.R. 4463) will reauthorize the program's grant authority at \$250 million annually through 2021 and add significant improvements to provide local governments, nonprofits, and partners the tools they need to enhance the program's success. The bill expands eligibility for brownfields grants to certain nonprofits and community development groups, including governments that acquired brownfields prior to the program's creation in 2002. It also authorizes new multi-purpose grants to streamline the process and create greater certainty of long-term financing for multifaceted projects.

Last year Representatives Esty and Gibson also introduced H.R. 2002, the Brownfields Redevelopment Tax Incentive Reauthorization Act of 2015, a complimentary effort to reinstate an expired brownfields tax incentive. Co-authored by Rep. Rosa DeLauro (CT-3), Rep. John Larson (CT-1), and Rep. Jim Himes (CT-4), H.R. 2002 would reauthorize a tax incentive program to allow taxpayers to fully deduct the costs of environmental cleanup on brownfields in the year the costs were incurred.

## State Expands Free Testing to Include all Pregnant Women who have Traveled to Countries Impacted by Zika Virus- DOH Issues Health Advisory to Local Health Departments, Providers and Hospitals to Coordinate Zika Response

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo directed the New York State Department of Health to expand the free Zika virus testing program for all pregnant women who have traveled to areas where the infection is ongoing, regardless of whether they exhibit symptoms. Additionally, the Department of Health has issued a health advisory to local health departments, health care providers and hospitals to further coordinate Zika response efforts in New York State.

"These actions will help us continue to ensure the safety of New Yorkers," said Governor Cuomo. "We are in constant communication with the federal Centers for Disease

Control and Prevention and are taking proactive steps to raise public awareness, address any potential cases of Zika, and protect the public health. Anyone who visited countries impacted by this virus should consult with their health care professionals, and remain alert for possible symptoms."

These actions follow last Monday's announcement of free-testing for symptomatic individuals and an information line (1-888-364-4723) for the public and healthcare providers to learn more about the virus.

The Wadsworth Center in Albany is already testing symptomatic New Yorkers who have recently traveled to affected areas but due to concerns regarding birth defects associated with Zika virus, DOH will expand testing to all symptomatic and asymptomatic pregnant women with recent travel history. Additionally, the CDC is now recommending that pregnant women abstain from sex or utilize condoms for all sexual activities for the duration of their pregnancies if their male partner has traveled to or lives in an area with active Zika virus transmission.

DOH has issued a Health Advisory to coordinate the statewide response to Zika virus. The advisory informs healthcare providers of the expansion of the free Zika testing, and also notifies hospitals and healthcare providers that they are required to report all potential cases to their local health department to ensure a coordinated response to the virus. The advisory also provides instructions on how to handle testing of patients, and establishes a Zika information line for use by providers to interpret test results and gain updated information on the virus. Hospitals and providers must contact their local health department prior to sending samples to Wadsworth.

Furthermore, the advisory provides key information on the virus and state health department expertise to local healthcare partners. DOH will continue to coordinate with the CDC and provide real-time information to county health departments and local providers regarding treatment, testing, and prevention protocols to protect New Yorkers from this emerging public health threat.

There have now been 11 positive cases of Zika virus infection among New York State residents. All of the infected patients are returning travelers from countries where Zika virus is ongoing.

Free testing is being done by the Wadsworth Center - one of the premier state laboratories in the nation - and includes tests to detect the presence of the virus as well as screening and confirmatory tests for antibodies against Zika and other related viruses. DOH continues to work closely with the CDC to refine the lab testing algorithm for patients and Wadsworth is already testing blood and urine based on evidence that the virus may be detectable for longer periods of time in urine.

"As a result of this expanded testing being offered in New York, more women and their clinicians will have better information to make the right healthcare decisions at the cutting edge of laboratory science," said DOH Commissioner Dr. Howard Zucker. "We are actively monitoring the situation and working very closely with the CDC and local health departments to protect New Yorkers from Zika virus."

Because the symptoms of Zika virus infection are usually very mild, many people might not even realize they have been infected and typically recover without any issues. However, there have been reports of increased cases of a birth defect known as microcephaly that may be associated with Zika virus infection among pregnant women. DOH has received numerous inquiries from asymptomatic, pregnant women and their healthcare providers and has determined that this expansion of testing will provide pregnant women and their doctors with the valuable information they need to make the best healthcare decisions. Expanded testing will also give scientists a better understanding of the Zika virus, for which little data currently exists.

Women who are pregnant and have traveled to a country where Zika is ongoing and their healthcare providers can learn how to access testing and gain additional information by calling the DOH information at: 1-888-364-4723. Additional information on Zika is available on the DOH website.



### 38th ANNUAL WSUL / WVOS HEART-A-THON

The 38TH ANNUAL WSUL / WVOS HEART-A-THON will take place Saturday, February 13th at The Sullivan, Rock Hill from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Both WSUL 98.3 and WVOS 95.9- FM will broadcast live from The Sullivan for the entire event. This year's WSUL / WVOS HEART-A-THON co-chairs are Jared and Julie Kaufman and Denise Frangipane

Originating as the WSUL Heart-A-Thon in 1978, the proceeds were shared with the Catskill Regional Medical Center and The American Heart Association. Expanded to the WSUL / WVOS Heart-A-Thon in 2005 after Watermark Communications purchased the stations with 100% of all proceeds donated to the Cardio Pulmonary Department at Catskill Regional Medical Center. Each year funds are earmarked for a particular piece of support equipment. This year the focus is cardio diagnostic and rehab equipment.

"It is the mission of Watermark Communications to serve and support our community."

In the past 38 years, the WSUL / WVOS HEART-A-THON has raised over \$3.5 million dollars in the name of "HEART HEALTH" making it the largest local fundraiser in Sullivan County's history. Listeners are invited to participate on the day of the Heart-A-Thon by listening to 98.3 SUL or 95.9 VOS-FM and making a pledge by calling (845) 796-1212 or in person by visiting The Sullivan in Rock Hill during the live broadcast.

During the weeks leading up to the event donations are made by buying a heart at any one of the many participating locations around the county. In addition, pledges can be made online on the Sullivan County Visitors Association's website SCVA.net.

For more information contact: Helena Manzione, General Manager WSUL/ WVOS Watermark Communications 845-794-9898 Ext. 301

The Sundown Methodist Church

Sunday School's

Food Drive

for food pantry

Boxes will be located at the

Catskill Hudson Bank

Grahamsville Post Office

February 1 - 20 , 2016

Items needed

Pasta & Sauce, Soup, Peanut Butter, Tuna, Rice ( 1 lb bags ), Rice a roni, Cereal, Canned Vegetables, Intant Potatoes, Jelly

### Dessert Fundraiser Sullivan County Pregnancy Support Center

at the Vine and Branch Church  
2535 Route 52 Liberty, NY 12754

Date: Saturday February 20th, 2016  
Time: 7-9pm

Special Speaker: Diane Caliendo, Executive Director of the Ulster County Pregnancy Support Center

Special Music by: Harpist Jan Hirsch and Kathy Markowski

An update of the ministry will be given.

For more information please call 845-292-2224 or email us: scpsc@hvc.rr.com

Claryville Fire Dept.  
All you can eat



### President's Day Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, Feb. 21  
Serving 7:00 until 12:00 Noon  
Adults \$9  
Children under 12 Yrs. \$5  
under 5 yrs. free

\$50 from each monthly breakfast is donated to the Claryville Reformed Church Food Pantry

### ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL MISSION

The Little Church with the Big Heart  
Sunday, 8:00am Service of Holy Communion

Music by Fred VanWagner

5277 State Rt. 42 Coffee hour follows service  
South Fallsburg All are welcome!  
845-436-7539

www.standrewsepiscopalmission.org

### Claryville Reformed Church

Claryville Road  
Claryville, NY 12725  
845-985-2041



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

### CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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

Weekend Mass schedule:  
Saturday 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  
Rev. John J. Lynch, Ph.D., Pastor. 434-7643.

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### CrossWay Assembly of God

Service Times

Sunday School 9:30 am

Sunday Worship

Service/

Children's Church 10:30 am

Monday Night Home

Bible Study 7 pm

Tuesday Night Youth Home

Bible Study 7 pm

Friday Youth Night 7 pm



Ismael Berrios  
Lead Pastor

P. O. Box 480

507 Hasbrouck Drive

Woodbourne, NY 12788

845-434-8263

Email:

crosswayaog@aol.com

www.crosswayaog.com

### Sundown United Methodist Church

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

### Grahamsville United Methodist Church

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

Mid-week Bible Study opportunities available!

For information contact Rev. Peggy Ann Sauerhoff 845-985-2283  
e-mail: Grahamsvilleumc@gmail.com

### Loucks Funeral Home

Geoff and Heather Hazzard  
& Anthony Perito

79 North Main Street  
Ellenville, New York  
(845) 647-4343

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March 5th  
Covered Dish Supper  
5 pm  
at the  
Sundown United Methodist Church Hall

Grahamsville United Methodist Church  
Third Saturday Thrift Sale  
Feb 20  
9 am to 1 pm

### 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



## UC Executive Mike Hein Warns County Residents of a Fraudulent Solicitation for Donations for Veterans' Services

Ulster County Executive Mike Hein is warning the public of an apparent phone scam that is targeting county residents. A caller posing as a representative of the Ulster County Veterans' Service Agency is contacting individuals and requesting monetary donations. These calls are in no way affiliated with Ulster County Veterans' Services, nor does the County solicit funds via telephone.

"Any report of individuals preying upon the good will and patriotic spirit of Ulster County residents is nothing short of disgusting," said County Executive Mike Hein. "If you or someone you know receives a phone call from someone soliciting funds for Ulster County Veterans' Services, do not provide any information and please immediately contact the Ulster County Consumer Fraud Office at 845-340-3260."

If you know of a Veteran looking for services or to learn more about the Ulster County Veterans' Service Agency, please call 845-340-3190.

### TVCS PTO - Events and News

#### "It takes a village to raise a child"

##### Geography Bee

- Congratulations to all students who participated in the 1st Geography Bee

Here at Tri-Valley- 1st Place was 4th grade student Idris Encarcion, 2nd place was 6th grade student Kash Palmer and 3rd was 5th grade student Dylan Poley. Stay tuned next Fall for information on the 2017 Geo Bee! Science Fair

**3rd Annual PTO Sponsored Science Fair** will be taking place **Friday February 19, 2016**-information was sent home with students in grades 3-6. New and exciting changes to our Science Fair events this year for our community to enjoy! You WON'T want to miss checking out this year's activities.

**"My Princess & Me" Dance** - Our 1st PTO sponsored Father/daughter dance scheduled Friday March 11, 2016 from 7-9 p.m. Students in grades K-6 encouraged to bring their dad, stepdad, grandfather, uncle or male role model to enjoy a night of dancing. Refreshments will be provided. \$5.00 requested donation. Each child will get an opportunity to check out our photo booth and leave with a 4x6 picture. We are asking that you please pre-register.

**Spelling Bee** - Our 1st PTO sponsored Spelling Bee will take place April 1, 2016 for grades 2-6! Stay tuned for details on how to sign your child up. Birthday Celebrations:

**February birthdays will be celebrated Wednesday February 24, 2016.** We are seeking donations of bowls, napkins, spoons and ice cream toppings.

**Pull Tabs** - PTO has begun collecting pull tabs off of aluminum cans. Our Goal is to collect 1 Million pull tabs for Ronald McDonald's House. Please send the pull tabs in to school with your child. Let's see if we can reach this goal by June!

**Juice Pouches, Granola Bar Wrappers, Campbell's Soup Labels and Box Tops** : The PTO is still seeking Box Tops, Campbell's Soup Labels and Juice Pouches. Please remind your children to recycle their juice pouches and granola bar wrappers in the collection boxes. Our organization will receive money for recycling these items. Remember **Box Tops are worth \$ .10 EACH!**

#### MONTHLY PTO MEETING SCHEDULE:

Thursday February 18, 2016 at 6:00 p.m (Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m)

Thursday March 17, 2016 at 6:00 p.m

Thursday April 21, 2016 at 6:00 p.m (nominations for the office of Vice President and Secretary will take place at this meeting)

Thursday May 19, 2016 (election of Vice President and Secretary will take place this evening)

### Professional Women of SC February Meeting

The Professional Women of Sullivan County February meeting we will be on February 17 at the River Edge Restaurant in Mongaup Valley.

Dinner choices: Salmon Teriyaki Glaze; Chicken Parmesan; Pasta Primavera; Dinner includes coffee, soda and dessert

Cost: \$24 members; \$27 guests

Time: 6 pm Networking; 6:30 pm Business Meeting and Dinner

Speaker: Roberta Byron Lockwood, head of the Sullivan County Visitor's Association

Please bring items/supplies for our annual donation to Safe Passage.

Please RSVP by Monday, 2/15.

Thanks, and I hope to see everyone there!

Donna Harness

### Gibson Launches Exploratory Committee for Governor "Gibson for New York" Committee Dedicated to Giving New Yorkers the Leadership they Deserve

Kinderhook, NY -- Congressman Chris Gibson announced that he filed a statewide candidate committee this morning at the New York State Board of Elections to explore running for Governor in 2018.

The formation of this exploratory committee comes after a year of travel around New York State, attending events in 41 of New York's 62 counties in the last year.

Congressman Gibson released the following statement regarding today's announcement:

"My first priority, as it's been since the day I was first sworn into office in January 2011, is serving my constituents. When I began this term, I pledged to them I would finish strong as their representative, and I continue to deliver on that promise. In the last year alone, we've made progress on protecting our national security and domestic priorities, and we've led efforts to help veterans, improve our infrastructure, shift education decisions away from Washington and back to parents and teachers, and improve access to and affordability of healthcare. We will continue to advance constituent-driven legislation throughout 2016.

"In addition to serving my constituents, I've followed through on my commitment to help our NY State GOP become more competitive in local and statewide races. I've invested time raising money, walking doors, helping candidates, and inspiring voters throughout the state. This work continues so that we can lay the groundwork for electoral victories in 2016, 2017 and in 2018."

"My travels have made clear that people across this state - from every political perspective - are looking for a new leader in Albany. My family and I deeply appreciate the encouragement and support of so many. I will make the final decision on running for Governor after my congressional term ends. But today we're taking the first step in formalizing this possibility. Our exploratory committee will allow us to raise the money we need to compete and win.

"I believe our state can rally around four points: growing the economy through meaningful tax cuts and policy changes, achieving excellence in education by returning power to parents, students and teachers, cleaning up corruption and restoring our faith in our ability to be self-governing, and protecting our freedoms while improving on the safety and security of all New Yorkers.

"For too long, Governor Cuomo has led with fear, intimidation and bullying. New York has been embarrassed by corruption and lags behind in too many important categories. We can do better. We're the Empire State for a reason. And with the right leadership, we can live up to our nickname once again.

"I ask every New Yorker to join me.

To learn more more, visit [www.GibsonforNY.com](http://www.GibsonforNY.com)

### Need Help with your Income Tax Preparation and Filing?

Retired Senior Volunteer (RSVP) Volunteers trained as tax counselors Through IRS and AARP will prepare and e-file your Federal and State tax returns for FREE at several Local Libraries around Sullivan County from 10:00 am to 1:00pm as listed below call for your appointment TODAY:

**Liberty Library: Feb. 20th & March 3rd** - Liberty Public Library - 292-6070 Library Director: Marjorie Linko

**Livingston Manor: Feb 27th & March 9th** - Livingston Manor Free Library - 439-5440 Library Director: Peggy Johnson

**Monticello: Feb. 22nd & Feb. 29th** - Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library - 794-4660 Library Director: Mary Paige Lang-Clouse

**Grahamsville: Feb 24th & March 5th** - Daniel Pierce Library - 985-7233 Library Director: Joann Gallagher

**Jeffersonville: March 19th & Feb 17th** - Western Sullivan Public Library - 482-4350 Library Director: Kristin White

**Eldred: March 12th & March 16th** - Sunshine Hall Free Library - 557-6258 Library Director: Patricia Kennedy

**EVERY Monday & Tuesday at Cornell Cooperative Extension 10:00-1:00**

(The Tax Program starts on Feb 1st and ends on April 12th at Cornell Cooperative Extension) Call (845) 292-6180 for additional information and to make an appointment.

Sponsored by AARP and the IRS, with assistance from RSVP/ Sullivan County Office for the Aging and Cornell Cooperative Extension of Sullivan County.

### Would you like to learn Small Engine Maintenance?

The Adult and Continuing Education Program at Sullivan BOCES is offering a Small Engine Maintenance course on Saturday February 20th and February 27th at the Ruben Pollack Education Center in Liberty, from 8:30 am - 5:00 pm. The cost is \$185.00.

Regular maintenance and service are part of keeping a small engine in running condition. Master the tune-up procedures and schedules for small 2-stroke and 4-stroke engines. Change spark plugs, filters, and oil. Practice troubleshooting, maintenance, and repair of fuel and ignition systems. It's always rewarding to repair your own equipment.

Bring your motorcycle, snowmobile, lawn mower, chain saw, or other small engine to this hands-on class, as well as your owner's manual, tools, and eye protection.

Learn skills you can utilize for years to come. This course will also be given on the following dates.

• April 4th through April 13th ; May 14th & May 21st

To register or for more information, contact the Adult and Continuing Education Program at (845) 295-4900 between the hours of 8:30 am and 7:00 pm or visit us at [scboces.org](http://scboces.org). For program updates Like Sullivan County BOCES on Facebook and follow us on Twitter.

### BOCES to offer Office Procedures and Management Course

MONTICELLO - The Adult and Continuing Education Program at Sullivan BOCES is offering a course in Office Procedures and Management (OPM) at the St. John Street Education Center in Monticello. Classes will run each Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, February 16th through May 16th, from 12:30 pm to 4:30 pm.

This unique course offers a mock office setting where the student can develop his or her computer and typing skills while interacting with other students. The course is designed so a student will have marketable skills at the end of the course, along with a certificate of completion. Each module is self-paced with individualized instruction. A Skills Assessment & Career Plan interview is available at no cost.

Modules include: MS Publisher; MS Access; Intro to Computer/Internet; Typing Refresher ; MS Excel; MS Word ; and Civil Service Prep

This class is NYSED ACCES approved for current HSE and ESOL students. Tuition is based on the total number of classroom hours planned. Funding is available for eligible students.

To register or for more information, contact the Adult and Continuing Education Program at (845) 295-4915 between the hours of 8:30 am and 7:00 pm or visit us at [scboces.org](http://scboces.org). For program updates Like Sullivan County BOCES on Facebook and follow us on Twitter.



**Town of Neversink Parks & Recreation**

[www.townofneversink.org](http://www.townofneversink.org)  
Call for info: (845) 985-2262 extension 312

**Skiing/Snowboarding at Holiday Mountain**  
Sundays, January 3- March 6. To take advantage of these rates purchase a Town of Neversink Parks & Rec ID Card for \$7.

**Happy Days Westchester Broadway Dinner Theatre**  
Thursday, May 5 -\$40 Neversink Residents and Tri Valley School Students/\$70 non-residents must be paid no later than Tuesday, February 9 this includes the show, lunch, dessert and transportation.

**Intrepid: Sea, Air, Space Museum Complex**  
Saturday, June 4. \$28 Neversink Residents and Tri Valley School Students/\$50 non-residents must be paid no later than Tuesday, March 8.

**Pizza Hut Fundraiser** Thursday, June 23.

**Explore Fort Delaware, Narrowsburg, NY** July 8. \$2 Neversink Residents/Tri Valley School Students/\$5 non-residents must be paid by Tuesday, June 7.

**4th Annual Community Yard Sale, Craft & Vendor Fair** Saturday, July 9.



**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.

**2016 Town of Neversink Motor Vehicle Schedule**

January 14	July 14
February 11	August 11
March 10	September 5
April 14	October 13
May 12	November 10
June 16	December 15

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

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

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

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- 2/10/16 Town of Neversink Town Board Meeting 7:30 pm
- 2/11/16 Dept of Motor Vehicles -Neversink Town Hall 10 am-2:30 pm
- 2/11/16 Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting 6 pm
- 2/15/16 Town of Neversink Holiday - **President's Day**
- 2/16/16 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals 7:30 pm
- 2/17/16 Neversink-Rondout Antique Machinery Assoc Meeting 7:30 pm
- 2/18/16 TVCS Board Meeting - 7 pm
- 2/18/16 Neversink Fire District Commissioners Meeting at 7 p.m.; Public Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
- 2/20/16 **Third Saturday Thrift Sale** Grahamsville UM Church 9-1
- 2/23/16 Town of Neversink Parks & Rec Meeting 7 pm
- 3/1/16 Town of Denning Board Meeting 6 pm - Denning Town Hall
- 3/2/16 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting 7 pm
- 3/5/16 Sundown United Methodist Church **Covered Dish Supper** - 5:30 pm
- 3/9/16 Claryville Fire Dept Commissioners Meeting 6:30 pm
- 3/8/15 Town of Denning Business Meeting 6 pm
- 3/20/16 **Become a Museum Docent** Time and the Valleys Museum 2 p.m.

**Save the Date**

Sat., May 7, 2016 **Tri-Valley Lions Journey for Sight Walk**

Neversink Parks & Rec **4th Annual Community Yard Sale, Craft & Vendor Fair** Saturday, July 9. at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds from 10 am to 3 pm \$15 per space.

**TRI-VALLEY AREA**

SUNDOWN CAMP & BAIT SHOP  
GRAHAMSVILLE DELI  
A J's FRIENDS & FINDS  
EUREKA MARKET & CAFE  
CANNIE D'S  
BLUE HILL LODGE  
FROST VALLEY YMCA

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

**LOCH SHELDRAKE** • VALERO MINI MALL • SC COMMUNITY COLLEGE LIBRARY  
**WOODBOURNE** - CITGO STATION • MO'S GAS STATION • P.D. SMITH ENTERPRISE  
**LIBERTY** - LIBERTY FITNESS • CHARLIE'S PIZZA • AGWAY (Both Stores)  
CLAUDIA'S BEAUTY SALON • SHOPRITE • IDEAL FOOD

**ELLENVILLE**

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PETER'S MARKET  
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SHOPRITE

**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.

**Sundown United Methodist Church 2016 Calendar of Events**

- Mar. 5- Covered Dish Supper 5:30 pm Sundown Methodist Church Hall
- Apr. 2 - Covered Dish Supper 5:30 pm Sundown Methodist Church Hall
- Mar. 5 Covered Dish Supper 5:30 pm Sundown Methodist Church Hall
- May 7 - Covered Dish Supper 5:30 pm Sundown Methodist Church Hall
- June 4 - Covered Dish Supper 5:30 pm Sundown Methodist Church Hall
- June 11 - Sundown Ladies Yard Sale at the Church Hall - 9 am-3 pm
- July 2 - Covered Dish Supper 5:30 pm Sundown Methodist Church Hall
- Aug 6 - Covered Dish Supper 5:30 pm Sundown Methodist Church Hall
- Sept 3 - Covered Dish Supper 5:30 pm Sundown Methodist Church Hall
- Sept 24 - Sundown Ladies Annual Harvest Fair & Luncheon - 9 am - 3 pm
- Oct 1 - Covered Dish Supper 5:30 pm Sundown Methodist Church Hall
- Nov 5 - Covered Dish Supper 5:30 pm Sundown Methodist Church Hall
- Dec 3 - Covered Dish Supper 5:30 pm Sundown Methodist Church Hall

**Tri-Valley Central School District Board of Education**

Regular Board Meeting  
Thursday, February 19, 2016 at 7:00 PM  
In the Intermediate School Library  
For info: [www.trivalleycsd.org](http://www.trivalleycsd.org)

**Winter Is Not Over Yet!**

According to the Groundhog last week, there was still six more weeks of winter!

And, there is still time for Tri-Valley residents to purchase a Town of Neversink Parks and Recreation **Skiing/Snowboarding ID Card** that entitles you to take advantage of **discounted rates at Holiday Mountain** through March 6th.

When you purchase an **ID Card for only \$7** you receive discounted rates on **Sundays from 10 am to 5 pm.**

When you present the Discount Card, you will just pay \$12 per person for Lift Tickets; \$12 per person for Ski Rentals; \$20 per person for snowboard rentals; Group Lesson - 8 and older, \$12 per person; Group Lesson 6 & 7, \$26 per person; Five and under \$70 per lesson.

To benefit from this opportunity and receive these discounted rates sign your family up today while you still have time to enjoy a few more weeks of winter fun!

Contact Jamie at 845-985-2262 ext 312 or send her an email at [Racerj12@aol.com](mailto:Racerj12@aol.com)

**Town of Neversink Parks & Rec 4th Annual Community Yard Sale**

The Town of Neversink Parks & Rec will hold their 4th Annual Community Yard Sale, Craft & Vendor Fair **Saturday, July 9.**

Join us at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds from 10 am to 3 pm for a super Saturday of sales. With both new and used items, something for everyone! Free Parking and Admission!

Crafters and those wishing to sell their wares at the Yard Sale, reserve your space now! We need vendors to sell new items as well! Reserve your space now! **\$15 per space must be paid no later than Tuesday, June 7.**

**MY PRINCESS & ME DANCE**



Friday March 11, 2016 from 7-9p.m  
In Elementary School Gym  
Snowdate: Friday April 8, 2016 from 7-9 p.m.

Please turn in order form **ON OR BEFORE** March 1, 2016

We are asking that the "princesses" bring their "prince" "in shining armor" Juice and dessert will be provided  
Child(ren) name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
Classroom(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Cost: \$5.00 • Tickets: \$5.00 per family  
There will be photo opportunities available for each family • We are inviting all girls in grades K-6 and asking that the girls be escorted by their dad, stepdad, grandfather, uncle OR special male role model

**SAVE THE DATE**

The **Noonday Club** has announced the date of the 2015 Citizen of the Year dinner will be held on May 24, 2016 at the White Wolf Restaurant in Napanoch, NY. The 2015 Citizens of the Year are long-time Ellenville residents Fran and Joe Wolfe. Details will follow.





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**ANSWER TO KNARF'S MOVIE TRIVIA**  
 Answers:  
 1. Ruth Gordon  
 2. Peggy Ann Garner

**Knarf's "Classic Movie Trivia"**

**ABE LINCOLN IN ILLINOIS**

(drama1940)



An exploration into the domestic and political life of this past president. Dir: John Cromwell Cast: Raymond Massey, Gene Lockhart, Ruth Gordon D: John Cromwell. Raymond Massey, Gene Lockhart, Ruth Gordon, Mary

Howard, Dorothy Tree, Minor Watson, Alan Baxter, Howard da Silva. First-rate Americana; sincere story of Lincoln's life and career is beautifully acted by Massey, with top support from Gordon as Mary Todd. Based on Robert Sherwood's Pulitzer Prize winning play. *See these films Monday February 15, 2016 starting @ 8:00 PM, B/W 110 min. TV-G, right after YANKEE DOODLE DANDY (1942), PATRIOTISM AND JAMES CAGNEY AT THEIR BEST, THEN ANOTHER TIMELESS CLASSIC, @ 12:15 AM, THE TREASURE OF SIERRA MADRE, (1948) @ 2:30 AM WESTERN STAGECOACH (1939) @ 4:15 AM THE ADVENTURES OF MARK TWAIN, (1944)*

**Quiz: 1.** Who played Mary Todd Lincoln? **2.** Who played the Little girl?

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

**GRAHAMSVILLE**

The next Third Saturday Thrift Sale will be held at the United Methodist Church in Grahamsville on Saturday, February 20, 2016 from 9 am to 1 pm.

**SUNDOWN**

Celebrate winter's end with friends and neighbors at he Sundown Methodist Church **Covered Dish Supper** on Saturday evening, March 5th at 5 pm in the Church Hall.



Thinking about what to get your 'Sweetie' for **Valentine's Day**. You don't have to travel far to get what you want. Stop by **A.J.'s Friends and Finds** in Grahamsville (across from the Post Office) to see a great selection of **unique gift items**. ... and Louise is ready to take your flower orders at the **Dragonfly Gifts & Flowers**.

For a very special treat for you and your Sweetheart, how about **Surf and Turf** at the **Blue Hill Lodge**? Make your reservations today to be sure to have your table waiting on Sunday, Feb. 14 - **Valentine's Day**.

Enjoy **Valentine's** dinner with **Candlelight** and **Live Music** on Saturday evening at **Eureka**. They will also have a romantic menu on **Valentine's Day**.

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*Happy Valentine's Day*