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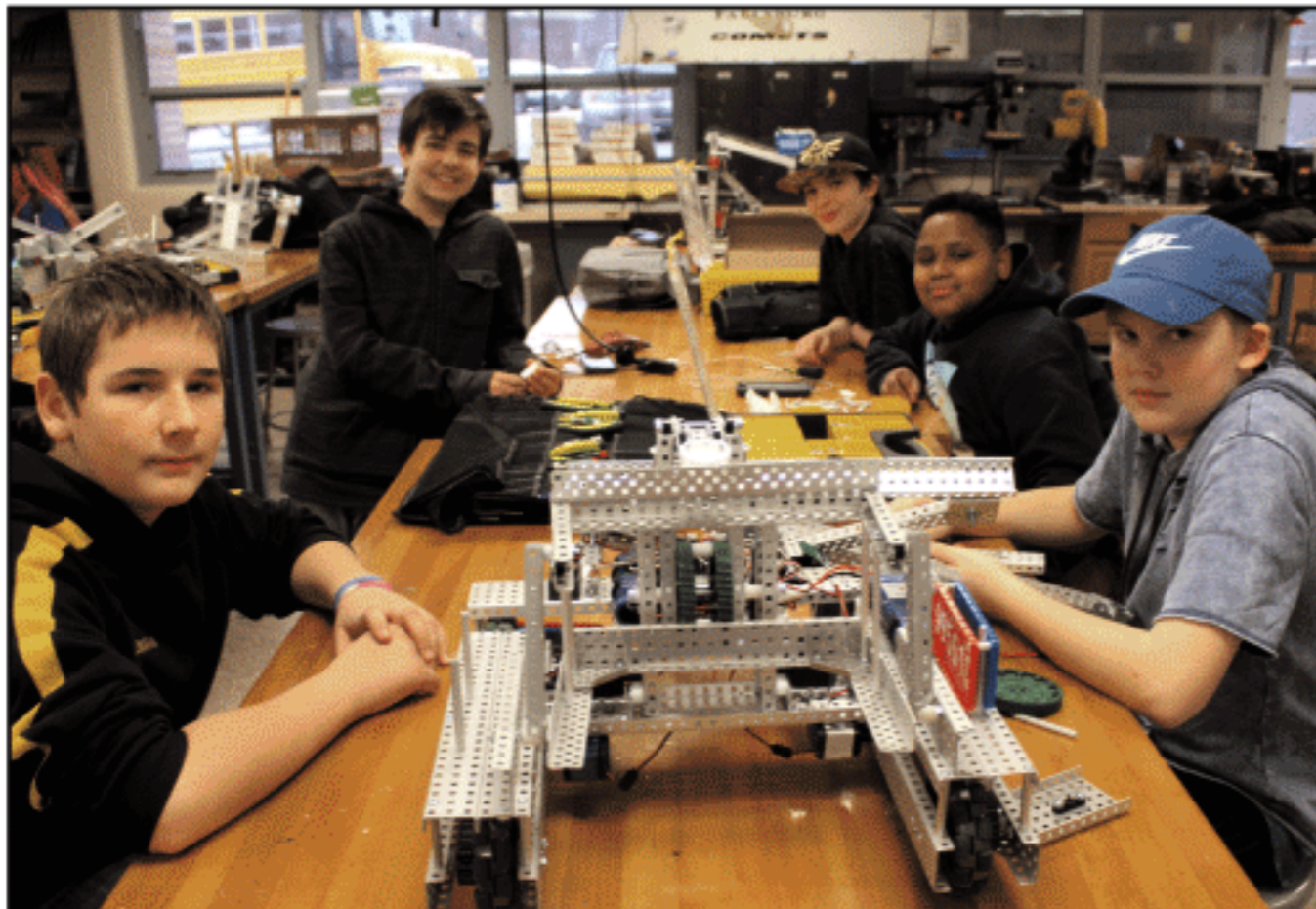
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Fallsburg Robotics Team Excels in January Competitions



In the photo working on their robots are counterclockwise beginning at left foreground is Jonathan Rose, Michael Storms, Kailan Odell Schreier, Josias Pierre, and Oliver Norminton.

Immediately after hosting a major Robotics Competition in December 2017, the Fallsburg Robotics Team was inspired to strengthen its skills during several regional matches in the month of January. Club advisor and technology teacher Don Thomas was very pleased with the progress made by some of the younger members of the Robotics Teams and great strides made by some of the older team members.

Tyler Dubois, Jonathan Rose, Dawn Ruhren, Jasmine Johnson, and Ava Anderman of team 99561B were tournament champions and also won the Design Award at the Tioga regional competition. Kai Schreier, Michael Storms, Hannah Nicolai, Armaan Butler, Hunter Doty, and Jean Paul Serrano of team 99561D finished in third place at the end of qualifying rounds at the Lansingburgh regional tournament. The six of them are currently the highest skills scoring middle school team in New York State.

Overall, four of the five Fallsburg teams have qualified to participate in the New York State Championships, and all of the teams are working towards a repeat visit to the World Championships in April.

Senator Bonacic Meets with Future Farmers of America Students in His Albany Office



Tri-Valley Future Farmers of America members meet with Senator Bonacic in Albany.

(Albany, NY)- State Senator John J. Bonacic (R/C/I-Mt. Hope) met last week with students from the 42nd Senate District who are members of Future Farmers of America (FFA). The students were in Albany to meet with their legislators and discuss the benefits of agricultural education.


Wanted: Time Travelers, No Experience Necessary

Narrowsburg, NY -Sullivan County seeks volunteers this summer to transport visitors back in time to the late 1700s.

Fort Delaware Museum of Colonial History opens Memorial Day weekend in Narrowsburg, where a host of costumed interpreters will spend weekends (through Columbus Day) demonstrating and discussing the lifestyle of European settlers in the Catskills and Upper Delaware River Valley. (Contd. Pg. 4)



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Flu Is Prevalent - Protect Yourself!



Ira Steingart gets a flu shot and encourages others to do the same.

Monticello, NY - In response to Governor Andrew Cuomo's announcement this week directing the state health commissioner to authorize emergency funding to local health departments due to the large number of flu diagnoses and hospitalizations, Sullivan County Public Health Services will expand clinic hours for flu shot appointments at its clinic in Liberty to 9-5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.

From December 31 through last week, there were 211 new confirmed cases of the flu across the County, which is a significant increase from the 24 confirmed cases from October through December 2017.

In addition, the local health department is reaching out to towns, SUNY Sullivan, churches and community organizations to determine the need for additional flu clinics in various parts of the County.

Influenza vaccinations be obtained through your healthcare provider, some pharmacies (visit www.vaccinefinder.org for locations) or at Sullivan County Public Health Services flu clinics at 50 Community Lane, Liberty, 845-292-5910.

For appointments, please call the above number starting Tuesday 2/13. (Note that County offices are closed Monday 2/12 and 2/19).

For more information about the flu, visit: <https://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/influenza/seasonal>.

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ON THE FRONT BURNER: My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments; for length of days, and long life, peace, shall they add to thee. Proverbs 3:2,2

OBITUARIES

Berlin Hockey Legend

De De Villeneuve Remembered

BERLIN, NH - Berlin hockey legend Roland "De De" Villeneuve, a former Berlin Maroon hockey player inducted into the New Hampshire Legends of Hockey Hall of Fame, passed away on Jan 7 at 80.



Villeneuve had two national championships under his belt as a "flying Frenchman" on the beloved Berlin Maroons team - one in 1967 and one in 1968. He played on the team, part of the AHAUS (Amateur Hockey Association of the United States) league for 15 years from 1957 to 1972. He was known for his skating fitness and scored 336 goals in those years.

In 1972, he was voted the Most Valuable Player in the AHAUS Senior Open Tournament.

Prior to that in his youth, Villeneuve attended the Notre Dame High School in Berlin from 1953 to 1957 and played on the hockey team. According to the New Hampshire Legends of Hockey web site, he "was a key figure on the hockey team that won four state championships in each of his four years."

During his senior year at Notre Dame, he scored 60 goals and had 40 assists. The web site states that those accomplishments were "very significant when one considers that high schools only played up to 26 games a year including tournaments."

In the same year in 1957, the Notre Dame High School won the New England High School Championship, which was held in Providence, R.I. He was chosen to play on the all tournament team and was voted Most Valuable Player for the tournaments.

Villeneuve declined an offer from Walter Brown, owner of the NHL Boston Bruins, to try out for the Bruins due to other commitments.

He was inducted to the New Hampshire Legends of Hockey Hall of Fame in 2004.

Aside from hockey, Villeneuve was an avid tennis and racquetball player. After graduating from Notre Dame High School, he worked at Converse Rubber Co. and then worked at a local paper mill for many years.

In his most recent years, he enjoyed being with his friends at Dunkin' Donuts in Berlin frequently.

Funeral services for him were held at St. Anne Church of Good Shepard Parish on Jan. 11 followed by a mass Christian burial.

He was a lifelong resident of Berlin.

Roland "De De" Villeneuve was the sister of Grahamsville resident, Claire Rennison and uncle of James Rennison, Jr. and family and Michael Rennison and family.

Frances Ellis, 94 of Snowflake AZ. died January 27th

She was the daughter of Floyd and Ruthanna George Murray. She is survived by her son Peter and his wife Kathy, also by her sister Dorothy Muthig.

She will be remembered as the traveler. She traveled across the country in her motorhome, often spending her summers here visiting her family and friends

She was a decendent of the George, Murray and Van Valkenburg families.

COLLEGE NEWS:

News from SUNY New Paltz

Fall 2017 Dean's List

SUNY New Paltz announces its Dean's List for the fall 2017 semester, a recognition for students who excel academically and earn at least a 3.3 grade-point average in a semester with a full-time course load.

The following New Paltz students made the Dean's List in fall 2017:

Brianna Boland of Shandaken
Brandon Costello of Napanoch
Amanda De Jesus of Parksville
Tiffany Dumornay of Napanoch
Gloria Fabre of Ellenville
Hailey Gorton of Grahamsville
Sean Harkin of Olivebridge
Jessica Hussey of Liberty
Tameka Ramos of Hurleyville
Thomas Savaglio of Ellenville
Maria Ter Bush of Grahamsville
Conor Tobin of Ellenville
Gina Zuckrow of Ellenville

Located in the heart of a dynamic college town, ninety minutes from metropolitan New York City, the State University of New York at New Paltz is a highly selective college of about 8,000 undergraduate and graduate students.

One of the most well-regarded public colleges in the nation, New Paltz delivers an extraordinary number of majors in Business, Liberal Arts & Sciences, Engineering, Fine & Performing Arts and Education.

Days of Yore -
Today's History...

Week of February 15

1948 - The second serious fire in as many weeks brought the Woodbourne Fire Department out early Sunday morning when an oil heater exploded in the Victor Higgins house. The fire, which started on the first floor, quickly spread to the rest of the house. All members of the family escaped without injury. The family was asleep at the time the fire was discovered, but the 14-year old son saved the lives of his young brothers and sisters when he realized the only escape was to throw them out the second story window and then jumped himself.

1958 - Temperatures dropped to low levels during the weekend snow storm. The temperature at the Strauss estate in Denning read 25 degrees below zero.

The Frost Valley YMCA Park Camp has just completed 25 pre-fab cabins ready to set on foundations as soon as weather permits. The work is going forward to erect the piers to start setting the cabins as soon as possible. One stone building on the place is also being remodeled during the winter months to serve as an administration building. The work on the 22 acre lake has been suspended until spring.

There will be a dance held at the Tri-Valley School on Valentines Day put on by the Grahamsville Firemen to benefit the department. There was round and square dancing to the music of Gene (hot lips) Fuller and his orchestra.

1968 - Tri-Valley Central School students participated in the annual lamp contest sponsored by Central Hudson and will appear in the magazine, "Better Light, Better Sight". Tri Valley is one of two schools in the nation accorded this honor.

Fifteen members of the Tri-Valley Homemakers visited CCC where students of the Hotel Technology Department prepared a delicious dinner. The group then took a tour of the college.

1978 - The trustees of the Daniel Pierce Library would like to thank all the wonderful people who donated books during 1977. They had over 1150 books donated.

A big thanks to Elise Hornbeck who supplied hot food, coffee and sandwiches to members of the highway department who worked so hard during the recent blizzard.

A Sullivan County Grand Jury handed up an indictment last Thursday charging a 24 year old Greenville, SC man with the January robbery of the Sullivan County National Bank. He was indicted on charges of two counts of first degree robbery, one count of second degree larceny and one count of second degree criminal possession of a weapon.

It is not too early to look forward to the big spring carnival to be held at the Tri-Valley School to benefit the Madeline Adams Scholarship Fund.

A Round About Tri-Valley

Carol Furman

Congratulations to Sue Rehm on her retirement from Tri-Valley School. I have known Sue since she came to Tri-Valley in 1984. She was an excellent English teacher and an active member of the school district. Enjoy your retirement, Sue!

Congratulations to the Tri-Valley Boys basketball team who earned a sectional berth with a 46-34 win over Sullivan West! Chase Botsford ended up with three throws from beyond the arc and tallied 12 points for the win.

The ice fishing derby held at the Ten Mile River Scout Camp was very successful. Ninety one youngsters registered for this year's event. The Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs of Sullivan County were very busy supplying hot dogs, hot chocolate, snacks and coffee. Several of our local kids attended the event and had a wonderful time.

NY State Senator John Bonacic announced that the Town of Neversink would be the recipient of a \$50,000 grant to assist with the resurfacing and repair of the Neversink Town pool located at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds. The grant was secured through the State and Municipal Facilities Program. The pool, which opened in the early 70's, is a real asset to the community. I can remember taking my children to the pool for swimming lessons when it first opened. In fact, one of my daughters took the life guarding course there with Janet Carey, and when she went on to college earned quite a bit of money life guarding at her college pool. Thank you, John Bonacic, for the grant to help keep our pool in good shape.

Pete and I, as well as several other parents and grandparents, attended the 7th and 8th grade indoor track championships held at Sullivan County Community College on Monday, February 5th. These youngsters, who practice every day after school, did an amazing job and won several events. Kudos to all of these young athletes who receive little publicity, but gave their all at the meet!

A BIG "thank you" to Town of Neversink Road Superintendent, Preston Kelly, and his team of workers for all they do at all times of the day and night to keep our Town roads passable! Your efforts on our behalf do not go unnoticed!

I see that the Eureka eagle is back and scoping out her nest. It probably won't be long before she start setting on eggs again. Did you know that the strike of the eagles talons is so powerful that its force is twice that of a rifle bullet? (I read this fact in a nature magazine.)

Words of Wisdom: One day a young girl was standing at the sink watching her mother do dishes. She noticed that her mother had several white hairs on her brunette head. As she looked at her mother, she asked, "Why are some of your hairs white, Mama?" Her mother replied, "Well, every time you do something wrong or make me unhappy, one of my hairs turns white." The little girl thought about this remark for a while and then said, "Mama, how come All of grandma's hairs are white?"

The best thing about the future is that it comes only a day at a time!

Time and the Valleys Museum 2018 Programs

Return of the Eagle Sunday, March 4, 2 p.m. Members: FREE, non-members: \$3

A power point presentation by local historian Tom Riley which traces the history of the American Eagle and other raptors from their near extinction in the 1960s as a result of the effects of DDT and other chemicals, to today, when eagles can be found in almost every state. Light refreshments are included.

From Garden Plot to Kitchen Pot Sunday, March 25, 2 p.m. Members: FREE, non-members: \$3

Herbs have been with us forever - from their mention in Genesis, through the centuries to today, where they are distilled and sold on the internet daily. The reason is clear, they are good for our health and tasty too! Spend a winter afternoon with Diana K. Weiner, Sullivan Renaissance Horticulture Program Manager, learning about the history, cultivation, propagation and the many culinary uses of herbs. Just in time for the start of the 2018 gardening season! Light refreshments are included.

NYC's Water Supply Sunday, April 8, 2 p.m. Members: FREE non-members: \$3

A discussion about the operation, protection and

maintenance of New York City's water supply - the largest municipal drinking water supply in the U.S. by DEP Director of Public Affairs, Adam Bosch. He will also share information and photos from the Delaware Aqueduct Bypass Tunnel, a project to repair the longest tunnel in the world, along with a preview of the upcoming Ashokan Century Program. Light refreshments are included.

Honey and the Bee Sunday, April 22, 2 p.m. Members: FREE, non-members: \$3

Join Son of a Bee from Grahamsville to learn about bee keeping, honey and the benefits of adding honey to your diet. Light refreshments are included.

New Volunteer Day Sunday, May 20, 1 p.m. FREE

Interested in helping at the Museum, but want to know more? Join us for an information session and tour of the Museum to learn how you can help and all the benefits of volunteering. Light refreshments are included.

The History of Ellenville Sunday, May 20, 2 p.m. Members: FREE, non-members: \$3

Henry "Bucky" Green, Town of Wawarsing Historian and member of the museum advisory board of the Ellenville Public Library & Museum will speak on his "Images of America" book on Ellenville. Books will be available for sale and light refreshments are included.

Denning and Claryville History Afternoon Sunday, June 10, 1 p.m. FREE

View our rich collections from Claryville and Town of Denning that brings life to the history of the Upper Neversink and Upper Rondout valleys. Includes a special program and speaker. We welcome the sharing of any items relating to the Claryville or Denning area. The Claryville Church and old schoolhouse will also be open to visitors from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

O&W Railroad Talk & Display Sunday, August 12, 1 p.m. Members: FREE, non-members: \$3 Location: Claryville Church

Talk by Jeffrey Otto, President of the O&W Railway Historical Society covering the O&W from Young's Gap (just north of Liberty) to Cadosia, concentrating on the many bridges in that section, plus the industries served by the railroad. Attendees can visit Charles Breiner's O&W model railroad display in Claryville immediately following the presentation. Light refreshments are included.

Kurpil Family Fiddlers Sunday, August 26, 2 p.m. Members: FREE, non-members: \$3

The Kurpil Family Fiddlers will perform their toe tapping fiddle music while intermingling local fiddle music history, song history and the origins of fiddling. Includes an exhibit of fiddle photos and memorabilia. Light refreshments are included.

Neversink History Afternoon Sunday, September 9, 1 p.m. FREE

Photos, records, stories and artifacts from the Town of Neversink. Includes a special program and speaker. Come and share your Neversink history!

Waterwheel Demonstration Sunday, October 14, 2 p.m. Members: FREE, non-members: \$3

Come and see our waterwheel supplying water to the milk house and running early equipment! Learn how water has been used by farmers over time and how it is safeguarded today. Light refreshments are included.

Lost Towns Sunday, October 21, 2 p.m. Members: FREE, non-members: \$3

Wes and Barbara Gottlock, authors of Lost Towns of the Hudson Valley will speak about the lost towns of the Ashokan Reservoir, brick making in the town of Roseton near Newburgh and Camp Shanks/Shanks Village in Rockland County. Light refreshments are included.

Needle Arts From the Past for Today: Cross Stitch Sunday, October 28th, 2 p.m. Members: FREE, non-members: \$3

Cross stitch is one of the oldest needle arts and still very popular today. Join Penny Coombe and friends to learn some of the history of cross stitch, view examples and try your hand at a small project. Age eight and up are welcome - no experience is needed! Pre-registration required.

The Art and Craft of Catskill Leather Sunday, November 4, 2 p.m. Members: FREE, non-members: \$3

Ryan Trapani, Director of Forest Services for the Catskill Forest Association, will discuss the impacts of the hemlock bark tanning industry on Catskill communities and forests. He will also describe how he uses hemlock bark today to convert deerskins into leather. Light refreshments are included.

Nature Column - Linda Comando

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

Birdbrains? Not Crows and Ravens!

Generally we associate those big black birds, Crows and Ravens with Halloween, horror stories, and evil omens. This past week our back yard was filled with more than a dozen of those big black birds. We had to look rather closely to tell whether they were Crows or Ravens.

How do you tell?

Ravens and crows are closely related and are of the same family/

These two species overlap widely throughout North America, and they look quite similar. But with a bit of practice, you can tell them apart.

Ravens are larger, the size of a red-tailed hawk. Ravens often travel in pairs, while crows are seen in larger groups. Also, watch the bird's tail as it flies overhead. The crow's tail feathers are basically the same length, so when the bird spreads its tail, it opens like a fan. Ravens, however, have longer middle feathers in their tails, so their tail appears wedge-shaped when open.

Listen closely to the birds' calls. Crows give a cawing sound. But ravens produce a lower croaking sound.

Also, a crow flaps along with wingtips turned up. A raven soars on wings held horizontal. Ravens soar more than crows. If you see a "crow" soaring for more than a few seconds, check it a second time. Crows never do the somersault in flight that Ravens often do. Ravens are longer necked in flight than crows.

Another overall distinguishing feature is feathers. A crow's are round-tipped and make a smooth body covering whereas a raven's are pointed and lie jaggedly, ending up around the neck in a spiky mane called a "ruff".

Ravens have an exceptionally heavy and powerful black beak. Crows have a proportionately smaller bill.

Both crows and ravens belong in the Corvid family (which includes jays and magpies). They are among the most adaptable and intelligent birds and are even capable of mimicking human voice like parrots.

In recent studies, many scientists concluded that corvids - the family of birds that includes crows, ravens, rooks and jays - may be among the most intelligent animals on earth, based on their ability to solve problems, make tools and apparently consider both possible future events and other individuals' states of mind.

Scientists studying both crows and ravens have observed them often hiding food in caches and retrieving it later. They have also noted, if they sense that they have been seen, they will take that food and they'll go and hide it somewhere else.

Scientists have also observed orvid species making and using tools. With their beaks, a crows will sharpen forked twigs into hooks for scooping larvae and worms out of holes in wood. The crows often spend more than a minute finding the right stick and then sculpting it into the right shape.

One reason Corvids are so smart is that they have relatively giant brains. The size of a crow's brain has been compared to the size of a human thumb, which, in comparison to the size of their bodies, is massive. "They also have an enlarged forebrain compared with most other birds," says Swift a scientist who has spent much time observing Corvids. "The corvid forebrain is what houses the avian analogues to the human prefrontal cortex, i.e the area that's the powerhouse for human cognition and problem solving." However, another scientist, Kacelnik says, "We are not sure why they developed such large brains, or what environmental stimuli would have favored such an evolution."

Nonetheless, whether they are crows or ravens in the backyard, they do have one thing in common, their grey matter makes the term "bird brain" seem like a compliment.

Household Hints

Clean Bread Box and Food Containers with Vinegar

Clean bread box and food containers with vinegar-dampened cloth to keep fresh-smelling and clean.



Raven



Crow

Night Blind

Mysterious Book Report No. 321

by John Dwaine McKenna



Iceland sits just below the Arctic Circle, about midway between Greenland and Scandinavia. At the northernmost point of the volcanic island is the city of Siglufjörður . . . where in late November, "The darkness comes and curls around you like a furry black cat," and it doesn't even think about getting light again until sometime in February. Some of the people living there get depressed by the long dark night, others find comfort in it somehow, and still others – like Reykjavik lawyer Ragnar Jonasson – put their time in the dark to creative use, writing some of the best crime fiction of the new millennium. In his newest work to be translated into English entitled, *Night Blind*, (Minotaur/ St. Martins, \$25.99, 213 pages, ISBN 978-1-250-09609-8), series character Ari Thór Arason, one of two local policeman, is starting to feel claustrophobic in the small fishing village as the fall rains and the creeping darkness begin closing in. It's a quiet town where nothing much ever happens . . . the kind of place where no one bothers to lock their doors because everyone knows every one else. This idyllic quiet is shattered when the local police chief is killed in the dead of night at a deserted house on the edge of town. It falls upon Ari

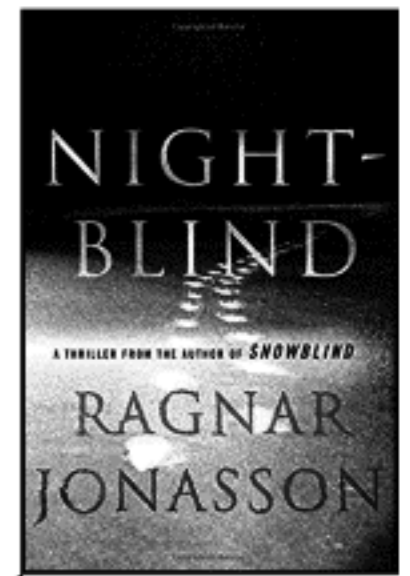
Thór to solve a pitiless, arcane and increasingly complex murder, which involves the new mayor from out of town, and a psychiatric ward in the capital city of Reykjavik. When his old boss is called in to replace the murdered chief, it becomes obvious to Ari Thór, that the murder can't be solved without the help of the local citizens, and he'll have to improve his image with them in order to do his job. As the mystery deepens with each passing page and Ari Thór is forced to spend more and more time on the case, his relationship with his girlfriend – the mother of his son – becomes strained to the point of fracturing. Atmospheric, tense and complex, *Night Blind* has a memorable and absorbing plot that will keep you guessing until the startling denouement . . . which will take you totally by surprise. Ragnar Jonasson has translated fourteen Agatha Christie novels from English into Icelandic, and her influence shines brightly in his work . . . so much so in fact, that he's being hailed as the Prince of Icelandic Noir!

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SUPERVISOR'S CORNER

By: Chris Mathews,
Town of
Neversink Supervisor

911 Addresses The Town Health Officer, Julie Starner, and I were talking about how difficult it can be for emergency services personnel to locate a call. Valuable time is often lost looking for a non-existent or covered 911 number. We noticed how few houses have visible 911 numbers. We want to remind you how important it is to purchase a house number and post it in a location that can be easily spotted by Emergency Services. Those extra minutes saved can mean life and death.

DMV will be at the Town Hall on February 15th and March 15th from 10 AM to 2:30 PM.

Dollar General As many of you already know, the Dollar General has been approved by the Planning Board. It will be located on the empty lot across from Grey's Woodworks on Route 55. At this time we have been told that construction crews will break ground in April and that the store should be open for business by August. I want to again take this opportunity to welcome Dollar General to town and thank the Planning Board for their hard work and dedication to the community. There have been some in town that have maintained an opposition to a Dollar General. I understand your concerns, but it's time to put that behind us and come together. The truth is that significantly more people confided in me that "they are excited for its arrival". It will bring convenience to people who have spent their lives traveling out of town to buy necessities. Together with our existing businesses that already provide great fresh food, beer, wine and fuel, Neversink will indeed be on the verge of a new era!

Extreme Weather Closings On February 7th, following the lead of the County, we closed Town Hall at noon and did not open the Transfer Station. If you braved the conditions to find us closed, please accept my apologies. It was done for the safety of the Town employees and everyone on the road. If the weather is extreme, call us first to find out if we are open. We will also post the closing on our website and notify the local radio stations. Thank you for your understanding on this matter.

Verizon Good news folks- for all of you waiting for Verizon cell service, it's on the way! Verizon has filed for a permit to occupy the cell tower. Based on the information I have at this time from Verizon Wireless, despite having some delays due to the cold weather and the remoteness of the site, they are hoping for activation for mid-March. So fingers crossed and welcome to town Verizon!

Reminder The Town Hall will be closed on February 19th in observance of President's Day and March 30th for Good Friday.

On a personal note, I want to take this opportunity to say Happy Valentine's Day to my wife Caryn. Unfortunately, I will be spending my Valentine's evening at a Neversink Town Board meeting with my fellow town board members instead of my lovely wife!

Wanted: Time Travelers,

No Experience Necessary (From Pg. 1)

"The Fort is based on a real fort that once stood just upriver, so we want our re-enactors to look and sound just as real," notes Parks, Recreation & Beautification Director Brian Scardefield. "We'll train and equip them, so long as they commit to volunteering even just one day at the Fort."

Skills on display include blacksmithing, sewing, candlemaking, artillery, music, storytelling, cooking, weaving and more. Volunteers need not have any experience in these trades - just a willingness to learn and show others. They also can be of any age, from children (accompanied by a parent) and teenagers to adults and senior citizens.

"Fort Delaware is an historic attraction in itself, and I encourage those who have enjoyed its long history to give a little back to the community and our visitors by stepping into costume and sharing what life was like way back then," encourages District 4 Legislator Catherine Owens, chair of the Legislature's Agriculture and Sustainability Policy Committee. "It promises to be a memorable, maybe even life-changing experience!"

Established by former County Historian James W. Burbank in 1957, Fort Delaware depicts life as it was circa 1760. Faithfully maintained by Sullivan County's Office of Parks, Recreation & Beautification and Division of Public Works, the Fort is perfect for kids, adults and families, with interactive exhibits and plenty of nooks and crannies to explore. It's also located right along Route 97, the Upper Delaware Scenic Byway, in Narrowsburg, a riverside hamlet full of shops and restaurants.

For more information or to sign up to become a volunteer, contact Brian Scardefield at: atbrian.scardefield@co.sullivan.ny.us or 845-807-0287.

Recycle That TV Monitor Fee to Be Charged Starting March 1, 2018

Monticello, NY - The Sullivan County Department of Solid Waste & Recycling is pleased to announce that Sullivan County residents recycled approximately 445,000 pounds of electronic scrap in 2017 - that's almost 6 pounds for every man, woman and child living in the County. This is a significant accomplishment, because there are many hazards in electronic devices that are removed and reclaimed during the recycling process.

As a reminder, we accept a variety of electronics at our County-operated transfer stations located in Monticello, Ferndale, Mamakating, Highland, Rockland and Cohecton, including Televisions, Computers & Peripherals, Scanners, Cable/Satellite Boxes, Displays/Monitors/Cathode Ray Tubes, Laptops, Tablets, VCRs, Disc Players, Fax Machines, and Consumer Batteries.

Effective March 1, 2018, there will be a nominal charge of \$15 for CRT (Cathode Ray Tube) televisions and computer monitors. All other electronic items will continue to be accepted for free.

District 7 Legislator & Public Works Committee Chairman Joseph Perrello said, "The electronics recy-

cling program has been a success story for the County and has been offered for free for many years. We believe that the small charge for certain electronics is a fair improvement to this program and will make it sustainable over time."

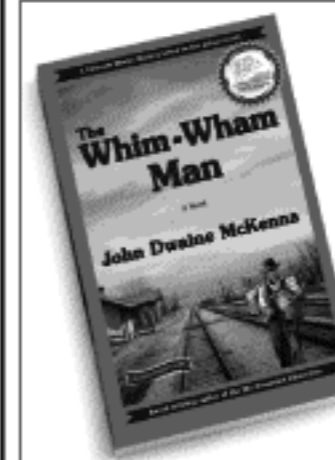
For additional information about waste reduction strategies, reuse and recycling, as well as transfer stations' hours of operation, please contact Donna Egan at the Sullivan County Department of Solid Waste & Recycling at 845-807-0290. Or visit our website: <http://co.sullivan.ny.us/Departments/SolidWasteRecycling/tabid/3198/Default.aspx>

Basic Excel Course Offered

Monticello - The Adult and Continuing Education Program at Sullivan BOCES is offering Basic Excel at the St. John Street Education Center in Monticello. This course is offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays starting on February 20th and ends on March 6th from 5:30pm-8:30pm. The course tuition is \$155.

Microsoft Excel is a spreadsheet software program used for accounting and budgeting. Spreadsheets allow you to keep track of data, create charges based from data and perform complex calculations. Just like a book ledger, spreadsheets store information in columns and row. Use excel for budgeting displays, checkbook registers, enrollment records, inventories and more.

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



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Traditions

Traditions! I can almost hear Tevye singing it in "Fiddler on the Roof." A tradition is a long-standing practice; the transmission of customs or beliefs from generation to generation. Traditions are important as a vehicle to pass on culture. It is the glue that holds families and nations together.

Most traditions anchor themselves to a celebration or event; however, even traditions "morph" over time. I was recently invited to a SPRINKLE. Unsure if I needed to pack shampoo and towel or not, I found out that a sprinkle was a SHOWER for a second baby. Since my babies are hovering around the half-century mark, and two of my grandchildren can vote, I was unaware of this tradition.

I was also unaware of the "Gender Reveal". Back in the ancient times when we delivered a baby, it was a surprise; sometimes the pregnancy, itself, was a surprise too. Sonograms were unusual, so obstetricians would say things like, "The heartbeat is slow. It could be a boy." The big reveal was when you got to look below the waist in the delivery room. Now, involved and dramatic announcements are made in shades of either pink or blue. Sometimes the reveal involves cake, which brings me to another tradition of the "Smash Cake." Babies are given and encouraged to smash a cake on their first birthday.

Some birthdays get special attention. I can remember how, in high school, girls celebrated their "Sweet Sixteen" birthday with a corsage of sixteen sugar cubes and lots of ribbon. Many of my classmates had a special party and a few were treated to a "nose job" and pierced ears. I got cupcakes.

the Sweet Sixteen tradition seems to have faded away. Perhaps sugar cubes became scarce or sweet sixteen-year old girls became scarcer.

Weddings would have a rehearsal dinner for the wedding party so they could practice the ceremony before the big day. Now a rehearsal dinner has grown in geometric proportions to include everyone but the groom's kindergarten teacher and the butcher. It has become the pre-wedding. Traditionally, the bride's family would foot the bill for the wedding, and the groom's family paid for the rehearsal dinner. Weddings have now paved the way for gender equality by plunging both families, the happy couple and Visa Card into debt.

At weddings, the groom also gets a cake now. Do brides still save a piece of cake for a year and then sleep with the cake under a pillow?

I realize that all the traditions I wrote about involve cake. I guess the common theme, unchanged by time, is the tradition of sharing lots of calories. Perhaps it is not the glue but the GLUTEN that holds a family together.

DEC Announces Annual Tree and Shrub Seedling Sale at Saratoga Tree Nursery Plantings Support Pollinators and Improve Habitats for Wildlife

More than 50 species of trees and shrubs from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's (DEC) Saratoga Tree Nursery are now available to public and private landowners and schools, DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos announced today.

"Planting trees and shrubs not only enhances properties, it also provides positive environmental benefits that can be accomplished with minimal time and money and requires only basic skills," Commissioner Seggos said. "New seedlings improve wildlife habitat and air and water quality in people's backyards. And DEC foresters are always available to give you the best advice on what to plant."

Spruces, pines, shrub willows, dogwoods, high bush cranberry, winged sumac, white cedar, and wetland rose are among the 50 species available from the State's Saratoga Tree Nursery. The sale provides low-cost, native tree and shrub seedlings from New York seed sources to encourage landowners to enhance the state's environment for future generations. Mixed species packets are also available. Enhancing habitat in your backyard is made easy with packets of trees and shrubs for your specific planting goals including enhancement of ruffed grouse habitat, Long Island habitat, and riparian and streamside habitat. In addition, packets include flowering species that attract pollinators.

Small reforestation projects are popular with private landowners interested in environmental improvement. Although the public commonly thinks of flowers when talking about pollinators, before becoming butterflies and moths, caterpillars must first feed on plants, and without enough of the right plants, these insects won't make it to adulthood. Most of the State Nursery's seedlings are native, which are preferred by native caterpillars.

Most songbirds need a diet high in protein - like that found in caterpillars - to successfully raise their chicks. A single clutch needs thousands of caterpillars before they fledge. When choosing which species to plant, keep in mind that they are not all equal: oaks support nearly 400 species of caterpillars in New York, while the invasive tree of heaven (Ailanthus) doesn't support any. By planting trees that host native caterpillars, people can help provide the food sources vital to butterflies, moths and birds.

Trees and shrubs provide important food sources for bees, butterflies, and other pollinating insects, which have declined over recent years. By planting rows of trees and shrubs at right angles to prevailing winds, an effective natural windbreak can also be created.

For more information, visit the Spring Seedling Sale web page on DEC's website.

Schools Can Complete Conservation Planting for Free Schools across New York are eligible to receive free seedlings for spring planting through the DEC School Seedling Program, which provides 50 tree seedlings or a mixed packet of 30 wildlife shrubs to any public or private school that would like to participate. The seedlings can be planted on school grounds or other community spaces, and offer teachers a great resource to enhance environmental lessons.

Applications to participate are available at DEC's School Seedling Program website, or by contacting the Saratoga Tree Nursery at (518) 581-1439.

Interested schools can also contact the nearest DEC regional forestry office to request a "School Seedlings" brochure, which contains all the information necessary to place an order. Applications must be received at the nursery by March 31, 2018.

Order Your Saratoga Tree Nursery Bareroot Seedlings The Saratoga Tree Nursery primarily sells bare-root stock for direct plantings, but a few species are available as containerized stock. Landowners can receive planting advice from their nearest DEC forestry office or private forestry consultant. The 2018 Tree and Shrub brochure (PDF, 400 KB) can be found on DEC's Spring Seedling Sale web page, or by calling the Saratoga Tree Nursery at (518) 581-1439. Some species sell out quickly.

To order seedlings by phone, contact the nursery on weekdays between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at (518) 587-1120. Mail orders are also accepted and can be sent to the NYSDEC Saratoga Tree Nursery, 2369 Route 50, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866. Orders may be placed through May 9. Seedlings are shipped from mid-April to mid-May.

Since the opening of the Saratoga Tree Nursery in 1911, more than 1.6 billion seedlings have been produced to enhance and protect New York's environment. For more information on the history and benefits of this program, visit the Saratoga Tree Nursery web page.

Governor Cuomo Announces Additional Funding Available for Tens of Thousands of New Yorkers Faced with a Heating Emergency

Additional \$14.4 Million Secured in Federal HEAP Assistance to Help New Yorkers Weatherize Their Homes

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced additional funding available to help eligible New Yorkers heat their homes following severe low temperatures this winter. Households in danger of running out of heating fuel or having their utility service shut off will be able to apply for a second emergency benefit through the federal Home Energy Assistance Program beginning February 12.

"The availability of this funding will help keep our most vulnerable New Yorkers warm and safe this winter," Governor Cuomo said. "New York is suffering a one-two-punch this season with cold temperatures and rising energy prices, and I am encouraging all eligible New Yorkers to apply for assistance."

There has already been a 40 percent increase in requests for emergency heating assistance compared to last year in many parts of the state that have experienced persistently cold temperatures this winter. Normally, eligible households are able to receive one HEAP benefit and one emergency HEAP benefit each winter if faced with an energy crisis. This year, households that have already received a regular and emergency benefit will be able to apply for additional funding. Households faced with the possibility of having a utility shut off, or running out of heating fuel without the means to replenish it, will be eligible.

The amount a household receives from HEAP depends on income, household size and how the home is heated. A family of four can earn up to \$53,482 per year and still qualify for assistance. A needy household that heats with oil and qualifies for a regular HEAP benefit and two emergency benefits could receive more than \$2,000 in total assistance this winter.

HEAP, overseen by the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance, is 100 percent federally funded. Applications for HEAP are accepted at local departments of social services in person or by telephone.

In addition to funding available for heating assistance, \$14.4 million in federal HEAP funding has been provided to the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority to grant weatherization services to thousands of additional households, through EmPower New York. These services can reduce the amount of energy required to heat a home, reducing energy consumption, while minimizing the impact of higher fuel costs throughout the winter.

Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance Commissioner Samuel D. Roberts said, "There are many hard-working families in New York who, without this additional assistance, would find themselves with nowhere to turn in an emergency situation. This is a crucial helping hand for potentially thousands of New Yorkers, many of whom are seriously at risk this winter."

Alicia Barton, President and CEO, NYSERDA, said, "We encourage those most vulnerable to the rising costs of heating a home this winter to take advantage of the assistance the state has available to them to ensure a warm and comfortable home. Making homes more energy efficient is a priority of Governor Cuomo's ambitious energy agenda as we seek to help residents and businesses across the state reduce their energy costs and carbon footprint."

Sullivan County Emergency HEAP Benefit Extended

Liberty, NY - In response to an extended amount of very cold days throughout New York State, Governor Andrew Cuomo has authorized a second round of the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) Emergency Benefit.

This benefit, which will pay for up to \$675 in emergency heating fuel (dependent on the type of heating system), is available only to those applicants who have already exhausted or otherwise cannot access the Regular and first round of Emergency HEAP benefits.

The second Emergency Benefit will become available this Monday, February 12. However, Sullivan County offices are closed that day due to Lincoln's Birthday, so applications will start being taken after 8 a.m. on **Tuesday, February 13.**

For more information, call the County's HEAP Office at 845-807-0142.

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SUNY Sullivan Hosts Performance to Celebrate Black History Month and Bicentennial Tribute to Frederick A. Douglas

(Loch Sheldrake, NY) A celebration of Black History Month and the 200th birthday of Frederick Douglass, actor and poet G. Oliver King brings to life the words of the renowned abolitionist in "An Irresolute Redemption... A magniloquent historical retrospective of renowned Abolitionist and Statesman Frederick Augustus Douglass" was held on Wednesday, February 14th at 12 noon, in SUNY Sullivan's Seelig Theater. The event, sponsored by the SUNY Sullivan Office of Student Activities, was open to the public and free of charge.

Frederick Douglass was born into slavery in Maryland in 1818. Upon his escape, he became a leader of the abolitionist movement in New York and Massachusetts. Douglass wrote several autobiographies, including Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, an American Slave, and My Bondage and My Freedom. Douglass also actively supported the women's suffrage movement and was a believer in the equality of all peoples.

For more information, contact Frank Sinigaglia, Director of Student Activities, at 845-434-5750, ext. 4397 or via email at fsinigaglia@sunysullivan.edu.

Spring Courses Start Soon at Temple Shalom

Rabbi Michele Medwin conducting a recent adult education class at Temple Shalom

Tuesday, March 6, 2018, will mark the first class of the spring session for Adult Education at Temple Shalom in Monticello. This session is continuation of the material Rabbi Michele Medwin taught in the fall, using the book "Essays on Ethics: Weekly Reading of the Jewish Bible" by Rabbi Jonathan Sacks. Prior enrollment or Temple membership are not required to participate in the lively ethics discussions, which will draw from portions of Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy. Discussion topics will include ethical aspects of shame, responsibility, love, morality, truth, power, conscience, gratitude, and joy. The course will consist of ten weekly sessions on Tuesdays from noon to 1:15 pm.

A second course that Rabbi Medwin will teach is based on email debate between a Reform rabbi, Ammiel Hirsch, and an Orthodox rabbi, Yosef Reinman. Their spirited correspondence has been published as a book, "One People Two Worlds." The course will be held on Tuesdays from 1:30 to 2:45 p.m.

Classes will be at Temple Shalom, which is just off Forestburgh Road in Monticello. Cost is \$36 per course for Temple members and \$54 per course for nonmembers. To avoid a late registration fee, interested students should register by February 15.

Remote participation is available for Rabbi Medwin's classes via Zoom on the Internet. Students interested in this option should check off the box on the registration form to receive instructions on how to join the class.

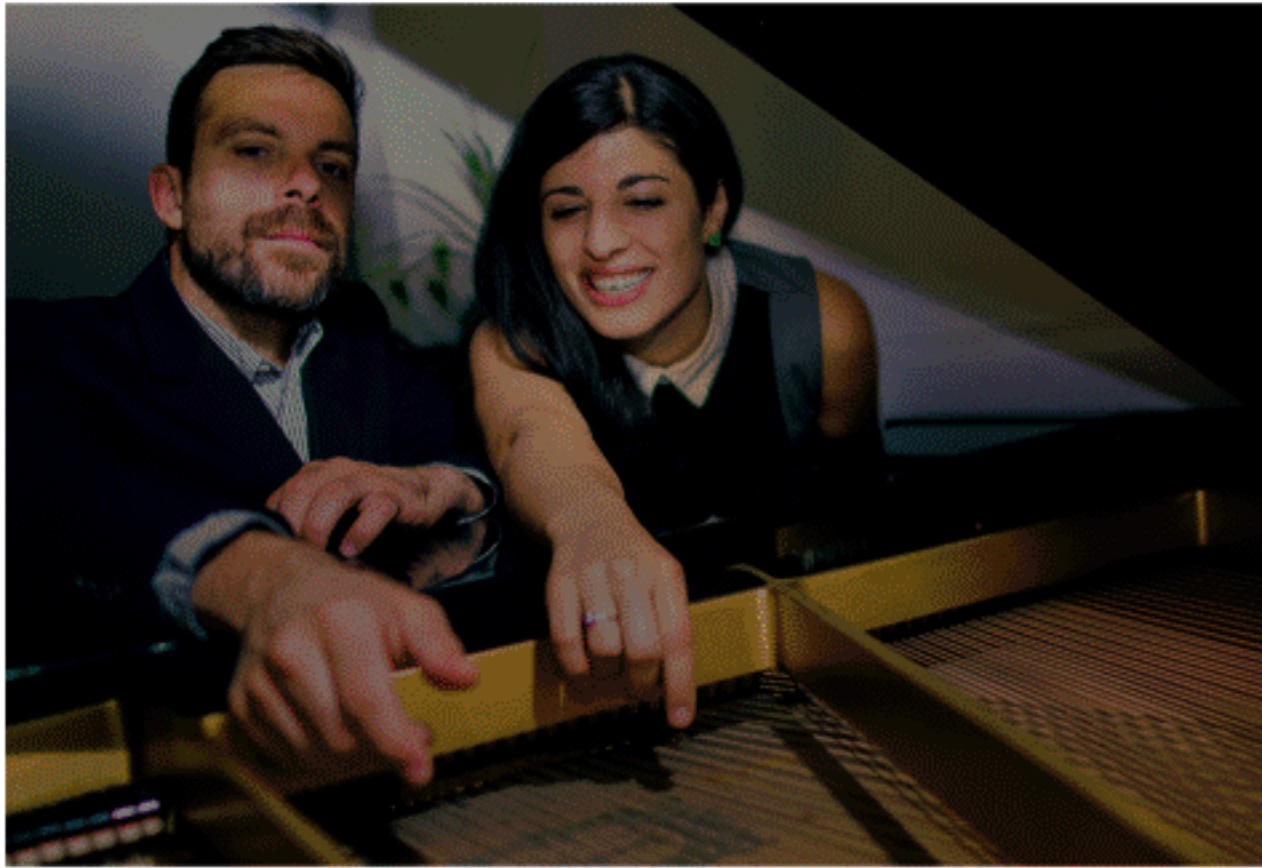
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Andrew Ranaudo and Nicole Brancato (together, known as 2Squared) will play a four-hand piano concert on Saturday, February 24 at 2 pm at Delaware Valley Arts Alliance, 37 Main Street, Narrowsburg as part of the DVAA's winter Salon Series.



Ranaudo, a Cochecton native, is an award-winning musician, composer, and teacher who has played venues around the world and makes his home in New York City.

"I'm excited to perform at DVAA because it is a homecoming," Ranaudo said. "I may live in Brooklyn, but my soul belongs to Western Sullivan County, which has a character and mystique that you don't find everywhere. The Delaware River and the hills and woods that envelop it shaped my spirit and I'm delighted to be able to, as an adult, perform for the unique community that nurtured me as a child and inspires me as an adult."

2Squared incorporates film selections into their performance, resulting in an audiovisual experience that's imaginative, intellectual, and incredibly memorable.

"I've been combining music and visuals for over 10 years now," Ranaudo explained. "I've always been attracted to the idea of a gesamtkunstwerk, creat-

ing a whole new other world to inhabit. As a pianist, as someone reared as a soloist, I'm particularly excited about the aspect of collaborating with other artists."

On February 24, Ranaudo and Brancato will play works by Franz Schubert, Felix Mendelssohn, Alfredo Casella, and Erik Satie, with visual collaborations by Patte Loper and Sarah Nicole Phillips. The Satie piece accompanies the Dadaist film "Entr'acte" by René Clair, which features cameos by Francis Picabia, Man Ray, Marcel Duchamp and Satie himself.

Admission is free thanks to the generous support of Larry and Shain Fishman. Seating is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. DVAA's Salon Series continues throughout the winter with an artists' talk and panel discussion on March 10 and a screening of the film BOMBSHELL: The Hedy Lamarr Story on March 24. All events are free and take place at 2 pm in Krause Recital Hall.

The activities of the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance are made possible in part by a grant from the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Legislature. More information is available at delawarevalleyartsalliance.org or call 845-252-7576.

Meryl Streep and Tom Hanks in 'The Post' (R) at Callicoon Theater

Delaware Valley Arts Alliance and Callicoon Theater present Steven Spielberg's "The Post" for two long weekends in February. The film is nominated for Best Picture and Best Actress Oscars.

"The Post" is a thrilling drama about the unlikely partnership between The Washington Post's Katharine Graham (Meryl Streep), the first female publisher of a major American newspaper, and editor Ben Bradlee (Tom Hanks), as they race to catch up with The New York Times to expose a massive cover-up of government secrets that spanned three decades and four U.S. Presidents. The two must overcome their differences as they risk their careers and their very freedom to help bring long-buried truths to light.



Stephanie Zacharek of TIME magazine called it "a superhero movie for real grownups."

"The Post" is rated PG-13 and will screen Friday, February 16 through Monday, February 19 and Friday, February 23 through Monday, February 26, nightly at 7:30 pm, with matinees at 2 pm on Saturday and Sunday.

The Callicoon Theater is located at 30 Upper Main St, Callicoon, NY. Admission is \$11 (\$9 admission on Mondays and matinees) and \$8 for children under 12 at all shows.

Other Oscar-nominees screening in March are "Phantom Thread" (starting March 2) and "Call Me By Your Name" (starting March 9).

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

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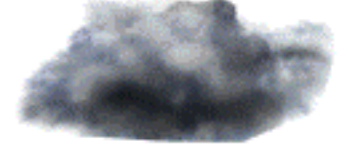
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**Frost Valley YMCA Announces
Spring Wilderness First Responder Training**

Last December, Frost Valley hosted a Wilderness First Responder Training for a group of outdoor professionals and enthusiasts. Due to the popularity of the program as well as its vital importance in our area, Frost Valley is adding another course to its calendar for March 10-16, 2018, which is in addition to the regularly scheduled course on June 4-10, 2018. Included in the course fee are all meals, lodging, and in-depth instruction. Participants who successfully pass the course will leave with a valuable Wilderness First Responder certification, allowing them to work in several professional outdoor guide and rescue arenas. The course takes place at Frost Valley's East Valley Ranch location.



The Wilderness First Responder program is the ideal emergency medical training for leaders in remote areas. Outdoor educators, wilderness guides, members of the military, professional search and rescue teams, field researchers, and individuals involved in disaster relief will gain valuable skills from this comprehensive and practical curriculum. The course includes the essential principles and skills required to assess and manage medical problems in isolated and extreme environments for days and weeks if necessary. To register for either the March or the June course, please call (845) 985-2291 ext.240 or email egorman@frostvalley.org

Don't forget! Spring break is just around the corner and now is the time to plan engaging, growth-filled opportunities for your children. Frost Valley is offering two spring break camps, both running from March 26-30, 2018. Registration is open now for both the traditional spring break day camp as well as a new horse day camp. Transportation is included where available. For more information visit www.frostvalley.org or call 845-985-2291 today.

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**SUNY Sullivan presents the
romantic comedy
"House of Desires"**

(Loch Sheldrake, NY): The SUNY Sullivan Theater Program is proud to announce performances of House of Desires (Los Empeños de una Casa), from February 22 to March 4, Thursdays - Sundays. Performances will be held in the Seelig Theater on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 pm and Sundays at 2 pm. Written by Sor Juana Inez de la Cruz, and translated by Dr. Catherine Boyle, House of Desires is directed by Jessica López-Barkl, associate professor of theater and speech at SUNY Sullivan. The production will be subtitled into Spanish for Spanish speakers. The cast is comprised of SUNY Sullivan students, staff, faculty, and community members. This romantic comedy, written during the 17th Century by the celebrated playwright, scholar and nun Juana Inez de la Cruz, involves a brother and sister caught in a web of love with four others. With all six under one roof, mayhem ensues as each struggles to be alone with their lover as the audience tries to work out who really loves whom. This is the second play in SUNY Sullivan's 2017-18 season, and continues to explore the question: What is American identity? The suggested donation for admission is \$10. For more information about the performance, tickets, or for information about accessible seating services, contact Ms. Barkl at jbarkl@sunysullivan.edu.

Saturday, March 17, 2018

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Please get permission slips in before February 20 to secure your space as this is limited to the first 44 children to sign up.

Sullivan Renaissance Beautification Grants and Intern Application Deadlines Fast Approaching

[FERNDALE] We are now into February and that little rascal, Phil the groundhog promises six more weeks of winter. Don't let that pessimistic rodent discourage you from applying for a Beautification Grant. Whether the project is an established garden that needs some sprucing up or your community group has identified a space for a new project, Sullivan Renaissance is available to guide you through the application process. Be it an onsite visit to discuss your vision or a phone consultation - they are ready to help you into action. Application deadline is March 1st.

March 1st is also when the Summer Intern applications are due. Sullivan Renaissance in partnership with The Center for Workforce Development, will hire several young adults (ages 16-20) to work alongside volunteers on community projects this summer. Interns will participate in a series of youth development meetings and will adopt a "Day of Service" project. Salaries are competitive presenting a great opportunity to dig in and learn new skills! Join neighbors and businesses to brighten the community, while building experience that can be used to enhance your resume as well as your neighborhood!

Beautification Grants and Intern Applications are available online at SullivanRenaissance.org. They may be completed electronically or mailed to: Sullivan Renaissance, c/o The Gerry Foundation, PO Box 311, Liberty, NY 12754.

YOGA FOR KIDS AT

E.B. CRAWFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY IN MONTICELLO

The Ethelbert B. Crawford library is offering a free Yoga Class for Kids & Teens every month. Yoga is a great way to relieve stress & get some exercise. This monthly class is for ages 7-14 will take place February 14th at 4:30pm.. We will have a limited number of yoga

mats available on a first come, first serve basis. If you have your own please bring it.

Grab some friends and stop by for some zen fun at the library. Registration is required as space is limited. To register, or for more information, call 845-794-4660 ext. 5. To see a full list of library programs, visit ebcpl.org or follow us on Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter @ebcplibrary. The Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library is located at 479 Broadway in Monticello. All library programs are free and open to the public.

MONTHLY PROGRAM FOR HOME SCHOOL FAMILIES AT

E.B. CRAWFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

This month, our homeschool program will celebrate National Inventors Day! Students will talk about an invention/inventor of their choice, learn about lots of other inventions and even share ideas for new inventions. This program will take place on February 22nd at 11:30 a.m. This program gives home schooled students a chance to share their work & ideas with their peers and community. All ages are invited to attend and participate at their own level.

This program is free but space is limited and registration is required. For more information or to register for the program call 845-794-4660 ext. 5. To see a full list of library programs, visit www.ebcpl.org or follow us on Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter @ebcplibrary. The Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library is located at 479 Broadway in Monticello. All library programs are free and open to the public.

MAKER SPACE PROGRAM AT E.B. CRAWFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

A Maker Space is a DIY space where people can gather to create, invent, and learn. It is a great opportunity to play with new technology, make cool crafts, and get creative.

The Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library will host a Maker Space event on Friday, February 16th from 4:30-6:30pm. Children and teens ages 7+ will have the opportunity to build marble mazes, create origami animals, explore the world with VR goggles, learn electrical coding with Little Bits, and learn to program a robot with Ozobots! This is a drop in program, so participants can stop by for a few minutes or stay for the whole two hours.

For more information or to register for the program call 845-794-4660 ext. 5. To see a full list of library programs, visit ebcpl.org or follow us on Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter @ebcplibrary. The Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library is located at 479 Broadway in Monticello. All library programs are free and open to the public.

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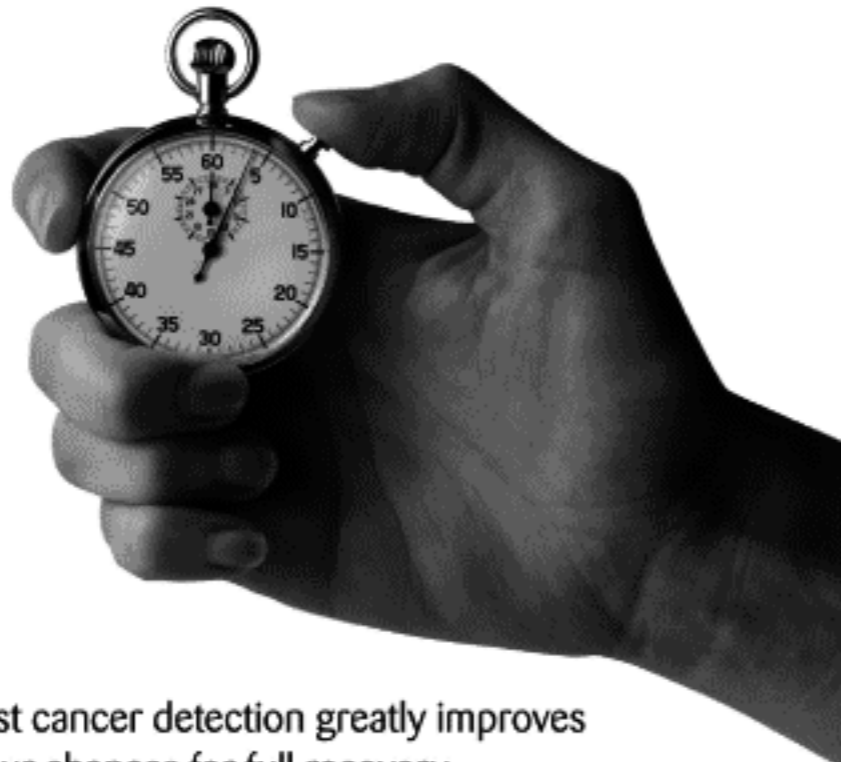


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DEC Announces Falconry, Wildlife Rehabilitator and Leashed Tracking Dog Examinations

Exams Scheduled at DEC Regional Offices on April 13; March 16 Registration Deadline

Examinations for individuals seeking a license to practice the sport of falconry, become a volunteer wildlife rehabilitator, or use leashed tracking dogs to find wounded or injured big game animals are scheduled for Friday, April 13, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) announced today.

The exams are scheduled for 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at most DEC Regional Offices across the state. A list of DEC Regional Offices can be found on DEC's website. The deadline for registering to take these free exams is Friday, March 16, and exam registration forms can be found on DEC's website.

Apprentice Falconry License

Falconry has a rich history and tradition throughout the world and requires a significant commitment in time and effort. Apprentices are limited to possessing one bird, either an American kestrel or a red-tailed hawk. A falconry study guide and examination manual are available at no cost from DEC's website. The cost of a five-year falconry license is \$40.

To qualify for the Apprentice Falconry license, applicants must: score 80 percent or higher on the written exam; be at least 14 years of age; possess a valid New York State hunting license; and maintain DEC-approved facilities for housing falconry raptors.

Wildlife Rehabilitator License

Wildlife rehabilitators provide for the care of injured, sick and orphaned wild animals for the purpose of returning rehabilitated animals to the wild. Prospective applicants are encouraged to gain experience by serving as an assistant to a licensed wildlife rehabilitator. A wildlife rehabilitator study guide and examination manual are available at no cost from DEC's website. There is no cost for the license, which is good for five years.

To qualify for the Wildlife Rehabilitator License, applicants must: score 80 percent or higher on the written exam; be at least 16 years of age; and be interviewed by DEC Regional wildlife staff.

Leashed Tracking Dog Handler

Leashed tracking dog handlers use their dogs to track and recover dead, wounded or injured big game. Leashed tracking dog handlers provide a valuable service in aiding hunters in locating wounded big game that otherwise may go unrecovered. A leashed tracking dog study guide is available at no cost from DEC's website. There is a \$50 license fee for the five-year license and a \$25 non-refundable application fee.

To qualify for a Leashed Tracking Dog Handler License, applicants must: score 80 percent or higher on the written exam; and possess a valid New York State hunting license. To apply for any of these exams, visit DEC's Special Licenses Unit website and fill out an exam registration form. Mail, fax or email the completed form to: NYS DEC Special Licenses Unit, 625 Broadway, Albany, NY 12233-4752 Phone: 518-402-8985, Fax: 518-402-8925, Email: SpecialLicenses@dec.ny.gov.

Governor Cuomo Announces Grand Opening of Resorts World Casino & Resort in the Catskills \$1.2 Billion Project Will Create Over 1,500 Jobs in New York's Catskills Region - Casino & Resort Will Attract 4 Million Visitors Per Year - Fourth Commercial Casino to Open Since Voters Approved New York Casino Gambling Amendment in 2013

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo announced the grand opening of the Resorts World Casino in Thompson, New York. The \$1.2 billion private investment resort features a 100,000 square-foot gaming floor, a luxury hotel, and multiple dining, retail and entertainment options as part of a larger development project on the site. Resorts World has created 1,500 permanent jobs at the resort, with another 600 expected once the entertainment village, water park and golf course open. Resorts World projects the resort and casino to bring in four million visitors per year. Resorts World Casino is the fourth commercial casino to open in New York since voters approved the New York Casino Gambling Amendment in 2013. As of December 2017, the total gaming tax paid to the state was over \$106 million, and over 4,800 permanent jobs have been created.

"For generations, the Catskills have served as a recreational and entertainment destination for people across the country," said Governor Cuomo. "This new resort truly heralds the rebirth of the Catskills, and will serve as an economic driver, generating thousands of jobs and opportunities for people in the region."

Governor Cuomo's Upstate New York Gaming and Economic Development Act of 2013 mandated that all state revenue from Resorts World and the other commercial facilities be returned to localities. Ten percent of the state's tax revenue from the casino will be split between the town of Thompson and Sullivan County for hosting the facility. Columbia, Delaware, Greene, Orange and Ulster counties will share 10 percent, and the remaining 80 percent of revenue will be distributed statewide to support public education and provide tax relief to New Yorkers.

"The \$1.2 billion casino project will bring 4 million visitors to the Catskills each year, creating thousands of new jobs and providing millions in revenue to the area," said Lieutenant Governor Kathy Hochul, who attended the grand opening. "Resorts World Casino will be a destination with a variety of gaming, entertainment, and dining options for tourists near and far that will boost the region and the entire State."

Resorts World Expected Economic Impact

By March, Resorts World will have created and filled 1,500 permanent jobs with the casino opening. Another 600 positions will be created when the 324-room Kartrite Hotel, Indoor Waterpark and spa opens in 2019. In addition, local governments - the Town of Thompson, Sullivan County and local school districts and neighboring counties in the gaming region established by the state - will see a significant, positive, direct impact from Resorts World Casino through their share of the casino's gaming tax payments to the state.

Casino Amenities

The casino's gaming floor features 2,151 slot machines, 150 table games and a poker room. In addition, Resorts World Casino guests will also enjoy:

- o 27,000 square-feet of multi-purpose meeting and entertainment space;
- o Cellaio, an Italian restaurant, helmed by celebrity chef Scott Conant;
- o The Doubletop Bar and Grill, Empire Lounge, and Bar 360, each a different experience for patrons;
- o Asian fine dining at Lotus and casual Asian grab and go at Good Friends Market; and
- o The Kartrite Hotel and Indoor Waterpark, to open in early 2019, featuring an entertainment village with retail, restaurants and the renovated Monster golf course.

Over 3,000 union workers have been employed during the construction phase of the project, working approximately 1.8 million hours with a total construction cost of over \$520 million. In 2017, Resorts World spent nearly \$1 million per day on construction activity. At Resorts World, approximately 75 percent of the 1,300 permanent employees hired to date are women or minorities.

Ryan Eller, President and Chief Executive Officer of Empire Resorts, said, "Today marks an exciting new era for us. I'm incredibly proud of all of the hard work and dedication from our staff, local officials and the community that went into making this day possible. We're committed to having a positive impact on the region and we're looking forward to continuing to collaborate with the local community to ensure this happens. We are open for business and are ready to offer our guests unparalleled gaming, world-class amenities, and thrilling experiences like no other in the region."

Senator John Bonacic said, "As we celebrate today's opening of the fourth casino in upstate New York, we also mark an exciting new chapter for growth and prosperity in the region. Resorts World Catskills' casino resort campus is a true destination that will deliver untold opportunities for the Catskills and we're incredibly optimistic for its future."

Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther said, "After years of collaboration amongst so many stakeholders, it is incredibly exciting to see our long-held vision to build a casino in Sullivan County come to fruition," said Aileen Gunther, New York State Assemblywoman. "In addition to creating thou-

sands of jobs in the region, we look forward to the positive economic impact the casino resort will generate as a key driver of tourism to our region."

Chairman of the Sullivan County Legislature Luis Alvarez said, "With many tourism and entertainment options for visitors around our entire region, today's opening serves as yet another exciting destination for local residents and tourists far and wide. We thank the Governor for all he did to bring thousands of new jobs and an economic boost to our region."

Resorts World Catskills was developed by Empire Resorts, a real estate development company that owns and manages several subsidiaries in the hospitality and gaming industries. The company owns Monticello Raceway through its subsidiary Monticello Raceway Management, Inc. Empire, through its subsidiary Montreign Operating Company, has entered into a license agreement to use the Resorts World brand for the casino. It is a publicly traded company whose stock trades on the NASDAQ Global Market. The company was awarded a gaming facility license to own and operate the casino in 2015.

Senator Bonacic Acts to Protect Health Insurance Consumers from New State Tax

(Albany, NY)-State Senator John J. Bonacic (R/C/I-Mt. Hope) voted in favor of legislation today that would protect health insurance consumers from a new state tax that prevents anticipated savings from the federal tax reforms from going back to customers. The bill (S7587) ensures that the \$140 million estimated windfall to health insurers from federal corporate tax rate reductions could still result in lower health care costs for taxpayers, instead of an Executive Budget proposal that diverts the savings back to the state.

"I was pleased to join my colleagues in supporting this legislation that will ensure that hardworking New Yorkers don't lose out on money that belongs to them," said Senator Bonacic. "This bill builds on the Senate Majority's ongoing commitment to making New York a more affordable place to live, work and raise a family."

The federal government recently enacted the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017, reducing the federal corporate tax rate applicable to for-profit health insurance companies. As a result, health insurance companies' earnings will rise by approximately 14 percent. With insurance companies paying millions less in federal taxes, under current law, the spending ratio used by state regulators to determine premiums potentially change. The reduction in insurers' costs would likely trigger an opportunity for consumers' premiums to be reduced in the form of rate reductions, refunds, or credits on a pro-rated basis.

However, under the Executive's SFY 2019 Budget Proposal, rebates would not pass to the consumer as they normally would according to current law. Instead, under the Executive's proposal, the State would use the rebates to "help close the State budget gap," effectively keeping funds that would otherwise go back to consumers. This bill is necessary to make sure the health companies' windfall goes back to consumers instead of the state's coffers.

This bill has been sent to the Assembly.

Funding to Enable Port Jervis Metro-North Station Accessibility Improvements

(Middletown, NY)- Senator John J. Bonacic (R/C/I-Mt. Hope) today announced that he is working with Metro-North to provide funding that would enable Metro-North Railroad to make improvements at the Port Jervis Station that will allow mobility-impaired New Yorkers to conveniently access train service for the first time.

In tandem with installation of a new signal system on the Port Jervis Line associated with the roll-out of a safety system known as Positive Train Control, Metro-North plans to build a new two-car-long, 10-foot wide high level island platform at Port Jervis, between Track 1 and Track 2. The platform will be reachable by a ramp that will be compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and a rail-level walkway that will have gates and flashing lights as protection for customers. The platform will be partially covered by a canopy, and will require infrastructure work to create space to build the platform on land currently occupied by tracks.

While the overall project, estimated to be complete by the end of 2020, is expected to cost a total of \$4 million, only a portion of that total would be for the components that will allow for compliance with the Americans with Disability Act.

"Boarding a train for the mobility impaired right now is an exercise in frustration, and that will soon change," Senator Bonacic said. "As this station is the end of the Port Jervis Line, these improvements will benefit not only Port Jervis residents, but everyone seeking to access the station from surrounding areas and Sullivan County."

Catherine Rinaldi, Acting President of MTA Metro-North Railroad, said, "Metro-North is pleased to be able to partner with Senator Bonacic on this important accessibility project, and we are deeply appreciative of his commitment to transform the experience of our customers."

MTA Board Member Susan G. Metzger, who represents Orange County on the MTA Board and is chairwoman of the Board's Metro-North Railroad Committee, said: "I appreciate the commitment from Senator Bonacic and from Metro-North to invest needed resources in the Port Jervis Station. The Port

Jervis Line is the backbone of public transportation for Orange County and I continue to push alongside our elected delegation for increased investment in the line."

"Older folks, veterans, families, and people with disabilities shouldn't have to travel across the county just to safely get on a train - getting this problem fixed is long overdue," said U.S. Representative Sean Patrick Maloney (NY-18). "I've been working with Metro-North and the Governor on this for a while, and I'm glad Senator Bonacic and I stand together on the need to resolve these accessibility issues. I'll continue to work alongside our local partners to ensure our transportation systems are accessible to all New Yorkers."

New York State Assemblyman Karl Brabenec, said, "Over the past few months, I have been working with Senator Bonacic's office, and community activists to find critical resources necessary to get this project moving forward. Accessibility for the disabled was crucially needed at this particular station. I commend Senator Bonacic for helping to provide funding for this most important project and I'm happy to be his partner in government."

As a short-term measure to improve accessibility at the station, Metro-North will install a temporary mini high-level platform made of aluminum and ADA-compliant ramp by June 2018.

Second Round of CRF Program Brings Total Mortgages Purchased to 570 to Help Struggling Families Avoid Foreclosure and Prevent Zombie Properties - New York's Total \$10 Million Investment by the Community Restoration Fund Leverages More Than \$111 Million in Private Investment

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo announced the state's Community Restoration Fund has purchased 172 mortgages in a strategic effort to bring owners in targeted communities out of foreclosure and keep the homes from abandonment. The Community Restoration Fund has helped strengthen the financial position of homeowners, bringing stability back to the housing market in neighborhoods across the state. This latest effort brings the total investment through the Fund to \$10 million, which has leveraged more than \$111 million in private funds and enabled the purchase of 570 distressed mortgages to date.

"New York continues to fight the spread of Zombie properties by supporting homeowners seeking the American Dream and investing in at-risk neighborhoods," Governor Cuomo said. "Through this transformative program, New Yorkers are provided the tools they need to make critical home improvements, while helping communities grow stronger in every corner of the state."

The Community Restoration Fund offers a second chance for homeowners with non-performing mortgages whose private servicers have been unable to assist. As the second phase of the CRF program, these 172 newly acquired mortgages are consistent with the concentrations of mortgages in the first phase of CRF, which will increase the overall impact the program has on these communities.

The Governor launched the CRF in 2017 to purchase the first 378 distressed mortgages through the fund and modify them to help homeowners regain stable financial footing. To keep original owners in their homes, the CRF program works in ways that public and private servicers cannot. The program engages a network of locally based nonprofit housing organizations that provide one-on-one counseling with the owner and direct outreach to the lender to help modify the loan and provide support for necessary repairs to address deferred maintenance.

The CRF is a key component of the Governor's unprecedented \$20 billion, five-year Housing Plan to increase access to housing and help combat foreclosure, Zombie properties and homelessness, by building and preserving 112,000 units of affordable housing. The program is run by NYS Homes and Community Renewal's State of New York Mortgage Agency subsidiary.

The 570 homes currently in the CRF program are located in nine of the state's 10 regions: Capital Region: 47; Central New York: 13; Finger Lakes: 19; Long Island: 295; Mid-Hudson Valley: 132; Mohawk Valley: 8; North Country: 4; Southern Tier: 9; Western New York: 43;

As of January 2018, the CRF approved trial or permanent mortgage modifications for 37 homeowners, representing more than \$3 million in approved debt forgiveness. A total of 22 homeowners have either become current on or fully paid off their original mortgage loan. Another 105 borrowers are working with a housing counselor in hopes of arriving at a loan modification.

In cases where a mortgage modification is not possible and the homeowner cannot financially support a reduced mortgage or no longer wants to own a home, HCR and its nonprofit partners can offer resources and support to help the owner get a fresh start. This ensures that the property is not abandoned, is quickly repaired and is resold as affordable housing to a qualified buyer.

HCR, working in partnership with New Jersey Community Capital, a nonprofit community development financial institution, and a private equity partner, completed the purchase of the delinquent, non-performing mortgage notes in communities that have high rates of foreclosure. Funding for the initiative came from settlement funds paid to New York State by Morgan Stanley. Governor Cuomo signed wide-ranging anti-foreclosure legislation in June 2016, which included the creation of the CRF. This committed settlement funds derived from actions that led to the mortgage crisis, toward fighting foreclosure.



The Grahamsville United Methodist Church
invites you to visit the Thrift Ministry in our recently improved building on the hill!

Clothing for men, women, and children, housewares, toys, shoes, purses, and linens can now be found under one roof. "The Boutique" which offers new and gently used items is now located on the first floor of the Thrift Building.

Upcoming Saturday sales from 9:00 am to noon:
February 17
March 17

The Grahamsville United Methodist Church
356 State Route 55, Grahamsville
985-2283

Claryville Fire Dept. All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast Sunday, February 18th



Serving 7:00 until 12 Noon
Adults: \$9
Children Ages 5-11: \$5
Under 5 Yrs. Free

\$50 from the Breakfast Is Donated to the Claryville Reformed Church Food Pantry




Grahamsville United Methodist Church Roast Pork Dinner

Saturday, February 24, 2018
4:00 - 7:00
Eat In or Take Out
Grahamsville United Methodist Church Hall
Menu:
Roast Pork Loin
Stuffing
Green Beans
Homemade Coleslaw
Dinner Roll & Brownie Sundae

Adults \$12.00
Children 5 and Under \$8.00
For more information call 985-7675 or 985-2283.

Claryville Fire Dept. All You Can Eat Corned Beef and Cabbage Supper Beer and Soda Included



Saturday, March 17
Serving 4:00 until 700 PM
Adults: \$13
Children Ages 5-11: \$8
Under 5 Yrs. Free

\$50 from the supper is donated to The Claryville Reformed Church Food Pantry

St. Mark's UM Church
68 Church St., Napanoch
YARD and CLOTHING SALE
Every Friday: 10 am-2:00 pm
Comics, dolls, household items, Christmas items, Children's Clothes, Adult Clothing, vintage items, much more.



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Sunday, 8 am Service of Holy Communion, except: Second Saturday of each month, 5:00 pm
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Join the Thrift Ministry Team at Grahamsville United Methodist Church Volunteers Needed!
Please call the church (985-2283) for further information.

Claryville Reformed Church




Claryville Road
Claryville, NY 12725
845-985-2041

Bible Class 9:00 am
Worship Services @ 10:00 am

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Service Times **Meet the new Pastor, Camille Regolec**



Sunday Worship Service 10:30 am
Thursday Prayer 7 pm

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845-434-8263
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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.



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

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

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Mar. 3, 2018
5:30 pm
Covered Dish Supper

Sundown United Methodist Church Hall



Grahamsville United Methodist Church

February 17th
THIRD SATURDAY
THRIFT SALE
9:00 a.m. - 12 noon

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
The Church with a friendly welcome

Sunday School 9:30 am
Worship Service 9:30 am
P O Box 238 - Route 55
Grahamsville, NY 12740
845-985-7480

LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES:

PUBLIC NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that March 1, 2018 is the final day for **ALL EXEMPTION FORMS** to be returned to the Assessor's Office. If we do not receive these forms by that date we will have to remove your exemption for the coming year. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Assessor's Office at (845) 985-2262 ext. 323, Monday thru Friday 8:30 PM - 4:30 PM. 2/15

Upcoming Courses Offered at Sullivan BOCES

BOCES Set to Offer Essential Oils 101 Course

Monticello - The Adult and Continuing Education Program at Sullivan BOCES is offering an Essential Oils 101 course at the St. John Street Education Center in Monticello. This course is offered Thursday, February 22nd from 5:15pm-6:45pm. The course tuition is \$40.

Are you ready to take back control of your health and to maintain good health, and good body functions overall? Essential oils are used to bring balance and positive changes to emotions, aid in physical health and wellness, create glowing skin and hair, and even purify your home. Learn how using essential oils can promote overall health, vitality and longevity. \$10 fee paid to instructor includes oil samples and literature.

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. This course is NYSED ACCES approved for current HSE and ESOL students. This course is offered Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays starting on February 20th and running through May 15th from 12:30pm- 3:30pm. The cost is \$1250

This unique 100-hour course offers a mock office setting where you can develop your computer and typing skills while interacting with other students. You will have marketable skills at the end of the course along with a certificate of completion. Each module is self-paced with individualized teacher instruction. Choose one or a combination of modules to complete your own learning sequence. QuickBooks, a computer based bookkeeping program, is also offered to qualified students.

Course work includes: Typing; Intro to Computers/Internet/Email; MS Office 2016; Word; Excel; PowerPoint; Access; Resume Writing; Interviewing Techniques; Job Searching, Cove, and Thank You letters; and QuickBooks 2015 (to qualified individuals)

This class is NYSED ACCES approved for current HSE and ESOL students. This course is approved by the Veterans Association for the G.I. Bill

Creative Insights to Writing Course Offered

Monticello: The Adult & Continuing Education Program at Sullivan BOCES is offering a Creative Insights to Writing Course at the St. John Education Center in Monticello. The course will run Tuesdays, from February 20th through March 20th 6:00pm-8:00pm. The cost is \$78

For five weeks, Creative Insights to Writing will encourage beginners and more experienced writers to tap into their strengths, find their voices and learn new techniques to express themselves through writing. Participants will engage in group activities using writing prompts, public speaking, editing and sharing their work with other participants during class. You will leave the class feeling energized to finish that memoir you started, write a novel or a children's book, or join a writers group; however, whether you do so is up to you. To begin bring a pen or pencil and an open mind.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The following position is available at Tri-Valley Central School:

Elementary School Substitute Teacher

Approximate Dates mid-May 2018 through June 30, 2018

(NYS Certification Preferred)

Interested parties should submit letter of interest or application to:

Mrs. Jennifer Williams, Elementary School Principal
Tri-Valley Central School District
34 Moore Hill Road
Grahamsville, New York 12740
(845)985-2296 ext. 5306

Final date for receiving applications/letters of interest: February 23, 2018

2/15, 2/22

Essential Hospitality/Customer Service Skills Course Offered at Sullivan BOCES

MONTICELLO - The Adult and Continuing Education Program at Sullivan BOCES is offering Essential Hospitality/Customer Service Skills at the St. John Street Education Center. This course is offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays starting on February 20th and will run through April 26th from 5:30pm- 7:30pm. The fee for the class is \$245.

Gain the understanding and skills you need to be successful in your job and your next one, perhaps in Sullivan County's new gaming industry field! In this interactive class, you will focus on presenting yourself professionally, improving your communication skills, giving and receiving feedback, problem solving and being a team player. Certificate of completion provided.

Pistol Permit Pre-Licensing Course

MONTICELLO - The Adult and Continuing Education Program at Sullivan BOCES is offering a 4-hour Pistol Permit Pre-Licensing Course on February 17th at the Kauneonga Lake Fire Hall from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. The cost is \$85

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

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

This course will also be held: March 10th; April 21st; May 19th; and June 16th

Important: This class is not applicable to you if you are applying for an Orange County pistol permit. You must take the class from an instructor on the Orange County List.

Spanish for the Workplace Course Offered at Sullivan BOCES

Monticello- The Adult and Continuing Education Program of Sullivan BOCES is offering a course in Spanish for the Workplace at the St. John Street Education Center in Monticello. This course is offered Tuesdays, February 20th through March 20th from 6:00pm- 8:00pm. The course tuition is \$120

This must have course is for business owners, supervisors, managers and staff of any industry including governmental, public, not for profit or private business. This course will teach the basics to communicate with your Spanish speaking clientele and co-workers. Learn the vocabulary and phrases you need most to converse with your customers and clients. Learning how to communi-

cate in Spanish will increase your productivity, performance and profitability.

Sullivan BOCES to Offer Shielded Metal Arc Welding Course

MONTICELLO - The Adult and Continuing Education Program at Sullivan BOCES is offering Shielded Metal Arc Welding. This course is offered on Monday's and Wednesday's from February 26th -March 28th from 5:00pm-8:00pm at the RPEC Welding Shop.

The cost is \$500 (includes supplies and materials) Designed to instruct welders in ARC Welding safety and the Shielded Metal Arc Welding process (SMAW-Stick). Introduction to welding safety and electrodes: types, selection, classification and qualification. Discussion of power source: types, selection and duty cycle as well as cable sizing, arc blow and welding symbols. Prerequisite: None

Learn How to Make Your Own Powdered Laundry Detergent

Monticello - The Adult and Continuing Education Program at Sullivan BOCES is offering an Essential Oils 101 course at the St. John Street Education Center in Monticello. This course is offered Tuesday, February 20th from 6:00pm-9:00pm. The course tuition is \$40.

Learn to make your own wonderfully scented, or unscented, powdered laundry detergent while gaining insight into the history of soap making. Take home one (1) pound of laundry detergent of your own creation. Prepare a laundry stain bar and use it at home on those tough stains.

Please note: An additional supplies fee of \$10 is payable by cash, check or money order to the instructor on the day of the class.

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

Farmer Tax School: New Rules to Know

LIBERTY, NY-The United States Congress passed a new tax bill in December of 2017 that can present new considerations for farm business owners. As the largest tax overhaul in over thirty years, there are plenty of new tax rules involved with the bill, and it is vital that farmers within Sullivan County are educated on the changes that may affect their operation.

A Farmer Tax School program will be held on Wednesday, February 28, 2018. Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County (CCESC) offers this workshop from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at its Extension Education Center on 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road in Liberty.

Participants will learn about new tax rules and guidance for their farm business. As well as the previous tax credits, deductions, and exemptions that continue to exist in the tax code.

Cost is \$15 per person or \$10 per CCESC enrollee. Anyone can enroll in CCESC for an annual contribution of \$25 and receive a monthly subscription to the Extension Connection magazine.

Registration can be completed by calling CCESC at 845-292-6180, emailingsullivan@cornell.edu, or visiting www.sullivanvance.org. Payment can be made in advance by check, cash, or credit. Program fees support the cost of instructors, refreshments, materials, and facilities. Additional donations for CCESC programs are appreciated.

Library to Offer Free Practice SAT Exam

The Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library in Monticello will be offering a free practice SAT exam for teens on Saturday, March 17th at 11am. The test, proctored by leading test prep agency, Princeton Review, will take approximately 4 hours. Space is limited and registration is required. To register please call the library at 845-794-4660 ext. 5. Students are expected to bring their own pencils and calculators. If you do not have pencils or a calculator, contact the youth services librarian and we will do our best to assist.

After the exam, Princeton Review will contact each student with a detailed score report including analysis of strengths and weaknesses and recommended plan for improvement. Space will fill up fast. Call now to reserve your spot. This free practice exam will take place once in the fall and once in the spring of each year. The library is located at 479 Broadway in Monticello.



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

2018 Upcoming Events

Jan 7 - Mar 4 Sundays Discounted Passes Skiing & Snowboarding at Holiday Mt.

- 4/13 Free Animal Embassy Presentation
- 4/30 May 4 Screen Free Week
- 5/15 Tour of Bethel Woods Museum & Lunch
- 6/1 Sister Act Westchester Broadway Dinner Theatre - **SOLD OUT!**
- 6/10 Wine, Food, Music Bounty of the Hudson
- 7/4 Decorated Bicycle Parade & Albi Concert
- 7/13 Free Water Fun at Grahamsville Fairgrounds
- 8/4 NY Renaissance Fair
- 9/29 Garlic Festival
- 10/13 Jack O Lantern Blaze
- 10/27 Look for our Trunk at the PTO Trunk or Treat
- 11/3-11/4 Indoor Water Park Sleepover
- 12/1 Transportation to NYC
- 12/2 Elf Workshop & Tree Lighting
- 12/15 Disney on Ice



Daniel Pierce Library
 hours of operation

Tuesday: 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
 Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 Thursday: 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
 Friday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
 Sunday and Monday: Closed

If you have any questions, please call the library at 985-7233.

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

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

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.

- 2/15/18 Neversink Fire District Meeting 7:30 pm
- 2/18/17 Claryville Fire Department **All You Can Eat Breakfast** - 7 am to Noon
- 2/20/18 Grahamsville Fire District Meeting 7 pm Grahamsville Firehouse
- 2/17/18 **Third Saturday Thrift Sale** - Grahamsville UMC 9 am - 12 Noon
- 2/19/18 Tri-Valley Booster Club- C.A.S.T 6:30 pm TVCS Secondary School Library
- 2/21/18 Neversink-Rondout Antique Machinery Association Meeting - 7:30 pm
- 2/26/18 Neversink Chamber of Commerce Meeting. 7 pm Daniel Pierce Library Community Room
- 3/3/18 **Covered Dish Supper** - Sundown Methodist Church Hall 5:30 pm
- 3/4/18 Time and the Valleys Museum **Return of the Eagle** -2 pm Members Free/Non-members \$3
- 3/6/18 Town of Denning Board Meeting 6:00 pm - Denning Town Hall
- 3/8/18 Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting 6:00 pm - Denning Town Hall
- 3/8/18 Claryville Fire District Meeting 6:30 pm
- 3/13/18 Town of Denning Board Business Meeting 6 pm Denning Town Hall
- 3/17/18 Claryville Fire Department **Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner** - 4 - 7 pm
- 4/13/18 Neversink Parks & Rec **Free Animal Embassy Presentation** (see ad on pg. 8)
- 4/14/18 Grahamsville Reformed Church **Roast Pork Dinner**

SAVE THE DATE!

May 25-28, 2018 **Sundown Community 2nd Annual Miles & Miles of Yard Sale!**
 Apr 7 - **Boy Scout Troop 97 Fish or Chicken and Chips Dinner** 4:30pm to 6:30pm

Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman is available at the following places of business in Sullivan and Ulster Counties

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LIBERTY - LIBERTY FITNESS • CHARLIE'S PIZZA • AGWAY (Both Stores)
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 PETER'S MARKET
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TOWN OF OLIVE MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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

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

Boy Scout Troop 97

Fish or Chicken and Chips Dinner

Neversink Fire House

April 7th from 4:30pm to 6:30pm

We will be serving fish or chicken and chips, coleslaw, drinks and a dessert.

Adults \$13.00 • Children under 12 \$8.00

Please purchase your single serve meal tickets in advance from:
 Boy Scout Neversink Troop 97 Neil Terwilliger at (845)-798-3328 or Chris Morgan at (845)-985 9952

2018 Dept. of Motor Vehicles Schedule - Neversink Town Hall

10:00 am - 2:30 pm		
January 11th	May 10th	September 13th
February 15th	June 14th	October 11th
March 15th	July 12th	November 15th
April 12th	August 16th	December 13th

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Meeting of Long Term Care Council

The Long Term Care Council is the advisory board for Sullivan NY Connects, the No Wrong Door/Single Entry Point for information on long term services and supports in Sullivan County. The next meeting of the Long Term Care Council will be Wednesday, February 21, from 3:00 p.m. 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 NY Connects, Office for the Aging, 100 North Street, P.O. Box 5012, Monticello, New York 12701 or (845) 807-0257.

Klein's Photographs To Showcase Local Firefighters, Equipment in Museum's Windows

LIBERTY - Local photographer Rich Klein will be displaying a series of limited edition photographs depicting some of the brave firefighters of the Sullivan Catskills region in the windows of the Liberty Museum & Arts Center on Main Street through April 7, 2018.

Klein -- owner of Rich Klein New York Photography in Jeffersonville and a freelance photographer/reporter for *The Sullivan County Democrat* -- has covered a few fires for the newspaper during 2017 and that led to his idea of this theme for the window exhibit.

"These photographs communicate the sacrifices of our many volunteer firefighters and the camaraderie and teamwork among the many fire departments in the County," Klein said. "I've watched these folks brave frigid temperatures for hours on end and think everyone owes them a debt of gratitude. This is my little way of saying 'thank you' for all you do."

Klein participated in the hugely successful "Barns Of the Catskills" exhibit this past summer that was curated by Sharon Green. He is the author of *The Catskills of Sullivan County: A Photography Journey*, published in 2016 and, in 2014, co-authored another photography book about the baby boomer years in his hometown of Massapequa, NY.

In December 2017, Colosseo Family Restaurant & Pizzeria in Monticello installed Klein's large, fine art print of the Roman Coliseum that he photographed in 2016.

The photographs are displayed in the large picture windows of the Museum. The Museum itself reopens in the Spring. The Liberty Museum and Arts Center is located at 56 South Main Street in the village of Liberty, just across from the Key bank.

4th of July Committee

2018 Spaghetti Dinner
 5-7pm

Sat., Feb. 17

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Frost Valley YMCA is seeking an enthusiastic, reliable person to fill the position of **Program Instructor**. This position is per diem/part-time, salary, exempt. Must be over the age of 21 with a minimum of a High School diploma. Associate or Bachelor's degree preferred in Education, Environmental Studies, Outdoor Recreation or related field. This position requires First Aid/ CPR certification (training can be provided at Frost Valley), and a clean, valid US drivers license.

This person will be responsible for preparation, delivery, and follow up on programs offered at Frost Valley YMCA. Must be able to effectively communicate and interact with students and guests of all ages. This position may lead or assist with activities depending on their skills in current programs such as hiking, orienteering, skiing, arts & crafts, archery, challenge course, boating, yoga, and dance.

For more information, contact Danielia Barron, Group and Family Retreats Director at 845-985-2291 Ext 229 and submit application/resume to Jamie Bowers, Human Resources Administrative Assistant, jbowers@frostvalley.org or hr@frostvalley.org. 2/1; 2/8; 2/15; 2/23

Evening Maintenance Technician Frost Valley YMCA is seeking a full time, year round Evening Maintenance Technician to cover the 2nd shift, \$14.00-\$16.00/hour, great benefits. Must be 21 years or older with ability to lift 50 pounds and a clean, valid US driver's license. General building and grounds maintenance with construction experience. Knowledge/experience in plumbing, heating, electrical and carpentry. Send application and resume to Jamie Bowers, HR Administrative Assistant, jbowers@frostvalley.org or hr@frostvalley.org 2/1; 2/8; 2/15; 2/23

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Quiz:
 1. In **"The Last Picture Show"** who played Duane Jackson?
 2. Who played Sam the Lion?

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