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Senator Bonacic Sworn in for 10th Term as NYS Senator



(Albany, NY)- Joined by colleagues and distinguished guests, State Senator John J. Bonacic (R/C/I-Mt Hope), took the oath of office and was sworn in for his 10th term in the State Senate. Chief Justice of the Court of Appeals Jane DiFiore officially swore in the Senate members today, at a ceremony in the State Capitol.

"It is truly an honor for me to have the opportunity to continue to serve the people of the 42nd Senate District," said Bonacic. "I remain committed to fighting for taxpayers, students, veterans and the members of our law enforcement community. We have accomplished many positive things for the people of the Hudson Valley and Catskills, and I believe that we have much more to do."

Raffle Winners Announced

By Frank Burbank



Members of The Sullivan County Adult Care Center Family Council (standing, left to right: Barbara Konvalin, Robert Konvalin, and Joan Noetzel) announce the winners of their annual raffle. Evelyn Haas, seated, is president of the Center's Residents' Council, and drew the winning tickets

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Winners in the Annual Family Council Raffle were drawn December 14 at the Sullivan County Adult Care Center. Evelyn Haas, President of the Residents' Council drew the winning tickets.

Winners were: Neal Calkin, the Holiday Gift Basket and festive bottles; Michelle DiToro of Unit 2, four etched glass ornaments created by Kim Bouton; Tina Cooper of the Activities Department, a handmade fleece blanket created by Sue Burbank.

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Townsman Annual Christmas Party at Blue Hill



Townsman Ladies – front row left to right, Carolyn Coombe, Barbara Barkley, Fran Furman, Gloria Beavers, Barbara Purcell and Hulda Vernooy. Back row: Irina Nicoletti, owner of Blue Hill Lodge & Cafe, Linda and Frank Comando.

The Townsman Ladies, who faithfully meet every Wednesday morning to prepare the paper for mailing are all smiles, not just because they put the last paper of the year 'to bed' – but because they could celebrate another Christmas together at the Blue Hill Lodge and Cafe. This has become a Townsman tradition that the ladies and one gent, look forward to from year to year! ... and a big "Thank You" to Irina, Savannah, Willie and staff members of the Blue Hill Lodge and Cafe for making this a great occasion each year!

2017 will be a special year for *The Townsman*. It will celebrate 70 years of serving the Tri-Valley and neighboring communities this May!

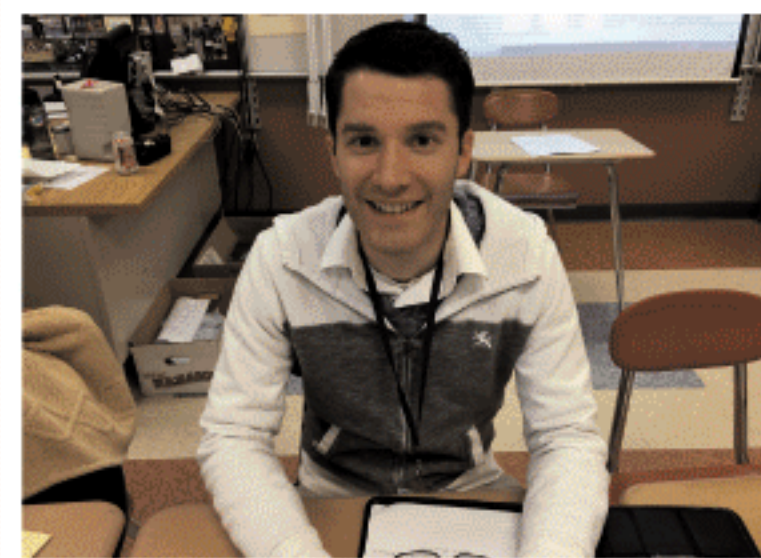
SC Chamber Orchestra Presents Baroque to the Future



Andrew Trombley, Kenneth Hamrick and Judith Pearce.

(Monticello) Nesin Cultural Arts (NCA) presents two performances by the Sullivan County Chamber Orchestra (SCCO) of "Baroque to the Future". (Contd. Pg. 4)

Congratulations to Tri-Valley Guidance Counselor



The Tri-Valley Teachers' Association would like to recognize and congratulate Eric Marburger for recently receiving tenure as a Guidance Counselor at Tri-Valley Central School. (Contd. Pg. 3)

WJFF Radio and St. John's Episcopal Church offer Messiah Community Sing Along

Sunday, December 18th, WJFF presented its 3rd annual Messiah Community Sing Along. Hosted by Reverend Diana Scheide and the parishioners of St. John's Episcopal Church, Handel's Messiah Oratorio as a community sing-along has become a WJFF Radio Catskill tradition that has grown in popularity.

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ON THE FRONT BURNER: Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world. Acts 15:18

OBITUARIES

Amy L. Garber, of Hurleyville, passed away on Tuesday, December 20, 2016 at home. She was 94.

She was the daughter of the late Eugene Osterhout and Alva (Krum) Osterhout, born on July 29, 1922 in Glen Wild, NY.

Amy enjoyed the simple things in life, you could often find her crocheting or knitting while relaxing at home. She was an avid reader and enjoyed playing cards and games with friends and family. She spent her winters in Florida spending time with her friends and her church family. Amy belonged to the Cooperative Home Extension - Liberty Belles, the Liberty United Methodist Church and the Southside Christian Church of Ft. Pierce, FL. But most of all she was a loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend to all who knew her, she will be deeply missed.

She leaves behind her children: Darlene Nielsen and her husband, John, of Hurleyville, Wayne Garber and his wife, Betty, of Liberty, Roy Garber and his wife, Mary, of Woodbourne, and Cheryl Celentano and her husband, John, of Hackensack; grandchildren: Erik, Tracy, Kristin, Troy, Derek, David, Brian, John and Steven; great-grandchildren: Ian, Jillian, Devon, Brett, Drew, Bria, Cole, Jace and Mason; as well as a host of nieces, nephews and cousins. She joins in Heaven her beloved husband of over 50 years, Lee W. Garber; and her brothers and sisters: Florence Egger, Marguerite Hotchkin, Dorothy Slater, Eugene, Howard and Vernon Osterhout. Anyone wishing to honor Amy's memory may make donations in her name to a charity of one's own choice.

A memorial service will be held in the spring and will be announced at a later date.

"I see the countless Christmas trees around the world below, with tiny lights, like Heaven's stars, reflecting on the snow. The sight is so spectacular, please wipe away that tear, for I am spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year."

Arrangements under the direction of Colonial Memorial Funeral Home, for further information call 845-434-7363 or visit:

www.colonialbryantfuneralhome.com

Irene Gorman, a homemaker and a longtime resident of Neversink, NY, passed away Tuesday, December 20, 2016 at the Catskill Regional Medical Center, Harris, NY. She was 93.

The daughter of the late Harry and Irene Thompson Lange, she was born June 1, 1923 in Staten Island, NY.

Irene's happiest times were spent out of doors. She especially loved gardening, swimming and fishing. She was a strong believer in service to her community and was very active in the Tri-Valley Lions Club and FFA Alumni. Irene was particularly proud of her Coast Guard service during the Second World War. She was a dedicated member of St. Peter's Church in Liberty.

Survivors include her children, Kathleen Erath (Bruce), Patricia Fletcher (Wayne), James Gorman, John Gorman (Marti) and Patrick Gorman; eleven grandchildren, James, William, Jennifer, Victoria, Andrew, Alexandra, Caitlin, Riane, Nolan, MaryKate and Daniel; one great grandchild, Mason; one sister, Eileen VanKeuren; and several cousins, nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her husband James J. Gorman in 1993; two sisters, Margaret Kelly in 2006 and Nina Lange; and one brother, Peter Lange.

A memorial mass will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions in Irene's name may be made to the Tri-Valley FFA Alumni Association, 34 Moore Hill Road Grahamsville, NY 12740 or to the Tri-Valley Lions Club, 6351 State Route 42, Woodbourne, NY 12788.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Harris Funeral Home West Street at Buckley, Liberty, NY

COLLEGE NEWS:

News from Hudson Valley Community College

Jimmy Quiceno of Napanoch was named to the Fall 2016 Dean's List at Hudson Valley Community College. Quiceno is studying in the Automotive Technical Services - Auto Body Repair academic program at the Troy, NY college.

Christy Papp of Woodbourne was named to the Fall 2016 President's List at Hudson Valley Community College.

DAYS OF YORE....

Today's History

January 2, 1957 - Route 17 will be reconstructed from Monticello to Liberty by early '57 at a cost of \$15,000,000 the Dept. of Commerce said in Albany. The new link will connect with the Liberty bypass, now under construction.

Announcement has been made of the marriage of Miss Jo Anne Garofolo, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Garofolo of Orlando, Fla., to Mr. Melvin Eugene Ayers, on Sunday, December 23rd at the First Church of the Brethren at Orlando, Fla. The Garofolos are former residents of Claryville.

January 4, 1967 - Mr. and Mrs. Archie Dean Jr. of Neversink have announced the engagement of their daughter, Carolyn Louise, to A/3C Steven T. Hill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Hill of Forest Road, Grahamsville. The future bride is a sophomore at the State University College at Fredonia. Her fiancé is now stationed at Bunker Hill Air Force Base in Peru, Indiana. No date has been set for the wedding.

Lows Corners at the foot of East Mt. Road was the scene of much activity last Thursday morning when the rear end of a Town of Neversink truck fell into the Rondout stream as the bridge to East Mt. collapsed. The westerly end of the 65-year old bridge spanning the stream between the Sundown Rd. and East Mt. Road gave way beneath the truck. There were no injuries.

January 6, 1977 - Happy Birthday to Gloria Newman who celebrated her 14th on January 5th and to Uncle George Newman, who turned 41 on the same day. Barry Newman and children were at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Klinger in Walton for the holidays.

Harold F. Wellington, 75, of Claryville, N.Y. died December 30th in Ocala, Florida. Surviving Mr. Wellington is his wife, Frances of Claryville and Ocala, Fla.; two sons, John of N.J. and Duke of N.J.; a sister, Debbie Bergman of Schenectady, N.Y. and a brother, Robert of Ocala, Fla.

January 1, 1987 - Leslie David Sheeley of East Mountain Road, Grahamsville, a retired dairy farmer and a lifelong area resident, died unexpectedly Tuesday, Dec. 23rd at his home. He was 92. The son of the late Darius and Nancy Carlisle Sheeley, he was born October 3, 1894 in Eureka. He is survived by his wife, Edna Van Wagner Sheeley at home; two daughters: Alfreda Newman and Verna Amundsen, both of Grahamsville; eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. George Stubblebine of Samsonville, N.Y. are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Nancy, to David Brooks, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Brooks of Sundown, N.Y. Wedding plans are incomplete.

Free Tutoring for Elementary Students

The Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library will begin a free tutoring program for students in grades K-5. The first session will be on Wednesday, January 18, from 4:00-5:00.

Each week, tutoring on different subjects will be offered. The first three weeks will be math (January 18), science (January 25) and an open homework session (February 1). Students who are interested in signing up must do so by the Friday before the session they would like to attend. Students need to bring something to work on to the tutoring sessions.

This is a volunteer run program. For more information or to register, call the library at 845-794-4660 ext. 5. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer tutor, please contact Joanna at 845-794-4660 ext. 8.

A Round About Tri-Valley
Carol Furman

Irene Gorman, wife of former Town of Neversink Supervisor, James Gorman, passed away on December 20th at the age of 93. Irene, who was particularly proud of her Coast Guard service during the second world war was always willing to serve her community. Condolences to her family and friends.

Amy Garber of Hurleyville passed away on December 20th at the age of 94. Amy was an active member of the Tri-Valley community and enjoyed spending her winters in Florida. Sympathy to her family and many friends.

Congratulations to Adam and Jacquelynn Greenspan of Neversink on the birth of a son, Brandon Marc, on December 9th.

Prayers should go out for Mike Mickelson who is in the hospital.

Once upon a time there were two little Russian girls who had been abandoned by their parents and were sent to the Porkhov Correctional Orphanage in Russia. Due to financial limitations, the orphanage was unable to provide many things we take for granted. The shower facilities and a run-down playground were inadequate. Irina and her sister, Katya, had little clothing and often had very little to eat. While living in the orphanage, the two young sisters were introduced to Christianity through visiting missionaries. One day, just before Christmas, the orphans received "shoeboxes" from Operation Christmas Child. The children were thrilled with the many little gifts they had received in the boxes. It was more than they would receive all year, to make a long story short, Irina and Katya were eventually adopted by an American family from South Carolina. Irina eventually met and married Steven Creek, a Tri-Valley graduate, but she never forgot the orphanage. Irina decided she wanted to raise money to help the orphans at the Porkhov Orphanage. She raised enough money to help the Orphanage make many needed improvements. On Sunday, January 1st, Irina and Steven were at the Grahamsville Methodist Church where they showed a slide presentation of the Orphanage before and after the improvements were made. Irina's mission to help the orphans by providing shower facilities and replacing the run-down playground was a mission of love. In addition, she saw that each child received a Bible and a needed clothing item. What a wonderful story! As I said in a previous article, it is important to note that Franklin Graham's "Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes" actually do help children in other parts of the world by introducing them to faith and prayer and letting them know that others do care about them.

Words of Wisdom: Birds take different positions to feed, like upside down and of course, right side up. Lesson: There is more than one way to get something done, so be flexible. Look at all of your options before choosing which way to go and don't judge others way of doing things. (Janice Shenk)

Tri-Valley Lions November & December 2016 News

- Fran Fuller

The member meeting was held on November 1st at Nardi's. District Governor, Mark Jones attended and spoke to our members. His motto is, "Just One More".

The Peace Posters from Tri-Valley will be judged then the winner and runner-up will be taken to the District 200 Convention on November 12th for District judging. The winners at Tri-Valley will be presented their certificates and prize at an assembly later at the school.

Seven Tri-Valley Lions attended the convention. Our posters were not chosen for the District winner.

On November 15th five Lions screened thirty children at Tri-Valley with the new cameras for eye problems.

A committee of Lions was chosen to plan our Centennial Legacy Project for 2017 with Dave Moore, Chairman, Gene Froelich, Carol Furman, Donna Schick and Stuart Wizwer. The Lions will be 100 years old in 2017.

The Conklin family was presented a \$500 check for the loss of their home to fire.

The Grahamsville Methodist Church, Grahamsville Reformed Church, Claryville

Reformed Church and Woodbourne Catholic Church were given \$600.00 checks for their food pantries.

The December 6th meeting was our Christmas party catered by Lion Mary Lou Vernooy at the Daniel Pierce Library Community Room. Members also brought food items. A good time was enjoyed by those attending.

Thank you for all the eyeglasses we received this year and we always welcome them and also hearing aides. There are boxes at Catskill Hudson Bank, Daniel Pierce Library, Grahamsville Post Office, Neversink General Store and Neversink Town Hall.

We wish everyone a Happy and Healthy 2017.

Congratulations to Tri-Valley Guidance Counselor

(From Pg. 1) Before coming to Tri-Valley, Eric spent six months doing field work in Taft Elementary in Washingtonville. After that, he spent one year doing field work at Laguardia High School for the Arts in New York City. He then joined us at Tri-Valley, where he has been a guidance counselor for the past three years.

Eric received his Bachelor's Degree in Communications and Media Management from SUNY New Paltz. He then obtained a Master's Degree in School Counseling from Hunter College.

When asked what he enjoys most about his job as a guidance counselor, Eric said, "I like being a voice for students who feel like they don't have one. I like letting them know that they are worth it and that they can accomplish any goal they set and overcome any obstacle." He makes a difference in the lives of his students.

Eric has also been very active outside of the classroom. He has been the Spring Track Coach for four seasons, the Indoor Track Coach for three seasons, and the modified Cross Country Coach for one season. In addition to athletics, Eric also served as the Freshmen Class Advisor for one year.

Congratulations again to Eric for his wonderful accomplishment!

Sullivan County Audubon Waterfowl Count

This is Sullivan Audubon's count for the NYS Ornithological Assoc./DEC. Beginning Saturday, January 14th, thru Saturday, January 22nd, with Sunday the 15th being the main target day for reporting findings. For full info go to www.sullivan-audubon.org Events.

Claryville Fire Department News

- Desiree Jimenez

Claryville Fire Department announces 2017 Officers
Tom Matthews - Chief
Glenn Vandenberg - 1st Asst. Chief
Gary Frear - 2nd Asst. Chief
Jeff Williams - 3rd Asst. Chief
Archie Ackerly - Captain
Morgan Wynkoop - Lieutenant
Desiree-Jimenez - Fire Police Captain

Best of Luck to all the new officers for 2017!

If you would like to rent the Claryville Hall for a party, please call Desiree Jimenez - 845-798-5352, Archie Ackerly 985-7944, Morgan Wynkoop 845-417-6342 or Ed Bailey 985-3133.

Hospital Blood Drive

The American Red Cross and Ellenville Regional Hospital will join together for a community blood drive on **Friday January 13, 2017** from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Ellenville Regional Hospital at 10 Healthy Way. The Red Cross blood drive will take place in a traveling donor center outside of the hospital in their parking lot. All presenting donors will receive a \$ 5.00 Dunkin Donuts Gift Card.

Blood is an essential component for patient care in area hospitals, and the only source of blood is a healthy volunteer blood donor, like you.

Local blood donors are needed all year round to ensure the blood supply stays strong. Approximately every two seconds a patient in the United States needs blood. That's why your blood donation through the Red Cross is so important. Your blood donation can help save the life of a real person in our community. It truly is the blood on the shelves today that helps save lives tomorrow.

Walk-ins are always welcome, but donors are encouraged to schedule an appointment in advance by calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767), 845 647-6400 ext. 226 or by visiting redcrossblood.org Sponsor Code: Ellenville

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

The Little Snowbirds

A poet described a little junco, "Dark winter skies above and white snow below."

With their outer tail feathers also white, the air becomes alive with the contrasting white streaks against their dark feathers as the birds bounce and dart from one bush to another.

Adults generally have gray heads, necks, and breasts, gray or brown backs and wings, and a white belly. The white outer tail feathers flash distinctively in flight and while hopping on the ground. The bill is usually pale pinkish.

Males tend to have darker, more conspicuous markings than the females. The dark-eyed junco is 5 to 6.9 in long and has a wingspan of 7.1 to 9.8 in and weighs from 0.63 to 1.06 oz. Juveniles often have pale streaks and may even be mistaken for vesper sparrows until they acquire adult plumage at 2 to 3 months. In the Catskills you may never get the chance to see the youngsters, as most young are hatched far away in the wilds of Canada or Alaska during the summer months.

During courtship the juncos will hop about with their wings drooped and their tails fanned, displaying the outer white feathers. The male sings softly from a branch to woo his lady love. The female builds her nest in a shallow depression, with foliage as protection. She will lay 2 clutches of 3-6 eggs and will incubate the eggs. Nestlings are fed regurgitated insects by both parents. The nestlings grow quickly and they are able to leave the nest a few days before they can fly.

Juncos (*Junco hyemalis*) are of the sparrow species and members of the finch family, Fringillidae.

Since the first frosty days in September, little families of Juncos came down out of the north. They traveled from one weed patch to another, eating weed seeds.

Many folks think of juncos as their "snowbirds." There is a good reason for this - now with all the snow and winter weather, they show up in our backyards. Juncos are primarily ground feeders, and enjoy the millet found in mixed bird seed, sunflower hearts and cracked corn spread on the ground or in a platform feeder.

Watch them up close and see their tiny pink beaks crushing the seeds in true Sparrow style. The birds roll them over and over in their beaks until the shells are soft enough to crack. Then they enjoy the tasty morsels inside the shells.

When flocks of Dark-Eyed Juncos join together for the winter, they use their social rank for protection. The dominate birds stay in the center of the flock of 10 to 30 birds where they are protected from predators. First are the oldest males, surrounded by the young males, then the oldest females, and finally the young females! They keep their place in the flock by using displays of dominance which includes aggressive lunges, and by flashing their white tail feathers.

These lively snowbirds have their own ways of keeping warm during the chilly winter. They sleep in dense evergreen trees or burrow their way into a haystack. Then all night long they perch first on one foot and then on the other, so that four little toes are always tucked under downy feathers. It would be hard to hop on frost-bitten toes!

Morning finds them back at the bird feeders, or flitting along the ground looking for feed that has fallen. They enjoy long cool drinks of melted snow. You may see them where the snow is dry, taking flutter baths, raising little clouds of powdery snow. After their baths, the cold wind ruffles their feathers and gives them a good dry cleaning.

In early spring, before the flocks leave for their northern nesting grounds, they sing soft trills, entirely different from their low winter twittering. These trills are little samples of spring music for us to enjoy until the Orioles, Wrens, and Thrushes arrive from the south to give us the full measure of Spring's song.

Household Hints

Remove Bumper Stickers

If those old bumper stickers on your car are more tattered than nostalgic, it's time to break out the vinegar. Saturate the top and sides of the sticker with undiluted distilled vinegar and wait 10-15 minutes for the vinegar to soak through. Then use an expired credit card (or one of those promotional plastic cards that come in the mail) to scrape it off. Use more full-strength vinegar to get rid of any remaining gluey residue.



Every Man A Menace

Special Mysterious Book Report No. 269
by John Dwaine McKenna

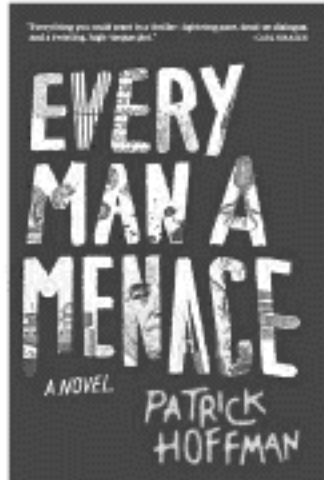
Hello, and welcome to the 2017 edition of the Mysterious Book Report, where we're dedicated to the proposition that *You must read . . . or surrender yourself to ignorance*, which makes just as much sense today as it did 2,500 years ago when a Chinese philosopher named *Kong Zi* said it. The world knows him as Confucius, and his teachings are as cogent now as they were then – perhaps even more so in this day and age of the ten-second soundbite and three-second attention span. The MBR is here to encourage, promote and stimulate the reading habit in everyone. We do it by reading and reporting on the best new mysteries, thrillers and crime fiction being written today, with an emphasis on all of the exciting, up-and-coming new talent producing work that's comparable, or even superior, to the legends and the best writers of the past. Take this week's composition for example.

Every Man a Menace, (Grove Atlantic Press, \$25.00, 278 pages, ISBN 978-0-8021-2544-6) by Patrick Hoffman is his second published novel and the follow-up to last year's best-selling debut, *The White Van*. It's getting rave reviews for its tight plotting, realistic characters and compelling dialogue, as well as its spot-on examination of the global operations of today's large-scale drug wholesalers.

As the novel begins, a newly released convict named Raymond Gaspar is sent to San Francisco by the gang-lord who ran the crew that protected him in prison, to check on the massive shipment of MDMA-also known as Molly, or Ecstasy-that's about to be brought into the city from Thailand. The boss, still in prison, wants Raymond to keep tabs on Gloria, the Filipino woman who's brokering the sale, and the increasingly erratic, crazed dealer named Shadrack. He's the guy who runs around with a gym bag stuffed full of precious gems; diamonds, rubies and emeralds, because he's afraid of banks. He's also the guy who's supposed to pony up with several million in cash to pay everyone off – from Bangkok to Miami to San Francisco – and keep the good times rolling. But nothing ever seems to go as planned in the criminal underworld, and a phone call from Asia sets a chain of events in motion that will end in blood and death for some, fabulous wealth, if they can pull it off, for others while the end-users party on, oblivious to the trail of pain, betrayal and bloodshed behind their latest good time. Proving he's no fluke with a one-hit wonder, Patrick Hoffman has written an electrifying novel that plunks the reader down, smack-dab in the middle of the transglobal drug scene. It's a truly frightening peek into what's going on all around us – no matter where we live. *Every Man A Menace* is one of the most outstanding sophomore novels to come across my radar screen in a very long time. With its propulsive pacing, diabolic plot and relentless action, it'll keep all crime fiction lovers arc welded to the page. Don't plan on getting much done after you start reading, but once you finish, its gonna seem like forever until Hoffman's next one is published. Personally, I can't wait!

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Raffle Winners Announced

(From Pg. 1)

Assisting with the drawing were Robert and Barbara Konvalin and Joan Noetzel, all Family Council members. All prizes were hand-delivered that day as all winners were present at the facility.

Pat Kellam of the facility's beauty parlor made a cash donation to the Family Council. All proceeds from the raffle and other funds raised by the Family Council are used to provide needed items to residents and the Center and to fund special events.

SC Chamber Orchestra Presents Baroque to the Future (From Pg. 1)

The pieces to be performed include: T. Albinoni - Sinfonia in G Major, J.S. Bach - Brandenburg Concerto No. 5, H. Gorecki - Harpsichord Concerto and Britten - Simple Symphony. The first performance is Saturday, January 28, 2017, at 7pm at the Eugene D. Nesin Theatre for the Performing Arts, 22 St. John Street, Monticello, NY. The second performance is the following day, Sunday, January 29, 2017 at 3pm at St. James Episcopal Church, 7 Mountain View Drive, Callicoon, NY. Tickets are \$18 for adults and \$15 for seniors. Students with an ID are free. They may be purchased online or at the door. Visit : www.nesinculturalarts.org

The featured soloists, Kenneth Hamrick (harpsichord) and Judith Pearce (flute), were invited by Orchestra Director Andrew Trombley to celebrate a 20 year collaboration. Pearce (solo flute), Ann Trombley (piano) and Nancy Wegrzyn (viola) and others are celebrating their 20 year collaboration in educating youth. Pearce, who established Weekend of Chamber Music, started her collaboration in Sullivan County with the Monticello Schools in 1997. She has worked closely with faculty members Ann Trombley and Wegrzyn, beginning a Visiting Artist Residency. Kenneth Hamrick (solo harpsichord) was introduced to NCA by Pearce. Andrew Trombley (bass) who was mentored by Pearce was a student. Wegrzyn was his first bass teacher. Coming full circle, Andrew will perform with his mentors in the SCCO January Concert. Also performing will be Akiko Hosoi (solo violin). Pearce said, "We've already had a rehearsal of Bach's 5th Brandenburg Concerto for the January concerts and it was everything that chamber music can be. We explored this marvelous piece and I know that the January performances will be an exuberant celebration of these 20 years."

As part of the SCCO's dedication to education, the Select Students in the NCA Children's Choirs and the Aspiring

Young Musicians programs will be joining the orchestra for one short piece. The students will participate in workshops by visiting artist Kenneth Hamrick on the history, style and culture of baroque music.

This project is funded in part by a grant from the Sullivan County Plans and Progress Small Grants Program, administered by the Division of Planning and Environmental Management. The Visiting Artist program is supported in part by public funds from the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Legislature.

Monti Elks Offer Driving Course

(Monticello) Monticello Elks Lodge #1544 is sponsoring a Point reduction/Insurance Discount class for New York State drivers on Saturday, February 11, 2017, at the Lodge at 46 North Street in Monticello. Registration begins at 8:30 A.M. The class runs from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. A 30 minute pizza lunch break is included. Be sure to bring your driver's license.

Those taking the course can save 10 percent a year for three years on auto insurance premiums. Completion also qualifies drivers for up to a four point reduction from their driving record.

The cost is \$35 per person. Contact Past Exalted Ruler Danielle Jose-Decker at 845-325-2469 or the Lodge weekdays after 4 p.m. at 845-794-1544 for details and to reserve your spot in the class. Reservations are required by February 4, 2017. This class is open to Members and guests.

CWC Board Approves Additional Septic Reimbursement for 2016

MARGARETVILLE, January 5, 2017: Homeowners in the New York City Catskill-Delaware Watershed who repaired or replaced their septic system in the past year but, because of distance from a watercourse, were not eligible for funding through the Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC) at the time, may now apply for reimbursement.

Because there were unexpended septic program funds at the end of the year, the CWC Board of Directors voted January 3 to accept reimbursement applications for septic rehabilitation completed through December 31, 2016 regardless of whether or not those systems are located in an existing priority area.

To obtain a reimbursement form and for more information on the septic program, call the CWC at 845-586-1400.

A total of 246 septic repairs were completed in 2016, and another 261 systems were pumped and inspected through the CWC's Septic Maintenance Program. Permanent residents are reimbursed 100 percent of eligible repair costs, while part-time residents can be reimbursed for 60 percent of eligible costs.

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

Commercial Driver Air Brakes Systems Course

The Adult and Continuing Education Program at Sullivan BOCES is offering a Commercial Driver Air Brakes Systems course starting on August 20th. The Class A and B Air Brakes Systems class will meet on Saturdays, January 21st and January 28th from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm at the St. John Street Education Center in Monticello. The cost is \$110.

The course covers the basic system, function and detection of problems. You will learn the Federal DOT regulations covering commercial truck air brakes systems. This class will prepare you for the Air Brakes portion of the DMV written test for a learner's permit.

This course will also be offered on April 22nd & 28th.

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

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Universal Resolutions

Forty-one percent of people make resolutions at New Year's. However, only 9.2 percent actually keep them according to the Statistic Brain site on Google. Most resolutions involve self-improvement with weight loss ranking first. I no longer make personal resolutions because I loathe the guilt I feel with failure. Instead, I would like to offer these dozen suggestions for all of us to try to follow in 2017:

Do not wear a hat indoors.
Do not talk with food in your mouth.
Give one thing away. Someone needs it more than you.
Offer a compliment and a smile to make someone's day brighter.
Say "thank you" and "I love you" daily.
Pick up litter and return something bio-degradable to the earth.
Call, write or text someone.
Take time to be alone, quiet and think about why you are here.
Practice random acts of kindness.
Read something worthwhile.
Try something new.

And lastly, remember that Thumper's Mother said, "If you have nothing nice to say, say nothing at all." With politics as they are, that advice might just save some friendships and marriages.

Valley Scrappers Get Together to Stamp and Scrap

On Tuesdays at the Walker Valley School house the Valley Scrappers get together to stamp and scrap, creating family treasures, recording memories, and making memorable cards.

The Scrappers group is open to all, young and old, regardless of experience level. Valley Scrapper Veronica Knoll extends an invitation to other Scrappers, "Come and enjoy a day of paper-crafting on Saturday January 28, 2017 from 9:30a.m. until 6p.m. at the Walker Valley Schoolhouse, located at 6 Marl Rd, Walker Valley, NY (centrally located just 30 minutes from both Newburgh and Middletown).

We will have a Cricut Expression machine and a BigShot for you to use, a six foot work space, light refreshments and snacks.

There are only ten spots available, so please sign up early. Registration is required by January 15.

We will also have a Close To My Heart layout for everyone who signs up.

Advance registration is required. For more information contact Veronica at 845-750-7885 or veronicaskisses@yahoo.com or Arline at 845-778-1446."

Native American Gathering

Big Indian Native American- A Native American Gathering on Saturday January 14th at the Pine Hill Community Center in Pine Hill from 12-4. We will be drumming with hand drums bring yours if you have one a story from Jim Red Fox, there will be social time so bring a snack to share, announcements on our schedule for this year and more. This is a free event, everyone welcome. For more information call 845-254-4238

Three Keys to Pain Free Living

On Saturday, January 14 at 1:00 p.m. Dr. Joseph Tieri will present Three Keys to Pain Free Living from his new book: *End Everyday Pain for 50+: A 10-Minute-a-Day Program of Stretching, Strengthening and Movement to Break the Grip of Pain* (2016). Dr. Tieri will explain how pain is created and how to care for your joints with exercises designed to relieve common issues such as back pain and headaches. This is a free program offered by the Olive Free Library, 4033 Route 28A, West Shokan, NY 12494.

Dr. Tieri will be on-hand to present information from his new book including:

- How x-rays and MRIs are ruining the diagnosis and treatment of our joints, muscles, and tendons.
- Why it has become the norm to associate the 'Golden Years' with chronic aches, pains, and medical procedures.
- Why you should care for your joints and muscles in a similar manner as you do for your teeth and gums.
- How to cure and prevent headaches, neck pain, shoulder pain, back pain, hip, knee, and foot pain in 3 easy steps.

Dr. Tieri will have his book available for sale and will be happy to sign them. He will also answer questions from the audience and demonstrate some of the recommended exercises from his book.

For more information please call the Olive Free Library at 845-657-2482, or email programs@olivefreelibrary.org

DEP to Begin Forestry Project on Rt 28 in Shokan -

Removal of dead or dying trees will protect utility lines that service Route 28 corridor/ Assuring a healthy and vigorous forest is key to protecting quality of City's water supply

The New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) on Thursday announced a project that will remove potentially hazardous trees along a stretch of Route 28 in Shokan to protect utility lines, public safety, and improve the overall health and vigor of the forest adjacent to Ashokan Reservoir. The forestry project is expected to start during the first week of January and take as much as two months to complete. The work is expected to have little or no effect on traffic along Route 28.

The project will focus on a forested area on the south side of Route 28, in the vicinity of Longyear Road and Bonnie Brae Lane. DEP is working collaboratively with Central Hudson Gas & Electric to remove a number of fallen, dead or dying trees from this area. Central Hudson crews will trim and remove trees that are within falling distance of power lines, while timber experts working with DEP will address sections of the forest that are farther from the highway.

The conifer trees, many of them more than 100 feet tall, were planted by New York City in the early 1900s as part of the development of Ashokan

Reservoir. At that time, the trees were raised in local nurseries and then planted densely (approximately 6 feet apart) on the lands that surround the reservoir. These planned forests have experienced significant mortality in recent decades as a result of underdeveloped root systems, extreme weather, fungal infections, damage from invasive species, and old age. Recent tropical storms - including Irene, Lee and Sandy - also toppled many similar trees in this area.

Over the past several years, DEP's professional forestry staff has managed the controlled and careful restoration of these forests. Along with protecting public safety and utility lines, forestry projects open the forest floor to sunlight and promote the natural growth of the next generation of forest. Some forestry projects near Ashokan in the 1990s and early 2000s have already seen significant regrowth, with multiple tree species replacing the single species that had been planted there a century ago. These growing, diverse and vigorous forests improve aesthetics, stabilize the soil, and continue to protect drinking water quality.

The timely removal of timber from the Route 28 site will also allow the wood to be used by local businesses. Timber from the project, which is being harvested by a professional timber company based near Cooperstown, will be used for home building and finishing products. The volume of wood produced from this sustainable forestry project is enough to build 20 houses and provide a dozen jobs. All forestry projects on City water supply lands are done in accordance with water quality protection guidelines and New York State Forestry Best Management Practices.

DEC Accepting Applications for Urban Forestry Projects - Grants Will Enhance Green Space in Cities Throughout the State

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) is accepting applications to fund urban forestry projects that will enhance landscapes and provide green spaces in urban areas across the state, Commissioner Basil Seggos announced today.

"Trees and green space are an important part of a community, especially in densely populated urban areas where such resources are limited," Commissioner Seggos said. "Governor Cuomo and members of the State Legislature understand the benefits of community and urban forests for protecting our air and water and improving quality of life. These grants are a valuable tool to support local projects to develop and manage these resources."

This year, the Environmental Protection Fund is investing \$2.3 million in tree planting, maintenance grants, tree inventory, and community forestry management plans. Grants are available to municipalities, public benefit corporations, public authorities, school districts, soil and water conservation districts, community colleges, not-for-profit organizations, and Indian nations or tribes. Awards range from \$11,000 to \$75,000, depending on municipal population. Tree inventories and community forestry management plans have no match. Tree planting and maintenance projects have a 25 percent match.

Urban forestry grants complement DEC's ongoing initiatives to address climate change, environmental degradation, environmental justice, and urban sprawl. Over the last five years, DEC has funded more than \$4.6 million in grant projects that have a total value of more than \$10 million.

This year's grant proposals should detail the scope of work and how the project will provide environmental, economic, and/or social benefits in the community. When applicants select projects, consideration should be given to underserved neighborhoods, as well as environmental issues of local concern. Applicants are also encouraged to form regional partnerships and submit proposals that help to implement watershed protection and initiatives with green solutions that will have the support of their Regional Economic Development Council.

DEC foresters are available to provide applicants with technical assistance. DEC staff will review completed grant applications and select recipients based on established rating criteria, including cost-effectiveness, projected benefits, use of recommended standards in implementation, community outreach, education, support, and regional economic impact.

The Department of Environmental Conservation's Urban Forestry Program will host a webinar on Jan. 5 at 2 p.m. to educate potential applicants on the grants process and answer questions. To register for this webinar go to the 2016 Urban and Community Forestry Grant Program Grants Gateway Application Training Webinar web page.

Applicants may apply for the grant in the Grants Gateway. Instructions and application are available on Grants Gateway website. Paper or hand delivered grant applications will not be accepted. The deadline for applications on the Grants Gateway is March 1, 2017 at 3 p.m. For more information, call DEC at (518) 402-9425.

Sporting License Buyers - Beware of Opportunistic Websites

Anglers and hunters should be aware of at least two currently active non-DEC websites where one can, purportedly, purchase a fishing license, hunting license or receive hunter education training that meets New York requirements: *Fishinglicense.org* and *Hunting-license.org*

Among other things, these sites offer information on how their products can simplify the purchase of a New York State fishing license or hunting license. Though some of the logistical licensing information is correct and may be useful, these sites also offer a consumer the ability to purchase time-saving downloads for recreational licensing services that are specifically NOT affiliated with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

The consumer on these sites should understand that they are only getting 'assistance' for their money and not an actual fishing or hunting license. Additionally, the money being charged by these websites is not a 'credit' toward the purchase of any New York fishing or hunting license. All of the New York licensing information that one needs can be found on the DEC Sporting Licenses web page.

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This course offers several different modules to build your entry level skills or enhance your existing skills in areas where you have had little exposure. This course also includes the 10-hour OSHA General Industry Training. Modules include: Safety; 10-hour OSHA General Industry Training; Basic Residential Electric; Basic Plumbing and Soldering; Basic HVAC; Masonry; Carpentry & Finishing; Painting; Landscaping & Grounds; Solar Panel Installation

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The Family Memoir, PROSILIO...
 ... in Greek means "Toward the Sun," was written by Carol Olsen LaMonda. Carol writes the column "The Olive Jar" for *Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman*. This local author has been busy guesting at book clubs who have chosen this local memoir as their book choice. As summer approaches, the story of a carefree vacation in the Catskills should be added to your summer "must-read" list. The memoir is available at Amazon or Barnes and Noble on-line as a soft or hard cover or as a downloadable e-book for Nook or Kindle. Go to amazon.com or barnesandnoble.com and type in **Prosilio** in the search to order your copy of *Prosilio*



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Long Term Care Council Meeting
 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, January 18, 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

Security Guard 8-hr. Pre-Assignment Training Course
 MONTICELLO - The Adult and Continuing Education Program at Sullivan BOCES is offering an 8-hour Pre-Assignment Security Guard Training course at the St. John Street Education Center in Monticello on Tuesday and Thursday, Jan. 24th and Thursday, Jan. 26th from 5:30 pm to 9:30 pm. The cost of the course is \$90.

The first required course for your becoming a Security Guard is an 8-Hour Pre-Assignment training course. Upon successful completion of this general introductory course, you would be issued a training certificate. This course is also being held on the following days.

Sat. Feb 4th
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 Sat. May 13th



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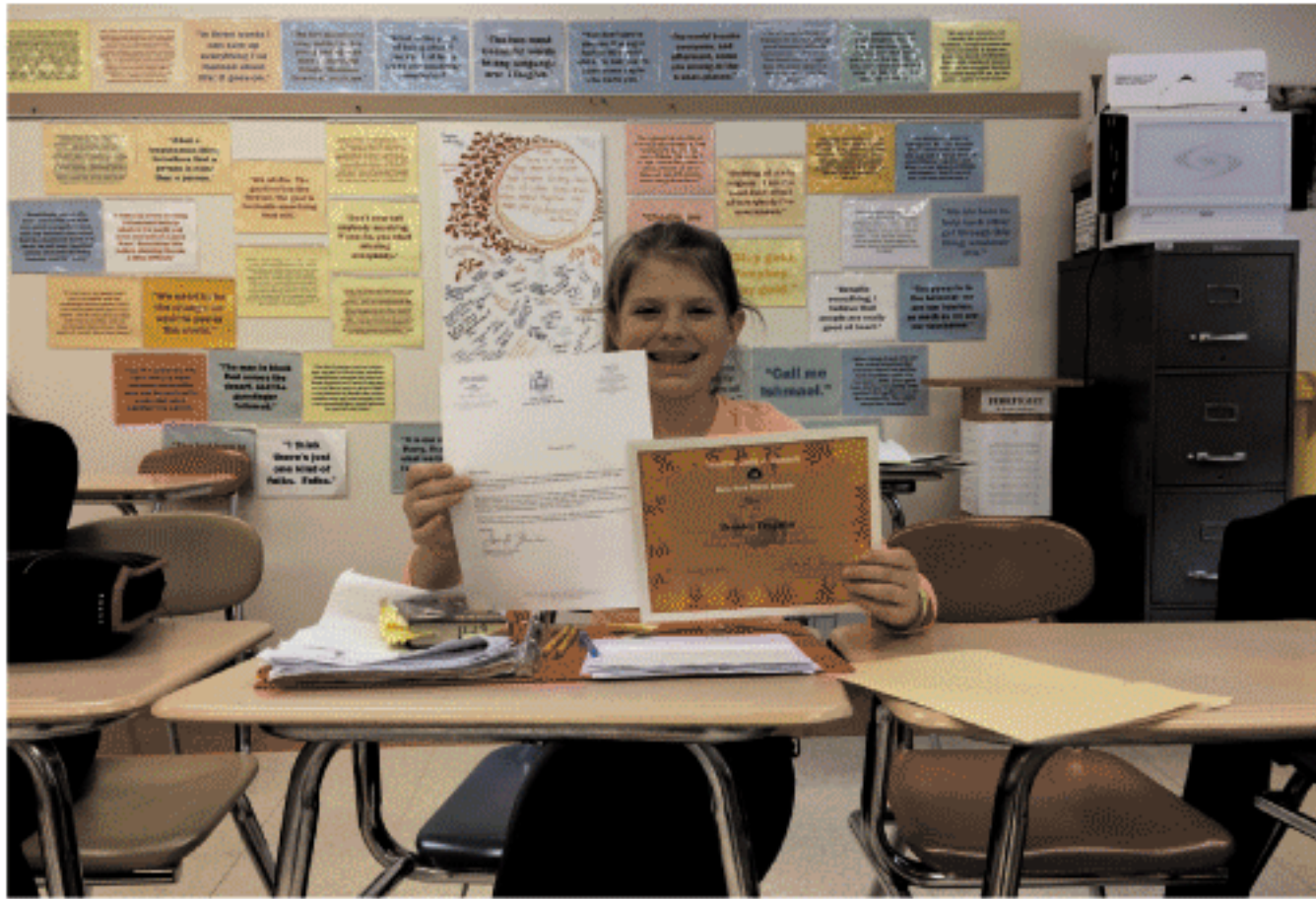
Holiday Mtn Skiing/Snowboarding Sundays Jan 1 to March 5
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- Snowtubing Holiday Mtn. Friday, January 20
- Roller Skating Skaters World Friday, February 10 Bowling Liberty Bowl, Friday, March 17
- Jonah Sight & Sound Tuesday, April 11
- Screen Free Week May 1 to May 5
- Maritime Aquarium & IMAX Movie Saturday, May 13
- Country Living Fair Rhinebeck Fairgrounds Saturday, June 3
- Mamma Mia Westchester Broadway Dinner Theatre Friday, June 9
- Transportation to NYC Friday, June 16
- Swimming Beach Party Friday, July 7 Grahamsville Fairgrounds
- New York State Museum Saturday, July 22
- Zoom Flume Saturday, August 5
- Back to School Fun Night Friday, August 25
- Annie Get Your Gun Westchester Broadway Dinner Theatre Friday, October 6
- Great Wolf Lodge November 4 to November 5
- Transportation to NYC Saturday, December 2

Stop by the Parks & Rec office on Tuesdays between 3pm and 6 pm to drop off your permission slips and payment.

It is never too early to sign up for trips! Secure your seats today!

Tri-Valley 8th Grader Receives Recognition for Writing Piece



Brooke Trojahn-an 8th grade student at Tri-Valley Central School-recently received recognition for participating in a Thanksgiving Day Creative Celebration program.

Brooke submitted a writing piece that she titled "What I Am Thankful For." Within her paper, she talked about two groups of people who mean a lot to her: her family and her teachers.

The Thanksgiving Day Creative Celebration was put on by Senator John J. Bonacic. He sent Brooke a congratulatory letter and a certificate for taking part in the program.

Brooke is another example of a student who goes above and beyond in many different ways. We are very proud of Brooke and very proud of all of our students for everything they do!

Fallsburg CSD and SUNY Sullivan Co-Host VEX Robotics Competition

On December 10, 2016 at the SUNY Sullivan Paul Gerry Field House, Fallsburg Jr/Sr High School and SUNY Sullivan co-hosted "Catskill New Bot Battle" with six school districts from all over New York State. In addition to four teams from the Fallsburg Robotics Club, two teams from Elmira High School, four teams from Minisink Valley Central School, one team from Ulster County BOCES, four teams from the Harvey School, and one team Our Lady of Lourdes High School from Poughkeepsie competed for prizes and trophies.

The principal co-hosts of the day-long event were Dr. Cynthia Marcello from SUNY Sullivan and science teacher Mr. Don Thomas from Fallsburg CSD.



Left to right are seventh graders Landon Berry and Aidan Ferris



Fallsburg High School students left to are seniors Angelica Mejia, Roberto Matamoros, and Luis G. Rivera

Fallsburg's Aidan Ferris and Landen Berry of team 99561C wowed the judges and took home the Judges Award. Fallsburg's Oliver Normington and Kai Odell Schreier on team 99561D won the prestigious Skills Challenge and are automatically qualified to compete at the New York State Championship competition.

Weather FORECAST

SUNRISE: 7:22 AM SUNSET: 4:44 PM
 AVERAGE HIGH: 31°F
 AVERAGE LOW: 18°F

THURSDAY

HIGH: 45°F LOW: 36°F

FRIDAY

HIGH: 46°F LOW: 24°F

SATURDAY

HIGH: 34°F LOW: 20°F

SUNDAY

HIGH: 31°F LOW: 26°F

MONDAY

HIGH: 35°F LOW: 26°F

TUESDAY

HIGH: 35°F LOW: 20°F

White Sulphur Springs School Gets Two Water Bottle Filling Stations

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS: Through the collaborative efforts of the BOCES Wellness Team and Cornell Cooperative Extension, two water bottle filling stations were installed at the White Sulphur Springs School. The Wellness Committee has been working with SueAnn Boyd, Healthy Schools Coordinator at Cornell Cooperative Extension for the past eight months to bring a number of healthy options to the students and staff at BOCES. Although the water stations were just installed, the school is already seeing a positive impact. The students are excited to drink the cold filtered water and fill their water bottles.

"We are really excited about our partnership with Cornell Cooperative Extension, it has opened a lot of doors for our students and staff," stated Ashlea Prouty, Coordinator of the BOCES Wellness Team, "Having the water filling station is such a benefit for everyone. The positive impact of having the kids stay hydrated throughout the day affects them physically as well as mentally."

The water filling stations were purchased through the Dept of Health's Creating Healthy Schools Grant for BOCES and the Monticello, Fallsburg and Liberty



Ashlea Prouty, Coordinator of the BOCES Wellness Team. Zackery Greene (LMCS) and Alec Irwin (LMCS)

School districts. Cornell Cooperative has also used the grant to purchase salad bars for aforementioned districts and will use the remaining funds to roll out initiatives to increase physical activity throughout the school day and implement a food waste and recycling management systems.

"I think this is a great initiative. I have enjoyed working with the staff at each of the districts. They are very receptive and passionate in what they do," said SueAnn Boyd, Healthy Schools Coordinator at Cornell Cooperative Extension, "I would love to see each of the schools increase the number of water filling stations throughout their district. We are hoping that installing the water filling stations will help lower the consumption of sugary beverages and possibly make water the preferred beverage of choice."



SueAnn Boyd, Healthy Schools Coordinator at Cornell Cooperative Extension, Allen Joseph (MSC), Jacob Esquilin (MCS) and Ashlea Prouty, Coordinator of the BOCES Wellness Team.

Camp: It's Not Just for Summer Anymore



Frost Valley YMCA held its annual Winter Overnight and Winter Day Camps last week; the latter of which gave kids from the surrounding community a fun, safe, and educational way to spend their time off.

"Day Camp is a great option for families because it provides kids with an opportunity to make new friends, learn new skills, and expand their horizons," says Katia Martin, Frost Valley's Community Programs Director. "For parents, it provides a worry-free option for family care - they know that here at Frost Valley, their kids and teens will receive nutritious meals, be safe, and of course, have lots of fun."

When students are home from school for winter break, a camp experience can ensure they'll do more than just get off the couch - they'll make friends, learn crafts, hike and play outdoors, and warm up with healthy meals.

"At this point, children have been in school for more than three months. School-break camps allow a week's worth of fresh air, physical fitness and a 100% break from screen time," Martin explains. "At the end of the week, they leave refreshed and rejuvenated as they prepare to head back to their classrooms."

Not only did Winter Day Camp include transportation and meals, but campers were also able to spend more time exploring nature. Guided hikes, outdoor games, and snow tubing were all a part of the outdoor activities. Inside, after warming up with a mug of hot cocoa, kids were able to participate in arts and crafts, archery, indoor-rock climbing, educational nature programs, and a talent show, among other fun activities.

If you missed Winter Day Camp, don't worry, Summer Day Camp is right around the corner and registration is now open! For more information on Day Camp, please call 845-985-2291 or email info@frostvalley.org.

A Humble Note of Thanks

- Bob Drown



First I want to wish everyone a Healthy, Prosperous and Happy New Year - Now where do I begin?

On Oct 15 I had a minor heart attack, no damage, after a few day stay at Catskill Region I was taken to Orange Regional, While there I was told that I need my cardiac valve replaces ASAP, appointment was made for Dec 8 at Vassar Brothers in Poughkeepsie to have my valve replaced, which was done and I am now two days into my fourth week since the surgery. I spent eight days in cardiac

rehab at he swing unit at the hospital in Ellenville and came home Dec 23.

Patty and I want to take time out to publicly thank everyone that has taken time out of their lives to come to our aid. It has been greatly appreciated and say that with humbled heart.

Now to get down to the real business - here are some of my favorite photos that I took this past year.

Again, thank you Happy New Year!



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WJFF Radio and St. John's Episcopal Church offer Messiah Community Sing Along

Sunday, Decem-(From Pg. 1) What began in 2014 as WJFF's end of the year celebration of 25 years of pubic radio broadcasting has become St. John's Episcopal Church's Bicentennial Anniversary celebration. If you missed this joyful community event you will have to wait until next year. " St. John's is overjoyed to usher in and celebrate the Christmas and holiday season," said Rev. Scheide. "We look forward to hosting the WJFF Messiah Sing Along next year."

Under the more than capable baton of Eldred School District music teacher Kristina Martorano, the ensemble of local amateur and professional keyboard, string and woodwind players, provided the accompaniment. Musicians included Leon Hilfstein, Valerie Bayum, Jamille Shands, Isabel Laufner, Rebecca Perlman, Tasa Faronii, Monica Rose, Michael Aiese, Melissa Stilich, and Pat Gersten. They were joined by Delaware Valley Opera soloists Kathy Geary, Carol Diefenbach and Kevin Hanek. This year's chamber ensemble also included middle school cellist Abigail Bizjak and Braeden Ross who "can't wait to play again next year."

The community-sing-along, doesn't fill the stage with a chorus of professional sopranos, altos, tenors and basses. Rather the audience becomes the Oratorio chorus. Each participant receives a copy of the choral music lyrics. They not only enjoy a beautiful concert by members of the DVO; they experience the exhilaration of blending their voices with some of the neighborhood's best choral singers.

"This is by no means an original holiday event," says executive producer and WJFF board member Tasa Faronii, Handel's Messiah as a community sing-a-long is a global interactive celebration. It is a seasonal tradition preformed all over the world. And we're delighted to present this annual gift to the community."

The price of admission to this event was a non-perishable food item or personal care item (such as shampoo, soap, toothpaste, socks, winter glove,) all of which were presented to the local Food Pantry and Helping Hands, two non-profit organizations that provide meals and personal care to members of our community most in need.

Rev. Scheide and the congregation at St. John's Episcopal Church deserved the standing ovation that concluded the afternoon with familiar Hallelujah Chorus.



A Note to the Community:

We lost a tremendously respected member of our community on December 7, 2016. Michael "Mickey" Mullen was a valued Town of Neversink Councilman who served with honor, integrity and dedication. Mickey was a man of quiet dignity who exhibited strength of character and brought to the Board a common sense approach as well as unity. He will be deeply missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him.

As a result of Mickey's untimely passing the Neversink Town Board has decided to appoint Scott Grey to fill the board vacancy and finish out Mickey's term. Scott is a former Neversink Councilman who most recently served on the town's Board of Assessment Review. Scott is an active community member and proven leader, his knowledge and experience will be an asset to the town and the Town Board. We welcome Scott Grey.

Town of Neversink Town Board,
Supervisor Christopher Mathews
Councilman Richard Coombe, Jr.
Councilman Michael Brooks
Councilman Keith Zanetti

!Frost Valley Hosts Annual Women's Wellness Weekend –

Three days of connection, relaxation and wellness- just for women!
CLARYVILLE - Frost Valley YMCA invites women to the beautiful Catskills Mountains from March 31- April 2, 2017 to relax their spirit, mind, and body; connect with old and new friends; and enjoy a weekend made for them!

This weekend away in the beautiful Catskills is offered for women to treat themselves to better overall wellness! Guests will participate in Zumba, dance classes, nature hikes, and other invigorating classes, or relax with yoga, aromatherapy, and meditation. Guests will have the opportunity to explore their creative side with pottery, vision boards, or group drumming. Guests will also learn from inspiring instructors and teachers who will discuss stress management, organic skin care, financial health, and achieving inner- all in a safe, supportive environment.

"We are very excited to host our annual Women's Wellness Weekend," says Carmel Dorn, who works in Frost Valley's Group and Family Retreats department. "We have seen numerous women attend this weekend and transform their lives. They know that a visit to Frost Valley is truly a chance to get away from it all. After just three days of wellness, they leave relaxed and refreshed!"

During this all-inclusive weekend, nourishing meals are provided, and as always, Frost Valley offers a variety of delicious options to accommodate nutritional needs and restrictions of nearly every sort. A variety of lodging is available, from hotel-style lakefront accommodations, to rustic cabins, to lodges for multiple groups.

If you're interested in joining the event, contact Frost Valley soon, as spaces will fill up quickly. You can find more information at frostvalley.org or by calling 845-985-2291, ext.450.

Training Webinars for Farmers' Market Programs

LIBERTY, NY- Farmers interested in participating in the WIC Vegetables and Fruit Check Program (WIC VF) or Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (FMNP) this market season are invited to attend group webinar-viewing sessions at Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County (CCESC). The group session for the FMNP webinar is January 25, 2017 from 12:00 - 1:00 pm. The WIC VF webinar, will be held on February 1, 2017 from 2:30 - 3:30 pm.

Training Requirement:

New farmers participating in FMNP and all farmers participating in the WIC VF program must undergo a formal training offered by the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets (Department), and submit proof of training. CCESC will host two of the one-hour webinar presentations on 1/25/17 and 2/1/17, and administer a program quiz that will be returned to the Department as proof of training. New farmers in the FMNP must undergo formal training in their first year only. All farmers in the WIC VF program must undergo formal training every year.

Webinars are free and last 1 hour. The presentation is delivered via an online application called WebEx and the audio is available only through the phone. There are two types of webinars:

1. An FMNP webinar
2. An WIC VF webinar

You may also register for any of the online webinars independently on the Department website: <http://www.agriculture.ny.gov/AP/agservices/fmnp-wicvf-webinars.html>.

FMNP Webinar Dates and Times:

- o Wednesday, January 25, 2017 | 12 Noon - 1:00 pm
- o Wednesday, February 1, 2017 | 12 Noon - 1:00 pm
- o Friday, February 3, 2017 | 1:00 - 2:00 pm

WIC VF Webinar Dates and Times:

- o Tuesday, January 24, 2017 | 12 Noon - 1:00 pm
- o Thursday, January 26, 2017 | 1:00 - 2:00 pm
- o Wednesday, February 1, 2017 | 2:30 - 3:30 pm

Space is limited for this free event and registration is requested in advance. Registration can be completed by calling CCESC at 845-292-6180, emailing sullivan@cornell.edu, or visiting www.sullivanccesc.org. Additional donations for CCESC programs are appreciated and can be made by cash, check, or credit.

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Governor Cuomo 1st Proposal of 2017 State of State: Making College Tuition-free for New York's Middle-Class Families - First-in-the-Nation Program Provides Free Tuition to New Yorkers Making Up to \$125,000 Per Year at all SUNY and CUNY

Two- and Four-Year Colleges

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, with U.S. Senator Bernie Sanders of Vermont, today unveiled the 1st signature proposal of his 2017 agenda: making college tuition-free for New York's middle-class families at all SUNY and CUNY two- and four-year colleges. New York's tuition-free college degree program, the Excelsior Scholarship, is the first of its kind in the nation and will help alleviate the crushing burden of student debt while enabling thousands of bright young students to realize their dream of higher education.

Under this groundbreaking proposal, more than 940,000 middle-class families and individuals making up to \$125,000 per year would qualify to attend college tuition-free at all public universities in New York State. The Excelsior Scholarship program will ensure that students statewide, regardless of their socio-economic status, have the opportunity to receive a quality education and gain the skills they need to succeed in our global economy.

"A college education is not a luxury - it is an absolute necessity for any chance at economic mobility, and with these first-in-the-nation Excelsior Scholarships, we're providing the opportunity for New Yorkers to succeed, no matter what zip code they come from and without the anchor of student debt weighing them down," Governor Cuomo said. "New York is making a major investment in our greatest asset - our people - and supporting the dreams and ambitions of those who want a better life and are willing to work hard for it. I am honored to have the support of Senator Sanders, who led the way on making college affordability a right, and I know that together we can make this a reality with New York leading the way once again."

U.S. Senator Bernie Sanders said, "If the United States is to succeed in a highly competitive global economy, we need the best educated workforce in the world. With exploding technology, and with most of the good paying jobs requiring more and more education, we need to make certain that every New Yorker, every Vermonter and every American gets all the education they need regardless of family income. In other words, we must make public colleges and universities tuition free for the middle-class and working families of our country. That is what Governor Cuomo is fighting for here in New York and it's something I strongly support. I urge New York legislators to pass this enormously important proposal, and become a model for the rest of the nation."

New York's tuition-free degree program, the Excelsior Scholarship, requires participating students to be enrolled at a SUNY or CUNY two- or four-year college full-time. The initiative will cover middle-class families and individuals making up to \$125,000 through a supplemental aid program. Currently 80 percent of NY households statewide make \$125,000 or less with an estimated 940,000 households having college-aged children that would be eligible for the program. Based on enrollment projections, the plan will cost approximately \$163 million per year once fully phased in.

The new initiative will be phased in over three years, beginning for New Yorkers making up to \$100,000 annually in the fall of 2017, increasing to \$110,000 in 2018, and reaching \$125,000 in 2019.

As student debt continues to soar - reaching \$1.2 trillion nationwide and surpassing credit card debt, car debt and home equity lines of credit as the second largest source of consumer debt, this program will work to make college affordable for students and families.

The initiative will work by leveraging New York State's generous aid programs. Currently, the Tuition Assistance Program or TAP provides nearly \$1 billion in grants to college students statewide and New York is one of only two states in the nation that offers this type of entitlement. Under the program, eligible students would still receive TAP and any applicable federal grants. Additional state funds would cover the remaining tuition costs for incoming or existing eligible students.

New York's Tuition Free Degree Program also incentivizes students to graduate from college on time. In 2013, only 38.7 percent of students attending a four-year public university and roughly 8.5 percent attending a two-year public college in New York completed their degrees on time. Moreover, in 2015, the average student loan debt in New York was \$29,320.

With an average annual tuition ranging from \$6,470-\$6,330 at SUNY and CUNY for a bachelor's degree and \$4,350-\$4,800 for an associate's degree, the more time a student spends in college, the higher the level of debt. By mandating that students be enrolled full-time, New York's free tuition program will work to improve graduation rates and alleviate the heavy burden of student debt by encouraging more students to graduate on time in two to four years.

New York is also the only state in the nation to offer a need-based loan forgiveness entitlement program that provides awards to New York State college graduates regardless of their degree or profession. The Governor's "Get on Your Feet Loan Forgiveness" program provides up to 2 years of student loan forgiveness to recent New York State college graduates. This program, coupled with New York's new Excelsior Scholarships Program, will ensure New York continues to lead the way forward on college affordability.

A college degree is necessary for increased earning power. Studies show a person with a bachelor's degree, on average, will earn about 66 percent more over his or her lifetime than a person without a college degree. Those with an associate's degree can expect to earn 24 percent more than a person with a high school diploma. Moreover, a college education is increasingly becoming a necessity, not a luxury. According to projections by the New York State Department of Labor, approximately 3.5 million jobs statewide will require an associate's degree or higher by 2024. As the landscape of the global economy continues to shift, investing in a highly-qualified, highly-educated workforce has never been more important.

Assemblymember Cahill Issues Statement on Plan to Close Indian Point

News of an agreement for the limited licensure of the Indian Point Nuclear Power Plant deserves our detailed attention. While it appears that safety upgrades are part of the proposal to allow Entergy to continue to apply for a new six year license without New York State official opposition, we must be vigilant to assure that the facility does not transition from an operating power plant to a dormant nuclear waste dump.

In addition, Central Hudson customers count on Indian Point power to keep electricity costs affordable in their homes and businesses, particularly during periods of peak demand. It is important that reasonable replacement sources of energy and aggressive conservation measures be made available to them before Indian Point is taken off line.

During my tenure as chair of the Assembly Energy Committee, we focused on the impact Indian Point had on our communities, including repeatedly pointing out safety lapses and the failure to properly regulate and prevent regular planned discharge of radioactive material in the Hudson River.

Decommissioning the Indian Point nuclear facility has been central to the work of environmentalists in the Hudson Valley for several decades. In particular, the leadership of people like the great Pete Seeger and that of former Congressmen John Hall and Maurice Hinchey should be acknowledged. Their years of service in raising concerns over the immediate and long term dangers of the facility, particularly in view of its proximity to population centers in the Hudson Valley and the Greater Metropolitan Area served as a clarion call.

While the details of the agreement are not yet complete, that the process is coming together and the inevitability of Indian Point's closure now imminent, we must be particularly attentive to the terms. Still, even this first step is an important one.

BOCES to offer Office Procedures and Management Course

The Adult and Continuing Education Program at Sullivan BOCES is offering a course in Office Procedures and Management (OPM) at the St. John Street Education Center in Monticello. Classes will run each Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, January 17th- through February 13th, from 12:30 pm to 4:00 pm. Tuition: \$546 per module. Funding is available for eligible students.

This unique course offers a mock office setting where the student can develop his or her computer and typing skills while interacting with other students. The course is designed so a student will have marketable skills at the end of the course, along with a certificate of completion. Each module is self-

paced with individualized instruction. A Skills Assessment & Career Plan interview is available at no cost. This class is NYSED ACCES approved for current HSE and ESOL students.

Modules include: MS Publisher; Intro to Computer/Internet; Typing Refresher; MS Excel; MS Word; MS Powerpoint; MS Outlook; Civil Service Prep; And Quickbooks: offered to qualified individuals

This course will also be offered on the following dates: Feb. 27th - Mar. 22nd ; Apr. 10th - May 3rd;; May 22nd - Jun. 19th

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 scboes.org. For program updates Like Sullivan County BOCES on Facebook and follow us on Twitter.

CATSKILL NORDIC SKI CLUB

The Catskill Nordic Ski Club announces its 42nd season of informal, guided cross-country skiing. Please note that all trips are scheduled on Saturdays at 1:30 PM unless otherwise noted*. The leaders may choose to reschedule to Sunday or change the hour or location or to hold a winter hike depending on weather and snow conditions. It is important to call the leader for updated information on Friday evening or Saturday morning. Our leaders are prepared to help and encourage new skiers. For information, please call President Andy 845-701-7984

JAN. 14: FALLSBURG TRAILS, LEADERS EILEEN & ANDY KALTER, 434-5371

JAN. 21: TOWN OF THOMPSON PARK, LEADER PAT GERSTEN, 794-1039

JAN. 28: FLUGGERTOWN ROAD, LEADER JUDY BRENNAN, 292-7832

FEB. 4- MONGAUP RIVER TRAIL, LEADER KATHI WIDMANN, 794-5650

FEB 11: HIGH POINT STATE PARK, (FEE CHARGED), LEADER DAN GERSTEN, 798-6618

FEB. 18: TUSTEN TRAILS, LEADER PAT HALPRIN, 434-3841

FEB. 25: SMALLWOOD TRAILS, LEADERS JONATHAN HYMAN & GAIL RUBENFELD, 583-4103

MARCH 4: DOWNS ROAD TRAILS, LEADERS WARREN & JUDY BERGSTROM, 794-7631

*MARCH 11: KATRINA FALLS ROAD, HIKE 3:15PM (AFTER ST. PAT'S DAY PARADE) LEADER PAT HALPRIN, 434-3841

*MARCH 18: MORNINGSIDE PARK 3PM ANNUAL DINNER AND MEETING TO FOLLOW, LEADER ANDY KALTER, 434-5371

Out in the Night Documentary Film Opens DVAA's Winter Salon Series

On Saturday, January 14 at 2 pm, Delaware Valley Arts Alliance will kick off its Salon Series with a free screening of "Out in the Night," the 2014 documentary by Newburgh filmmaker Blair Dorosh-walther. Janus Adams, host of WJFF's "Janus Adams" show, will moderate an audience talkback following the film. The event will take place in the Krause Recital Hall at the Delaware Arts Center, 37 Main Street, Narrowsburg.

"The Salon Series is inspired by the cultural salons of old," says Bizzy Coy, DVAA Program Director, "where artists and thinkers gathered in coffee shops, cafes, and living rooms to discuss the arts and issues of the day."

"Out in the Night" follows the true story of the "New Jersey 4," a close-knit group of black lesbian friends who went to Greenwich Village for a fun night out on August 18, 2006, but ended up arrested and charged with gang assault and attempted murder. Their arrest was followed by a media frenzy, spurred by sensational headlines like "Attack of the Killer Lesbians." The true story is revealed in the documentary-that these women were defending themselves against a violent street harasser.

Emmy Award-winning journalist, historian, and bestselling author of eleven books, Dr. Janus Adams is host of JANUS ADAMS, the new public radio show and podcast. The program airs and streams live on WJFF 90.5 FM Saturdays at 4:00 PM ET. Dr. Adams has been engaged by history and culture since childhood.

DVAA's winter Salon Series continues throughout the winter with jazz pianist Joe Vincent Tranchina (January 28), "Off the Shelf" literary event (February 11), "Bring on the Thaw" poetry reading (February 25), "Shakespeare Songs" performance and talk (March 11), and the second annual Wikipedia Edit-a-Thon (March 18).

For more information, visit www.delawarevalleyartsalliance.org or call 845-252-7576.

Clip & Save

Grahamsville Reformed Church 2017 Dinner Schedule

April 8 2017

Roast Pork, Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes, Carrots, Sauerkraut, Cranberry Sauce, Salad, Bread
ASSORTED DESSERTS FROM THE CONGREGATION

May 20 2017

Roast Turkey, Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Cranberry Sauce, Salad, Bread, Ice Cream Sundae

June 10 2017

Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes, Carrots, Salad, Bread, Cake

September 16 2017

Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes, Corn on the Cob, Salad, Bread
ASSORTED DESSERTS FROM THE CONGREGATION

October 14 2017

Roast Chicken Breast, Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Cranberry Sauce, Salad, Bread, Brownie Sundae

November 11 2017

Roast Pork, Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes, Carrots, Sauerkraut, Applesauce, Salad, Bread, Cake

Travel the World for Free at 4-H International Night

LIBERTY, NY - The public is invited to an educational evening of culture-inspired youth displays and performances representing diverse profiles from around the world. Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County (CCEESC)'s 4-H Youth Development program will be celebrating its 29th Annual International Night on Friday, January 27, 2017, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. This free program will be held at the Extension Education Center on 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road in Liberty.

Doors open to the public at 6:30 pm for an event featuring the work of CCEESC 4-H clubs throughout Sullivan County. Each club or group will represent a specific country from around the globe and provide an interactive, three-dimensional display of the geography, history, culture, and cuisine of their chosen location. Participants can "tour the world" from 6:30 to 7:00 pm and then settle down for the 10 minute skit or presentation each club brings to the stage, highlighting what they have learned.

Anyone is welcome to visit this family-friendly, popular event. More information about this opportunity or the Sullivan County 4-H Youth Development program can be obtained by calling 845-292-6180 or emailing mlr34@cornell.edu.

Anyone ages 5 to 19 can enroll in 4-H for free. Additional donations for CCEESC programs are appreciated. 4-H empowers youth to reach their full potential,

working and learning in partnership with caring adults. 4-H Members have opportunities to connect to Cornell University, learn through hands-on activities, lead, be inspired, inspire others, and "Make the Best Better". Anyone can join 4-H with thousands of other New York State members, volunteers, staff, and funders.

Claryville Fire Dept. All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast



Sunday, January 15

Serving 7:00 until 12 Noon

Adults: \$9

Children Ages 5-11: \$5

Under 5 Yrs. Free

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Sunday, 8 am Service of Holy Communion, except: Second Saturday of each month, 5:00 pm

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Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday mornings: (includes Morning Prayer) - 8:50 am

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

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Email: Crosswayag@jesusanswers.com

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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

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Rte. 55, Grahamsville
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e-mail: Grahamsvilleumc@gmail.com

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Worship Service 9:30 A.M.

Rev. Paul Z. Ruter, Pastor

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LEGALSPUBLIC NOTICE:**TAX COLLECTOR'S NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF TAX ROLL AND WARRANT**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that I, Joy Monforte, Tax Collector for the Town of Denning, Ulster County, State of New York, have received the tax roll and warrant for the collection of taxes within the Town of Denning for the year 2017.

Taxes will be collected at the Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Road, Claryville, N.Y. 12725 on Monday thru Thursday from 8:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M., and at the Catskill Hudson Bank, 279 Main Street, Grahamsville, N.Y. 12740 and by mail to the Town of Denning P.O. Box 277, Claryville, N.Y. 12725.

Taxes will also be collected on Saturday, January 28th, 2016 from 10 A.M. to 1 P.M. at the Denning Town Hall.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE as pursuant to Ulster County Law No. 8 of 2012 an insert has been provided describing each Unfunded Mandate required by New York State.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that taxes may be paid on or before the 31st day of January without interest. On all taxes received after such date there shall be added interest of one percent of the amount of the unpaid taxes for each month or fraction thereof until taxes are paid or until the return of unpaid taxes to the Ulster County Department of Finance pursuant to law.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that pursuant to the provisions of law, the tax roll for the Town of Denning will be returned to the Ulster County Finance Commissioner on the date of expiration of the Collector's Warrant for 2017.

Joy Monforte
Tax Collector
Town of Denning

**TOWN OF NEVERSINK
NOTICE OF ADOPTION**

WHEREAS, notice of Public Hearing was duly given, and said hearing duly held in the Town of Neversink Town Hall, 273 Main Street, Grahamsville, New York on the 12th day of October, 2016 at 7:15 p.m. prevailing time to consider the adoption of Local Law No. 3 of 2016 entitled "A Local Law to amend Chapter 50 (Zoning) of the Code of the Town of Neversink to establish definition of "Sign-Illuminated"; and to add illuminated signs allowed in H Districts" which Local Law adds a definition of "Sign-Illuminated" and adds illuminated signs will be allowed in H Districts.

NOW, THEREFORE, PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that after due consideration and deliberation, the Town Board of the Town of Neversink duly adopted said Local Law on December 14, 2016 and said Local Law was duly filed with the New York State Secretary of State on December 21, 2016.

BY ORDER OF
THE TOWN BOARD OF
THE TOWN OF NEVERSINK
Lisa Garigliano, Town Clerk
Dated: January 5, 2017

Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC) is seeking a qualified engineer/firm for technical flood/erosion hazard evaluation of properties within the NYC West of Hudson Watershed. A mandatory pre-bid conference will be held on January 25, 2017 at 1 PM at CWC offices, 905 Main Street, Margaretville, NY 12455. Bids must be received at CWC by 4 PM, February 1, 2017. For bid documents please contact John Mathiesen or Frieda Suess at 845-586-1400. EOE

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**TOWN OF NEVERSINK
NOTICE: PARKS & REC
VACANCY (2)**

The Town of Neversink announces two vacancies on the Town of Neversink Parks & Recreation Department Advisory Board. One vacancy is for the remainder of a term ending on 12/31/2019. The other term is for five years and end on 12/31/2021. Please send a letter of interest to Chris Mathews, Supervisor, Town of Neversink, PO Box 307, Grahamsville, NY 12740 or drop it off at the Town Hall. Letters of interest should be received by Feb. 8, 2017. Please address any questions to Chris Mathews, Supervisor at (845)985-2262, ext. 301.

TAX COLLECTOR LEGAL NOTICE:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that I, Lisa Garigliano, Tax Collector for the Town of Neversink, County of Sullivan and the State of New York, will collect 2017 taxes according to the following schedule:

MONDAY thru FRIDAY: 9:00 AM-4:00 PM (excluding holidays) at the: TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE LOCATED IN THE NEVERSINK TOWN HALL, 273 MAIN ST. (RT. 55), GRAHAMSVILLE, NY 12740, PHONE: (845) 985-2262 x307

SATURDAY: Neversink Town Hall on the following date: January 28, 2017 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm
Taxes collected until the 31st day of January, 2017 without interest. All taxes postmarked after January 31, 2017 will be subject to late penalties as listed below. Late payment penalties are strictly enforced.

SCHEDULE OF FEES:

Jan. 1 - Jan. 31	No Penalty
Feb. 1 - Feb. 28	1% of Tax Amount
Mar. 1 - Mar. 31	2% of Tax Amount, plus \$2.00 unpaid notice fee; sent 3/3/17

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Lisa Garigliano, Tax Collector

TO PAY BY MAIL IN FULL: Send **ENTIRE TAX BILL** with payment to: Lisa Garigliano, Tax Collector, PO Box 307, Grahamsville, NY 12740.

- Upon receipt of payment the top portion of your tax bill will be marked paid and returned to you for your records. It is for this reason that it is **important to return the entire bill.**
- **In the event the collector needs to reach you, please include your phone number on your check.**

INSTALLMENT PAYMENT PLAN: May be paid as follows:

- January - 50% due by 1/31/2017 at 0% interest. Send "Payment #1" stub with your check.
- February - 25% due by 2/28/2017 at 1% interest. Send "Payment #2" stub with your check.
- March - 25% due by 3/31/2017 at 2 % interest plus \$2.00 unpaid notice fee. Send entire bill.
- Receipts will be mailed to you after every payment

Please Note: You must make the Jan. Payment in order to participate in the installment plan.

CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS ACCEPTED - 3% CONVENIENCE FEE WILL BE ADDED. Please go to www.taxlookup.net to make payment. Find your parcel, link at bottom of that page.

SOLID WASTE/RECYCLING DISPOSAL FEE: The County has imposed an annual fee to pay for solid waste/recycling disposal. This fee appears as a separate line item on your tax bill and is payable along with the tax. Please direct all questions to the County Treasurer's office at (845) 807-0200.

AFTER MARCH 31st: TAXES ARE PAYABLE TO COUNTY TREASURER; CALL (845) 807-0200 FOR AMOUNT DUE OR CONTACT THEM AT: Sullivan County Treasurer's Office, 100 North St., PO Box 5012, Monticello, NY 12701.

- **If you no longer own this property, please return bill to collector with the new owner's name and address; or forward the bill to the rightful owner.**
- **If your address has changed, please note your correct mailing address, along with your SBL# and return it with your tax bill or contacts the Assessor's office at the number below.**
- **You may obtain a duplicate tax bill/receipt or check the status of your payment via the Internet at www.taxlookup.net/neversink.**

For information regarding Veteran's, Senior Citizen's, Firemen's or Star Exemptions please contact the Town of Neversink Assessor's Office:
Bryan Delaney, Sole Assessor (845) 985-2262 x 323
Geri Gorton, Clerk (845) 985-2262 x 319

Hours are Mon. to Fri. 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. Evening hours are available, please call for an appointment. Or by Mail at: PO Box 307, Grahamsville, NY 12740.

**Town of Neversink
Parks & Recreation**



www.townofneversink.org

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

Watch the *Townsmen* for upcoming 2017 events.



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



Daniel Pierce Library hours of operation

Tuesday: 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Thursday: 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Friday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Sunday and Monday: Closed
If you have any questions, please call the library at 985-7233.
The Library Board of Trustees meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month. On occasion, a meeting date is changed. Please call ahead to confirm.

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

Jan 12	July 13
Feb 16	Aug 10
Mar 16	Sept 14
Apr 13	Oct 12
May 11	Nov 16
June 15	Dec 14

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

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

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

Also **WANTED** People to play cards

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- 1/15/17 Claryville Fire Dept All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast - 7 am - Noon
- 1/16/17 Town of Neversink Holiday - **MARTIN LUTHER KING'S BIRTHDAY**
- 1/16/17 Grahamsville Fire Dist. Meeting 7 pm
- 1/17/17 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals - 7:30 pm
- 1/20/17 Neversink Parks & Rec **Snowtubing at Holiday Mountain**
- 1/21/17 Grahamsville UMC **Third Saturday Thrift Sale** 9 am - 12 noon
- 1/22/17 **Winter Carnival Morningside Park** 12 noon to 3 pm - Free Admission
- 1/31/17 Town of Neversink Parks & Rec Meeting - 6 pm in Parks & Rec Office at Town Hall
- 2/1/17 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting 7 pm
- 2/4/17 **Covered Dish Supper** - Sundown Methodist Church Hall 5:30 pm
- 2/8/17 Town of Neversink Board Meeting 7:30 pm

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

Save the Date!

April 22, 2017 - Boy Scout Troop 97 **Fish & Chips/Chicken & Chips Dinner** - 4:30 to 6:30 pm at Neversink Fire House

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

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THORTON HARDWARE
SHOPRITE

TOWN OF OLIVE MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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

SCDW announces Open Auditions for our Annual Valentines Cabaret

The Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop announces open auditions for our annual Valentines Cabaret. This year highlights the style of jazz clubs of the 30's and 40's. Look up "Post Modern Jukebox": modern songs in the old style. If you like to sing, alone or with a partner; if you like to perform, come to the Sullivan County Museum (no appointment is necessary), join the SCDW members and friends. No age limits. Auditions will be on Saturday and Sunday, January 14th and 15th, from 12:00 noon until 3:00 PM each day at the Sullivan County Museum, 165 Main Street, Hurleyville. Performance dates are February 10, 11 & 12 at the Museum. For more information, please contact Jim at 845-798-4971.

**BEAVER DAM CLUB
BEAVER DAM RD.
GRAHAMSVILLE, NY**

**19TH ANNUAL ICE
FISHING CONTEST**

DATE: 1/15/17
(SUNDAY)
TIME: 6AM-NOON



ADULTS \$10.00

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 - ** PICKERL, CRAPPIE, & PERCH MUST BE 15" TO ENTER
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 - ** ALL PRIZES AWARDED ARE CASH
 - ** SORRY NO SNOWMOBILES OR ATVS ALLOWED ON PROPERTY

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**Calico Geese Quilters of
SC Monthly Meeting**

The Calico Geese Quilters of Sullivan County monthly meeting 7:00pm at Cornell Cooperative Extension Building (CCEC), 64 Ferndale Rd, Liberty. "Sewcial" gathering before the meeting @ 6:30pm. Meetings are 2nd Monday every month.

For information call (845) 292-6180. Start this New Year and learn something new. Find out what Quilting is all about. Guests welcome for a meeting and/or Sewcial gathering. Come visit and mingle.

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2017 THRIFT SALES & LUNCHEONS**

Thrift Sales 9:00a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Luncheons 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Join us on the following Tuesdays:

April 4 & 25	August 8 & 29
May 9 & 30	September 12 & 26
June 13 & 27	October 10 & 31
July 11 & 25	November 7

DEC. 2 - Christmas Craft Fair 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

**GRAHAMSVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
2017 THIRD SATURDAY THRIFT SALES**

9:00 a.m. - 12 noon
Join us on the following Saturdays:

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

Dec. 2 - Christmas Craft Fair 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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



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- 2BR cottage on .75 acs. in Claryville \$78,000
- 4BR house + guest cottage in Grahamsville hamlet. \$164,000
- SOLD 5BR stunner on 8 acres with pond, Tri-Valley Schools. 1880s charm with tasteful updates. Listing price: \$299,000
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Substitute Nurses

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For more information contact me at:
 985-0501 (leave message)
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Knarf's "Classic Movie Trivia" Errol Flynn Day on TCM

(Tuesday, January 17, 2017)



Starting at 6:00 AM with *The Adventures of Don Juan* (Adventure, 1948) at 8:00 AM; *Captain Blood* (Adventure, 1935) at 10:00 AM; *Kim* (Drama, 1951) 12:00 Noon *Northern Pursuit* (Adventure, 1943) 1:45 PM; *The Prince And The Pauper*, (Drama, 1937) 3:45 PM; *The Adventures of Robin Hood*, (1938) 5:30 PM; *The Sea Hawks*, (adventure, 1940)

See these films starting at 6:00 AM Tuesday January 17, 2017 - BW/Color, rated TV-PG, CC

Quiz:

1. Who played Kim O'Hara?
2. Who played Friar Tuck?

What's Going on in The Gnome Neighborhood™

CLARYVILLE

Claryville Fire Dept. All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast Sunday, January 15 Serving 7:00 until 12 Noon Adults: \$9 Children Ages 5-11: \$5 Under 5 Yrs. Free

GRAHAMSVILLE

January 21 - Grahamsville United Methodist Church **Third Saturday Thrift Sale** 9 am- 1 pm

LOCH SHELDRAKE

2017 Metropolitan Opera Live on Screen at SUNY Sullivan - Saturday, January 21, 2017 **ROMEO ET JULIETTE** (Start - 12:55 pm) When Diana Damrau and Vittorio Grigolo starred opposite each other in Manon at the Met in 2015, the New York Times said, "the temperature rises nearly to boiling every time Damrau and Grigolo are on stage together." Now they're back as opera's classic lovers, in Gounod's lush Shakespeare adaptation. The production, by director Bartlett Sher, has already won acclaim for its vivid 18th-century milieu and stunning costumes during runs at Salzburg and La Scala. Gianandrea Noseda conducts the sumptuous score.

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