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Neversink: A True Renaissance Story

Welcome to Neversink!!!



Fitting the occasion, the first new "Welcome to the Town of Neversink" sign was in place along Route 55 in Bradley. Artist and woodcarver, Brian Harnett, designed and carved the sign from kiln dried hemlock that was donated by Bob Terwilliger. Two more signs are expected to go up this month



Mark McLewin, new owner (along with his wife Christina) of The Neversink General Store was very influential in orchestrating the event.



Pam Zanettie, Secretary of the Town of Neversink Chamber of Commerce was on hand to answer questions regarding the chamber

There were numerous vendors selling fresh fruits, vegetables, vegetable and herb plants, essential oils, natural soaps, maple syrup and maple sugar candy and fresh home grown beef. Other vendors offered finely crafted jewelry and wood carvings.

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Saturday was a day of celebration! It was the Grand Opening of Neversink General Store and the Official Opening of the Neversink Farmers Market.

The parking lot of the Neversink General Store was transformed overnight to become the new site for the Neversink Farmers Market that will be held every Saturday at that location on Route 55 in Neversink.

Visitors to the market enjoyed the taste of treats provided by the Neversink General Store as they walked around to the beat of the band. Live music was provided by musicians from the community.



Russ Sheirer, owner of Bearfoot Gardens (7826 Rt. 55 in Neversink) not only had beautiful heirloom plants for sale, but took the time to explain a bit about each plant to customers and the difference between heirloom and hybrid.

The Town of Neversink Chamber of Commerce that serves the Tri-Valley area, was also represented at the event. As the season grows into summer, and the local crops become ready for harvest, the fare will also grow turning the Neversink Farmers Market into the "best Farmer's Market near a dam site!"



There was something for everyone! The youngsters enjoyed Balloons by Art. Art Rubenzahl is the world's greatest (and funniest) balloon artist.

The Neversink General Store is open seven days a week and provides a variety of food from the deli as well as pizza. It is the perfect place to shop for all your grocery needs. Before you head back home, you can fill up your tank: gas for the car and propane for the BBQ.

The Neversink General Store is also an official site where you can have your canoe or kayak washed before you head out for a fun day on the Neversink Reservoir.

Best of luck to all the vendors joining the Farmers Market for a very successful season and to Mark McLewin and his wife, Cristina Aby-Azar, the new owners of The Neversink General Store and to their staff and to the newly reorganized Neversink Chamber of Commerce! You have brought 'unity' to our 'community'. (Contd. Pg. 8)



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ON THE FRONT BURNER: Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy that is cannot hear. Isaiah 59:1

Announcement:

Friends of Mike Scofield are asked to help celebrate his 80th birthday by stopping by his house on June 4th anytime between 1:00 and 4:00 pm. No presents, just good wishes.

COLEGE NEWS:**Brian Edwards Graduates from Clarkson University**

On May 7, 2016, Brian Edwards of Neversink graduated with "Great Distinction" from Clarkson University in Potsdam, NY with a 3.98 GPA. He received a Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering with a minor in Electrical Engineering.

Between his Junior and Senior years, Brian spent a year interning at a research and development facility for Carrier Transicold Company in East Syracuse, NY. He was also the founder and president of the Clarkson Track and Field Club.

Brian is the son of Kim and Nial Edwards of Neversink, and a 2011 graduate of Tri-Valley Central School.

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

May 30, 1956 - Herbert George Jr. was graduated from the Hudson Valley Technical Institute at Troy, N.Y. on Monday, May 28th. Herbert is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert George of Sundown. Herbert is a graduate of Tri Valley School.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Krom became parents of a son, David Norman, on Friday morning at the Loomis Hospital. He weighed 7 lbs. 2 oz. Mr. and Mrs. George Krom and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Eaton are the grandparents. David is the first great-grandson of Mrs. Louise Krom.

May 25, 1966 - Anniversary wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Manville Wakefield, 13 years on the 29th; Mr. and Mrs. William Clark, 14 years on the 1st; Mr. and Mrs. David Morse, 4 years on the 2nd; Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Smith, 10 years on the 3rd; Mr. and Mrs. Alex Dull, 14 years on the 4th.

Steven Hill who has been home with his parents, the Doug Hills, for a 14-day leave, will leave for Bunker Hill Air Force Base in Peru, Indiana.

June 2, 1976 - Monica Marie Marshall of East Mountain and John R. Prentice were married on May 29th at St. Peter's R.C. Church in Liberty. A reception followed at the American Legion Hall of the Lester White Post #566 in Livingston Manor.

John and Ann Higgins of Sundown spent Friday and Saturday in Cantonsville Maryland, visiting their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Higgins Jr. and three children. On Sunday they drove to Gettysburg, Pa. for a large family reunion at the home of Mrs. Margaret Walmer. About 70 were present for the festivities.

June 12, 1986 - Mr. and Mrs. Peter Hodes of Buffalo Grove, IL, joyfully announce the birth of their son, Michael, on May 12, 1986. The mother is the former Ellen Friedman of Grahamsville. The proud grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Friedman of Grahamsville.

Ernest Nietzel of Benton Hollow Rd., Woodbourne, and Mary Ackerman of Livingston Manor announce the engagement of their daughter, Robin Lynn Nietzel, to Scott Mahnken, son of William and Barbara Mahnken of River Road, Grahamsville. Miss Nietzel is a graduate of Tri-Valley High School. She is employed by Sullivan County A.R.C. in South Fallsburg. Her fiancé graduated from Morgan High School, Connecticut. He is employed a butcher at Krum's Store. Wedding plans are incomplete.

Happy Birthday Townsman!

(Contd. from last week)

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Sundown News

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ter Bush motored to Lord's Valley, Pennsylvania, Saturday to visit at the home of their daughter, Mrs. John Sheley. Mrs. Glennie Quick accompanied them.

Mrs. George Hunter and her two daughters, June and Juanita, of Springfield, Mass. have been visiting Mrs. Hunter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Loron Dean, the past week. During this time Mr. Hunter and son Donald went to Youngstown, Ohio, to bring back Mr. Hunter's mother, Mrs. Hanley, who has been visiting relatives there.

Mrs. Marcia Joslin is visiting at the home of her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew George. Mrs. Joslin is reported to be improving from the injuries suffered as the result of a fall last week.

Mrs. Kenneth Akers and her daughter, Susan, of Greentown, Pa., have spent a couple of days recently with Mrs. Akers' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond George.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Post and Mrs. Lyons of Nyack, N.Y., spent Sunday afternoon April 27 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Weber. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Weil called on Mrs. Nora Barnhardt of Ellenville on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Greemwald of Brooklyn have been spending a week with Mrs. Greenwald's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert George. They returned to Brooklyn Sunday.

Several ladies of the Sundown W.S. C.S. are busily piecing quilts which they hope to have completed in time for the Church Festival and Bazaar to be held July 4th. Mrs. George Singer is the new president of the society.

Mrs. John George entertained at dinner on Friday, May 2nd, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. George of Liberty and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert George and family. The dinner was in honor of Mr. John George's birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Nial Everett attended the wedding of Miss Helen Erts to Mr. Ward DuBois in Kingston on Sunday afternoon.

Subscribe to The Townsman!**Another Opening...**

Last Gas directed by Brendan Burke opens June 3 and runs through June 19 Shadowland Stages located at 157 Canal Street, Ellenville, NY 12428

Lonely Nat Paradis runs the family convenient store/gas station in rural northern Maine... VERY rural northern Maine. A part-time dad, Nat's boring life suddenly sparks to life when an old flame returns home to bury her mom, on the very same day his best friend shows up with the birthday gift of a lifetime- Red Sox vs. Yankees tickets. The pressure on Nat to make the right choice grows with unwelcome input from his son's mom (a forest ranger who can't stop writing summonses), and his own father (a randy senior citizen busy wooing young Canadians). Ultimately, Nat must choose the path to true happiness in this surprising, bittersweet comedy that's bound to take the country by storm!

Tony Award nominee and Broadway star John Ciani has also become one of the world's most-produced playwrights. He wrote and directed two prior hits at Shadowland: *ALMOST, MAINE* and *LOVE/SICK*. We're thrilled to be one of the first theatres in the country to produce his latest work, a romantic comedy of sorts, about finding real love in a setting of last chances.

Every opening night performance at Shadowland is followed by a party at a local restaurant, giving audience and actors a chance to meet and talk about the play?

A Round About Tri-Valley

-Carol Furman

Congratulations to Tom Lambert of Grahamsville who ended his 43-year teaching career by retiring from SUNY Sullivan this May. He leaves SUNY Sullivan with "a heavy heart and a genuine sense of gratitude". Tom, you are wished a long and a healthy retirement!

Also retiring from SUNY Sullivan this May is Mary Lu Smith of Grahamsville. Enjoy retirement, Mary Lu! Welcome to Bob and Mary Terwilliger who joined the Grahamsville Reformed Church on June 5th.

There was a lot of activity at the new ball fields on Saturday, May 21st. Young and old helped the Neversink Renaissance Group landscape the fields with flowering plants, bushes and trees. The area looks great and will look even better once the plants mature.

Tri-Valley's first graders visited Kelder's Farm in Kerhonkson on May 25th and the fifth graders are planning to go on their class trip to the Bronx Zoo on June 2nd. Sixth graders are eagerly looking forward to their 3-day- two-night trip to Frost Valley which will take place early in June. This trip has become a tradition for the sixth graders and they always have a wonderful time!

The Tri-Valley Theater production of "Who Poisoned His Meatball" was wonderfully done! Thank you to Theater Club advisers, Regina Hartman and Tara Beresick for helping the students put on a suburb murder mystery. Terry James and her "crew" served a delicious and plentiful meal prior to the show! On a scale from 1 to 10, I would definitely rate the evening a 10!

The Tri-Valley Lions will hold their installation and awards dinner at Frankie and Johnny's in Hurlsville on June 7th. Officers for the 2016-2017 year will be President: Gene Froehlich, Vice- President: Carol Furman, Treasurer: Liza Salvemini, Secretary: Carmen Salvemini, Corresponding Secretary: Frances Fuller

The Sunday School students at the Grahamsville Reformed Church will be celebrating "Children's Day" on Sunday, June 12th. The children will present a program during the morning worship service and will receive their attendance awards.

This time of year I would rather be working outside with my plants and flowers than doing housework. Sometimes I am embarrassed if someone unexpectedly stops by because my hands are usually dirty, my shirt and jeans are covered with soil and sometimes I even have some grass clippings in my hair. But I guess I shouldn't be too concerned. My flowers look nice and I truly enjoy planting, weeding and watering my plants. I am trying to instill the joy of gardening in my grandchildren.

I had good luck locating the female kitten I wanted for a friend of mine. Now a local senior is looking for a free small- breed puppy. Her sixteen year old dog recently passed away and she is need of another canine companion. Call me at 985-2918.

Words of Wisdom Smiles never go up in price or down in value.

Happy people don't always have the best of everything but they make the best of everything and happiness sometimes enters through doors we didn't even know existed!

Neversink Farmer's Market Opens Saturday

The Neversink Farmer's market will be open this Saturday, June 2 at 10 a.m.

You will be able to select plants for your vegetable and flower gardens, fresh baked goods, syrup for your pancakes, steaks or burger for your barbecue and more. Shopping hours will be each Saturday from 10am until 2 pm. More produce will be here each week as the growing season progresses.

Space is still available for new produce and artisan vendors. Please get your Applications at the Neversink General Store, the Grahamsville Deli, or by email from tvangus@hvc.rr.com..

First Friday Book Discussion Group

The first Friday of the month book discussion group meets in the Upper Level Conference Room of the Daniel Pierce Library in Grahamsville, NY from 1 to 3 p.m.

Please join our book club!

Refreshments are provided by the book club members.

This month's book discussion: "Bread Givers", a novel by Anzia Yezierska.

Innovative, Interactive New Exhibition Picture Yourself(ie) in the 1930s opens June 12th at the Time and the Valleys Museum

[Grahamsville, N.Y.] - An opening reception for the new exhibition, Picture Yourself(ie) in the 1930s will be held on Sunday, June 12 at 2 p.m. at the Time and the Valleys Museum, 332 Main Street (St. Rt. 55), Grahamsville, NY.

In this new, innovative and immersive exhibition, **Picture Yourself(ie) in the 1930s**, visitors can touch and interact with the ENTIRE exhibit.

"Hands-on" is not just for kids, it is for everyone! Different facets of 1930s life comes alive as visitors "become" part of them: Barbering,



Keith Fajfer of Pine Bush hanging out with fisherman on the stoop of a home in Lackawack, 1930s.

1930s photos and memorabilia, speakers including a local residents who lived through the 1930s, viewing and interacting with the new exhibit and refreshments. Photos and fun are encouraged in every way. If visitors don't have a phone or camera - the Museum has some to lend, and visitors can also print photos to take home. A truly enjoyable learning experience for ages 1 to 100. **Museum members, members of the press, and donors are FREE, general public \$3 per person.**

The Museum's two other permanent exhibitions will be open: *Tunnels, Toil and Trouble: New York City's Quest for Water* and the *Rondout-Neversink Story and Water and the Valleys*. After the 12th, the exhibition will be open during regular Museum hours of Thursday to Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. Memorial Day through Labor Day.

Located at 332 Main Street in Grahamsville (St. Rt. 55), the Time and the Valleys Museum is Memorial Day to Labor Day, Thursday to Sunday, noon to 4 p.m., and from September to November weekends, noon to 4 p.m..The Museum has three floors of exhibitions, a Local History Resource Center and a Museum Shop with local history and environmental publications, handcrafted artwork and gifts by local craftspeople, old fashioned toys and other unique items. Admission to the Museum is by suggested donation: \$5 adults, \$2 children, children under 6 are free. For more information call 845 985-7700, info@timeandthevalleysmuseum.org or go to our website: timeandthevalleysmuseum.org.

The Time and the Valleys Museum is a living and interactive resource that preserves the past, educates the present and ensures the uniqueness of the Rondout and Neversink watersheds for all generations.



Emily Hornbeck of Grahamsville and friends standing in front of Grover Hornbeck's Store, Eureka, 1930s.

laundry, barnyard, school and more, each creating a distinct experiences to delve into, explore, touch and best of all, take and share photos of yourself(ie)! A thoroughly enjoyable un-museum like experience, visitors can ring the bell and sit at a desk of a one room school, give a friend a "shave" at a barber shop, do laundry the old fashioned way, milk a cow at a barnyard and even use an outhouse (well, hopefully not REALLY use it).

The opening reception for **Picture Yourself(ie) in the 1930s** consists of a display of



Keith Fajfer of Pine Bush, with friends Mabel, Helen and Marie stopping for ice cream at Evan's Brothers Store in Eureka, 1930s

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.

Don't Underestimate a Dandelion

Whether you love them or hate them, dandelions are among the most familiar plants in the northern hemisphere. Just about anyone can identify a dandelion at a glance. The Dandelion (*Taraxacum officinale*) is a hardy perennial that can grow to a height



of nearly 12 inches. Each bloom is made up of numerous strap-shaped florets of bright golden yellow. This strap-shaped corolla is notched at the edge into five teeth, each tooth, a petal, narrows down into a claw-like tube, which rests on a single-chambered ovary

containing a single ovule where the Dandelion produces considerable quantities of both pollen and nectar in the early spring. No matter how cool the weather may be the Dandelion continues to produce a small succession of flowers until autumn providing pollen and nectar especially for bees.

The Dandelion has a thick tap root, that is dark brown, almost black on the outside and milky white within. Its long jagged leaves rise directly from a rosette form lying close upon the ground. Each leaf is grooved and created so that falling rain goes straight to the center of the rosette to the root allowing the plant to obtain sufficient moisture.

The leaves are deeply-notched, toothy, spatula-like that are usually shiny and hairless and the edge of each leaf is cut into great jagged teeth. The larger teeth are cut into lesser teeth resembling the teeth of a lion; thus its name. According to the French the name is *Dent de Lion*. In Latin the name would be *Dens leonis*; and in the Greek *Leontodon*.

Before the invention of lawns, the golden blossoms and lion-toothed leaves were more likely to be praised as a bounty of food, medicine and magic. Gardeners used to weed out the grass to make room for the dandelions. Dandelions were a common and beloved garden flower in Europe, and the subject of many poems. In the terrifying New World, the cheerful face of a Dandelion was a sweet reminder of home.

Dandelions were considered a green and growing first aid kit in olden times, as they were prescribed for every ailment from warts to the plague, dandruff, toothache, sores, fevers, rotting gums, weakness, lethargy and depression. Not until the twentieth century was the underlying cause of many of those symptoms realized as vitamin deficiencies. Dandelions have more vitamin A than spinach, more vitamin C than tomatoes, and are a powerhouse of iron, calcium and potassium.

Despite their reputation in most neighborhoods, Dandelions are actually good for your lawn. Their wide-spreading roots loosen hard-packed soil, aerate the earth and help reduce soil erosion. The deep tap-root also pulls nutrients from deep in the soil and makes them available to other plants.

Dandelions are hardy, healthy and just plain fun.

The Dandelion seems to be the flower earmarked for children. In a park or a garden, it's one of the flowers a child can pick without getting into trouble. A child in a field full of dandelions never ran out of things to do. Blowing on Dandelion puffball can tell you if it's time to go home, how many years until you get married, or how many children you'll have - and of course, if you catch a flying dandelion seed, you can make a wish!

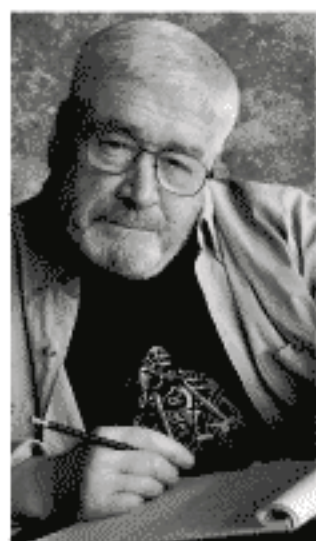


Dandelions are fast growers. The sunny yellow flowers go from bud to seed in just a few days. They are also long-lived. An individual plant can live for years. Just think, the dandelion hidden in a corner of your yard or on the playground might be older than the children running past it.

Household Hints

Make new clothes ready to wear

Get the chemicals, dust, odor, and whatever else out of your brand-new or secondhand clothes by pouring 1 cup white vinegar into the wash cycle the first time you wash them.



The Sundown Speech

Mysterious Book Report No. 243

by John Dwaine McKenna

Memorial Day weekend is the traditional start of the summer vacation season, so we're kicking it off with a couple of short, fast reads that are perfect 'beach books'; novels you can finish in one or two afternoons while working on your tan or just chillin' in the shade . . .

The Sundown Speech, (Forge/Tom Doherty Associates, \$24.99, 216 pages, ISBN 978-0-7653-3736-8) by Loren D. Estleman is the twenty-fifth installment in his Amos Walker series, and somewhere in the neighborhood of his seventy-fifth published work to date, so there's plenty to choose from if you like 'em hard-boiled, with short snappy dialogue from a tough, world-weary, chain-smoking private investigator who's been there, done that and survived long enough to protagonize another novel.

In *The Sundown Speech*, Walker reminisces about an old 1990s case where he goes to Ann Arbor-home of the University of Michigan because he's been hired by a pair of aging hippies and university associates named Heloise and Dante Gunnar to find a man they're afraid has fleeced them out of fifteen thousand dollars. They thought they were going to make a barrel of money investing in a science fiction movie entitled *Mr. Alien Elect*. That was nine months ago. Now they can't find Jerry Marcus or his movie . . . much less their money . . . and in true egghead style they're hollering for help from a tough guy. In one scene, where they're interviewing Walker before hiring him, Heloise asks if he carries a firearm. He's answers that he is licensed and armed. She tells him they're big supporters of the anti-gun lobby and demands that Walker leave his gun locked up while working for them. Walker tells her to stuff it, in so many words, whereupon she and Dante recant the request . . . a sly, tongue-in-cheek aside by the author that principles are trumped by self-interest in some segments of society. It takes the ace detective less than a day to find Jerry Marcus. He was stuffed into a closet and shot in the head, dead as dead can be, and Walker's case is closed. But then, Dante Gunnar is arrested for the murder. Walker's rehired and the affair takes a couple of weird turns before it segues into a race with time to prevent a madman from killing hundreds, if not thousands of innocent persons and destroying a priceless artifact in the process, while Amos himself walks a highwire trying to stop the impending disaster. This one's a gas that's pure reading pleasure from the first page to the last word!

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Ulster County Receives over \$25 million in Sales Tax Revenue Towns to Enjoy Slight Increase in First Quarter

Sales tax collection is complete for the first three months of 2016 with close to \$26 million received and Ulster County prepared to make a quarterly distribution to the twenty towns and two villages that enjoy 3% of the proceeds.

Recent numbers submitted by the County's Commissioner of Finance to the Office of the Ulster County Comptroller indicate that 2016 totals for January, February and March of this year are slightly ahead of the same period for the prior year. By extrapolating the numbers, the first quarter collections appear to have inched up nearly 5% reflecting an increase of slightly over \$1.2 million after the most recent transfer was received from the Office of the State Comptroller and journaled by the County on May 13, 2016.

The twenty towns and the Villages of Saugerties and Ellenville allocation for the quarter will be 5% greater than this period last year, going from \$737,506 to \$774,102. The City of Kingston, to date, has received close to \$3 million for the same quarter.

The Ulster County sales tax rate is 8% for general sales and compensation use tax. Of the total collected by the State of New York, 4% is retained as State revenue and 4% is returned to the County. In Ulster, the county tax base rate is 3%; however, the County receives authorization to levy an additional 1%.

Currently 85.5% of the sales tax received is kept by the County while the City of Kingston receives 11.5% of the revenue with the remaining 3% split among the twenty-two municipalities based on their equalized value.

Senate Passes Bonacic's Bill to Increase Safety and Security at Alcohol and Substance Abuse Treatment Facilities: Assembly Must Act!

(Albany, NY)- The New York State Senate today passed legislation, S.1901 by Senator John J. Bonacic (R/C/I-Mt.Hope), that would increase safety and security at alcohol and substance abuse treatment facilities that are utilized for judicial diversion programs. This legislation would require a court to consider a defendant's propensity for violence before assigning them to a judicial diversion program for substance abuse and would require a greater level of security at facilities that treat judicial diversion defendants.

"A defendant's propensity to commit violence is something that needs to be taken into account when the court system is assigning him or her to a judicial diversion program for substance abuse," said Senator Bonacic. "By passing this legislation, we are taking proactive steps to protect the staff of these facilities from unnecessary harm by violent offenders. I urge the Assembly to pass this bill now."

Senator Bonacic was moved to sponsor this legislation after an incident at the Renaissance Project, a substance abuse treatment facility outside of Ellenville, NY, claimed the life of a security guard and badly injured a nurse in 2010. Richard Giga, a felon with a history of violence, killed security guard Lee Wood and stabbed

Nurse Keri Reynolds, seriously wounding her. Giga then led police on a 15-hour manhunt before he was captured.

The bill now moves to the Assembly for consideration.

Spanish on 40 Television Stations, 100 Radio Stations in New York State Through Mosquito Season State Has Distributed 7,000 Larvicide Tablets in the Downstate Region; All Local Zika Action Plans Have Received State Approval

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo announced the launch of an aggressive public awareness campaign to educate New Yorkers on the dangers of the Zika Virus. The campaign's launch marks the latest step forward in implementing the Governor's comprehensive six-step action plan to combat Zika. Already, more than 7,000 larvicide tablets have been distributed to eliminate Aedes mosquitoes potentially carrying the virus. Additionally, New York City and the 57 other counties in New York have all received approval from the state Department of Health on local Zika action plans.

"New York State has put forward the nation's most robust action plan to combat Zika and eliminate this deadly disease at its source," Governor Cuomo said. "This public awareness campaign will ensure New Yorkers understand the threat Zika poses and how we can stop its transmission. By providing New Yorkers with the information they need, we can protect the public health and put an end to Zika once and for all."

As part of the campaign, a public service announcement has begun running in English and Spanish on more than 40 television stations statewide and will continue for the duration of the mosquito season, which ends in September. Radio announcements, also in English and Spanish, were sent to more than 100 radio stations across the state and will run during the same timeframe.

Additionally, billboards and informational posters in subways and on buses will be utilized, digital advertisements will be displayed on travel-related websites and New York State has established a Zika Information Helpline (1-888-364-4723), as well as a dedicated website to provide information directly to residents.

TIGHT LINES FISHING THE BEAVERKILL

By Bob Skow

A beautiful morning on the 27th of May, my buddy George G. and I headed off to Junction Pool where the Willowemoc and the Beaverkill Rivers join together. I had some good first hand information that the Town of Roscoe had stocked a pretty large amount of trout, Browns and Rainbows, in the area of the pool, if not right at the junction. My son, Anthony had been doing quite well with a bunch of ten to 12 inch trout and a nice 18 inch Brown Trout to his credit.

We arrived and started fishing at the steel bridge with no luck. I tried some small spoons and spinners on 4 lb. test line without a bite or a follow. The river was crystal clear and the sun

very bright. Looking down stream, I could see three fly fishermen at the junction of the rivers and a few trout were rising. George and I proceeded down river to see if they were having any luck. They were not doing any better than us.

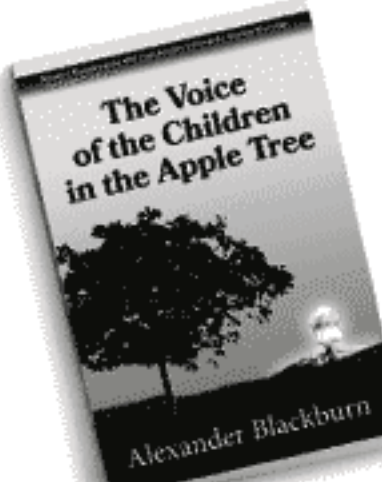
George went about 100 yards above me and I elected to fish right off the junction area as I could see some respectable trout cruising the pool. Having a good pair of polarized glasses is a big help in spotting fish as they really cut the sun's glare on the water. I tried small worms with plenty of follows but no takers. I switched to meal worms and immediately had a strike, which cleaned my hook. I quickly re-baited my hook and again I was back to no strikes but plenty of follows. Now comes the really interesting part. A few days before, I had asked my wife Michelle to pick me up some meal worms while she was out shopping. She said she would and off she went. When she returned, low and behold out of the bag came a nice large container of wax worms. Well, I was a little upset as it said in LARGE Letters "WAX WORMS" right on the side of the container but she told me that was all they had. I still had some mealies left so it was no great loss and added them to my small bait collection.

Well, to make a long story short, none of the fly fisherman caught a single trout while we were there. When I switched to the wax worms as a last resort, I caught 8 trout in the next half hour up to 15 inches and my buddy George caught a nice 12 incher and lost a few more. One of those trout I caught was an 11 inch Tiger Trout which is a cross breed of a Brook Trout and a Brown Trout. This was only the second one I have caught in my life. The first was about twenty years ago and only 6 inches.

Needless to say I had to eat a little crow when I returned home with my 5 Trout limit and this story for my wife Michelle. Mistakes sometimes turn out to be the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow.

Make sure your fishing license is up to date and wet a line.

As always, *TIGHT LINES* Bob Skow, Bradley, New York



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The Olive Jar - By Carol LaMonda Trash or Treasure

Memorial Day is known for its parades, its hot dogs and potato salad, and its family get-togethers. It is also the legal date to "wear white" and break out those flip-flops. It is the day that spawns lawn, yard, and garage sales.

I worked for weeks getting ready for the Reservoir Church Memorial Day Sale that draws thousands of locals and tourists on Route 28 in Shokan. We sorted through rummage, toys, books, linens and furniture and pricing it "to go." It always amazes me what people are looking for or donating. Among the piles of colored beads and gaudy earrings might be, and was, a solid gold necklace. Right next to the three George Foreman sandwich grills was a delightful vintage set of old Lenox dishes.

There surely is "treasure" among "trash." One might find the exact lid to an old Pyrex dish that has remained "lid-less" in someone's cupboard for decades. There might be a sterling spoon in that cardboard box marked "ten for a dollar." My good friend found a bargain left-handed mitt she had been searching for at retail prices. My granddaughter is delighted with her wardrobe of dance costumes that ALMOST fit her. It is the thrill of the hunt and the adrenalin rush of scoring a real bonus for pocket change.

Today, after church, there will be a FREE day, dispelling the old adage, "There is no free lunch." Free shoppers will clean out most of the leftovers, and their treasures will probably show up next year as donations to the big sale.

CWC News:

COMING UP

Saturday, June 4: 2 p.m.

The Diaries of Elwyn Davis. Gina Giuliani will read entries from journals kept by a man who described farm and small town life in the Shokan area and the building of the Ashokan Reservoir that brought that life to an end. Olive Free Library, Rte 28A, West Shokan. Free. History exhibit. A Headwaters History Days event.

Sunday, June 5: 12-2:30.

Family Fun & Fish Day, Wilson State Park, 859 Wittenberg Rd., Mt. Tremper. Fishing instruction (equipment available); BBQ, water exploration. Sponsored by Ashokan Stream Management Program. FMI and to register.

The NYC DEP will also sponsor Family Fishing Days at the Ashokan Reservoir June 12, and at the Cannonsville Reservoir June 18. Watch for details.

"WaterMusic," an exhibition of 18 photographs by Helene Levine-Keating, is on view through June 15 at CWC offices, 905 Main St., Margaretville. Visitors are welcome to see the show weekdays from 8 to 4:30, except holidays.

Boating begins!

The 2016 Catskills Reservoir Recreational Boating Program gets underway this weekend! Canoes, kayaks, sailboats and rowboats that have been steam cleaned are welcome on the Pepacton, Cannonsville, Neversink and Schoharie Reservoirs every day from dawn to dusk through Columbus Day in October. Boaters need an access permit, easily obtained on line. Bring your own boat (temporary and season tags available) or rent one. A new launch site, established this year by the NYC DEP on the Pepacton near Miller Hollow, is expected to be available in early June. The CWC will again offer a Paddler Patch for those who take a boat out on any of the four reservoirs. Details on where to find outfitters and cleaning vendors, where launch sites are located, and how to obtain the Patch, can be at:

http://www.thecatkillregion.com/destinations-tourism/Reservoir_Boating.aspx

CWC awards 26 Watershed Education Grants

MARGARETVILLE -- Twenty-six education grants totaling \$165,000 were recently approved by the Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC) Board of Directors.

Twenty-two awards are for projects serving students and their teachers in the Catskills and in New York City. Four more grants were approved for projects to extend Watershed lessons to general and adult audiences.

The intent of both programs is to heighten awareness and understanding of the New York City Water System and its vast Watershed west of the Hudson River. CWC education grants are provided in partnership with the New York City Department of Environmental Protection.

These funds will allow several schools to send students to the Ashokan Center and to Frost Valley YMCA Environmental Education Center for direct experience at the source of the water supply for nine million people. One of those schools, Columbia Secondary in Manhattan, will team with Tri-Valley Central School to link eighth graders in a study of their shared resource.

The Catskill Center will bring its Streamwatch program to six Watershed schools, and Catskill Mountain Music will be heard in a variety of environmental themes at several schools both in the Watershed and in New York City.

A grant to *Arm of the Sea Theater* will allow the

performance troupe to develop a 'sequel' to its immensely popular "City That Drinks the Mountain Sky" mask and puppet production.

Cornell Cooperative Extension, Delaware County received a grant for a second student summit on the topic of climate change.

In New York City, the non-profit NYCH20 will offer school field trips to former reservoirs in the five boroughs; the Horticultural Society of New York will provide water training to teachers at several schools; and the Children's Museum of Manhattan will continue to develop enhance its outdoor water exhibit, "City Splash."

Trout Unlimited will receive a grant to assist teachers and students participating in its Trout in the Classroom Program.

The Phoenicia Library will plan and install a native garden, the Catskill Center will sponsor a series of "Art as Ecology" workshops, and Morton Memorial Library in Pine Hill will offer stewardship, foraging and sustainability workshops.

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

Teachers, parents and school administrators will find information on Watershed and environmental education programs and resources, including some produced with funds from this grant program, at www.watershededucators.org.

Congratulations

Congratulations to *Arm of the Sea Theater*, which was presented with an Environmental Champion Award by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency May 13. The company was among 28 individuals, organizations and businesses from New York honored for their achievements in protecting public health and the environment. EPA Regional Administrator Judith A. Enck was joined by Murray Fisher, founder of the New York Harbor School, to present the awards to this year's recipients at a ceremony at the EPA's offices in Manhattan.

The little boy pictured above found the masks fascinating after *Arm of the Sea's* CWC-sponsored performance of "Rejuvenary River Circus" at Hunter May 21. The event, which attracted 40 people, was part of Schoharie Watershed Month.

Adopt a stream or roadside!

The CWC provides heavy duty trash bags, gloves and tokens of appreciation to individuals or organizations who volunteer to scour streambanks and riversides for trash. Contact Diane Galusha galusha@cwconline.org, to arrange to get cleanup supplies.

DEP Announces Start of 2015 Recreational Boating Season in the Catskills

Thousands of boaters from the watershed, New York City and beyond have paddled or sailed on reservoirs since the program began in 2012

New boat launch to open at Pepacton Reservoir to expand and improve access

The New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) today announced that the 2016 recreational boating program will begin Friday at sunrise on four water supply reservoirs in the Catskills. The popular outdoor program, now in its fifth year, has attracted thousands of boaters to paddle or sail on the Cannonsville, Pepacton, Neversink and Schoharie reservoirs. This year also marks the opening of a new boat launch site at Miller Hollow, along Pepacton Reservoir, which will improve access for visitors coming from

Downsville, Roscoe and other points to the south and west of the reservoir. That boat launch will also open on Friday.


"The recreational boating program has been a remarkable success over the past five years," DEP Acting Commissioner Steven Lawitts said. "DEP and its partners at the Catskill Watershed Corporation have continued to attract more outdoor enthusiasts through expanded rental opportunities, new boat launch sites, and targeted marketing efforts. We hope watershed residents and visitors will join us again in 2016 to paddle on the reservoirs and enjoy the scenic beauty of the Catskills."

"It's great to see more and more people getting out on the water," Catskill Watershed Corporation Executive Director Alan Rosa said. "We are happy to support this program that is healthy for paddlers and sailors and for our economy, too."

The recreational boating program led to 1,463 visits in 2015, an all-time record and the largest year-over-year increase in participation since it began in 2012. That increase was largely driven by the success of the rental program, which allows visitors to rent pre-cleaned and registered kayaks and canoes from 10 launch sites along the reservoirs. The rental program, administered by the Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC), attracted 683 boaters in 2015, nearly double the visits from the previous year. Rental boats are stored on 30 racks alongside the reservoirs to promote easier access for visitors to the region and those who don't own a boat. CWC funded the storage racks, along with annual brochures to market the program and sanitary facilities at the launch sites.

In addition to the rentals, DEP issued 780 tags to boaters in 2015, including 511 kayaks, 226 canoes, 40 rowboats, two sailboats and one scull. Including boat rentals, Pepacton Reservoir attracted 840 boating visits, the most of any reservoir, followed by 359 at Neversink, 180 at Schoharie, and 84 at Cannonsville. Roughly 19 percent of the recreational boating tags issued by DEP went to residents of the five watershed counties, including Delaware, Greene, Schoharie, Sullivan, and Ulster. About 11 percent of the tags were issued to residents of New York City or Long Island. Visitors from five states also received tags, including Connecticut, Maryland, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Vermont.

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Raccoon Tests Positive for Rabies
 Sullivan County Public Health Services would like to inform the public that a raccoon has tested positive for the rabies virus. The raccoon was seen wandering in the day time near a residence and had been acting obviously ill. The raccoon may have had a brief encounter with the family dog, and the dog will be quarantined for observation. This is the first confirmed case of rabies in an animal in Sullivan County so far this year.

However, the rabies virus occurs commonly in animals throughout New York State, with the vast majority of rabies cases reported each year occurring in wild animals, including raccoons, bats, foxes, skunks and woodchucks. Domestic animals account for less than 10% of the reported rabies cases, which most often include cats, cattle, and dogs.

What Can People Do To Protect Themselves Against Rabies?
 Be sure your dogs, cats and ferrets are up-to-date on their rabies vaccinations. Vaccinated pets serve as a buffer between rabid wildlife and humans. Protect them, and you protect yourself and family. Vaccines for dogs, cats and ferrets over three months of age are effective for a one-year period. Revaccinations are effective for up to

three years. Pets too young to be vaccinated should be kept indoors.

Don't try to separate two fighting animals. Wear gloves if you handle your pet after a fight. Keep family pets indoors at night. Don't leave them outside unattended or let them roam free.

Don't attract wild animals to your home or yard. Keep your property free of stored bird seed, food garbage or other foods that may attract animals. Feed pets indoors. Tightly cap or put away garbage cans. Board up any openings to your attic, basement, porch or garage. Cap your chimney with screens. Don't feed, touch or adopt wild animals, stray dogs or stray cats.

Encourage children to immediately tell an adult if they are bitten by any animal. Tell children not to touch any animal except their own. If a wild animal is on your property, let it wander away. Bring children and pets indoors and alert neighbors who are outside. You may contact a nuisance wildlife control officer who will remove the animal for a fee. If you are being threatened by a wild animal, go indoors and call the local police. Seek treatment for all animal bites and report contact with wild animals to Sullivan County Public Health Services at (845) 292-5910. If you can safely do so, don't let an animal escape that has possibly exposed someone to rabies. Depending on the species, it can be observed or tested for rabies in order to avoid the

need for rabies treatment for people, or to avoid euthanization for exposed unvaccinated pets.

This includes bats who have had skin contact or have been found in a room with a sleeping person, unattended child, or someone with mental impairment. Bats have small, sharp teeth and in certain circumstances people can be bitten and not know it.

Bats can be particularly difficult to keep out of buildings because they can get through cracks as small as a pencil. Methods to keep bats out (bat-proofing) of homes and summer camps should be done during the fall and winter. If bats are already inside (e.g., in an attic or other areas), consult with your local health department about humane ways to remove them.

The next free rabies vaccination clinic sponsored by Sullivan County Public Health Services for dogs, cats and ferrets will be held on Thursday, June 16th from 6 pm to 7:30 pm at Morningside Park Pavilion, Fallsburg. See flyer below.

For more information about this press release, please contact Nancy McGraw, at 845-292-5910.

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Neversink: A True Renaissance Story
(From Pg. 1)



Chef Mary Magnifico, owner of Chestnut Creek Baked Goods located in Grahamsville had some delicious home baked goodies for sale.



(Above) Using native wild-crafted herbs from the Catskill Mountains, Herbalist Kate Damestoy creates tinctures, teas and oils.



(Left) Local musicians meld their talents to provide a wide selection of music that kept their audience entertained through the entire event.



Superior, tender, delicious Angus beef from Thunder View Farms was available for sale. The Coombe family established Thunder View Farms in 1958 and now fifth generation family members help Richard and Philip Coombe, Jr. with farm operations.



Dot and Ray Muthig owners of Muthig Farm produce and sell pure maple syrup and maple syrups products. They also had a few one-of-a-kind bird houses that are made by their son Dennis.



Husband and wife team, John Story and Diana Weiner of Story's Neversink Plant Company shared their experience and knowledge of horticulture. They had many varieties of succulent and exotic plants for sale.



Mark McLewin is happy with the day and happy with the gnome birdhouse carved by Brian Harnett. But then again, Mark always appears happy and his smile is contagious! Thank you Mark and Cristina for helping to reawaken the energy of our community.

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A Bit About Artisan Brian Harnett



A woodworker, cabinet maker and furniture designer since before his army stint in the '80's, Brian took up chain-saw carving in 2007 and soon realized he had found his calling. Since then he has shown his work and



demonstrated his technique in art shows and fairs all over the northeast and developed a reputation for unique and original figures. "I now work with a palette of five saws from big 28 inches to fine 12 inch bars and seldom find a chunk of tree that doesn't have a sculpture hidden inside." A New York native, Brian lives in Grahamsville with his wife and Business Manager, Joan, and works out of a barn on Route 55. Visit him on: www.harnettdesigns.com

Scholarships and Payment Plans Help Kids Attend Camp at Frost Valley YMCA



For local parents seeking a fun, safe, and enriching environment for their children or teens while school's out during the summer, Frost Valley YMCA offers a dependable solution: Day Camp. And thanks to the support from regional businesses, this option is now more affordable.

By providing scholarship dollars for children to come to camp, Frost Valley can offer children a safe environment that ensures a summer filled with productive activities to boost summer learning, encourage growth, and foster healthy friendships. Campers at Frost Valley enjoy swimming in Lake Cole, going on field trips, riding horses, and exposure to a variety of different cultures from around the world.

Achievement, Relationships, and Belonging are essential dimensions of well-being that Frost Valley cultivates through Day Camp programs.

Several local businesses have made donations that support financial assistance, including Premiere Sponsor Blue Hill Lodge & Cafe, which generously gave \$5,000 to support local families. (Contd. Pg. 14)

"Today's Students, Tomorrow's Teachers" Honors Fallsburg School District

At the annual brunch to recognize participating school districts and students on May 20, 2016, Today's Students, Tomorrow's Teachers (TSTT) honored Fallsburg Central School District (FCSD) with an "Educational Leadership Award" for its eight-year partnership the organization. For over twenty years, TSTT has been recruiting and mentoring culturally diverse and economically challenged high school students that are interested in pursuing a career in teaching.

During the event held at Manhattanville College in Purchase, NY, four graduating Fallsburg seniors earned recognition for completing the four-year TSTT high school program. The students are Johanna Lemus, Neida Flores-Ramirez, Odette



Left to right are Superintendent Dr. Ivan Katz, Fallsburg Seniors Johanna Lemus, Neida Flores-Ramirez, Odette Lemus and Gisselle Caballero; and Faculty Teacher Mentor Ms. Colleen Keaveney.

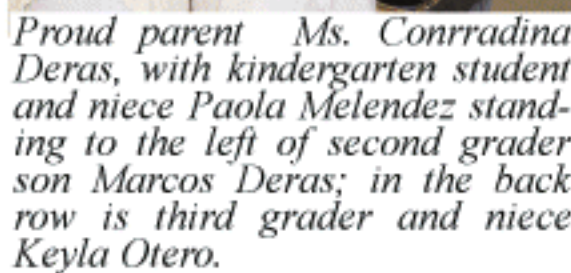
Lemus, and Gisselle Caballero. Fallsburg Superintendent Dr. Ivan Katz, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Matthew Evans, and Faculty Teacher Mentor Ms. Colleen Keaveney were present to receive a plaque honoring the FCSD and to support and acknowledge the Fallsburg graduates of the program for their perseverance and hard work.

FCSD Celebrates English Language Learners

The Fallsburg CSD English Language Learner Leadership (EL3) Team organized the district's first English Language Learner Exposition on Friday, May 13, at 6:00 PM, in the Fallsburg High School Cafeteria. The well attended event was an opportunity for Fallsburg's English language learners, K-12, to share their work and experiences during the past school year.

The cafeteria was filled with outstanding displays of art work, essays, poetry and historical research created by the students as part of the Extended Day Program and under the guidance of staff following the curriculum of English as a New Language (ENL) Program that is part of the NYS Department of Education and Title 3 of Federal Department of Education.

An important piece of the state and federal guidelines is to engage parents in the work of their children and the school. FCSD has been emphasizing this component district-wide for the past two years, with its collaboration with Every Person Influences Children (EPIC) and in several other activities. Twenty-five families enjoyed the May 13 event. One could see their delight and pride as they reviewed all the creativity and spoke with teachers and students at each display. They also had an opportunity to watch a continuous loop video describing with wonderful animation the latest State Education requirements and how parents can become more involved with their children in the schools.



Proud parent Ms. Conrradina Deras, with kindergarten student and niece Paola Melendez standing to the left of second grader son Marcos Deras; in the back row is third grader and niece Keyla Otero.

Among the several groups represented was the Hispanic Leadership Club organized more than a year ago in the Junior Senior High School by Spanish teacher Ms. Angela Hist. In the past year, this Club has increased dramatically in number and in participation. They educate the community in Hispanic culture and emphasize the many Hispanic contributions to the United States and to the local community. The older students in the group always keep a focus on assisting and supporting the education and achievement of youngsters in the elementary school in the Extended Day Program as well. (Contd. Pg. 11)

Busy Weekend for Local Girl Scouts

Laurie Brown's Girl Scout Troop got instruction on gardening and planted the new containers at the Neversink Transfer Station on Saturday. Elizabeth is earning her Gold Award for this summer project.



Each child planted a marigold to bring home and care for this summer.

Other members of the Girl Scout Troop were represented at the Grand Opening of the Neversink General Store and Farmer's Market where they were selling their ever-popular Girl Scout cookies.



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FSD Celebrates English Language Learners (From Pg. 9FCSD Assistant Superintendent Dr. Matthew Evans was pleased to see the turnout of parents and siblings, who came to enjoy the fruits of the student and staff labors. Everyone also sat down to share dinner of salad and pasta. Dr. Evans said, "We are very proud of our staff and students. The ELL Leadership Team created this wonderful event to showcase the achievements and talents of our English Language Learners throughout the year." He acknowledged parent members Ms. Karla Mejia and Ms. Greysy Iraheta for their assistance with the seven staff member organizers of the event. Staff person Ms. Sarah Ungerleider was the Coordinator of the evening.

SullivanArc & Sullivan Renaissance for a Tour of Private Gardens in the Grahamsville/Neversink

Join SullivanArc & Sullivan Renaissance for a tour of private gardens in the Grahamsville/Neversink area, in cooperation with Time and the Valleys Museum, on Saturday, July 9 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. There are fewer than 20 bus tickets left! Bus tour tickets are \$40 and self-drive tickets are \$25. As always, there will be an air-conditioned Rolling V coach bus available for \$40 per person (seating is limited), or you can drive your own car at your own pace, with a map provided, for \$25 per person (not per car). All ticket-holders are invited to a complimentary Wine and Cheese Reception at the end of tour at 4pm.

The Garden Tour has become a Sullivan County favorite for garden lovers throughout the area and even for non-gardeners. Join us for this magical day...you won't be disappointed!

For questions and more information, please call Joan Glase at 845-796-1350 ext. 1050. You can also purchase advance tickets by phone at 845-796-1350 ext 1050.

Self-Drive tickets will be available for purchase on the morning of the tour at the Neversink Town Hall 273 Main Street (Rt 55) Grahamsville, NY between 9:45 am and 11 am. Map

Lunch information:

All bus riders will be taken to the Blue Hill Lodge & Cafe for pre-prepared lunch. Menu: Cup of Soup with 1/2 Sandwich, bag of chips and cookie Soups: Cold Borscht; Chicken and Rice. Sandwiches with bag of chips: Turkey; Tuna Salad; On wraps or rye bread with lettuce and tomato. Dessert: Homemade Cookie. Beverages: Water, Fresh Lemonade, Coffee, Ice Tea - \$8.00 Per Person (includes tax) (gratuity not included)

Bus riders may also bring their own lunch or order lunch from the Blue Hill Lodge & Cafe's regular menu and/or deli counter. Self-Drive ticket owners can bring their own lunch or choose from one of several local restaurants, including the Blue Hill Lodge & Cafe's regular menu and/or deli counter: Menu

This event is a fundraiser. All proceeds benefit SullivanArc, a non profit dedicated to the support of people with developmental disabilities. Thank you for your support.



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Highlights from the 62nd All County Music Festival

On Sunday, May 29, WJFF Radio Catskill presented recorded highlights from the 62nd All County Music Festival. This special was hosted by Glenn Wooddell. It featured live performances and interviews recorded at this year's All-County Festival in Liberty, NY. The program will air again at 2p.m. on Thursday, June 2.

Every year, Sullivan County school bands and choruses select their best performers. These students learn new pieces of music in just a couple of days of rehearsal with local music teachers and then perform for the community at the All County Music Festival.

This year's festival was held Saturday, March 5 and WJFF recorded all of the performances. Volunteer producers Mark Shulgasser and Bernie Clyne were on hand to interview the students and conductors.

Sunday's special included performances by each of the ensembles at this year's All-County Festival: Middle School Band, Elementary Chorus, Senior High String Orchestra, Junior High Band, Junior High Women's Chorus, Junior High Mixed Chorus, and Senior High Band.

This special presentation will be available for the community to download from WJFF after it debuts Sunday morning. Full audio of all the performances will also be made available. For more information, visit wjffradio.org

WJFF thanks the members of the Sullivan County Music Educators' Association who put on the All County Music Festival, everyone involved with organizing the event at Liberty High School, and all of the performers and their families for making this special presentation possible.



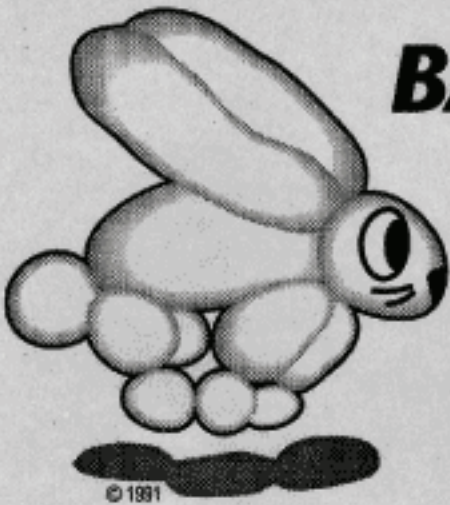
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Congressman Gibson Announces Passage of Legislation Updating EPA Toxic Chemical Regulations

Washington, DC - Congressman Chris Gibson (NY-19) announced the passage in the House yesterday of HR 2576, the Frank R. Lautenberg Chemical Safety for the 21st Century Act, which modernizes the Toxic Substances Control Act to institute more rigorous oversight of thousands of chemicals that are used commercially.

"Given the frightening experiences of residents in Hoosick Falls and Petersburg, where a chemical used in manufacturing has contaminated public water systems and private wells and raised serious concerns about long-term health impacts, I am proud to have joined my colleagues in passing this bipartisan bill to bring EPA standards up to date, modernize the approach to chemical testing, and better protect our people," said Congressman Gibson. "This bill affirms what I told the EPA Administrator earlier this year: We need more regular testing of commercially used chemicals to keep pace with scientific advances and provide consumers with the best information possible. What transpired in Rensselaer County is totally unacceptable, and we can't let it happen in more communities."

HR 2576, which passed the House 403-12, updates the 40-year-old Toxic Substances Control Act by removing barriers to repeat chemical testing, mandating safety reviews of chemicals already in use, making more information available to the public, limiting animal testing whenever reliable alternatives exist, and setting deadlines for EPA decisions and compliance with restrictions, among other initiatives.

The bill also incorporates Trevor's Law, the Strengthening Protections for Children and Communities from Disease Clusters Act, which requires the EPA to designate and investigate clusters of cancer patients across the country. For the full text of HR 2576 go to: <http://1.usa.gov/1sPWvzd>.

Senate Passes Measures to Improve Lives of Veterans and Honors Their Services with Annual "Hall of Fame" Celebration

(Albany, NY)- The New York State Senate this week passed seven measures dedicated to improving the lives of veterans in honor of their service to the state and country. The Senate also celebrated the achievements of veterans from across the state during the Senate's annual Veterans' Hall of Fame induction ceremony.

"It's fitting that during a week in which we pause to honor brave men and women from across the state at the 'Hall of Fame' celebration, the Senate renews our commitment to them, and other veterans, by passing these bills," said Senator Bonacic. "I was pleased to support all of these measures."

The New York State Senate Veterans' Hall of Fame was created to honor and recognize outstanding veterans from the Empire State who have distinguished themselves both in military and civilian life. Information about the lives of more than 50 veterans inducted into the Hall of Fame today is posted at <http://www.nysenate.gov/initiative/honoring-our-veterans>.

Legislation passed this week includes:

S6577A which allows New York State income tax filers to contribute to the Veterans' Home Assistance Fund;

S2245C which gives school districts the option to offer real property tax exemptions to eligible veterans;

S1200A provides an increase in the rates of annuities payable to veterans and surviving spouses of veterans from \$1,000 to \$1,500;

S3408 allows any veteran who has served this nation to be awarded a high school degree based on their knowledge and experience gained while in service;

S2263 allows those with military service and honorable discharge to attend classes at the State University of New York (SUNY) and the City University of New York (CUNY) on a tuition-free audit basis; and

S870 permits each county, city, town, or village to adopt a local law to authorize veterans who have not been discharged or released from a current, subsequent military service to receive an additional veteran real property owner tax exemption.

The Senate today also gave final passage to S3137C which requires the State Division of Veteran Affairs to maintain a fact sheet on their website containing contact information for all Veterans Integrated Service Networks in New York and for the U.S. Veterans Health Administration to help veterans better navigate the health care system. All bills have been sent to the Assembly, except

Ulster County Executive Mike Hein Announces Partnership Between the UC Office for the Aging and The United Way of Ulster County

Kingston, NY- County Executive Mike Hein and Office for the Aging Director Kelly McMullen announce a new partnership with the United Way of Ulster County where senior volunteers from the Office for the Aging will work collaboratively with the United Way's women's initiative, Raising HOPE: Women Mentoring Women to Success. This initiative coincides with the conclusion of Older American's Month and the theme "blaze a trail," acknowledging the perennial contributions of older adults to our nation as they advocate for themselves, their peers and their communities.

Michael P. Hein, Ulster County Executive

"Our seniors are a valuable resource with many talents, skills and community connections which they can share with women participating in Raising Hope, women who have the will to succeed, but not always the way," said County Executive Mike Hein. "I am pleased that our Office for the Aging is partnering with the United Way of Ulster County in this important endeavor which will positively change lives."

Stacey Rein, United Way President and CEO

"Raising HOPE has had many successes since its inception in 2008," said United Way's President and CEO Stacey Rein. "But a continuing challenge has been finding a stable cadre of volunteers who can work with the women participating in our women's mentoring program. This new partnership with the County's Office for the Aging provides Raising HOPE with a superlative pool of role models and advocates who can help the women in our program achieve their goals."

Kelly McMullen, Director of Office for the Aging

Office for the Aging's Director, Kelly McMullen concurs, "We have such a tremendous pool of talented, generous women in our volunteer program and I am certain that there would be many candidates interested in an opportunity to positively impact the life of other women in our community. Raising HOPE seems like the perfect vehicle for them to do just that and I appreciate County Executive Hein's support in this effort."

The partnership will begin with a small pool of volunteers who will have the opportunity to volunteer for both short-term and longer-term commitments, depending on their preference. Volunteers may be asked to simply accompany a woman to a medical appointment, or to assist her in completing a job application. Some volunteers may be interested in a longer commitment in which they work with a woman to establish a plan of action to achieve specific personal and professional goals. In either case, the Office for the Aging volunteers will be helping to "blaze a trail" for their counterparts, creating an avenue for her future success.

For more information, please contact Pat McDonough at the Office for the Aging at 845-802-7935, the United Way of Ulster County at 845-331-4199, or visit <http://www.raisinghopeulster.org>.

Statewide Regulations Require Boaters to Take 'Reasonable Precaution' Against Spread of Aquatic Invasive Species through Recreational Boating

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced the adoption of new regulations that will help protect New York State's waters from the spread of aquatic invasive species and preserve local ecosystems. Signed into law by Governor Cuomo in September 2014, the regulations prohibit the launch of watercraft prior to taking 'reasonable precautions,' including the removal of visible plant or animal matter, proper material disposal in a receptacle or upland location, and treatment by operators launching watercraft or floating docks into public waters.

"We all share a responsibility to protect our environment, and these proactive measures are an important step forward as we work to keep our waters pristine and safeguard local ecosystems this boating season," Governor Cuomo said. "Preventing the spread of invasive species in New York's waterways will help ensure that our natural treasures remain major economic assets for years to come."

With over 7,600 freshwater lakes, ponds and reservoirs and 70,000 miles of rivers, brooks and streams, New York State is particularly vulnerable to the introduction of invasive species. Once established, aquatic invasive species, such as spiny waterflea and Eurasian water milfoil, can rapidly spread through connecting waterbodies or by "hitchhiking" on the vessels of recreational boaters and anglers. These regulations are an important step in Governor Cuomo's initiative to preserve New York's vast

waterways from the danger aquatic invasive species can cause to the environment, human health and the economy of a region.

Dramatic Increase in Mortgage Assistance Efforts Will Enable Thousands of New Yorkers To Save Their Homes By Clearing Small Debts That Are Preventing Them From Avoiding Foreclosure - New Analysis Released Today Estimates Expansion Will Save \$875 Million In Property Values for Neighboring Homeowners of Loan Recipients Schneiderman: This Investment is Another Step In Our Effort To Help New York Families Put The Housing Crisis In The Rearview Mirror

NEW YORK - Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman today announced a \$100 million expansion of efforts to provide no-interest loans to help New York families avoid foreclosure and stay in their homes. The expansion, funded by the Attorney General's April settlement with Goldman Sachs over the bank's deceptive practices leading up to the financial crisis, is expected to help more than 3,000 families across the state pay off small debts that are preventing them from securing a needed mortgage modification.

A new analysis released today by the Attorney General's Office also showed that the Mortgage Assistance Program (MAP), the first phase of these efforts, has already had a significant positive impact on families that live near a MAP loan recipient because foreclosed homes often drag down the property value of other nearby homes. According to the analysis, every \$1 in loans preserves about \$8.50 in property values for homeowners within 750 feet of the MAP loan recipient.

Since MAP began in late 2014, the \$18 million in loans given out have already preserved \$153 million in property values for nearby homeowners. The new \$100 million is estimated to save an additional \$722 million, after accounting for administrative program costs.

All told, these no-interest loans are expected to preserve a total of \$875 million in property values for nearby homes by the time every loan has been disbursed.

"Since taking office, my number one priority has been getting New Yorkers the resources they need to rebuild from the housing crisis," Attorney General Schneiderman said. "This new investment in the MAP program will help thousands of New York families keep their homes and rebuild their communities. This program is already having an incredible impact in communities throughout the state and I am excited to expand it to even more families."

Even families with reliable income streams are often denied mortgage modifications because they have a series of missed mortgage payments, delinquent second or third mortgage liens, or unpaid property tax bills which must be satisfied before a first mortgage holder will grant a modification. MAP provides loans that fill the gaps for struggling families, empowering them to negotiate with their mortgage holders and ultimately remain in their homes.

The analysis of the program, conducted by the Center for NYC Neighborhoods, looked at each individual recipient of a MAP loan and determined the property value preserved for every home within 750 of the loan recipient because the loan recipient had not gone into foreclosure.

New York State Senator Terrence Murphy said, "The Hudson Valley is one of the most costly regions in the country to live and raise a family and this program assists those in financial distress keep a roof over their families' heads. I support any program that will ease the crushing burden put on New York's overtaxed middle class families."

"Communities are stronger when families are able to stay in their homes and the NYS Mortgage Assistance Program helps those who are struggling to do just that," said Albany County Executive Daniel P. McCoy. "Since 2014, there have been 55 Capital Region applications approved, providing nearly \$3 million to those who need it, with an average loan amount of over \$23,000 per application. Thank you, Attorney General Schneiderman for helping families avoid foreclosure and keep them in their homes."

Thousands more New Yorkers will be able to hold on to their homes and regain control of their futures."

MAP, which is funded through settlements with the big banks for their roles in the housing crisis, builds on the success of the Homeowner Protection Program (HOPP). HOPP, a network of roughly 90 housing counselors and legal service providers to help at-risk homeowners across New York to avoid foreclosure, has already helped more than 60,000 New York families. Applicants for MAP loans must connect with a free HOPP counselor to begin the application process.

For more information on how to apply for MAP loans, call 855-HOME-456 or visit AGScamHelp.com.

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Sundown
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Third Saturday
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NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF TRI-VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT TO VOTE UPON FUNDING FOR THE DANIEL PIERCE LIBRARY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Library Budget Hearing of the residents of the Tri-Valley Central School District at Grahamsville, Sullivan County, New York will be held at the Daniel Pierce Library at Grahamsville, New York on: Tuesday, June 7, 2016 At 7:00 P.M. (EDST) for the purpose of presenting the Library's budget for the 2016-2017 school year.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special meeting of the qualified voters of the Tri-Valley Central School District shall be held at the Daniel Pierce Library, 328 Main Street, Grahamsville, Sullivan County, New York, 12740, on Tuesday, June 14, 2016, between the hours of 12:00 noon and 8:00 p.m. daylight savings time. The following proposition will be submitted for voter approval at said meeting:

PROPOSITION

Shall the following resolution be adopted, to wit:

BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 259 of the Education Law of the State of New York, the Board of Education of the Tri-Valley Central School District, Sullivan County, New York be authorized and directed to raise annually by taxes the sum of \$407,333 (which sum consists of \$393,657 previously authorized plus an additional \$13,676) for library purposes for free library services for the benefit and free use on equal terms of all residents of the School District. Said appropriation shall be for the annual support of the DANIEL PIERCE LIBRARY, Grahamsville, New York beginning in the 2016-2017 fiscal year and the funds collected thereby shall be paid over to the Treasurer of the Daniel Pierce Library, upon written demand of its Trustees.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that pursuant to a prior resolution of the District, personal voter registration is in effect. A date for personal voter registration has been set for Wednesday, June 8, 2016 in the Main Entrance Area of the High School, between the hours of 4:00 P.M. and 8:00 P.M. Voters may also register at the Office of the District Clerk on any business day through Thursday, June 9, 2016 between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. Residents are reminded that their registration is valid if they have voted at any school or general election held within the 4 calendar year period prior to June 14, 2016. If a voter is eligible to vote under Article 5 of the Election Law and is registered with the Sullivan or Ulster County Board of Elections, he/she is also eligible to vote at this election. The register of voters prepared pursuant to Section 2014 of the Education Law shall be available in the office of the Clerk, to any qualified voter, on each of the five (5) days prior to the annual meeting, except Sunday, and at the polling place on the day of the vote.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that in accordance with Section 2018a of the Education Law, applications for ABSENTEE BALLOTS may be applied for at the office of the District Clerk. Absentee ballots must be applied for unless the voter's registration is marked "permanently disabled" by the County Board of Elections. Such applications must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days before the election if the absentee ballot is to be mailed to the voter (Tuesday, June 7, 2016) OR the day before the election (Monday, June 13, 2016), if the ballot is to be picked up personally by the voter. Absentee ballots must be received in the Office of the District Clerk not later than 5:00 P.M. on the day of the annual meeting. A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots have been issued shall be available for public inspection during regular office hours (9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.) until the day of the election. Any qualified voter may file a written challenge of the qualifications of a voter whose name appears on such list, stating the reasons for the challenge.

By order of the Board of Education Tri-Valley Central School District Grahamsville, New York Norma Peña, District Clerk

Dated: April 28, 2016

4/28; 5/19; 5/26; 6/2

Scholarships and Payment Plans Help Kids Attend Camp at Frost Valley YMCA (From Pg. 9) This support helps to ensure that all families have access to quality summer care for their children. Local business sponsorships this year have supported more than 90 scholarships through nearly \$20,000 in financial assistance.

In addition to scholarships, payment plans are available. It's Frost Valley's goal to help bring the joy of camp to all families who want to give their children a summer to remember.

Want to learn more about Frost Valley YMCA's Day Camp programs? Visit their final Free Open House event on Sunday, June 7 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Guests will enjoy a tour of the grounds, lunch, a Q&A session, and more. The event is free but Frost Valley asks guests to please reserve their spots. Call (845) 985-2291 ext. 203 or e-mail camregistration@frostvalley.org for information and reservations.

Public Meeting on Compliance with NYSDEC Phase II Stormwater Regulations

A public meeting is to be held on Friday, June 3, 2016 from 2:00pm to 4:00pm in the Sullivan County Government Center Legislative Hearing Room in compliance with NYSDEC Phase II stormwater regulations. The meeting is to solicit public comment on the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Annual Report prepared by the SCDPW, for General Permit GP-0-15-003 issued by the NYSDE

Senator Bonacic's Statement on Improving Employee Training to Promote Private Sector Growth

Developing a skilled workforce and training people for high-demand jobs benefits us all - workers, employers, and our economy as a whole. Most importantly, it benefits families and communities.

Last year, my colleagues and I in the New York State Senate created a Task Force on Workforce Development to review the state's existing programs designed to train both job seekers and exist-

ing employees for current and prospective employment opportunities. The Task Force has since held forums throughout the state and met with leaders in business, labor, public education, higher education and local governments, as well as workforce training and development experts.

I am pleased to inform you that the Task Force on Workforce Development just released a report summarizing the findings and recommendations to improve the connections between job seekers and employers looking to hire new workers.

I am working to ensure that New Yorkers have access to effective job training services that can help them succeed in our rapidly changing economy. Partnering with labor, education and business, I am confident we can develop initiatives which will continue growing our economy and provide greater opportunities for workers and employers. I will be sure to keep you posted on my efforts.

Sincerely, John J. Bonacic State Senator

43rd Annual Grahamsville Gallop

June 19, 2016 • 1:00pm Please arrive by 12:45 to sign up At Iatauro Sports Complex, Tri-Valley School All races are Girls, then Boys Awards in all races • No entry fee AGES: 3 and under 80 M 4 100M 5 200M 6 400M 7 400M 8 400M 9 400M 10 400M 11 800M 12 800M 13 800M 14 800M Moms & Dads race 800M JoggersEstimatedTime 1600M

Summer Session Adult Education Begins at Temple Sholom

At the beginning of July, Temple Sholom will



begin its eighth session of adult education courses related to Jewish topics. Course descriptions are available at www.templeholomny.org. Interested students may pick up registration forms at the Temple office at 5 East Dillon Road.

During the coming semester, Bob (Gandalf) Rosengard will teach "Israeli Poetry" on Mondays from 4:30 to 5:45 pm, Lauren Miller will teach Beginner Hebrew on Tuesdays from 10:45 to 11:45 am, Rabbi

Michele Medwin will teach "The Bible's Many Voices" from noon to 1:15 pm on Tuesdays followed by a 1:30 to 2:45 pm class on "Two Rabbis' Views on Why Bad Things Happen," Dr. Stephanie Phillips will teach "Conversational Hebrew for Beginners" from 10:45 to 11:45 on Thursdays, and Rabbi Michele Medwin will lead discussions of Jewish films on Thursdays from noon to 2:30 pm.

These informal classes will meet once a week for 10 sessions starting the week of July 5. Courses are open to the community and will be held at Temple Sholom, which is just off Forestburgh Road in Monticello. Cost is \$36 per course for Temple members and \$54 per course for nonmembers. Those who sign up by June 25 will avoid a \$5.00 registration fee.

For further information call 845-794-8731.

**Town of Neversink
Parks & Recreation**

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

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

Pizza Hut Fundraiser Thursday, June 23. Watch the *Townsmen* for details.

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

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

Red Lion Lunch & Norman Rockwell Museum Stockbridge, MA- July 6; \$52 Neversink Residents/Tri-Valley Students; Non-residents \$80. **Must be paid A/S/A/P**



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

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

2016 Town of Neversink Motor Vehicle Schedule

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

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

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

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- 6/1/16 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting 7 pm
- 6/1/16 **Tri-Valley Lions Rabies Clinic** 6-8 pm Grahamsville Fairgrounds
- 6/2/16 Claryville Fire Dept Commissioners Meeting 6:30 pm
- 6/4/16 Sundown United Methodist Church **Covered Dish Supper** - 5:30 pm
- 6/7/16 Town of Denning Board Meeting 7 pm - Sundown Church Hall
- 6/8/16 Town of Neversink Town Board Meeting 7:30 pm
- 6/9/16 Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting 7 pm
- 6/11/16 **Sundown Ladies Yard Sale** at the Church Hall - 9 am-3 pm
- 6/11/16 Grahamsville Reformed Church Roast Beef Dinner
- 6/14/16 **Grahamsville UMC Thrift Sale & Luncheon** Thrift Sale 9am1pm. Luncheon 11am- 1 pm
- 6/14/16 Town of Denning Business Meeting 7 pm
- 6/15/16 Neversink-Rondout Antique Machinery Assoc Meeting 7:30 pm
- 6/18/16 **Third Saturday Thrift Sale** Grahamsville UM Church 9-1
- 6/16/16 Dept of Motor Vehicles -Neversink Town Hall 10 am-2:30 pm
- 6/16/16 Neversink Fire District Commissioners Meeting at 7 p.m.; Public Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
- 6/19/16 Claryville Fire Dept. **All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast.** 7 am- 12 noon. Claryville Firehouse
- 6/21/16 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals 7:30 pm

Save the Date!

Grahamsville United Methodist Church Pork Barbecue June 17th 11:00-7:00
Neversink Parks & Rec 4th Annual Community Yard Sale, Craft & Vendor Fair Saturday, July 9. at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds from 10 am to 3 pm \$15 per space.
Matty Bertholf's Fifth Annual Horseshoe Tournament Sunday, July 10, 2016 at the Neversink Fireman's Pavilion
Time and the Valleys Old Time Fair & Chicken BBQ Saturday, July 30, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Grahamsville Fairgrounds • FREE Admission to the Fair
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TOWN OF OLIVE MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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

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

TV AYSO Registration Now Open

Parents and volunteers... Online soccer registration for the fall season is now open through June 11th. Boys and girls ages 4 1/2 to 12 are eligible to play. Sign up today at www.eayso.org! Print two copies of each form, sign, and drop off payment at one of our registration events. New Players must present a birth certificate at the time of registration (no photocopy is necessary). The registration fee is \$50.00 per player. Early registration discount is \$40.00 which must be paid by June 11th to receive the discount! New uniforms are \$40.00 which includes shirts, shorts, and socks. Fall season practices start in August. Games are mostly played on Sundays from September through the end of October. Further information regarding this league contact Joan Mingo at 798-0072 (mtoy4x4@aol.com) or Bill Richardson at 985-2137 (trivalleyAYSORC@gmail.com). We also are offering a week long summer soccer camp at the Fairgrounds, August 8 - 12. Half day and full day slots are available. See www.uksoccer.com and click on 'Find A Program' for more info.

DANIEL PIERCE LIBRARY
Saturday, June 11th - 10 am - 2 pm
Find us on Facebook at Tri-Valley AYSO.

Olive Free Library Presents Lecture on the Life and Diaries of "Squire" Elwyn Davis

On Saturday, June 4 at 2:00 p.m. Gina Giuliano, PhD will give an illustrated local history lecture on the life and diaries of Elwyn C. Davis. "Squire" Elwyn Davis (1890-1976) was a lifelong resident of Olive, NY who kept a daily diary from 1906-1976. He reported on West Shokan for local newspapers and quietly bore witness to the events of his life and that of his community over three quarters of the 20th century. Elwyn C. Davis was born on February 23, 1890 in West Shokan, New York. He kept a daily diary from 1906 until 1976, each day noting the weather conditions, the temperature, and his activities including chores, social interactions, and local events. His family homestead was taken when the Ashokan Reservoir was built, and he relocated to higher ground in West Shokan Heights. He was a farmer with a talent for writing, and for many years his columns about West Shokan appeared in local newspapers such as the *Daily Freeman*.



Tri-Valley Lions Rabies Clinic
Wednesday, June 1, 2016
6 - 8 pm
Grahamsville Fairgrounds

The Elwyn C. Davis Diaries span a period of monumental change in the Town of Olive as the Ashokan Reservoir came to occupy what was the town's geographic and commercial center, and staggering changes in the world such as World War I and II, the Great Depression, and quantum innovations in technology. Davis' diaries have been transcribed and recently published by Gina Giuliano, Ph.D., and can be read on the Olive Free Library website. This talk will highlight important parts of the many volumes of diaries, and give details about the man who kept them, providing a detailed window into daily life in Catskills.



The Elwyn C. Davis Diaries are part of the larger Elwyn C. Davis Collection maintained by the Olive Free Library's local history museum. The larger collection contains photographs, ledgers for local businesses, school attendance records from the local school from 1858, day books (used to record favors traded amongst neighbors and friends), and news clippings. There will be a special display of artifacts from the collection at the library coinciding with this lecture. Dr. Gina Giuliano is a faculty member in the Department of Educational Administration and Policy Studies, SUNY University at Albany. She teaches Philosophy of Education, History of Higher Education and Computers in Higher Education. She has a BA in History. For more information please call the Olive Free Library at 845-657-2482, or email programs@olivefreelibrary.org



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- Grahamsville 1st Aid Squad, P O Box 152, Grahamsville, NY 12740
- Neversink Fire Dept., P O Box 627, Neversink, NY 12765
- Neversink EMS, P O Box 468, Neversink, NY 12765
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Answers:
 1. Martin Landau
 2. Pamela Brown

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 1. Who played Rufio?
 2. Who played the High priestess?

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Third Saturday Thrift Sale will be held this Saturday, June 18 • 9 am- 1 pm and there will be a **Thrift Sale & Luncheon** on June 14th Thrift Sales 9 - 1 Luncheons 11 - 1 all at the Grahamsville Methodist Church.
Grahamsville United Methodist Church Pork Barbecue June 17th 11:00-7:00

SUNDOWN

Start the month of June with a **Covered Dish Supper on June 4th** at 5:30 pm at the Church Hall.
 June 11th -**Sundown Ladies Yard Sale** at the Church Hall - 9 am-3 pm
 June 18th there will be a **Father's Day Breakfast** 7:30 -9:30 a.m. at the Sundown Church Hall.

CLARYVILLE

The Claryville Reformed Church Sunday, June 5 10:00 AM We will celebrate the Lord's Supper.

June 13 Claryville Fire Department Pizza Hut Fundraiser at Liberty Pizza Hut from 5-8 pm. Call 845-292-6644 for details.

NEVERSINK

Neversink Farmer's Market will be open this Saturday, June 4th at 10 am to 2 pm at the Neversink General Store

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