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National Poetry Slam Champion to perform at SUNY Sullivan



(Loch Sheldrake, NY): National Poetry Slam Champion, G Yamazawa, will perform at SUNY Sullivan on Wednesday, March 8 at 11:30 am in the Seelig Theater. Sponsored by SUNY Sullivan's Grover M. Hermann Memorial Library and the college's office of Student Activities, the performance will be followed by a reception. The event is free and open to the public. George Masao Yamazawa, Jr., or "G" is widely considered one of the top young spoken word artists in the country. He is a National Poetry Slam Champion, an Individual World Poetry Slam Finalist, Southern Fried Champion, and has toured 150 universities including Princeton, University of Guam, and NYU-Abu Dhabi. He is a Team Backpack Mission Underground Top 12 Finalist, and was nominated for the Best New Hip Hop Artist by the 2016 Carolina Music Awards. (Contd. Pg. 4)

Sled Dog and Iditarod Fever on Main Street

Livingston Manor, NY The Livingston Manor Library and Morgan Outdoors are celebrating Alaska's 1,000-mile Dog Sled Race from March 5 through 11, during the running of the 2017 Iditarod. Sunday, March 5th, seventy-two dog sled teams will cross the starting line of the 2017 Iditarod in Anchorage and race across Alaska to the finish line in Nome.

To mark the occasion, the exciting film "Toughest Race on Earth: Iditarod" will be shown at Morgan Outdoors, Sunday, March 5 at 1:00pm. The 45-minute documentary film takes a look behind the scenes of this amazing dog sled race. You'll get to know several of the top racers, their dog teams, and the race route. And you won't want to miss the unique Iditarod-themed refreshments. Space is limited, so reservations are required for the free event by calling the Livingston Manor Library at (845)439-5540.

The Livingston Manor Free Library, at 92 Main Street, will have an Iditarod display including a map of the race route. Children can learn more about this special event through activities at the library. There will be a special story time reading of "Cotton's Tale: A True Iditarod Story" by Herb Brawley. Children are welcome to bring their favorite stuffed animal to add to the "library sled team" led by Madeline the Musher. Stationery will be available at the front desk to write to the mushers (or their dogs!) to wish them good luck. Children will also have the opportunity to create their own Iditarod musher patch. Talk to staff, check the Library's facebook page, or call the Library at (845)439-5440 for more information.

All events are free and open to the public. For more information, call Livingston Manor Library (845)439-5540 or Morgan Outdoors at (845)439-5507. Morgan Outdoors is located at 46 Main Street, Livingston Manor, NY. www.morgan-outdoors.com



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Steve Kelley Presented with Community Leadership Award!



Photo by Debbie Briggs

Steven L. Kelley, President and CEO, Ellenville Regional Hospital and Mike Hein, Ulster County Executive

At the Ulster County Chamber of Commerce Breakfast last Friday, Ulster County Executive Mike Hein awarded Ellenville Regional Hospital CEO Steve Kelley with a Community Leadership Award! The award was presented to Mr. Kelley based on the hospital's innovation and leadership in helping to reduce the prevalence of heroin and opioid abuse.

Charles Breiner to be Guest Speaker at March Sullivan County Philatelic Society Meeting

The Sullivan County Philatelic Society will hold its next meeting on Saturday, March 4th at 1:00 pm in the Ted Stroebele Recreation Center, 2 Jefferson Street in Monticello, NY.

Charles Breiner, a Club ASA will be the featured guest speaker. He will talk about the part U.S. Revenue Stamps played during the Civil War.

There will also be a five-lot trading session after his talk. There will be door prizes as well as give-aways.

Refreshments will be served by Art Rosenzweig.

This meeting is open to all members, collectors and the general public.



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ON THE FRONT BURNER: Verily I say unto you, whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein. Mark 10:15

OBITUARY:

Teresa L. Greaves, of Grahamsville, passed away on Monday, February 20, 2017. She was 61. She was the daughter of the Helen M Snyder and the late Leo M. Klinger, born on January 14, 1956 in Ft. Benning, GA.

Teresa worked in the cafeteria for Tri-Valley Central School. She centered her life around her family, she was a very giving person with a beautiful soul. She especially loved being a grandmother. She was a loving mother, grandmother, daughter, sister, aunt and friend to all who knew her, she will be deeply missed.

She is survived by her mother Helen Klinger; her children Christopher Greaves and his wife, Jaime, of Liberty and Jessica Geyer of Woodbourne; grandchildren Liam, Jaily and Odin; siblings Ronald Klinger and his wife, Cindy of Texas, Donna Denu and her husband Richard of South Glen Falls and Diane Cole and her husband Larry of Claryville; as well as her nephew Ronald "Ronnie". She is predeceased by her father Leo Klinger.

Donations in Teresa's name can be made to Hospice of Orange and Sullivan, 800 Stony Brook Ct, Newburgh, NY 12550.

Services will be held privately at Teresa's request.

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

Timothy D. O'Sullivan, of Grahamsville, passed away on Monday, February 20, 2017 at home. He was 36.

He was the son of Kenneth D. O'Sullivan and Stephanie A Berg O'Sullivan, born on September 9, 1980 in Newburgh, NY.

Tim was a proud graduate of Tri-Valley High School where he was very active in sports, specifically in soccer and baseball. He worked first as a house manager for New Hope for 6 years then moved on to work as a correctional officer at Sullivan Correctional Facility for just short of 10 years. In his free time, he enjoyed being outside particularly playing golf with his dad. He was a communicant and parishioner at Immaculate Conception Church in Woodbourne as well as an alter server when he was younger. He was known for his great smile, sense of humor and being able to make anyone feel good about himself. He was a loving father, son, brother, grandson, uncle and friend to all who knew him. He will be deeply missed and his memory cherished in our hearts.

He is survived by his parents at home; his children Chanlyn Jo and Tyler Kenneth O'Sullivan; sisters Sandra O'Sullivan of Grahamsville, Holly Froehlich and her husband Wade of Ft. Drum, and Katje Krier and her husband Kory of Grahamsville; his nephews Keith, Travis, and Dylan Froehlich and nieces Kenzie and Kaia Krier; his maternal grandmother Nancy Berg of Georgia; numerous aunts, uncles and cousins; as well as a host of friends. He was predeceased by his baby brother Kevin O'Sullivan in 1990.

Donations in Tim's name can be made towards an organization very close to his heart: CJ Foundation for SIDS, HUMC: WFAN Pediatric Center, 30 Prospect Avenue Hackensack, NJ 07601

A mass of Christian burial was held on Saturday, February 25, 2017 at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Woodbourne, NY 12788. Internment followed at Grahamsville Rural Cemetery.

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COLLEGE NEWS:**Ithaca College Congratulates Students Named to Dean's List**

Sarah Rudge, a resident of Big Indian and Clinical Health Studies major, was named to the Dean's List in Ithaca College's School of Health Sciences and Human Performance for the fall 2016 semester.

Melissa Symanski, a resident of Parksville and Communication, Management and Design major, was named to the Dean's List in Ithaca College's School of Communications for the fall 2016 semester.

From day one, Ithaca College prepares students for success through hands-on experience with internships, research and study abroad. Its integrative curriculum builds bridges across disciplines and uniquely blends liberal arts and professional study. Located in New York's Finger Lakes region, the College is home to 6,100 undergraduate and 460 graduate students.

DAYS OF YORE....

Today's History

February 22, 1957 - Edward R. Hewitt of Neversink and New York City, died on Tuesday of last week at the Lenox Hill Hospital at the age of ninety. Farmer, fisherman, inventor and always a hardy individualist, Mr. Hewitt had written several books and had contributed both editorials and articles to The Townsman. He had taken an active interest in the community and had helped with the agricultural program at Tri Valley School.

Mr. and Mrs. George Gray are the proud parents of a son, born February 13th at the Veterans Memorial Hospital in Ellenville. He weighed 6 lbs. 7 oz. and has been named Wayne Allen. Mrs. Gray is the former Gerry Christensen of Greenville. Mr. and Mrs. George Christensen are the grandparents.

February 22, 1967 - Airman Apprentice George Nash, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Nash of Neversink, recently reported for duty at Training Squadron One, Naval Auxiliary Air Station, Pensacola Fla. Training Squadron One is where all Navy, Coast Guard and Marine Corps aviation students learn the fundamentals of flying and perform their solo flight.

Last Tuesday evening, the Tri-Valley Chapter of the FFA won first place in the annual Chapter Meeting contest for the third consecutive year. The local team was made up of Barry TerBush, Donald Currey, Edward Hotchkin, Herbert Mullinex, Andrew Bernstein, William Davis, George Dean, Donald Kortright, Thomas Nash and Mark Condon.

February 24, 1977 - The following Tri-Valley graduates have attained the SCCC Dean's List for the 1976 fall term: Lisette Low, Nancy Martin, Mary Musso, Valerie Phillips, Scott Shader, Elaine Stratton, and Lisa Wakefield, all of Grahamsville. Kathleen Hotchkin of Parksville, Susan Marshalek, Constance Nadekow, and Walter Vernooy Jr., all of Woodbourne.

February 26, 1987 - Tracy Raymond, daughter of Walter and the late Thelma Raymond of Grahamsville, N.Y. has been named to the Central City Business Institute's Dean's List for the fall '86 semester. Tracy achieved a grade point average of 3.74. She was a 1985 graduate of Tri-Valley Central School and is presently enrolled in the Executive Secretarial Program at CCBI.

Mr. Gary Werner, acting Director of the Sullivan County Dept. of Community Services, has announced the appointment of Richard Van Kirk of Liberty as the Sullivan County Vietnam Veteran's Case Management Coordinator. Van Kirk will be working with Gordon Kadatz who facilitates the treatment program for Vietnam Veterans.

DEP Encourages College Students to Apply for Watershed Internships

Fifteen watershed internships available for engineering and sciences

The New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) on Thursday encouraged college students to apply for one of 15 summer internships at offices throughout the watershed. These paid internships are in fields related to science and engineering. Those accepted into the summer internship program will have the chance to work alongside DEP scientists, engineers, planners and other professionals who operate, maintain and protect the largest municipal water supply in the United States. (Contd. Pg. 11)

A Round About Tri-Valley

Carol Furman

Condolences to the family and friends of Timothy O'Sullivan of Grahamsville. Timothy passed away on February 20th at the age of 36.

Get well wishes to Charlotte Stratton who was hospitalized for a short time but is now at her home on South Hill.

Congratulations to Taylor Pavese and Michael Schulte two alpine skiers from Tri-Valley, who qualified for the NYS Ski Championships at Bristol Mountain.

Spring-like weather has made its long-awaited return and the maple sugarhouses are in full swing. Several of our local sugarhouses will be demonstrating the maple sugaring process from tapping trees to sugaring off. Visits to Frost Valley (March 18-26), Justice Asthalter Maple Syrup (March 18-26) and The Catskill Mountain Sugar House on Glade Hill on March 25th and 26th will demonstrate the art of syrup making. John Garigliano, owner of the Catskill Mountain Sugar House represents a sizable NYS maple syrup operation with about 62,000 taps. John started boiling sap in mid January and made 40 barrels of syrup at that time. As long as the trees don't start to bud, sap should flow into April. At Furman Farms, we still make some syrup by tapping the maples in our sugarbush lot. Of course we tap the trees the old-fashioned way, by hanging buckets on the trees (not with tubing) and collecting the sap each morning and evening. Pete does the collecting in the morning and the grandkids (now 12, 10, and almost 8) help with the collection after school. We don't sell syrup, however the Furman Family enjoys eating the syrup we do make on our pancakes each morning. Maple sap usually flows when daytime temperatures stay 40 degrees or warmer and nighttime temperatures dip below freezing.

At the end of the late Evelyn Huntsberger's poem **TIME TO TAP** written in 1965, are these words: "So let's go out and tap the maples! Get out the silver spiles and buckets, clean the sap arch, gather wood; Get the sap pan ready The clear sap is free to run again. Winter's stepping out the door. Come on, let's welcome in the spring!"

Some spring things you can do: Force some forsythia, check your pussy willows, clean-out your bird houses and check them for leaks, mend your fences, wash your windows, wash and vacuum out your car, and just sit back and enjoy the warm sunshine.

Words of Wisdom: Hold your wife's hand in the mall, because if you let it go she'll start shopping. It looks romantic, but it's actually economic. Don't be afraid to encounter risks. It is by taking chances that we learn how to be brave.

Local Resident Target of Phone Scam

Several "Grandparent Scam" phone calls have been received by a local resident in Sundown.

Typically, this scam comes in the form of an urgent phone call. The caller claims to be "your favorite grandson" or just says "it's me"... prompting the grandparent to supply the needed name. While the emergencies vary, the scenario is usually this: The "grandson" is out of town and needs money fast -- to make bail, or to pay for automobile repairs or medical expenses. The caller begs the grandparent not to tell his parents, just wire the money immediately. Scammers know that parents and grandparents fear a call that tells them their loved one is in trouble. Each year, thousands of Americans get caught in the Grandparent Scam. Increasingly, scammers use actual relatives' names and information gleaned from social media and other internet sites.

In this case, the recipient was aware that the calls were scams and would not give any information, other than telling the caller to call his mother and ask her for help.

The victim of the calls did call the NYS Attorney General's office to file a complaint. She also proceeded to call the NYS Police in her area. Within hours, a State Police officer was at her home taking information and assisting her.

While it is still advisable to report these incidents to the NYS Attorney General's office (1-800-771-7755) it is also advisable to also call the State

Police in your jurisdiction for prompt attention.

Other scams aimed at senior citizens are:

Jury Duty Scam - The caller will claim to be an officer of the court and say there's a warrant for the arrest of the victim for failing to report for jury duty. The scammer will also claim that there is a fine for failing to show up for jury duty, and that unless the fine is paid immediately, the police will be sent to the victim's home to make an arrest. The scammer will request that the "Jury Duty Warrant" be paid with a Green Dot Card Money Card or Western Union MoneyGram. The scam has been around for years and surfaces periodically in New York. In one recent case, the calls were traced to a Georgia prison.

Lottery Scam - The caller says you've won a foreign lottery and requests that you, as the "winner," send a check or to wire money to cover taxes and fees. Legitimate contests never ask for money upfront. The caller may request your banking information in order to electronically direct deposit your winnings. This is an attempt to steal your identity and will wipe out your bank account.

The callers often use a name that sounds like a government agency or official-sounding authority. The name can be invented, like the "National Sweepstakes Bureau," or "The National Consumer Protection Agency." Sometimes they will use an actual name of a government agency, like the Federal Trade Commission. The scammers claim that the government "oversees" the integrity of foreign lotteries. This is a scam. (Contd. Pg. 4)

TVCS to Host 63rd Annual SCMEA All County Festival

This coming weekend, Tri-Valley will host over 500 students from around the county for this year's Sullivan County Music Educators' Association All County Festival. Two concerts will be performed on Saturday, March 4th. The 3:00pm concert will feature the Elementary Chorus, Middle School Band, and Senior High String Orchestra. The 5:00pm concert will showcase the talents of the Senior High Jazz Ensemble, Senior High Women's and Mixed Choruses, and Junior High Band. Concert tickets will be available at the door for the cost of \$6.

Tri-Valley is pleased to have a large number of our music students represented in this year's festival:

Middle School Band

Adam Furman; Noah Jucha; Brandon Kaplan; Vanya Khodakovski; Collin Mentnech; Vincent Mingo; Ben Smith; and Connor Weyant

Junior High Band

David Allison; Alexis Cintula; Nicholas Dexheimer; Trevor Dibble; Emma Edwards; Erin Markle; Bricin McAndrew

High School Jazz Band

James Alongi and Ben Lamboy

Elementary Chorus

Marie Ackerley; Evelyn Allison; Cato Lawrence; Noah Edwards; Grace Gozza; Payton Huebsch; Gabriella MacGhee; Amelia Mickelson; Emily Rusin; Mya Ibarra; Isabella Maiori; Kendall McGregor; Sami Mentnech; Brook Mulholland; Tabitha Mulholland; Chenoah Phillips; Brynn Poley; Cody Reynolds; Abigail Ruef; and Ariana Small

Senior High Mixed Chorus

Margaret Dembergh; Jillian Mungeer; Alisa Vainblat; Juliette Eddings; Samantha Raymond; Scott Cevallos; Aidan Mentnech; Jacob Allison; Michael Babcock; Max Cabrera; Colby Costa; Evan Edwards; Skyler Espinosa-Phillips; Matthew Festa; Devin Mullen; Jared Phillips; and Devin Simon

Senior High Women's Choir

Tiffani Foncree; Samantha Houghtaling; Morgan Shamro; Victoria Swett; Kira Ambrosi; Reanna McGregor; and Mikayla Clearwater.

Congratulations Tri-Valley All County Participants!

Calvary Baptist Church 10th Annual Game Dinner

Calvary Baptist Church will be holding its 10th Annual Game Dinner on Saturday March 11 from 4pm-8pm. There will be Door prizes and Trophy Mounts.

Dave Tripiciano will be the guest speaker and gives tips and tricks for hunting whitetails.

This event will be held at the Loch Sheldrake Fire House on Route 52 Loch Sheldrake NY 12759

Tickets are \$12 for ages 12 and up. Call 845-985-7410 for info and tickets

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.

Red-winged Blackbird Harbinger of Spring

A sighting of a flock of Red-wing blackbirds in the Claryville area was reported by Denning Town Clerk, Joy Monforte on Wednesday, February 22. I also heard later that day that some Red-wing blackbirds had wintered over near Ellenville.

To us, the return of the Red-winged Blackbirds is a harbinger of spring, but to the male Red-wing blackbird, their early return is actually more about real estate.

Despite life or death situations, if faced with cold snaps or late winter snowfalls, to the male Red-winged blackbird, it's worth it - evolutionarily speaking. Males who manage to find and hang on to a territory while staying in top breeding condition until the females arrive some weeks later win the breeding sweepstakes!

Red-winged Blackbirds are polygynous, with territorial males defending up to 10 females. Females who look completely different than the male Red-winged blackbirds, frequently copulate with males other than their social mate and often lay clutches of mixed paternity. Pairs raise two or three clutches per season, in a new nest for each clutch.

A clutch consists of three or four, and rarely five, eggs. Eggs are oval, smooth and slightly glossy, and measure about .7 - 1 in. They are pale bluish green, marked with brown, purple, and/or black, with most markings around the larger end of the egg. The eggs are incubated by the female alone, and hatch in 11 to 12 days.

Red-winged Blackbirds are blind and without feathers when hatched, and are ready to leave the nest 11-14 days after hatching.

The male birds are quite busy during this time gathering and bringing food to all his offspring. That could be as many as 30 to 50 hungry baby birds!

The common name for the Red-winged Blackbird is taken mainly from the adult male's distinctive red shoulder patches called "epaulets", which are visible when the male bird is flying. The glossy-black males can puff up or hide their scarlet-and-yellow shoulder patches depending on how confident they feel.

Red-winged blackbirds are a highly social species, and spend much of their lives in flocks, even during breeding season. The males gather to forage together in neutral territory. In order to do this without antagonizing each other, they temporarily hide those showy red patches by moving their feathers to cover the red. Studies show how important the red epaulets are to establish dominance. When researchers blackened out a male's red patches, he often lost his territory to another male.

Male and female red-wings look completely different. The females are more subdued and have a muted coloring, with brown streaks overall, that are paler on the breast and often have whitish eyebrows. Females remain low as they lurk through vegetation for food or quietly weave their remarkable nests together.

Red-winged Blackbirds aggressively defend their territory from other animals and frequently attack much larger birds. Males have been known to swoop at humans who encroach upon their nesting territory during breeding season.

Group nesting is a trait that reduces the risk of individual attacks from preying enemies by increasing the number of alert parents. Their nests offer a strategic advantage over predators in that they are often well concealed in thick, waterside reeds and positioned at a height of one to two and a half yards. Males often act as guards, using a variety of calls to denote the kind and severity of danger. Mobbing, especially by males, is also used to scare off unwanted predators.

The Red-winged Blackbird is omnivorous meaning they feed primarily on plant materials, including seeds from weeds and waste grain such as corn and rice. Approximately a quarter of their diet consists of insects and other small animals, especially during breeding season.

If you wish to attract Red-winged blackbirds to your back yard, they will be lured to your feeders with bread, seed mixtures and suet.

Whether the Red-winged Blackbirds that were sighted are those that wintered over, or those who have returned to find their prime piece of Catskill Mountain real estate and despite the winter chill that is back in the air - the song of the Red-winged Blackbird still suggests spring is near!

Household Hints

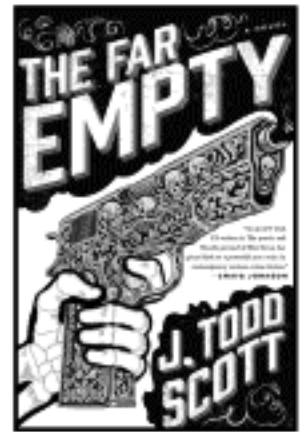
Vinegar in the Laundry

A cup of vinegar will brighten small loads of white clothes. Added to the last rinse, a cup of vinegar will keep your clothes lint and static-free.





The Far Empty
Mysterious Book Report No. 276
by John Dwaine McKenna



This week's MBR is written on the day after what's already being called *The most dramatic Super Bowl ever played*: number LI, or fifty-one in Arabic numerals. It was the greatest comeback in playoff football history . . . and an apt comparison to what has to be one of the best, and most dramatic noir debut novels about a man coming back to his old home town, only to find systemic corruption, official malfeasance and rampant disregard of sworn duty by an entrenched, duplicitous, iron-fisted county sheriff who lords over the small Texas border town of Murfree like a Medici prince.

The Far Empty, (Putnam/Penguin, \$26.00, 425 pages, ISBN 978-0-399-17634-0) by J. Todd Scott takes place in what's known as big bend territory-the empty desert southeast of El Paso, defined by the Rio Grande River, which is the border with Mexico. Because the area is so remote, so isolated and so thinly populated, it's a favored place for smugglers, of drugs and humans, as well as a magnet for law enforcement types trying to stem the flow.

The narrator of the story is a seventeen-year-old boy named Caleb Ross, whose mother suddenly and mysteriously disappeared a little more than a year ago. No trace of her has ever been found and Caleb, the son of longtime County Sheriff Stanford "Judge" Ross, is convinced that his father murdered her. When Deputy Chris Cherry uncovers a body in a shallow grave out in the most remote part of the county, Caleb is convinced it's the remains of his missing mother. Deputy Cherry, whose promising football career was cut short by a devastating knee injury, has come home to the place he grew up in . . . the same small town he'd been trying to escape from his entire life . . . where he takes the only available job, and finds he's made a deal with The Devil . . . who may not let him live to tell the tale.

The Far Empty is an astonishing debut, written in elegant prose by an author with more than twenty years of law enforcement experience along the southern border. His eloquent, and evocative descriptions of time and place, characters and events, are as sure and gifted as a much more seasoned writer and leave the reader with an unstated promise of even greater works to come. J. Todd Scott is a wordsmith to pay attention to. He's kicked off his career with his head and shoulders far above the rest of the crowd – and we're looking forward to seeing what he comes up with next!

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National Poetry Slam Champion to perform at SUNY Sullivan

(From Pg. 1) Winner of Kollaboration DC 2012, Audience Choice Award Recipient of the Inaugural Kollaboration Star and 2013 Kundiman Fellow, G has been featured at the Sundance Film Festival, Bonnaroo Music Festival, TV One's Season 3 of Verses and Flow, the Pentagon, and the White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. G's poetry has been published in Beltway Quarterly, Asian Fortune Magazine, and 27 Views of Durham. G has shared stages with Sonia Sanchez, Michelle Kwan, Danny Glover, and VP Joe Biden. Co-founder of North Carolina's pioneer youth-poetry organization, Sacrificial Poets, and an advocate for youth empowerment, G also has extensive experience as a teaching artist facilitating writing and performance workshops for inner city youth in the Washington, DC, public school system through Split This Rock, a nationally recognized non-profit organization with a focus in political poetry. For more information, contact Evangela Oates at 845-434-5750, ext. 4208.

Local Resident Target of Phone Scam
(From Pg. 3)

IRS Scam - The caller will claim to be an agent or police officer from the Internal Revenue Service calling about a past due tax balance that is owed. The caller will tell the victim that unless the debt is paid immediately, a team of officers will come to the victim's home that day to arrest the victim. The scammer will also request that the "IRS Tax Warrant" be paid with a Green Dot Card Money Card or Western Union MoneyGram. These scammers often use caller ID spoofing so that the victim's caller ID box says "Internal Revenue Service" or displays the phone number of the Internal Revenue Service.

Utility Scam - The caller claims to be a representative of a local utility provider. In some cases, the scammer has the victim's correct account number. The scammer will then advise the resident that the utility bill is past due and must be paid immediately to avoid termination of service. The scammer will also request that the delinquent bill be paid with a Green Dot Card Money Card or Western Union MoneyGram. Suspects committing this scam have often obtained personal information via the internet, Facebook, Instagram or other social media.

Tips For Seniors to Avoid Falling Victim:

Think Of The Telephone As A "One Way Street" It's okay to give out information over the phone if you made the call to a number you know and trust (such as your own bank). However, never give out personal information when you receive an unsolicited call. If you receive a call soliciting personal information, just hang up the phone, no matter what the caller ID says. If the caller says he's from your bank and is checking on possible unauthorized withdrawals from your account, hang up the phone and then call your bank. If it was your bank that was trying to call, then it will be happy to confirm the call and will often provide requests to you in writing. If your bank says it wasn't trying to reach you, that

means the caller you hung up on was a scammer.
Beware If A Caller Ask To Keep A Conversation A Secret

A legitimate caller will never request that a conversation remain a secret, and you should immediately be suspicious. Whether the caller claims to be from the government, a bank, or a family member, requests for confidentiality should raise a red flag.
Just Say No!

You don't have to be polite when you receive unsolicited phone calls. The safest thing to do is to say "no" and hang up. Legitimate callers will typically also provide requests in writing. It is better to be guarded than to fall victim.

Remember the old adage: "If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is." Be wary of any offers or deals that sound too good to be true, as they likely are too good to be true.

Attorney General Schneiderman reminds New Yorkers that in addition to being vigilant consumers, take immediate steps if you receive a 'scam call'. Call the NYS Police in your area. Also report instances of fraud to the NY Attorney General's office and file a complaint at 1-800-771-7755.

Beautification Grant and Project Assist Deadlines Fast Approaching

[FERNDALE] - Sullivan Renaissance is accepting applications from organizations and individuals interested in participating in the 2017 Community Beautification Grant Program. The application deadline is March 13, 2017. Staff are available to assist anyone interested with the application process, including visiting the site of the proposed project.

Last year's Beautification Grant Program brought new and exciting gardens to the county, including: gardens at Dynamite Youth Center in Fallsburg, Overstuffed Chair Reading area at the Ethelbert B. Crawford Library in Monticello, and a new sign garden at Hudson River Healthcare. The communities of Neversink and Roscoe as well as the Liberty Central School were recognized for their efforts to keep their main streets attractive.

To assist with some of the larger projects, Sullivan Renaissance, in partnership with Center for Workforce Development, will hire several seasonal Project Assistants to work with community volunteers this summer. Formerly called "Interns", the Project Assistants will also participate in a series of youth development meetings and adopt a Day of Service Project. Salaries start at \$10.50 per hour. Candidates must be between the ages of 16 and 20 by March 13th, the application deadline.

Applications for the grants as well as the Project Assistant positions are available at <http://www.sullivanrenaissance.org/grants/applications/>. They may be completed electronically or mailed to: Sullivan Renaissance, c/o The Gerry Foundation, PO Box 311, Liberty, NY 12754.

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The First Amendment

The following is a quote from the Constitution of United States of America 1789: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

Journalism without a moral position is impossible. Every journalist is a moralist. It's absolutely unavoidable. A journalist is someone who looks at the world and the way it works, someone who takes a close look at things every day and reports what she sees, someone who represents the world, the event, for others. She cannot do her work without judging what she sees.

Marguerite Duras
French Novelist

Although the Constitution was written over two hundred years ago, the simple statement about free speech and press applies today. The founding fathers could not have imagined that published pamphlets and a handful of newspapers could explode into the barrage of information overload we have today. The First Amendment was written long before newspapers proliferated, prior to every home having access to twenty-four/seven network news on television and radio, and before the internet made each and everyone of us a journalist. Yet, the message remains timely. "Congress shall make no law...abridging the freedom of speech or of the press."

The power of the pen, now complete with video on You-Tube, tweets and pictures on Instagram, is still the most powerful force of freedom. Napoleon Bonaparte once said, "Four hostile newspapers are more to be feared than a thousand bayonets."

Limiting or banning something merely increases its value. "Banned in Boston" has become a catch-all term for all that has become socially unacceptable and thereby more interesting in its absence. The debate about slanted and "fake news" merely

brings to light the fact that facts, in themselves, may have multiple dimensions and perspectives. A kernel of truth may be presented or absorbed by each and every teller. Even James Joyce in *Finnegan's Wake* weighed in by saying, "Well, you know or don't you know or haven't I told you every telling has a taling and that's the he and the she of it." By the way, those are not typos. That is what he wrote and how he wrote it.

Arthur Miller said, "A good newspaper is a nation talking to itself." It is the pulse of humanity, the voice of dissent, the hope of a collective political soul. Alain de Botton, in *The Pleasures and Sorrows of Work*, stated, "To look at the paper is to raise a seashell to one's ear and to be overwhelmed by the roar of humanity."

Our inherent freedom, as an American, is to sift and sort the truth from the propaganda. Somewhere, in the midst of all views, lies the truth we seek, but even that truth is the one we want to believe.

The Ashokan Center Presents Annual Family-Friendly Maple Fest Event

Olivebridge, New York- The Ashokan Center's annual Maple Fest event will take place on Sunday, March 12, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This year's festival features an array of family-friendly activities including tree tapping, blacksmithing, guided hikes to the Ashokan Sugar Shack, Cathedral Gorge, and the historic Turnwood Covered Bridge. Other highlights include performances by Wind & Stone, American Roots music by George Wilson & Peter Davis and songs, stories and puppetry by Grian MacGregor and the Ivy Vine Players. Hot pancakes with Ashokan maple syrup will be served and visitors will have the opportunity to try some sweet Jack Wax maple candy. Admission is \$5 per person with an additional charge for pancakes and crafts. The complete lineup of activities is as follows:

Tree Tapping – Throughout the day

Learn how sap is collected from maple trees--a practice first performed by the indigenous people of North America and later adopted by European settlers.

Hike to the Ashokan Sugar Shack – Throughout the day

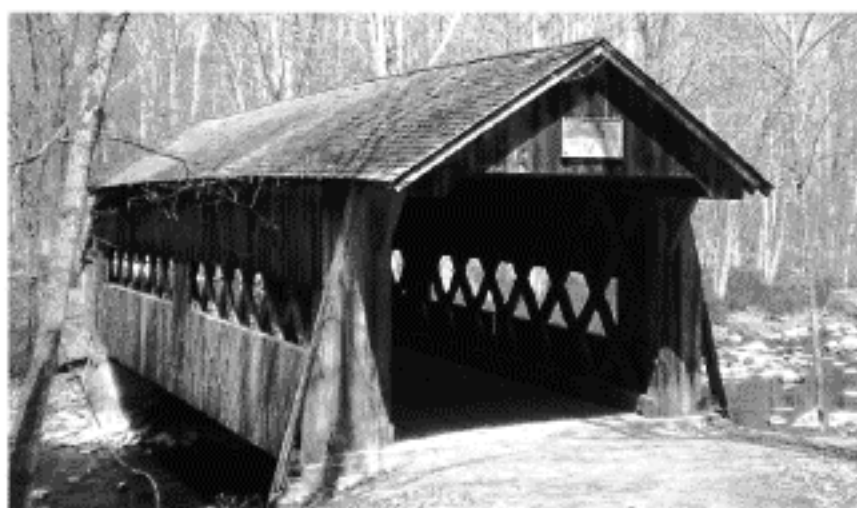
See a demonstration of how the sap collected from maple trees is turned into sweet maple syrup--one of the first farmed products in the United States.

Blacksmithing – Throughout the day

Join us in the Blacksmithing Shop where an Ashokan Center instructor will guide you through the process of forging a wrought-iron fire poker, heart-shaped trivet or plant hanger. *Projects are \$7 each and are yours to take home. Recommended for ages 8 and older. Please bring a long-sleeved shirt and closed-toe shoes in order to participate.

Hike to Cathedral Gorge and Turnwood Covered Bridge Noon and 2 p.m.

Hike through an old Eastern Hemlock forest along the Esopus creek and past relics of the recent and pre-



historic past including a 19th-century water mill, the historic 130-year old Turnwood Covered Bridge (one of only five covered bridges standing in Ulster County), the site of Native American camps, and into a glacial gorge. This 1.5 mile (round trip) hike culminates at the base of an 80-foot waterfall, the walls of which reveal rock layers that are millions of years old.

MUSIC & DANCE SCHEDULE

Wind & Stone, 11 a.m.

Comprised of members Jim Hession (singer/guitarist), Ashokan instructor Julian Berman (singer/songwriter/guitar/mandolin) and Krisha Stoeber (singer/songwriter), Wind & Stone performs music in a variety of genres including Rock, Pop, R&B, Folk and Jazz.

Grian MacGregor & The Ivy Vine Players, Noon
Songs, stories and puppetry. Featuring tales with timeless themes and puppet characters loaded with personality.

George Wilson & Peter Davis, 12:45 p.m.

American Roots music duo.

Family Dance, 2-2:45 p.m.

Have fun participating in circle, square and line dances for all ages. Eric Hollman calling with music by George Wilson & Peter Davis.

Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum Getting Ready for Fishing Season

LIVINGSTON MANOR - Trout fishing season opens in New York State on Saturday, April 1, 2017. The Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum (CFFCM) in Livingston Manor is hosting several opening day activities. This year's theme is "Fly Fishing is for Everyone" with an effort to welcome new-comers to the sport.

Activities kickoff at 7:00 a.m. with the Opening Day First Cast Celebration at Junction Pool in Roscoe. CFFCM partners with the Roscoe Rockland Chamber of Commerce for this celebration at the center's Junction Pool property. First-timers and beginners are particularly welcomed.

From then on it's one activity after another: a bamboo rod casting demonstration, Agnes Van Put's traditional soup, a new "Fly Fishing in the Catskills" traveling exhibit, fly tying and rod making demonstrations, and the annual Catskill Legends Dinner Sponsored by Roscoe Beer.

OPENING DAY EVENTS ON SATURDAY APRIL 1

07:00 a.m. - Celebrate Opening Day First Cast at Junction Pool in Roscoe. Everyone is welcome - including first-timers and beginners.

09:00 a.m. - "Come and Meet Your Maker" at a Catskill Cane Revival Demonstration at the Roscoe Central School in Roscoe. Cast a classic cane or modern bamboo rod. Join with Mike Canazon and the Bamboo Guys who will provide rods and skilled advice. Ends at 12:00 noon.

10:00 a.m. - Soups On! Enjoy warm soup and tasty treats made by Agnes Van Put in the Gift Shop at CFFCM. Take a pause from opening day casting and join in this 100-year-old tradition. Till the soup runs out.

10:00 a.m. - "Fly Fishing in the Catskills" display at the CFFCM Museum. First look at a new traveling exhibit on fly fishing that will tour six libraries in Sullivan County. Made possible in part through a decentralization grant administered by DVAA.

01:00 p.m. - Fly Tying by the Legendary Dave Brandt at the Museum. Join with Dave Brandt, President of the Catskill Fly Tyers Guild, who will be inducted as a Catskill Legend at a dinner in the evening. Runs till 3:00 p.m.

02:00 p.m. - How to Make Your Own Bamboo Rod at the Heritage Rod Workshop at CFFCM. Mike Canazon and Rick Miller will demonstrate how to saw and mill materials for a bamboo rod. Learn about upcoming classes and workshops. Till 3:00 p.m.

05:30 p.m. - Catskill Legends Dinner Sponsored by Roscoe Beer at the Wulff Gallery. This year CFFCM recognizes: Dave Brandt, Ralph Graves and Sue Post. Reception begins at 5:30 p.m. (Roscoe Beer and wine, cash bar); silent auction till 7:00 p.m. Recognition ceremony immediately follows dinner. \$50 for members, \$60 for non-members.

The Museum, Gallery and Heritage Craft Workshop are open for Self-Guided Tours during the day. For reservations and more information, call CFFCM at 845-439-4810 or go to www.cffcm.com.

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Daniel Pierce Library Children's Program Registration Spring 2017

The following children's programs are open to caregivers and their children ages 12 months to five years who are residents of the Tri-Valley Central School District. The eight-week long sessions begin the week of April 2, 2017. All of the children have the opportunity of taking home books to read. These programs are free and are made possible through the generosity of our community. Registration is required. You may register online @ www.danielpiercelibrary.org, or contact the library at 985-7233. Give your child a head start by enrolling him/her in one of these valuable programs.

Mother Goose Time-This program is specially designed for very young children. It includes "read together" time (each child has his or her own board book), nursery rhymes, felt stories, playtime, and music for our tiniest patrons ages 12-23 months. Beginning Wednesday, April 5, 2017, two programs will be held each Wednesday: one from 9:00-9:45

a.m. and one from 10:30-11:15 a.m. Mother Goose Time will end on Wednesday, May 31, 2017. Please register for one program.

Toddler Time-Stories, felt stories, crafts, music, and friendship-building geared for wee ones ages 24-35 months. Beginning Friday, April 7, 2017, two programs will be held each Friday: one from 9:00-10:00 a.m. and one from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Toddler time will end on Friday, June 2, 2017. Please register for one program.

Story Hour-Our classic, beloved program for three, four, and five year-old children, featuring the "Magic Bag," a read-aloud, felt stories, craft projects, and music. Beginning Thursday, April 6, 2017, two programs will be held each Thursday: one from 9:00-10:00 a.m. and one from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Story Hour will end on Thursday, June 1, 2017. Please register for one program.

Universal Pre-Kindergarten Story Hour-Our "Story Hour on the Road" program visits the three UPK classes at Tri-Valley Central School. (Children will be registered at school.) Please remember: when Tri-Valley Central School is closed or delayed, ALL story-times are cancelled.

4H Puppy Pals Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner With Hot Potato Bar
A Benefit for the Tri-Valley School Backpack Program

Tickets available for advance purchase until March 15, then at the door. To purchase tickets or make a donation, see a Puppy Pals member or email us at puppypalsrock@gmail.com. Checks payable to: 4H Puppy Pals. Please write "Corned Beef Dinner" in the memo line.

Corned Beef & Cabbage; Hot Potato Bar with Fixins' PLUS: Roll, Dessert, & Beverage - Ticket: \$12.00. Dine In or Take Out

Donations for Backpack Program

Donations of non-perishable food will be collected: cereal, oatmeal, mac & cheese, Chef Boy R Dee, Spaghetti O's, peanut butter & jelly, soup, Ramen, pudding, canned fruit, tuna, granola bars, crackers with cheese/peanut butter, pancake mix & syrup. Thank you!

THE BUDGET BALANCING ACT Relying on "Savings" To Support Expenses

Kingston, NY (February 21, 2017) - The piggy bank of Ulster County government has been cracked open in an attempt to balance the 2017 County Budget. A \$16 million revenue shortfall has been projected as a result of liberally identifying expenses, as well as uncertainty in revenue streams other than sales and property taxes. This year's deficit variance has been filled through a fund balance appropriation.

Further conclusions indicated:

- Consistent over budgeting of revenues, including actual revenue shortfalls in four out of the last five years (2011-15);
- Consistent over budgeting of expenditures over the last five years at an average amount of \$17.43 million per year (2011-15); and
- Consistent over budgeting of salaries by including unfilled and vacant positions, creating a budget cushion of approximately \$2 million per year

The Office of the Ulster County Comptroller's 2016 4th Quarter Report on "Budgeting Revenues and Expenditures" concludes that a multi-year budget would "afford the County Legislature an extended view of the projected fund balance over time, while also providing an outlook on how the County intends to retain its fiscal strength and create safeguards from significant tax increase." Additionally, the Report supports ongoing Legislative approval and oversight in post budget appropriations by way of increased contingency fund appropriations - in lieu of consistently over budgeting expenditures.

The Report can be found on the Comptroller's website: www.YourEyesOnUlster.com

St. Patrick's Day Concert

In honor of St. Patrick's Day, « Concert at the Barn » series at the International Center for a Culture of Compassion in Woodbourne, NY, will feature a performance by Eric Banger and the Mashers on Sunday, March 12, 2017 at 3 pm, who will lead us on a pilgrimage through the history and music of the Irish Diaspora.



Taking inspiration from the figure of St. Patrick himself, originally a humble immigrant from western Britain, Eric Banger and the Mashers will explore the theme of migration as found in the rich traditions of Irish folk music. Influenced by Irish folk bands such as the Clancy Brothers, the Dubliners and the Pogues, and drawing upon the monumental print collections of Irish traditional music written in the nineteenth century, the band plays a fun combination of raucous drinking songs, touching folk ballads and energetic jigs and reels. Many songs poignantly capture both the trauma of the immigrant experience as well as its opportunities - both the acute sense of loss and longing in leaving friends and family as well as joy at finding peace in new surroundings. Certainly, these evocative songs from centuries past still have much to teach contemporary audiences.

Eric Banger and the Mashers formed in 2012 in Newburgh, NY with Jeff Doolittle and Greg Burak on guitars and vocals and Eric Petersen as the lead singer and bodhran player. While Greg and Eric have since moved on, Jeff has continued the band with Anastasia Solberg on fiddle, Liza Doolittle on vocals and Zach Brandman on mandolin. The members of the band lead varied lives: Jeff is a Ph.D. candidate in Medieval History at Fordham University; Anastasia is a classically-trained violinist who performs internationally and also teaches at SUNY Ulster; Liza is a jazz and blues singer and full-time mom and Zach is an insurance underwriter and plays bass in other local bands.

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

This event will be held on March 12th at 3:00 P.M. at 2299 Ulster Heights Road, Woodbourne 12788, 2 miles from Route 42. Price: \$10 on reservation, \$15 at the door, free for the kids. The seats are limited, make your reservation before the event at: 917 399 8354 or icccfr.a@gmail.com

Weather FORECAST

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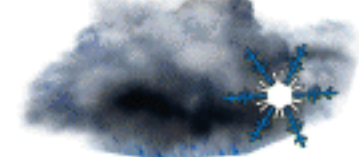
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THURSDAY



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FRIDAY



HIGH: 39°F LOW: 20°F

SATURDAY



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SUNDAY



HIGH: 58°F LOW: 35°F

MONDAY



HIGH: 57°F LOW: 30°F

TUESDAY



HIGH: 42°F LOW: 30°F

Casting Call for SCDW One Act Festival

(Hurleyville, NY) The Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop is holding arena style auditions for its upcoming One Act Festival at the Sullivan County Museum, 265 Main Street in Hurleyville on Saturday and Sunday, March 4, 5 from 1 - 4 pm. Please come prepared to do a cold reading. If you have a prepared monologue, you can bring that as well. Production dates for the One Act Festival are May 12-14 and 19-21 at the Rivoli Theatre in South Fallsburg. Several short plays are on tap - actors may audition for more than one production. A description of each and breakdown of actors needed follows. For additional information or to schedule an alternate audition time, phone the director at the number provided. In addition to the actors, behind-the-scenes stage managers and crew members are needed.

"Aunt Maggity's Dark and Stormy Night" by Edith Weiss (directed by Dawn Perneszi) - a light-hearted romp of a mystery that has a little bit of everything, from secrets and suspense to comedic chaos. Actors needed: 4 Men, 6 Women and two roles that could be either. Dawn can be reached at (845) 796-8399.

"Bette and Me" by Wendy Wasserstein (directed by Fran Schiff) - a one act comedy that chronicles how acclaimed author, Wendy Wasserstein met and interviewed the legendary singer and actress, Bette Midler. Actors needed: Two women, 40-60 (some singing) and additional smaller parts for a number of men and women, playing counter people, Rockettes, etc. Fran can be reached at (845) 701-9336.

"Bottle of Joy" by Charles E. Bright (directed by Bunny Woloszczak) - a delightful children's play takes place in the far off land of the Kingdom of Happy where... well, everybody's happy! The show is loaded with puns and plenty of witty verbal banter to entertain all ages. Actors needed: 9 children, boys and girls, ages 7-14, flexible casting. Bunny can be reached at (845) 866-3206.

"Confessor" written and directed by Shawn Bailey - an earnest young parish priest looking for a sign from above as he wrestles with the cost of his commitment until one series of confessions that may lead him to an answer or end his need for answers, permanently. Actors needed: Father Sanford McClure (Male, mid 20's - 30) - a young Roman Catholic Priest, Ellen Harriman (Female, late 20's - mid 30's) - pretty, but in a natural 'plain' way - not ostentatious or flirty looking. Monsignor Horton Endwell (Male, 60+) - a veteran Priest, full cassock sort of old school. Head pastor of the Church. Nicholas Downs (Male, late 20's - early 40's) - a youngish man. A small, nervous man, preferably with a unique voice. Shawn can be reached at (845) 887-4327.

"DMV Tyrant" by Christopher Durang (directed by Amber Schmidt) - a man goes to the DMV to renew his license. Naturally, the experience is infuriating. Actors Needed: One male, mid 20's. Amber can be reached at (845) 798-1000.

"How Blue is My Crocodile" by Arthur M. Jolly (directed by Harold Tighe) - two young girls play games that explore and reveal their concerns, while waiting for their father who is returning wounded from a tour of duty. Actors needed: Two females - elementary to middle school age (or older performers playing younger). Harold can be reached at (845) 807-7212.

"Lifesaver" written and directed by Mekayla Perneszi - Sam feels guilty about his past with his friends. While playing Sam's favorite board game, the truth about their past is revealed. Actors needed: Two men, age 16-25, 1 woman, 16-25, 1 man 30, 1 woman, 20. Mekayla can be reached at (845) 434-6152.

"Linger a While" written and directed by Sally Gladden - an original, absurd "comedy" that takes place in a retirement home and deals with how we treat oldsters in our society with a poignant theme. Actors needed: 1 Man, 30+ 1 Woman 40ish, "Peg Bundy" type and 2 extras to play oldsters, no lines (Male or Female). Sally can be reached at (845) 434-0209.

"Nights Thinking of Paris" by Laura Lonshein Ludwig (directed by Constance Slater) - a current day detective story about a woman who is rescued from a

deceptive man who is stealing her money and jewels while attempting to convince her of the security and love he will offer her in marriage. Actors needed: Ann (Female, 50) - an attractive woman, being conned. Peter (Male, 50) - the charming con man. James (Male, 50's) - The private detective. Three additional women of any age and one additional man (50's) are needed for smaller roles. Constance can be reached at (845) 436-6309.

"Trapped" - a mystery in one act by Ben H. Winters (directed by Lori Schneider) - a theatre company is rehearsing Ira Levin's "Deathtrap" and the Producer is found murdered. Enter a NYC Homicide detective to interview the Cast and Crew. She is no-nonsense in sharp contrast to the nonsense that abounds all around her. Actors needed: Stage Manager (Male 40's+) - a combination of administrative prowess and social awkwardness. Director (Female, young 20's) - she is young and smart - constantly evaluating and feeling she needs to direct everything. Lewis Canon (Male, 50something) - the actor playing Sidney Bruhl has the pompous self-regard befitting a star much bigger than himself. Marcus Vowell (Male, young 20's) - the actor playing young playwright, Clifford Anderson - he's theatrical, even for a theatre person. Good looking and butch with a high camp affect. Detective (Female 30's+) - this role is written for a Chinese actress but if we are unable to cast it as such, the playwright would like the role to be played by another Woman of Color. A no-nonsense NYPD detective, working Homicide. Lori can be reached at (845) 701-0142.

Register Now for Spring Break Day Camp

Spring Break, believe it or not, is a little over a month away. If a tropical trip isn't in the forecast for your family for the week long break, Frost Valley YMCA offers kids and teens ages 4-15 a wonderful way to celebrate the end of winter and the beginning of the new season: Spring Break Day Camp.



From April 10-14, Spring Break Day Campers will enjoy crafts, games, hiking, candle making, healthy cooking lessons, climbing, and other active programs, while surrounded by nature. Weather permitting, campers have the opportunity to take an offsite trip to a local indoor pool, and they'll experience a tour of Frost Valley's Maple Sugar House to learn how maple syrup is made (and to taste some from a fresh batch). A visit the Frost Valley Farm is a traditional favorite - there they'll meet and pet baby farm animals. Lunch, snacks, and transportation are all included. It's five days of fun, adventures, learning, developing, and making new friends.

Visit FrostValley.org to learn more or call (845) 985-2291 to register today.

Don't forget: When spring is in the air, Catskills maple syrup is in the making! Frost Valley YMCA's free annual Maple Sugaring Open Houses take place March 18 & 19 and April 25 & 26 from 10 am-4 pm. During these family-friendly events, guests have the opportunity to learn about the entire tree-to-table process of how delicious Catskills maple syrup is made. They'll enjoy an educational walk along the nature trails by the Frost Valley Maple Sugar House to learn about the tapping process, how to identify sugar maple trees, and about the evaporation method that boils sap into syrup. At the end of the tour, they'll receive a sample of Frost Valley's fresh maple syrup to taste. Bottles and small jugs of syrup are also available for purchase.

METS Live at SUNY Sullivan

Saturday, March 11, 2017 LA TRAVIATA (Start - 12:55 pm) Sonya Yoncheva sings one of opera's most beloved heroines, the tragic courtesan Violetta, a role in which she triumphed on the Met stage in 2015, opposite Michael Fabiano as her lover, Alfredo, and Thomas Hampson as his father, Germont. Carmen Giannattasio sings later performances of the title role opposite Atalla Ayan, with the great Plácido Domingo as Germont. Nicola Luisotti conducts.

Saturday, March 25, 2017 IDOMENEO (Start - 12:55 pm) Mozart's first operatic masterpiece returns to the Met in the classic Jean-Pierre Ponnelle production, conducted by Music Director Emeritus James Levine. The superb ensemble includes Matthew Polenzani as the king torn by a rash vow; mezzo-soprano Alice Coote in the trouser role of his noble son Idamante; soprano Nadine Sierra as Ilia; and soprano Elza van den Heever as the volatile Elettra, who loves Idamante to the bounds of madness.

Saturday, April 22, 2017 EUGENE ONEGIN (Start - 12:55 pm) Tchaikovsky's setting of Pushkin's timeless verse novel is presented on the Met stage in Deborah Warner's moving production, starring Anna Netrebko and Dmitri Hvorostovsky as Tatiana and Onegin. Alexey Dolgov sings the role of Lenski, and Robin Ticciati conducts.

Saturday, May 13, 2017 DER ROSENKAVALIER (Start - 12:30 pm) The dream cast of Renée Fleming as the Marschallin and Elina Garanca as Octavian star in Strauss's grandest opera. In his new production, Robert Carsen, the director behind the Met's recent Falstaff, places the action at the end of the Habsburg Empire, underscoring the opera's subtext of class and conflict against a rich backdrop of gilt and red

damask, in a staging that also stars Günther Groissböck as Baron Ochs. Sebastian Weigle conducts the sparkingly perfect score.

Saturday, June 10, 2017 TRISTAN UND ISOLDE - ENCORE PRESENTATION (Start - 12 noon) Tristan und Isolde opens the Met season in a new production by Mariusz Trelinski (the director responsible for the 2014-15 season's double bill of Iolanta and Bluebeard's Castle), and will be well served by a cast of outstanding Wagnerians: Nina Stemme as Isolde, Stuart Skelton as Tristan, Ekaterina Gubanova as Brangäne, and René Pape as King Marke, with Sir Simon Rattle conducting, in one of his rare appearances at the Met.

Saturday, June 24, 2017 DON GIOVANNI - ENCORE PRESENTATION (Start - 12 noon) Three charismatic singers, Simon Keenlyside, Ildar Abdrazakov, and Mariusz Kwiecien, share the role of the title hero, who goes to hell in a dazzling coup de théâtre. The ensemble of great Mozartean singers includes Angela Meade, Marina Rebeka, Isabel Leonard, Matthew Polenzani, Erwin Schrott, and Paul Appleby. Fabio Luisi and Plácido Domingo conduct.

Oscar Nominee 'Hidden Figures (PG) at Callicoon Theater

Starting Friday, March 3, Delaware Valley Arts Alliance and the Callicoon Theater present "Hidden Figures," the story of a team of African-American women mathematicians who served a vital role in NASA during the early years of the US space program. The

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film stars Taraji P. Henson, Octavia Spencer, and Janelle Monáe, and co-stars Kevin Costner, Kirsten Dunst, and Jim Parsens.

As the United States raced against Russia to put a man in space, NASA found untapped talent in a group of African-American female mathematicians that served as the brains behind one of the greatest operations in U.S. history. Based on the true life stories of three of these women, known as "human computers," we follow these women as they quickly rose the ranks of NASA alongside many of history's greatest minds specifically tasked with calculating the momentous launch of astronaut John Glenn into orbit, and guaranteeing his safe return. Dorothy Vaughan, Mary Jackson, and Katherine Johnson crossed all gender, race, and professional lines while their brilliance and desire to dream big, beyond anything ever accomplished before by the human race, firmly cemented them in U.S. history as true American heroes.

"This splashy, feel-good period piece is every bit as enjoyable as a best picture Oscar-nominated blockbuster could hope to be," says Simran Hans of the Observer (UK).

Hidden Figures will screen Friday, March 3 through Monday, March 6, nightly at 7:30 pm, with matinees at 2 pm on Saturday and Sunday. The Callicoon Theater is located at 30 Upper Main St, Callicoon, NY. Admission is \$11 (\$9 admission on Mondays and matinees) and \$7.50 for children under 12 at all shows.

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

DEP Encourages College Students to Apply for Watershed Internships

(From Pg. 2) "Our summer internships in the watershed offer unique opportunities to work alongside experts who oversee a marvel of modern engineering - the New York City water supply system," DEP Acting Commissioner Vincent Sapienza said. "DEP hopes the internship program inspires young people to pursue a career that focuses on protecting public health and the environment. I encourage college students from the watershed and surrounding regions to apply for these excellent learning opportunities."

The intern positions available include summer work associated with upstate water quality laboratories, water quality field operations, engineering, community water connections, water system modeling, natural resources, and science and research. The internships are located at DEP's offices in Delaware, Sullivan, Ulster and Westchester counties. In addition to the watershed opportunities, DEP also offers summer internships at its offices in New York City.

Information about these internships, including online applications, can be found on the DEP website at:

http://www.nyc.gov/html/dep/html/job_opportunities/icims_internships.shtml.

Prospective interns are encouraged to carefully read the qualifications for each job to determine whether they meet the enrollment, GPA, coursework and other requirements. Candidates must submit applications by April 7.

Classic Matinee Film Series

Returns to Shadowland Stages

James Cagney in "Something to Sing About"; Sherlock Holmes in "The Scarlet Claw"; Charlie Chaplin in "The Gold Rush"; and John Wayne in "The Shepherd of the Hills"; with Original Trailers, Shorts, Cartoons and continuing serial "Adventures of Captain Marvel" Scheduled for March and April Dates for the 2017 Matinees at Shadowland series.

ELLENVILLE, NY, February, 2017 - Shadowland Stages - the premiere professional Equity theater in the Hudson Valley - is warming up the winter months with its sixth series of Matinees at Shadowland classic movie events. Located in downtown Ellenville, NY, Shadowland is inviting Lower Hudson Valley residents to return with them to those golden days of yesteryear for a series of four vintage feature films, augmented with an entertaining array of rare short subjects.

The series begins Saturday, March 4th, at 2:00 pm with "Something to Sing About", starring James Cagney, Evelyn Daw and William Frawley. This 1937 musical comedy is a satire on Hollywood, made during a period when Cagney was rebelling against Warner Bros studios. For those who have seen CAGNEY! on Broadway, here is a chance to see Jim himself dancing up a storm five years before his Oscar-winning turn as George M. Cohan. Also on the program is an Art Deco cartoon, "Page Miss Glory"; a long-unseen Andy Clyde comedy "Mister Smarty"; and Chapter Five of "Adventures of Captain Marvel" starring Tom Tyler, the thrill-packed serial that began as part of our 2016 series.

The series will continue on Saturday, March 18th, with Basil Rathbone and Nigel Bruce as Sherlock Holmes and Doctor Watson in "The Scarlet Claw", the eighth film starring the popular duo. This 1944 release takes Holmes and Watson to Canada to battle "the Marsh Monster". In addition to a Technicolor Woody Woodpecker cartoon, the March 18th program will feature a Johnny Downs musical short and a rare all-star wartime instructional short "Keeping Fit" with Broderick Crawford and Lon Chaney.

On April 1st we will present Charlie Chaplin in his classic silent feature "The Gold Rush", co-starring Georgia Hale and Mack Swain. Also on the program will be the first synchronous Mickey Mouse cartoon "Steamboat Willie" and a classic silent short, "Liberty", starring Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy.

The series concludes on April 15th with an early Technicolor feature starring John Wayne and Harry Carey - "The Shepherd of the Hills" - based on one of the most beloved and venerable favorites of American storytelling. In addition to a Max Fleischer Popeye cartoon and Paramount Sports I.Q., the April 15 show will include a Technicolor George Pal Puppetoon. Each of the Matinees at Shadowland events will feature a chapter of "Adventures of Captain Marvel".

"We've got a very eclectic collection of films this year," says series coordinator Ray Faiola. "In

addition to the outstanding feature films, our accompanying short subjects are, for the most part, ones that have not been shown in decades. And, of course, we continue to present our events entirely on celluloid rather than use digital projection."

"Matinees at Shadowland," according to Brendan Burke, Artistic Director of Shadowland Stages, "gives us a chance to keep the theater open prior to our Main Stage season, and it continues to offer young and old alike a chance to enjoy the type of movie-going experience that has long since disappeared from the mainstream."

The complete programs of all four Matinees at Shadowland events are as follows:

Saturday March 4th - SOMETHING TO SING ABOUT James Cagney; PAGE MISS GLORY Merrie Melodie; MISTER SMARTY Andy Clyde; THE SCORPION STRIKES; Chapter Five of *Adventures of Captain Marvel*

Saturday March 18th - THE SCARLET CLAW Basil Rathbone and Nigel Bruce; ACE IN THE HOLE Woody Woodpecker; KEEPING FIT Broderick Crawford, Robert Stack, Lon Chaney; LENS OF DEATH; Chapter Six of *Adventures of Captain Marvel*

Saturday April 1st - THE GOLD RUSH Charlie Chaplin; STEAMBOAT WILLIE Mickey Mouse; LIBERTY Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy; HUMAN TARGETS; Chapter Seven of *Adventures of Captain Marvel*

Saturday, April 15th THE SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS John Wayne, Betty Field, Harry Carey; GOONLAND Popeye cartoon; SPORTS I.Q. MR. STRAUSS TAKES A WALK BOOMERANG; Chapter Eight of *Adventures of Captain Marvel*

"Matinees at Shadowland" is sponsored by local Ellenville-Wawarsing businesses Aroma Thyme Bistro, TJ Briggs, Collier & Berger, LLC, Craft Chiropractors, The French Corner, Gaby's Cafe, Gillette Creamery, Mary Ellen Flemming - Westwood Metes & Bounds Realty, Il Paradiso, Kalter, Kaplan, Zeiger & Forman, Dr. Arthur Lukoff, Marbella Ristorante, Matthews Pharmacy, Mimmy's, Peters Market, The Publik House, Carl and Nancy Rosenstock, The Sons of the Desert, Thornton Inc., and Tony & Nick's Italian Kitchen.

Admission is only \$10 for adults, \$7 for children, and tickets are available at the Shadowland box office at 157 Canal Street, Ellenville, NY. For more information or to reserve seats, call 845-647-5511. Trailers for each of the films can be seen at Shadowland's website

<http://www.shadowlandstages.org>

About Shadowland Stages

Shadowland Stages is the leading professional non-profit Actors' Equity company in the Lower Hudson Valley/Catskill Mountain region. Located only 90 miles from New York City in Ellenville, NY, Shadowland has been producing live theater for 32 years. Shadowland performs in a beautifully restored 1920's Art Deco vaudeville/movie house converted to a 184-seat theatre. For more information, visit <http://www.shadowlandtheatre.org>.

Yoga 4 Classrooms Workshop Makes Exercise Fun Again

LIBERTY, NY- School educators, teachers' aides, youth leaders, and community members are invited to a Yoga 4 Classrooms workshop on Friday, March 17, 2017. Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County (CCESC) will host this workshop for adults at its Extension Education Center on 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road in Liberty. Participants are advised to wear comfortable clothing and footwear, and bring a bag lunch. No yoga experience or equipment necessary.

Jill Holland, Yoga 4 Classrooms implement leader will present this six-hour interactive, professional development workshop. Participants will learn how to:

- Understand the neuroscience of stress, the symptoms, and how it affects learning and behavior;

- Integrate 67 simple, classroom-friendly yoga and mindfulness techniques into a class day and with individual students to support self-awareness, self-regulation, social and emotional learning, and resilience;
- Facilitate learning readiness which can improve student achievement;
- Improve classroom management while supporting students' individual needs, cultivating a positive, peaceful, productive classroom climate; and
- Become a more effective educator as they lead and practice these tools with students.

Participants will receive a downloadable manual, note-taking guide, and certificate of completion. Additional purchases for activity cards can be made at www.yoga4classrooms.com/activity-card-deck/

Cost is \$60 per non-school staff person. School administrators should contact SueAnn Boyd, CCESC healthy schools coordinator, at srb46@cornell.edu to register staff.

Space is limited and registration with non-refundable payment is required in advance. Registration can be completed by calling CCESC at 845-292-6180, emailing sullivan@cornell.edu, or visiting www.sullivanvance.org. Payment can be made in advance by check, cash, or credit. Additional donations for CCESC programs are appreciated.

"Valentine Cabaret" is Heartwarming, Hilarious Musical

- William A. Brenner
Theatrical Reviewer

The Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop's "Valentine Cabaret" was scheduled for February 10, 11, and 12, 2017 before the Tuesday February 14th Valentine's Day. So was the heavy snowfall, icy roads and freezing temperatures. So the enterprising fifteen musicians rescheduled the final performance until after Valentine's Day on Sunday afternoon, February 19th at the Sullivan County Museum, Art & Cultural Center in Hurleyville.

And what a wonderful "Valentine Cabaret" it was. The theatre was packed. All the reserve folding chairs were unfolded, and the enthusiastic singers gave an appreciative, heartwarming, hilarious show. The affairs of the heart on Valentine's Day can be a funny, troublesome and/or a truly emotional time, musically speaking.

The entire cast opened with "Some Kind of Wonderful" followed by Ellen Pavloff's "Dream a Little Dream of Me".

Karen Beals then blasted the show open with her animated "Blue Skies". Karen also closed the show with her emphatic "Can't Help Lovin' that Man of Mine".

The audience got involved with Mary Burkart's spot-on impression of Liza Minelli's comic classic "Ring Them Bells" about a single New York City woman who traveled around the world to find the man "who took her reason away" living in the apartment next door.

Shawn Bailey had the audience crying with his personal story singing "Time in a Bottle" and then singing Billy Joel's "Always A Woman to Me".

Love can be cruel and haunting as depicted in a song by recently deceased Leonard Cohen. Teri Paris sang "Dance Me to the End of Love" which she explained was about a famous violinist in a World War II concentration camp who was forced to play while his beloved wife was led to the gas chamber.

Stephanie Watson hilariously interspersed the classic "My Funny Valentine" with "Love Stinks" while Lori Schneider demonstrated musically love put downs and exhilaration with "Straighten Up and Fly Right" and "When You Say Nothing At All". Lori's singing style combined swinging jazz with a touch of Klezmer.

The Cabaret included a pitch for the younger teenage crowd. Our future local Taylor Swift, Mekayla Permeszi sang out "Let It Go" from the Disney movie "Frozen", and "Dear Future Husband" ("treat me nice even when I'm crazy"), then got into a musical "pushing battled" with Amber Schmidt in "I Won't Say I'm in Love" (Amber also sang the lovely befuddled "Kermit the Frog") and became a rock and roll background singer with Amber and Karen Beals, backing up Teri Hall singing Titanic's "My Heart Will Go On". The Titanic segment of the show was an absolute show stopper.

After 12 years performing with SCDW, Teri Hall is moving. Her contributions will be fondly remembered.

However Kim Schneeberger has returned singing "Blank Space" and was part of a trio in the provocative "All About that Bass".

The entire cast closed the show with Elton John's sentiment of "Your Song".

Special recognition must be given to Director Jim Schmidt who was also Technical Director, Lighting and Sound Design. He was also the drummer in the two-man orchestra. The other outstanding musician was pianist Leon Helfstein.

Overcoming this wintry weather, this was a Valentine Cabaret to warm your heart.

Weekly Legislative Recap from Congressman Faso

On Affordable Care Act reform and other important issues, the most effective way for a representative to advocate on behalf of his constituents is to meet one on one or in small groups.

This week I was proud to cosponsor two pieces of healthcare legislation: one ensures individuals with pre-existing conditions are not discriminated against when seeking health insurance; the other bill helps small businesses offer more affordable insurance options to their employees.

I have long stated that we must preserve the provisions of the Affordable Care Act that work. One of these provisions is protection for patients with pre-existing conditions. This week I became a cosponsor of H.R. 1121, the Pre-existing Conditions Protection Act, which prohibits health insurance companies from discriminating against individuals with pre-existing conditions. This means that insurance companies would be barred from denying coverage or charging individuals with pre-existing conditions higher premiums. If enacted, this legislation would take effect in the case of a pre-existing conditions provision repeal.

I also became a cosponsor of H.R. 1101, the Small Business Health Fairness Act of 2017. This bill would allow small businesses to join together in association health plans, giving them the power to negotiate lower healthcare costs for their employees. If enacted, the Small Business Health Fairness Act would:

Increase small businesses' bargaining power with insurance providers and put them on a more level playing field with larger companies and unions.

Expand affordable coverage for working families who want to purchase health insurance through their employer.

Lower administrative costs for small businesses who face limited resources and want to provide health insurance to their employees.

FY 2018 Executive Budget Updates Bureaucratic Laws to Allow Charitable Organizations to Raise More Funds Through Raffles, Other Games

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced a proposal to modernize laws to make it easier for charitable organizations to raise funds through gaming, including raffles, bell jar and other types of games. This proposal, part of the FY 2018 Executive Budget, will help veterans' organizations such as The Veterans of Foreign Wars, The American Legion and Disabled American Veterans; fraternal and service organizations including the Loyal Order of Moose, Fraternal Order of Eagles, and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; and hundreds of churches, volunteer fire departments and other non-profits across the state raise funds for their organizations.

"For too long, red tape and outdated laws on the books have inhibited the efforts of well-intentioned charities to raise crucial funds in support of their good work," Governor Cuomo said. "These reforms will modernize our laws, remove burdensome obstacles and allow non-profits to raise more funds from generous New Yorkers to support important causes that improve our communities, protect our environment and help save lives."

Due to outdated statutes, restrictions and antiquated reporting requirements, these groups have been unable to fully capitalize on charitable fundraising, therefore leaving worthwhile causes underfunded. Governor Cuomo's measures revamp the many archaic charitable gaming laws to give organizations more flexibility and removes bureaucracy when seeking to raise funds for their charitable purposes.

The proposal consolidates a number of charitable gaming statutes from various sections of law, removing duplicative language to create a single set of laws. Governor Cuomo's proposal includes:

- Allowing charitable organizations to sell raffle tickets and conduct games of chance through use of checks, credit and debit cards
- Permitting charitable organizations to conduct games in additional locations (beyond their own, municipal-owned or other charitable organization properties) and make it easier for organizations to get approval for off-site games
- Reducing the number of years that a charitable organization must be in existence from three to one in order to conduct games of chance, in line with the current requirement for bingo operators
- Moving charitable gaming forms and applications online to minimize paperwork for charitable

organizations and municipalities

- Lessening restrictions on charitable gaming advertising to include online and off-premise ads
- Formally permitting charitable organizations to conduct gaming on Sundays and remove restricted hours for certain games
- Increasing the prize limitations for bell jar from \$500 to \$1,000 (maximum aggregate prizes from \$3,000 to \$6,000) and bingo from \$1,000 to \$5,000 (maximum aggregate prizes from \$3,000 to \$15,000)
- Eliminating one of three categories of raffles, thereby simplifying compliance for charitable organizations.
- Permitting alcoholic beverages to be included as prizes for charitable gaming
- Providing flexibility for fee-setting by transferring such provisions from statute to the Gaming Commission regulations
- In the coming months, the New York State Gaming Commission will conduct public hearings across the state to gather input from charitable organizations on any additional improvements to New York charitable gaming laws and regulations.

To learn more about charitable gaming in New York, visit www.gaming.ny.gov.

Governor Cuomo Announces \$8 million for Upgrades at Belleayre Ski Resort - Funding will Support the Construction of a New Gondola and Upgrades to the Base Lodge at Belleayre Mountain • Expansion Will Allow for More Trails, and Year-Round Recreational Opportunities

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo announced the state will invest an additional \$8 million for upgrades at Belleayre Ski Center in Highmount to attract more visitors and build on the Catskill Region's burgeoning tourism industry. The investment will enhance the current facilities at Belleayre Mountain with the installation of a new, high-speed gondola, multiple lodge expansions and the addition of modern amenities for both lodges at the resort. The project will increase visitation, enhance customer experience and provide a major boost to tourism in the Catskills and the region's economy.

"Belleayre Mountain is one of the crown jewels of the Catskills and a major driver of the region's tourism economy," Governor Cuomo said. "With this investment, we are supporting vital upgrades at this mountain to ensure it remains an unparalleled year-round recreation destination and continues to leverage economic growth for the entire region for generations to come."

"This plan will overhaul the Belleayre Ski Resort to address areas of need, increase visitation and overall enhance customer satisfaction," said ORDA President & CEO Ted Blazer. "The additions of the new gondola, and modern day lodge amenities at Belleayre will attract new skiers and riders and encourage them to stay in the New York area for their resort experience. I would like to thank the Governor for his continued commitment to not only Belleayre, but to the Catskill Region."

The FY 2018 Executive Budget includes \$12.5 million for Olympic Regional Development Authority facilities, which includes Belleayre, Whiteface and Gore Mountains, as well as Olympic facilities. Last month, the Governor announced an additional \$20 million to upgrade the facilities at Whiteface and Gore Mountains in the North Country and build on the region's burgeoning tourism industry. These new capital investments are being added to the Executive Budget as part of the 30-day amendments, submitted today.

New High-Speed Gondola

Upgrades at Belleayre Mountain include the construction of a high-speed, eight-person gondola that will span from the lower mountain Discovery Lodge to the mountain summit, providing more efficient, logical, and necessary access point to skiers and riders. The installation of this lift, along with other proposed changes, would overhaul the entire facility and elevate Belleayre to a higher level of resort experience. The new gondola will include 65 cabins that will transport guests to the summit in under six minutes, massively increasing the skier capacity of the mountain and providing for a better ski experience. The Gondola would also provide additional revenue opportunities as the use of indoor cabins allows for the following offerings:

- Nordic and Cross Country skiing at the expansive summit of the mountain;
- Year-round scenic gondola rides as sold at Whiteface & Gore Mountains;
- Mountain biking from the mountain summit; and
- Wedding and private party rentals at mountain summit.

Belleayre Lodge Improvements

The mountain has two primary lodges, the Discovery Lodge at the lower base area lodge that services beginner terrain and rental facilities, and the Overlook Lodge, which accesses the upper mountain offerings

and handles the majority of food and beverage offerings. With the addition of a Gondola, expanding lodge offerings is critical to sustaining the additional guest base expected as a result. The state will provide \$1.5 million for upgrades at each of the lodges.

o **Discovery Lodge Improvements:** The Discovery Lodge at Belleayre contains a children's learning area, ski school areas, cafeteria, bathrooms, and a small bar/café. Improvements to the Discovery Lodge will increase its current seating capacity, retail space, increased food/beverage locations, and addition of office space. This would provide enough space to have a fully functioning learning area for all ages with the necessary amenities to service these guests as needed including bar and restaurant style offerings.

• **Overlook Lodge Improvements:** The Overlook Lodge currently provides guest access and gathering at the lift points reaching upper mountain, and contains a cafeteria area as well as a bar and restaurant with an attached deck. Improvements in this area will expand increase seating capacity, storage and locker areas, daycare facilities, and expansion of food and beverage offerings.

Improvements at Belleayre Mountain will support the facility's role as a major driver of the Catskill Region's tourism industry and will ultimately expand economic growth and investment opportunities for the surrounding communities. It will also make unparalleled skiing and winter recreation opportunities more accessible to visitors from New York City and downstate regions closer than other skiing locations throughout the northeast.

Tourism in the Catskill Region

Since taking office, the Governor has worked to grow New York's tourism industry in the Catskills region. Last year, the Governor hosted the Catskills Summer Challenge to highlight the world-class attractions and activities readily available in the Catskills with the goal of driving tourism and boosting the region's economy.

In 2015, the total economic impact of tourism industry in the region reached \$1.83 billion, an increase of more than 13 percent since 2010. Visitation is up 14 percent since 2010 with more than 11 million visitors to the Catskills in 2015. In addition, tourism is vital to the region's economy, representing more than 15 percent of the region's employment, or over 17,000 jobs.

The investment at Belleayre Mountain builds on the Governor's accomplishments that are already setting the stage for future growth in the Catskills region, including:

- Over \$5.4 million invested in the Catskills region by DEC to improve fishing access, hiking trails, campgrounds and infrastructure;
- The Maurice D. Hinchey Catskill Interpretive Center, a \$1.3 million project supported by New York Works, which was completed in 2015 and provides information to visitors about the 700,000-acre Catskill Park;
- Improvements to enhance the experience of visitors and increase public safety, including an observation platform, completed at Kaaterskill Falls; and
- The I LOVE NEW YORK Bus hosts regular ski trips from Manhattan to Catskills' slopes, including Hunter Mountain and Belleayre, to drive tourism Upstate.

\$25 Million Grant Program for Safety and Security Upgrades at Schools and Day Care Centers At Risk of Hate Crimes or Attacks Because of Their Ideology, Beliefs or Mission

\$5,000 Reward for Any Information Leading to Arrest and Conviction for a Hate Crime / New Hate Crimes Text Line - Text "HATE" to 81336 to Report Incidents of Bias and Discrimination

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo announced new actions to combat hate crimes and anti-Semitism across New York State. The measures include a \$25 million grant program to boost safety and security at New York's schools and day care centers at risk of hate crimes or attacks because of their ideology, beliefs or mission. The grant program will provide funding for additional security training needs, cameras and state-of-the-art technology, door-hardening, improved lighting and other related security upgrades. The Governor made the announcement following a roundtable with over 50 religious leaders from across the state, including members representing the Christian, Jewish and Muslim faiths.

At the Governor's direction, the state will also expand its toll-free hotline to include text message capability to report incidents of bias and discrimination. A \$5,000 reward is also being made available for any information leading to an arrest and conviction for a hate crime.

**Claryville Fire Dept.
Corned Beef
& Cabbage Supper**



Saturday, March 11
Serving from 4:00 to 7:00 PM
Adults \$13.00
Beverage included
Children under 12, \$8.00,
under 5 yrs. Free

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



**Calvary Baptist Church
10th Annual Game Dinner**

Saturday March 11 2017
4pm-8pm

Door Prizes • Trophy Mounts

Guest Speaker Dave Tripiciano

Loch Sheldrake Fire House
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Tickets are \$12 for ages 12 and up
Call 845-985-7410 for info and tickets

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Coffee, Beer, Wine & Soft Drinks.

You must be 21 or older to consume alcoholic beverages.

Thursday, March 16 • 5 - 7 pm
Neversink Fire Hall
7468 State Route 55
Neversink NY 12765

**Proceeds benefit the Sullivan County
Veterans Coalition**

Tickets: \$20 in advance . \$25 at the door
\$10 children 5 - 10 / No charge for children
under 5 Seating is limited, so please email
Hillary Egeland at hegeland@sunysullivan.edu
or call her today at 845-434-5750, ext. 4377 to
reserve your tickets.

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Spring Fling

March 25 • 5 pm

Chicken & Biscuits

\$10 per person

Reservations Only

Deadline for Reservations Mar 20)

Call: 985-2455

**Sundown United Methodist
Church Hall**

**First Friday
Book Discussion Group**

The book club meets on the first Friday of the
month in the Upper Level Conference Room of the
Daniel Pierce Library in Grahamsville, N.Y.
from 1 to 3 p.m.

Refreshments are provided by the members.

New members welcome!

March 3, 2017 book discussion: "The Poisonwood
Bible" by Barbara Kingsolver.



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The Little Church with the Big Heart

Sunday, 8 am Service of Holy Communion, except:

Second Saturday of each month, 5:00 pm

Music by Fred VanWagner

Coffee hour follows service

All are welcome!

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**Claryville Fire Dept.
All You Can Eat
Pancake Breakfast**



Sunday, March 19

Serving 7:00 until 12 Noon

Adults: \$9: Children Ages 5-11: \$5

Under 5 Yrs. Free

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

**Claryville Reformed
Church**

Claryville Road
Claryville, NY 12725
845-985-2041



Bible Class 9:00 am

Worship Services @ 10:00 am

Rev. Paul Nulton

John Bult, Organist

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Weekend Mass schedule:

Saturday afternoon: 4:30 pm

Sunday morning: 9:00 am and 11:30 am

Daily Mass schedule:

Monday afternoon: 5:45 pm (Holy Rosary at 5:30 pm);
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday mornings: (includes
Morning Prayer) - 8:50 am

Saturday afternoon confessions: 3:45 to 4:15 pm

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

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Service Times

Sunday Worship
Service 10:30 am

Thursday
Prayer 7 pm



Meet the
new Pastor,
**Camille
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P. O. Box 480

507 Hasbrouck Drive

Woodbourne, NY 12788

845-434-8263

Email:
Crosswayag@jesusanswers.com

Sundown United Methodist Church

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

Grahamsville United Methodist Church

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

Mid-week Bible Study opportunities available!

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

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Saturday, Mar 4

5:30 pm

**Covered Dish
Supper**

Spring Fling

March 25 • 5 pm

Chicken & Biscuits • \$10

Reservations Only

(Deadline for Reservations

March 20)

Call: 985-2455

Sundown

United Methodist

Church Hall

**Grahamsville
United
Methodist
Church**

**Third Saturday
Thrift Sale**

9 am- 1 pm

March 18

St. Augustine's Chapel

Watson Hollow Rd. • West Shokan, NY

Sunday Mass - 9:30 am

Holy Days 5:30 pm

Penance 9:00 am, 2nd Sunday of the month

Rev. George W. Hommel, Pastor

Grahamsville Reformed Church

Sunday School 9:30 A.M.

Worship Service 9:30 A.M.

Rev. Paul Z. Ruter, Pastor

845-985-7480

LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICE:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: FILING
of the ANNUAL REPORT:

AS required by New York State Town Law § 29(10-a) the Town of Denning ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT for the year 2016 has been completed and filed with the New York State Office of the State Comptroller. The report is on file in the Office of the Town Clerk and available for inspection during normal business hours at the Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Road, Claryville, N.Y. 12725. Call 985-2411 for further information.

BY ORDER OF
THE DENNING TOWN BOARD
Joy Monforte,
Town Clerk
Feb. 22, 2017

3/2/17

**ATTENTION:
PARENTS OF NON-PUBLIC
SCHOOL STUDENTS**

The Tri-Valley Central School District in accordance with Section 3635(2) of the Education Law requires that requests for transportation to a non-public school for the 2017-2018 school year be submitted, in writing, prior to April 1, 2017.

Tri-Valley residents should submit their requests to:

District Clerk
Tri-Valley Central School District
34 Moore Hill Road
Grahamsville, New York 12740
By Order of the Board of Education.
Norma Peña District Clerk
February 21, 2017

3/2/17

TVCS Superintendent's Message

Dear School Community,

The year is going by so fast. We are approaching March and spring is around the corner. There are a number of items I would like to share with you.

The Sullivan County BOCES and the New York State Education Department are going to host an "Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)" (formerly known as the "No Child Left Behind Act") Community Forum on March 9, 2017. This is a public input meeting and members of the public, parents/families of school-aged children, K-12 educators, Sullivan County school board members, students, local business owners, members of the higher education community and representatives of civic organizations are invited to attend to provide their feedback on the State's ESSA educational plan.

Pre-registration is required and can be made by calling (845) 295-4016. I hope you can join me at the forum.

There is also a flyer on our website. Our school is hosting the Sullivan County Music Educators' Association's (SCMEA) "All-County Festival" on March 3rd and 4th. This is a great opportunity to see some of our students who excel in Chorus and Band. The concerts are on Saturday, 3:00 Elementary Chorus, Middle School Band and Senior High String Orchestra and the second concert is at 5:00, Senior High Jazz Ensemble, Senior High Women and Mixed Choruses and the Junior High Band.

In an effort to support this program at our school, we will be DISMISSING AT 1:55 ON FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 2017. This will help the program as there will be hundreds of students coming to our school on Friday to practice for the concerts on Saturday. Thank you in advance for your continued support of the programs in our District and we are excited to host the event this year.

It is budget season for the 2017-2018 budget. If you get a chance, please come out to the Board Meetings on March 2 and 16 as we are presenting and discussing the budget for the upcoming school year. We also have updated information on the website for you to peruse.

The Board adopted the 2017 - 2018 Academic Calendar at their February 16, 2017 Board Meeting. This calendar can be found on our school's website.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact my office 985-2296 x 5102 or Mr. Whitaker's office at 985-2296 x 5202.

Thank You.

Sincerely,
Thomas W. Palmer
Superintendent

**TRI-VALLEY
CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Regular Board Meeting #13

FISCAL YEAR 2016 - 2017
Thursday, March 2, 2017

SECONDARY SCHOOL LIBRARY UPPER
LEVEL

ANTICIPATED EXECUTIVE SESSION -
6:00 P.M.

SECONDARY SCHOOL LIBRARY LOWER
LEVEL - REGULAR BOARD MEETING #13
- 7:00 P.M.

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

THE AGENDA IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

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

ANNOUNCEMENT

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

**1-Year Elementary School Maternity
Leave Replacement
For 2017 - 2018 school year
Must have NYS Certification**

Interested parties should apply on OLAS or
submit letter of interest and application to:
Mr. Thomas Palmer, Superintendent
Tri-Valley Secondary School
34 Moore Hill Road
Grahamsville, New York 12740

Deadline for receiving applications/letters of
interest:
March 3, 2017

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ANNOUNCEMENT

The following position is available at
Tri-Valley Central School
for 2017 - 2018:

**Elementary School Teacher
Must have NYS Certification
Multiple Certifications Preferred**

Interested parties should apply on OLAS or
submit letter
of interest and application to:
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ANNOUNCEMENT

The following position is available
at Tri-Valley Central School for 2017 - 2018:

**7-12 English Teacher
Must have NYS Certification**

Interested parties should apply on OLAS or
submit letter
of interest and application to:
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Grahamsville, New York 12740

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March 3, 2017

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ANNOUNCEMENT

The following position is available
at Tri-Valley Central School for 2017 - 2018:

**Business Teacher
Must have NYS Certification**

Interested parties should apply on OLAS or
submit letter of interest and application to:
Mr. Thomas Palmer, Superintendent
Tri-Valley Secondary School
34 Moore Hill Road
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Deadline for receiving applications/letters of
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March 3, 2017

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ANNOUNCEMENT

The following anticipated position is available
at Tri-Valley Central School for 2017 - 2018:

**Math 7-12 Teacher
Must have NYS Certification**

Interested parties should apply on OLAS or
submit letter
of interest and application to:
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March 3, 2017

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ANNOUNCEMENT

The following position is available
at Tri-Valley Central School for 2017 - 2018:

**K-12 Music Teacher
Must have NYS Certification**

Interested parties should apply on OLAS or
submit letter
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Tri-Valley Secondary School
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Town of Neversink Parks & Rec 2017 Trips/Events
 Call for info: (845) 985-2262 extension 312
www.townofneversink.org

Holiday Mtn Skiing/Snowboarding
 Sundays Jan 1 to March 5
 Get your discount pass for \$6

- Fri-Mar 17 **Bowling** Liberty Bowl
- Tue-Apr 11 **Jonah Sight & Sound**
- May 1 - May 5 **Screen Free Week**
- Sat-May 13 **Maritime Aquarium/IMAX Movie**
- Sat-June 3 **Country Living Fair** Rhinebeck Fairgrounds
- Fri-June 9 **Mamma Mia** Westchester Broadway Dinner Theatre
- Fri-June 16 **Transportation to NYC**
- Fri-July 7 **Swimming Beach Party** Grahamsville Fairgrounds
- Sat-July 22 **New York State Museum**
- Sat-Aug 5 **Zoom Flume**
- Fri-Aug 25 **Back to School Fun Night**
- Fri-Oct 6 **Annie Get Your Gun** Westchester Broadway Dinner Theatre
- Nov 4-5 **Wolf Lodge**
- Sat-Dec 2 **Transportation to NYC**

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!



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.alateen.org>
 Mon- 7:00 p.m. United Methodist Church, 170 N. Main Street, Liberty
 Thurs- 7:00 p.m. Immaculate Conception Church Annex, 6317 Rt 42, Woodbourne
 Sat- 8:00 p.m. United Methodist Church, 170 N. Main Street, Liberty

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

Also **WANTED** People to play cards

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- 3/1/17 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting 7 pm
- 3/2/17 Claryville Fire District Meeting - 6:30 pm
- 3/4/17 **Covered Dish Supper** - Sundown Methodist Church Hall 5:30 pm
- 3/7/17 Town of Denning Board Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall
- 3/8/17 Town of Neversink Board Meeting 7:30 pm
- 3/11/17 Claryville Fire Dept **St. Patrick's Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner** - 4-7 pm
- 3/14/17 Town of Denning Board Business Meeting 7 pm Denning Town Hall
- 3/18/17 Grahamsville UMC **Third Saturday Thrift Sale** 9 am - 12 noon
- 3/19/17 Claryville Fire Dept **All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast** 7am-Noon
- 3/20/17 Grahamsville Fire District Meeting 7 pm Grahamsville Firehouse
- 3/21/17 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals - 7:30 pm
- 3/27/17 Town of Neversink Chamber of Commerce Meeting 7 pm Daniel Pierce Library
- 3/28/17 Town of Neversink Parks & Rec Meeting - 6 pm in Parks & Rec Office at Town Hall

Save the Date!

- Friday, March 17, 2017 **4H Club Puppy Pals Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner** 4:00-7:00 at the Grahamsville Firehouse for tickets & info - puppypalsrock@gmail.com
- April 22, 2017 - Boy Scout Troop 97 **Fish & Chips/Chicken & Chips Dinner** - 4:30 to 6:30 pm at Neversink Fire House
- May 6, 2017 **Tri-Valley Lions Journey for Sight Walk** 8:30-9:00 am Sign-in Grahamsville First Aid Building
- June 7, 2017 **Rabies Clinic** 6-7:30 pm Grahamsville Fairgrounds - for pets 3 months or older
- Sunday, July 9, 2017 **6th Annual Matty Betholf Horseshoe Tournament**

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>

TRI-VALLEY AREA

- SUNDOWN CAMP & BAIT SHOP
- GRAHAMSVILLE DELI
- A J's FRIENDS & FINDS
- EUREKA MARKET & CAFE
- NEVERSINK GENERAL STORE
- BLUE HILL LODGE
- FROST VALLEY YMCA
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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.

Sundown Community Memorial Day Weekend Miles & Miles of Yard Sales

The map shows a network of roads in the Sundown area, including Peekamoose Rd, Whitehouse Rd, Brooks Hill Rd, Raymond George Rd, Greenville Rd, Dymond Rd, Spencer Rd, Cross Rd, Dumbauld Rd, Mountain Lane, Greenville Rd, Pigeon Brook Rd, Williams Way Rd, Yeagerville Rd, Eve Eden Rd, Mill Rd, Holly Rd, and Mill Rd. A legend indicates that a star symbol represents the Sundown Camp & Bait Shop and a square symbol represents the Sundown UM Church. An inset map shows the location of the Sundown area within Sullivan and Ulster Counties, with directions to various points of interest like the Big Indian Gondola and the Pigeon Forge.

If you are a Sundown resident and wish to add the location of your yard sale to the "Sundown Community Memorial Day Weekend Miles & Miles of Yard Sales" map that will be published in the May 11, 18 and 25th issues of *The Townsman* - send us the location of your yard sale. Spot it on the map and **fill out this form** and **return** it to: *The Townsman*, PO Box 232, Grahamsville, NY 12740 or drop it in *The Townsman* "Drop Box" on the porch of the Grahamsville First Aid Building by **Friday, April 21, 2017**.

NAME _____ TELE # _____

ADDRESS _____

If you choose to have your yard sale only on certain days during the Memorial Day Weekend please indicate date(s) of your sale:

Only the location of your yard sale and date(s) will be indicated on the map unless otherwise noted. (e.g. Johnson Family Yard Sale; Antiques & More; etc.). If you have any suggestions - send them along, too.



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(Romance, 1952)
 A young man suspects his cousin's wife of murder. Directed by Henry Koster. *Olivia de Havilland, Richard Burton, Audrey Dalton, John Sutton, Ronald Squire.*
 A successful filmization of Daphne du Maurier mystery, with Burton (in his American debut) trying to discover if de Havilland is guilty or innocent of murder and intrigue... See this film on TCM starting at 8:00 PM Monday evening, March 6, 2017, B/W, 98 min, CC, Rated TV-PG.

Quiz:
 1. Who played Guido Rainaldi?
 2. Who played Mrs. Pascoe?
What's Going on in The Gnome Neighborhood™

SUNDOWN
 March 4 - Sundown United Methodist Church Covered Dish Supper - 5:30 pm at the Sundown UMC Hall

GRAHAMSVILLE
 All County Festival Concerts - March 4th at TVCS- The first concert will start at 3:00 pm and will feature the Elementary Chorus, Middle School Band, and Senior High String Orchestra. The 5:00pm concert will showcase the talents of the Senior High Jazz Ensemble, Senior High Women's and Mixed Choruses, and Junior High Band. Concert tickets will be available at the door for the cost of \$6.

March 18 - Grahamsville United Methodist Church Third Saturday Thrift Sale 9 am- 1 pm

CLARYVILLE
 St. Patrick's Day is not too far off. That means the Claryville Fire Department will be hosting their Annual Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner. Mark your calendar - March 11th for this year's St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner.

LOCH SHELDRAKE
 March 8 at 11:30 am National Poetry Slam Champion, G Yamazawa, will perform at SUNY Sullivan in the Seelig Theater

Calvary Baptist Church is holding it's 10th Game Dinner Saturday March 11 2017. 4pm-8pm at Loch Sheldrake Fire House on Route 52 Loch Sheldrake NY 12759 Tickets are \$12 for ages 12 and up. Call 845-985-7410 for info and tickets

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