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Congratulations to PTO Spelling Bee Champions



2016 PTO Spelling Bee Winners (left to right): Connor Weyant, Jordan Dymond, Vanya Khodakovski, and James Herald, with Mrs. Andrea Clevenger, TVCS Elementary Principal, Mrs. Jennifer Ruston, Elementary Assistant Principal, and Mrs. Julie Furman, Spelling Bee Organizer. (Not featured here, Isabella Maiori, Third Grade Champion)

The Daniel Pierce Library was "buzzing" with activity during the Tri-Valley PTO's first Spelling Bee on Wednesday, March 30th! Thirty-five Tri-Valley students, representing grades 2 through 6, stepped up to the challenge and impressed onlookers with their spelling prowess!

The Bee was facilitated by Mrs. Julie Furman, PTO parent and second grade teacher at Monticello Elementary School, and judged by Mrs. Andrea Clevenger, Tri-Valley Elementary Principal and Mrs. Jennifer Ruston, Assistant Principal.

Mrs. Furman commented: "It was evident by the performances that the students were well prepared for the bee. This opportunity gives them the experience to speak in front of a group and to think on their feet. I am pleased with the amount of children that participated and the support of the school and of children that participated and the support of the school and community.

Congratulations to all of our participants, and most especially to our 2016 Spelling Bee champions: Second Grade-Jordan Dymond; Third Grade- Isabella Maiori; Fourth Grade- Connor Weyant; Fifth Grade- James Herald; Sixth Grade- Vanya Khodakovski;

A heartfelt thank you to the Daniel Pierce Library, our panel of judges, our supportive audience, and all of the volunteers who made this event possible, in particular Christie Allison, Sandy Ehrets, Beth McAndrew, Keri-Ann Poley, and Nicole Richardson who assisted with the after-school practice sessions and refreshments.

Vets' Spirits Lifted on Hudson Valley Honor Flight #11

On Saturday, April 2nd, Donald Vandenberg who resides in Liberty and served in the Navy during the Iwo Jima and Okinawa Campaigns was joined by 81 well-deserving veterans for the Hudson Valley Honors Flight Mission #11.

Glenn Vandenberg was the Guardian for his father on the flight.

Captain Frank and Elizabeth Morley who have a summer home in Claryville were also attended the event. Captain Morley works in the Pentagon

Elizabeth Morley commented, "Frank wore his uniform and looked very handsome. Most of the old Navy vets stopped him to exclaim "You look too young to be a captain!" or "Last time I saw a captain he was yelling at me!" or "I've never shook the hand of a braid before"! It was great to see their eyes light up when Frank very graciously greeted them and asked about their sea duty and thanked them for their service. He was thrilled to be part of their day."

Many of the WWII veterans who now are well into their 90s and would have otherwise had difficulty due to disabilities or finances were able to visit the war monuments for the first time. A grand reception was also provided for the vets who certainly deserve the recognition they had never received.

The Hudson Valley Honor Flights are a growing success. With each flight rhe organization has broadened their efforts from hosting one flight a year in the beginning and now to four flights a year and planning to schedule a fifth flight.

Hudson Valley Honor Flight will hold its 12th journey out of Westchester Airport on May 14 and expects to honor its 1,000th veteran served on Sept. 10 on its planned 13th flight, which will be from Stewart.



Captain Frank and Elizabeth Morley, Glenn Vandenberg and Donald Vandenberg at the Hudson Valley Honors Flight Mission #11 in D.C.

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SUNY Sullivan Presents Ragtime, the Musicall

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ON THE FRONT BURNER: The Lord, your God which goeth before you, he shall fight Deuteronomy 1:30 for you, according to all that he did for you in Egypt before your eyes.

DAYS OF YORE.... Today's History

April 11, 1956 - A daughter was born on Monday to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Brown of lower Monday to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Brown of lower form when spending time outdoors. The site's South Hill, at Veterans Memorial Hospital in Recreation interest, for example, includes Ellenville. The baby was named Denise Marie topics like wildlife watching, tapping a maple and she weighed 9 lbs. 10 oz. The maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Stratton and Mrs. Elmer Sheeley is the baby's greatgrandmother.

An April shower turned to snow over the weekend and deposited from ten to twenty-four inches of the white stuff over the Tri Valley area. On Red Hill, Greenville, Blue Hill and Aden huge drifts complicated the task of opening the roads and isolated people temporarily. At Grahamsville where the rainfall turned to snow early Sunday morning, ten inches was measured by N.Y.C.B.W.S. gage keeper, Jack Donaldson.

of Neversink is one of five crew members commended for outstanding display of professional skill in a dramatic evacuation of wounded from ers who promote and protect the public's a downed aircraft in an area subject to hostile health and safety. ground fire near Cho Gao, South Vietnam. Nielsen, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nielsen of Neversink, is married to the former Darlene Garber.

David Dole has been accepted as a full time student at SCCC. He will study commercial art. He has studied art for four years of high school at Tri Valley Central School and Liberty Central School.

April 21, 1976 - Congressman Matthew F. Military Academy at West Point. Elaine is the first woman from the 27th District to be admitted to a service academy under a bill signed into law last fall which opened the academies to women for the first time. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Stratton of Grahamsville.

John Kemble Sr. of Kingston passed away on April 14, 1976 at home after a long illness. Born in Kingston on April 4, 1902 to the late Henrietta Hubbard Kemble of Rhinebeck and Sullivan County Public Health Services Dr. U.T. Kemble of Hurley, he was a former res- (SCPHS) perform skilled nursing visits to ident of Eureka and Grahamsville. He is sur- pregnant, postpartum and pediatric patients vived by his wife, Esther McCain Kemble; one throughout Sullivan County. Anne Mikulski daughter, Mrs. Donald (Sally) Krom; two sons, John Jr. and William, both of Hurley; and seven (SCHN) supervises a team of two full time grandchildren.

April 24, 1986 - Kimberly Curry, daughter of Rates are based on Camera-ready copy. A Graphic Designer is available at \$35.00/hr. Call or email us for more information. Guaranteed placement is available for a 25% surcharge on a first-come, first-serve basis on all pages except the front page, page 2 & State Regents Scholar, Kim has compiled an page 3. All advertising must be pre-paid unless other arrangements have been made. high school. Kim will major in computer and mathematical sciences at Chestnut Hill College, from which she received a full-tuition Sullivan County has a high rate of premature of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Weise has been named Salutatorian. She has compiled an academic

CWC News

On Saturday, April 16 at 12:30 pm -Fishing Fever Forum "Art Flick: Sage of the Schoharie," a panel discussion on Flick's consonal reminiscences. Phoenicia Library, cele- health departments and the New York City brating 20th anniversary of the Jerry Bartlett Department of Health and Mental Hygiene Angling Collection. Supported by an education grant from CWC in partnership with NYC DEP. Free, reservations not required.

A new website by the Watershed Agricultural Council helps landowners and outdoor enthusiasts discover land-based activities that fit them, their woods, and their lifestyles. It's called MyWoodlot. The website lists 10 broad interests like Nature, Recreation, and Timber Production. Each ers that keep New Yorkers healthy interest is then divided into goals landowners can work toward, with each goal made up of dedication.

several activities, linking to factsheets, photo slideshows, videos, professional contact lists, and even a few smartphone apps. Though designed for private landowners, the site offers many activities that anyone can pertree, cross-country skiing, and how to avoid ticks and tick-based illnesses like Lyme Disease.

MyWoodlot is available free for anyone to use thanks to funding from the US Forest Service and the New York City DEP.

2016 Public Health Works! **Honor Roll**

The Public Health Works! Honor Roll recognizes the local public health workforce as an essential component of Commissioner of Health Howard A. Zucker's public health est states in the nation. At the heart of all successful public health initiatives are the work-



Anne Mikulski, RN, Supervising Community Health Nurse, Martha Wilcox, RN, Community Health Nurse and Janna Comando Worden, RN

Maternal Child Health (MCH) nurses at RN, Supervising Community Health Nurse MCH nurses, Janna Worden RN and Martha Wilcox, Community Health Nurse (CHN). Janna and Martha see complex MCH cases, participate in designing orientation training and in-services, and perform developmental screenings for the Early Care program and visits for the Lead Poisoning Prevention Program. MCH nurses also work with New York State's Newborn Screening Program. and caesarian deliveries. In 2015, the MCH program performed over 1000 skilled nursing visits to MCH patients. The MCH nursing team makes a valuable contribution to improving Public Health in this rural county by providing high risk women and children with critically important home based nursing services.

New York State relies on its local health departments to promote, protect and improve the health of residents. The core public health services administered by New York's 57 local include Communicable Disease Control, Chronic Disease Prevention, Community Health Assessment, Environmental Health, and Emergency Preparedness and Response.

Without these local health departments and their dedicated employees, these essential services would not be provided. The Honor Roll recognizes the outstanding work-

Congratulations, and thank you for your

A Round About Tri-Valley

-Carol Furman

Feel better soon wishes go out to Joann

Gallagher and Mert Lockhart.

Congratulations to the winners of the Tri-Valley PTO Spelling Bee which was held on March 31st. The winners are 2nd grade: Jordan Dymond, 3rd grade: Isabelle Maori, 4th grade: Connor Weyant, 5th grade: James Herald, and 6th grade: Vanya Khodakovski.

Kudos to Kevin Delaney who was named the Sullivan County Democrat Boys Basketball Coach of the Year! The 2015 -2016 season was Coach Delaney's first year coaching the boys basketball team and due to his outstanding effort and impressive first season results, the talented team performed remarkably well. Coach Delaney wants his team to be known as a winning team, however he also wants them to "carry themselves as winners whether they win or lose". Good sportsmanship is important! Congrats to Robert Worden, one of Delaney's players, who was selected to the 2015-2016 Boys' All-Star first Team!

Steven Vogler, a 2014 Tri-Valley graduate was recently promoted to the rank of Army Specialist (E-4) and is currently stationed at Fort Leonard in Missouri. Steve enlisted in the Army following graduation from high school and received his promotion four months early after receiving an Army Achievement Medal for his exceptional performance as a boat operator. Way to go, Steve!

Steven Creek, (a Tri-Valley graduate and son of Paula Gray McCarthy,) and his wife, Irina are planning a mission trip to Russia "to give back". Irina was born in western Russia in 1989 and abandoned by her mother. From the ages of 6 -12, Irina lived in the Porkhov Speech Correctional Orphanage with her older sister, Katya. Both girls were adopted by a Christian family in South Carolina when they were 12 and 14. While living at the orphanage, Irina was introduced to Christianity through visiting missionaries and through Operation Christmas Child. God has worked a mighty miracle for Irina and now she is going back to her orphanage in Russia to "give back". Her mission is to share the love of Christ with the Russian orphans, see that each has a Bible, have new shower facilities built and to replace the old playground. Due to financial limitations, the orphanage is unable to provide adequate facilities. If you wish to donate to this cause you can donate by check payable to Amelia's Attic -"Porkhov" and send it to 1005 E. Point Cove, Hermitage, TN 37076. (It is important to note that Franklin Graham's "Operation Christmas Child" shoeboxes actually do help children in other parts of the world by introducing them to faith and prayer and letting them know that others do care about them.)

Coming soon: **PTO Book Fair.**..April 18th, 19th and 20th during school days. Buy one book, get 50% off a second book.

The Grahamsville Methodist Luncheon held on April 6th was well attended. The food, which was available at a nominal cost, was delicious. It was a delight to visit with friends and neighbors who I haven't seen all winter. The next luncheon will be on April 26th. All are welcome!

Words of Wisdom: "We do not inherit the land from our ancestors; we borrow it from our children." (Native American Proverb)

Litterpluck in the Town of Neversink

Sullivan County's Annual Litterpluck is scheduled for Saturday, April 23, 2016 through Sunday, May 1, 2016 and you can help to clean up the Town of Neversink. All school and community groups, as well as private citizens are urged to participate. Litterpluck is a great opportunity to volunteer a few hours to clean our parks and roadways. Clear trash bags donated by Sullivan County Division of Public Works and Solid Waste are available at the Neversink Town Hall for you to use. Once you fill with them with litter, simply take them to the Town of Neversink Transfer Station and let the attendant know you have litterpluck bags and they will take care of the rest. If you would like more information please call the Town of Neversink Town Hall at 985-2262 x300 or 307 and speak to Lisa or Janis.

Town of Neversink Chamber of Commerce Meeting

All businesses and interested parties are invited to attend the next meeting of the Town of Neversink Chamber of Commerce on Monday, April 25, 2016 at 7:00 PM to be held at the Community Room in the basement floor of the Daniel Pierce Library.

YEL - Young Emerging Leaders

Are you a High School student?

Are you planning a career in graphic design or other art related fields?

We have the perfect opportunity for you! YEL is offering a \$200.00 gift cer-

tificate to Kristt Company to rebrand our Logo! This is our current logo.

We would like YOU to make it mod-

eye catching!

YEL - Young Emerging Leaders is a task force of the Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce. They are offering a special opportunity to one High School student in Sullivan County.

This opportunity will award the winner with a gift certificate to Kristt Company to buy school and/or art supplies. The criterion that is to be met to win this contest is as follows:

Must be a High School Student,

 Must be attending college for an art related major in the Fall 2016

· Must live in Sullivan County.

· All entries must be a jpeg, tiff, or pdf.

All entries can be summitted by May 6, 2016

 Students have the liberty to use any media that they would like, but it must read as a logo.

 Must have YEL, Young Emerging Leaders, as its focus.

Be as creative as you would like!

The contest is supported by Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce and YEL (Young Emerging Leaders) For more information call Cathyat (845)791-4500 or email: yel@catskills.com

Families Can Learn Smart Spending Strategies at Extension

Creating a Family Spending Plan, a free class intended to empower the public to make informed financial decisions that can improve their lives, is offered on Thursday, April 21, 2016. Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County (CCESC) will hold this class from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at its Gerald J. Skoda Extension Education Center on 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road in Liberty.

Sean Welsh, CCESC energy and consumer educator, will equip participants with research-informed strategies for a successful financial future. Families will receive information to create a home budget and work confidently with it to set goals and utilize resources available to those in need.

This workshop series is free to the public. Space is limited and pre-registration is required. Registration and more information can be completed by calling CCESC at 845-292-6180, emailing sullivan@cornell.edu, or visiting www.sullivancce.org.

Anyone can enroll in CCESC with an annual contribution of \$25 per household. Additional donations for CCESC programs are appreciated. In the event of special needs, the public should contact the CCESC office.

Long Term Care Council Meeting

The Long Term Care Council is the advisory board for Sullivan NY Connects, the No Wrong Door/Single Entry Point for information on long term services and supports in Sullivan County.

The next meeting of the Long Term Care Council will be Wednesday, April 20, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Legislative Committee Room (2nd floor) in the Sullivan County Government Center. Meetings of the Long Term Care Council are open to the public and all are welcome to attend.

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

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.

Lasting Impressions of the Skunk

Saturday morning I woke up to the dog barking at something in the back yard. This time of the year, you never know what might be lurking through the woods looking for something to eat. My first guess was a bear, but the magical light of the early dawn etched a familiar silhouette of a visitor we haven't seen in a while. A beautiful big black and white skunk who was either looking for a mate or most likely, some fresh food.

The "skunk family" ("Mephitidae") belongs to the order Carnivora. The skunk species vary in size

from about 15.6 to 37 in and in weight from about 1.1 lb to 18 lb. They have moderately elongated bodies with relatively short, well-muscled legs, and long front claws for digging.



Although the most common fur color is black and white, some skunks are brown or grey, and a few are

cream-colored.

Skunks are omnivorous, eating both plant and animal material and changing their diets as the seasons change. They eat insects and larvae, earthworms, grubs, small rodents, lizards, salamanders, frogs, snakes, birds, moles, and eggs. They also commonly eat berries, roots, leaves, grasses, fungi, and nuts. This particular fellow looked content nibbling on the leftovers from Easter that I had tossed out on the compost heap.

Once in awhile a skunk will act like a scavenger, and eat bird and rodent carcasses left by cats or other

animals.

In the Catskills skunks retreat to winter dens, however they are not true winter hibernators. They do den up for extended periods of time, and generally remain inactive and eat very sparingly as they go through a dormant stage. Over winter, as many as 12 females huddle together in one den that they use year after year. The males often den alone and are likely to be active above ground, especially during the mating season in February. Skunks are a polygamous species, meaning males usually mate with more than one female.

Before giving birth, around May, the female will excavate a den which is often in a woodchuck burrow, to house her litter of four to seven kits.

The young kits are blind, deaf, and covered in a soft layer of fur. About three weeks after birth, their eyes open. The kits are weaned around two months after birth, but generally stay with their mother until they are ready to mate, when they are a year old.

Skunk live in a variety of habitats but prefer open areas. Residential areas that have both lawns and large shade trees often provide the optimal habitat for skunks.

Like the more glamorous members of the weasel family (mink, otter, fisher and marten), the skunk also has glossy and durable fur that can be dyed uniformly black for exquisite garment trimming. The striped skunk has been protected under the Environmental Conservation Law since the late 1800s when the pelts of the striped skunk were more valuable than they are in the current fur market.

A skunk, sometimes called a polecate is best known for its ability to secrete a liquid with a strong, noxious substance, known as n-butyl mercaptan, that protects them so well against potential enemies, including bear. The spray can cause irritation and even temporary blindness, and is sufficiently powerful to be detected by a human nose up to a mile down wind.

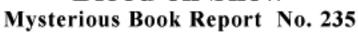
Odd as it may seem, skunk musk is very valuable and important to the perfume industry. Once the acrid odor is removed, it is used as a perfume base due to its clinging quality. At the core of expensive designer perfumes, including *Lasting Impressions*, it is the little furry animal, a skunk, whose scent may have helped to add to the price.

Household Hints

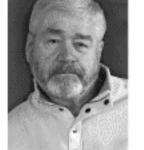
Have a New Puppy or Kitten? Unmark Your Pet's Spots

When housebreaking a puppy or kitten, it'll often wet previously soiled spots. After cleaning up the mess, it's essential to remove the scent from your floor, carpeting, or sofa. And nothing does that better than vinegar:

Blood on Snow



by John Dwaine McKenna



One of the great things about reading is when you figure out that it's a voyage of personal discovery . . . and the more you read, the longer your journey into the unknown, which in turn takes you to places you couldn't imagine before opening that book you've just read . . . and ever farther into the ocean of learning. That's as big a mouthful of metaphor as I've ever written. But the truth is, I was inspired to it by this week's MBR No. 236, the one with the short, humble title.

The Cellar: A Novel (Penguin/Random House, \$24.00, 246 pages, ISBN 978-0-09-959464-2) by Edgar-awarded, best-selling British author Minette Walters is a compelling psychological thriller that takes the reader deep into the heart, mind and soul of another. It's a ride that'll stick with

you long after you've finished reading.

A young black girl named Muna is stolen from an African orphanage by the Songoli family and taken to England, where for the next ten years Muna is held as a slave. She's forced to do all of the cleaning, cooking, washing and ironing for 'Princess' and 'Master,' as Muna is forced to address Mr. and Mrs. Songoli, as well as their two sons. Muna lives in the basement, where there's no light, no heat, no windows and no escape. She can't read, or write, or talk to anyone. She's never been outside the house where she's imprisoned, never seen the sky or gone to school. She's regularly beaten with a rod by Princess, forced into sex acts by Master and appears destined for similar treatment by one or both teenage sons in the very near future, because as the older one tells her, "You're worthless. I can do anything I want to you." But one day, the Songoli's younger son Abiola, fails to come home from school . . . and everything changes. Little Muna isn't quite as helpless as everyone thought she was. She has a scheme of her own: terrifying plans that will affect them all. It's a nightmare . . . and it's only just beginning.

Minette Walters has been called a "A rare talent with an unnerving imagination . . ." who "takes the suspense novel into new territory" . . . and "patrols the darkest areas of the human heart." Nothing in The Cellar contradicts those notions from some of the world's leading news organizations-with whom I heartily agree. If you enjoy the work of John Connolly, Peter Straub, Stephen King or Robert E. Howard, you're in for a treat when you discover Minette Walters, who, like Ann Rice, will take you for a ride on the dark side . . . and deep into the psyche of some of the most different human minds anyone ever

imagined.

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SC Breastfeeding Coalition Awards Night & Film Screening

Sullivan County Breastfeeding Coalition Awards Night & Film Screening will be held on Thursday April 14, 2016 4:30 pm-7pm at Bethel Woods Center for the Arts, 200 Hurd Rd. Bethel, NY 12720

The public is invited to attend the Sullivan County Breastfeeding Coalition's First Annual Breastfeeding Awards Night and Film Screening. Join us as we recognize and celebrate breastfeeding advocates from all over the county who are helping mothers provide the ideal food for their babies. Increased breastfeeding can ultimately reduce the risk of cancer for both mom and baby, improve cardiovascular health in moms, and reduce childhood obesity and asthma. Come hear the good news about the improvements that we have made and the rapidly rising rates of breast-

feeding here in Sullivan!

The evening will begin with light hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar from 4:30 until 5 pm. Awards will then be presented to the honorees, followed by the screening of a breastfeeding documentary from 5:30 until 7 pm. The event is free. Come and help us recognize and celebrate the work of the Sullivan County Breastfeeding Coalition, Sullivan County Public Health Services' WIC program, and its many community partner organizations, including Maternal Infant Services Network and Catskill Regional Medical Center, but especially the women who are making a difference in choosing health by breastfeeding. Registration is required at: https://scbf-awards-

april14.eventbrite.com For additional information contact Amanda

Langseder, WIC Coordinator, Sullivan County Public Health Services. (845) 292-5910 x 2240 or Amanda langseder@co.sullivan.ny.us



Spring Gardening Series Kicks-Off with Veggie Garden Design

New and seasoned gardeners alike can take advantage of a spring horticulture class series that begins with a hands-on Planning Your Vegetable Garden workshop on Wednesday, April 20, 2016. Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County (CCESC)'s Master Gardener Volunteer program will host this class from 5:30 to 7:30 pm at its Gerald J. Skoda Extension Education Center on 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road in Liberty.

April 20 -Planning Your Veggie Garden \$20.00 per person; \$15.00 per CCESC enrollee Planting a vegetable garden at home can be a fun and rewarding way to save money on groceries, spend quality time with family, and eat fresh, healthy food all season long. Dayna Valenti-Gaeta, CCESC community horticulture program educator, will present how to design and organize this year's veggie garden at this introductory class.

May 25 - Pollinator Friendly Gardening

\$20.00 per person; \$15.00 per CCESC enrollee Pollinators, like bees and butterflies, are essential to the health of our precious gardens and farms. This class will teach participants how to attract bees and butterflies to their backyards.

une 15-Mushroom Cultivation | \$30.00 per person; \$25.00 per CCESC enrollee

Nathaniel Whitmore, local fungi enthusiast and educator of the Delaware Highlands Mushroom Society, will teach about the wild life of fungi and how they can be cultivated. Supplies will be provided to grow mushrooms at home.

Anyone can enroll in CCESC with an annual contribution of \$25.00 per household. Space is limited and pre-registration with non-refundable payment is required in advance. Seats are only guaranteed with payment.

Scholarships are available to the public for this educational program, made possible through generous donations from Sullivan Renaissance.

Registration and more information can be completed by calling CCESC at 845-292-6180, emailing sullivan@cornell.edu, or visiting www.sullivancce.org.

Payment can be made in advance by check, cash, or credit. Additional donations for CCESC programs are appreciated.

Sullivan County Accepting Agricultural District Applications

Sullivan County is accepting applications from property owners seeking to be included in New York State Agricultural Districts 1 and 4, for a 30day window beginning April 1st and ending April 30th. New York State Agricultural Districts are geographic areas that consist predominantly of viable agricultural land. Agricultural operations within the districts are afforded benefits and protections to promote the continuation of farming and the preservation of agricultural land. These benefits include protection of farming from unreasonably restrictive local laws, limitations on assessments for newly formed benefit districts, and

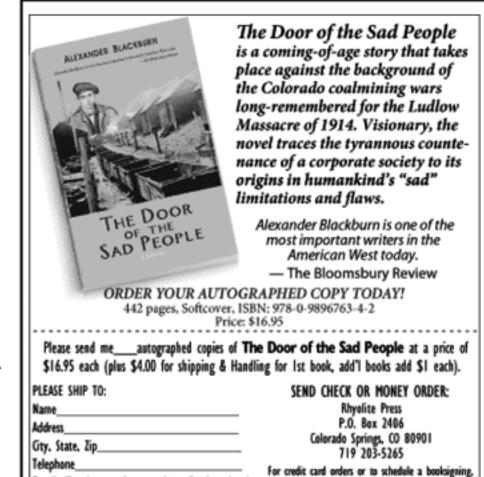
governments notification of projects that could adversely affect farmland.

There are two New York State Agricultural Districts in Sullivan County. Agricultural District 1 encompasses towns in northern and western Sullivan County, and Agricultural District 4 covers the County's eastern and

For parcels to be included in an Ag District, they must be predominantly viable agricultural land. New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets Law, defines "viable agricultural land" as land highly suitable for agricultural production and which will continue to be economically feasible for such use if real property taxes, farm use restrictions and speculative activities are limited to levels approximating those in commercial agricultural areas not influenced by the proximity of non-agricultural develop-

During this thirty day window, property owners may request the addition of their land into an Agricultural District. Applications are available by calling Melinda Meddaugh, at Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County at 845-292-6180, or by emailing her at mm2592@cornell.edu. Applications will be reviewed by the Sullivan County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board, who will then make recommendations to the County Legislature regarding property to be added to the districts this year. The County Legislature will hold a public hearing and then vote on the approval of each recommended addition. Subsequent to County approval, an updated district map with a report showing the new parcels for inclusion in the districts will be submitted to the State Department of Agriculture and Markets for State approval. Upon approval by Agriculture and Markets, each property owner will be notified by mail and the real property tax records for each parcel will be updated. Applicants will receive notification by the fall.

Maps of Sullivan County's agricultural districts and other relevant information is available on the Sullivan County website at www.co.sullivan.ny.us.



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The Olive Jar - By Carol LaMonda The Tax Man Cometh

The Ides of March brought unusually warm weather and a glimpse of spring. What are Ides, you say? The Romans did not number days of a month sequentially from the first through the last day. Instead, they counted backwards from three fixed points of the month: the Nones (5th or 7th), the Ides (13th or 15th), and the Kalends (1st of the next month). The Ides occurred near the midpoint, on the 13th for most months, but on the 15th for March, May, July, and October. The Ides were supposed to be determined by the full moon, reflecting the lunar origin of the Roman calendar. The Ides of March were usually associated with dread and doom since it was the day that Julius Caesar was assassinated in 44 B.C. marking the turning point in history when Rome moved from being The Roman Republic to being known as The Roman Empire.

The Ides of April are now upon us. Snow and taxes are the forecast for the coming week. April's Ides are accompanied by anxiety and anticipation. It

is an ominous deadline looming between scarves and mittens and Mother's Day flowers.

I personally think the tax laws should be revised. First of all, my furry dependents do not get a deduction even though they cost me more in medical bills this year than did my husband. Shopping at Sam's, I realized that the case of dog food, the case of Milk Bones, the fifty-pound bag of bird seed, and the case of cat food added up to a whopping \$72.00 while my rotisserie chicken was only \$4.99.

Next, gym memberships, yoga pants and sneakers should be deductible as medical costs. So should wine, rich in anti-oxidants, be considered preven-

To encourage saving, the pittance of interest we earn at banks should not be considered income; it should be a deduction from income. Investments should be treated in a similar manner. After all, we already made that money. Why should we be taxed again? We should be rewarded for not foolishly

spending that money on drones and big screen televisions.

The exemption amount for an infant (first year) should be doubled, and the exemption for a college student should be quadrupled that of any other year. Two cars, one house, a year's supply of Ramen Noodles and one smart phone should be considered necessities for survival. The baseline for comfortable living should be raised to the level of our local senator. We could do this by making the first \$275,000, tax exempt. We all can pay income taxes on excess income above that.

Dynamic Duo Piano Team of Peter Serkin and Julia Hsu will Play Works by Beethoven, Brahms, and Mozart

West Shokan, NY: The Hsu-Serkin Piano Duo will present a dazzling program of piano music on Saturday, April 23 at 2:00 pm at the Olive Free Liberary as part of the Piano Plus concert series at Olive Free Library. The expressive interpreter Hsu will play alongside renowned pianist Peter Serkin. The program will include Beethoven's "Adelaide" Op. 46 and Beethoven's Fugue in D, Op. 137, as well as Brahms Eleven Choral Preludes Op.122 (arranged by Peter Serkin), and Mozart's Five variations in G, K 501 and Bizet Jeux d'Enfants Op. 22. The series, curated by Bard Conservatory Distinguished Composer in Residence George Tsontakis, brings world-class musicians to this very intimate venue in the Catskills.

Originally from Taiwan, Julia Hsu received scholarships to study at The Purcell School in England for young musicians at the age of 14 with Patsy Toh, wife of renowned pianist Fou Ts'ong. She continued her studies at the Royal Academy of Music, London, where she completed her Bachelor's and Master's degrees in

Piano Performance with distinction.

Hsu was an exchange student at the Sibelius Academy in Helsinki, and was in the highly soughtafter "Soloklasse" program at the Hannover Hochschule für Musik und Theatre, Germany, with Matti Raekallio. She was a Festival Fellow at Bowdoin Music Festival, and a scholar at the Banff Centre, Canada before she became a Piano Fellow at Bard College Conservatory of Music, in September 2013.

Legendary American pianist Peter Serkin needs no introduction to audiences around the world. In addition to his vast and impressive solo career, he teaches piano

master classes at the Bard Conservatory.

Since 2015 the two have formed a four-hands piano team, future concerts include Klavier-Festival Ruhr in Germany, Santa Fe Music Festival and concerts in

The series features piano soloists along with a "plus" guest musician who adds an unexpected dash of flavor to the program. Tickets are a suggested donation of \$12.

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

Shadowland Stages to Hold Local Auditions for 2016 Season

ELLENVILLE, NY - Shadowland Stages, a professional theatre operating under an Equity SPT 3 contract, will hold local auditions for Equity (AEA) and non-Equity performers on Sunday, April 17 from 9:30am to 5:30pm, at the Shadowland theater main stage on 157 Canal Street in Ellenville. Lunch will be from 1pm to 2pm. All interested local performers are encouraged to attend.

Shadowland Stages is seeking actors and actor/singers for productions in its 2016 Season. For a breakdown of available roles, please visit the website at www.ShadowlandStages.org.

Those auditioning should prepare EITHER:

 for plays only: a brief monologue and have a brief contrasting monologue ready if asked.

for musicals only: a brief song OR 16 bars and a oneminute monologue.

A picture and resume is recommended; if singing, please bring sheet music to the auditions. An accompanist will be provided.

Shadowland Stages is an equal opportunity employ-er. Performers of all racial and ethnic backgrounds are encouraged to attend the audition. If Equity, please bring your AEA membership card.

Complete information is available on the theatre's website. www.ShadowlandStages.org.

Shadowland Stages is a professional Equity theatre housed in a fully-restored art deco vaudeville house. The company produces seven mainstage productions each season from May through December. A black box second stage space is currently being developed for Shadowland's Acting Academy and new work.

Senator Bonacic Marks the Start of National Library Week

(Middletown, NY)-State Senator John J. Bonacic (R/C/I-Mt. Hope) marked the beginning of National Library Week, which lasts from April 10th-16th. First sponsored in 1958, National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries across the country each April. It is a time to celebrate the contributions of our nation's libraries and librarians and to promote library use and support. All types of libraries - school, public, academic and special - participate. This year's theme is "Libraries Transform"

"Libraries truly have the power to transform the lives of so many people," said Senator Bonacic. "By simply offering a book to a young child, or allowing them access to technology they may never have been exposed to, libraries are making positive

impacts in people's lives every day. I would encourage those in the 42nd Senate District to visit their local libraries, not just during National Library Week, but frequently, to truly experience the importance that libraries

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For more information, please visit the American Library Association's website, www.ala.org.

If You Got The Dough-Re-Mi - Op-Ed No. 1

by John Dwaine McKenna

With apologies to Woody Guthrie for expropriating his song title . . . Are you a thinking person? Do you give a damn about your family? How about your kids? Grandkids? Even your great-grandkids and all those who'll be born after? Everyone in America should read this piece and make others aware of it too. When finished, you're going to say, "I don't believe it." But then, you'll get a calculator and prove it to your own satisfaction . . . after which, you're going to be angry. Read on. Learn why I'm sticking my neck out with these statements. I didn't believe it either. It has to do with numbers.

Suppose that we had to borrow money-and agreed to pay it back at the rate of one dollar every second. At that amount, an average home mortgage of, say \$150,000, would be fully repaid in just 39 hours-or a lit-

tle more than one and a-half days. Thirty-year mortgage? Fuhgetaboutit!

At the dollar a second rate, a one million dollar loan would be paid back in eleven days and four hours. Think of the interest we'd save! And hold that thought . - because here's where we have to step up our

For years, our elected representatives who spend our tax money have tossed around phrases using numbers in the billions of dollars range. Thirty years ago, Illinois Senator Everitt Dirksen was quoted as saying "A billion here, a billion there, pretty soon you're talking about real money," in a humorous aside. Now, the 'B' in billions has been replaced with an innocent sounding 'T', as in trillions – an innocuous but incomprehensible number we'd like to put into more understandable terms.

At one dollar per second, it takes 32 years to repay a one billion dollar loan, but it takes 32 thousand

years to repay a one trillion dollar loan.

It takes 32 thousand years to repay one trillion dollars at the rate of a buck a second. That's not a mistake. I didn't believe it either. Check it out. Prove it to your own satisfaction. Then realize that those same politicians whom we elected to do our nation's business have spent 20 trillion dollars that they don't have, and multiply the above 32 thousand by 20. It's 640 thousand years! There is a day of reckoning coming. It's known as the tipping-point. That's the spot where we reach insolvency – the place where our ability to repay is less than the amount owed. It's called bankruptcy. It's real. We're headed for it at some point in the not-too-distant future when our kids' kids and their kids will get stuck with our

Oh, and one last thought. We didn't bother to mention the interest on the Dough-Re-Mi that's been borrowed. It adds up-even at the unprecedented current rate of .0025 percent-at more than one dollar per second . . .

Many thanks to Ms. J Battle. She taught AP math in high school and college for the past 35 years, who checked the calculations. This article is available on my website: www.johndwainemckenna.com so it can be passed on to others. I encourage you to do so, and welcome your comments. Mail received at P.O. Box 2406, Colorado Springs, CO 8090

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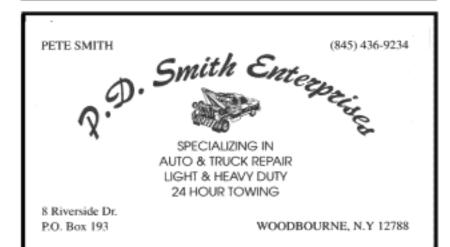
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NY 10573. Mid-Hudson (New Windsor): April 19, 2 p.m. - 4 p.m., William Larkin Conference Room, 33 Airport Center Drive, New Windsor, NY 12553

 Western New York (Buffalo): April 26, 8:30 a.m. - 10 a.m., Buffalo Niagara Partnership (Conference Room), 257 W Genesee Street #600, Buffalo, NY 14202.

Central New York (Syracuse): April 27, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., Tech Garden Facility, 235 Harrison St., Syracuse, NY 13202.
Long Island (Bethpage): May 2, 8:30 a.m. - 10 a.m., The Morrelly Homeland Security Center, 510 Grumman Road West, Bethpage, NY.

New York City: May 11, 8:30 a.m. - 10 a.m., The Barclays Center Atrium, 620 Atlantic Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11217.

 Mohawk Valley (Utica) - held March 29 at Mohawk Valley Community College.
 Global NY offers one-stop shopping to both local businesses that want to export globally and to foreign businesses looking to invest in New York. For more information, visit global.ny.gov or call (212) 803-2300. Applications for both loans and grants will be available on ESD's website.

About Empire State Development:

Empire State Development (ESD) is New York's chief economic development agency (www.esd.ny.gov). The mission of ESD is to promote a vigorous and growing economy, encourage the creation of new job and economic opportunities, increase revenues to the State and its municipalities, and achieve stable and diversified local economies. Through the use of

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The Ulster County Promotes Autism Awareness

On April 2nd, Ulster County Executive Mike Hein announced that Ulster County recognized Autism Awareness Day by lighting the Ulster County Office Building at 244 Fair Street in Kingston with blue lighting. April 2nd was World Autism Awareness Day. Every year thousands of landmarks, schools, businesses and homes unite by shining blue lights in honor of the millions of individuals and families affected by autism.

"Autism is a pervasive developmental disorder affecting the social, communication and behavioral skills of those affected by it which affects many individuals and families in our community," said County Executive Mike Hein. "The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) identify approximately 1 in 68 American children as being on the autism spectrum. It is important to highlight autism in order to raise awareness and understanding, as well as celebrate the unique talents and skills of those with autism. This is one small way Ulster County can honor those in our community who have autism as well as those who are living and working with autism on a daily basis."

For more information on Autism please visit:

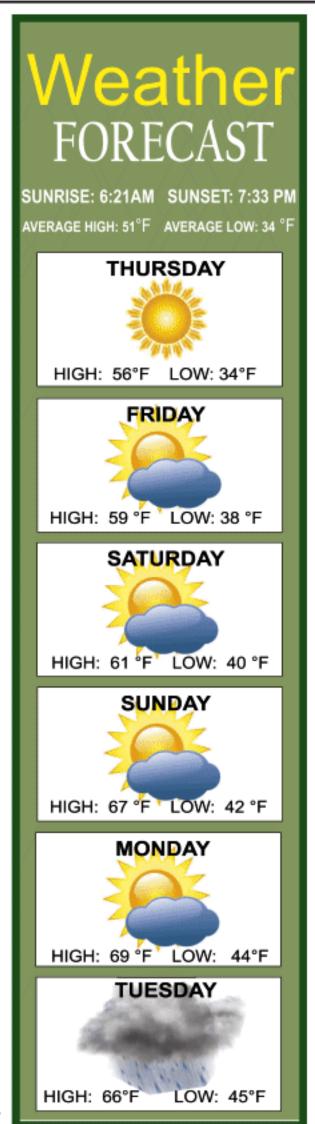
• The Center for Spectrum Services http://centerforspectrumservices.org/ • Ulster-Greene ARC http://www.ugarc.org/ • The Anderson Center for Autism http://www.andersoncenterforautism.org/ • Hudson Valley Autism Resource Center www.autismresourcecenter.info/help hv organizations.htm Autism Society Hudson Valley - Autism Society of America http://www.autism-society.org/chapter512/

This past week, Kenneth Ronk, Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature declared April 2016 as Autism Awareness Month and presented Vincent McLaughlin of Saugerties with a proclamation to deliver to Autism Society of the Hudson Valley at their 15th Annual Walk an Expo on Sunday April 24, 2016.

McLaughlin is a dedicated activist and role model for people with disabilities. In addition to advocating for people with Autism, he serves on the Ulster County Community Services Board and represents the Village of Saugerties on the Ulster County Planning Board.

This year's Autism Walk and Expo is scheduled on Sunday April 24, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Dutchess County Fairgrounds in Rhinebeck, NY. This event is sponsored by the Hudson Valley Autism Society, Chapter #512, a non-profit agency devoted to making a difference in the lives of the Hudson Valley Autism Community. They encourage supporters to sponsor signs to show support for the cause that will be placed along the path of the walk.

Earlier this year, McLaughlin presented Chairman Ronk with a stained glass "Puzzle Piece" symbolic of the struggles people with Autism face as a gesture of thanks. In addition to honoring Chairman Ronk, McLaughlin reflected on the support he has enjoyed from past legislative Chairmen, his family and friends. "I want to thank them all," he said, "and I look forward to continuing to partner with the Legislature for years to come!"



Frost Valley Awarded a Sports Equipment **Donation from Dr Pepper Snapple**

Dr Pepper Snapple (DPS) has awarded Frost Valley YMCA a "Let's Play" equipment donation as part of its partnership with Good Sports. The grant provides the organization with brand-new apparel and equipment including four goalie sticks, 10 hockey sticks, 12 volleyballs, 24 footballs, 30 soccer balls, and 55 basketballs. In total, Frost Valley will receive 150 pieces and the donation will impact 31,500 kids over the next three years.



"For many of our campers, this is the first time they will ever get to use brand new sports equipment," said Day Camp and Community Programs Director Katie Martin. "I know this summer they'll be so excited to see all the new equipment we received."

Frost Valley YMCA serves over 10,000 underprivileged youth by providing them with a fun and safe environment to participate in a wide range of sports, and maintaining affordable and educational involvement is one of their top priorities.

"We are pleased to support Frost Valley YMCA with this grant from "Let's Play," part of our overall commitment to bringing play to life and ensuring that kids are able to make play a daily priority," said Vicki Draughn, Vice President, Corporate Affairs, Dr Pepper Snapple. "We hope that it will make a big difference to kids in the community and give them the equipment and gear they need to get in the game and get active."



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A Schneiderman: New Yorkers Should Remain Vigilant During Tax Season,

Follow Tips To Stay Safe, And Report Suspected Scams

NEW YORK - With this year's tax deadline looming and April marking National Financial Literacy Month, Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman today offered New Yorkers tips to avoid falling victim to reported tax season scams. The Attorney General also asked taxpayers to notify his office of any suspected fraudulent schemes designed to steal personal and financial information from consumers.

"Some of the most common scams reported to my office involve fraudsters targeting consumers during tax season and I hope New Yorkers remain vigilant leading up to tax day," said Attorney General Schneiderman. "By keeping in mind a few basic tips and reporting suspected fraud, consumers can stay safe and ensure

that they get to keep the full tax refund to which they're entitled."

Each year, the Office of the Attorney General receives complaints from consumers about various tax preparation schemes. This year, the Attorney General's Office has received numerous complaints about scammers who are impersonating IRS officials and attempting to collect bogus tax debts. The scammers often threaten lawsuits or arrest if consumers fail to turn over money or provide sensitive personal information. Often the scammers claim consumers owe past tax debts and insist that consumers pay using a pre-paid credit card. Pre-paid credit cards are generally difficult to trace and that is why many scammers insist that would-be scam victims pay using these products. A sample IRS scam call can be found here.

In an effort to help New Yorkers avoid tax-themed scams, the Attorney General's Office offers the following tips:

The IRS and legitimate government agencies never demand pay-

o If you owe money, you will receive a legitimate notice in writing that identifies the agency and the reason you owe money;

o Do not give out personal information, including your Social Security number or bank account information, to telephone callers; o Legitimate government organizations will never threaten arrest or deportation for failure to pay a debt;

o Legitimate government agencies will never insist that consumers pay a debt only via a pre-paid credit card.

The following suggestions will help consumers file their tax returns safely and keep more of their return: o If you use a tax-preparation service, use only established and

recognizable companies;

o Check the tax preparer's qualifications and history through the Better Business Bureau (bbb.org);
o Ask for a written estimate of all fees; avoid those who base their fees on a percentage of your refund;

o Make sure the tax preparer is accessible, even after the April due date;

Never sign a blank return;

Review entire return before signing;

o Make sure the preparer signs the tax form and includes a Preparer Tax Identification Number (PTIN); o Consult New York's "Consumer Bill of Rights Regarding Tax

Consumers should also beware of refund anticipation loans (RALs) and refund anticipation checks (RACs). RALs are often marketed as "instant" or "24-hour" refunds but are actually high-cost loans that come with fees and interest that reduce the amount of any refund. (Contd. Pg. 12)



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PUBLIC NOTICES/LEGALS:

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING, ANNUAL MEETING, BUDGET VOTE AND ELECTION TRI-VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AT GRAHAMSVILLE TOWN OF NEVERSINK, COUNTY OF SULLIVAN, NEW YORK

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual Budget Hearing of the residents of the Tri-Valley Central School District at Grahamsville, Sullivan County, New York will be held at the Tri-Valley Central High School Upstairs Gym/Auditorium in said District at Grahamsville, New York on:

Tuesday, May 3, 2016 At 7:00 P.M. (EDT)

for the purpose of presenting the school budget for the 2016-2017 school year.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a copy of the budget statement showing the amount of money which will be required for the following year for school purposes, exclusive of public money, together with the text of any proposition which will be presented to the voters, may be obtained at the Office of the Superintendent, Tri-Valley Central School, Grahamsville, New York and any school building, by any resident in the District between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. on each day except Saturday, Sunday or holidays during the fourteen days preceding the Annual Meeting (beginning Tuesday, May 3, 2016).

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Annual Meeting, including the <u>VOTE</u> upon the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimated expenditures for school purposes for the 2016-2017 school year budget and the <u>VOTING</u> for members of the Board of Education, and <u>VOTING</u> on the below propositions and any other proposition to be acted upon, will take place on Tuesday, May 17, 2016 between the hours of 1:00 and 8:00 P.M. daylight savings time at the Main Gymnasium of the Tri-Valley Central High School Building, in Grahamsville, New York.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the following proposition will also be submitted for voter approval at said Annual Meeting:

Proposition #1

Shall the Board of Education be authorized to establish a reserve fund, to be known as the "Capital Reserve Fund 2016", in accordance with Education Law § 3651(1), for the purpose of paying the cost of improvements to buildings and grounds, including acquisition, construction, or reconstruction of buildings, site grading or improvements, furnishings, and installation, replacement or reconstruction of equipment, machinery or apparatus, whether or not in connection with original construction, in a maximum amount not to exceed \$8,000,000, plus accrued earnings, to be raised by annual transfers of unexpended fund balances, a transfer of excess funds from the existing tax certiorari reserve fund in an amount up to \$5,000,000, a transfer of excess funds from the existing repair reserve fund in an amount up to \$1,300,000, and a transfer of the existing balance of the Capital Reserve Fund - Facilities, which expires on June 30, 2016, for a probable term of ten (10) years, effective July 1, 2016 and expiring June 30, 2026, provided that, pursuant to Education Law § 3651(3), no expenditure shall be made from such fund except upon authorization of the voters of the District for the purposes specified herein?

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the following proposition will also be submitted for voter approval at said Annual Meeting:

Proposition #2

Shall the following resolution be adopted, to wit:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Tri-Valley Central School District, is hereby authorized to undertake certain capital improvements consisting of miscellaneous interior and exterior reconstruction of a security vestibule and related work at the Tri-Valley Secondary School building, along with the acquisition of certain original furnishings, equipment, and apparatus and other incidental improvements required in connection therewith for such construction and school use, all at an estimated maximum aggregate cost of \$112,977, and appropriate, encumber, and expend existing and unexpended funds, and funds from the Capital Reserve Fund - Facilities, therefor.

And notice is hereby further given that the text of the foresaid proposition #2 may appear on the ballot labels in the following abbreviated form:

Proposition #2

Shall the proposition set forth in the legal notice of this annual meeting, authorizing a capital construction project consisting of miscellaneous interior and exterior reconstruction of a security vestibule and related work at the Tri-Valley Secondary/Elementary School building, all at an estimated maximum aggregate cost of \$112,977 to be appropriated, encumbered, and expended from unexpended funds and/or the Capital Reserve Fund - Facilities, therefor all as more fully described in said notice, be approved?

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the following proposition will also be submitted for voter approval at said Annual Meeting:

Proposition #3

Shall the following resolution be adopted, to wit:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Tri-Valley Central School District, is hereby authorized to undertake certain capital improvements consisting of miscellaneous interior and exterior reconstruction, roof and window replacement, plumbing, electrical and mechanical reconstruction and replacement, and related work at the Tri-Valley Secondary/Elementary School building, along with the acquisition of certain original furnishings, equipment, and apparatus and other incidental improvements required in connection therewith for such construction and school use, all at an estimated maximum aggregate cost of \$8,000,000, and appropriate, encumber, and expend existing and unexpended funds, and funds from the Capital Reserve Fund 2016, therefor.

And notice is hereby further given that the text of the foresaid proposition #3 may appear on the ballot labels in the following abbreviated form:

Proposition #3

Shall the proposition set forth in the legal notice of this annual meeting, authorizing a capital construction project consisting of miscellaneous interior and exterior reconstruction and related work at the Tri-Valley Secondary/Elementary School building, all at an estimated maximum aggregate cost of \$8,000,000 to be appropriated, encumbered, and expended from unexpended funds and/or the Capital Reserve Fund 2016, therefor all as more fully described in said notice, be approved?

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PUBLIC NOTICES/LEGALS: (Contd.)

(From Pg. 10) NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

SEQRA STATUS OF PROJECT: The School District, acting as lead agency to the extent necessary for this purpose under SEQRA, has completed its environmental review of the projects described in propositions #2 and #3 and, on March 17, 2016, duly determined and found the purposes to be a Type II action which will not have a significant impact on the environment and is not subject to any further environmental review under SEQRA.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the term of three members of the Board of Education will expire on June 30, 2016. Petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education shall be filed with the Clerk of said School District at her office in the Administration Building, on or before 5:00 P.M. on Monday, April 18, 2016. Vacancies on the Board of Education are not considered separate, specific offices; candidates run at-large. The three highest vote getters will fill the three full-term positions. Nominating petitions shall be directed to the Clerk of the District; must be signed by at least 25 qualified voters of the District; must state the name and residence address of each signer, and, must state the name and residence address of the candidate.

The 3-year terms of the following Members of the Board of Education expire on June 30, 2016, and are to be filled at this election:

Lori Schmitz Cathy Russo Janet Dymond

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that pursuant to a prior resolution of the District, personal voter registration is in effect. The dates for personal voter registration have been set for Tuesday, May 10th, 2016 and Wednesday, May 11th, 2016 in the Main Entrance Area, between the hours of 4:00 P.M. and 8:00 P.M. Voters may also register at the Office of the District Clerk on any business day through Thursday, May 12th, 2016 between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. Residents are reminded that their registration is valid if they have voted at any school or general election held within the 4 calendar year period prior to May 17, 2016. If a voter is eligible to vote under Article 5 of the Election Law and is registered with the Sullivan or Ulster County Board of Elections, he/she is also eligible to vote at this election. The register of voters prepared pursuant to Section 2014 of the Education Law shall be available in the office of the Clerk, to any qualified voter, on each of the five (5) days prior to the annual meeting. except Sunday, and at the polling place on the day of the vote.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that in accordance with Section 2018-a of the Education Law, applications for ABSENTEE BALLOTS may be applied for at the office of the District Clerk. Absentee ballots must be applied for unless the voter's registration is marked "permanently disabled" by the County Board of Elections. Such applications must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days before the election if the absentee ballot is to be mailed to the voter (Tuesday, May 10th, 2016) OR the day before the election (Monday, May 16th, 2016), if the ballot is to be picked up personally by the voter. Absentee ballots must be received in the Office of the District Clerk not later than 5:00 P.M. on the day of the annual meeting. A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots have been issued shall be available for public inspection during regular office hours (9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.) until the day of the election. Any qualified voter may file a written challenge of the qualifications of a voter, whose name appears on such list, stating the reasons for the challenge.

By order of the Board of Education Norma Peña, District Clerk

Dated: April 1, 2016 3/31; 4/14; 4/21;4/28

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Notice of Complete Application

Date: 03/31/2016

Applicant: TOWN OF NEVERSINK 273 MAIN ST • PO BOX 307 GRAHAMSVILLE, NY 12740-0307

Facility: SUGARLOAF RD

SUGARLOAF RD CROSSING OF SUGARLOAF BROOK CLARYVILLE. NY

Application ID: 3-4842-00162/00005

Permits(s) Applied for: 1 - Article 15 Title 5 Stream Disturbance Project is located: in NEVERSINK in SULLIVAN COUNTY

Project Description:

The applicant proposes 240 linear feet of disturbance to Sugarloaf Brook [H-139-14-49, Class B(TS)], to repair 4 sections of existing large stone rip-rap & install 600 feet of guide rail at top of bank, to improve public safety on Sugarloaf Road between Friends Road & Donovan Road in the Town of Neversink. In-stream work will be limited to removing one large rip-rap boulder. All work will be staged from Sugarloaf Road & occur outside of trout spawning season.

Availability of Application Documents:

Filed application documents, and Department draft permits where applicable, are available for inspection during normal business hours at the address of the contact person. To ensure timely service at the time of inspection, it is recommended that an appointment be made with the contact person.

State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) Determination

Project is an Unlisted Action and will not have a significant impact on the environment. A Negative Declaration is on file. A coordinated review was not performed.

SEQR Lead Agency None Designated

State Historic Preservation Act (SHPA) Determination

Cultural resource lists and maps have been checked. The proposed activity is not in an area of identified archaeological sensitivity and no known registered, eligible or inventoried archaeological sites or historic structures were identified or documented for the project location. No further review in accordance with SHPA is required.

DEC Commissioner Policy 29, Environmental Justice and Permitting (CP-29) It has been determined that the proposed action is not subject to CP-29.

Availability For Public Comment Comments on this project must be submitted in writing to the Contact Person no later than 05/05/2016 or 15 days after the publication date of this notice, whichever is later.

Contact Person JEAN V MCAVOY NYSDEC 21 S Putt Corners Rd New Paltz, NY 12561 (845) 256-3054

The Catskill Watershed Corporation is soliciting bids for portable toilets for boat launch sites on the Cannonsville, Neversink, Pepacton, and Schoharie Reservoirs. Bids must be received at CWC by 4 PM, May 6, 2016. For bid documents please contact Barbara Puglisi or Frieda Suess at 845-586-1400. EOE 4/14: 4/21: 4/28

The Annual meeting of the Fallsburg-Neversink (Velie) Cemetery will be held on Saturday, May7th at 7:00 pm. Please call N. Barkley at 434-4817 if you are intereted in attending.

NOTICE

The Town of Neversink will be accepting applications for Lifeguard positions at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds Pool for the 2016 season.

Application forms are available at the Town Hall, Grahamsville, NY Monday thru Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. Applicants must include copies of all current certifications. length of time available to work and any needed time off when submitting their applications. (Photocopies of certifications can be made at the Town Hall when the application is brought in.)

PLEASE NOTE: THE CUT-OFF DATE FOR RECEIVING APPLICATIONS WILL BE 4:30 PM ON FRIDAY, MAY 6, 2016.

Town of Neversink Summer Swim Program is also requesting applicants for WSI Instructors. For further information on either please call Town Hall at 985-2262, ext. 305. 4/14; 21

CWC Provides
Stream Cleaning Supplies
The Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC) supports groups and individuals who clean litter and other debris from streambanks in the Catskill-Delaware Watershed and dispose of it properly.

The CWC will provide heavy duty trash bags, gloves and tokens of appreciation to individuals, youth and school groups, church organizations, civic and business associations, neighborhood groups and teams of friends who volunteer to scour streambanks and riversides for trash.

Call Diane Galusha at 845-586-1400, galusha@cwconline.org, to arrange to get these items.

A stream cleanup would be a meaningful way to observe Earth Day, which is April 22. American Rivers is also calling for groups to participate in the 25th Annual National River Cleanup effort this spring. To register your cleanup activity, participate in a photo contest, and to get more information, visit www.americanrivers.org and click on the "Take Action" tab.

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

www.cwconline.org

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Assembly Continues Commitment to Expanding Ethics Reform and

Sunshine Legislatin (Albany, NY) - Assemblymember Kevin A. Cahill (D-Ulster, Dutchess) commented on the Assembly's efforts to increase the transparency of our state government and limit the power of special interests by passing comprehensive legislative initiatives that address ethics and campaign finance reform. The Assembly also passed a measure that would require state agencies that maintain websites to permit the online submission of requests for records that are subject to FOIL (A.5768, People-Stokes).

'It is unfortunate, but New Yorkers have lost faith in their public institutions. We can restore that trust by our own good behavior as lawmakers and by taking measures to increase accountability," Assemblymember Cahill said. "I am confident the passage of this significant legislation will be a valuable step toward rebuilding the faith our constituents must have in their representatives in order to effec-

tively govern."

The Assembly approved measures that will limit outside income for members of the legislature, prohibit payments for legal referrals, better regulate and distinguish between legislator's reelection and housekeeping accounts and enhance openness and disclosure in lobbying funds (A.9535, Heastie). The Assemblyman and his colleagues also again passed a measure co-sponsored by Assemblyman Cahill (A.6975-B, Kavanagh) that would subject Limited Liability Corporations (LLCs) to existing contribution limits for corporations.

In an effort to continue the Assembly's commitment to increase public accessibility of government records, the house also approved an act expanding New York's sunshine laws, some of which have been considered in years past. This package includes bills that would clarify that the automatic and blanket denial to requests for records filed under the Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) is prohibited (A4468, Englebright), as well as legislation that would require the identity of political committees that pay for political communications to be fully disclosed.

"We owe it to the people of our great state and to each other to work as hard as we can to regain the trust and respect of those who put us in office. I am confident that these measures and our redoubled attention to good behavior and self-policing will be positive steps in that direction," Assemblymember Cahill concluded.

> Tobacco Corp's Tax Exempt Revocation Prompts Inquire

The Office of the Ulster County Comptroller has begun an inquiry into the Ulster Tobacco Asset Securitization Corporation (UTASC), after discovering that the blended component unit of the County has had its tax exempt status revoked for failure to file an annual return with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) for three consecutive years. UTASC, a local development corporation, created pursuant to a local law enacted by the Ulster County Legislature in September of 2000, was originally excused from filing an annual return until being notified by the IRS in 2011 of a change in the law requiring the submission of Form 990. The IRS followed up on January 30, 2013 and May 21, 2013 and issued a notice of revocation on August 18, 2014.

The ongoing issue was highlighted again after an independent audit was submitted in March of 2016 for the year ended December 31, 2015. In the Summary of Significant Accounting Policies it was

noted that

"During the year ended December 31, 2014 management received notification from the Internal Revenue Service revoking the corporation's tax-exempt status, effective May 15, 2014. Management is taking the appropriate steps to reinstate the corporation's tax exempt status and believes this determination will be

reversed.'

UTASC was formed to acquire the future rights, title and interest of millions of dollars of the County's Tobacco Settlement Revenues (TSR) that were a result of a settlement agreement that resolved cigarette smoking-related litigation. According to the most recent audited financial statement, UTASC had general revenues of \$4.266 million for the year "which included approximately \$4.113 million in tobacco settlement revenues (TSR) and approximately \$153 thousand in interest income earned on investments."

According to the IRS website, the penalties for an exempt organization that fails to file could be as high as \$50,000 if that organization has gross receipts in excess of \$1 million for the year.

UC Executive Mike Hein Proclaims the Week of April 10th as Crime Victims' Rights Week in Ulster County Community-Oriented Activities Are Scheduled During The Week To Raise Awareness About The Rights Of Victims And The Services Available In Ulster County

Ulster County Executive Mike Hein proclaimed the week of April 10th Crime Victims' Rights Week in Ulster County to raise awareness about the rights of victims and highlight the many services and resources available throughout the County. Crime Victims' Rights Week is a national campaign lead by the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) that promotes victims' rights, and honors crime victims and those who advocate on their behalf. This year's theme is "Serving Victims, Building Trust, Restoring Hope" which focuses on the importance of establishing trust with victims because early intervention can help prevent both further victimization and involvement in the criminal justice system, while addressing the cycle of violence and restoring hope for the future.

Michael P. Hein, County Executive
"We all long for the day that there are no victims of crime, but until that day the reality is that no crime victim should have to go through the healing process feeling under-informed or alone," said County Executive "The Ulster County Crime Victims Assistance Program is always there so victims know exactly where they can immediately turn for help and compassion; whether it is helping navigate the judicial system, creating a support system or simply, and most importantly, recovering from a potentially life-altering incident. We are committed in Ulster County to making sure they have all the help and support they need. The dedication of our Crime Victim's Assistance Program and County Judicial System, as well as the many local organizations that work together tirelessly to help victims of crime and provide hope and recovery are invaluable during emotional and trying times for victims and their families. Holley Carnright, Ulster County District Attorney

"The prosecution of an individual charged with a crime is only one facet of the justice system. All too often victims feel alone and helpless, but fortunately, here in Ulster County there are many services available for victims and their families," said Ulster County District Attorney Holley Carnright. "I appreciate the Ulster County Crime Victims Assistance Program and County Executive Hein for highlighting Crime Victims' Rights Week. It is so important that people know there is help and support readily available at any time."

Madeleine Miller, Sr. Crime Victim Counselor

The purpose of this week is to raise awareness of the many services and resources available to victims of crime, whether it is through Ulster County government, local service providers, or by means of partnering with community-based organizations," said Madeleine Miller, Sr. Crime Victim Counselor. "The ongoing process of building partnerships with our community leaders and service providers is crucial, in order to better address all victims needs and improve our ability to serve them. Our office together with County Executive Hein, realize the importance of making sure Ulster County residents are informed and know where they can turn in the event they become a victim of crime." Lydia Diaz, Educator at the Ulster County Crime

Victims' Assistance Program

This week would not be possible without the ongoing support of County Executive Hein, who recognizes the importance of reaching out to victims in crisis, as well as the Office of Victim Services which provided the funding," said Lydia Diaz, Educator at the Ulster County Crime Victims' Assistance Program. "The Crime Victim's Assistance Program and its collaborative partners have provided assistance and support to thousands of victims and their families for the past thirty years, yet many people are still unaware of the services available, including the caring volunteers who are standing by to respond to a hotline call, or the staff members who can advocate for them in court or provide them with support whether or not they decide to press charges. Crime Victims' Rights Week is an opportunity to provide important information to residents on the resources available in Ulster County."

Calendar of Events for Crime Victims' Rights Week:

April 11th:

Movie Screening "The Hunting Ground" at NYSUT Conference Center 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. (201 Stockade Drive, Kingston)

 April 12th: Keith Bennett - Self Defense Workshop at Fair Street Reformed Church 5:30 - 7 p.m. (209 Fair Street, Kingston)

April 13th: SUNY New Paltz Wellness Fair Gift Basket Giveaway 10:00 a.m. - 2 p.m. (Student Union Building, SUNY New Paltz, 1 Hawk Drive, New Paltz) ApriΓ14th;

Resource Fair at Ulster BOCES Conference Center 1:00

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(175 Route 32 North, New Paltz) p.m. - 3 p.m. Movie Screening "Heaven's Rain" at NYSUT Conference Center 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. (201 Stockade Drive, Kingston)

April 15th:

Resource Fair at Pine Hill Community Center 10:30 -12:30 p.m. (287 Main St, Pine Hill)

Details and updates regarding the activities can also be viewed by visiting the following website and pages: http://ulstercountyny.gov, http://ulstercountyny.gov/social-services/domestic-violence-council and www.facebook.com/uccvap.

Some of the Ulster County services available for victims of crime include a 24 hour hotline; crisis counseling; advocacy; accompaniment and support; information; referrals to appropriate outside agencies; and assistance in preparing Victim Impact Statements for Pre-Plea and Pre-Sentence Investigation Reports. In addition, the Ulster County Crime Victims Assistance Program is the only New York State Department of Health certified rape crisis program in Ulster County. This allows for confidential services to victims of sexual assault, a critically important service. The CVAP Hotline is 845-340-3442 and additional information found http://ulstercountyny.gov/probation/crime-victim-assis-

New Yorkers Should Remain Vigilant During Tax Season (From Pg. 8)

New York State's General Business Law section 372 (known as the Consumer Bill of Rights regarding Tax Preparers), requires RALs to be marketed as loans - not refunds. RACs are temporary bank accounts established on behalf of a taxpayer into which a directdeposit refund can be received -but these also come with fees that will reduce the consumer's refund. The tax preparer must give the consumer a written disclosure that explains:

 That consumers are not required to take out a refund anticipation loan or refund anticipation check in order

to receive your tax refund;

 The amount of fees and interest consumers will have to pay for a refund anticipation loan or refund anticipation check;

o The amount consumers will receive after the fees and interest are deducted;

o The annual percentage rate of interest that consumers will be charged;

The amount the refund will be without a refund

anticipation loan. Consumers can avoid the costs of refund anticipation loans and checks by filing their return electronically and having refunds mailed or directly deposited into

their own bank accounts. Consumers may report suspected instances of consumer fraud by calling Attorney General Schneiderman's Office at 1-800-771-7755 or by visiting www.ag.ny.gov.

The Attorney General also reminds New Yorkers that there are Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) sites where consumers can get their tax returns prepared free of charge. For more information about how to qualify

and identify VITA location sites, go to www.irs.gov. Consumers whose income is \$62,000 or less may qualify for FreeFile and can use free tax preparation and e-filing software. Information on free e-filing is avail-

able at: www.tax.ny.gov. Some additional websites with helpful information

include: Internal Revenue Service www.irs.gov/taxtopics/tc254.html

NYS Consumer Bill of Rights Regarding Tax Preparers www.tax.ny.gov/pdf/memos/income/m08 7i.pdf Department of Consumer NYC Affairs

www.nyc.gov/html/dca/html/home/home.shtml Attorney General Schneiderman is urging New Yorkers to be vigilant consumers and to report instances of fraud to his Office. Consumers who feel they've been victims of any tax preparation scams are urged to file complaints by visiting the Office's website or calling 1-800-771-7755. Consumers can also file an online complaint with the United States Treasury Inspector General at: http://www.treasury.gov/tigta/contact_report_scam.sht ml.

Penny Social at the Federation April 23rd

Get ready for an event that is gonna knock your socks off! On April 23rd the Sullivan County Federation for the Homeless is proud to present its first ever Penny Social fundraiser. Slated to take place at the Federation's 9 Monticello St location, doors will open at 5pm with calling beginning at 7pm.

Along with the traditional "penny tables", 50/50 raffle and door prizes, the event will also include special tables with beautiful baskets and many valuable gift certificates which have been generously donated by area sponsors. Food will be available for purchase, and all proceeds are to directly benefit the Sullivan County Federation for the Homeless and those they serve.

The Federation for the Homeless provides education, goods and services to those who are without resources. If you would like to donate new or gently used items or gift certificates for the Penny Social, or have any questions about the Federation and its programs, please call Kathy Kreiter at (845) 794-2604.

Calling all Those Custom Car Lovers!

The Sprague & Killeen Team pride themselves on giving back to the community. Last year we participated in over 20 events locally as a team. Our efforts this year have been dialed in to focus on the Disabled American Veterans with our 1st Annual Wings & Wheels for Warriors Event.

This show welcomes all rides including, muscle cars, antiques, customs, planes, trucks, jeeps & bikes. This family friendly event will offer Food, DJ Brian, Face painting, Raffles, and Plane rides with Fly with Kate. Please join us on Saturday, May 21, Armed Forces Day with a rain date of Sunday, May 22 from 9 am to 3 pm at the Joseph Resnick Airport. Mark your calendar for Wings & Wheels for Warriors a not to be missed event that will benefit our disabled veterans.

The Sprague & Killeen Team members are busy preparing for this celebration to recognize the many contributions our veterans have made and ask that you set aside a portion of that day to thank those who have given us so much!

For information more please visitwww.wingsnwheelsforwarriors.com

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Service Times

Sunday Worship Service 10:30 am



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Sundown United Methodist Church

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

Grahamsville United Methodist Church Rte. 55, Grahamsville

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

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SC Chamber of Commerce 25th Anniversary Pride Awards Gala

The Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce is celebrating 25 years of honoring individuals as the Pride of their community. The 25th Anniversary Pride Awards Gala will be held on Sunday, May 15th at the Villa Roma Resort will honor 5 individuals from throughout Sullivan County for their community involvement and their contributions to the economic development in the county.

The five winners selected were for Business Person of the Year, Distinguished Service to the County, Distinguished Achievement in the County, Young Emerging Leader and as a special 25th anniversary addition; we are honoring a Silver Anniversary Winner for their dedication and commitment to the betterment of Sullivan County; all to be honored at this prestigious ceremony.

"This is an opportunity for everyone in Sullivan County to participate in this process. It is the way to honor people throughout Sullivan County that wouldn't normally get recognized, but these individuals deserve the most prestigious recognition" said Cathy Paty, President/CEO of the Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce.

2016 Pride Award Winners are:

25th Silver Anniversary Award - Les Kristt, Kristt Kelly Office Systems Business Person of the Year- Franklin Trapp, Forestburgh Playhouse

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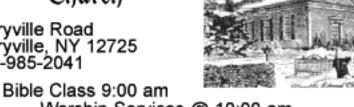
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Saturday afternoon confessions: 3:45 to 4:15 pm

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



Claryville Fire Dept. All you can eat Pancake Breakfast Sunday, April 17



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Adults \$9 Children under 12 \$5, under 5 yrs. free

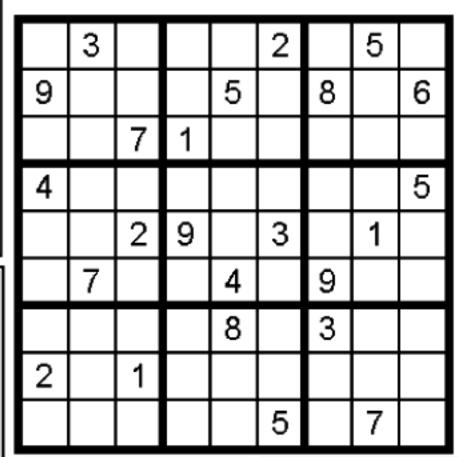
\$50 from the breakfast is donated to Claryville Reformed Church Food Pantry

Distinguished Achievement Award- Dr. Gerard Galarneau, CRMC Distinguished Service Award- Jeff Siegel, Spencer Daniel's Agency Young Emerging Leader- Evan & Brynn Allees, Pickled Owl - Gastropub

The 25th Anniversary Pride Awards Gala will be held on Sunday, May 15, 2016, 11am-2pm. Tickets are \$50/person. The Clubhouse at Villa Roma, 356 Villa Roma Rd, Callicoon, NY 12723. Sponsorships are available.

For tickets or sponsorship opportunities call 845-791-4200 or email office@catskills.com.

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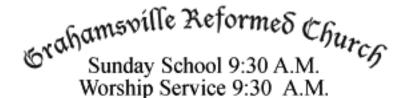
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Cloisters Museum, April 23 - Adults \$51; Children under 17-\$36. Must be paid A/S/A/P

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

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

Pizza Hut Fundraiser Thursday, June 23.

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

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

Red Lion Lunch & Norman Rockwell Museum Stockbridge, MA- July 6; \$52 Nevesink Residents/Tri-Valley Students; Non-residents \$8. Must be paid by May 2.

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

The Library Board of Trustees meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each

month. On occasion, a meeting date is changed. Please call ahead to confirm.

2016 Town of Neversink Motor Vehicle Schedule

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

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

AL-ANON MEETINGShttp://www.al-anon.alateen.org

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



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Third Saturday Thrift Sale Grahamsville UM Church 9-1 4/16/16

TVCS Board Meeting - 7 pm 4/19/16

4/19/16 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals 7:30 pm

4/20/16 Neversink-Rondout Antique Machinery Assoc Meeting 7:30 pm

4/21/16 Neversink Fire District Commissioners Meeting at 7 p.m.; Public Meeting at 7:30 p.m. 4/26/15 Grahamsville UMC Thrift Sale & Luncheon Thrift Sale 9am1pm. Luncheon 11am- 1 pm

5/3/16 Town of Denning Board Meeting 6 pm - Denning Town Hall

5/4/16 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting 7 pm 5/5/16

Claryville Fire Dept Commissioners Meeting 6:30 pm Tri-Valley Lions Journey for Sight Walk - 8:30-9:30am Sign-in First Aid Building 5/7/16

5/7/16 Sundown United Methodist Church Covered Dish Supper - 5:30 pm

5/10/15 Town of Denning Business Meeting 7 pm

5/11/16 Town of Neversink Town Board Meeting 7:30 pm

5/12/16 Dept of Motor Vehicles -Neversink Town Hall 10 am-2:30 pm

5/12/16 Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting 7 pm

6/1/2016 Tri-Valley Lions Rabies Clinic 6-8 pm Grahamsville Fairgrounds

Save the Date

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

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

Matty Bertholf's Fifth Annual Horseshoe Tournament Sunday, July 10, 2016 at the Neversink Fireman's Pavilion

Time and the Valleys Old Time Fair & Chicken BBQ Saturday, July 30, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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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.

Tri-Valley Community! Your attention, please!

The Neversink Renaissance Committee is conducting a survey Are you interested in a

Farmer's and/or Artisan's Market

to be held at the Neversink General Store during the summer months including September?

If so -- Send an email to tvangus@hvcrr.com or call 985-7530

and let us know:

- 1) As a local consumer, would you attend a farmers'/artisans' market at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds?
- 2) What types of products would you like to find there? (fresh vegetables, canned goods, meats, handmade crafts, etc.)
- 3) Would you be interested in selling your wares at this type of venue?
- 4) What, specifically, would you sell?
- 5) How often would you like to shop/sell? Weekly, biweekly, monthly?

Boy Scout Troop 97

Fish and Chips Dinner

Grahamsville Reformed Church April 17th from 4:30pm to 6:30pm



We will be serving fish and chips coleslaw, drinks and a dessert. Adults \$13.00 Children under 12 \$8.00



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

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

Saturday, July 9 Grahamsville Fairgrounds from 10 am to 3 pm

Super Saturday of Sales



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Crafters and Vendors wishing to sell their wares at the Yard Sale RESERVE YOUR SPACE NOW! \$15 per space

must be paid no later than Tuesday, June 7 Contact Jamie at 845-985-2262 ext 312 or send her an email at Raceri12@aol.com

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PHONE:
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TYPE OF MERCHANDISE:
HOW MANY SPACES NEEDED
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CRAFT VENDOR
YARD SALE

Set up starts at 8 am -Clean up by 4 pm; <u>Under Pavilion:</u> New Items Only Space for Crafters, Home Demonstrators; There will be no duplicate home party demonsrators; One item from each vendor is required for raffle to benefit Parks & Rec for all those under pavilion; Out in Lawn: Yard Sale Space marked & assigned; Food will be available for sale throughout the day; Fee is \$15 per 8' space; Must supply your own table & tents if needed; No more than 1 family per space



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Knarf's "Classic Movie Trivia" Breakfast at Tiffany's

(Comedy, 1961)



Our film moves to Tuesday this week. A young writer (George Peppard) caught up with a party girl, Holly Golightly (Audrey Hepburn) and her carefree existence She lives in a brownstone on Manhattan's

swank East Side. A totally madcap advenrture. She lives in a partially furnished apartment, owns a cat with no name, gets rid of the "mean reds" by visiting Tiffany's, Directed by Blake Edwards, and starring: Audrey Hepburn, George Peppard, Patricia Neal . See this film Tuesday evening, April 19, 2016 starting @ 10:00 PM, B/W, 115 min. TV-G, Critics note: Linda G. Comando's favorite film. Ouiz:

I. Who played O. J. Berman?

2. Who played Mr. Yunioshi?

3. Who played Doc Golightly?

4. Who played "2E"?

What's Going on in The Gnome Gneighborhoodtm?

GRAHAMSVILE

Thrift Sale & Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, Apr 26 and The Third Saturday Thrift Sale at the United Methodist Church in Grahamsville will be held on Saturday, Apr 16 (see pg 13)

SUNDOWN

Meet friends and neighbors and welcome Spring at the next Sundown Church Covered Dish Supper that will be held on May 7th at 5:30 pm in the Church Hall.

CLARYVILLE

Claryville Fire Dept. All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast Sunday, April 17-Serving 7:00 until 12:00 Noon

<u>NEVERSINK</u>

Dance for a Cure -ZUMBA at Neversink Fire Department on Friday, Apr. 22 from 6-8 pm. See ad on Pg 9 for details.

ELLENVILLE/WAWARSING

The Ellenville Wawarsing Youth Commission Annual Spring Fling will be held on Saturday April 16, 2016 11am-1pm at Lippman Park, Route 209, Wawarsing Fun For The Whole Family!

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