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"Make a Difference" Grant Funds Field Trips for Sullivan County Schools to the Time and the Valleys Museum

[Grahamsville, N.Y] A Community Foundation of Orange and Sullivan \$2,000 Make a Difference Grant helps funds



field trips for qualified schools in Sullivan County to visit the Time and the Valleys Museum. "We are so thrilled to offer our interactive and fun field trips at absolutely no cost to qualifying schools in Sullivan County, thanks to the Make a Difference Grant" says Museum Director, Donna Steffens. "Plus, schools from anywhere can have free bus transportation, thanks to a grant from the Rondout Neversink Stream Program, so it is very cost effective for

all schools to visit the Museum."

The Museum currently offers two interactive and engaging field trip programs which fit into the global water unit, water cycle and other standards in the NYS Common Core curriculum for most grade levels: (Contd. Pg. 3)

Santa's 'Elves' Busy in the Tri-Valley School District



Within the boundaries of the Tri-Valley Central School District, a 200-square mile of the Catskill Mountains, something magical happened. On Christmas morning, nearly 75 children were surprised to see toys, new clothing, and other goodies under the tree. That's not so unusual... what is strange is the work of the local Elf Force. (Contd. Pg. 4)

Last Call - Catskill Center Announces the Availability of Funding for Invasive Species Control, Education and Citizen Science Programs



Seth Cunningham water sampling for the American Museum Natural History eDNA Project

January 10, 2019 ARKVILLE, NY - The Catskill Regional Invasive Species Partnership (CRISP) is funding projects (up to \$30,000) to stop the spread of invasive species that threaten our region, raise awareness about invasive species, encourage the public to participate in the study of invasives and support local conservation organizations.

A total of \$120,000 will be awarded to fund proposals, received by January 15th, that best accomplish one (or more) of the following priorities:

1. Stop emerging invasive species infestations through Rapid Response.
2. Surveys for Early Detection Species.
3. Raise public awareness of Early Detection/Prevention Species to address introduction pathways of forest pests, pathogens or species approaching the region.
4. Develop a structured Citizen Science program that engages and retains participants.
5. Improve the scientific understanding of the extent, ecological impact and effective controls of invasive species in the CRISP region.

"The Catskill Center, as host of CRISP, is excited to be able to make a direct impact on invasive species management through awarding these funds. (Contd. Pg. 9)

SYDA Foundation makes Generous Donation to FCSD



FCSD Superintendent of Schools Dr. Ivan Katz thanks the SYDA Foundation for a generous \$4,000 donation.

It was presented at the January 2nd, 2019 Board of Education meeting. In the photo presenting the donation to Board President Debra Barbiani (on the left) are Ms. Mirabai Siegel and Mrs. Gail Fairbanks-Roch.

Water Resources Art & Poetry Contest Inspires Next Generation of Environmentalists



New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Commissioner Vincent Sapienza today announced the launch of the 33rd annual Water Resources Art and Poetry Contest. Second through twelfth grade students attending public, independent, charter or parochial schools, and those who are home-schooled, in New York City and in the East and West of Hudson watersheds, are invited to create original art and compose poetry that reflects an appreciation for New York's shared water resources. Entries will be accepted online until March 1, 2019. (Contd. Pg. 6)

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ON THE FRONT BURNER: I will say of the Lord. He is my refuge and my fortress: my God, in him I will trust

Psalm 91: 2

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Christina & Anthony
from the Neversink General Store....

We have a special announcement to make...our son has arrived!

Leonidas Carminati – born on Christmas Eve (December 24, 2018) at 9:05pm in Catskill Regional Medical Center. He weighed 8 pounds 3.6 oz, and was 22 inches long.



Leonidas' paternal grandparents are Anthony and Jane Carminati of Claryville, NY and his maternal grandparents are James and Theresa Wells of Grahamsville, NY

We hope you had a wonderful holi-

day season and new year, and can't wait for you to meet our little one!

Sincerely,

– *Christina Wells and Anthony Carminati (and little Leonidas too!)*

COLLEGE NEWS:

Angelee Santillo of Hurleyville Made President's List at SUNY Canton

SUNY Canton President Zvi Szafran recognizes Angelee Santillo of Hurleyville for making the President's List during the Fall 2018 semester. Santillo is a SUNY Canton Health Care Management major.

"Congratulations, Angelee! You've earned one of the highest GPAs at the college during your studies," he said. "It is my honor to personally acknowledge your academic achievement. Your grades are among the very best at the college."

Emily Downs of Olivebridge Named to SUNY Potsdam President's List

Emily Downs of Olivebridge, NY was recently named to the President's List at The State University of New York at Potsdam. Downs, whose major is Geology, was among 945 SUNY Potsdam students who were honored for academic excellence in the Fall 2018 semester. College President Dr. Kristin G. Esterberg recognized the students for earning top marks.

Rebecca Budrock Named to Colby-Sawyer College Dean's List

Colby-Sawyer has named Rebecca Budrock of Hurleyville to the Dean's List for fall 2018. Budrock, who majors in environmental science, is a member of the class of 2020.

SUNY Potsdam Names Area Students to Dean's List

The State University of New York at Potsdam recently named 366 students who excelled academically in the Fall 2018 semester to the College's Dean's List.

The students included:

- Jade Balsler of Liberty, NY, whose major is Mathematics
- Connor Decker of Neversink, NY, whose major is English & Creative Writing

Natalie Rubin Named to Hamilton College Dean's List

Natalie Rubin, of Olivebridge (12461), has been named to the Dean's List for the 2018 fall semester. Rubin, a junior majoring in creative writing, is a graduate of Onteora Central Senior High School.

Days of Yore...**Today's History**

January 12, 1949

Mrs. Jennie Depuy, teacher at Lackawack school, is confined to her home in Ellenville with quinsy sore throat. Mrs. Lena Slater of Unionville is teaching in her place.

Mr. and Mrs. Moore and Mrs. Thorp visited the Charlie Roses' on Sunday and presented Pauline Rose with the gift of an Underwood typewriter which, in effect, is also a gift to Townsman as the thought which inspired the deed was to enable Mrs. Rose to send in her "news" in typewritten form and thereby save the copy typists the ordeal of reading - or trying to read - the news in this correspondent's atrocious handwriting. Thank you again Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Moore, "I can't lead it either after," - as Mrs. Louis Lievre so aptly once put it - "it gets cold." Thanks from copy typists, too

The Grahamsville Merchants local basket ball team composed almost entirely of boys now attending high school in Ellenville and Liberty invaded Shokan Saturday night and chalked up a classy 64-60 win. Don TerBush showed the way, adding 25 points. Noteworthy, also were Arthur TerBush, Kurt Heiselman, Dale Shaut, Mario Costa, Richard Krom, Jim Costa, Gene Merigliano, Clinton Hamilton and Jack Denman

January 14, 1959

Three school houses which have not been in use since centralization went into effect have been sold by the Ellenville Central School District during the last month. The upper Ulster Heights school, Napanoch was sold for \$2000. The South Hill school house was sold to George Crist of Wallkill for \$1000. Philip Slutskvy Ellenville attorney, bought the Yeagerville school house for \$650.

Mrs. George Krom is back to work at "Finches" after being confined to her home with illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Smith have received a letter from AC Alfred E. Einert, telling them that he is stationed at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. Al is a graduate of Tri-Valley Central School.

Robert VanAckn. Jr of Sundown enlisted in the army and left to join on Wednesday

The Tn-Valley Stock Car Association will hold another dance at the Community Hall on Friday evening. January 23rd starting, at 9 PM

January 8, 1969

Sp 4. Kenneth Terwilliger, leaves on Wednesday morning for Ft Lewis, Washington, after spending a 30-day leave with his wife and family. From Ft Lewis, he will go on to spend a year in Korea.

Belated happy birthday to Mrs Robert Grey, her day was the 2nd and Donald Ackerley the 5th

January 15, 1969

A school banner which you will be hanging in the school gymnasium, was recently made for Tn-Valley by Mr and Mrs Harold Brown, Jr and family of South Hill. The school extends its thanks to the Browns for the time and effort they expended on this project

Airman Gregory F Parrow, son of Mr and Mrs Calvin W Parrow, Sundown, NY, has completed basic training at Lackland AFR, Texas. He has been assigned to Chanute AFF, Illinois., for training in aircraft maintenance. Airman Parrow graduated in 1966 from Tn-Valley Central School

The community extends its heartfelt sympathy to Mrs Carol McCarthy and her family, whose home was destroyed by fire last Friday.

January 11, 1979

The Trustees of the Daniel Pierce Library wish to thank the Grahamsville Fire Department and Roy Worden for their quick response to the flood emergency last Tuesday night. Also a very special thanks to Horace Sheeley and George Haag for their special efforts on our behalf

FM Tommy VanWagner spent New Years with his parents Floyd and Gladys VanWagner in Sundown. Tommy is with the Navy and now stationed in Newport, Rhode Island

Sgt Paul Hnatiw called recently from the island of Okinawa to let his parents know that he is now a certified scuba diver. Paul, who is stationed at Kardina Air Force Base on the island, is also studying basic Japanese.

The Daniel Pierce Library has a marvelous photographic exhibition in the Museum Room. It is the work of Michal Heron entitled "People and Their Land". During January, this exhibition will focus on the Navajo Indians and Mexican Americans. Ms Heron lives on Red Hill in Clary ville.

A Round About Tri-Valley

Carol Furman

Condolences to the Terwilliger family on the passing of Christine Terwilliger Stedner of Cragmoor on January 3rd. Christine, age 88, was one of fifteen children born to Earl and Vera Terwilliger.

Thank you to the Tri-Valley Lions Club and the Fallsburg Lions Club for donating to local churches and food pantries. The Town of Fallsburg Lions donated \$500. to both the Federation of the Homeless in Monticello and to the St. Andrew's Episcopal Church food pantry. The Tri-Valley Lions donated \$500. each to Ulster Heights Methodist Church, Immaculate Conception Church in Woodbourne, the Claryville Reformed Church, the Grahamsville United Methodist Church and the Grahamsville Reformed Church. These Lions Clubs are service organizations that are a true blessing to our communities.

I have noticed on several of my trips to Grahamsville that the Eureka eagle has been sitting near her nest. She had better not get any ideas about laying her eggs just yet!

Neversink residents are reminded to stop by Town Hall to purchase their garbage and recycling permit for the new year. Also, if you plan to do any burning of brush, you will need to get a new burning permit.

The Grahamsville Reformed Church held their annual budget meeting on January 13th following morning worship services. A nice lunch, organized by Spencer Quick, was served to those in attendance prior to the meeting.

Just when consumers thought romaine lettuce was safe again, another warning about E. coli contamination was announced, the third such warning in two years. They say that the FDA has located the source of the outbreak and that consumers should feel more confident about purchasing the lettuce. My daughter sent me an e-mail that said, "Eat salad they said. It's healthy they said. You know what never gets recalled? CAKE and COOKIES!" I recently read an article that stated that God left us a clue as to what foods help what parts of our bodies. We all know that we should eat healthy, so here are some clues as to what foods help certain parts of our body! A sliced *Carrot* looks like the human eye. The pupil, iris and lines resemble the eye and science says carrots greatly enhance eye function. A *Tomato* has four chambers and is red. Research shows that tomatoes are loaded with lycopene and good for your heart and blood. A *Walnut* looks a little like a brain, with left and right hemispheres. Walnuts even have wrinkles and folds like the brain. Walnuts help to develop neurotransmitters for brain function. *Kidney beans* actually help maintain kidney function and yes, they look like a kidney. *Sweet potatoes* look like the pancreas and actually help manage the glycemic index of diabetes. *Celery* and *rhubarb* look like bones and contain 23% calcium. Bones are 23% calcium and if you don't get enough calcium, the body pulls it from your bones. Grapes hang in a cluster in the shape of a heart. Each grape looks like a blood cell and research show they are good for the heart and blood. I thought this article, printed in the *Fishwrapper* publication in January of 2017, was fascinating.

Words of Wisdom: Mark Twain said, "The best way to cheer yourself is to try to cheer somebody else up." *That's as true today as it was back in his day!*

"Do what you can, with what you have, right where you are." (Teddy Roosevelt) *We can all be ambassadors of good will - wherever we are!*

"Locals" A Community Project

"Locals" is a new community project lending itself to getting to know each other better. The project has been developed and produced by world renown local artist and photographer, Les Stone. It is the talk of the town.

Les has been busy, donating his time, taking portrait photos of people from our local community and documenting them at the Neversink General Store where the collection is on exhibit. Stop by and see how many of your family, friends and neighbors you can recognize during the showing of this composition.

"Locals" - it is free and it is fun! Have your picture added to the growing collection for posterity of family and community.

Stop by the Neversink General Store and set up a portrait sitting with Les for yourself, family or group of friends and become part of the presentation of this unique montage of human spirit that makes up our community.

"Make a Difference" Grant Funds Field Trips for SC Schools to the Time and the Valleys Museum

(From Pg. 1) 1. Tunnels, Toil and Trouble: Upstate Water and NYC: Students explore the interactive exhibition on NYC's Water Supply System, see water contaminants, make water dirty and then clean again, understand the importance of watersheds and experience the losses of those who had their lands taken to build the water system.

2. Water Through History: Students identify fossils, discover the importance of waterwheels for early industries, handle native artifacts and learn about the importance of clean water through history.

New This Year - Both of these programs include a visit to the onsite 1930s Lost Catskill Farm with a farmhouse, 1880s barn, milk house, electric plant, outhouse, and workshop with working waterwheel. Available year round every day, the cost of each program is \$5 per student, with teachers and chaperones FREE, and free for all students from qualifying Sullivan County Schools. Interested schools please call 845 985-7700 or email info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org for more information about free bus transportation, free admission or to schedule a visit.

About the Time and the Valleys Museum: Connecting Water, people and the Catskills, the Time and the Valleys Museum is open from Memorial Day to Labor Day, Thursday through Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. and weekends in September.

Current exhibitions:

- o Water and the Valleys, an exhibit on the history of the Rondout and Neversink watershed area from early geological times to the 20th century. This newly renovated exhibition includes interactives such as a Native American artifact guessing game, grinding corn with a mortar and pestle, videos and more.

- o Tunnels, Toil and Trouble: New York City's Quest for Water and the Rondout-Neversink Story, an interactive exhibit on NYC water supply system and the towns that were removed to build the system, which includes computer interactives, games, puzzles, videos and building a dam and tunnel.
- o 1930s Lost Catskill Farm which includes a 1870s barn, milk house, outhouse, electric plant, workshop with working water wheel and 1880s farm house.

The Museum is located at 332 Main Street (St. Rt. 55) in Grahamsville Sullivan County. Adults admission is a suggested donation of \$5, Children under 16 \$2, and children under six are free. Town of Neversink residents receive free admission every Thursday. As a Blue Star Museum, the Museum offers free admission to active duty military members and up to five family members. For more information call 845 985-7700, e-mail info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org or visit www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org. Groups, camps and schools are always welcome - Guided tours are conducted for groups of 15 to 100 people throughout the year.

Grahamsville Rod and Gun Club News

The Grahamsville Rod and Gun Club held it's January meeting on Thursday January 3rd with 13 members present. The winners of the Club's big buck contest are Danny Everett 1st place gun - 8 point - total score 65", Gary Terbush 1st place crossbow - 6 point - total score 57", Jim Allison 2nd place gun - 8 point - total score 49 3/4 " and Karl VanValkenburg 3rd place gun - 7 point - total score 46". Congratulations to all the winners. The Club is looking for youths between the ages of 11 to 13 and also between 14 to 17, that want to go to Camp DeBruce for a week this summer. The Club will sponsor them and submit their names to the Federation of Sportsmens Club of Sullivan County and if their name is picked, the Federation will pay the expense to attend camp. For information call Harold Buley at 985-2813.

The Club is looking for vendors for the September 21 & 22, 2019, Sportsmen's Flea Market. Now is the time to clean out your attics and basements of any sports related items, new and old, to sell to someone that may need them. For more information call Gary TerBush at 985-7628 or Harold Buley at 985-2813.

The Federation of Sportsmen Clubs of Sullivan County will be holding a Youth Ice Fishing Contest on January 26, 2019, at Crystal Lake, Ten Mile River Boy Scout Camp. Everything is Free for the Children. For more information call Harold Buley at 985-2813 or Todd Buley at 845-532-7785.

The Club has a large supply of Schrade and Canal Street Knives for sale at anytime. Please call Gary TerBush at 985-7628 or Harold Buley at 985-2813. This is the way our Club raises money to support these activities and other activities. Join us on Facebook at Grahamsville Rod and Gun Club Inc.

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, Jean Helthaler, Karen Curry and Barbara Slater.

Otters are Coming Back

It is that time of the year when the eagle watchers begin to appear again to watch for any eagle activity by the Rondout Reservoir. That is not the only activity going on in the area. Recently we watched a pair of river otters sliding down a mud bank head first into the water as we were driving down Route 55a.



After they surface, they quickly ran back up the bank to scoot down again. With their front paws pressed against their sides, they looked like furry bullets. Adding to the playful scene, the otters chased

each other in the water and wrestled on land.

River otters (*Lutra Canadensis*) are of the weasel family. They adapted to water life in several ways, their paws are webbed for powerful swimming after fish; they can hold their breath a quarter mile before surfacing and in winter they breathe air bubbles trapped under the ice of lakes.

Their streamlined bodies are so flexible that an otter can bend nose to tail tip in a complete circle forwards, backwards and sideways. Otters can see better under water than above by rounding their eyeballs to compensate for light refraction in water.

Eight species of *Lutra* live worldwide and historically American otters were found in all states and New York watersheds. In the 1900's this valuable fur bearer declined drastically from over trapping and loss of habitat. In 1936 New York passed protection laws and over the next fifty years our DEC relocated otters back into their original range under the River Otter Project.

Since otters live along lakes and rivers, Grahamsville is particularly lucky to have two reservoirs nearby attracting them. Beavers are important to otters. They create good feeding sites in the logjams and brush piles. Abandoned beaver homes with underwater entrances make great otter den sites.

Male otters grow 4-5' long, weigh 25-35 lbs. Females are smaller. Adults have muscular bodies and powerful tails tapering to a tip. The tail is a rudder in swimming and a prop when the otter stands on its hind legs on land.

The thick fur is rich dark brown above and silvery below and has two layers; an under-fur that traps and holds body heat and a top layer of long waterproof guard hairs.

An otter closes its ears and nose underwater but has keen hearing and smell on land.

Many long stiff whiskers (vibrissae) grow around the otter's face and in tufts on its elbows. These locate vibrations of prey moving under rocks, changes in water currents and gauge the size of den holes.

Otters eat mostly fish and spit out scales and bones. In the water they catch crayfish, frogs and baby turtles. On land they prey on mice, eggs of ground nesting birds, grasses and blueberries. To sustain their high metabolism otters must eat nearly 3 pounds of food daily.

Otters are sociable animals that hunt and play together without territorial fights. They cooperatively herd together a school of small fishes for easy feasting. Otters live 10-15 years.

Babies are born in spring with usually 2-4 pups in a litter after a year's gestation due to delayed egg implantation, an attribute of the weasel family. At birth the pups are blind, toothless and helpless. The fur is not waterproof. But two months later they're ready to leave the den and learn from mother how to hunt slow-moving prey like snails and water worms. Very quickly the pups can catch small fishes and tadpoles. If the pups are weaned and some accident kills the mother, the father raises and protects his family.

Otters mark their territories among riverbanks with scent stations of urine and droppings called spraints covered with stinky spray from musk glands near the tail. These stations tell otters what other otters have visited the area. Well-used scent stations are seen more often than the otters themselves.

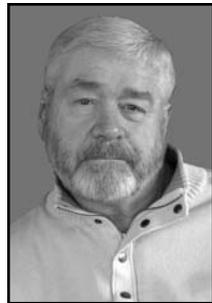
Around our reservoirs and riverbanks look for a patch of bare ground several yards wide where grass has been uprooted and piles of spraints whose strong musky smell lingers in the air.

Otters are coming back locally. Keep your eyes open, and perhaps you will get to see them put on a show of fun and play, too.

Household Hints

Clean chrome and stainless steel

To clean chrome and stainless steel fixtures around your home, apply a light misting of undiluted white vinegar from a recycled spray bottle. Buff with a soft cloth to bring out the brightness.



Dead Man Running

Mysterious Book Report No. 358

by John Dwaine McKenna

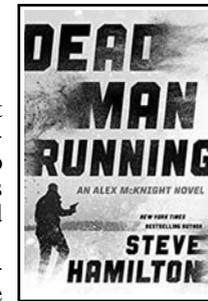
We've said it before, and we'll no doubt say it again, because it's one of the elements that makes for great drama, as well as the most compelling plots in all of literature . . . and it's especially true in crime fiction: The more *evil the villain – the more heroic the protagonist*. Put another way; in order for Sherlock Holmes to be the most brilliant detective, his adversary Professor James Moriarty, had to be the most diabolical criminal. They are opponents who are worthy of each other. Keep that premise in mind, because our MBR this week is a flat-out, textbook example of a good guy rising above and beyond his limits to meet the challenge of a depraved, vicious and brilliant serial killer whose end game will emerge from the deepest recesses of the human mind.

Dead Man Running, (Putman/Penguin, \$26.00, 288 pages, ISBN 978-0-399-57444-3) by Steve Hamilton, revisits his Edgar Award-winning series featuring Alex McKnight. And this time, the popular, much respected and iconic Private Investigator faces-off with one of the smartest and most evil characters he's ever come up against.

The novel begins when a serial killer is captured in Phoenix, Arizona. His name is Martin T. Livermore and he admits to the murders of six women . . . five of whose bodies are unrecovered. Then, he confesses to having a seventh victim who's still alive. But says he'll only talk to Alex McKnight, a PI who's living up north, on Michigan's Upper Peninsula, in the remote little town of Paradise . . . 2000 miles away. McKnight says he's never heard of Livermore, nor does he recall ever encountering him while he was a Detroit Police Officer. Even so, McKnight flies to Phoenix and accompanies the killer and a group of local, state and FBI officers to a remote desert location . . . where the worst nightmare of McKnight's life takes place, and a cat and mouse chase begins. Livermore is always one step ahead, taunting McKnight, and leaving more bodies in his wake . . . drawing them farther north with each victim . . . until the stunning conclusion, when Alex learns what binds himself and the killer together . . . and it may cost him everything that he holds dear. Like all of Hamilton's work, *Dead Man Running* will grab you on the first page and won't let go until the last, when you'll finally realize it's way past bedtime!

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Santa's 'Elves' Busy in the Tri-Valley School District

(From Pg. 1) Disguised as ordinary people who live and work in the Neversink area, the "elves" were hard at work making preparations for a special holiday celebration. Santa's workshop was buzzing as these elves created special gifts to match the unique interests of children as well as collected food-turkeys and the trimmings, fruit baskets, and cookies trays-all to help make life a little easier for parents.

The "elves" rarely were together as a group. Mostly they worked independently, incognito.

You probably saw them in the grocery store, "elves" disguised as teachers, administrators, support staff, community members, or neighbors who quietly added extra cereal, crackers, soup, or applesauce to their carts each week. The local businessmen "elves" who bought twenty of the biggest turkeys in Shoprite.

The local churches and civic organizations had member "elves" who see to it that cash donations are regularly made, Snackpack supplies replenished, and school supplies furnished. There were also many "elves" who worked at Frost Valley, helping in every way possible. And we can't forget the "elves" at the Daniel Pierce Library who chipped in with a hat and glove drive and pumpkin cookies.

Some of the elves looked just like regular teenagers--members of the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA), National FFA Organization (FFA), the National Honor Society, the Family, Career, Community Leaders of America (FCCLA)-who wrapped gifts, created presents, put together baskets of fruit, holiday pies and platters of cookies, inventoried food supplies, packed grocery bags, and even helped Santa transport gifts. Even the smallest of all, the elementary-aged "elves," jumped into the fun by sponsoring food drives on the small-scale.

Santa's sleigh made its final delivery of holiday cheer, but he had plenty of help from the local "elves" who have been hard at work since school began!

For additional information, contact Santa's local administrative assistants, the Tri-Valley Teachers' Association Cares Committee, at (845) 985-2296 ext. 4120.

AARP Driver Safety Program

There will be an AARP Driver Safety Program at the South Fallsburg Senior Center, Laurel Avenue, South Fallsburg, New York on Saturday, February 9, 2019 from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM. PLEASE ARRIVE AT 8:45 AM. NO WALK-INS

To Register - Call Sonny Smith at 434-8922 (Leave Message). PLEASE CALL AFTER 9:00 AM IN THE MORNING.

Sonny Smith, an AARP- Certified Instructor, will give this course in one full day session, which will consist of a lecture, discussion and video presentations. Participants will receive a certificate which entitles them to apply for a discount on their automobile insurance.

For information, phone Sonny Smith at 434-8922 (Leave Message). PLEASE CALL AFTER 9:00 AM IN THE MORNING.

The fee is \$20 for AARP members and \$25 for non-members as of 1/1/2014. Classes are limited to 35, so apply early.

This course is instructed by a Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) volunteer and is sponsored by the Sullivan County Office for the Aging & RSVP.

Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Thanks Fallsburg Lions

For many years now, the Town of Fallsburg Lions Club has been making an annual donation to Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, Tau Chapter, to support their "Born to Read" literacy project. Each year Tau Chapter distribute through Sullivan County WIC Program for new mothers 400 packets that contain a book and literature on the benefits of reading to babies as early as possible. Additionally the organization distributes 400 packets of books for toddlers that still qualify for WIC services.

In her thank you letter, Project Director of Tau Chapter Nancy S. Catalano acknowledged to Lions Club Vice President Tim Pantel that the generosity of Fallsburg Lions Club will be noted in every book, pamphlet and label distributed.

Chairman Issues Statement on Governor's Announcement

Monticello, NY - Sullivan County Legislature Chairman Luis Alvarez responded today to Governor Andrew Cuomo's announcement that he will include the long-stalled Child Victims Act in his Executive Budget Proposal for 2019-2020:

"Justice is long overdue for the many adults who suffered at the hands of abusers years ago, and it is time our court system caught up with those crimes. Having witnessed as a former police officer the life-long impacts of sexual abuse, I applaud Governor Cuomo and the State Legislature for moving forward on the Child Victims Act."

Town of Fallsburg CSD Reminder on Enhanced STAR Tax Program

Superintendent of Fallsburg Central School District Dr. Ivan Katz wants to remind senior citizens who are eligible for the Enhanced STAR tax rebate program that they must now verify their income to remain in the program. The Enhanced STAR reduces a portion of the school property taxes on seniors' primary residences if they are age 65 or older for the 2019-2020 school year, have a combined income of \$86,300 or less, and do not receive another New York State STAR exemption or other state residency-based tax benefits.

To remain in the Enhanced STAR program, seniors must complete the Renewal Application for Enhanced STAR Exemption for the 2019-2020 School Year, RP-425-Rnw, and provide the assessor with copies of tax returns for ALL owners by March 1st. If an owner is not required to file an income tax return, an Income for STAR Purposes Worksheet, RP-425-Wkst, and all 1099 forms may be substituted.

Towns can opt to grant eligible senior citizens an additional reduction in property taxes. If your town participates, the homeowners are 65 or older, and meet certain income limitations, a further exemption may be granted. Please contact your township's assessors' office for information.

If you have further questions, please contact the New York State Department of Taxation and

Finance, Office of Real Property Tax Services at (518) 457-2036, online at New York State Department of Taxation and Finance, or your local assessor at the number below.

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Scholarships Available for Youth Pasta Making Class

LIBERTY, NY- Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County (CCESC) offers a Homemade Pasta Making for Kids workshop at a reduced cost on Saturday, January 26, 2019 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. Youth ages 10-12 are invited to experience this new, hands-on class in the Catskills Kitchen located at the Extension Education Center on 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road in Liberty.

Youth will learn how to make pasta and basic marinara sauce from scratch. Everyone will learn how to make dough, use a pasta making machine, prepare sauce, and cook the pasta in a state-of-the-art facility. Participants will sample pasta and take home dough.

Cost is \$5 per youth and FULL SCHOLARSHIPS are readily available. Space is limited to 8 participants for this class.

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

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The Olive Jar - By Carol LaMonda

Smart Alec

I am a whiz at *Jeopardy* and *Wheel of Fortune*. I am a cistern of useless facts. In high school my Physics group, five boys and I, were given the task of determining Planck's Constant from a table of data while the rest of the class went to class. I was exempt from the SAT's because of my score on the preliminary ACT's. The trouble is I cannot program my Smart Roku TV the kids gave us for Christmas. I had to have my eight-year old granddaughter show me how to access the Prime movie I wanted to watch.

My technical naiveté left me pondering how society views "smart" and "intelligent." Truly the two are not synonyms. Each has a connotation worth pondering when we consider the ability of humans to think or learn.

Albert Einstein said, "The true sign of intelligence is not knowledge but imagination." When I graduated high school in 1961, intelligence was measured by test scores on multiplication tests on specific subjects or by analogies. An essay was a creative writing composition in English class. It was quantitative and data driven. It was preparing me for Jeopardy or Words with Friends. A computer was something unimagined or the stuff of Captain Video. Space travel was only possible in my Superman Comic. Education could be determined by a bubble sheet score.

College opened my mind to challenge and to imagine. It was the door to pass through from accepted facts to possibilities. I met people from all over the world, and In February, 1962 John Glenn became the first American to orbit the Earth on the Friendship 7 mission while I was sipping a draft beer at P and G's in New Paltz. A man was given a heart transplant by a South African doctor named Christiaan N. Barnard. The world was changing at furious pace. It was a time we started challenging the "status quo" and dreamed about what could be. Stephen Hawking stated, "Intelligence is the ability to adapt to change."

While teaching, which is a constant state of re-learning, we entered the computer age, the world of knowledge at our finger tips. However, knowledge is not a synonym for intelligence or smartness, which are nouns, or learning which is an action verb. In teaching, I believed that education was not a process of filling an empty vessel with facts, it was more of lighting a fire of curiosity and imagination.

Retired now, eleven years, I am humbled by the BOCES catalog of adult learning preparing others for jobs I could only imagine. My mom said, "Be a teacher or a nurse in case your husband loses his job." Now my granddaughters can be anything they can imagine. One wants to be an astronaut.

I believe that our brains are as unique as we are and that there are multiple intelligences. The only "unsmart" brain is one that is closed down to new ideas, opposing opinions, and impossible dreams. It is the brain that has hung its sheepskin and believes it has reached its pinnacle rejecting what others think, walling out any new possibilities. For those people, I would, being a Smart Alec, quote William F. Buckley, Jr. who said, "I would like to take you seriously, but to do so would affront your intelligence."

Water Resources Art & Poetry Contest Inspires Next Generation of Environmentalists

(From Pg. 1) "DEP's annual Art and Poetry contest continues to inspire the next generation of environmental stewards to learn about, protect and celebrate our shared natural resources," said DEP Commissioner Sapienza. "For over three decades, the annual Art and Poetry contest has provided young New Yorkers a wonderful opportunity to showcase their creative talents while expressing the importance of protecting our environment and water resources." Students can submit poems and artwork including paintings, collages, three-dimensional models, photography, animation and videos of dance performances, public service announcements and songs based on five central themes: water, the drinking water system, wastewater treatment, harbor water quality and stewardship/climate change.

Last year, about 1,300 New York City and watershed students (grades 2-12) representing 75 schools submitted either original poems or artwork about New York's water resources. In May, participants were honored at a celebration at the Queens Theatre in Flushing Meadows-Corona Park where the artwork and poems were displayed. For this year's contest, teachers, parents and students can visit www.nyc.gov/dep/artandpoetry to view the contest guidelines and resource materials, submit entries online, see past winners, and learn more about New York City water.

DEP's Water Resources Art and Poetry program helps raise awareness about the importance of clean, high-quality drinking water, and what it takes to maintain New York City's water supply and wastewater treatment systems. The 2019 contest will focus on five central themes that incorporate STEM and humanities disciplines:

- o Water, A Precious Resource: To recognize the importance of a clean and plentiful supply of water.
- o New York City Water Supply System: To explore the history of the New York City Water Supply System and its present-day source, operation, delivery, protection and maintenance.
- o New York City Wastewater Treatment System: To examine our sewer infrastructure; and the purpose of, and process for, cleaning wastewater in New York City and in the East and West of Hudson Watersheds.
- o Harbor Water Quality and Healthy Marine Ecosystems: To discover the richness of our marine life, and opportunities for recreation and commerce on local waterbodies; and to understand the work that is being done to monitor and ensure healthy water quality.
- o Water Stewardship and Climate Change: What Can We Do To Help? To consider our influence on the environment and how we can address and help resolve environmental issues that impact our neighborhoods, our city, and beyond. Entries will be judged based on creativity in interpreting one or more of the contest themes, accuracy of information, originality, and skill. An impartial panel of judges will review the entries and select art and poetry winners from each category (grades 2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, and 10-12). DEP manages New York City's water supply, providing approximately 1 billion gallons of high quality drinking water each day to more than 9 million residents, including 8.5 million in New York City. The water is delivered from a watershed that extends more than 125 miles from the city, comprising 19 reservoirs and three controlled lakes.

Approximately 7,000 miles of water mains, tunnels and aqueducts bring water to homes and businesses throughout the five boroughs, and 7,500 miles of sewer lines and 96 pump stations take wastewater to 14 in-city treatment plants. DEP has nearly 6,000 employees, including almost 1,000 in the upstate watershed. In addition, DEP has a robust capital program, with a planned \$19.4 billion in investments over the next 10 years that will create up to 3,000 construction-related jobs per year. For more information, visit nyc.gov/dep, like us on Facebook at, or follow us on Twitter.

Students from New York City and the Upstate Watersheds are invited to submit Original Works of Art and Poetry; Work of the 2018 Art Champions is Available on DEP's Flickr Page

CWC Board approves funding for Boiceville fire house relocation

MARGARETVILLE, January 7, 2019: The Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC) Board of Directors on January 3 approved funding for the Olive Fire Department to purchase a parcel of land to move its Boiceville fire house out of the flood plain.

The Board approved a grant of \$155,000 under the Flood Mitigation Implementation Program to purchase two acres of land along NYS Route 28 where the fire department will build a new structure outside the 100-year flood plain.

The move was recommended in Olive's Local Flood Analysis (LFA), and received the support of the Olive Town Board in November 2018. The parcel, just east of Boiceville, is in the process of getting subdivision approval to separate the two acres from a larger, 29-acre property owned by Clarke Ulmer.

Boiceville Fire Company #5 is considered a critical community facility and thus is eligible for CWC relocation assistance. It becomes inaccessible during larger flood events. During Tropical Storm Irene (August 2011), the fire house was inundated with four to five feet of water, resulting not only in the loss of service during the disaster, but also accounting for approximately \$45,000 in damage to other business at its monthly meeting, the CWC Board approved funding of \$26,200 for design costs incurred by Ulster County to comply with NYC Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) stormwater requirements as the County builds a hiking and biking trail along the Ashokan Reservoir.

The 11.5 mile rail trail is being developed on former railroad bed on an easement on property owned by NYCDEP in the Towns of Hurley and Olive. The construction required both New York State- and NYCDEP-approved Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plans (SWPPP). The CWC's Future Stormwater Program reimburses applicants for DEP-required expenses that exceed State regulations.

The trail is about 50 percent completed, according to Aaron Bennett of the Ulster Department of Environment.

For more information on these and other environmental, economic development and education programs run by the CWC in the New York City West-of-Hudson Watershed, visit www.cwconline.org, or call 845-586-1400.

Ulster County Community Action Committee, Inc Seeks Volunteer Drivers

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UC Executive Mike Hein Announces Availability of Funding for 2019 Youth Programs

Kingston, NY - Ulster County Executive Mike Hein announces that the Ulster County Youth Bureau is accepting applications for the New York State Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) Youth Development grants. The Ulster County Youth Bureau administers the Youth Development Program (YDP) and Runaway & Homeless Shelter (RHYA) funding from OCFS and Ulster County to support youth programs.

Although New York State funding amounts for the 2019 calendar year have not yet been determined, agencies and municipalities interested in receiving this funding are encouraged to apply. Eligible agencies must be not-for-profit or community based organizations with federal identification or charity registration numbers.

In awarding funds, all 2019 applications are considered new and competitive, including formerly "automatically eligible" towns and municipalities. All Youth Development Program applicants will be applying competitively for the same pool of funds.

Programs receiving YDP grants are funded up to 100 percent of approved expenses of the allocated amount. The amount of funding will be subject to the availability of annual State and County appropriations, which have not yet been made.

Applications for these grants must be submitted online. Contact the Director of the Ulster County Youth Bureau, Nina Dawson at cdaw@co.ulster.ny.us, to obtain the required forms and indicate "2019 Forms" in the subject line. Forms are also available on the Ulster County website at <https://ulstercountyny.gov/youth-bureau>, as well as on the OCFS website. Applications are due no later than Friday, February 8, 2019. For additional assistance or information please contact the Ulster County Youth Bureau at (845) 334-3147.

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Livingston Manor, NY Saturday, Jan 19th at 11:00am the public is invited to "Tick Talk: Winter Wisdom" with Public Health Educator Jill Hubert-Simon at Morgan Outdoors in Livingston Manor NY. Many people don't realize that ticks, especially black-legged deer ticks, are still active in the winter. Join us for this free presentation to learn how ticks survive the cold weather and review prevention tips to keep outdoor winter activities tick free! There will be refreshments and helpful take-home information. Register at (845) 439 5507 to reserve a seat for this informative Sullivan County Public Health Services program. Morgan Outdoors is located at 46 Main Street, Livingston Manor, NY, (845) 439 5507. "Morgan Outdoors Programs and Events" at www.morgan-outdoors.com

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Farm Arts Collective - Performance Creation Workshops with Farm Arts Collective

Farm Arts Collective will hold free weekly Performance Creation Workshops on Thursday evenings from 5:30-7:30 at The Union in Narrowsburg, NY located at 7 Erie Ave, Narrowsburg, NY 12764.

Open to all members of the community, the weekly Thursday night workshops will be led by artistic director, Tannis Kowalchuk, and the Farm Arts Collective Ensemble. Workshops will focus on skill building for all aspects of original ensemble theatre creation. Each Thursday night the company will focus on acting, singing, stilt walking, music, and drumming, as well as production and design elements such as costume, props, puppets, set, and technical audio and visual contributions. Guest artists will also lead special skills studies over the course of the workshop season.

Farm Arts Collective is developing performances and street theatre processions to appear at regional festivals, parades, and cultural events, as well as "Shakespeare on the Farm" to be presented in August 2019 at Willow Wisp Organic Farm.

Farm Arts Collective welcomes all interested residents, aged 13 and older to drop in or come weekly. For more information please contact us at info@farmartscollective.org or go online to www.farmartscollective.org

Two Exhibits open at DVAA on February 16

"Fools Gold," an exhibition of new paintings by Catherine Chesters and "Enigma," an exhibition of mixed media by Eva Drizhal, open at Delaware Valley Arts Alliance, 37 Main St, Narrowsburg, NY on Saturday, February 16, with a reception from 3 to 5 pm. The shows will be on view through March 23.

CATHERINE CHESTERS IN ALLIANCE GALLERY

Drawing heavily from pop art influences, Chesters immerses herself in varying mediums including photography, collage, neon, and digital manipulations. She creates works imbued with beauty and irony from mixed media, natural elements, and screen printing techniques. Duality is a predominant theme in her work, which combines the influence of rural landscapes with decades of city living.

"I live in Brooklyn, and I also live in rural Narrowsburg, NY," says Chesters. "I explore the intersection of conflicting emotions set within conflicting environments, the isolation and anonymity of being in a city while surrounded by thousands, set against the communion with nature in rural landscapes."

Born in County Durham and growing up in the Northeast of England in the 1970s and 80s, Catherine witnessed a dynamic and shifting contrast: a society that was struggling economically, a violent and aggressive culture,

both set against an overwhelmingly beautiful natural backdrop.

"I search for subjects, objects and feelings open in their meaning. I interpret these freely to generate nonrepresentational and surreal images that become abstract projections reflecting our immediate environments."

This is Chesters' first solo exhibition. She previously exhibited in group shows in and around New York City. In addition to her work as a fine artist, Chesters is a commercial designer.

EVA DRIZHAL IN LOFT GALLERY

"Nature is my major inspiration," says Drizhal, who has worked in fiber art, paintings, illustrations and 3D objects. "I am working with paper, clay, and other organic material, using all kinds of acrylic colors to evoke in viewers not only visual aspects but also a touch."

Drizhal was born in Prague, and studied at the School of Industrial Design there, specializing in lace-making and weaving.

"Rooted in the European culture, my earlier works focused on weaving, then illustrations and paintings," she explains. After emigrating to the United States in the late 1970s, she showed her work in galleries in New York and New Jersey. She had a solo show of fiber art at DVAA in 1993. She has exhibited throughout Sullivan County. She lives in Callicoon, NY.

Delaware Valley Arts Alliance is located at 37 Main Street, Narrowsburg, NY. Hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 10 am - 5 pm. The activities of the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance are made possible in part by a grant from the New York State Council on the



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Ulster County Director of Economic Development Suzanne Holt, Catsmo CFO Frederic Pothier, Ulster County Executive Mike Hein, and Shawangunk Town Supervisor John Valk at the Catsmo production facility in Ulster County.

TOWN OF SHAWANGUNK, N.Y. - Ulster County Executive Mike Hein met with Catsmo CFO Frederic Pothier at the company's facility and discussed the specialty food producer's construction of an expanded state-of-the-art food manufacturing plant in southern Ulster County. (Contd. Pg. 12)

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UC Exec Mike Hein Announces Expansion of Ulster County Bystanders Against Sexual Assault (UCBASA) Program to Saugerties Sexual Assault Program Recognized By National Association Of Counties ("NACo")

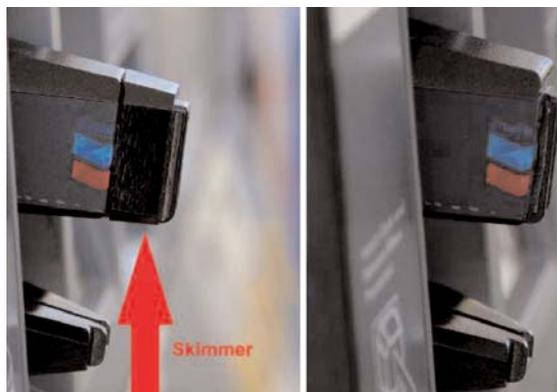
County Executive Mike Hein is proud to announce the expansion of the Ulster County Bystanders Against Sexual Assault (UCBASA) Program to Saugerties. Several bars/restaurants attended the informational meeting held at the Saugerties Police Department and were joined by Saugerties Police Chief Joseph Sinagra, Town of Saugerties Supervisor Fred Costello, Ulster County Chief of Staff and Deputy County Executive Adele B. Reiter, Deputy County Executives Ken Crannell and Marc Rider, Assistant District Attorney Katherine Van Loan, and members of the Ulster County Crime Victims Assistance Program (CVAP). Representatives from the following bars/restaurants attended the informational meeting on Wednesday: Annabella Ristorante, Diamond Mills, El Rancho, Rock Da Casbah, and Sue's Restaurant.



The UCBASA program is a groundbreaking program that provides bystander training for restaurant/bar staff as it aims to prevent sexual assaults before they occur and reduce the overall number of sexual assaults that take place. It is the first such program in New York State and can serve as a model for the development of a state-wide initiative. The innovative program was previously launched in New Paltz and Kingston and has trained 46 staff and 9 bars. Ulster County received a 2018 Achievement Award from the National Association of Counties (NACo) for its Ulster County Bystanders Against Sexual Assault program in the category of Human Services. (Contd. Pg. 12)

Investigation Underway after Credit Card Skimmers Found at Two Local Gas Stations

UC Executive Mike Hein urges residents to be vigilant after an investigation by the Ulster County Department of Weights and Measures discovered two electronic credit card skimming devices at two local Citgo gas stations. The "skimmers", were found at the Citgo station in Stone Ridge and the Citgo station in Shokan during the Department's participation in a statewide sweep for the devices.



A credit card skimmer at a gas station payment terminal (left) and a payment terminal without a skimmer (right).

"I would like to thank the Department of Weights and Measures for their amazing work on this investigation and their dedication to protecting the residents of our county from fraud, said Ulster County Executive Mike Hein." "I urge all residents to be alert for anything that seems out of the ordinary at an ATM or gas station pump payment terminal and to contact the Ulster County Sheriff's Department if you feel you may be a victim of this type of crime."

Skimmers are illegal credit card readers attached to payment terminals at ATM's or on gas station pumps, that can allow a third party to collect credit card data, including personal identification numbers, which can then be used for fraudulent purchases. The devices were removed by the Weights and Measures Department in collaboration with the Ulster County Sheriff's Department, New York State Police and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). While the devices were the first discovered in Ulster County, they are part of a growing problem nationwide. According to the FBI, it is estimated

that credit card skimming results in over \$1 billion in fraudulent credit and debit card charges per year.

The Federal Deposit Insurance Commission (FDIC) offers several tips to help consumers detect and avoid skimmer devices:

- Do not use an ATM or a credit or debit card reader if anything looks suspicious, such as loose or extra parts. Alert the machine owner or the police immediately;
- Avoid ATMs in remote places, especially if the area is not well lit or not visible to security cameras and the general public;
- Go elsewhere if a sign directs you to only one of multiple ATMs in a location. It could be the specific machine that was tampered with;
- Shield keypads when entering a PIN at the ATM or a retailer's check-out area. This may block the view of a hidden camera;
- Regularly check your bank and credit card accounts for unauthorized transactions, even small transactions.

Residents who feel they may be the victim of credit card skimming, whether at the Stone Ridge or Shokan Citgo gas stations or elsewhere, are urged to check their bank statements and report any suspicious transactions to their financial institution and the Ulster County Sheriff's Department at 845-340-3588. (Contd. Pg. 12)



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Frost Valley YMCA Announces New Specialty Day Camps

Claryville - There may be snow on the ground, but now is the perfect time to start planning for summer camp. Frost Valley YMCA has added four new specialty day camps to its summer lineup, which will nurture children's enthusiasm for exploring new talents, hobbies, and interests.



Frost Valley's Shoot for the Stars day camp gives children entering grades 1-3 the opportunity to spend a full week learning about the stars, the sky, and all things related to outer space. Campers will also get to build a rocket, spend some time in Frost Valley's observatory, and make their own star chart.

Fun with Food is a day camp for children entering grades 1-3 who want to try their hand at cooking a number of basic recipes. Campers will also learn where their food comes from and how food can be for more than just eating. Children entering grades 4-5 with an interest in digital photography will love the Picture This day camp. Campers will explore camp and document it through their camera lens. Campers will take home their best photo at the end of the week.

Mini Chef is for children entering grades 4-5 with a passion for the culinary arts. Campers will spend the week in Frost Valley's Healthy Teaching Kitchen learning to cook new recipes and trying out healthy twists on old favorites.

Frost Valley's Day Camp registration for these and dozens of other programs is now open and financial aid applications are available. Parents looking to give

their child a positive, safe, and exciting summer camp experience are encouraged to register right away. To register your child for day camp, call 845-985-2291 or email registrar@frostvalley.org.

Frost Valley is also pleased to announce that its Spring Break Camp, for children between the ages of four and sixteen, takes place April 15-19, 2019. Spring Break Day Campers will spend active days hiking, playing sports and games, and climbing. Children will also enjoy candle making, cooking classes, arts and crafts, and more. To register your child for Spring Break Camp, call 845-985-2291 or email registrar@frostvalley.org.

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Last Call - Catskill Center Announces the Availability of Funding for Invasive Species Control, Education and Citizen Science Programs

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(From Pg. 1) We are proud that this program will help support our local businesses and organizations to protect Catskill forests, streams and our local economy," said Jeff Senterman, Executive Director of the Catskill Center. "We are grateful to the State of New York for making these resources available and helping in the efforts to manage invasive species."

Organizations eligible to receive this funding include nonprofit organizations, consultants, local governments and educational institutions that work within the CRISP region. CRISP's region covers all of Otsego, Schoharie, and Delaware Counties; most of Ulster, Greene

and Sullivan Counties; and a small part of Orange County. One of eight Partnerships for Regional Invasive Species Management in New York State, CRISP is funded through the New York State Environmental Protection Fund and administered as a contract through the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation. The complete Request for Proposals, including the list of high priority early detection species, is available for download on the CRISP website: www.catskillinvasives.com and www.catskillcenter.org/crisp

CRISP is a collaborative of organizations and agencies that work cooperatively to promote prevention, early detection/rapid response, and control of invasive species to protect natural resources, the economy, and human health. Invasive species are plants, animals or pests that are not native to the Catskills ecosystem and cause economic or environmental harm or harm to human health. 2018 Grantees in their own words:

"The students I trained learned to identify species of invasive plants local to New York or of species potentially invading from neighboring states. These students would be eager to be hired to work at environmental engineering firms, and thanks to this funding, makes them especially well qualified for positions in New York State. During my surveys and the Invasive Species Teach-in event, I encountered land managers of campgrounds, arboretums, and private citizens-the majority of which wanted to know how to manage nuisance species on their properties. Clearly invasives species are currently impacting the beauty, ecological integrity, and value of property in New York State. The funding I received through CRISP and the literature provided by CRISP gave these tax payers welcome tools to protect the value of their land." -Donna W. Vogler, Ph.D, SUNY Oneonta

"CRISP has funded two projects for us, both of which will benefit the region and its residents. The first enabled us to help identify the ecosystem services provided by hemlock stands, including water quality protection, wildlife habitat, and recreational opportunities. Hemlock trees are an important feature of the Catskills - historically, aesthetically, and ecologically - and this project will help prioritize the most beneficial stands for conservation. The second project consists of implementing our program Monitoring and Managing Ash (MaMA) throughout the Catskills. This program provides great hope for long-term conservation of native ash trees facing the onslaught by the emerald ash borer, an invasive pest that threatens to kill all the native ash in the Catskills and beyond. Specifically, it includes particular steps that land managers and citizen scientists can take to enable detection of naturally occurring resistant trees, which can be used to breed lines not only for reforestation but also for landscape planting. Moreover, MaMA's workshops and other outreach throughout the CRISP region have informed people of the best approaches to manage ash to both mitigate emerald ash borer damage and promote long-term ash conservation." -Jonathan Rosenthal, Director, Ecological Research Institute

"With the help of CRISP funding, we have been able to protect our local tourism economy and empower local citizens of all ages to better protect their waterbodies for aquatic invasive species by educating them to the threats, teaching them to inspect their boats and equipment, showing them how to treat their boats and equipment, and facilitating their transfer of their knowledge to others." - Paul Lord, SUNY Oneonta



"The regional Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE), Catskill Invasive Species Network would not have been possible without funding support from CRISP. For several years, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Delaware, Greene, Otsego Schoharie, Sullivan and Ulster counties have functioned as a complimentary network to help community members learn about, and act on, the impacts of regional invasive species. In 2018, this network worked with over 1000 individuals, who participate in IS programs, as well as providing invasive species information to over 70,000 people via displays at fairs and similar venues. In particular, Master Gardener volunteers from these counties were the front line for questions about invasive species, those here, as well as those on our horizon." -Marilyn Wyman, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Columbia & Greene Counties

For more information, contact the Catskill Center at 845-586-2611, jthompson@catskillcenter.org, or visit www.catskillinvasives.com

The Scene Too

By Jane Harrison

My New Year's resolution was to do something new every month, to last weekend I traveled to New York City and the Morgan Library and Museum to see the exhibition "IT'S ALIVE! FRANKENSTEIN AT 200". The exhibition spanned two halls and included clips and movie posters of the various films interpretations from 1910 silent made by Edison Studios, through perhaps the best known monster portrayed by Boris Karloff in 1931 to Francis Ford Coppola's version in 1974 with Robert Dinero's representation of the iconic monster. They had even included Mel Brooks' Young Frankenstein, and a few other movies I haven't seen yet but are now on my list for viewing.

This was all fun but it was not the main reason I was there. That was in the other exhibition hall. There, I found the one thing I really wanted to see: several pages of pale blue "writing paper" was part of the actual handwritten manuscript of Mary Shelley's FRANKENSTEIN; OR THE MODERN PROMETHEUS. Now I admit to being a geek and things like this excite me....to be this close to something so great.

And even if this isn't your thing, there are some aspects that you can appreciate. Mary Wollstonecraft (Godwin) was 18 years old in the summer of 1816 when in Geneva when Lord Byron, companion and lover of her sister Claire Claremont, challenged she, Percy Bysshe Shelly, Claire and Byron's personal physician John Polidori to each write a ghost story.

Remember, this was 1816. Women had few if any rights. After publication, it was argued that Percy Shelly had to have contributed far more to the writing than his editorial skills. Pointed to were the differences between the first three publications. Which actually brings me to my geek moment number two....a copy of that first publication annotated in Mary Shelly's handwriting with potential changes.

Whatever side one chooses, one indisputable fact remains: This book spawned the horror genre. I wonder what Ms Wollstonecraft (Godwin) Shelly would think if she knew that her book, her reanimated monster, is still being interpreted in modern day.

This exhibition runs through January 27 at the Morgan Museum and Library, 226 Madison Avenue (btwn 36th and 37th) and an easy walk from Port Authority. Admission: \$20; \$13 seniors and students.

Coming up this week:

Wednesday: Open Workshop: FIBER ON MAIN, Hurleyville. All knitters, crocheters, weavers, spinners welcome. 4pm-7pm

SUNY Sullivan Theater Program Announces Auditions for *Polaroid Stories* and *The Rover*

Loch Sheldrake, NY: The SUNY Sullivan Theater Program is proud to announce auditions for the *Polaroid Stories* and *The Rover*, by Naomi Iizuka and Aphra Behn, respectively. The production of *Polaroid Stories* will be directed by Nick López, adjunct professor of theater, and *The Rover* will be directed by Jessica López-Barkl, associate professor of theater and speech. Auditions are set for Thursday, January 24 and Friday, January 25 from 6-8 pm in the Seelig Theater, located at 112 College Road in Loch Sheldrake, NY, or by appointment. Callbacks will occur, if needed. E-mail for an appointment at jbarkl@sunysullivan.edu and/or drop-ins are permitted.

The two plays will perform in repertory, April 11-21, 2019, Thursdays- Saturdays at 8pm, Sundays at 2pm. *The Rover* will play April 11, 13, 19, and 21, and *Polaroid Stories* will play April 12, 14, 18, and 20.

This will be the third and fourth productions in the 2018-2019 Women Playwright's Season, and highlights the first female professional playwright (Aphra Behn), and a play written by Latino/Asian-American playwright Naomi Iizuka that explores teen drug, homelessness, and prostitution culture through the lens of an updated version of Ovid's *Metamorphoses*. The SUNY Sullivan Theater Program has chosen to produce a diverse array of plays written by women this year in order to highlight the fact that although female customers account for 65% of ticket revenue, only 39% of actors, 36% of directors, and 28% of writers of plays are women.

For the auditions, actors will read sides from the plays. Scripts are available and may be secured in advance by contacting Jessica López-Barkl at jbarkl@sunysullivan.edu. Actors will be asked to fill out an audition form and, attendees should bring their personal calendars or schedules to the auditions. The productions are also looking for participants interest-

ed in serving as technical crew, stage management, designers, and musicians, and are invited attend the auditions to meet the directors, or contact López-Barkl via email. A Synopsis of *The Rover* (from the Royal Shakespeare website):

Amid the fast and furious world of the South American carnival, three wandering cavaliers roam in exile whilst three women looking for love and fighting for a little freedom explore this vibrant, frenzied, dizzying world. It's a fusion of sights and sounds, whirling music, cultural tension, dubious romance and dilapidated beauty. During the exile of Charles II, a band of Cavaliers, including Colonel Belville and Captain Willmore, travel to hot foreign climates during carnival season: one in search of love and the other a good time.

Angellica Bianca: A beautiful and famous courtesan in Spain. Colonel Belville: A poor English colonel who is madly in love with Florinda, a Spanish noblewoman that he met at a siege in Pamplona, where he protected her from danger. He is competing with wealthy men for her hand in marriage.

Blunt: A foolish and wealthy English country gentleman who gets duped by Lucetta, a Spanish whore.

Callis: The governess of Florinda and Hellena. She is easily convinced to let them attend the carnival and is easily manipulated, in general.

Don Antonio: The Viceroy's son, who is a young and wealthy Spaniard that is good friends with Don Pedro, Florinda and Hellena's brother. Don Pedro has selected him as a prospective husband for Florinda. However, he is strongly attracted to Angellica Bianca.

Don Pedro: A noble Spaniard and a very controlling brother to Florinda and Hellena. He is also the good friend of Don Antonio.

Florinda: A confident, independent, outspoken, and stubborn Spanish noblewoman, who is the sister of Don Pedro and Hellena. She has been ordered by her father to marry the old, wealthy Spaniard, Don Vicentio, whom she hates. She also refuses to marry her brother's choice of Don Antonio, and is madly in love with Colonel Belville, whom she met in Pamplona.

Frederick: A dangerous and cruel Englishman and friend of Belville, Blunt, and Willmore who takes a liking to Valeria.

Hellena: The outspoken, confident, curious Spanish noblewoman that is the sister to Don Pedro and Florinda. She is a prospective nun who is very critical of religion and the path that has been chosen for her by her father and brother. She is the most cunning, clever, and boldly defiant of all the characters and sets her sights on Willmore.

Lucetta: A conniving Spanish whore, who cheats Blunt of all his clothes and belongings.

Moretta: Angellica's lady-in-waiting, who gives counsel and attends to the famous courtesan. She is strong believer in economically advantageous relationships.

Phillipo: Lucetta's gallant who helps her dupe Blunt.

Stephano: One of Don Pedro's servants.

Sancho: Lucetta's pimp.

Valeria: A kinswoman to Florinda who accompanies Florinda and Hellena to the Carnival.

Willmore: *The Rover* - a man who spends most of his days at sea, moving from place to place without a fixed destination. It is implied that Charles II is onboard the ship that Willmore captains, which indicates that Willmore is a royalist. A hotheaded, rash, inconstant character, who is intermittently committed to one woman and then moving onto another one a moment later. He is (also) quick to draw his sword.

Biskey and Sebastian: Two adventurers in Angellica's party.

Diego: Page to Don Antonio.

Others: Servants, Masqueraders, Officers, and Soldiers

A Synopsis of *Polaroid Stories* (from the Dramatic Publishing website):

A visceral blend of classical mythology and real life stories told by street

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kids, Naomi Iizuka's *Polaroid Stories* journeys into a dangerous world where myth-making fulfills a fierce need for transcendence, where storytelling has the power to transform a reality in which characters' lives are continually threatened, devalued and effaced. Not all the stories these characters tell are true; some are lies, wild yams, clever deceits, baroque fabrications. But whether or not a homeless kid invents an incredible history for himself isn't the point, explains diarist-of-the-street Jim Grimsley. "All these stories and lies add up to something like the truth." Inspired in part by Ovid's *Metamorphoses*, Iizuka's *Polaroid Stories* takes place on an abandoned pier on the outermost edge of a city, a way stop for dreamers, dealers and desperadoes, a no-man's land where runaways seek camaraderie, refuge and escape. Serpentine routes from the street to the heart characterize the interactions in this spellbinding tale of young people pushed to society's fringe. Informed, as well, by interviews with young prostitutes and street kids, *Polaroid Stories* conveys a whirlwind of psychic disturbance, confusion and longing. Like their mythic counterparts, these modern-day mortals are engulfed by needs that burn and consume.
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(From Pg. 11) Their language mixes poetry and profanity, imbuing the play with lyricism and great theatrical force.

Character Descriptions for *Polaroid Stories*:

D (Dionysus): A drug dealer who serves as a malevolent chorus throughout the play, and demands to be worshipped.

Eurydice: A teen attempting to escape her gritty existence, she hops between lovers, including the homeless G and tries to escape Orpheus' stifling love.

Persephone (also Semele): A youth struggling with addiction and is seduced by a God/drug dealer. She lives amongst teens, who act like gods. As Persephone, she is the queen of this underworld and gives potent advice.

Orpheus (also Tereus): Obsessively follows and harasses his girlfriend, Eurydice.

Philomel: A mute who narrates her story of trauma through a stereo.

Skinheadgirl (a.k.a. neon girl): A teen who is struggling with addiction with her violent boyfriend.

Narcissus: A young street hustler obsessed with his own visage who lives off wealthy men that desire him.

Echo: Narcissus' shy/grounded friend who shadows him through his fraught existence.

Skinheadboy (a.k.a. Oklahoma boy/speedracer): A violent youth who is struggling through his addiction with his girlfriend Skinheadgirl.

G (a.k.a. zeus, hades): A homeless older character that chases young girls.

Please contact Director López-Barkl at jbarkl@sunysullivan.edu with any questions.

Specialty Smoked Salmon Producer Announces \$3 Million Investment to Grow Shawangunk Facility, Add Local Manufacturing Jobs

(From Pg. 8) Catsmo's \$3 million expansion plan includes a 10,000 SF addition to their production facility, plus the addition of 10-15 new employees at their facility in the Town of Shawangunk. Town Supervisor John Valk and Ulster County Economic Development Director Suzanne Holt were also in attendance for the announcement.

Catsmo, an artisan salmon smokehouse which currently employs more than 50 people locally and has additional employees in NYC and New Jersey, has been operating in Shawangunk since 1994. Production has grown significantly year after year and company projections call for continued growth. As the company's executives began planning for their expansion, they were actively courted by economic development officials from the State of New Jersey. However, the company, which had been working with County Executive Hein's Office of Economic Development since 2013, reached out for needed assistance, and after receiving commitments of support from Central Hudson and NYS Empire State Development, the company decided to continue growing their business in Ulster County.

The expansion of this business will provide additional storage space needed for the company's award-winning smoked salmon products. The new space will also allow the company to acquire larger and more sophisticated machinery, improve production workflow, and satisfy ever increasing food safety and labor standards.

Michael P. Hein, Ulster County Executive

"Manufacturing is a vital industry in Ulster County's economy. It is important to understand that with the increasing demand from consumers in NYC and the surrounding areas for local and fresh ingredients, food and beverage makers are valuable members of our manufacturing community. I want to thank Governor Cuomo for recognizing the importance of Catsmo and making a significant investment in their success, as well as Central Hudson. Both came to the table when my team reached out to them and it is only with their assistance that we are able to retain more than 50 jobs at this manufacturing facility and create at least 10 more. As always, my administration stands ready to help

all businesses - big and small - with whatever they need to succeed and grow in Ulster County. Business owners should feel free to call my office if they are looking for financing or incentives, if they are seeking the perfect site or if they simply have questions and need straightforward answers."

John Valk, Shawangunk Town Supervisor

"I have watched Catsmo grow from two employees in the early 1990s to almost 60 today. They are an important employer in our town and we are glad they have decided to stay. I am very grateful that County Executive Hein called me and asked to collaborate on a solution to some of their infrastructure issues. I would not have known they were considering relocation if he hadn't called. It allowed us to work together with Office of Economic Development Director Suzanne Holt, County Planner Dennis Doyle and Planning Board Chair Mark Watkin to create realistic and workable plans. Catsmo's owners are wonderful employers and I look forward to their continued growth."

Frederic Pothier, Catsmo CFO

"From the beginning we wanted to expand here in Wallkill, but we needed to make the numbers work. County Executive Hein's economic development team assisted us at every step of the way. They understood the issues we were confronted with, both financial and with our infrastructure needs, and helped us address them one by one. With the assistance from New York State and Central Hudson, we are able to expand and create new local jobs. I would also like to thank Supervisor Valk and the Town of Shawangunk Planning Board for working with us."

Suzanne Holt, Ulster County Office of Economic Development Director

"Catsmo's management has been a pleasure to work with. This expansion has taken years to plan and execute because of their thoughtfulness and attention to details - which is probably what makes their smoked salmon the best in the world. I am glad that the County Executive and our team could be here to answer questions big and small as the process unfolded, and then to bring in assistance from New York State and Central Hudson when it was clear that we needed economic development resources to retain this important business in our community. I look forward to working with Catsmo for years to come!"

Central Hudson

"Central Hudson recognizes the importance of private sector investment and job creation in the Hudson Valley so we are pleased to support Catsmo as they undergo this major investment and expansion in their business by awarding a \$200,000 Business Retention for Manufacturers grant," said Anthony Campagiorni, Vice President of Customer Services and Regulatory Affairs for Central Hudson. "Our economic development programs are intended to support our local economy and retain and attract quality employers. Catsmo's investment in Wallkill will sustain quality jobs here in the mid-Hudson Valley."

UC Exec Mike Hein Announces Expansion of Ulster County Bystanders Against Sexual Assault (UCBASA) Program to Saugerties Sexual Assault Program Recognized By National Association Of Counties ("NACo")

(From Pg. 8) Michael P. Hein, Ulster County Executive

"I appreciate the ongoing commitment and dedication of our Crime Victims Assistance Program team for their work in providing these trainings in our community, and I would like to thank Police Chief Joe Sinagra for his participation in bringing this important program to Saugerties as well as all of the establishment participating in the training," said County Executive Mike Hein. "UCBASA is an unprecedented initiative to empower the owners and employees of Ulster County's taverns, bars and restaurants that serve alcohol, to not only recognize the warning signs but also to intervene in situations where it appears that an individual may be at-risk of sexual assault. It is an unfortunate reality that in the United States a sexual assault occurs every 98 seconds and that alcohol consumption plays a role in nearly one-half of all reported sexual assaults. The UCBASA program can help impact these statistics here in Ulster County and beyond."

Police Chief Joseph Sinagra, Town of Saugerties

"I want to thank County Executive Mike Hein and the Crime Victims Assistance Program for providing this important training in Saugerties, and who without such

support, these initiatives would not be possible," said Chief Joseph Sinagra, Town of Saugerties Police Department. "I am ecstatic to once again be working with Ulster County in providing yet another program to enhance the safety of our community and visitors. The UCBASA program is one more step toward protecting vulnerable individuals from sexual assault. To partner with local bars and restaurants in this effort truly epitomizes the concerns we all share in ensuring the safety of all patrons visiting our bars and restaurants."

Fred Costello, Jr., Supervisor of the Town of Saugerties

"Saugerties is grateful for the support and efforts of the Ulster County government in raising awareness and preventing sexual assault," said Fred Costello, Jr., Supervisor of the Town of Saugerties. "The UCBASA program represents an important milestone in our community's efforts to prevent sexual assault. Through UCBASA, community leaders and hospitality businesses can coordinate their efforts to raise awareness and identify situations that may expose people to dangerous situations. Through training, bartenders and servers can be taught to identify and address situations before they escalate. This free training will help to ensure that patrons and employees alike can continue to safely enjoy the many restaurants and bars that help to define Saugerties as a destination."

Sarah Kramer-Harrison, M.Ed., Ulster County Crime Victims Counselor/Volunteer Coordinator

"We believed that it was important to create a proactive program in Ulster County to inform bystanders of what to look for and how they might be able to assist in deterring a possible sexual assault at their establishment," said Sarah Kramer-Harrison, M.Ed., Ulster County Crime Victims Counselor/Volunteer Coordinator. "With the support of Ulster County Executive Michael Hein, we were able to make this a reality. UCBASA is an awareness program where we bring knowledge of offender behavior, local statistics, and appropriate interventions that bar staff can use to keep patrons safe. Interest in this program has grown exponentially and again, with the support of the County Executive Hein, local law enforcement and the community, we are pleased to be expanding this innovative training to Saugerties."

UCBASA will hold its next training on January 23, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. at Sue's Restaurant located at 3101 Route 9W, Saugerties, New York. If you or your establishment wish to participate in the training, please RSVP to Sarah Kramer-Harrison at Ulster County Crime Victims Assistance Programs via email at skra@co.ulster.ny.us or via phone at 845-340-3445.

Investigation Underway after Credit Card Skimmers Found at Two Local Gas Stations

(From Pg. 8) Additionally, regularly monitoring credit reports can help detect possible fraud. Consumers are entitled to one free copy of their credit report every 12 months from each of the three nationwide credit reporting companies. A report may be ordered online from www.annualcreditreport.com, the only authorized website for free credit reports, or by calling 1-877-322-8228.

Rep. Antonio Delgado to Open First District Office in Kingston

KINGSTON, NY - On Sunday, January 13th, Representative Antonio Delgado (NY-19) opened his first district office in Kingston and hosted an open house for folks to stop by, meet him and his staff, and learn more about the services offered through the office.

"Ensuring that folks across the district have a place to get their questions answered and voice their concerns is one of my most important responsibilities as a Congressman," Delgado said. "I hope to meet many new people on Sunday, and that throughout my time in Congress, 19th district residents see our offices as a resource -- we're here to help and to listen."

The Kingston office is the first of many offices and mobile offices that Delgado will open throughout the district as part of his commitment to transparency and accessibility. The offices serve as a place for 19th Congressional District residents to call, email, or come by in person to share their views as well as get assistance with federal services, from farmers applying for grants to seniors having issues with their Social Security benefits to veterans needing more information on VA services.

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Grahamsville Reformed Church Dinners for 2019

April 13, 2019 Roast Pork, stuffing, mashed potatoes, carrots, homemade applesauce, salad, bread *** ASSORTED DESSERTS FROM THE CONGREGATION

May 18, 2019 Roast Turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, corn, cranberry sauce, salad, bread, Ice Cream Sundae

June 15, 2019 Roast Beef, mashed potatoes, carrots, salad, bread, Peach Shortcake

September 14, 2019 Roast Beef, mashed potatoes, corn on the cob, salad, bread *** ASSORTED DESSERTS FROM THE CONGREGATION

October 12, 2019 Roast Turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, green beans, cranberry sauce, salad, bread, Brownie Sundae

November 16, 2019 Roast Pork, stuffing, mashed potatoes, carrots, sauerkraut, homemade applesauce, salad, bread, Cake

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Sundown UM Church 2019 Calendar

- 2/2/19 Covered Dish Supper Sundown Methodist Church Hall - 5:30 pm
- 3/2/19 Covered Dish Supper Sundown Methodist Church Hall - 5:30 pm
- 4/6/19 Covered Dish Supper Sundown Methodist Church Hall - 5:30 pm
- 5/4/19 Covered Dish Supper Sundown Methodist Church Hall - 5:30 pm
- 5/25/19 3rd Annual Memorial Day Miles and Miles of Yard Sale
- 6/1/19 Covered Dish Supper Sundown Methodist Church Hall - 5:30 pm
- 7/6/19 Covered Dish Supper Sundown Methodist Church Hall - 5:30 pm
- 8/3/19 Covered Dish Supper Sundown Methodist Church Hall - 5:30 pm
- 9/7/19 Covered Dish Supper Sundown Methodist Church Hall - 5:30 pm
- 9/28/19 Sundown Ladies Annual Harvest Fair & Luncheon 9 am - 3 pm
- 10/5/19 Covered Dish Supper Sundown Methodist Church Hall - 5:30 pm
- 11/2/19 Covered Dish Supper Sundown Methodist Church Hall - 5:30 pm
- 12/7/19 Covered Dish Supper Sundown Methodist Church Hall - 5:30 pm

Grahamsville United Methodist Church Pot Roast Dinner

Saturday, January 26, 2019
4:00 - 7:00

Eat In or Take Out

Grahamsville United Methodist Church Hall

Menu:

Pot Roast, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Green Beans, Homemade Coleslaw, Dinner Roll & Assorted Desserts
Adults \$13.00 Children 5 and Under \$8.00
For more information call 985-7675 or 985-2283.



St. Mark's UM Church
68 Church St., Napanoch

YARD and CLOTHING SALE

Every Friday: 10 am - 3:00 pm
Comics, Vintage items, books, clothing, yard sale items, children's clothing, toys... something for everyone!

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Immaculate Conception Church Woodbourne

Rev. Ignas Dhas MMI, Administrator
Telephone (845) 434-7643
Parish website: www.icwoodbourne.com

Archdiocesan Confession Day

The annual pre-Christmas Reconciliation Monday, conducted throughout the Archdiocese with extended confession hours, is this year on Monday, December 17th, here from 4:00 - 5:00 pm and 7:00 - 8:00 pm.

Ellenville Regional Hospital Auxiliary Fundraiser - The Book of Mormon

Tickets are now available for the Broadway show "Book of Mormon" Saturday, June 6, 2019 at 2 pm. Ticket price of \$160 includes show and bus. Pickups will be at the Ellenville Regional Hospital, Wurtsboro and Middletown.

Don't miss this opportunity. Call Helene Morris at 845-434-2665 for further information or any questions you may have.

Claryville Reformed Church

Claryville Road
Claryville, NY 12725
845-985-2041



Worship Services @ 10:00 am

Church Hall available for rent
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Saturday afternoon: 4:30 pm
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The red shed will not be open as we are not accepting donations to the thrift ministry during our Winter Break - the months of December, January and February.

Anyone interested in assisting with this ministry can call 985-2283 or email us at grahamsvilleumc@gmail.com.

Feb. 2, 2018
5:30 pm
Covered Dish Supper

Sundown United Methodist Church Hall

St. Augustine's Chapel

Watson Hollow Rd. • West Shokan, NY

Sunday Mass - 9:30 am

Holy Days 5:30 pm

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

Rev. George W. Hommel, Pastor

Grahamsville Reformed Church
The Church with a friendly welcome

Pastor Kenneth Ronk

Sunday School 9:30 am

Worship Service 9:30 am

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LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT

There will be a RECESSED MEETING of the Town of Neversink Town Board to be held at the Town Hall, 273 Main Street, Grahamsville, NY at 7:35 P.M. on Wednesday, January 23, 2019.

The purpose of the meeting is to continue business from the January 9, 2019 Town Board Meeting and any other new business that may legally come before the Board.

Lisa Garigliano, Town Clerk
Dated: January 10, 2019

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**TOWN OF NEVERSINK
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR
CONSIDERATION OF A
LOCAL LAW TO REPEAL THE TOWN OF
NEVERSINK SEWER
USE LAW AND ADOPT A SEWER USE LAW IN ITS
PLACE AND STEAD**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing will be held before the Town Board for the Town of Neversink at the Neversink Town Hall, 273 Main Street, Grahamsville, New York, at 7:30 p.m. prevailing time, on January 23, 2019, regarding the proposed repeal of the current Town of Neversink ("Town") Sewer Use Law and adopt a Sewer Use Law in its place and stead. The Sewer Use Law being proposed includes provisions related to the community planning measures taken by the Town in connection with its establishment of the Claryville-Neversink Septic Maintenance District ("Septic Maintenance District") under the Community Wastewater Management Program sponsored by the City of New York. At such time and place, all persons interested in the subject matter thereof will be heard concerning the same.

Copies of the proposed Sewer Use Law shall be available at the time of the hearing and shall be available at times prior to and after the hearing at the Town Clerk's Office during normal business hours for the purpose of inspection or procurement by interested persons.

The proposed Sewer Use Law, in addition to regulating users of the service area of the Grahamsville Wastewater Treatment Plant, includes restrictions and provisions regulating the use of individual septic systems in the proposed Septic Maintenance District, including but not limited to restrictions on the types of materials that can be discharged to a septic system, prohibition against adding either stormwater (i.e., rain gutters) or groundwater (i.e. sump pumps) to a septic system, prohibition on the use of household garbage disposals, a provision providing the Town or its agents access to inspect/repair/replace/maintain a septic system, and a provision requiring Town Board approval and/or consent to additions or expansions of certain types of properties that will result in additional sewage flow.

Dated: January 9, 2019

Lisa Garigliano, Town Clerk

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Rep. Antonio Delgado Introduces First Bill as a Member of Congress, Bipartisan Proposal to Support Veteran Families

Bipartisan bill extends benefits to surviving spouses of deceased veterans with a service-related disability

Washington, D.C. - Today, Rep. Antonio Delgado (D-NY) introduced his first bill as a Member of Congress. The bipartisan Service-Disabled Veterans Small Business Continuation Act - led by Delgado as well as Committee on Small Business Ranking Member Steve Chabot (R-OH), Rep. Jack Bergman (R-MI), and Rep. Lou Correa (D-CA) - would provide the surviving spouse of a service-disabled veteran with federal contracting preference as a Service-Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and the Small Business Administration (SBA).

"With veterans and their families sacrificing so much for our rights and freedoms, it is our solemn obligation as a nation to ensure their health and well-being," said Rep. Delgado. "I am proud that the first bill I am introducing as a Member of Congress will help veteran families by extending additional benefits to the surviving spouses of deceased veterans across the country, including at home in Upstate New York."

"As Ranking Member of the Committee on Small Business, I am pleased to honor the sacrifices of our nation's veterans," Ranking Member Chabot said. "The Service-Disabled Veterans Small Business Continuation Act does just that. By allowing the spouses of deceased service-disabled veterans to retain their

**NOTICE OF RESOLUTION
ADOPTED SUBJECT TO
PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: that the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Claryville Fire District of the Town of Denning, Ulster County, New York, at the regularly scheduled meeting thereof, held on January 9th, 2019, duly adopted the following resolution;
BE IT RESOLVED; pursuant to the provisions of the General Municipal Law and the Town Law of the State of New York, that the sum not to exceed \$450,000.00 be expended for the purchase of one (1) new pumper tanker and associated equipment. Funds will be disbursed from the Capital reserve funds and that the Secretary of the Fire District shall, within ten working days of the adoption of the resolution, publish a notice within the official newspaper of the Fire District setting forth the date of the adoption of the resolution and an abstract of the resolution concisely stating the purpose and effect thereof and that the resolution was adapted subject to a permissive referendum

Dated: January 9th, 2019

**BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
OF THE CLARYVILLE FIRE DISTRICT
TOWN OF DENNING, ULSTER COUNTY, NEW YORK**

By: Desiree Jimenez
Secretary
Claryville Fire District

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status as a Service-Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business, they will remain competitive in the federal contracting market. After the years of service their family members provide to our country in the military, veterans' spouses have earned the reliability this bill provides to them and their businesses. I thank my colleagues, Congressmen Bergman, Correa, and Delgado, for working with me on this legislation.

Current law allows surviving spouses of 100% service-disabled veteran business owners to continue receiving preferences for contracts with the VA, but the benefit does not extend to the spouses of veterans with a disability less than 100%. The bipartisan bill introduced today will extend the benefit to these spouses for three years, helping ensure their businesses are not upended after the death of their veteran spouse.

Rep. Antonio Delgado Votes to Protect the Affordable Care Act

Delgado joins bipartisan members of the House to give the Speaker of the House power to defend the Affordable Care Act and its protections for those with pre-existing conditions

WASHINGTON, DC -- Representative Antonio Delgado (NY-19) joined bipartisan members of the House of Representatives to vote in favor of a bill that specifically authorizes the Speaker of the House, on behalf of Members of Congress, to defend the Affordable Care Act (ACA) after a federal judge in Texas declared the ACA unconstitutional. The case is currently making its way through the court system.

"I'm glad to join Members of Congress on both sides of the aisle to make clear that we are here to stand up for the ACA in the face of attacks against it that could be devastating for the people of Upstate New York. If this lawsuit succeeds, it could remove protections for pre-existing conditions and jeopardize health care coverage for people across the district," said Delgado. "We need to do much more to expand affordable and accessible health care to everyone, and no longer remain the lone developed country in the world without universal coverage. A lawsuit jeopardizing the protections set forth in the ACA could not be any further from what we ought to be doing when it comes to solving the health care crisis."

The bill makes clear the importance of the ACA and its protections for those with pre-existing conditions. It is a standalone version of provisions that passed last week, which opened the door for Speaker Pelosi to defend the ACA in the court system after a Texas federal judge declared that the ACA was unconstitutional due to the tax bill that Congress passed in 2017. The ruling was swiftly challenged, and the case could make its way through the court system and to the Supreme Court.

Legal Notice

Grahamsville Fire District
Notice of Organizational Meeting

Please take notice that the organizational meeting for the year 2019 of the Grahamsville Fire District of the Town of Neversink, County of Sullivan, New York, will be held on the 15th day of January, 2019, at 7:00 PM on that day at the Grahamsville Fire House, Route 55, Grahamsville, New York.

By order of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Grahamsville Fire District.
Scott L. Raymond, Secretary

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**Anticipated Opening
Tri-Valley Central School**

Director of Pupil Personnel Services

The Tri-Valley CSD is seeking a Director of Pupil Personnel Services. Candidates should possess specific leadership, programming, personnel and fiscal oversight success. This position will work collaboratively with the district administrative team to provide direction and oversight for leadership and coordination of all aspects of pupil personnel services: medical and health services, psychological and social work services, speech/hearing/assistive technology and special education.

NYS SDA or SDL certification with teaching exp. and a min. of (3) years administrative exp.

Forward letters of interest by **Feb. 15th**
To: recruitment@scbooces.org or mail it to:
Sullivan County BOCES Recruitment Service,
6 Wierk Avenue, Liberty, NY 12754
Attn: Tri-Valley Search EOE

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845-985-2262 ext. 312
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racerj12d@aol.com

2019 Upcoming Events

- Nine Sundays - Discounted Passes Skiing & Snowboarding @ Holiday Mtn
- Jan. 25 - Free Snow Tubing trip to Holiday Mtn
- Jan. 26 - CPR & AED Training, Basic First Aid. Learn to save a life @ Town Hall
- Feb. 8 - Paint two wine glasses @ Neversink Town Hall
- Feb. 22 - Free Roller Skating at 209 Skate Time
- Mar. 22 Free Family Game Night & Pizza @ Daniel Pierce Library
- March 29 - Free Urban Air Adventure Park
- Apr 12 - Learn from a Ringling Brothers Clown @ Neversink Fire House
- Apr 17 - Day Trip to Pine Ridge Dude Ranch
- Apr 28 - Greenwich Village Food & Culture Walking Tour
- Apr 29 -May 3 - Screen Free Week Learn about your community
- May 18 -19 - Six Flags Great Escape, Lake George Overnight Trip
- May 30 - On Your Feet Westchester Dinner Theatre
- July 14 - Monster Truck Jam
- July 19 - Free Water Fun @ Grahamsville Fairgrounds
- *Hudson Valley Renegades with BBQ & Fireworks Date TBA
- Sept 14 - Community Yard Sale, Craft & Vendor Fair
- Sept 21 - Tours Prohibition Distillery & Roscoe Beer Co & Dinner
- Nov 1 - 3 -Kartrite Hotel Indoor Water Park Sleepover
- Dec 7 - Transportation to NYC
- Dec. 8 - Elf Workshop & Tree Lighting

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Daniel Pierce Library

hours of operation

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

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

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

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

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

**2019 Dept. of Motor Vehicles
Schedule - Neversink Town Hall**

10:00 am - 2:30 pm

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

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

Also **WANTED** People to play cards

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1/16/19	Neversink - Rondout Antique Machinery Association Meeting 7:30 pm
1/17/19	Neversink Fire District Meeting - 7:30 pm
1/20/19	Claryville Fire Dept. All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast 7 - 12 Noon
1/21/19	Town of Neversink Holiday - MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY
1/26/19	Grahamsville United Methodist Church Pot Roast Dinner • Eat In or Take Out 4- 7 PM
1/29/19	Town of Neversink Parks and Rec Advisory Board Meeting 6 pm
2/2/19	Covered Dish Supper - Sundown Methodist Church Hall 5:30 pm
2/5/19	Denning Town Board Meeting - Denning Town Hall 6 pm
2/6/19	Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting -7 pm
2/13/19	Town of Neversink Board Meeting
2/18/18	Tri-Valley Booster Club- C.A.S.T. 6:30 pm TVCS Secondary School Library
2/18/19	Town of Neversink Holiday - PRESIDENTS' DAY
2/2019	Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals - 7:30 pm

To All: Municipalities, Civic Organizations, Churches, etc.
Please remember to send us your **Events Calendar for 2019** so that we may continue to post your meetings and events throughout the coming year.
You may email them to: tvtownsman@yahoo.com;
USPS Mail - The Townsman, PO Box 232, Grahamsville, NY 12740
or Drop them in the Drop Box at the Grahamsville 1st Aid Building

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TOWN OF OLIVE MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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

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

**Claryville Fire Dept.
All You Can Eat
Pancake Breakfast
Sunday, January 20**



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

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

**DEC Announces \$3 Million in Grants
Available for Invasive Species Projects
Grant Applications Accepted
through Feb. 15**

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos today announced that \$3 million is available in the first round of the State's newly consolidated Invasive Species Grant Program. To support projects that target both aquatic and terrestrial invasive species across the state, DEC combined previous funding opportunities, including the Aquatic Invasive Species Spread Prevention and the Aquatic and Terrestrial Invasive Species Early Detection/Rapid Response grants, into a single grant program. DEC is accepting applications for these grants through Feb. 15, 2019.

"New York is an international center for trade and tourism, making the state vulnerable to invasive species," Commissioner Seggos said. "Once established, species such as hydrilla, emerald ash borer, and Japanese knotweed spread rapidly, causing harm to the environment, the economy, and human health. The invasive species grants announced today increase our ability to reduce the impacts of these invasive pests through con-

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trol, removal, research, and prevention."

State Agriculture Commissioner Richard A. Ball said, "Invasive species pose a threat to our agricultural economy, potentially causing harm to our crops and our forestry industry. The new grant program provides the targeted resources needed to help the State combat the introduction and establishment of invasives statewide."

Under Governor Cuomo's leadership, the 2018-19 state budget included \$13.3 million in the State's Environmental Protection Fund targeted specifically for invasive species related initiatives, \$3 million of which was made available for these grants. Municipalities, academic institutions, and not-for-profits may submit applications for funding for eligible projects in up to two of the following categories:

- Aquatic invasive species spread prevention;
- Terrestrial and aquatic invasive species rapid response and control;
- Terrestrial and aquatic invasive species research; and
- Lake Management Plans.

Grant awards range from a minimum of \$11,000 to a maximum of \$100,000, with a required 25 percent match. Project locations must be located wholly within New York State and priority will be given to projects that include opportunities for public participation, are on or close to public lands or waterbodies, and emphasize long-term success. For full details about the grant opportunity including eligible projects and scoring criteria, visit the Request for Applications on DEC's website.

Applications are due by 3:00 p.m. on Feb. 15, 2019. All grant applicants must register in the NYS Grants Gateway System before applying. Not-for-profit applicants are required to prequalify in the Grants Gateway system, so DEC recommends that applicants start the process in advance of the grant application due date.

The New York State Invasive Species Council, comprising nine agencies, recently adopted a new Invasive Species Comprehensive Management Plan, with assistance from a 25-member Invasive Species Advisory Committee. The Invasive Species Grant Program will provide opportunities to implement various actions identified under the eight focal initiatives around which the Plan is framed.



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**Fly Fest on February 2, 2019
 14th Annual Event Celebrates
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LIVINGSTON MANOR - The Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum (CFFCM) will host the 14th annual Fly Fest in the Wulff Gallery at the center in Livingston Manor on Saturday, February 2 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

With over 50 tyers from near and far representing the best in fly tying, this is a great opportunity for individuals who want to learn how to tie and see some masters at work. Fly Fest marks the middle of winter and is the first CFFCM event of the new year. It is a great opportunity to tie flies with a group, show off your skills, or learn a few new tricks. The day is not formal, but offers a chance to tie, socialize and have a look at the exhibits.

"For those needing an outing after being cooped up in the house, this is a sure cure for the winter doldrums," said Rick Fischer, who organizes the event. "It's also a reminder that whether or not the groundhog sees his shadow, there are less than two months before a new trout season begins in New York."

Participants are asked to pay a \$5.00 fee to CFFCM. Tyers should bring a lunch or make arrangements to go out to get it. If the weather looks too unsafe for travel, and Fly Fest has been cancelled, CFFCM will post a notice to their Facebook and Instagram page.

For Fly Fest information, contact coordinator Rick Fischer atfischington@hotmail.com; or John Kovach at jkovach@cffcm.com or Rob Ceccarini at rceccarini@cffcm.com

For more about CFFCM, call 845-439-4810, email office@cffcm.com or go to www.cffcm.com.

**3rd Annual Sundown
 Miles and Miles of Yard Sale!**

Before you put all that **Christmas** stuff back up in the attic, maybe you want to sort out what you no longer want and keep it handy. Think ahead! **The 3rd Annual Sundown Memorial Day Weekend Miles and Miles of Yard Sale** is just **18 weeks** away! Whether you have your own yard sale, or donate items to the **Sundown Methodist Church Ladies for their sale** - it beats putting back what you no longer want. Mark your calendar now so you won't forget - **May 25-27 3rd Annual Sundown Miles and Miles of Yard Sale!**

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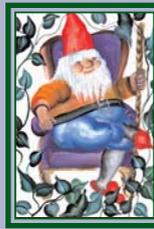
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"Knarf's Classic Movie Trivia"
TUESDAY JANUARY 22, 2019
STARTING AT 10:00 AM
Gaby (1956)

In this remake of *Waterloo Bridge*, a ballerina turns to prostitution when her fiance is reported killed in World War II. Dir: **Curtis Bernhardt**. **Starring Leslie Caron, John Kerr, Sir Cedric Hardwicke, Taina Elg** Telling of ballerina (Caron), and her romance with soldier (Kerr), in WW2 England. CinemaScope - C - 97 min. TV-PG • **4:30 PM Tuesday - Romance "To Have and Have Not"** (1944) A skipper-for-hire's romance with a beautiful drifter is complicated by his growing involvement with the French resistance. Dir: **Howard Hawks**. **Starring Humphrey Bogart, Walter Brennan, Lauren Bacall, Hoagy Carmichael, Dan Seymour, Marcel Dalio, Dolores Moran, Sheldon Leonard**. Hemingway's "worst novel" forms the basis for Hawks' version of *CASABLANCA*: A tough skipper-for-hire, Bogart, reluctantly becomes involved with French Resistance; less reluctantly, woos even tougher Bacall (in her film debut). Their legendary love scenes make the movie, but there are also solid performances, taut action, and a couple of songs. (Andy Williams was hired to dub Bacall's singing, but that's her voice, after all.) Super dialogue by William Faulkner and Jules Furthman; remade as *THE BREAKING POINT* and *THE GUN RUNNERS*. B/W - 100 m TV-G CC • **8:00 PM Musical "The Kissing Bandit"** (1949) Frank Sinatra, a timid young man is forced to follow in his father's footsteps as a notorious masked bandit. Dir: **Laslo Benedek**. **Starring Frank Sinatra, Kathryn Grayson, Ann Miller, J. Carrol Naish, Ricardo Montalban, Mildred Natwick, Cyd Charisse and Billy Gilbert**. Frail Sinatra vehicle about the son of a Western kissing bandit who picks up where Dad left off. The song "Siesta" sums it up. C - 100 min. TV-G Closed Captions.

Quiz: In the "The Kissing Bandit"
 1. Who played Bianca?
 2. Who was the male dancer in the "Fiesta specialty dance," sequence?

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