

# HIGH FALLS RIDGE

with IK Icard 6/3/196

250-21

Site	P	Δp	Δe	Calc e	map e	time	description	
(A)	30.00	0.00	00	1919	1919	9:05 AM	Route (47) at Frost Valley bridge over High Falls Brook	
(B)	29.82	0.18	166	2085			skis trail junction, yellow-blue	
(C)	29.80	0.20	185	2104			trib. in culvert	
(D)	29.60	0.40	369	2288			wooden bridge over 2nd trib	
(E)	29.54	0.46	425	2344			Shelter	
(F)	29.50	0.50	462	2381			blaze SNV-Frost Valley	
(G)	29.60	0.40	369	2288		10:00	Cross High Falls Brook	
(H)	29.16	0.84	775	2694	} e-p 198		gently sloping terrace	
(I)	29.00	1.00	923	2842				ledge top
(J)	28.82	1.18	1089	3008				
(K)	28.61	1.39	1283	3202		10:43	partial West lookave	
(L)	28.60	1.40	1292	3211	3211	10:50-11:20 AM	High Falls Ridge: south summit	
		1.30	1291	3210				
(M)	28.68	1.22	1211	3130				
(N)	28.78	1.12	1112	3031			First firs	
(O)	28.80	1.10	1092	3011			ledge top	
(P)	28.80	1.10	1092	3011	2930		COL	
(Q)	28.64	1.26	1251	3170		NOON	open VACC-FIR area	
(R)	28.62	1.28	1271	3190			cresta	
(S)	28.60	1.30	1291	3210	3200	12:09 PM	High Falls Ridge: north summit	
(T)	28.72	1.18	1172	3091			Sug grove in small saddle	
(U)	28.70	1.20	1192	3111			Knob (U)	
(V)	28.75	1.15	1142	3061			COL (V)	
(W)	28.86	1.04	1033	2952				
(X)	28.93	0.97	963	2882	} e-p 199.33		ASH	
(Y)	28.98	0.92	914	2833				
(Z)	29.06	0.84	834	2753		12:52 PM	[rain begins]	
(AA)	29.22	0.68	675	2594		1:00	Cross High Falls Brook	
(AB)	29.38	0.52	516	2435			Highest hemlock along brook	
(AC)	29.38	0.52	516	2435			max hemlock, becomes common.	
(AD)	29.44	0.46	457	2376			Fir grove	
(AE)	29.57	0.33	328	2247			blaze	
(AF)	29.50	0.40	397	2316			wooden bridge over 2nd trib.	
(AG)	29.90	0.00	0	0	1919	2:55 PM	Frost Valley	

Rate:  $\frac{3211-1919}{30.00-28.60} = \frac{1292}{1.40} = 0.923$

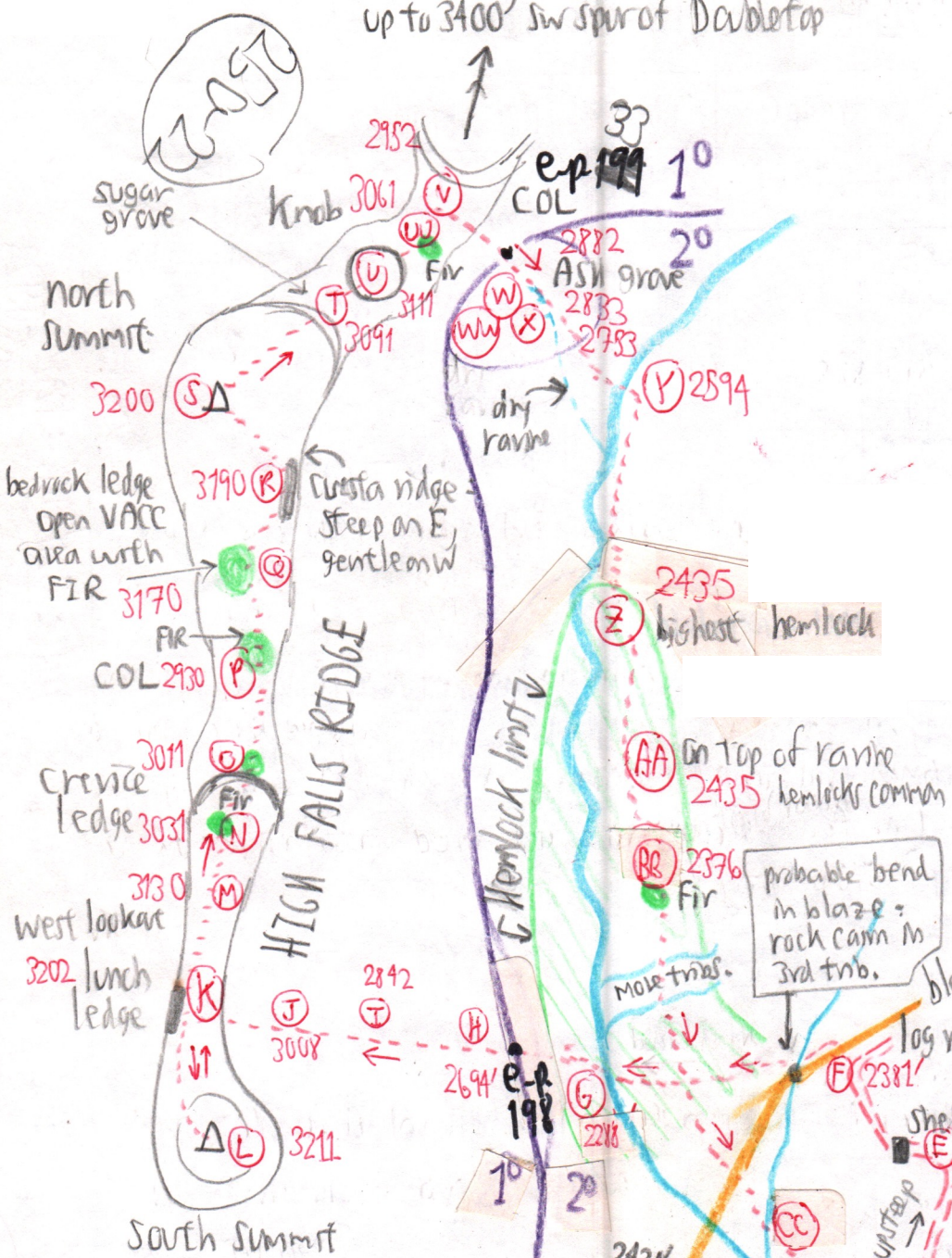
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Rates: UP:  $3211-1919 / 30.00-28.60 = 1292 / 1.40 = 0.923$   
 DOWN:  $3211-1919 / 29.90-28.60 = 1292 / 1.30 = 0.993$



up to 3400' SW spur of Doubletop



The section from (V) to (C) is difficult to traverse because High Falls Brook swings from one side of its flood plain to the other. When it is on the east side, one must scramble up the steep bank & walk on the terrace above. Several tributary ravines between (AA) & (CC) make following the terrace an up-and-down walk.

The large, old hardwoods 1° stop at → (Z), & possibly (W), on the descent.

Call this 1/4 2420'

old road shown on USGS Clansville 7 1/2' Quad & Killers' Trail Map

probable bend in blaze: rock cairn in 3rd trib.

blazed wire fence for deer park (See Ruthe's UMP)

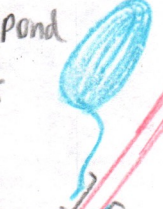
log road

shelter (E) 2341'

tributary under wooden bridge (204)

tributary in culvert (144)

Frost Valley Admin



to Winn-Sook

2083' Jun.-ski trails

blue houses

Maintenance bldg.

47 to Clansville

Wire fence for deer park (See Ruthe's) UMP

Spur trail, prob. to falls (unexplored)

Fir— Grace at (N) =  
 (O) =  
 (P) =  
 (Q) =  
 (W) =  
 but, oddly, NONE on either summit.  
 and at (BB) =

Hemlock— are common, but not dominant, along High Falls Brook and the  
 ravine slopes above it from (CC) to (AA). The highest hemlock is at (Z).  
 Burroughs' bark peelers could not have climbed above (AA) because there  
 is no hemlock anywhere. The old road, (O), might have been built by  
 them or by hardwood loggers later. We did NOT cross any old  
 road between (G) & (H) so that it ends just above the blaze ~~with~~ correctly  
 shown on the topo maps.

Ash— Grace at (W) <sup>(WW)</sup> (X) = Perhaps a dozen seen in this area, ranging in  
 size from a seedling to trees 24" to 36" DBH. I noted one  
 Japanese Barberry bush in the Ash grove. Some disturbance  
 occurred here, but it could have been natural (lightning strike  
 burn, blowdown, etc.) well over 100 years ago. A bark peeler  
 camp is unlikely for there are no hemlocks near here.

(A) 1919: Route (47)  
 (B) 2085: Yellow-blue ski trail June. Both are old log roads. Fence to W runs all the way to the Shelter at (E) to prevent people from falling into the ravine (?).

(C) 2104: Tributary in culvert. HEM + hdwd stumps. Ilex montana about deer-browsed

(D) 2281: Bridge over tributary. Springs. ASH Old road steep up to — Stumps.

(E) 2344: Shelter. Begin bushwhack.  
 (F) 2381: Log road ends & turns to NE to avoid crossing blaze line into SNY. Fence parallels blaze closely on the SE. Rock cairn in tributary may mark a bend in the blaze.

(G) 2288: Cross High Falls Brook. HEMLOCKS end at top of steep bank above brook. Very soon, YBs to 30", SUGs to 26" & 36" B to 28". Beech, most mature, not healthy.

(H) 2694: Gently-sloping terrace  
 (I) 2842: Ledge top  
 (J) 3008: BC 24", the 1st large BC. Max above  
 (K) 3202: Ledge top with partial look out to W. SORBS saplings.

(L) 3211: SOUTH SUMMIT HIGH FALLS RIDGE. Flora (K) to (L):  
BC-B-MO-RM-SUG-YB to 35" or 40".  
Ilex montana several. ERY- $\phi$ -MC-OK-SM-AA-TB-RB-PCII

(M) 3130: 36" YB. Panax  
 (N) 3031: 2 FIRS 4" dbh, suppressed & bark porcupine-gnawed.  
 (O) 3011: Ledge 10' high with CHVICES & fir seedlings. YB dom. Lonicera.

(P) 2930: COL. 4 dead small fir. Col is broad. Ilex montana.

1958 to ca. 1962 Logging

Then 5 live fir, 20" to 30", 1 dead. Begin ascent. **250-24 -24**

(Q) Grove of >11 FIR to 40' x 8".  
UVUL - ledges locally exposed at surface. Seal-SUG on deeper soils.  
 2 more FIR & 1 dead

(R) Open ledge 3170' with VACC and >12 Fir, >4 seedling FIR repro, quite dry. SM, one SPHAG pocket.  
 NOON - Clayville siren heard

(S) 3190: Cresta crest faces E. NO FIR. BC dom. + B, MO, RM, YB,  $\phi$ , ERY, MC, OK

(T) 3200 NORTH SUMMIT.  
SUG grove on flat. One 36" fir down & 3091 hollow. Wet VV small col. Canopy >60'.

(U) 311: BC dom knob. Drier. VA in fl.

(UU) 3061: 2 live + 1 dead FIR.

(V) 2952: COL. B-BC dom.

(W) 2812: 36" ASH - LOT-ARMO-CALU-NYDRO - broken limbs on the ASH.

(WW) 2853: Dicentra, Berberis thunbergii (!) ASH more common, to 24", following down a dry ravine.

(V) 2594: Anemone & Ilex montana. High Falls Brook - 36" YB - NO Hemlock.

(Z) 2435: 1st HEM observed on descent, dead 24" + 1 smaller live, both about 15' above brook. This may be the end of 1<sup>o</sup>, or it could be at (V) or (W)??

(AA) 2438: Atop ravine. High Falls Brook has no flood plain on E to follow here. HEMS scattered

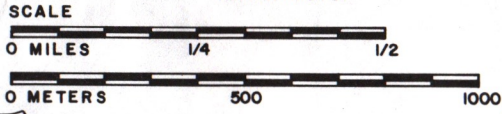
(BB) 2376: 3 live + 2 dead FIRS.

(CC) 2247: Cross blaze.

(D) 2326: Bridge  $\frac{2316 + 2288}{2} = 2302$ .

# FROST VALLEY TRAILS

- | <u>EASIEST</u> | <u>MORE DIFFICULT</u> | <u>MOST DIFFICULT</u> |
|----------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Castle Loop | 5. Devil's Hole       | 13. Sequoia Loop      |
| 2. Neversink   | 6. Biscuit Creek      | 14. Seager Ext.       |
| 3. Lake Cole   | 7. Pigeon Creek       | 15. Line Shack        |
| 4. Sugar Shack | 8. Bank's Hill        | 16. Sunrise           |
|                | 9. Low Wildcat        | 17. Rocky Road        |
|                | 10. Spring Ridge      | 18. Top Wildcat       |
|                | 11. Panhandle         | 19. Hemlock Swamp     |
|                | 12. Perimeter         |                       |



**LEGEND**

TRAILS:  
 Red   
 Yellow   
 Blue

ROADS

STREAMS

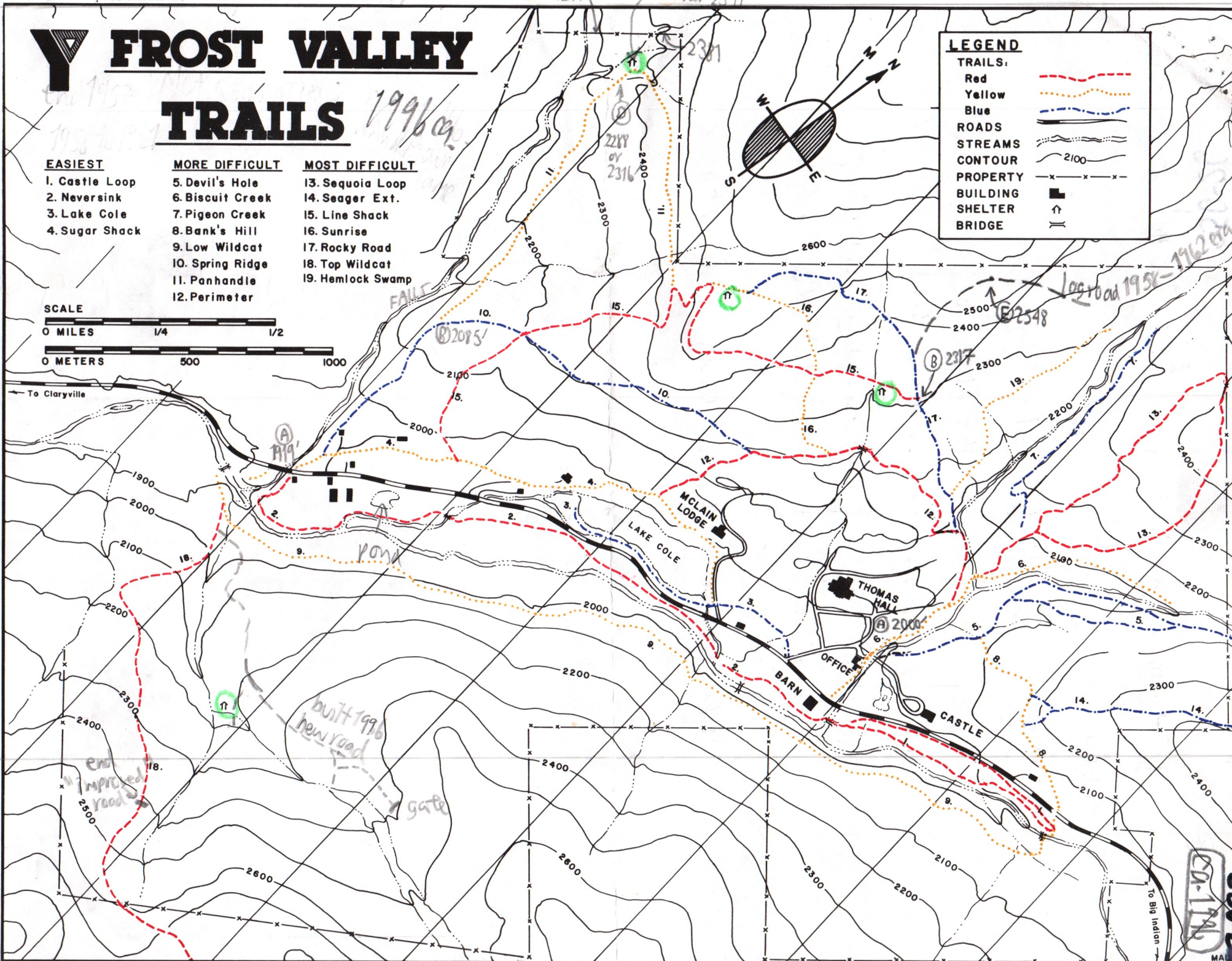
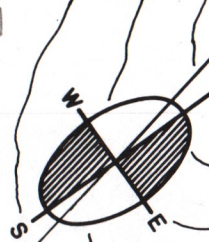
CONTOUR 2100

PROPERTY

BUILDING

SHELTER

BRIDGE



CD-1196  
 2502  
 MAL

250-26

D. Halbe Brown, Director of Frost Valley, said on

9/26/196:

YMCA purchased the tract in late 1957.

Logging most intense 1958 → 1961 or 1962.

Halbe Brown arrived in 1966. was ...

No logging since, except T-S-I. along Top Wildcat  
ski trail, now a road to service research  
instruments.

Mike Larison is lands manager (not met by MK).

### Obituaries

**Karen Arlands**

MARGARETVILLE - Karen Arlands, 74, of Margaretville, died Sept. 5, 2012 at Albany Medical Center.

Donations can be made to the charity of your choice.

**Frederic R. Colie, Jr.**

SARASOTA, Fla. - Frederic R. Colie, Jr., formerly of Arena died after a long illness on Sept. 16, 2012, his 83rd birthday, with his loving wife, Judy, by his side.

Contributions should be made to the Arena Fire Department, Margaretville, NY 12455.

**David Halbe Brown**

NORTHAMPTON, Mass. - David Halbe Brown, 76, a former president of Frost Valley YMCA in Denning, died Sept. 13, 2012 after a lengthy illness.

A memorial service will be held

at 11 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 14, at Frost Valley YMCA in Claryville.

Friends and family can honor Halbe's life through gifts to the "Halbe Brown Memorial Fund" at the Frost Valley YMCA.

**Donald R. Bramley**

ANDES - Donald R. Bramley, 89, long-time resident of Andes, died Wednesday, Sept. 19, 2012, at Mountainside Residential Care Center, Margaretville.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Andes Fire Department or Catskill Area Hospice, in memory of Donald R. Bramley.

**Alfred Laureanti**

ROXBURY - Alfred Laureanti, 71, resident of Roxbury died Tuesday, Sept. 18, 2012, peacefully at his home.

Donations in memory of Alfred Laureanti may be made to the Catskill Area Hospice.

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