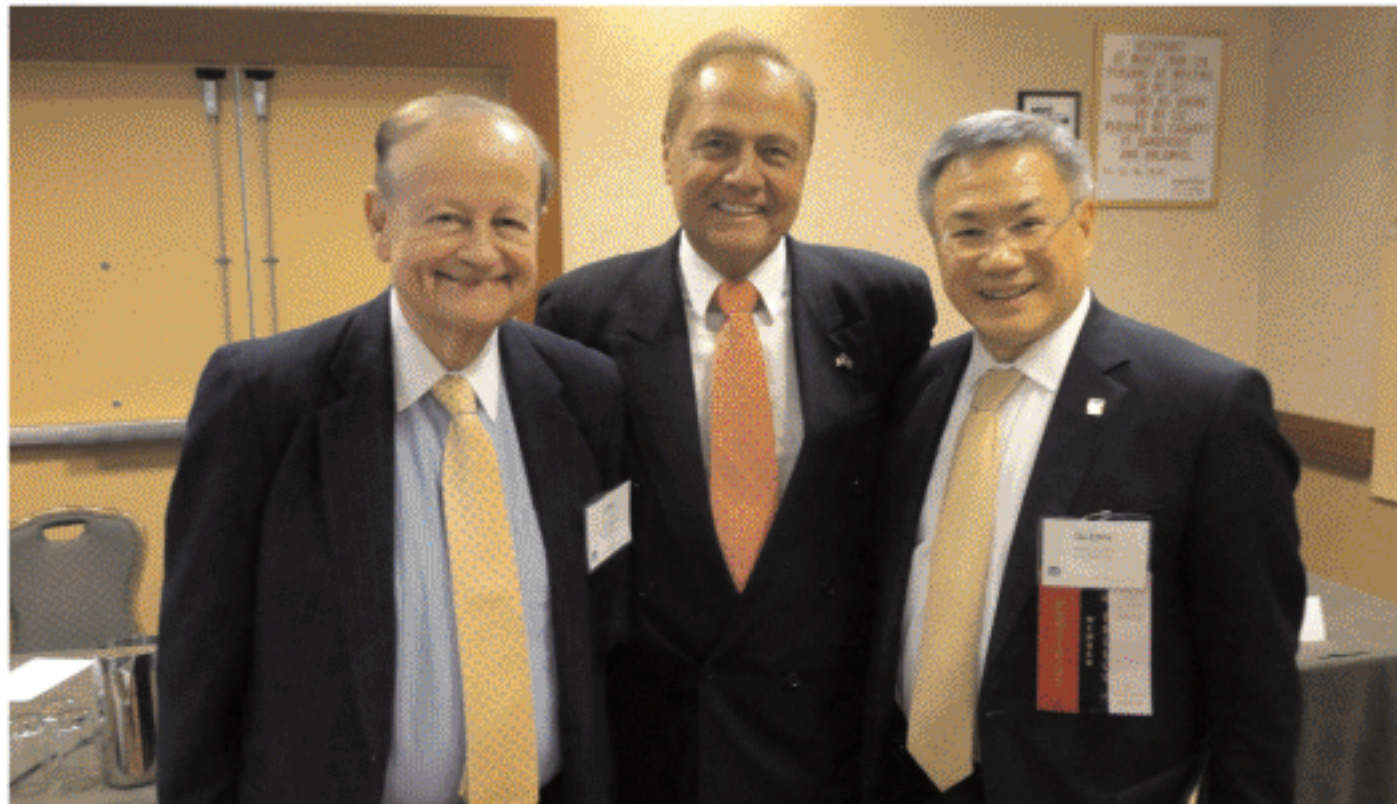


## Senator Bonacic addresses NYS Bar Association Annual Meeting Speech focuses on Casino Gaming in New York State



Senator Bonacic is pictured with (L-R) Joel Sachs, Chairman of the New York State Bar Association Section on Environmental Law and Real Estate Law and Glenn Lau-Ke, President of the New York State Bar Association

(Albany, NY)- Senator John, J. Bonacic, Chairman of the Judiciary Committee and the Racing, Gaming and Wagering Committee addressed the New York State Bar Association at their 2015 Annual Meeting in New York City on Friday January 30, 2015. Bonacic's discussion focused on Casino Gaming in New York State. The speech was attended by hundreds of members of the legal profession and was the keynote address for Friday's session.

## DARE Graduation in Livingston Manor



Congressman Chris Gibson and Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther were on hand Friday for the D.A.R.E. graduation of the 5th grade class at the Livingston Manor Elementary School. Pictured with the D.A.R.E. essay winners are the Congressman, Assemblywoman and the school resource officer, Sullivan County Deputy Sheriff Rose Ionta.

## UC Executive and the Task Force Seek the Public's Suggestions for Investing the Ellenville Million for the Betterment of the Ellenville/Wawarsing Area



Kingston, NY- Following up on his State of the County proposal to assist the Ellenville/Wawarsing region, Ulster County Executive Michael P. Hein and an advisory Task Force of local community leaders, business owners and residents have scheduled their first community forum on February 5th at 5:30 P.M. at the Trudy Resnick Farber Building, 50 Center Street in Ellenville to discuss ideas and accept suggestions for projects to positively impact the economy of the Ellenville/Wawarsing area. (Contd. Pg. 4)

## Rev. Diana Southwick Scheide Ordained to the Sacred Order of Priests

The Delaware Catskill Episcopal Ministry is pleased to announce the Ordination of The Reverend Diana Southwick Scheide to the Sacred Order of Priests. Her Ordination took place on January 17 at 11 am in St. John's Episcopal Church, Monticello. The Celebrant was The Right Reverend Allen K. Shin,



Linda Goldstein, President of St. Andrew's carrying the church's standard

Suffragan Bishop of New York. Presenters included representatives from Grace Church, Port Jervis; St. Andrew's Church, South Fallsburg; St. James Church, Callicoon; and St. John's Church; who welcomed their new pastor, who will celebrate mass on a rotating basis. Mother Diana comes to the priesthood after raising three sons. Her former profession was nursing. She was encouraged to study for the priesthood by her son, who urged her to "follow her dream".



Reverend Diana Southwick Scheide

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## Sullivan County Community Chorus Prepares for its 38th Annual Spring Concert



The Sullivan County Community Chorus, under the direction of Kevin J. Giroux, will resume rehearsals Thursday, February 12 at 6:30 p.m. at the Liberty Middle School, 145 Buckley Street, Liberty. The Chorus is preparing for its 38th Annual Spring Concert, to be performed at Immaculate Conception Church in Woodbourne on Sunday, June 7, 2015. (Contd. Pg. 3)

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

## OBITUARY

**Marion L. Ehrhardt** of Ulster Heights, NY passed away on February 3, 2015 after a courageous battle with cancer surrounded by her family. She was 75 years old. Marion was born on October 8, 1939 in Ellenville; she was the daughter of the late Clinton and Laura (Brown) Byrd.

Marion graduated from Ellenville High School in 1957. She recently retired from Ellenville Library after working as the Library Clerk for the past 35 years. She had volunteered for AARP as a defensive driver instructor and was a member of St. John's Memorial Episcopal Church in Ellenville as well as the Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Association. She was a selfless person who would help anyone in need. Marion was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother and will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

She was predeceased by her sister, Joan Clerk and her grandson, Eric J. Cumming.

Marion is survived by her loving husband of 58 years, Robert Ehrhardt; their daughters: Barbara Ehrhardt of Rensselaer, Pat Kelly and her husband, Preston of Grahamsville and Lori Ehrhardt of Ulster Heights; her grandchildren: Amber Cumming, Travis Nesbitt, Cheyenne Hartelius, Courtney, Michael and Kimberly Kelly; great grandchildren: Benjamin and Roseanna Whitted and Rae Ann Ehrhardt and her beloved dog, Sam.

Funeral services were held Saturday, February 6th at St John's Memorial Episcopal Church with burial following at Fantinekill Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Marion's name to St. John's Memorial Episcopal Church, P.O. Box 262, Ellenville, NY 12428.

**Eugene "Gene" Walter Fuller** departed his earthly home for his heavenly home on February 5, 2015. He was 87, born July 12, 1927 to Bruce and Genevieve (Dean) Fuller. Gene was a lifetime resident of Eureka and Grahamsville.



Gene joined the US Navy in his junior year of high school in 1945 on The Perkins, a destroyer in the Asiatic Pacific Ocean until his honorable discharge in 1946. He returned to finish high school and graduated from Ellenville in 1947. Gene attended Bliss Electric School.

He drove a "Uke" to help make the Merriman Dam. Work started on the tunnels on the Neversink dam and he became a master electrician. When the dam was completed he was an employee of the DEP as an electrician in the upstate water system for 30 years retiring in 1987.

Gene enjoyed his family, especially camping and boating on Lake George each summer, he and his family were true outdoorsmen. He really enjoyed traveling and took many train trips across the US to see Perkins reunion and country tours. Taking a car trip on a Sunday with nowhere special to go was a memorable past time, and don't forget the great yard sales and flea markets to explore. Gene also enjoyed the challenge of his work and put much pride in the finished job. He liked his pets and always had one or more. A favorite past time was watching the deer and birds. He had a passion for local History and enjoyed reading both magazines and books.

Gene was a life member of the NRA, VFW, America Legion, The Tin Can Sailors and Wawarsing Sportsman Club. He was a member and past Master of the Liberty Lodge #521 F&AM, Tri-Valley Lions Club, The Perkins Retiree Group, Sullivan County Co-Op Extension, Neversink Antique Tractor Club, Grahamsville Fire Dept. (a past chief).

Gene is remembered by his loving wife Frances Furman Fuller who he married on July 7, 1984, 2 daughters, Eileen (John) Costa, Kathleen Donelli, 2 sons, Glenn (Wendy) and

Stephen (Cindy); grandchildren Allison Costa, Megan Donelli, Katherine (Gary) Ellsworth, Bruce and Jake Fuller, Amanda (Chris) Bulawa and Stephen II Fuller, great-grandchildren Benjamin and Kaiden Ellsworth and Caleb Advincula. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Gene was predeceased by his first wife Virginia (Ackerly) Fuller, granddaughter Stephanie Costa and a son-in-law John Donelli.

In lieu of flowers please donate to the Alzheimer's Association, Hudson Valley-Rockland-Westchester NY Chapter, 2 Jefferson Plaza Suite 103, Poughkeepsie NY 12601-406 or a charity of your choice.

A visitation will be held on Friday, February 13, 2015 from 10am to 12 noon at Colonial Memorial Funeral Home, 396 State Route 52 Woodbourne NY 12788.; with a funeral service will follow at the 12:00pm, Rev. Paul Z. Ruter officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Colonial-Bryant Funeral Homes for further information please call or visit [www.colonialbryantfuneralhome.com](http://www.colonialbryantfuneralhome.com).

## College News

Caroline Berthoff has been named to the Siena College Dean's List for the Fall 2014 semester. Berthoff is a/an economics major from Loch Sheldrake, NY.

The State University of New York at New Paltz conferred over 400 undergraduate degrees following the conclusion of the Fall 2014 semester. Undergraduate Degrees were conferred upon: Matthew Smithem of Napanoch, who earned a Bachelor of Arts with a concentration in Biology; Kevin Vogelaar of Ellenville, who earned a Bachelor of Arts with a concentration in History; Tania Faulkner of Olivebridge, who earned a Bachelor of Science with a concentration in Adolescence Ed: Math; Kyle Giordano of Liberty, who earned a Bachelor of Science with a concentration in Adolescence Ed: Math; Shayna Greenspan of Hurleyville, who earned a Bachelor of Science with a concentration in Early Childhood & Chld Ed B-6

Melissa Symanski, a communication, management and design major in the Roy H. Park School of Communications at Ithaca College, was named to Dean's List for the fall 2014 semester.

The State University of New York at New Paltz announces the conferral of over 100 graduate degrees following the conclusion of the Fall 2014 semester. Graduate degrees were conferred upon: Jennifer Comfort of Woodbourne, who earned a Master of Arts in Teaching with a concentration in Adolescence Ed:Earth Science and Zane Illing of Woodbourne, who earned a Master of Business Administration with a concentration in Public Accountancy.

Congratulations to Tri-Valley Alumni Peter Dimilia for being awarded NCAA Division III, First Team, All American status by USA College Football!

## DAYS OF YORE...

### Today's History

**February 9, 1955** - Miss Donna Mae DeVoe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred DeVoe, received her cap at an impressive ceremony on Tuesday evening at the St. Luke's Hospital in Newburgh. There were twelve girls in the freshman class who received their caps.

Mrs. Andrew George was recently introduced to her newest great grandchild, Dennis Muthig, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Muthig. Dennis is among the comparatively few who have four living great grandmothers. Mrs. George and Mrs. Catherine Murray of Grand Gorge are his maternal great grandmothers and Mrs. Muthig and Mrs. Grant of Parksville are his paternal great grandmothers.

**February 10, 1965** - Mr. and Mrs. George Marshall of Neversink announce the arrival by adoption, of a 4-month old son, Lynn George.

On Saturday evening, Mrs. Edgar Allison, her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Carl Allison, Mrs. Carl Denman and Mrs. Thomas D. Smith, were hostesses at a baby shower for Karla Marie Ferber. Hulda was given some very beautiful and useful gifts for her little one. The affair was held at the former Mrs. Allison's home. (Contd. Pg. 3)

**A Round About Tri-Valley**

-Carol Furman

Condolences to the members of the Dean Family of Neversink on the passing of Craig G. Dean on January 30th. Craig, who was 41 years old, was a 1991 graduate of Tri-Valley Central School.

Gertrude Cox, age 91, passed away on January 28th. Gertrude, who resided in Goshen, was the mother of Sandra Ehrets of Hurleyville, the grandmother of Julie Furman and the great-grandmother of Adam, Van and Anna Furman. Services were held on February 7th.

It was nice to hear that bids for the new Town of Neversink athletic fields to be constructed on Route 42 will be opened shortly.

The Town of Neversink, Tri-Valley School and Sullivan have negotiated a deal with NYC which comes with a \$2 million dollar refund to the City. Ultimately, the parties agreed to reduce the entire reservoir's assessed value by \$2.4 million over the next decade. Following years of negotiations, the City had dropped its litigation proceedings.

My column is short this week due to the fact that I have been "home on my hill" due to all of the snow we've been receiving. When I don't get out and about, I don't hear too much news.

Gale force winds blew in from the east Stately maples snapped and fell. But the oriole nest that was built last spring Weathered the storm quite well. Folks died from exposure the radio said No doubt the blizzard was immense. But the very

next day, tiny birds came to dine Unscathed by the storm so intense. The frail survived, the strong did not This phenomena occurs throughout history. It makes one question, it makes one wonder

But why still remains a mystery!

**Words of Wisdom:** Remember, a smile is the same no matter what language you speak. Sticks in a bundle are unbreakable!

**NEVERSINK NEWS:** - Hulda Vernooy

Thoughts and good wishes are being sent to Alabama. We hear that Marge Baloy needs some get well wishes and a few prayers for a speedy recovery. Marge, husband Tom and family were former residents of Neversink and Sundown.

**DAYS OF YORE...****Today's History (From Pg. 2)**

Susan Dixon has been accepted at the State University at Fredonia. Susan plans to major in Secondary Spanish.

Lynn Betholf has been accepted at Mount Saint Mary College in Newburgh. Lynn plans to major in Social Studies.

**February 5, 1975** - Mrs. Sylvia Hornbeck, 88, of Napanoch died Monday at Ellenville Community Hospital. She was born in Montela on Jan. 2, 1887, the daughter of the late David and Kate Kortright Yale. She was married in Napanoch on April 26, 1909 to the late Otis Hornbeck. She is survived by two nieces: Mrs. Helen Eck of Ellenville and Mrs. Esther Krom of Hurley.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ahrens of Claryville announced the engagement of their daughter, Jane, to David Witthohn, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Witthohn of Babylon, L.I. Jane is a 1973 graduate of Tri-Valley High School and is presently employed on L.I. Dacid is a 1972 graduate of Babylon High School and is now studying architecture at Farmingdale. Wedding plans are incomplete.

**February 7, 1985** - Dorothy Hill of Beaver Lane, Woodbourne, N.Y. a lifelong resident of Sullivan County, died Friday, Feb. 1, 1985 at Community General Hospital, Harris. She was 76. The daughter of the late James Levi and Anna Miller Brown, she was born February 13, 1908 in Hasbrouck. She was the widow of Benjamin Hill. Survivors include one son, Donald Hill of Grahamsville; two daughters, Charlotte Hill of Grahamsville and June Schmitz of Woodbourne; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Mr. Philip Goodell of Louisville, Ky. announces the engagement of his daughter, Paula Gail to Glenn Osterhout, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Osterhout of Divine Corners, Loch Sheldrake. A March 9, 1985 wedding is planned.

**Sullivan County Community Chorus Prepares for its 38th Annual Spring Concert (From Pg. 1)**

The Concert theme chosen by Conductor Giroux is "A Forrest of Sound" featuring the choral music of Dan Forrest. Dan is a modern composer with a cinematic sound. All literature performed in this concert was written by Dan Forrest. The Choral Concert will also feature violin solos, four-hand piano accompaniments and a chamber orchestra.

Chorus conductor Kevin J. Giroux is in his 17th year as Choral Director at Tri-Valley Central School, Grahamsville, NY. Mr. Giroux's other music activities include solo adjudicator for NYSSMA (New York State School Music Association) and Zone 9 Representative (Green, Orange, Rockland, Sullivan and Ulster Counties), Past President and current Treasurer of the Sullivan County Music Educators Association and part-time church organist. A native of Plattsburgh, New York, Mr. Giroux received a Bachelors of Music Education from the Crane School of Music at SUNY Potsdam and a Masters in Music Education from Ithaca College.

The Chorus welcomes all interested singers to attend their rehearsals. An ability to match pitch is essential and it is helpful if singers are also able to read music. Prospective new members are encouraged to attend the first three rehearsals (Feb. 12, 19 and 26) and have dues waived for those rehearsals with no obligation. Rehearsals are open to all voice parts, and chorus auditions are not a requirement. Singers wishing to perform in the concert must regularly attend rehearsals, joining the chorus no later than March 5. Performances of the Sullivan County Community Chorus are made possible in part with funds from the Sullivan County Decentralization Program, a re-grant program of the New York State Council on the Arts, administered by the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance.

Dues are \$20, a one-time \$10 deposit for new chorus music folders, and a one-time \$15 music deposit. Those wishing to sing in the Spring Concert are encouraged to arrive for the first rehearsal at 6:00 p.m. to sign in and receive folders with the concert music. For further information regarding rehearsal schedules, contact Diane Foster at 845-439-4458.

**TV PTO - Events and News**

Boys and Girls Club- At the February 18, 2015 meeting, Alexis Eggleton from the Boys & Girls Clubs will be speaking to the PTO about the benefits of the program coming to TVCS. All of the community is welcome! Please come and hear Alexis' presentation. Childcare will be provided. Spring BOGO 50% off Book Fair- "Under the Sea" Theme will begin April 13 2015 during the school day and will end April 17, 2015. This is very popular among our students and back by popular demand

PTO Officer Nominations- Office of President and Treasurer expire June 30, 2015. Nominations of candidates will take place during the April meeting with voting taking place during the May meeting

National T.V./Screen Free Week- May 5, 2015 through May 10, 2015- stay tuned for details

Scholarship Committee- 2015 is upon us and the graduating seniors are counting down the days until graduation! The PTO Scholarship Committee is seeking community members who would like to participate in this process. Last year our organization awarded over \$3,000.00 in scholarships to our graduating seniors.

Spirit Wear- Leave a message for Paula Ryan on the PTO voicemail 985-2296 (4242) T-shirts featuring our new Bears logo will also be on hand for purchase We also have winter hats with a bear paw and TV logo for \$12.00 (available for immediate purchase).

We are still sponsoring monthly birthday lunches! Due to the new Wellness Policy we have been purchasing cupcakes from Shoprite monthly. Due to the increase of our expenses, we are seeking monetary donations to fund this event. If you would like to participate please place your monetary donation in an envelope and write "PTO cupcakes" on the envelope. Feel free to leave a on the PTO voicemail if you would like to volunteer (set up or clean up) our children in grades K-4 look forward to this monthly

Next PTO Meetings held in the Secondary School Lower Library at 6:30 p.m.: March 18, 2015, April 15, 2015, May 20, 2015 and June 10, 2015

**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 and Joyce Lockhart.

**The Slate-colored Junco**

One thing that was positive about another snowy Monday was there was no need to go to the woods today to find something to write about for the Nature Column! With the birdfeeder filled, the little Juncos were busy right in our door yard.

Watching them up close, we could see their tiny



pink beaks crushing the seeds in true Sparrow style. The birds roll them over and over in their beaks until the shells are soft enough to crack. Then they enjoy the tasty morsels inside the shells.

Juncos really are Sparrows and are members of the finch family, *Fringillidae*. Adults generally have gray heads, necks, and breasts, gray or brown backs and wings, and a white belly, but show a confusing amount of variation in plumage details. The white outer tail feathers flash distinctively in flight and while hopping on the ground. The bill is usually pale pinkish.

Males tend to have darker, more conspicuous markings than the females. The dark-eyed junco is 5.1 to 6.9 in long and has a wingspan of 7.1 to 9.8 in. Body mass can vary from 0.63 to 1.06 oz. Juveniles often have pale streaks and may even be mistaken for vesper sparrows until they acquire adult plumage at 2 to 3 months. Only young Juncos have the telltale Sparrow streaks. In the Catskills you may never get the chance to see the youngsters, as most young are hatched far away in the wilds of Canada or Alaska.

Since the first frosty days in September, little families of Juncos came down out of the north. They travel from one weed patch to another, cleaning up weed seeds. But now with all of the snow, Juncos will stay around to our houses and farms looking for food.

"Dark winter skies above and white snow below"-that is how the poets describe their colors. Their outer tail feathers are white, too, and the air is alive with the contrasting white streaks as the birds bounce and dart one bush to another.

These lively Snowbirds have their own ways of keeping warm. They sleep in dense evergreen trees or burrow their way into a hay-stack. Then all night long they perch first on one foot and then on the other, so that four little toes are always tucked under downy feathers. It would be hard to hop on frost-bitten toes!

Morning finds their appetites sharp as icicles, and back they hurry to our door yards. Where snow has melted, they have long cool drinks. and when the snow is dry, they take flutter baths, raising little clouds of powdery snow until the birds are screened behind a white shower curtain. After their baths, the cold wind ruffles their feathers and gives them a good dry cleaning.

In spring, before the flocks leave for their northern nesting grounds, they sing soft trills, entirely different from their low twittering. These trills are little samples of spring music for us to enjoy until the Orioles, Wrens, and Thrushes arrive from the south to give us full measure of Spring's song.

It won't be long and then one evening in April, these brave little Snowbirds will be off for adventures in the North. Their tails will flash white V's against the sky. Perhaps the 'Y' stands for Victory-Victory over snow, and wind, and ice and Spring will really be here!

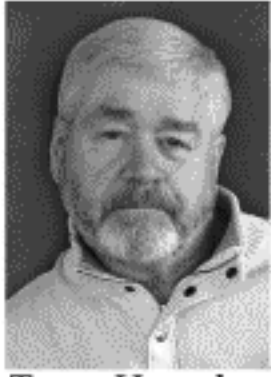
**Household Hints**

**Fabric softener.** Pour 1/4 cup of plain white vinegar in the fabric softener reservoir of your washer and fill it to the top with water. You can buy a gallon jug of vinegar for about \$1.25, which averages about \$.02 per load! No, your laundry won't smell like pickles - in fact, vinegar tends to remove other odors so when your clothes are dry they will smell even fresher. (You may notice a vinegary smell in your washer, but it dissipates after the laundry's done as long as you keep the lid raised on your machine between uses.

## I am Pilgrim

### Mysterious Book Report No. 181

by John Dwaine McKenna

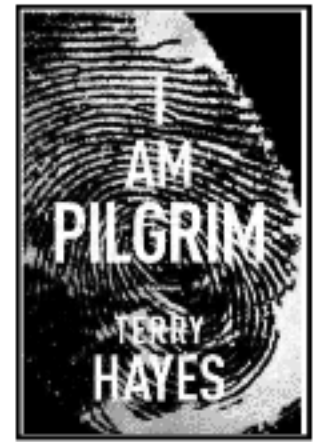


On occasion, a work of fiction comes along which can only be described as riveting. Enthralling, arresting, gripping, fascinating, absorbing, captivating, hypnotic, engrossing or spellbinding . . . but the single best and most descriptive word for MBR No. 181 is riveting. It will drill a hole into your consciousness, insert a red-hot bolt of dramatic tension, then pound it into place in your memory as one of the most exciting novels you have ever read . . . and the scary part, the part we haven't mentioned yet . . . the plot could be tomorrow's front page news.

*I Am Pilgrim*, (Emily Bestler Books/Atria-Simon & Shuster, \$26.99, 612 pages, ISBN 978-1-4391-7772-3) by Terry Hays begins in New York City, one year after the Towers fall, with a police investigation into the death of a woman who's found in a bathtub of acid: no face, no teeth, no fingerprints and therefore, no identity. In Saudi Arabia, a man is publicly beheaded as his thirteen year old son watches in horror. A notorious Syrian biotechnology expert is found eyeless in a junkyard, bound hand and foot, while being set upon by ravenous wild dogs. The remains of three kidnapped victims are found on a remote mountainside in Afghanistan, burnt and dumped in a quicklime pit and boiling with toxins. These are the elements that must be connected and correctly interpreted in order to prevent a monstrous, utterly horrific crime against humanity. The only one with even a slight chance of connecting all of the disparate, arcane and mystifying elements together and having a hope of preventing the greatest crime in history is an anonymous clandestine agent code-named *Pilgrim* who answers only to the man in charge of all US intelligence and the President of the United States. He's a man whose real name is lost to the past and who carries the fate of the entire world in his hands. *I am Pilgrim* will enthrall you, entertain and scare you . . . ultimately it will change your worldview . . . it may even keep you awake in the darkest part of the night wondering when it will happen, hoping, just hoping and praying that there actually is a real Pilgrim out there. Don't say I didn't warn ya . . . this may be the best thriller ever written!

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### UC Executive and The Task Force are Seeking the Public's Suggestions for Investing the Ellenville Million for the Betterment of The Ellenville/Wawarsing Area (From Pg. 1)

In County Executive Hein's 2015 State of the County Address, he discussed how the financial crisis of 2008 as well as a series of structural challenges have affected traditional Catskill resort areas since they boomed in the 50s and 60s, and have disproportionately negatively impacted the Ellenville/Wawarsing area. In addition, the New York State Gaming Commission has decided not to grant a license to the Nevele at this time. To help our community better control its own destiny, the County Executive has stepped in and acted. He announced the formation of the "Ellenville Million" Task Force and the designation of one million dollars from funds due to the County and collected by the State to offset any casino impact from neighboring counties to be used to help the people and the economy of Ellenville and Wawarsing. The "Ellenville Million" Task Force's mission is to recommend valuable projects that the members have determined would improve the economic condition of the Ellenville and Wawarsing area.

"I urge all community leaders, business owners and residents in the Ellenville and Wawarsing community to attend this open forum on February 5th and make recommendations to the task force on how to best appropriate and potentially leverage these funds to benefit the local economy," said County Executive Mike Hein. "The people of Ellenville and Wawarsing are extraordinary and have courageously faced profound and longstanding challenges, and although we hope that a future gaming license at the Nevele can be part of the solution, it is important that we take every action to control our own future. I have great confidence in the Task Force and I am looking forward to their recommendations."

"I'd like to sincerely thank County Executive Hein for his commitment to the people of Ellenville and for generously designating one million dollars to help improve the economy of Ellenville and the Town of Wawarsing. He has appointed the Ellenville Million Task Force to assist in this process of assessing potential projects," said Julie Cohen Lonstein, Esq., Chair of the Ellenville Million Task Force. "The County Executive and the Ellenville Million Committee would like to hear ideas and suggestions from business owners and area residents on how best to spend the allocated money and what projects will have the most favorable economic impact and promote job development. Please join the County Executive and the Ellenville Million Committee at an open public meeting on Thursday, February 5, 2015, beginning at 5:30pm at the Trudy Resnick Farber Building to be part of this exciting initiative and opportunity to be a voice in your community."

The following are Members of the Ellenville Million Task Force: President of the Rondout Valley Business Association Richard Travers; business person, former Ellenville Village Manager and former County Legislator Mary Sheeley; community leader Reverend Julius Collins from the Shiloh Baptist Church; Ellenville Hospital CEO Steven Kelly; Attorney Julie Lonstein; business owner Philip Coombs; and business owner Candido Perez. The community forum will be held at the Trudy Resnick Farber Building located at 50 Center Street in Ellenville on Thursday, February 5, 2015 at 5:30 P.M. The Ellenville Million Task Force will also accept written suggestions and comments via email: [ellenvillemillion@gmail.com](mailto:ellenvillemillion@gmail.com) or U.S. mail: Ellenville Million Task Force, C/O Julie Lonstein, P.O. Box 351, Ellenville, NY 12428.

### News from the Office of Ulster County Comptroller Elliott Auerbach - Ulster County Comptroller Announces Three New Hires

Ulster County Comptroller Elliott Auerbach is pleased to welcome three new members to his staff.

#### Director of Internal Audit & Control

Alicia DeMarco has an MBA in Accounting from SUNY New Paltz and is CPA designee, having successfully completed the Uniformed Certified Public Accountant Exam. She most recently worked as a staff accountant at D'Arcangelo & Company, LLP, concentrating in the areas of financial reporting and tax and audit review.

#### Senior Auditor

Randy Boughton has an MBA from Pace University and previously worked as a Senior Audit Associate at SaxBST, LLP, specializing in governmental audits, program compliance and financial statement preparation.

Boughton completed an accelerated five year Master's program while playing for the Pace University football team earning a degree in Business Administration Accounting and is a native of Kingston, New York.

#### Assistant to the Comptroller

Daniel Torres was previously a Community Liaison for Assemblymember Kevin A. Cahill where he worked on a wide array of constituent and policy issues. He is completing his Masters in Integrated Marketing Communication at Marist College, is a lifelong resident of New Paltz and currently serves as a member of the New Paltz Town Council.

"In these ethically challenged times, I am confident that these individuals will facilitate the Office's focus on public accountability and being both the financial and moral conscience of County government" said Auerbach. "All three are dedicated and highly qualified professionals who will best serve the needs of Ulster County's taxpayers."

### Senator Bonacic Meets with Team of the Center for Discovery



Senator Bonacic met with the leadership team of the Center for Discovery last week on February 4, 2015 who spoke about the issues affecting their organization. The Center for Discovery assists individuals with disabilities.

Senator Bonacic is pictured with Patrick Dollard, President and CEO of the Center for Discovery, Theresa Hamlin, Associate Executive Director of the Center for Discovery, Caryn Anderson, Executive Vice President of Admissions, and Steve Mosenon, Esq., General Counsel for the Center for Discovery."

### Assemblyman Cahill: Statement on Election of Speaker Carl Heastie

(Albany, NY) - Assemblymember Kevin A. Cahill, (D - Ulster, Dutchess) issued the following statement:

The Assembly elected a new Speaker today with a strong majority of the House and the unanimous vote of his Democratic colleagues. Carl Heastie, who hails from the Bronx, is the first African American leader in the 238 year history of the State Assembly.

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## The Olive Jar - By Carol LaMonda

I must admit I have a closet bursting at its seams with clothes. For those who know me, my closet is a walk-in one, about the size of a guest bedroom. I also have two dressers. My off-season clothes are in bins and in a cedar wardrobe. Fashionista? No. Optimist? Yes. Who knows? Someday those magenta-flowered size ten Capri pants might come back into style at the same time as I drop fifty pounds or more.

I do purge, but somehow the rate of attrition and the rate of donations always seem to come out equal. Part of my problem is I grew up as a baby-boomer. We were taught to save, not waste. I can repurpose, recycle, donate, but I cannot throw something away.

Consequently, I clean my plate because "those poor people in \_\_\_\_\_ (fill in the blank with any third-world country) are starving." I save sweaters because I can make leg warmers with the sleeves. I cut off buttons and safely collect them in Mason Jars. I have Mason Jars because I once had a huge garden and would can all sorts of vegetables. Now I can afford, in more ways than one, to leave some calories on my plate, haven't done ballet in years, nor have I sewed a button or canned pickles.

But back to fashion. I still have white cotton gloves which I saved because they would make great gardening gloves. Trouble is, I have no dirt on my little mountain named "Rocky Hill."

Although I have tops, slacks, and skirts in every color of the rainbow, I will be wearing my black or gray yoga pants with elastic waist and an over-blouse or sweater. Most of what I wear never even makes it back into a closet or dresser. My outfit "du jour" usually is from the pile of laundry that has been folded into the laundry basket. If you see me twice in one week, you can be sure I have already repeated the wash, dry, fold process and never gotten to the "put away" stage.

Seriously, comfort trumps fashion. All those heels have been given away. If it needs dry cleaning, it's gone. I remember the days of dressing up for church and for holidays. Nowadays, jeans go everywhere. My friend Judie Rank used to call a semi-formal outfit--jeans with earrings and perfume.

My fashion tip for the week is layer to stay warm. I like to top off my snow-shoveling ensemble with a white bomber hat completing the fashion statement of red gloves, purple ski-jacket, blue pajama bottoms, OCS Wrestling Sweatshirt, LL Bean boots and green-striped scarf. The dog likes it.

### Olive Library Concert

The Piano Plus! chamber music series will enter its second season at Olive Free Library presenting concerts in March, April, and May. The first concert, on Saturday, March 14, at 4:00 p.m., will feature the Bard Conservatory of Music Collaborative Piano Fellows: Rami Sariieddine, Eri Nakamura, and Julia Hsu. The series features piano soloists along with a surprise "plus" guest musician who will add a novel dash of flavor to the program. Tickets are a suggested donation of \$12.

West Shokan, NY -Piano Plus! chamber music concert series will present its second concert series with recitals by outstanding pianists, in March, April and May. Woodstock Times classical music critic Leslie Gerber called the first season as "a splendid liftoff - all solo caliber players" and the season performances as, "powerful...beautiful sound and shading...mesmerizing...spectacular". The series is curated by Bard Conservatory Distinguished Composer in Residence, George Tsontakis.

Each recital will include a surprise "plus!" guest to open the second half of the recital with a short, collaborative piece. Last season the "plus!" performers included a tenor, a cellist and a marimba player. The concerts are offered in the intimacy of the Olive Free Library's community room on the library's gorgeous, rebuilt-to-perfection, Steinway Model B Grand Piano.

The first concert on Saturday, March 14, at 4:00 p.m. features the impressive Bard Conservatory Collaborative Piano Fellows: Eri Nakamura, Rami Sariieddine and Julia Hsu. On Saturday, April 18, the library will welcome the world-renowned Todd Crow ("an American treasure" - Fanfare), who is a distinguished Vassar piano faculty. On Saturday, May 9 the season finale concert will feature the sensational Greek pianist, Maria Asteriadou ("an artist with intense personality and virtuosic flair" - NY Times). All concerts begin at 4:00 p.m. Rami Sariieddine will play R. Schumann Arabesque Op. 18. Rami has appeared as a soloist and chamber musician in Asia, Europe, the UAE and the US. Rami studied with John Perry, Gabriel Chodos and Patsy Toh. He attended the New England Conservatory, in Boston, the Royal Academy of Music, in London, and he received his 4033 Route 28A, PO Box 59, West Shokan, NY 12494 [www.olivefreelibrary.org](http://www.olivefreelibrary.org) (page 2 of 3)

Doctor of Musical Arts degree from the Thornton School of Music - USC, in Los Angeles. A Nicolas Economou Foundation and A.G. Leventis Foundation scholar, Rami is also a member of the Pi Kappa Lambda Music Honor Society.

Eri Nakamura will play Debussy's La Soirée dans Grenade from Estampes and L'Isle Joyeuse, Eri was born in Hiroshima and began piano studies at age four. She has performed as soloist and chamber musician in the U.S., Italy and her native Japan. Most recently she performed Tchaikovsky Concerto No. 1 with Edogawa Philharmonic in Tokyo. She has been heard as soloist with the CIM Orchestra (Severance Hall) and the National Repertory Orchestra (Breckenridge, CO), and appeared in recitals at Weill Hall and Zankel Hall at the Carnegie Hall, at the Muhlenberg College Piano Recital Series, the Chamber Music Society at Yale, Zephyr International Chamber Music Festival (Courmayeur, Italy), the Banff Centre, Aspen Music Festival and the Norfolk Chamber Music Festival. Ms. Nakamura had studied with Sergei Babayan and Anita Pontremoli at Cleveland Institute of Music where she received an Artist Diploma. She also earned a Professional Diploma in vocal collaborative piano from Mannes under Cristina Stanescu and Vlad Iftinca, an Artist Diploma and a Master of Music

degree from Yale School of Music under the tutelage of Peter Frankl, and a Bachelor of Music degree from San Francisco Conservatory of Music under Mack McCray.

Originally from Taiwan, Julia Hsu went to study at The Purcell School for young musicians in England at the age of 14 and studied with Professor Patsy Toh, wife of renowned pianist Fou Ts'ong. She continued her studies at the Royal Academy of Music, London, where she completed her Bachelor's and Master's degrees. In 2006, she went to Helsinki, Finland as an exchange student at the Sibelius Academy, where she benefited greatly from the guidance of Professor Matti Raekallio, whom she later followed in Germany at the Hannover Hochschule für Musik und Theatre, in the highly sought-after "Soloklasse" program. Her interests in chamber music and song accompaniment lead her back at the Royal Academy of Music, London, where she completed her second Master's in Piano Accompaniment with a full scholarship in 2011. In 2013, Julia was appointed Musician-in-Residence in Yilan's Waldorf School, Taiwan, where she interacted with students and fellow colleagues through regular lecture recitals and chamber music projects. Julia was one of the Festival Fellows in the Bowdoin Music Festival and a scholar at the Banff Arts Centre.

For further information, please contact the Olive Free Library at 657-2482, or email [director@olivefreelibrary.org](mailto:director@olivefreelibrary.org).

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**Super Saturday:** Francesca Warnes turns up at 2:30 to oversee fun and games for families and kids. Table tennis, foosball, hula hoops, pool. Lots of ways to warm up. And the Rainbow Room is full of games and toys for all ages. Francesca always has great crafts ideas to keep everyone busy. Until 6 pm. Did you know? Our game tables are available to anyone, anytime. If we're here, come by to shoot a game of pool, play ping pong, etc. Not just for the kids.

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### Ulster County Sheriff's Report

Deputies from the Ulster County Sheriff's Office report the arrest of Miguel H Abreu, 25 years old, of New Paltz NY, Robert R Saunders, 22 years old, of New Paltz NY, and Michael J Vitucci, 21 years old, of Staten Island NY.

Mr. Abreu was charged with the violation of Disorderly Conduct. Mr. Saunders was charged with the Misdemeanor of Obstructing Governmental Administration in the Second Degree, the Misdemeanor of Resisting Arrest, and the Violation of Disorderly Conduct. Mr. Vitucci was charged with the Felony of Attempted Assault on a Police Officer with a deadly instrument, the Misdemeanor of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Fourth Degree, the Misdemeanor of Menacing in the Second Degree, the Misdemeanor of Obstructing Governmental Administration in the Second Degree, the Misdemeanor of Resisting Arrest, and the Violation of Disorderly Conduct.

On February 7, 2015 at 4:04 am Ulster County Sheriff's Deputies along with the Town of New Paltz Police Department responded to Main St. in the Village of New Paltz for a report of a large group of people fighting in the street. Ulster County Sheriff's Deputies and other police officers attempted to stop the fighting and disperse the crowd. While attempting to disperse the crowd, Deputies witnessed Mr. Abreu fighting with another male and was subsequently arrested. Mr. Saunders then interfered with officers that were attempting to arrest another individual. Mr. Saunders attempted to pull an officer away from the subject that was being arrested. Mr. Saunders then resisted efforts by Sheriff's Deputies to take him into custody. While Mr. Saunders was being arrested, Mr. Vitucci threw a full 24 ounce can of beer at two Sheriff's Deputies and then fled on foot. A Sheriff's K9 assisted deputies as Mr. Vitucci fled from deputies on foot. Mr. Vitucci was apprehended by the Sheriff's K9 and other members of the Sheriff's Office.

Mr. Abreu was processed and released with an appearance ticket returnable to the Town of New Paltz Court on February 25, 2015 at 5:00 pm. Mr. Saunders and Mr. Vitucci were arraigned in the Town of Esopus Court. Mr. Saunders was remanded to the Ulster County Jail in lieu of \$2,000 cash or \$4,000 property bond. Mr. Vitucci was remanded to the Ulster County Jail in lieu of \$5,000 cash or \$10,000 property bond. Both Mr. Saunders and Mr. Vitucci are due to return to the Town of New Paltz Court on February 10, 2015 at 4:30 pm.

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**Congressman Gibson continues fight for Lyme legislation**

Congressman Chris Gibson (NY-19) has re-introduced legislation that prioritizes federal research on Lyme and related diseases, which are on the rise in Upstate New York and across the country.

The Tick-borne Disease Research Transparency and Accountability Act, a bill authored by Congressman Gibson, also creates a working group that includes patients, advocates, and physicians to enhance cooperation among federal agencies seeking improved treatment, detection, and prevention.

Congressman Gibson's bipartisan legislation passed the House of Representatives last year but was not brought to a vote in the Senate. It was the first standalone bill addressing Lyme disease to ever pass the House.

"Lyme disease wreaks havoc on our communities, causing a litany of health problems that often go undetected and creating incredible hardships for families facing absences from work and huge medical bills," said Congressman Gibson. "Public health, not to mention the health of our farms and outdoor economy, requires action by the federal government to improve the way we care for Lyme patients and combat these diseases. I am hopeful my House and Senate colleagues will support this bill on behalf of the scores of patients enduring months or years of suffering."

The Tick-borne Disease Research Transparency and Accountability Act forms an interagency working group consisting of federal agencies and non-federal partners, including experienced Lyme physicians and patient advocates with a broad spectrum of scientific viewpoints. The working group is tasked with ensuring coordination among federal agencies to maximize research priorities.

The bill requires the Secretary of Health and Human Services to consult with the working group to submit a strategic plan to Congress within three years that includes benchmarks to measure progress. The plan must include a proposal for improving outcomes

of Lyme disease and other tick-borne diseases, including progress related to chronic or persistent symptoms, infections, and co-infections.

The bill's original cosponsors include several Members of Congress from New York and other states hit hard by tick-borne illnesses: Lou Barletta (PA-11), Joe Courtney (CT-2), John Katko (NY-24), Sean Patrick Maloney (NY-18), Chris Smith (NJ-4), Elise Stefanik (NY-21), Peter Welch (VT), Rob Wittman (VA-1), and Lee Zeldin (NY-1).

"Once again, I want to thank these co-sponsors and the many Lyme patients and advocates who came together over the last few years to help guide this legislation," said Congressman Gibson. "This is truly a constituent-driven bill that requires results, and we will not let up in our efforts to see that it becomes law."

**Ulster County Sheriff Teams Up with Keith Bennett's Karate Academy to Offer a Personal Safety, Self-Defense and Fightback Workshop for Women**  
Kingston, NY - The Ulster County Sheriff's Office, under the direction of Sheriff Paul J. VanBlarcum, has teamed up with Keith Bennett's Karate Academy (KBKA), one of the most high-

ly regarded self-defense schools in the region, to offer a Women's Self-Defense, Safety and Fight Back Workshop on Saturday, February 14, 2015, starting at 11:00 a.m. at the Ulster County Law Enforcement Center, 380 Boulevard, in Kingston, New York.

The workshop is available to all women who reside in Ulster County. No prior self-defense training is required, and admission is free. In order to provide more in-depth, hands on training for this event, participation will be limited to the first 30 women who register in advance by calling 845-340-3590.

"The first workshop that we held last year drew a sizeable crowd, and the feedback I received was very positive. The women who attended felt that the workshop offered them some valuable self-confidence building and personal safety skills in a welcoming environment. It's a win-win situation, because citizens who are more aware of potential threats and to how to respond safely make our crime prevention efforts more effective," said Sheriff VanBlarcum.

"This program builds on some of the basic awareness and personal protection skills. No previous martial arts experience is required. This is a great opportunity for every woman to learn how to avoid and respond to threatening situations that could occur. We look forward to a great turnout," said Keith Bennett, owner and Director of KBKA.

Sheriff Paul J. VanBlarcum is serving his third four-year term as Ulster County Sheriff. The mission of the Ulster County Sheriff's Office is to serve the public by enhancing its partnership with the community, and in doing so, protect life and property, prevent crime, solve problems and foster goodwill through courtesy and professionalism. More information about Sheriff Paul J. VanBlarcum and the Ulster County Sheriff's Department is available at <http://www.co.ulster.ny.us/sheriff>.

Keith Bennett is the owner and Director of Keith Bennett Karate Academy, located on 53 Albany Avenue, in Kingston. KBKA has been in business since 1990 and was voted by the readers of the Daily Freeman as the Best Karate School in Ulster County. Keith Bennett has been involved in martial arts for over 39 years. He is a seventh degree black belt and Senior Master in the martial arts. More information is available at <http://keithbennettkarate.com>.



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**SC Sheriff's Deputies Recently Graduate from D.A.R.E. Instructor School**



Sullivan County Sheriff's Lieutenant Luis Alvarez (right) congratulates Deputy Kevin Rogers (left) and Deputy Debra Hall on their recent graduation from the D.A.R.E. instructor school, which was held at the state fire training academy in Montour Falls, NY. Deputy Rogers currently serves as the School Resource Officer (SRO) in the Tri-Valley School District. Deputy Hall will be assigned to school districts in the county that do not have a full time SRO.

**Love is in the Air!**

The Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop enthusiastically presents its annual Valentine's Cabaret, "Love Songs Through The Ages". Performances are on Friday, February 13 and Saturday, February 14 at 8:00 PM and Sunday, February 15 at 2:00 PM at the Sullivan County Arts & Cultural Center (Museum), 265 Main Street, Hurleyville, NY.

Popular love songs from the 40's through today will be performed by our talented, local cast: Serena Gildersleeve, David Hilfstein, Teri Paris, Ellen Pavloff, Mekayla Perneszi, Kali Seastrand, Grace Strauss and Heather Strauss - expertly accompanied by Leon Hilfstein on the piano. This heart-warming show is creatively directed by Jim Schmidt. Admission is \$10 and includes coffee and desserts at the end of the program. For information, please call Jim at 845-798-4971.

**Catskill Nordic Ski Club 2015 Season**

The Catskill Nordic Ski Club celebrates its 40th year of offering informal guided cross-country ski trips on some of Sullivan County's most beautiful trails. Most of the trips are free, except where noted, and last about two hours. All ski trips are scheduled to begin at 1:30 P.M. on a Saturday - unless otherwise indicated. This photo was taken on Sunday, Feb. 1st, on a beautiful trail in South Fallsburg.

(Depending on the weather and/or snow conditions, the leader may choose to reschedule to Sunday, change the hour or location, or to hold a winter hike.) will be

Members and new skiers alike are reminded to ALWAYS call the leader the night before the scheduled ski trip for updated information. Following is the schedule for the remainder of the 2015 Season.

Feb. 7: High Point State Park. Leader: Dan Gersten 798-6618 \*Start time: 11:30AM. Fee charged; Feb. 14: Downs Road Trails. Leaders: Warren & July Bergstrom 7947631; Feb. 21: Frost Valley or Bellarye location TBA. Leader: Bonnie Hoffman 794-7552 \*Fee charged; Feb. 28: Mongaup Pond. Leader: Judy Brennan 292-7832; March 7: Walnut Mountain. Leader: Pat Gersten 794-1039; March 14: Loch Sheldrake Hike/Ski followed by annual dinner. Leader: Pat Halprin 434-3841

For further information, please call President Pat Halprin at 434-3841.

**Girl Scout Weekends Provide Educational Fun**



It's almost that time when we start to see Girl Scouts lining up outside of shopping centers to sell those delicious cookies. While it's a decadent treat for us consumers, Girl Scouts learn essential skills through this program - financial literacy, innovation, business acumen, and more.

The Girl Scouts organization has provided girls and young women with life skills over the years, and now local Girl Scouts have even more opportunities to work towards merit badges. For instance, troops can spend a themed weekend at Frost Valley YMCA to experience fun learning opportunities and enjoy one-of-a-kind programs, including Frost Valley favorites - rock

climbing, archery, arts & crafts, and seasonal favorites such as apple cider making, canoeing, cross-country skiing, snow tubing, and more.

Last weekend, troops experienced "The Wonders of Winter," a weekend of cross-country skiing, snow tubing, show shoeing, ice fishing, and other active outdoor sports. The girls warmed up indoors while preparing healthy dishes that enabled them to work towards a Cook Legacy Badge.

Next month, Girl Scouts can register for the "A Journey" weekend March 13-15, during which they'll explore the natural world as spring begins. They'll participate in activities such as hiking, tracking, wildlife ecology, and more. This helps them to work towards Outdoors and Animals Skill Building Badges.

Future skill-building weekends include camping - which covers everything from compass use and knot tying, to water purification and canoeing; leadership learning, which teaches concepts of responsible decision making and efficient communication during fun teambuilding programs; and a health-focused weekend that provides knowledge and skills for better nutrition, fitness, and overall wellness.

Girl Scout troops also have the opportunity to work towards badges at East Valley Ranch (EVR), just 12 miles from Frost Valley's Main Camp. Girl Scout Weekends at EVR are based on themes such as cooking, camping, hiking, farming, animal care, horse riding, plein air art, and other nature-inspired programs. Each event is filled with scheduled activities, nutritious meals, and educational fun.

For more information about Girl Scout Weekends at Frost Valley or East Valley Ranch, please visit [FrostValley.org](http://FrostValley.org).

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**TUESDAY**  
  
HIGH: 17°F LOW: 5°F

**Sen Bonacic attends Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at Catskill Regional Medical Center marking the completion of their latest Phase of Renovations**

Senator John J. Bonacic attended a ribbon cutting ceremony and delivered remarks at Catskill Regional Medical Center in Harris, NY on February 4, 2015. The event was held in recognition of the hospital's latest phase of renovations. Catskill Regional Medical Center is the sole community health provider in Sullivan County.

Senator Bonacic is joined by nurses and staff as well



as members of the executive leadership team at Catskill Regional Medical Center. Among those attending the ribbon cutting were Gerard Galarneau, Chief Executive Officer of Catskill Regional Medical Center, Darrell Supak, Vice Chairman of the Catskill Regional Medical Center's Board of Directors, Joseph Loughlin, Secretary of the Catskill Regional Medical Center Board of Directors, Scott Batulis CEO of the Greater Hudson Valley Health System, and Roland Bojo, Vice President of Patient Care Services at Catskill Regional Medical Center.



**UC Exec Mike Hein Recognizes Student Artwork that was Done in Conjunction with "No Name Calling" Week in Ulster County**



County Executive Mike Hein highlights student artwork done during No Name Calling Week in Ulster County. No Name Calling Week (NCCW) is a national bullying prevention campaign developed by the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network (GLSEN) and is co-sponsored by the Safe Schools Round Table of the Hudson Valley. It includes various educational activities that raise awareness of bullying issues in schools and promotes kindness. To highlight NCCW, County Executive Hein visited an 8th Grade Art Class at the J. Watson Bailey Middle School and participated in a collaboration of the students' artwork pertaining to NCCW. He was joined by Principal Julie Linton, Art Teacher Rachel Forte, and Vanessa Shelmandine, Project Director of the Hudson Valley LGBTQ Community Center. County Executive Hein spoke to the students about the importance of mutual respect and human dignity and stressed that bullying is unacceptable and resources are available to help students, parents and school administrators.

"This is the fifth consecutive year that Ulster County is participating in *No Name Calling Week* and we are pleased to be working once again with the Hudson Valley LGBTQ Community Center in Kingston and the Safe Schools Round Table of the Hudson Valley," said County Executive Hein. "Bullying is a very serious problem that affects students and their teachers as well as families. Statistics show that one of four children will be bullied sometime throughout their adolescence. There are many different forms of bullying such as name calling, attacking someone physically, or cyberbullying. With technology presenting itself to children at such young ages, cyberbullying has become an increasingly important issue for today's youth. It is important that we remind children that there is help if they are being bullied and to encourage them to help eliminate bullying in their schools."

"It is so important that students realize art can be a vital way to create awareness about important issues," said Rachael Forte, Art Teacher at Bailey Middle School. "We are very fortunate to share our work with the County Executive and have a dialogue with him about some of our wishes and hopes."

"The Hudson Valley LGBTQ Community Center commends Ulster County Executive Mike Hein for his continuing support of safe school initiatives, including this year's annual No Name-Calling Week," said Vanessa Shelmandine, Project Director of the Hudson Valley LGBTQ Community Center. "By actively endorsing No Name-Calling Week each year, Ulster County's leader encourages all schools and agencies serving youth and families to teach kindness, celebrate diversity, and provide for inclusive resources for LGBTQ-identified and all youth. We're excited to join County Executive Mike Hein at Bailey Middle School as students share their artwork in support of kindness, dignity and respect for all."

"County Executive Hein's support of No Name-Calling Week over the years has been invaluable! I can't express enough my gratitude for his making it a priority again this year," said Rob Conlon, Co-Chair, GLSEN.

**According to BullyingStatistics.Org:**

- Bullying can include various types of behavior from physical attacks, to destroying one's personal property or clothing, verbal abuse, starting rumors, name calling, verbal attacks online as well as other forms of cyberbullying;
- One of four children will be bullied sometime throughout their adolescence;
- About 56 percent of all students have witnessed a bullying crime take place while at school;
- About 71 percent of students report bullying as an on-going problem;
- Over 50% of adolescents and teens have been bullied online, and about the same number have engaged in cyberbullying;
- Over 25% of adolescents and teens have been bullied repeatedly through their cell phones or the internet
- There is a strong connection between bullying, being bullied and suicide, according to a study from the Yale School of Medicine. Suicide continues to be one of the leading causes of death among children under the age of 14 and "bullycide" is a term used to describe suicide as the result of bullying.

In participation with GLSEN's NCCW, the Hudson Valley LGBTQ Community Center and the Safe Schools Round Table of the Hudson Valley will also be hosting its Student Creative Expression Exhibit at the Henry A. Wallace Center at the FDR Presidential Library and Home from February 22nd-27th 2015, with the opening reception on February 23rd from 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm. Students from J. Watson Bailey Middle School are expected to submit some of their artwork for the exhibit.

In past years, Ulster County has highlighted NCCW by creating bullying prevention videos for middle school students and elementary school students which can be seen on the Ulster County website [www.ulstercountyny.gov](http://www.ulstercountyny.gov) or on YouTube at <http://youtu.be/eTPNXCVRHg> and <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9a8iJAP8Gys>. To learn more about NCCW please visit [www.nonamecallingweek.org](http://www.nonamecallingweek.org) or <http://lgbtqcenter.org/safe-schools-round-table/>.

- Anti-Bullying and Bullying Prevention Resources in Ulster County:**
- The Ulster County Victims Assistance Hotline 845-340-3442
  - The Family of Woodstock Hotline 8445-338-2370 [www.familyofwoodstockinc.org](http://www.familyofwoodstockinc.org)
  - Ulster County Mental Health Association 845-399-9090 [www.MHainUlster.com](http://www.MHainUlster.com)
  - Hudson Valley LGBTQ Center 845-331-5300 [www.LGBTQcenter.org](http://www.LGBTQcenter.org)

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**Tri-Valley Lions Welcomes New Members**



*From left to right, sponsor Lion Gene Froehlich, new members Scott Grey & Diana Grey, District 20-O Zone Chair Ilene Wizwer, and Lion Carmen Salvemini*

The Tri-Valley Lions are so very pleased to welcome new members Scott & Diana Grey, sponsored by Lion Gene Froehlich, and inducted by District Zone Chairperson, Ilene Wizwer, with assistance of Lion Carmen Salvemini on February 3, 2015 at Nardi's in Hurleyville.

On a somber note, long-time Tri-Valley Lion, Gene Fuller passed away on February 4, 2015. Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife Lion Fran Fuller and the family.

This year's Tri-Valley Journey For Sight Walk and Tag Day will be held on Saturday, May 2, 2015 in memory of Lions Joyce Lockhart and Eugene Fuller.

If you are interested in participating in this 3 mile walk around the Grahamsville Fairgrounds or would like more information about The Tri-Valley Lions Club, please contact Lion President Esta Jacob at 845-985-2927.

**Letter to the Editor:**

Recently there has been talk at The Sportsman Federation of drastically shortening the whole hunting season.

I think there are many other ways to improve the quality of the deer heard in the Catskills than doing this. For 1 in general is to ask NY State to follow (QDMA) Quality Deer Management Association guidelines. Other ideas which may already be approved of by QDMA are 1. to hire more Environmental Conservation Officers and put them in the woods and on the farms to catch the poachers and those who don't report their harvest of game.

2. Encourage habitat development including cutting paths in old forests, planting new fruit and nut trees, saving and pruning established fruit and nut trees, leaving standing corn and other food plots through the winter, making off limits bedding areas for deer, hinge cutting trees/making brush piles and of course tax write offs for those who do the above on their property. 3.

Continue with antler size restrictions. 4. Since we can legally feed (but not bait) deer in Sullivan county feed the deer healthy food (not corn) in a spread out area so the youngest fawn and the biggest doe and buck all receive good nutrition. 5. Change the muzzleloader hunting season to before the rut and before rifle season so the possibility of 2 pregnant does being shot during muzzleloader season is stopped. 6. NY could create a 1 buck and 1 doe limit for all seasons combined. 7. Lastly I would like to see a flint lock season added(similar to Pennsylvania's). I write this because the Catskills (NY) is already in the top 10 nationwide for too many hunters per square mile. I can't imagine having all the bow and muzzleloader hunters in the woods for only 2 or so weeks and rifle hunters all jammed into the woods for just 1 week or so without incident. Also how could our hotels, restaurants and outdoorsman/sports stores etc handle the volume? I also remind you that we the people unfortunately elected a NY government that is anti 2nd amendment rights and they think we are not trustworthy enough to own the same guns and ammo as the rest of the US citizens; so don't give Albany any more power than they already have.

God bless America, One nation under God, In God we trust.  
Thanks.

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**Ulster County Executive Mike Hein Appoints Susan Plonski Commission-er of Public Works - Ms. Plonski Will Be The First Woman To Serve As Commissioner Of Public Works**

Ulster County Executive Mike Hein made an historic appointment of the first woman to lead the Ulster County Department of Public Works, Susan Plonski. Currently, she leads the Contract Management Division within the Ulster County Attorney's Office. Upon assuming the role of Commissioner she will oversee more than 200 departmental employees. "We are fortunate to have an individual as qualified as Susan to lead the Department of Public Works at a time when the County is making an unprecedented \$10 million investment in our infrastructure as part of the 'Building A Better Ulster County' program," said County Executive Mike Hein. "Her strong construction management background and overarching knowledge of county operations coupled with her accounting and legal experience make her the ideal choice to lead a department whose work impacts almost every resident of Ulster County on a daily basis."

"I am thankful to the County Executive for the opportunity to lead the Department of Public Works and I am looking forward to continuing to serve the people of Ulster County in this new capacity," said Susan Plonski. "I will be joining a strong team of talented and dedicated employees who ensure our bridges, roadways and county facilities are safe and well-maintained, and we will continue to do it all with a deep respect for 'completed on time and under budget.'"

Before earning her law degree from Albany Law School, Ms. Plonski obtained an Associate Degree in accounting from SUNY Ulster and a Bachelor Degree from SUNY New Paltz. She also has over fifteen years of experience working in various management positions, including chief financial officer, for three local construction contractors.

The Ulster County Department of Public Works is tasked with maintaining over 423 miles of county roads and 158 bridges. It is also responsible for the operation and upkeep of all county buildings. The Acting Commissioner of Public Works, Brian Cunningham, will remain with the department and serve in the dual role of Deputy Commissioner/Director of Facilities. The appointment is subject to confirmation by the Ulster County Legislature.

**Counties Still Riding Sales Tax Receipt Roller Coaster**

As a clear sign that more economic recovery is needed here in New York State, fourth quarter, year end sales tax revenues were low and uneven across the state, according to an analysis conducted by the New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC) this week.

"Is there improvement? Absolutely in some areas of the state, but not in other areas. The decline in gasoline prices overall has been a good thing for consumers. It lowered our sales tax revenues in the fourth quarter, but overall it has been good for our businesses and families," said NYSAC President Anthony J. Picente, Jr., the County Executive in Oneida County, which is one of five counties to see their 2014 sales tax revenue come in lower than 2013. The other counties experiencing negative growth were Seneca, Genesee, Clinton and Nassau.


New York City's sales tax revenue increased by steady 4.8 percent year over year. Hamilton, Lewis and St. Lawrence all saw double digit increases in sales tax revenue, largely the result of a change in the local sales tax percentage.

On a regional basis, the North Country, Capital Region, Hudson Valley and Southern Tier saw increases in their 2014 sales tax receipts.

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"As we have said in the past, sales tax is volatile, our economic recovery is uneven, and we continue to lag behind precession levels," said NYSAC Executive Director Stephen J. Acquario. "Our county leaders continue to tighten their fiscal belts. They are doing more with less, working smarter and harder. Now we just need our local economies to rebound and create good paying jobs that will strengthen our communities."

**Catskill Lutherans Begin Lent**

The congregations of the Catskill Area Lutheran Churches (CALC) invite the public to its events as Christians around the world begin the season of Lent. Lent is the period before Easter when Christians contemplate the events that led to the crucifixion of Jesus Christ.

**Ellenville, NY - Christ Lutheran Church**, 105 Center Street, 845-647-9054  
Ash Wednesday Service: February 18, 7:00 pm; Wednesday Bible Study 12noon: February 25, March 4, 11, 18, 25. Bring a sandwich. Palm/Passion Sunday Service: March 29, 11:15am; Good Friday Service: April 3, 7:30 pm ; Easter Sunday Service: 11:15am (9:30am Easter Breakfast - all welcomed!)

**Liberty, NY - St. Paul's Lutheran Church**, 24 Chestnut Street, 845-292-4626  
Ash Wednesday Service: February 18, 7:00 pm; Tuesday Adult Lenten Service, meal, study on communion: February 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 5:30pm; Palm/Passion Sunday Service: March 29, 9:00am. -Maundy Thursday Service: April 2, 7:00pm - Good Friday Services: April 3, 12 noon to 3:00 Ecumenical Service(tentative) & 7:00pm (Tenebrae) - Easter Sunday Services: April 5, 7:00am & 9:00am (8:00am Easter Breakfast - all welcomed!)

**Narrowsburg, NY - St. Paul's Lutheran Church**, 31 Erie Ave, 845-252-3919  
Ash Wednesday Services: February 18, 9:00am (followed by breakfast) & 7:00pm (soup supper 6:00pm); Wednesday Morning Services & Breakfast: February 25, March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1, 9:00am; Wednesday Evening Soup Supper 6:00pm; Services begin 7:00pm: February 25, March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1 - Palm/Passion Sunday Service: March 29, 9:30am (Sunday School 9:00am) - Maundy Thursday Services: April 2, 9:00am & 7:00pm - Good Friday Services: April 3, 12noon & 7:00pm - Easter Vigil: Saturday, April 4, 4:30pm - Easter Sunday Services: 7:00am, 9:30am (8:15am Easter Breakfast and Egg Hunt - all welcomed!)

The congregations of the CALC are members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), which comprises over 9,500 congregations in the United States, and is affiliated with Lutheran churches in 79 countries across the globe. The public is invited and welcomed to the activities of the CALC.

## Governor Cuomo Announces Wells Fargo to Pay \$4 Million for Violations on Credit Card Accounts at Former Affiliate

### More than 1,300 New Yorkers Expected to Receive Restitution Payments Averaging Approximately \$1,600

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo announced that Wells Fargo Bank will pay a \$2 million penalty and provide approximately \$2 million in direct consumer restitution payments for violations uncovered by a Department of Financial Services examination of the Bank's former affiliate. Among other issues, the Department's examination found that the Wells Fargo affiliate secured loans made through its Nowline Visa Platinum Credit Card Account product with an interest in the borrower's home - which is not permissible under New York law.

"New Yorkers deserve to trust who they do business with - and because of this aggressive investigation, individuals and families across the state will be justly compensated," Governor Cuomo said. "My administration is committed to ensuring that banks and credit card institutions are treating consumers honestly and fairly, and we will continue to do just that."

Benjamin M. Lawsky, Superintendent of Financial Services, said, "Our investigation uncovered that this Wells Fargo affiliate put borrowers' homes on the line for routine credit card purchases - creating substantial and undue risks for consumers. This agreement will provide direct relief to New York consumers."

Borrowers will also receive future interest rate reductions of 2 percent on their balances going forward, which is estimated to provide additional relief of approximately \$300,000 total. Wells Fargo will also release any security interest or liens they hold in New York homes related to the Nowline Visa Platinum Credit Card Account.

## Governor Cuomo Announces \$30 Million in Recovered Wages/Record Amount Disbursed to More Than 27K Workers for 2014

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced a new record in 2014 for the amount of money returned to workers who originally were not paid the proper minimum wage, overtime pay or fringe benefits. In 2014, \$30.2 million was disbursed to nearly 27,000 workers - more than any previous year and a 35 percent increase in recovered funds over 2013.

"No one should be cheated out of their hard-earned wages, and as these numbers show, our administration is making a difference for workers across the State by actively cracking down on wage theft," Governor Cuomo said. "I'm proud to say that investigators recovered more stolen wages in 2014 than ever before - which means more money stays with the hard-working men and women who earned it in the first place."

The Department of Labor's Division of Labor Standards, which investigates wage theft, is processing cases more expeditiously than ever before, meaning more workers receive money owed to them faster. These improvements are due, in part, to policy and operational improvements, such as referring more cases to compliance conferences to expedite a resolution.

## Cease And Desist Letters Sent To GNC, Target, Walgreens And Walmart As Most Store Brand Supplements Were Found To Contain Contaminants Not Identified On Ingredient Labels; Just 21% Of Supplement Tests Identified DNA From Plant Species Listed On Labels; Schneiderman: Mislabeled Consumer Products Pose Unacceptable Health Hazards

NEW YORK -- Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman today announced that his office sent letters to four major retailers, GNC, Target, Walmart, and Walgreens, for allegedly selling store brand herbal supplement products in New York that either could not be verified to contain the labeled

substance, or which were found to contain ingredients not listed on the labels. The letters, sent Monday, call for the retailers to immediately stop the sale of certain popular products, including Echinacea, Ginseng, St. John's Wort, and others. Attorney General Schneiderman requested the companies provide detailed information relating to the production, processing and testing of herbal supplements sold at their stores, as well as set forth a thorough explanation of quality control measures in place.

The letters come as DNA testing, performed as part of an ongoing investigation by the Attorney General's Office, allegedly shows that, overall, just 21% of the test results from store brand herbal supplements verified DNA from the plants listed on the products' labels - with 79% coming up empty for DNA related to the labeled content or verifying contamination with other plant material. The retailer with the poorest showing for DNA matching products listed on the label was Walmart. Only 4% of the Walmart products tested showed DNA from the plants listed on the products' labels.

"This investigation makes one thing abundantly clear: the old adage 'buyer beware' may be especially true for consumers of herbal supplements," said Attorney General Schneiderman. "The DNA test results seem to confirm longstanding questions about the herbal supplement industry. Mislabeling, contamination, and false advertising are illegal. They also pose unacceptable risks to New York families-especially those with allergies to hidden ingredients. At the end of the day, American corporations must step up to the plate and ensure that their customers are getting what they pay for, especially when it involves promises of good health."

"As the sponsor of a measure that would require labeling that states whether a product has been evaluated by the FDA or not, and legislation to establish a dietary supplements safety committee, I fully support the Attorney General's efforts in this area," said New York State Senator Ken LaValle. "I will continue to fight for legislation that will provide adequate labeling information for the public."

"Since 2005, I have sponsored legislation to create a dietary food supplements safety committee," said New York State Assemblymember Felix Ortiz. "This bill was crafted for the very same reasons the Attorney General is now targeting retailers selling generic supplements that may or may not contain the substances contained on the labels. I support the Attorney General's efforts and I will continue to push for the passage of my bill (A3548) to help reduce this kind of consumer fraud. We need adequate standards and better enforcement over these dietary supplements so consumers will feel confident knowing what they are buying."

"The evidence for these herbs' effectiveness is sketchy to begin with," said David Schardt, Senior Nutritionist of the Center for Science in the Public Interest. "But when the advertised herbs aren't even in many of the products, it's a sign that this loosely regulated industry is urgently in need of reform. Until then, and perhaps even after then, consumers should stop wasting their money. Attorney General Schneiderman has done what federal regulators should have done a long time ago."

"This study undertaken by Attorney General Schneiderman's office is a well-controlled, scientifically-based documentation of the outrageous degree of adulteration in the herbal supplement industry," said Arthur P. Grollman, M.D., Professor of Pharmacological Sciences at Stony Brook University. "I applaud the New York Attorney General for taking the additional step of seeking to remove these products from the marketplace as they can cause serious harm to consumers unaware of the actual ingredients in the pills and capsules they ingest. Hopefully, this action can prompt other states to follow New York's example and lead to the

reform of federal laws that, in their current form, are doing little to protect the public."

Using DNA barcoding technology to examine the contents of herbal supplements, the Attorney General's investigation is focused on what appears to be the practice of substituting contaminants and fillers in the place of authentic product. The investigation looked at six different herbal supplements sold at the four major retail companies in thirteen regions across the state, including Binghamton, Brooklyn, Buffalo, Harlem, Nassau County, Plattsburgh, Poughkeepsie, Rochester, Suffolk County, Syracuse, Utica, Watertown, and Westchester County.

The testing revealed that all of the retailers were selling a large percentage of supplements for which modern DNA barcode technology could not detect the labeled botanical substance.

While overall 21% of the product tests confirmed DNA barcodes from the plant species listed on the labels, 35% of the product tests identified DNA barcodes from plant species not listed on the labels, representing contaminants and fillers. A large number of the tests did not reveal any DNA from a botanical substance of any kind. Some of the contaminants identified include rice, beans, pine, citrus, asparagus, primrose, wheat, houseplant, wild carrot, and others. In many cases, unlisted contaminants were the only plant material found in the product samples.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration requires companies to verify that their products are safe and properly labeled for their contents, but unlike drugs, supplements do not undergo the agency's rigorous evaluation process, which scrutinizes everything about the drug-from the design of clinical trials to the severity of side effects to the conditions under which the drug is manufactured. If the producers of herbal supplements fail to identify all the ingredients on a product's label, a consumer with food allergies, or who is taking medication for an unrelated illness, is taking a potentially serious health risk every time a contaminated herbal supplement is ingested. The Attorney General's investigation is focused on potential violations of New York's General Business Law and Executive Law, including deceptive practices and deceptive advertising.

An expert in DNA barcoding technology, Dr. James A. Schulte II of Clarkson University in Potsdam, N.Y., was hired by the Attorney General's office to perform the testing. DNA barcodes are short genetic markers in an organism's DNA and are used to identify it as belonging to a particular species. Barcodes provide an unbiased, reproducible method of species identification. Barcodes can be used to determine the exact plant species being tested. The DNA tests were performed on three to four samples of each of the six herbal supplements purchased from the New York stores. Each sample was tested with five distinct sequence runs, meaning each sample was tested five times. Three hundred and ninety tests involving 78 samples were performed overall.

GNC:  
o Six "Herbal Plus" brand herbal supplements per store were purchased and analyzed: Gingko Biloba, St. John's Wort, Ginseng, Garlic, Echinacea, and Saw Palmetto. Purchased from four locations with representative stores in Binghamton, Harlem, Plattsburgh & Suffolk.

o Only one supplement consistently tested for its labeled contents: Garlic. One bottle of Saw Palmetto tested positive for containing DNA from the saw palmetto plant, while three others did not. The remaining four supplement types yielded mixed results, but none revealed DNA from the labeled herb.

o Of 120 DNA tests run on 24 bottles of the herbal products purchased, DNA matched label identification 22% of the time.

o Contaminants identified included asparagus, rice, primrose, alfalfa/clover, spruce, ranuncula, houseplant, allium, legume, saw palmetto, and Echinacea.

Target:

o Six "Up & Up" brand herbal supplements per store were purchased and analyzed: Gingko Biloba, St. John's Wort, Valerian Root, Garlic, Echinacea, and Saw Palmetto. Purchased from three locations with representative stores in Nassau County, Poughkeepsie, and Syracuse.

o Three supplements showed nearly consistent presence of the labeled contents: Echinacea (with one sample identifying rice), Garlic, and Saw Palmetto. The remaining three supplements did not reveal DNA from the labeled herb.

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o Of 90 DNA tests run on 18 bottles of the herbal products purchased, DNA matched label identification 41% of the time.

o Contaminants identified included allium, French bean, asparagus, pea, wild carrot and saw palmetto.

Walgreens:

o Six "Finest Nutrition" brand herbal supplements per store were purchased and analyzed: Gingko Biloba, St. John's Wort, Ginseng, Garlic, Echinacea, and Saw Palmetto. Purchased from three locations with representative stores in Brooklyn, Rochester and Watertown.

o Only one supplement consistently tested for its labeled contents: Saw Palmetto. The remaining five supplements yielded mixed results, with one sample of garlic showing appropriate DNA. The other bottles yielded no DNA from the labeled herb.

o Of the 90 DNA test run on 18 bottles of herbal products purchased, DNA matched label representation 18% of the time.

o Contaminants identified included allium, rice, wheat, palm, daisy, and dracaena (houseplant).

Walmart:

o Six "Spring Valley" brand herbal supplements per store were purchased and analyzed: Gingko Biloba, St. John's Wort, Ginseng, Garlic, Echinacea, and Saw Palmetto. Purchased from three geographic locations with representative stores in Buffalo, Utica and Westchester.

o None of the supplements tested consistently revealed DNA from the labeled herb. One bottle of garlic had a minimal showing of garlic DNA, as did one bottle of Saw Palmetto. All remaining bottles failed to produce DNA verifying the labeled herb.

o Of the 90 DNA test run on 18 bottles of herbal products purchased, DNA matched label representation 4% of the time.

o Contaminants identified included allium, pine, wheat/grass, rice mustard, citrus, dracaena (houseplant), and cassava (tropical tree root).

The Attorney General's investigation follows an important study conducted by the University of Guelph in 2013 that also found contamination and substitution in herbal products in most of the products tested. As was said at the time by a spokesperson for the University of Guelph, "The industry suffers from unethical activities by some manufacturers." The market for herbal supplements is significant. The Natural Products Foundation estimates that the dietary supplement industry contributes \$61 billion dollars to the national economy. A 2013 study from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research estimated there are about 65,000 dietary supplements on the market consumed by more than 150 million Americans.

That same study also found that more than half of Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Class I drug recalls between 2004 and 2012 were dietary supplements. Class I recalls are reserved for drugs or supplements for which there is a "reasonable probability that [their use] will cause serious adverse health consequences or death."

The Attorney General thanks Dr. James A. Schulte II of Clarkson University in Potsdam, N.Y. for providing his expertise in DNA barcode testing for this investigation. The case is being handled by Executive Deputy Attorney General Marty Mack and Assistant Attorney General Deanna Nelson with the assistance of NYAG's thirteen regional offices.

### Claryville Fire Dept.



All you can eat  
**President's Day  
Pancake  
Breakfast**



**Sunday, Feb. 15**  
Serving 7:00 until 12:00 Noon  
**Adults \$7**  
Children under 12 Yrs. \$3  
under 5 yrs. free  
\$50 from each monthly breakfast  
is donated to the  
Claryville Reformed Church Food Pantry

### The Ellenville-Wawarsing 4th of July Committee Annual Spaghetti Dinner

**Saturday, February 28, 2015 5:00-7:00pm**  
at the Elks Lodge on Rt. 55 • Napanoch NY.  
**Dinner includes:** salad, spaghetti with Chef  
Verdino's secret sauce, Italian bread, soft drinks,  
dessert and coffee/tea.  
**Proceeds from the event will benefit the  
4th of July Celebration & Fireworks**  
\$7.00 per person • Children under age 5 eat free  
when attending with a parent.  
*There will be no cancellations for inclement weather.*  
For more information, please call 914 388-3665.

### David Cross' directorial debut HITS, shot locally in Liberty, NY- One night only special Pay-What- You-Want

David Cross' new dark comedy *HITS*, shot in LIBERTY, NY to play for one night only in special Pay-What-You-Want screening. A CineArt presentation will be held on Thursday, February 12 at 7:30 p.m. Callicoon Theater, 30 Upper Main St, Callicoon, NY.

*HITS* is a dark comedy exploring the nature of fame in 21st Century YouTube America.

The film takes place in a small town in upstate New York populated by people who trade in unrealistic expectations. It's a story in which fame, delusion, earnestness, and recklessness meet, shake hands, and disrupt the lives around them.

The film opens in theaters in New York, Los Angeles, Houston, Madison and Seattle on February 13 and will be available via BitTorrent as a Pay-What-You-Want release.

The first film to ask audiences to PAY-WHAT-THEY-WANT. Also, simultaneously releasing on iTunes, Amazon, Google Play and others.

For further information, please contact: tina@delawarevalleyartsalliance.org or 845-252-7576.



### Sweetheart Dinner

Sundown Methodist  
Church Hall  
February 14th • 5 pm

**Reservations only (\$10.00)**  
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**By your sweetie a Carnations for \$1.50!!**  
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Hope to see you and  
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**CATSKILL BREWERY BEER TASTING EVENT**  
Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup> 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.  
672 Old Route 17 Livingston Manor, NY  
**\$35.00 per person - cash or check at the door**  
Price includes:  
5 beers on tap to sample, brewery tour, food pairings and Catskill Brewery glass.  
Live acoustic guitar by Jason Perro.  
Gather your friends and come see what's happening at the CATSKILL BREWERY.  
Spend a casual Catskill winter afternoon enjoying great local beer, good food and music.  
RSVP appreciated - cmchandise@mlsusaagency.com  
Event hosted by Team Jolie and the Assassins from The Mission Agency, Inc. In support of the Boys & Girls Club of Orange & Sullivan Counties. Proceeds from this event will be donated to the Boys & Girls Club.

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Feb. 7, 2014  
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Pastor: Rev. Peggy Ann Sauerhoff  
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Sunday School for grades k-7 - 10:30a.m.  
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### Hoops for a Cause

LOCH SHELDRAKE--The 2015 Hoops For A Cause 3 on 3 basketball tournament will be held April 12 at the Sullivan County Community College.

Tournament proceeds will benefit the Ronald McDonald House of New York which has helped countless families throughout New York State.

The tournament will be divided into three age categories, Hoop Dreamers ages 13-17, Hoop Masters ages 18-39 and Hoop Legends ages 40+. Area basketball players are asked to lace up those sneakers and play ball for this most deserving cause. Trophies will be awarded to all winning teams.

Registration deadline is March 31 and the entry fee is \$36 per team. General admission for the general public is \$3 and students with valid ID \$1. If your not a player come out and cheer on your favorite team. Tournament play starts at 10 a.m.

All proceeds from this event including raffles, 50/50 money, private donations, entry fees and general admission will benefit the Ronald McDonald House of New York. Additional information can be obtained at jarredjames@trivalleycsd.org or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/H4AC2015

### Art Society of Kingston

**Art Created During Recovery: Spotlight Exhibition on View through February 28-** More than fifty art studio participants at the Northeast Center for Rehabilitation and Brain Injury exhibit images of their personal past, their injuries, rehabilitation and visions for the future.

Art therapist and curator of the exhibition, Mae Skidmore, will be on hand to answer questions.

**Black & White: Members Exhibition On View through February 28-** Featuring two-

and three-dimensional works by ASK members that explore line, shape, texture and surfaces in black and white. Members and visitors are invited to wear festive black & white attire at the opening reception.

Participating artists and ASK Executive Director, Vindora Wixon, will be on hand to answer questions. Refreshments will be served.

### Auditions!!! Auditions for 'Death Of A Salesman' and 'Godspell'.

*Death Of A Salesman* auditions will be held Saturday March 14 and Sunday March 15, from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM at the Sullivan County Museum in Hurleyville, NY

Performance dates for *Death Of A Salesman* are June 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14 at the Rivoli Theatre. See casting information below.

*Godspell* auditions will be held on Saturday March 7, Sunday March 8, Saturday March 14 and Sunday March 15, from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM at the Sullivan County Museum in Hurleyville, NY.

Performance dates are July 10, 11, 12, 17, 18, 19 at the Rivoli Theatre. See casting information below.

### *Death Of A Salesman*

The play revolves around the last days of Willy Loman, a failing salesman, who cannot understand how he failed to win success and happiness. Through a series of tragic soul-searching revelations of the life he has lived with his wife, his sons, and his business associates, we discover how his quest for the "American Dream" kept him blind to the people who truly loved him. A thrilling work of deep and revealing beauty that remains one of the most profound classic dramas of the American theatre.

Needed are 5 women (ages 20-55+), 8 men (ages 30 to 60's).

For more information, Call Director-Sally Gladden 845-434-0209 or email gladsally@gmail.com.

### *Godspell*

CAST: Male and female, 10 to 20 cast members needed, all voice ranges welcome, age range 20s, 30s, 40s. All shapes, sizes and colors welcome. Cast members must be 18 or older. Improvisational skills a plus. For more information, Call Director Stephanie Watson 845 747-4530 or email: HealthierSteph@gmail.com

### "Piece Together Peace" Debuts in the CAS Elevator Gallery

The Catskill Art Society is proud to present the artwork of Cynthia Strunsky McLean in "Piece Together Peace," an exhibition in the new Elevator Gallery, running February 13 - March 29, 2015 at the CAS Arts Center at 48 Main Street, Livingston Manor, NY.

Cultures and societies all over the world struggle for peace, but there is a glimmer of hope. Experience a hands-on, interactive exhibit where you remix artwork that must evolve and mutate to reflect our rap-

idly changing world. The universal surge invites all viewers to participate as curators of this painted puzzle of the human condition.

The Elevator Gallery is an experimental exhibition space that will feature small works, installations, short art films, and other visual curiosities in six shows each year. At about 6' by 13', the space will eventually make way for an elevator to our second floor when renovations are finished to create even more room for arts and culture at CAS-hence the name. But on another level, the gallery seeks to elevate the profile of alternative artists and styles not frequently seen in the CAS Exhibition Season.

Gallery hours for this exhibition are Thursdays - Saturdays from 11am-6pm, Sundays 11am-3pm, and Mondays 11am-6pm. The CAS Arts Center is wheelchair accessible.

### Public Opening Reception

The Catskill Art Society will host a free opening reception for Piece Together Peace, an exhibition of artwork by Cynthia Strunsky McLean, on Friday, February 13 from 4-6pm. Tasty tidbits prepared by Bethel Market Cafe.

### Happy Birthday WJFF Radio Catskill

WJFF Radio Catskill celebrates its historic 25th birthday on Thursday, February 12th. We'll be spending three days celebrating our birthday and we'd like to invite you to come be part of the festivities.

The official cake-cutting ceremony takes place Thursday February 12th at 6:00pm in WJFF's Jeffersonville, NY studio located at 4765 State Route 52 in Jeffersonville. Staff and volunteers will welcome you to the festivities and you'll have an opportunity to tour the station, see how radio works, and even record a happy birthday greeting for others to hear!

If you can't make it at 6:00 on Thursday, don't worry! The celebration runs for three days, culminating with a special Valentine's Dance Party

hosted by Jeffersonville JEMS at Mullally's Pub in downtown Jeffersonville on Saturday evening. Stop by anytime! We'll also be cutting a cake in our Honesdale studio, located on the 2nd floor of The Cooperage at 1030 Main Street in Honesdale starting at noon on Friday February 13th.

And finally, small businesses and organizations throughout the WJFF listening area will be hosting birthday cakes of their own all three days. See the attached flyer for more info. We hope to see you at our studio on Thursday for the cake-cutting, but no matter where you are, you can help us celebrate!

For more information, please don't hesitate to email or call WJFF. Hope to see you for some cake!!

### Statement from Governor Andrew M. Cuomo on Election of Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie

"I offer my congratulations to Carl Heastie on his election as Speaker of the New York State Assembly. In accepting this responsibility on behalf of his colleagues, Speaker Heastie has stepped forward at an incredibly important time for New York as a whole, and I look forward to working with him to enact an aggressive agenda that ensures economic opportunity for all, improves and reforms our education system, ensures justice in perception and in reality, and restores trust in our government."

### Attorney General Announces Agreement to Cut and Cap the Price of Heroin Overdose Antidote for all Agencies in NYS- Rebate Will Cut Wholesale Price By Nearly 20 Percent And Cap It, Dollar-For-Dollar, Against Any Price Increases For One Year

**Schneiderman: This Agreement Will Secure New York's Access To Life-Saving Antidote**  
NEW YORK - Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman today announced an agreement with Amphastar Pharmaceuticals, Inc. to cut and cap the price of naloxone, a highly effective antidote that can quickly reverse an opioid overdose, for all agencies in New York State for the next year. The contract stipulates that Amphastar will offer a \$6 rebate per dose, which will also automatically increase, dollar-for-dollar, to match any future growth in the wholesale price.

After Amphastar raised the price of its naloxone products last fall, the Attorney General's office sent a letter expressing concern that the higher cost could jeopardize access to the antidote in New York State. As a result, Amphastar agreed to provide a rebate that will discount the wholesale price of naloxone by nearly 20 percent. As part of the agreement, this rebate is available not only to the Office of the Attorney General, but also all associated public entities, including but not limited to the State Department of Health, the City of

### The GFD Ladies Auxillary

Presents:

### Our Annual Easter Egg Hunt

When: Saturday April, 4, 2015

Where: Grahamsville Fairgrounds

Time: Egg Hunt Starts

promptly at 10:30 am.

Please join us by bringing your little ones to meet and take a picture with the Easter Bunny after hunting for some eggs. We will also be raffling an Easter Dinner Basket off with all the fixings for a complete dinner. Tickets are \$1.00 ea. or 6 for \$5.00. Please see any Auxillary member for tickets. This event will be held Rain, Sleet, Snow or shine!!!

Hope to see you there!!!

New York, and the governments of individual New York counties.

"It is essential that we secure our state's access to this powerful, life-saving antidote," said Attorney General Schneiderman. "My office responded swiftly to negotiate the best possible price of naloxone, which is an essential tool in our multifaceted approach to combat the scourge of heroin abuse in New York. This deal ensures that we can continue to give New Yorkers who have overdosed on opioids a second chance at life-and-rehabilitation."

"We commend Attorney General Schneiderman for leading the way on making lifesaving naloxone access programs financially sustainable for all New Yorkers in need," said Terrell Jones, a member of VOCAL-NY from the Bronx. "We hope this reflects Amphastar's recognition of the urgent need to offer fair pricing for community-based overdose prevention programs nationwide."

The abuse of heroin and prescription drugs is a growing problem throughout New York and the United States. Opioid overdoses killed over 2,000 New Yorkers in 2011, more than double the number killed in 2004. Across the country, fatal heroin doses increased 45% from 2006-2010. The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration estimates that these numbers are still on the rise. In 2013, more than half of New York City's 782 drug-related overdoses in 2013 were from heroin.

The Attorney General's Community Overdose Prevention (COP) program, which is supported by \$5 million of joint federal-state criminal and civil forfeiture money, provides funding to equip every state and local law-enforcement officer in the state of New York with naloxone. Police departments or appropriate county or city agencies submit receipts to the Attorney General's office and are reimbursed in full.

To date, the COP program has approved \$1.8 million to supply law enforcement departments across the state with naloxone kits and train them in their use. More than 200 law enforcement agencies have applied to the COP program, which has disbursed more than 27,000 kits in less than a year. Naloxone has been used to reverse overdoses in Buffalo, Chappaqua, Syracuse, Oneida, Staten Island, Madison County, Suffolk County, Wyoming County, and elsewhere.

The Attorney General's office has adopted a comprehensive approach toward reducing heroin and prescription drug abuse in New York State. To date, investigators have broken up 20 of the largest drug and gun trafficking gangs in the state. I-STOP, the nation's first real-time prescription tracking system for the most addictive prescription drugs, helps prevent drug addicts from doctor shopping without burdening providers or patients who legitimately need medication. Last year, the Department of Health reported that incidents of doctor shopping went down 75% in New York in just the first 8 months of the program.

### Governor Cuomo Statement Regarding New NY Bridge Featured on Cover of President Obama's Federal Budget

"The New NY Bridge is a symbol of the progress that government can achieve when we choose results over gridlock and focus on delivering for the people we represent. By fast-tracking this replacement with the help of our partners in the federal government, we are on-time and on-budget for one of the largest transportation projects in the nation. This is a dramatic investment in the region's transportation infrastructure, and I look forward to seeing it used by future generations for decades to come."

**Town of Neversink Parks & Recreation**  
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**Skiing/Snowboarding at Holiday Mountain**  
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**Binghamton Senators Hockey Game** Saturday, March 14. Leave 5 pm. Game starts 7:05 pm. Bring dinner to eat on the bus and money for snacks. Return after mid-night. \$17 Neversink Residents and TV School Students/ \$33 non-residents must be paid no later than Tuesday, January 27.

**Westside Story Westchester Broadway Dinner Theatre** Thursday, April 30. Leave 9:45 am to Elmsford, NY, returns approximately 5:30 pm. \$40 Neversink Residents and TV School Students/ \$70 non-residents must be paid no later than Tuesday, January 27 this includes the show, lunch, dessert and transportation.

**Liberty Science Center** Saturday, May 30. Leave 8 am to Liberty Science Center in New Jersey, return approximately 5:30 pm. Please bring money to eat with and to make purchases. Includes exhibits and IMAX movie admission. SIGN-UP: \$20 Neversink Residents and Tri Valley School Students/\$28 non-residents must be paid no later than Tuesday, February 10.

- 3/12/15 Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting 6 pm
- 2/12/15 **Claryville Fire District Meeting rescheduled 6:30PM**
- 2/14/15 **Sundown UMC Valentine's Dinner - 5 pm Church Hall - Make your reservations by 2/10 985-2455**
- 2/15/15 **Claryville FD All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast 7 am - Noon**
- 2/16/15 Town of Neversink HOLIDAY - PRESIDENTS' DAY
- 2/16/15 **Grahamsville Fire District Meeting 7 pm**
- 2/17/15 **LOVE YOUR HEART DAY-ERH Rescheduled Noon-1 pm Info (845) 647-6400 xt 293**
- 2/17/15 **Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting - 7:30 pm**
- 2/19/15 **Neversink Fire District Commissioners Meeting 7 pm -Public Meeting 7:30 pm**
- 2/21/15 **Third Saturday Thrif Sale Grahamsville UMC - 9 am - 1 pm**
- 2/24/15 **Town of Neversink Parks & Rec 7 pm - Parks & Rec Office at Town Hall**
- 3/4/15 **Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting - 7 pm**
- 3/11/15 **Town of Neversink Town Board Meeting**
- 3/3/15 **Town of Denning Town Board Meeting - 7 pm Denning Town Hall**
- 3/7/15 **Covered Dish Supper - Sundown Methodist Church - 5:30 pm**
- 3/10/15 **Town of Denning Town Board Business Meeting -7 pm Denning Town Hall**

**Save the Date!**  
**Tri-Valley Journey For Sight Walk and Tag Day • Saturday, May 2, 2015 in Memory of Lions**  
 Joyce Lockhart and Eugene Fuller.

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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.



**Daniel Pierce Library** hours of operation beginning September 1, 2011.  
 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.

**Meeting of Long Term Care Council**

The Long Term Care Council is the advisory board for SULLIVAN NYCONNECTS, the single Point of Entry for information on long term services and supports in Sullivan County. The next meeting of the Long Term Care Council will be Wednesday, February 18, from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. in the Legislative Committee Room (2nd floor) in the Sullivan County Government Center. Meetings of the Long Term Care Council are open to the public and all are welcome to attend.

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

**Gillibrand applauded the passage of The Clay Hunt Suicide Prevention for American Veterans- New Legislation Aims To Improve Mental Health Care and Enhance Suicide Prevention Resources for Veterans**

U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand applauded the passage of The Clay Hunt Suicide Prevention for American Veterans (SAV) Act. Gillibrand is an original cosponsor of the bill (S. 167/H.R. 203) which passed unanimously in the Senate today after passing in the House of Representatives earlier this month, and now heads to the President's desk. The bill aims to help reduce military and veteran suicides by improving mental health care and enhancing suicide prevention resources.

"The brave men and women who served our country deserve access to quality mental health care, and I was proud to cosponsor this important bipartisan legislation to prevent further suicides," said Senator Kirsten Gillibrand. "Too many of our veterans who put their lives on the line to protect our freedoms are taking their own lives. This bill will improve critical services by evaluating and improving existing VA mental health programs, providing enhanced resources for transitioning veterans, and addressing the shortage of mental health professional by creating new incentives that attract them to the VA. We owe it to the heroes who served our country to ensure they get the help and care they need to stop this crisis of veteran suicides."

According to a VA study, an estimated 22 veterans commit suicide each day in the United States. The Clay Hunt SAV Act addresses the suicide crisis by increasing access to mental health care and capacity at VA. The bill requires the VA to create a centralized website for all information regarding mental health services. It addresses the shortage of mental health professionals by creating new incentives including authorizing the VA to conduct a student loan repayment pilot program to attract and retain mental health professionals. The bill aims to improve the quality of care and enhance accountability by requiring evaluations of all mental health care and suicide prevention practices and programs at the VA. It also seeks to develop a community support system for veterans by establishing a peer support and community outreach pilot program to assist transitioning service members with access to VA mental health care.

The bill is named for Clay Hunt, a Marine veteran who

committed suicide in 2011. He earned a Purple Heart after getting shot by a sniper's bullet while deployed in Anbar Province, near Fallujah in 2007. After recovering Hunt redeployed to southern Afghanistan and was honorably discharged from the Marine Corps in 2009. Before taking his own life Hunt suffered from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and struggled to receive adequate care at his local VA hospital.

**SUNY Ulster Holds Benefit Concert for Music Scholarships Annual event honors memory of former band director Lee Herrington**

SUNY Ulster musicians will honor the memory of the college's former band director and raise money for music scholarships at the Herrington Benefit Concert, Feb. 18, at 7:30 p.m., in the College Lounge on the Stone Ridge campus. The snow date is Feb. 25 at the same time and location.

Performing at the benefit concert will be SUNY Ulster's Wind Ensemble and Community Band, both directed by Victor Izzo, Jr.; Jazz Ensemble, directed by Chris Earley; Vocal Ensemble and College Chorus, both directed by Janet Gehres; and String Ensemble directed by Anastasia Solberg. Also performing as guests will be the Rondout Valley Concert Band under the direction of Jason Clinton.

The music scholarship was established to honor the memory of Lee Herrington, former band director at SUNY Ulster; longtime Rondout Valley High School music teacher; former director of the Kingston local American Federation of Musicians concert band, and dedicated musician and mentor. The money raised from the concert goes toward awarding a scholarship to an entering or returning SUNY Ulster music student.

Tickets are available at the door for adults \$3, students/seniors \$2, and families, \$10. For further information, call at (845) 687-5060.

**SUNY Ulster Holds Nursing Information Session February 19**

SUNY Ulster will hold an information session about its Nursing degree program on Thursday, February 19, at 4:00 p.m. in room 121, at the Business Resource Center in Kingston. Due to limited openings, SUNY Ulster's Nursing Program is only available to residents of Ulster County.

This session will provide information on the admissions process, the program curriculum, including pre-requisites and co-requisites, as well as new testing requirements. For further information and reservations, phone the Admissions Office at (800) 724-0833 or email [admissions@sunyulster.edu](mailto:admissions@sunyulster.edu). Further information about the Nursing program can be found at [www.sunyulster.edu](http://www.sunyulster.edu).

**Professional Women of Sullivan County**

Our next PWSC meeting is scheduled for 6:00pm on Wednesday, February 18, 2015 at the River's Edge Restaurant. The cost of dinner is \$22.00 for members and \$27.00 for our future members; this includes Salmon or Chicken Franchise dinner, salad, coffee/tea, dessert, tax and tip. Donna Mulvey will be our guest speaker, answering all questions you have about the DMV.

Please RSVP before Sunday Feb 15th so we can let the River's Edge know the head count. [debbiemorellis@outlook.com](mailto:debbiemorellis@outlook.com)

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

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

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**Knarf's "Classic Movie Trivia Adam's Rib (1949) Comedy**

Saturday, February 14th



Husband, Adam Bonner, a lawyer, played by Spencer Tracy and his wife, Amanda Bonner played by Katherine Hepburn, also a lawyers argue opposite sides in a sensational women's rights case.

Adam's Rib is considered the best film pairing of Hepburn and Tracy. As usual their chemistry shines through every scene. Judy Holliday is outstanding in her debut. The Oscar-nominated screenplay is humorous and romantic, creating the original battle of the sexes movie! The last great romantic-comedy of the 40's.

The film was written specifically as a Tracy-Hepburn vehicle (their sixth film together) by friends of the couple, Garson Kanin and Ruth Gordon and got their inspiration for the story from the real life case.

In the decades since the film's release, it has attracted the esteem of many critics. In 1992, Adam's Rib was selected for preservation in the United States National Film Registry by the Library of Congress as being "culturally, historically, or aesthetically significant"

For those of you who will be home in the afternoon on Valentine's Day, Adam's Rib will air at 1:30 pm on Saturday, February 14th. which still gives you time to take your 'Sweetie' out to dinner in the evening!

1. What star made her debut in Adam's Rib as Doris Attinger?
2. Who contributed the song "Farewell, Amanda."

**What's Going On In The Gnome Neighborhood™ This Week?**

**CLARYVILLE**

Sunday, February 15th have breakfast at the Claryville Firehouse. From 7 am to Noon an "All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast" will be served.

**GRAHAMSVILLE**

Saturday, February 21 is just around the corner. Mark your calendar for the **Third Saturday Thrift Sale** that will be held at the Grahamsville United Methodist Church from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

**ELLENVILLE/WAWARSING**

The Ellenville-Wawarsing 4th of July Committee Annual Spaghetti Dinner will be held on Saturday, February 28, 2015 5:00-7:00pm at the Elks Lodge in Napanoch NY. Dinner includes: salad, spaghetti with Chef Verdino's secret sauce, Italian bread, soft drinks, dessert and coffee/tea. Proceeds from the event will benefit the 4th of July Celebration & Fireworks (See ad on Pg. 13 for more info)

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