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## UC Exec Mike Hein Acts Swiftly and Vetoes Resolution Seeking to Convert County Vehicles to LP Gas -The County Executive Issues Veto Amid Environmental And Financial Concerns

Kingston, N.Y. - Today, following a meeting with concerned environmental organizations, county lawmakers and citizens, Ulster County Executive Mike Hein vetoed Resolution No. 314A which was passed by the Ulster County Legislature at its February 17, 2015 meeting. The resolution calls for the County to spend \$25,000 to convert five transport vans from unleaded gasoline to liquefied petroleum gas (LPG).

"Simply stated, and after a thorough review by Ulster County's Department of the Environment Coordinator Amanda LaValle, Resolution 314A is not good for our environment, the County's finances or the citizens of Ulster County," said County Executive Mike Hein. "Ulster County government has become a state-wide leader in environmental stewardship, whether it's obtaining 100% of our electricity from renewable resources, investing in plug in hybrid electric vehicles, installing electric vehicle charging stations or converting our bus fleet to biodiesel, but Resolution No. 314A would represent a step backwards. Trading one fossil fuel for another is not environmentally sensitive and investing in a vehicle technology that promotes fracking is unconscionable, especially since more sustainable, renewable options are readily available." (Contd. Pg. 6)



## Living the Meaning of Valentine's Day in Fallsburg

On February 13, Ms. Irene Calabrese worked with her students in the Pre-K classroom at Fallsburg's Benjamin Cosor Elementary School preparing Valentine's Cards to bring home to parents. Sitting quietly in two different groups, the children listened attentively to Ms. Calabrese as she recited a short rhyme about the card that they would paste onto the pastel colored cut-out paper hearts. They also would be placing a cellophane wrapped red and white lollipop as a special decoration and treat. The lesson was about composing a special card and sharing a "heart" with their families.



Once the two groups completed their cards, the children sat on their colorful and warm rug at the front of the classroom. Many of the children had brought bags of goodies to school that day for sharing with their classmates. Carefully wrapped homemade or purchased cookies and snacks and valentine cards were included in these gifts. Each child went around the rug carefully depositing their contribution into the marked paper bags in front of each child or simply handing the item to their friends.

Some children were actually shivering with delight when they offered their gifts. After all items were in the bags, the children went to their classroom tables that were decorated and filled with an assortment of baked goodies. Assistant Teacher Markella Nikolis had prepared the tables and guided the children to their seats.

On this frigid winter day, these Fallsburg youngsters were filled with wonderful snacks, the feeling of joy at making something special for their families, and the gift of giving to their classmates. After all, is this not the spirit of having a full and open heart on Valentine's Day?

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## Historical Information Needed on Sullivan and Ulster County's "Lost" Towns Bittersweet, Eureka, Lackawack, Montela and Neversink

[Grahamsville, N.Y.] - The Time and the Valleys Museum in Grahamsville, Sullivan County, needs help gathering historic materials for an important research project on the towns removed for the building of NYC's Water Supply in the 1930s and 40s. The "lost" towns of Bittersweet, Eureka, Lackawack, Montela and Neversink were removed and residents displaced when New York City came to the Catskills to build the Rondout and Neversink Reservoirs for their Delaware Water Supply System. Over 1,500 residents were forced to move, losing life-long connections to family, religious congregations, businesses and friends. (Contd. Pg. 3)



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**ON THE FRONT BURNER:** Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling.  
Psalm 2:11

**THANK YOU**

The family of Fred H. Ahrens wishes to extend their heartfelt thanks and appreciation to the members and staff of Catskill Regional Hospital, Claryville Fire Department, Crystal Run Health Care, Grahamsville Ambulance and EMT's, Grahamsville United Methodist Church, Sullivan County Adult Care Center, and all of our friends and neighbors who helped with his care and comfort these last several months.

Thank you, we could not have managed without you.

Martha, Judy and Jane

**College News**

**Area Students Make the Dean's List at RIT**

The following local residents made the Dean's List for fall 2014-2015 semester at Rochester Institute of Technology:

- Meng Lin of Ellenville, N.Y. is a third-year student in the graphic design program in RIT's College of Imaging Arts and Sciences.
- Emily Bockman of Hurleyville, N.Y. is a second-year student in the ASL-English interpretation program in RIT's National Technical Institute for the Deaf.
- Paulina Kleinberger of Parksville, N.Y. is a fifth-year student in the industrial engineering program in RIT's Kate Gleason College of Engineering.
- Joseph Kleinberger of Parksville, N.Y. is a second-year student in the industrial engineering program in RIT's Kate Gleason College of Engineering.

**DAYS OF YORE... Today's History**

**March 2, 1955** - Mr. Herbert L. George of Sundown was named vice president of the Ulster County Supervisors Association at the annual meeting held in February. Mr. Harry Sutton of Clintondale was elected president of the group. Mr. George and Mr. Sutton are both former supervisors of townships in Ulster County.

Once more the shiny buckets hang upon the maple trees  
And stubborn winter snowdrifts melt before a balmy breeze.  
It's time for pussy willows and an early robin's song,  
Before you can believe it, spring will be along!  
KUM TO KRUM'S

**February 24, 1965** - Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Edwards who were married at St. Peter's R.C. Church in Liberty on Feb. 14th.

Edward T. Condon, Supervising Principal of Tri Valley Central School, has announced that three Seniors have been awarded Regents scholarships which may be applied toward tuition at any college in New York State. The winners are: Miss Lynn Bertholf, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Bertholf of Divine Corners; Miss Diane Kinne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Kinne of Liberty and Mr. Harry Schilddraut of Divine Corners.

**March 5, 1975** - Mr. and Mrs. James Gorman of Neversink have announce the engagement of their daughter, Kathleen to Bruce S. Erath, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Oland Erath of Grahamsville. Kathleen is employed by Marine Midland Bank in Liberty and Bruce is an Agricultural Education major at Cornell University. Wedding plans are incomplete.

Joseph Garcia, 43, of Woodbourne Rd., Grahamsville, died Friday at Community

General Hospital, Harris. He was born May 22, 1931 in Blakely, Pa. to Cirilo and Frances Eavarone Garcia. He married the former Diane Sacona in 1958. Mr. Garcia was a science and biology teacher at Tri-Valley High School. He was also a member of the Immaculate Conception Church in Woodbourne. He is survived by his wife; three sons and a daughter; a sister and two nieces.

**February 28, 1985** - Mr. and Mrs. Sherm Kortright of Neversink announce the engagement of their daughter, Pamela, to Clifford Hamlin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hamlin of Liberty. Miss Kortright is a graduate of Tri-Valley High School. She is employed by the N.Y.S. Dept. of Corrections at Woodbourne as a Senior Stenographer. Her fiance graduated from Liberty Central High School and is employed by the Carpenter's Union #255 in Bloomingburg. An August wedding is planned.

Greg Grey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Grey of Grahamsville, recently completed an internship at Paul Revere Insurance Co. as part of the Harwick College Academic program. Gregory's internship was completed during the January term intensive study program at Hartwick.

**"Inspire"- A New Full Service Salon Opens in Grahamsville**



Sandy Ackerley has decided to put her good talents while utilizing the unique setting of her own home that is situated on Thunderhill. Sandy has turned the back room of her house into a full service salon, offering all services for hair, nails, pedicures and waxing for women, men and children.

As you are being pampered at the salon, you can enjoy the 'inspirational' view of the nearby mountains through large picture window in the salon.

According to Sandy, "I decided to turn my back room into a salon last month because I enjoy the salon industry and desperately want to work from home. Being a mother and wife is a top priority to me, and makes me strive to be the best that I can be!!!! I do not want to miss out on ANYTHING that occurs in my children's lives!!!! My family is the MOST IMPORTANT thing in my life!!!!"

For an appointment call 845-985-7948 or 845-866-2309 call or text.

Sandy is also selling gently used items. Good Luck Sandy!

**A Round About Tri-Valley**

-Carol Furman

Fred Ahrens passed away on February 13th. Fred was 86 years old. Condolences to his family and friends.

February 21st was the Delaware River District's Boy Scout Klondike Derby. The event was held at the Malibu Dude Ranch in Milford, PA.

Jonathan Allison, a Wolf, was the over-all winner for Pack 87 in the Boy Scout Pinewood Derby.

Church services at the Grahamsville Reformed Church were cancelled on Sunday, February 15th due to high winds, blowing snow and below zero wind chills.

The road across the Neversink Dam was also closed due to blowing snow drifting in the roadway. The high winds caused white-out conditions.

According to the Times Herald Record, Bob Festa of Grahamsville was crowned "King of the Ice" at White Lake on Sunday, February 15th. Bob caught a 23 % inch walleye weighing 5 % pounds. Congrats, Bob!

Emma Ehrets, the daughter of Joe and Andrea Ehrets of Hasbrouck was baptized on Sunday, February 15th, a very snowy and windy day, at St. Peter's Church in Liberty.

The Town of Neversink Highway crew has been doing a fabulous job plowing and sanding roads in the Town. Thank you! I'm sure the men are becoming a bit weary of being called out to plow and sand at all hours ... early in the morning, late at night, weekends and holidays.

The 4-H Puppy Pals invite the community to a spaghetti supper on Friday, March 13th from 4:30 - 7:00 pm at the Grahamsville Fire Hall. The supper is being held to benefit the Tri-Valley School Backpack Program. Students: \$5.00/Adults: \$8.00.

Congratulations to the Tri-Valley Boys Indoor Track and Field Team and Coach Rehm on a 1st place finish at the Sullivan County Indoor Track and Field Championships held at Sullivan County Community College. Way to go!

**Words of Wisdom:** It's easy the night before to get up early the next morning. One thing that most would rather give than receive - criticism.

**Columbia Secondary School for Math, Science and Engineering Students Tour Time and the Valleys Museum**

Eighty-three students from the Columbia secondary School for Math, Science and Engineering toured the Time and the Valleys Museum on February 11. This is an annual event for the school and museum. Because of the bad roads around the metropolitan area that Wednesday, they arrived safely two hours late. The next four hours were spent learning about the building of a reservoir and the impact it had on local citizens.

We look forward to next year's tour. They are a fine group, and take their visit very seriously.

**Historical Information Needed on Sullivan and Ulster County's "Lost" Towns Bittersweet, Eureka, Lackawack, Montela and Neversink (From Pg. 1)**

The Museum has created an interactive computer program that lists all of the families and the locations of their properties, now under the water of either the Rondout or Neversink reservoirs. This computer program is available to all visitors, providing access to scanned photos, documents, letters and reminiscences which allows family members and researchers to look up the information, and also preserves this information for future generations.

Unfortunately, some of the listings have little or no information, which can be disappointing for those visitors looking up information. We are seeking information on any family who had land or homes taken to build the reservoirs to add to this research project. If anyone has written materials, stories or photographs for families who lost their lands to NYC's Rondout or Neversink Reservoirs please call 845 985-7700 or e-mail info@timeandthevalleysmuseum.org. Original materials will be scanned and returned, and can be done while they wait. **When completed, this will be the most comprehensive resource of historic materials on the five "lost" towns ever assembled.**

Located at 332 Main Street in Grahamsville (St. Rt. 55), the Time and the Valleys Museum is open Memorial Day to Labor Day, Thursday to

Sunday, Noon to 4 p.m. and from September to November on Saturday and Sunday, noon to 4 p.m.. With three floors of exhibitions, the Museum also has a Local History Resource Center and a Museum Shop with local history and environmental publications, handcrafted artwork and gifts by local craftspeople, old fashioned toys and other unique items. Admission to the Museum is by suggested donation: \$5 adults, \$2 children,



Eureka School students

children under 6 are free. For more information call 845 985-7700 or go to our website: timeandthevalleysmuseum.org.

**Current Exhibitions:**

- Tunnels, Toil & Trouble: New York City's Quest for Water and the Rondout-Neversink Story
- The Impact of Water on the Life and Growth of the Valleys
- Celebrating Catskill Waters: Past and Present

**The Time and the Valleys Museum is a living and interactive resource that preserves the past, educates the present and ensures the uniqueness of the Rondout and Neversink watersheds for all generations.**

**Below are some of the names from the lost towns that have no information:**

**Eureka:** William, Howard, Ward Dierfelter; Melvin DuBois; Lee Dayton; Granville, Vail Quick; William Bevier; Salome Whitely; Nial Everett; Abram Low; William Carlisle Harrison, and Willus Ryan

**Montela:** Conrad, Gordon, Mae Eck; Cassie Porter; John Coddington; Orville Ackerley; Champion Yale Alida, Wiliam Vandemark; Ulster Dole; Phil Martin; Leo Sheeley; and Maurice Tartakoff

**Lackawack:** Neil Keogan; Mel, Fred, Earl Eck; Charles Barthel; Ezra Empt; A rlo Brown; Elmer Christana; Roy Curry; Ray, Dora Herman; Ben Osterhout; and Shield

**Neversink & Bittersweet:** George Asthulter; Morris Begon; Alonzo Benjamin; Nellie Briggs William Chandler; George Countryman; Mabel, Pluma Cross; James Curry; Bruce Decker; George, Iona Edwards

**4-H Pasta Dinner Fundraiser to Support Local Families**

On Friday March 13, 2015 the 4-H Puppy Pals are holding a pasta dinner fundraiser. It will be held from 4:30 to 7:00 P.M. at the Grahamsville Firehouse. We are holding this event to support the Tri-Valley Backpack Program. The Backpack Program helps families in the district. Teachers at Tri-Valley put this program together, and it has come a long way from the start and now supports approximately 100 children.

What are your options? You can eat in or take out, and there is also a gluten-free option available. Tickets are available for purchase in advance or on the 13th at the door. Adults are \$8.00. Children under 12, seniors, and students are \$5.00. All proceeds are going to the Backpack Program. There will also be a collection of non-perishable food supplies for the Backpack Program, and the following items will be gratefully accepted: cereal, oatmeal, mac & cheese, Chef Boy R Dee Spaghetti O's, peanut butter, jelly, soup, Ramen, pudding, canned fruit, tuna, granola bars, crackers with cheese/peanut butter, pancake mix and syrup.

If you want to purchase your tickets in advance, or if you would simply like to make a donation, you can ask a member or you can email us at 4hpuppypal@gmail.com. Tickets are available from now until March 9th. If you don't purchase ahead of time, don't worry, there are tickets waiting at the door. We hope to see you there!

-Heather Winters, Secretary, 4-H Puppy Pals

**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.*

**A Splash of Green**

A drive through Peekamoose this time of the year is spectacular, if you love the winter scene. For those who are anxiously waiting for the landscape to turn from white to green, if you look hard enough, you can find some green.

Although the leaves are dull and rather a greenish



gold this time of the year, and look a bit wonky, the leaves of the Mountain Laurel (*Kalmia latifolia*,) do hang on through winter. Mountain Laurel is an evergreen shrub native to the Catskills. Mature plants can reach 6.5 to 10 feet tall. Leaves are evergreen, sclerophyllous,

leathery, 1 to 4 inches long, and 1 to 2 inches wide. The majority of Mountain Laurel leaves survive for 2 to 3 years. Mountain Laurel leaves begin to die in the late spring during their 2nd growing season while a few persist into the 3rd; hence, about half of the leaves on any given plant are the current year's production.

Flowers bloom April to June from buds that form during the previous growing season.

The complete flowerhead including stems, stalks,

bracts, and flowers will produce a compound flower cluster of showy saucer shaped flowers, 1/2 " to 1 inch wide that are generally light pink. Stems are long and narrow with furrows and ridges, often sloughing in narrow strips or flakes. The fruit is a small capsule that bears hundreds of small seeds. Below a basal burl (knotty growth), Mountain Laurel has a thick rootstock that supports numerous other vertical and horizontal roots that may reach up to 30 inches in depth. Mountain Laurel is monoecious, having both the male and female reproductive organs. Pollination is by insect or self-mediated. Bumblebees are the primary species of insect-mediated pollination. Mountain Laurel anthers are positioned under tension which is suddenly released when a bumblebee or other insect lands on the flower. If the flowers remain unpollinated, the anther will self-release pollen onto the flower's own pistil. Seeds are contained in small fruit-like capsules each containing 300 to 700 seeds. Seedfall begins in the fall and continues through the spring.



Mountain Laurel stem growth occurs during the spring and ceases during summer. Mountain-laurel's leaves, buds, flowers and fruits are poisonous and may be lethal to livestock and humans. However, white-tailed deer, eastern cotton tails, black bear, and ruffed grouse are known to utilize this species especially as winter forage or during years of food shortages. The wood of mountain-laurel has a long history of uses by native and Euro-Americans. It has been used in the manufacturing of pipes, wreaths, roping, furniture, bowls, utensils, and various other household goods and novelties.

For now we can appreciate the splash of green that the Mountain Laurel offers to the white winter landscape. It won't be long though, and the intricate white and pink flowers of the Mountain Laurel will begin to explode into pastel pink bouquets delicately decorating our Catskills Mountains.

**Household Hints**

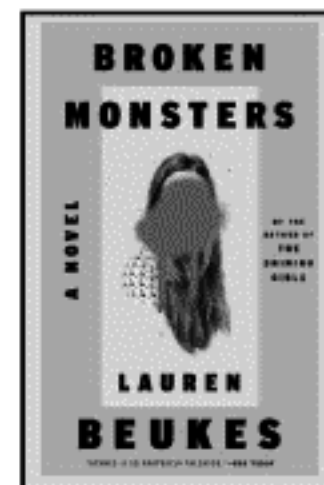
**Clean Your Non-Stick Cookware**

They call it nonstick, but no cookware is stain proof. For mineral stains on your nonstick cookware, rub the utensil with a cloth dipped in undiluted distilled vinegar. To loosen up stubborn stains, mix 2 tablespoons baking soda, 1/2 cup vinegar, and 1 cup water and let it boil for 10 minutes.

# Broken Monsters

## Mysterious Book Report No. 182

by John Dwaine McKenna



The city of Detroit has long been an American icon; The Shining City, or Motor City as it's been called, is now an emblem of broken dreams and unkept promises. Now it's bankrupt and known colloquially as Murder City. It's a place where taxes go unpaid, homes are abandoned, and buildings are razed by the city because they're eyesores: neglected, decrepit, crime-ridden, looted and decayed . . . eventually torn down because they've become so hazardous to public health and safety.

It is against this bleak, dystopian backdrop that an ingenious, frightful and thoroughly entertaining novel by a South African author named Lauren Beukes is written . . . and it's enthralling.

*Broken Monsters*, (Harper Collins, \$26.00, 520 pages, ISBN 978-0-00-746459-3) is the story of a failed artist named Clayton Broom, who's trying to redeem himself-and the city of Detroit-through his 'art,' which he thinks will reanimate itself, Detroit and his career, if only people will pay attention to his installations . . . which he's been putting in various public places.

Gabi Versado is an eight-year homicide veteran who always gets the bad guy, but she's never seen anything like the murders taking place during the current winter. Bodies have been turning up grafted to parts of animals. The police are suppressing the news, trying to prevent a panic, while at the same time a failed actor-reporter-blogger from New York City is trying to reinvent himself by reporting on Detroit's cultural renaissance through a series of art raves: underground, parties for the young, hip and economically challenged youths of the dying city. All the characters are in some way or another broken and all are looking for redemption. This is a complex, fun and entertaining read that will make you damned glad you're not living in Detroit. *Broken Monsters* is a chilling novel that you'll remember long after you're done reading it.

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### Letter to the Editor

#### OUR SCHOOL, OUR EDUCATIONAL PHILOSOPHY

During the most recent Tri-Valley School Board Meeting, community members shared their thoughts regarding a new district "no overnight field trip" guideline. This suggestion, raised by a four-member committee of the board late winter of last year and revisited now, would have meant a modification of the annual 6th-grade overnight adventure to Frost Valley to be comprised of two, separate one-day field trips. I was informed that the school administration and teachers have been in conversation regarding the overall field trip structure, and whether or not school trips correlate to what students are learning in the classroom (aka, Common Core Standards.) There are still questions on the part of community members regarding the school's future field trip plans. However, after consideration of community opinion, the board agreed to modify this "guideline" and to allow for overnight field trips. What is not clear is what actually precipitated this conversation to begin with, as there seemed to be a lack of clarity on the part of board members. However, I extend a heartfelt thank you to the Board of Education for listening to our concerns, for modifying the guidelines, and for everything they do for our children.

Moving forward, it is important for our entire community to consider our district's educational philosophy, which would necessarily include guidelines related to field trips, school celebrations, and other educational experiences. Therefore, I would like to summarize *three points* I raised at the board meeting for your consideration:

**1. First, our default should be to serve the most needy among us.**

We should be wary of determining the value of school programming based on what we might see through a middle or upper class lens. At the last PTO meeting, one parent wisely stated that, "There's an entire district *within* our district that we need to reach." Many children in our district would never set foot inside a public library were it not for the field trips to the Daniel Pierce Library from the school's Universal Pre-K program. Many in our district would never enjoy the opportunity of visiting a farm were it not for the trip to Kelder's, or of visiting a zoo, a museum, the Ashokan Center, or Frost Valley, were it not for the school providing such opportunities. To minimize such experiences would affect some more than others, namely, the economically limited.

**2. Secondly, we need to be wary of a disturbing trend affecting our educational structure.**

A corporate production model is being superimposed onto our educational system and we must *reject* this trend. What underlies a corporate model is a dangerous philosophy that views the human being as a "cog in a machine" that must "produce." This model leads to a *dehumanization* in education. We see this dehumanization where we are asking teachers to follow a curriculum lock-step regardless of whether it is developmentally appropriate, or regardless of the particular

needs of their students. We see it in a gradual movement AWAY from experiential/whole-body learning. And we see it where we determine the value of a field trip based on how well it "fits to a curriculum" or standards. Curriculum and standards by their very *definition*, are "limiting," but we are not required to limit our children's *experiences* based on a particular narrow framework. In fact, we do them a disservice to presume they can't learn outside of the "Common Core box."

**3. Third, I would like to praise our community for our traditions, which first and foremost include a tradition of generosity when it comes to our children!** There is no place like Grahamsville! We built a playground, a track, a library! We have incredible AYSO, Bear Cub, Little League, children's literacy programs, and other community efforts, including a swim program to rival all others! And we cherish our traditions, including The Little World's Fair, the Grahamsville Gallop, the Pumpkin Party, AND experiences like the Frost Valley trip that has become a "right of passage" for the past 16 years. (Thank you, Carol Furman!)

Finally, as the school administration and Board of Education considers future guidelines related to our children's education, I think we can all agree that we should not underestimate our community's ability and willingness to help *them* help our kids *experience* the beautiful things of life.

Sincerely,  
Jennifer Edwards  
Neversink, NY

### Democratic Women of Sullivan County Elect New Officers for 2015



At their re-organizational meeting on January 21, 2015, the Democratic Women of Sullivan County (DWSC) elected a new slate of officers for 2015.

Left to right in the accompanying photo are: Treasurer - Lily Stettner, Vice President - Joan Stoddard, Secretary - Carol Montana and President - Debra Gabriel.

The Steering Committee members for 2015 are Kathy LaBuda, Donna Schick and Adrianna Greco.

The next Executive Session meeting will be held on February 26, 2015 at a location to be announced. General meetings are held the last Thursday of each month.

At each general meeting, guests are asked to donate a non-perishable food item for the Sullivan County Federation for the Homeless or a pet food item for the Sullivan County SPCA.

The DWSC is an independent, progressive, grassroots organization devoted to bringing more Sullivan County women into the political process.

All women and men who support this mission are welcome. For additional information about the DWSC, their meeting locations and other events, please write to DWSC4US@gmail.com, visit the Democratic Women of Sullivan County Facebook page or call 845-985-7783.

### Two Agri-Business Workshops Offered by CCESC in March


LIBERTY, NY- Two workshops on agricultural business management topics for farm owners and managers will be offered in March by Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County (CCESC).

Farm Succession and Estate Planning will take place on Tuesday, March 3, 2015 from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. Dan Welch, Business and Succession Planning Coordinator of NY FarmNet/NY FarmLink and Charles H. Dyson of the School of Applied Economics and Management at Cornell University will discuss the passing of family land and involving family members in its ownership and operation. Topics to be covered include key legacy planning challenges and tools to deal with them, business and transfer planning, determining your heirs' interest, clarifying your values and goals, steps to succession planning, organizing effective family meetings, and legal and financial instruments. Cost is \$20 per person or \$15 per CCESC Enrollee.

Farm Safety and Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Regulations will take place on Thursday, March 26, 2015 from 11:00 am to 3:30 pm. James Carrabba, the Agricultural Safety Specialist from NY Center for Agricultural Medicine and Health (NYCAMH) and Ronald Williams, Compliance Assistant Specialist from OSHA will present on the updates for farm safety and OSHA laws for all farms, farm hazards, and our Local Emphasis Program (LEP) for dairy farm operations. Cost is \$25 per person or \$20 per CCESC Enrollee.

These educational opportunities will be held at the CCESC Gerald J. Skoda Extension Education Center on 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road in Liberty. Lunch is included for each workshop. Anyone can enroll in the CCESC association for an annual fee of \$25.00 per household to obtain the discounted cost.

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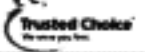
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## The Olive Jar - By Carol LaMonda

Thank goodness it isn't leap year. I am counting the days until February is over. The record cold is no longer fun.

I always look forward to the first snowfall and getting out my mittens and scarf and boots. I love coming in, for the first time, all numb and cold and warming myself by the wood stove with a cup of hot chocolate. Now, months of snow and cold later, the joy of winter is gone, and I long for green. I am tired of the dirty snow banks, melting icicles like stalactites, slick walkways, and salt-white paw-prints.

Somehow, staying cool in summer is more fun than staying warm in winter. Less expensive too. Even though we burn wood, our furnace kicks in trying to combat thirty-below wind chills. Thank goodness, oil is down from the predicted "lock-in" price the companies predicted last summer. The talk at morning coffee klatches is how cold it is and who got the best price on oil delivery.

The old-timers are no longer comparing this winter to the harshness of the winters of by-gone days when they were young. This has become the winter of brutal standards by which all future ones will be measured. Hopefully, that is.

I am hoping that by the time this column is printed, we enter some sort of SOLAR Vortex and start reporting temperatures in positive double digits. I am convinced that Mother Nature is suffering from extreme menopause symptoms in her Global Warming Cycle.

## UC Exec Mike Hein Acts Swiftly and Vetoes Resolution Seeking to Convert County Vehicles to LP Gas (From Pg. 1)

"After conducting a thorough review of the propane proposal covering the environmental, financial and operational components, the Department of the Environment does not believe conversion of the vans to propane is in any way appropriate or advisable," said Ulster County Department of the Environment Coordinator Amanda LaValle. "Current initiatives including the use of biodiesel in the UCAT bus fleet and plug-in hybrid vehicles will yield 26 times the greenhouse gas reduction as compared to the propane proposal. In addition, there is negligible, if any, financial benefit to the County in implementing this proposal. The propane proposal is clearly a lose/lose proposition for both the environment and the County Budget."

The transport vans sought to be retrofitted are on average 7 years old, have an odometer reading of 50,000 miles and average 11 miles per gallon. If one van was retired and a new fuel efficient model was purchased as a replacement, it would reduce fuel consumption of the fleet by 12%, as opposed to the up to 10% reduction by converting to LP gas.

More than two-thirds of domestic propane production comes from natural gas production. This percentage is dramatically growing due to the boom in natural gas production due to low cost, high volume hydraulic fracturing. New York State recently banned hydraulic fracturing due to its dangerous environmental impacts.

## SUNY New Paltz Welcomes Assemblymember Cahill

(Kingston, NY) - Assemblymember Kevin A. Cahill (D-Ulster, Dutchess) paid a visit to his alma mater, SUNY New Paltz, on Tuesday February 18th to meet with President Donald Christian and his staff, and to witness the flurry of construction activity on campus. Assemblymember Cahill has been instrumental in securing support for these ongoing capital projects, and was pleased to be able to see their progress.



"I am thrilled with the new developments on the SUNY New Paltz campus," said Assemblymember Cahill. "The new buildings and renovations are transforming and modernizing the grounds of the college. The new dormitory and academic buildings will also help accommodate the rising student population being experienced by the college, and allow more individuals than ever to earn a degree."

The new dormitory will house over 200 students and will open its doors in time for the fall 2015 semester. Each room is equipped with electronic heating and cooling systems, high speed internet connectivity, and comprehensive fire safety precautions. Assemblymember Cahill spoke at the groundbreaking ceremony for the new housing over a year ago, and looks forward to its timely completion. The \$27.4 million capital project was made possible by the restructuring of NYSAD Capital Projects bonding cap, advocated for by Assemblymember Cahill.

The new science building located in the northeast corner of the grounds will provide state of the art facilities to house computer science, geology, geogra-

phy, physics, astronomy and mathematics programs, as well as interdisciplinary laboratories. The nearly \$50 million dollar project was aided by appropriations in the state budget, at the request of Assemblymember Kevin Cahill. Using exclusively local labor, the structure will achieve LEED Silver certification upon its completion.

"Not only are we aiding in the expansion of quality higher education in the Hudson Valley," said Assemblymember Cahill, "we are doing it while adhering to the most stringent of environmental sustainability standards."

The tour concluded with the newly established, but already thriving Makerbot innovation center, where the college utilizes 3D printing technology. In partnership with the leading manufacturer of such printers, the college started the center to push the boundaries of advanced manufacturing in the Hudson Valley. The center is currently equipped with over 30 Makerbot replicators for use by students and interns across multiple disciplines, from mechanical engineering to art and design. Guided by professional staff, these students partner with regional and national businesses to meet the demand for 3D printed products. While at the center,

Assemblymember Cahill was given a special gift: a 3D printed map of the 103rd Assembly District, to be put on display in the capitol office. "Assemblymember Kevin Cahill is a proud New Paltz alumnus, who has consistently supported his alma mater throughout his distinguished public service career," said SUNY New Paltz President Donald P. Christian. "The Assemblymember has played a critical role in securing the capital funding necessary for several outstanding building projects that bring 21st century teaching and learning spaces to the New Paltz campus. We deeply appreciate his enduring support."

As always, Assemblymember Cahill was happy to visit his alma mater, and further pleased to witness first-hand the excitement of its ongoing transformation. With these capital projects underway, SUNY New Paltz will continue as a regional hub of education and culture for the Hudson Valley.

## Peace & Justice Regional Juried Show Opens at SUNY Ulster

Peace & Justice, a Regional Juried Show juried by Elisa Pritzker, opening March 13, at SUNY Ulster's Muroff Kotler Visual Arts Gallery will feature works in a variety of disciplines, including sculpture, painting, printmaking, photography and mixed media works.

The reception will be held from 5 to 7 p.m., in the gallery. The exhibit runs through April 17. Pritzker selected 65 pieces from nearly 275 submissions from regional artists and designers who presented visual interpretations on the concepts of peace and justice, filtered through personal, social, political, private or public experiences.

"It is always difficult and a huge challenge to leave submissions out of the final selection," she said. "As a juror and artist, I understand that every piece reflects a valid point of view. The works selected, in my consideration, better contribute to the message Peace & Justice."

Pritzker has been instrumental in helping to establish the vibrant regional art scene we enjoy today. Of Argentinian descent, she moved to the Hudson Valley over 20 years ago and originated the Highland Cultural Center, a multidisciplinary arts organization, followed by the Pritzker Gallery at Casa del Arte in 2000.

The Muroff Kotler Visual Arts Gallery is open Mondays through Fridays, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., and by appointment. It is closed on college holidays. The Gallery will be closed March 30 to April 3. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, call (845) 687-5113.

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The public is invited and there is no admission cost. Simultaneous translation into Spanish will be available and the facility is ADA compliant.

The Renaissance Awards honor and recognize remarkable efforts to improve the communities in Sullivan County. This year's Renaissance Awards are given to the following volunteers in each of these categories:

The Spirit Award will be being given for outstanding efforts in community service: Lieutenant Luis Alvarez; Sullivan County Sheriff's Deputy; The Rock Hill Fire Department; and Lou Monteleone, Eldred;

The Transformation Award will be given for substantial renovation that demonstrates best practices and results in a major aesthetic enhancement: Tilly's Diner, Monticello; and BashaKill Vineyards, Wurtsboro

The Collaboration Award will be given in recognition of leadership in building partnerships to accomplish positive community goals: Laura Quigley, Sullivan County Center for Workforce Development

The Spark Award will be given for "making a difference" in the community and helping germinate volunteerism: Joel Aguilar, Youth Economic Group (YEG) - Rural & Migrant Ministry

The Revival Award will be given for outstanding efforts of an entire community with renewed attention to appearance, tourism and change on a large scale: Rock Hill Business Association and Roscoe-Rockland Chamber of Commerce

The Earth Award will be given for taking the extra strides to incorporate sustainable standards with consideration for protecting the environment and preserving natural resources: The Catskill Brewery, Livingston Manor

The morning session of the conference will also bring together a distinguished panel of six key organizations to describe how their initiatives are catalysts for the transformation of Sullivan County. Panelists include: Alan Gerry, Bethel Woods Center for the Arts; Charles Degliomini, Empire Resorts Inc.; Patrick H. Dollard, The Center for Discovery; Dr. Karin Hilgersom, SUNY Sullivan; Dr. Gerard Galarnau, Catskill Regional Medical Center; and Ramsay Adams, Catskill Mountainkeeper. The panel will be moderated by Dr. Peter Tarlow, an international consultant on community beautification and its positive effects on economic development and tourism.

The afternoon session includes a presentation about "Community Landscape Art & Practice" by Kirk Ryan Brown. The art and practice of manipulating community landscapes into pleasing gardens using the elements and principles of design has been experienced since before the creation of The Hanging Gardens of Babylon. In the middle of the 19th Century the elements and principles of artistic design were incorporated into plans for community development and improvement. The address will be illustrated with iconic examples of public horticultural displays viewed through the principles of design. (Contd. Pg. 11)

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**NACL Theatre production of Shakespeare's Will at SUNY Sullivan on March 5th**  
(From Pg. 9) Throwing sentimentality, reverence, and historical accuracy out the window, Thiessen imbues his script with humour and a brand of theatricality that is equally apparent on the page as on stage. Embracing a refreshing audacity that pushes presumption aside, he presents an alternative perspective on Shakespeare that's an intelligent and generous vehicle for actors hardy enough to drive it.

-Elizabeth Mitchell, *QUILL AND QUIRE*

Shakespeare's Will performance on Thursday, March 5, 2015 at 2:00 PM and 8:00 PM at SUNY Sullivan at Seelig Theatre 112 College Road, Loch Sheldrake, NY 12759 (845) 434-5750 or (800) 577-5243 \$10 Tickets- Students Free.

**Special Recipient for Fall for Art 2015 Mental Health Services**  
**HealthAlliance of the Hudson Valley**  
Mental Health Services HealthAlliance of the Hudson Valley will be the special recipient at the 19th annual Jewish Federation of Ulster County's Fall for Art gala art show and cocktail reception fundraiser scheduled for Thursday, September 10th 2015 at the Wiltwyck Golf Club in Kingston from 6:00-9:00pm. The fundraising event raises more than \$20,000 each year for distribution to many local not-for profits, including: the Hudson Valley Food Bank, Family of Woodstock, CASA, People's Place, Jewish Family Services, and area synagogues, among others.

More than 25 of the area's leading professional artists are featured at the juried Fall for Art event. On September 10th, representatives from Mental Health Services will be invited to select art from the show to be permanently installed at the facility at the Marys Avenue Campus of HealthAlliance. Fall for Art is proud to sponsor this opportunity for the thousands of clients and family members, who utilize their community psychiatric services, to enjoy and be inspired by the art year-round. The HealthAlliance of the Hudson Valley's Mental Health Services offers evaluation and treatment of a wide range of psychiatric disorders through inpatient and partial hospitalization. Their team of board certified psychiatrists, psychiatric nurse practitioners, nurses, activity/art/music therapists and social workers are compassionate professionals who are committed to helping improve emotional health with inpatient and outpatient services.

Fall for Art is made possible through the support of corporate and individual sponsorships, patrons, ticket buyers and contributors. Sponsorships at various levels are available now and tickets will be on sale during the summer. Additional information about Fall for Art is available at: [www.fallforart.org](http://www.fallforart.org) or from the Federation office at 845-338-8131.



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Governor Cuomo announced new measures to promote winter tourism in the North Country, including a ride-free weekend when snowmobilers can access state trails in the North Country for free during the weekend of March 7-8 and that the 2015 Adirondack Winter Challenge to be held on March 8.

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### The Ulster Ballet Company, along with Mid-Hudson Valley Dance Companies, to Honor Former Treasurer at its 32nd Annual Festival of Dance

On Saturday, March 21st, 2015 at 8 p.m., the Ulster Ballet Company will proudly present The 32nd Annual Festival of Dance, to be held at Ulster Performing Arts Center (UPAC) in Kingston, NY. Since 1983, the festival has showcased both aspiring and professional dancers and choreographers, with a diverse range of styles and techniques. Each year, its stunning, original programs captivate dance enthusiasts of all ages. There are very few dance productions in the Hudson Valley where one can experience phenomenal, first-rate dancing of so many different genres, all in one night!

The Festival of Dance is an electrifying, explosive, and dynamic coming together of dance companies and dance styles with an international theme from the metropolitan area, the Capital District and the Mid-Hudson Valley. Joining Silver Screen Ballroom, Syncopated City Dance Company, the Ellen Sinopoli Dance Company, ZEST COLLECTIVE Contemporary Performance Art, The Dance

Conservatory Performance Project, and Vanessa Van Wormer Dance with Chamber Ballet Brockport, are returning local favorites: Solas An Lae American Irish Dance Company, Energy Dance Company and the Ulster Ballet Company.

From Red Hook comes Solas An Lae American Irish Dance Company that will offer a selection of innovative and progressive Irish dance pieces. From its home at the Center for Creative Education in Kingston Energy Dance Company is sure to excite the audience with its entertaining versions of Hip-Hop, Reggae and Latin Dance Styles. And the Ulster Ballet Company, not only will be hosting the event, but will be presenting original choreography set to traditional Norwegian music.




This year the Ulster Ballet Company will honor its former treasurer, Philip F. Meagher, who recently passed away. Mr. Meagher, in addition to donating his time to the Ulster Ballet Company for thirteen years, had a successful career at IBM for over forty-years. He was also Chairman of the Board of the West Hurley Public Library, and served on the Hurley Town Council.

Tickets for Ulster Ballet Company's Festival of Dance are \$22 for adults; and \$18 for senior citizens, and UPAC/Bardavon members. For groups of ten or more, and children 12 and under, tickets are \$15. To purchase tickets, call the UPAC box office at 845-339-6088; visit Ticketmaster at [ticketmaster.com](http://ticketmaster.com), or call 800-745-3000.

The Ulster Ballet Company is a non-profit organization that has been bringing area residents innovative and creative dance entertainment since 1977. For further information, visit [www.ulsterballet.org](http://www.ulsterballet.org) or call 845-246-4316.

### ERH to Host a Collection of Photographs by Featured Artist Rubi Rose



Rubi Rose's photographs will be on display in the Healing Arts Gallery at Ellenville Regional Hospital from February 16 - March 27. The show is free and open to the public, 8am-8pm daily. For more information about the Healing Arts exhibit or the Ellenville Regional Hospital, please contact (845) 210-3043.

Rubi Rose's lifelong passion for photography began with a gift of a bright pink Kodak 35 mm camera from her uncle when she was seven years old. This camera was the first of many that became an extension of her vision and creativity as she took hundreds of photos of friends,

family, interesting environments, and the beautiful Hudson Valley. Rubi's photography projects have utilized a wide range of formats, including black-and-white, color, large-format 4x5 and digital. In addition to developing her own portfolio, she works with MacArthur Fellowship winning-photographer Wendy Ewald. Freelance work has included weddings, parties, bar and bat-mitzvahs, and events as diverse as shoots for Vogue Italia, One Voice For Haiti, and the New York City Village Halloween Parade.

Following her acclaimed show Between a Peasant and a Patroon, Rubi received a fellowship from the Tierney Foundation, which supported her subsequent show Ten Again which opened in spring 2012. In 2013, Vistas and Visions a mother and daughter show at Bank of America in Woodstock, NY, featured her aerial photography of the Mojave Desert. With Crow-Tone productions, Rubi recently finished working on the short documentary, The Twelve-Foot-Tall Rabbits of Rokeby Farm, featured as part of the 15th Annual Woodstock Film Festival in 2014.

A graduate of Bard College, Rubi's Bachelor's degree is in photography. She currently makes her home in Rhinebeck, NY and is an avid cyclist and swimmer. She also is on the committee of the Red Hook Film Festival. To purchase the book Between A Peasant and A Patroon, please contact me at: [info@RubiRose.com](mailto:info@RubiRose.com)

To watch the trailer of The Twelve-Foot-Tall Rabbits of Rokeby of Farm go to: [TwelveFootRabbits.com](http://TwelveFootRabbits.com)



### Day Camp at the Farm

A fun, weeklong program that teaches kids about sustainable living



Frost Valley YMCA is announcing a new day camp program for local kids and teens interested in a taste of life on the farm. At Farm Day Camp, they'll learn all about growing and harvesting food, create farm-to-table dishes, learn how to properly care for animals, and more.

Campers can enjoy a week of visiting Frost Valley's 515-acre working farm, where they'll have the opportunity to tend to a barn full of animals, harvest crops from a bountiful garden, and gain a stronger appreciation for what it means to be a steward of the earth. In true camp spirit, there will also be time to enjoy all the great activities Frost Valley has to offer, such as boating, arts and crafts, archery, games and more.

It's hard to imagine the warm days of summer when there's still so much snow outside, but Frost Valley's registrar says spots are already filling up and early registration is recommended. The program takes place from August 31-September 4 and costs \$205 per camper, plus transportation if needed. Bussing is limited for Farm Day Camp, but is available for this and other Day Camp programs from several locations in Sullivan, Ulster, and Delaware Counties.

Frost Valley YMCA's various Day Camps provide an enriching summer experience to children ages four-15 from the local community. Counselors experienced in childcare and recreation lead kids through days of adventure and excitement. Those who would like to learn more about Frost Valley Day Camp can attend a free Camp Open House event on April 26, May 17, or June 7. Guests will participate in a presentation, Q&A session, lunch, and can even try a fun craft project. Call 845-985-2291 ext. 306 or email [daycamp@frostvalley.org](mailto:daycamp@frostvalley.org) for information and reservations.

Can't wait until summer? Mark your calendars for Spring Break Day Camp, just over a month away, from March 30-April 3. Campers can enjoy traditional camp activities, plus a trip to a local indoor pool. Our program is both affordable and flexible, offering 3-5-day options with free (limited) transportation. Visit [FrostValley.org](http://FrostValley.org) for more information or to register.

### Fallsburg Junior High School and Newcomers to School



During the current school year as part of the Extended Day curriculum, English as a Second Language Teachers have been meeting with seventh and eighth graders that are brand new arrivals to America and to Fallsburg Central School District. The Newcomers Program has been very helpful to the children, who come with little or no English. According to instructors Jesus Galvan and Malvina Saavedra, the children get to bond with each other, learn to use computers, and work on homework and academic support with the teacher's guidance.

Since many of the children from Honduras and Ecuador have families working in the local farm and farm-related industry, the State Migrant Education Program is deeply involved in this after-school program as well. Parent Specialist for Sullivan County Mid-Hudson Migrant Education Program Martha Gonzalez visits the sessions regularly and assists with academic support. Many of the children come with very limited life skills and literacy even in their native language. She appreciates these classes and is working to develop other support for the students.

### NACL Theatre production of Shakespeare's Will at SUNY Sullivan on March 5th



SUNY Sullivan Theatre Program will present NACL Theatre's production of Shakespeare's Will by award-winning playwright Vern Thiessen on March 5th for two performance at 2:00 and 8:00 PM. Tannis Kowalchuk performs the role of Anne Hathaway in a lively song-filled solo performance about the life of Anne Hathaway, the wife of William Shakespeare. The play begins on the afternoon of Shakespeare's funeral. Anne knows she must read her husband's will, but before she does, the widow relives her life as mother, wife, and woman in 17th century Stratford-Upon-Avon. Basing the narrative upon the little information known about the Bard's wife, award-winning Canadian playwright, Vern Thiessen has written a sensitive and humorous text in verse, taking great delight imagining and inventing the robust, earthy, and intelligent character of Anne Hathaway. Kowalchuk moves from character to character and from decade to decade in an hour-long performance using song, inventive use of simple props and humorous story telling. Directed by Mimi McGurl with music by Kurt Knuth and costumes by Karen Flood.

The NACL production of Shakespeare's Will has been performed at NACL Theatre, the Tusten Theatre in Narrowsburg, NY, Pontine Theatre in Portsmouth NH, the Cooperage in Honesdale, PA, Spring Island, South Carolina, Moore's Barn in Callicoon, NY

#### REVIEWS

Tannis Kowalchuk breathes rich, layered life into the character, who is funny, wise and burdened, as she regales the audience with her experience being married to the world's most famous playwright. Mimi McGurl's direction is flawless, and music and sound designer Kurt Knuth's contribution more than noteworthy. The entire production is enhanced with a great use of the space, props, costumes and lighting (provided by the multitalented Zoot) and Kowalchuk's performance a tour de force. -Jonathan Fox, THE RIVER REPORTER (Contd. Pg. 10)

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### ERH 15th Annual Love Your Heart Day

On Tuesday, February 17th, Ellenville Regional Hospital hosted its 15th annual Love Your Heart Day. This year, attendees participated in a roundtable discussion with John T. Respass, MD, FACC.



Respass, a Cardiologist and Electrophysiologist from the Hudson Valley Heart Center, answered cardiac-related questions from the crowd, while they dined on a heart-healthy lunch. Theresa Aversano, Director of Physical Medicine and Rehab at Ellenville Regional Hospital, was

on hand to discuss the benefits of exercise and cardiac rehab for a healthy heart. The event also included free health screenings and raffle prizes.

For more information on the services provided by Dr. Respass at Ellenville Regional Hospital, please call 845 647-2510. For information on cardiac rehab services available at the hospital, please call 845 647-6400.





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are, be, been, being, is, was, were - but it should be noted that these are all different forms of the verb to be. There are many others as well. Some people call them linking verbs or static verbs. These are words like tastes, feels or seems.

State-of-being or static verbs express states that exist with no action taken. The list below contains action verbs and state-of-being verbs. What are the state-of-being verbs in the list?

Grow, was, walks, running, is, drives, kills, jumps, are, have, knows, feels, looks, falls, calls, trips

The answers to this exercise will be in the next installment of *The English Language*. If you want to see the answers now, go to [workadaywriter.com/lesson-two-state-of-being-verbs](http://workadaywriter.com/lesson-two-state-of-being-verbs) and scroll to the bottom of the content.

Last week's answers are roar, swim, hiss, cry, go, throw, grow, ends, painting, carries

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**Lesson Two: State-of-Being Verbs**  
 "Waste no more time arguing about what a good man should be. Be one."  
 -Marcus Aurelius

We know from Lesson One that action verbs are words which show action. Verbs can also be words that do NOT show action but instead state a fact or show a condition. These are called state-of-being verbs.

For example, in the sentence, "Those dogs are fast," the word "are" is a state-of-being verb.

Common state of being verbs are am, are, be, been, being, is, was, were - but it should be noted that these are all different forms of the verb to be. There are many others as well. Some people call them linking verbs or static verbs. These are words like tastes, feels or seems.

**NACL THEATRE seeks a General Manager**

NACL Theatre (North American Cultural Laboratory), a not-for-profit theatre company and performance venue in Highland Lake, NY, Sullivan County, seeks a full time general manager to lead the dynamic and multi-faceted business operations of the 17-year old theatre company. Candidates should have entrepreneurial abilities in the field of development and fundraising, and a detail-oriented facility with grant-writing, financials, bookkeeping, budgets, and database management. The general manager will develop and implement creative strategies for marketing and booking NACL touring performances, and will bring to the table innovative ideas and action plans that enable growth in programs and increase funding streams for sustainability and success.

The ideal candidate will have the following skill set: Grant writing, development, fundraising skills; Bookkeeping (NACL uses Quickbooks); Strong computer skills; Database management; Financial management; Team-player and self-directed; Creative thinker and strong communication skills; and Bachelor's Degree or equivalent work experience

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TO APPLY Please email cover letter and resume to: Tannis Kowalchuk, Artistic Director, Email: [Tannis@NACL.org](mailto:Tannis@NACL.org) with the subject line General Manager Application, Questions please forward to [NACL@NACL.org](mailto:NACL@NACL.org). For more information about NACL go to [www.NACL.org](http://www.NACL.org)

**Delaware Valley Arts Alliance presents Spring Concert Series At Tusten Theatre**

Music is the cure for cabin fever. Delaware Valley Arts Alliance celebrates the arrival of spring by kicking off the Spring Concert series with the instrumental group Jazzmosis, playing with Yasgur, at the Tusten Theatre, 210 Bridge Street, Narrowsburg, NY on Saturday, March 28.



Sullivan County-based Jazzmosis, founded in 2011, features drummer Mike Cervone, guitarist Steve Schwartz, bassist Tom Volpe, and saxophonist Greg Fiske. The group traces its musical roots to the jazz rock/jazz fusion movement of the 1960s, continuing that tradition during their shows with extended solo and group jams.

"Our music is more like a musical conversation, each member playing off the others to create a constant tension and release. While we are strongest in a rock setting, we have taken a cue from jazz improvisers, and add a touch of Latin, reggae, blues and even country to our musical compositions," the band says in a statement on its website. The group's CD "Skychaser" was released in 2012. During its final set, Jazzmosis will be joined on stage by Yasgur, a band that formed when a group of friends began jamming in Bethel, NY near the site of the 1969 Woodstock Music Festival, Yasgur's Farm. They are Rich Johansen on vocals and guitar, Mike Moss on vintage percussion, Dan Berger on harp, Tony Penn on guitar and vocals, and Suresh on bass. Yasgur covers tunes by Muddy Waters, Tom Waits, Bruce Springsteen, the Grateful Dead, and Chuck Berry, among others.

On Saturday, April 18, keyboard virtuoso Bob Malone takes the Tusten stage. A touring soloist for two decades and performing with rock legend John Fogerty since 2011, Malone's sound is best described as an energetic one-of-a-kind hybrid mix of rock, blues and New Orleans R&B. Those who heard John Fogerty at

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Bethel Woods this past summer may remember Malone on keyboards, as well as Malone's particularly outstanding accordion performance. Malone averages 100 solo shows a year and has shared the stage with Bruce Springsteen, Jackson Browne, Jimmy Buffett, Rickie Lee Jones, The Neville Brothers, Dr. John and many others. Songs from Malone's seven albums are played on stations worldwide. His newest CD, "Mojo Deluxe," is set for release in the U.S. in the spring of 2015.

Keyboard Magazine describes Malone's performance as "pulsating, roaring work that grabs you and shakes you until you cry for mercy."

The Spring Concert Series continues at the Tusten on Saturday, May 2 with a production of "I of the Storm," a one-man theatrical performance by Richard Hoehler. The bluegrass band Cricket Tell the Weather will perform on Saturday, May 16, and Loudon Wainwright III will close the series on Friday, June 19.

Tickets for Jazzmosis and Bob Malone are \$15 at the door, \$12 in advance. Doors open at 7:30 pm and showtimes are at 8 p.m.; a wine bar is available before the performances. For more information visit [delawarevalleyartsalliance.org](http://delawarevalleyartsalliance.org) or call 845-252-7576.

**Creative Conversations Presents Award-winning Songwriter Kevin Bents on March 1**

Delaware Valley Arts Alliance will conclude their winter "Creative Conversations" series on Sunday, March 1 at 2 p.m. with pianist, guitarist, and singer Kevin Bents in a program titled "The Art Of Becoming-How I Got From There To Here"

Bents will talk about his life, and how he turned his passion for music into a career. He will trace a path from his roots in Wisconsin to performing with Steely Dan, Boz Scaggs, Jewel, and John Fogerty to winning Emmys for Music Direction and Composition for daytime television and singing and playing on the NYC session scene.

Most recently, his transformation as a producer and performer brought him to Germany with arena-filling German rock star Marius Westernhagen.

Creative Conversations is co-sponsored by Delaware Valley Arts Alliance and Delaware Valley Chamber Orchestra and will be moderated by Kevin Vertrees.

There is a suggested donation of \$10 for this event, which takes place at the Delaware Arts Center, Krause Recital Hall, 37 Main Street, 2nd floor, Narrowsburg, NY. Seating is limited. For details, call 845-252-7576 or visit [www.DelawareValleyArtsAlliance.org](http://www.DelawareValleyArtsAlliance.org).

**TEN SPECIAL RENAISSANCE AWARDS**

(From Pg. 6) The afternoon also includes the launch of the 2015 Sullivan Renaissance grant program. Individuals will have an opportunity to discuss projects and volunteer opportunities with staff in both English and Spanish. Market items from The Center for Discovery's Thanksgiving Farm CSA will be available for purchase throughout the day.

For details about the conference, call the Sullivan Renaissance office at 845-295-2445.

Go to <http://www.sullivanrenaissance.org/registration/> to download a conference brochure or to register online.

Sullivan Renaissance is a beautification and community development program principally funded by the Gerry Foundation.

## Governor Cuomo Announces NY Repeats as Second Highest Producer of Apples and Third Highest Producer of Grapes in the Nation

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo announced that New York is once again the second highest producer of apples and the third highest producer of grapes in the nation, according to preliminary estimates from the USDA. New York produced an estimated 1.26 billion pounds of apples and 188,000 tons of grapes last year, combining for a total \$358.4 million crop. The standings come on the heels of a series of record agriculture harvests and unprecedented international recognition of New York's agriculture products over the last four years.

"New York is home to some of the best agricultural products in the world, and these numbers show that this state remains a national leader," Governor Cuomo said. "A sustainable farming sector not only grows the economy and creates jobs, but also makes it clear that New York is open for business."

With these estimates, only California and Washington exceed New York in grape production and only Washington produced more apples than the Empire State last year. The growth of the wine industry in particular was cited as a factor in New York's naming of "Wine Region of the Year" by Wine Enthusiast Magazine last October. Other factors included the quality of wines and greatly improved business climate - particularly over the last four years with Governor Cuomo's support.

According to USDA Statistics Service, New York is home to 40,000 acres of apple orchards. Apple growers produced an average of 31,500 pounds per acre of apples. Last year's crop totaled \$289 million, a 22 percent increase from 2013. New York is also home to 37,000 acres dedicated to the production of grapes. In the wake of a very harsh winter following the best crop in the state's history, grape growers produced 5.08 tons per acre of grapes in 2014 with crop production totaling \$69.4 million.

State Agriculture Commissioner Richard A. Ball said, "Our apple and grape industries are symbols of excellence within New York agriculture and I congratulate both industries on their successes in 2014. When agriculture does well, the New York economy does well. I see nothing but a bright future for agriculture here in New York State."

Governor Cuomo's Taste NY program has promoted the New York apple industry at Thruway rest stops and physical Taste NY stores located across the state, as well as through cider tastings at industry events such as the annual International Restaurant and Foodservice Show of New York at the Jacob K. Javits Convention Center in New York City and the Great New York State Fair in Syracuse. Many apple orchards and cideries also proudly display the Pride of NY label on their products.

In October 2013, Governor Cuomo signed legislation making a new license available to farm cideries that use crops grown exclusively in New York State. The new law has opened new opportunities for the state's apple industry while creating 11 farm cideries across New York.

New York apples have year-round availability in more than 20 varieties, including Cortland, Empire, Fuji, Gala, Golden Delicious, McIntosh, RubyFrost and Zestar. According to the New York Apple Association, one medium apple (about 80 calories) provides one-fifth of dietary fiber requirements for cardiovascular and digestive health and contains no fat, sodium or cholesterol.

Jim Allen, President of the New York Apple Association, said, "We might be number two in national apple production, but New York has the best growing conditions and best tasting apples in the country. That puts us number one in the hearts of consumers from around the world. Snow may be on the ground, but New York apples, ciders and other apple prod-

ucts are available at food establishments throughout the year."

According to a recent economic impact study commissioned by the New York Wine and Grape Foundation, the grape, grape juice and wine industry has a \$4.8 billion economic impact and attracts 5.3 million tourists annually to the New York State. The industry supports 25,000 full-time jobs with wages amounting to more than \$1.4 billion. Taste NY also continues its efforts to help promote the wine and grape industry, most recently helping 25 New York wineries participate in the Boston Wine Expo, one of the largest wine-related events in the Northeast, this past weekend.

Jim Trezise, President of the New York Wine and Grape Foundation, said, "The 2014 New York grape crop turned out a lot better than many people expected after the extreme cold of three 'polar vortex' events upstate during the winter, followed by a relatively cool spring and summer. But September turned out to be pure magic for ripening, so the quality was superb and the quantity was larger than envisioned earlier. Tonnage was 9% below the previous year, but that's because 2013 was the largest harvest on record. All in all, it was a very good year."

New York has ranked second in apple production every year since 1996 and third in grape production every year since 1987, with an exception in 1996 when the state ranked second. New York State also traditionally ranks in the top ten nationally in the production of blueberries, peaches, pears, strawberries, sweet cherries and tart cherries. In 2014, the state ranked fourth in pear production, fifth in tart cherries, eighth in sweet cherries, ninth in strawberries, and eleventh in peaches and blueberries.

## Senator Bonacic named a member to the Task Force on Lyme and Tick-Borne Diseases

(Middletown, NY)- Senator John J. Bonacic, 42nd Senate District, announced today that he will serve as a member of the New York State Senate's Task Force on Lyme and Tick-Borne Diseases. The Task Force was created in October of 2013. Shortly thereafter, the Task Force issued a report detailing its recommendations for combating Lyme and Tick-Borne Diseases in New York State.

"I look forward to serving with my colleagues on this important task force," said Bonacic. "Lyme and Tick-Borne Diseases are potentially life-threatening illnesses that affect many individuals in New York State and the Hudson Valley. My colleagues and I will work to address the geographic expansion of Lyme and Tick-Borne illness by taking a comprehensive approach that examines ways to encourage detection and prevention initiatives, and facilitates diagnostic and treatment advancements."

This session's Task Force will build upon funding secured last year, which included \$500,000 in last year's budget, promote the ongoing implementation of the report's recommendations, and continue outreach to identify issues needing to be addressed in the prevention, detection, and treatment of tick-borne illnesses in New York.

## Schneiderman to Submit Expanded Legislation to Address Growing Problem of "Zombie Properties"

Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman announced that in the next two weeks he will resubmit to the legislature an expanded version of a bill he proposed last year to address the growing statewide problem of so-called "zombie properties" - vacant and abandoned homes that are not maintained during a prolonged foreclosure proceeding. The Attorney General's program bill, the Abandoned Property Neighborhood Relief Act, aims to reduce the number of vacant and abandoned properties falling into disrepair across the state by inform-

ing homeowners of their right to stay in their home until a court orders the homeowner to leave, requiring mortgage lenders and servicers to identify, secure and maintain vacant and abandoned properties much earlier in the foreclosure process, and creating a registry of such properties to assist municipalities with enforcement of laws regarding property maintenance. In a new provision, any fines levied against banks and other lenders for noncompliance with the law would be directed to a fund for local governments to hire additional code enforcement officers. Independent Democratic Conference Leader and Senate Coalition Co-Leader Jeffrey D. Klein and Assembly Member Helene Weinstein are expected to sponsor the legislation. Attorney General Schneiderman announced the bill in a speech before the New York State Association of Towns' 2015 Training School and Annual Meeting.

"Leaving zombie properties to rot is unfair to municipalities and unfair to neighbors, who pay their taxes and maintain their homes," said Attorney General Schneiderman. "In the next two weeks, my office will resubmit to the Legislature our bill that would require banks to take responsibility for maintaining properties much earlier in the foreclosure process, take that burden off of towns and cities, and allow local governments to more easily identify the mortgagees of these properties to make sure they maintain them. And as my office enforces the requirement that banks take responsibility for these properties, any fines we levy will go into a fund to help towns and cities hire more code enforcement officers."

In his remarks, Attorney General Schneiderman noted that the problem of zombie properties has gotten worse in New York State in the last year. The Attorney General's office analyzed 2014 data and found that zombie foreclosures increased almost 50 percent in 2014 compared to 2013. There were roughly 16,700 zombie foreclosures across the state last year. The top ten counties with the most zombie properties stretch from Long Island, to New York City, through the Hudson Valley to Western New York. The regions with the largest share of zombie foreclosures are the North Country and Central New York. In those areas, 42 percent of properties in foreclosure are abandoned before the foreclosure process is complete.

The Attorney General's Abandoned Property Neighborhood Relief Act would address the problem of zombie properties in several ways. Too often, when a homeowner falls behind on mortgage payments and receives a notice of arrears or a foreclosure notice, the homeowner abandons the property. Many families may not understand that they have the right to remain in their home until a judge declares the foreclosure complete. The bill requires that homeowners be provided with early notice that they are legally entitled to remain in their homes until ordered to leave by a court.

At the same time, there is evidence that lenders are actually slowing down the foreclosure process, and in some cases, seeking to discontinue the foreclosure action in the middle of the process, leaving homes in a "zombie" state of being vacant, abandoned, and not maintained. To address this problem, Attorney General Schneiderman's bill requires mortgagees and their loan servicers and agents to identify, secure and maintain vacant and abandoned properties soon after they are abandoned - not, as under current law, at the end of a lengthy foreclosure process. The bill establishes a periodic inspection requirement for mortgagees and loan servicing agents to determine if property subject to a delinquent mortgage is currently occupied. The bill also makes it unlawful for a mortgagee or loan servicing agent, or a person acting on their behalf, to enter a property that is not vacant or abandoned for the purpose of intimidating, harassing or coercing a lawful occupant in order to induce them to vacate the property, thereby rendering it vacant and abandoned.

Zombie homes also burden municipalities. With no one maintaining these derelict properties, they become vulnerable to crime, decay, vandalism and arson. Furthermore, these zombie homes decrease the property value of neighboring homes and become an enormous burden for local code enforcement and emergency service providers. To help municipalities address these problems, the bill requires mortgagees or their agents to electronically register these properties with a newly-created statewide Vacant and Abandoned Property Registry to be established and maintained by the Attorney General. The Registry, in turn, will provide a much needed and readily available source of information on vacant and abandoned residential properties to local officials throughout the State, and will be supplemented by a toll-free hotline that community residents can use to report suspected vacant and abandoned properties to the Attorney General and receive information regarding the status of registered properties, including the identity of the mortgagee or agent responsible for maintaining them. The bill would also create a fund to hire local code enforcement officers, and direct any fines levied for violations of the law into that fund.

## UC Exec Hein Announces Succession Planning & Farm Transfer Program to be Held on March 4th - Succession planning, financing and transferring farmland to be discussed by expert panelists

Stone Ridge, NY- Ulster County Executive Mike Hein is pleased to announce a free "Succession Planning and Farm Transfer Panel Discussion" for farmers and stakeholders in the agricultural community to be held at the Marletown Community Center at 3564 Main Street in Stone Ridge on Wednesday, March 4th at 8:30 AM.

"We have heard from the farming community about the need for information on succession planning and have therefore planned this program," said County Executive Hein. "The issues to be discussed include how to transfer a farm to a family member or members, farmland conservation as a transfer option as well as understanding the legal and financial implications of transfers. It is well understood that proper planning can ensure farms stay within families and these expert panelists are expected to address the concerns of Ulster County's farm families."


Executive Director of the Rondout Valley Growers Association Deborah DeWan said, "Succession planning is essential for the many family-owned farms in the region. Many growers in our area are looking to the future of their family farm even while they deal with the day to day operations of farming. Succession planning for farmers focuses on the future of the farm, and is an integral part of an estate plan. Transition planning creates a path forward for a family farm business that can help ensure that the family's wishes are met."

The panel discussion will be moderated by Jerry Cosgrove, a consultant and attorney. The panelists include: Todd M. Erling, Executive Director, Hudson Valley Agribusiness Development Corporation; Charles Hurd, of the Hurds Family Farm in Modena and the Ulster County Farm Bureau; Dan Welch, Business and Succession Planning Coordinator at NY FarmNet; Ryan Hrobuchak, Credit Representative at Farm Credit East; and Bill Martin, Business Consultant at Farm Credit East.

The panel discussion is co-hosted by the Ulster County Office of Economic Development, the Ulster County Economic Development Alliance, the Rondout Valley Growers Association and Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County with support from the Hudson Valley AgriBusiness Development Corporation.

For more information about this event, call the Ulster County Office of Economic Development at (845) 340-3556 or send an email to oed@co.ulster.ny.us.

**Claryville Fire Dept**  
**All you can eat**  
**Pancake breakfast**



**Sunday, March 22**  
 Serving 7:00 until Noon  
 Adults \$7  
 Children under 12, \$3  
 Under 5yrs. Free  
*\$50 from the breakfast is donated to the Claryville reformed church food pantry*

**Claryville Fire Dept.**



**Corned Beef & Cabbage Supper**  
**Saturday, March 14**  
**Serving from 4:00 to 7:00 PM**  
**Adults \$11.00**  
**Beverage included**  
**Children under 12, \$6.00, under 5 yrs. free**  
*\$50 from the dinner is donated to Claryville Reformed Church Food Pantry*

**SC Chamber of Commerce announces The Catskill Club "Let's Go to the Movies" 1920's Themed Event & Annual Sponsorship Opportunities**  
 Monticello, NY - February 18, 2015  
 - The Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce presents a night of entertainment that embraces the era of the 1920's. All are invited to "The Catskill Club - Let's Go to the Movies" on Saturday, April 11th at The Sullivan 283 Rock Hill Drive, Rock Hill, NY. The Black Tie optional (costumes encouraged) event sponsored by Monticello Casino & Raceway, Empire Resorts, EPR Properties, Hart Howerton, China City of America & Thompson

Education Center will take place from 7:00pm-11:00 pm - Cocktail hour from 7-8pm. Tickets are \$60 per person and \$100 per couple to include hors d'oeuvres, buffet dinner, cash bar (Prohibition Distillery will be showcasing Bootlegger 21 Vodka & Gin complimentary for the cocktail hour) and entertainment. Limited amount of tickets are available, advanced purchase is recommended. Black tie optional - COSTUMES ENCOURAGED!  
 Attendees will have the opportunity to have an authentic 1920's Film Noir photo experience with ND Pro Media Inc. as well as have a chance to play, Roulette, Black Jack and Craps for FUN. Prizes awarded for best 1920's costumes/attire. Hors d'oeuvres, Table Games, Costume contest, Name that celebrity, Autograph collection, Trivia, Dinner, Dancing, Movie reels & MORE! Entertainment provided by The Spencer Daniel's Agency and the Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop.  
 Tickets and sponsorships are available but are going fast. To reserve your spot, contact the Chamber office at 845-791-4200.

**The Ellenville-Wawarsing 4th of July Committee Annual Spaghetti Dinner**  
**Saturday, February 28, 2015**  
**5:00-7:00pm**  
 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.

**The GFD Ladies Auxiliary 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 Auxiliary member for tickets.  
 This event will be held Rain, Sleet, Snow or shine!!!  
**Hope to see you there!!!**



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**Sunday, 8:15 am Service of Holy Communion**  
 Music by Susan and Fred Van Wagner  
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 845-436-7539  
[www.standrewsepiscopalmission.org](http://www.standrewsepiscopalmission.org)

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 Sunday Worship Service/  
 Children's Church 10:30 am  
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 Bible Study 7 pm  
 Tuesday Night Youth Home  
 Bible Study 7 pm  
 Friday Youth Night 7 pm

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**CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**  
 (Embraces Fallsburg, Neversink, Sundown and Ulster Heights)  
**6317 Rte. 42, Woodbourne, NY**

**Weekend Mass schedule:**  
 Saturday afternoon: 5:00.  
 Sunday morning: 9:00 am and 11:30 am  
 Holy days of obligation: as announced in church bulletin.

**Daily Mass schedule:**  
 Monday afternoon 5:45 (Holy Rosary at 5:30); Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday mornings: (includes Morning Prayer)- 8:30 am (starting Sept. 3 - 8:50 am.)  
 Saturday afternoon confessions: 4 to 4:45.

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

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**SUNDOWN METHODIST CHURCH**  
 Church Hall  
**March 7, 2014**  
 5:30 p.m.

**Grahamsville United Methodist Church**



**Third Saturday Thrift Sale & Boutique**  
**9 am - 1 pm**  
**Mar. 21, 2015**

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

**Grahamsville United Methodist Church**  
 Rte. 55, Grahamsville  
 Sunday Worship Service - 10:30 a.m.  
 Sunday School for grades k-7 - 10:30a.m.  
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 For information contact Rev. Peggy Ann Sauerhoff 845-985-2283  
 e-mail: [Grahamsvilleumc@gmail.com](mailto:Grahamsvilleumc@gmail.com)

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 Holy Days 5:30 pm  
 Penance 9:00 am, 2nd Sunday of the month  
**Rev. George W. Hommel, Pastor**

**Grahamsville Reformed Church**  
 Sunday School 9:30 A.M.  
 Worship Service 9:30 A.M.  
 Rev. Paul Z. Ruter, Pastor  
 845-985-7480

**PUBLIC NOTICES/LEGALS:****TOWN OF NEVERSINK****NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that there has been introduced before the Town Board of the Town of Neversink in the County of Sullivan and State of New York, Introductory Local Law No. 1 of the Year 2015, entitled "A Local Law to Amend Chapter 50 (Zoning) and the Schedule of District Regulations of the RS District of the Code of the Town of Neversink - Private Schools", which local law will delete Special Use No. 10 in the RS District, "public and private schools", and replace the deleted language with the following: "10. Public schools".

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that, pursuant to §20 of the Municipal Home Rule Law, a public hearing will be held on the aforesaid local law before the Town Board of the Town of Neversink, at the Town Hall, 273 Main Street, Grahamsville, New York, at 7:00 p.m. prevailing time, on March 11, 2015, at which time all interested persons will be heard. A copy of the said local law is on file with the Town Clerk of the Town of Neversink, New York, where the same may be examined.

Dated: February 17, 2015

Lisa Garigliano, Town Clerk

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**PUBLIC NOTICE:**

Chapter 680 of the Laws of 2002 enacted General Municipal Law §209-cc, requiring the annual reporting of the presence of wild animals. Pursuant to this law, each person owning, possessing or harboring a wild animal as set forth in §209-cc must report its presence to the Town Clerk on or before April 1st. A list of common names of animals to be reported is available at the Denning Town Clerk's Office, 985-2411. Failure to file as required will subject to penalties under the law.

Joy Monforte  
Denning Town Clerk

February 2, 2015

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**Youth Bureau Announces 2015 Grant Opportunities**

Monticello, N.Y.- The Sullivan County Youth Bureau announced today that it will begin accepting applications from organizations that serve children and youth within Sullivan County and wish to seek additional grant funding for their program.

The Sullivan County Youth Bureau receives funding annually from the County and the New York State Office of Children and Family Services to fund youth development projects within Sullivan County. Eligible applicants include private nonprofit organizations, schools, and municipalities.

Organizations which would like to apply and be considered for funding are requested to contact the Sullivan County Youth Bureau and submit completed applications to the Youth Bureau by Monday, March 16, 2015.

For more information, please call the Sullivan County Youth Bureau at (845) 807-0396.

**NYATEP Welcomes Hundreds of Workforce Professionals to Saratoga for a Three Day Event Dedicated to Youth Education, Job Training & Employment**

The New York Association of Training and Employment Professionals (NYATEP) welcomed nearly three hundred workforce leaders, and youth, to the Capital Region this week for its annual Northeast Regional Youth Academy. This is an event dedicated to those who operate programs across the State to help young people access basic education, job training, postsecondary education and employment.

"We're thrilled to welcome so many practitioners from across the Northeast to the 2015 NYATEP Youth Academy," said Karen Springmeier, Executive Director of the Finger Lakes Workforce

Investment Board, and President of the NYATEP Board. "This event is the place we gather each year to learn from each other, and continue the tradition of excellence in serving young people across New York State."

The conference featured speakers from the U.S. Department of Labor, New York State Department of Labor, New York State Education Department and the Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP) to share updates on the July 1, 2015 implementation of the federal workforce law called the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. The goal of the law is to increase coordination across the education and job training systems to get more Americans the skills they need to connect to and stay in employment, in turn helping employers increase their productivity and keep jobs in America. As it pertains to youth, the law pays specific attention to serving "disconnected" youth, meaning youth ages 16-24 who are not working and not in school. In New York State alone, there are estimates of close to 200,000 youth that fit this profile.

"It's no secret young people have been left behind," said Kisha Bird, director of youth policy at CLASP. "6.7 million youth are disconnected from school and work-causing persistent poverty and weakening the national economy. This is why pathways to postsecondary education and employment are so important. By helping out-of-school youth secure the skills employers need, we can ensure young people thrive while reducing taxpayer and social burdens, promoting healthy communities, and driving equitable economic growth."

This year's conference included workshops moderated by youth from Glenmont Job Corps on exceptional programs and ideas that address the urgent need for quality education and job training, and providing responsive services to New York's employers. Additionally, conference attendees heard from speaker Mike Scotti, Long Island native, Marine Corps veteran, author and filmmaker who spoke about the importance of supporting veterans, especially young adults, returning home from combat situations.

"For those returning home, there are external and internal forces that can work against them," said Scotti, "Those who've served, given how they were trained and the things they've experienced, have become masters at getting things done -- accomplishing the mission. They understand, inherently, things like initiative, focus, discipline, and have attention to detail. We need to harness that."

Finally, attendees plan to join forces with the Campaign for Summer Youth out of New York City to meet with legislators from across the state on Wednesday, February 25th to talk about the impact youth education and employment programs have on their local residents.

"Countless studies show there is a strong correlation between youth employment and the connection to the workforce as an adult - the Bureau of Labor Statistics has estimated that over 1.1 million New York State youth are unemployed," said Melinda Mack, Executive Director of NYATEP, "We have to do more to make sure these young people connect to work. Many of us remember our first job and the paycheck that came with it. What we didn't realize at the time is we were also gaining valuable "soft" skills that would help us for the rest of our lives - how to work in a team, money and time management, etc."

"The Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) provides the first work experience for many young people throughout New York State. However, supply does not come close to meeting demand; tens of thousands of young people who apply are turned away. On February 25th we'll be joined by hundreds of young people at their State Capitol to call on the State to increase its investment in SYEP to \$49.31 million so that 10,000 more young people who are ready and willing to work can get a summer job," shared Gigi Li of the Neighborhood Family Services Coalition and Gregory Brender of United Neighborhood Houses, who serve as Co-chairs, Campaign for Summer Jobs.

To help raise awareness about these successful programs NYATEP compiles stories from youth in an interactive site call Youth Employment Matters each year. The site profiles young people from across the State who participated in summer youth employment programs. This past year, the New York State Legislature's financial support enabled more than 18,000 young people to participate, and more than 120,000 additionally participated due to the financial support from local municipalities and private philanthropy. Visit the site at: <http://nyatep.wix.com/nysummeryouth>

The New York Association of Training & Employment Professionals (NYATEP) is a

501(c)(3) membership organization serving the workforce development community, and is an affiliate of the NYS Association of Counties. Membership is for any organization, business, agency or institution that sees workforce development as part of its mission. Our membership base includes more than 500 representatives of business - from all 33 Workforce Investment Boards (WIBs) in NYS -- youth development programs, over 21 career centers, unions, colleges and universities, and not-for-profit organizations and education and training providers. We believe that workforce development is a critical aspect of the state's economic development success. Visit [www.nyatep.org](http://www.nyatep.org) for more information or contact Melinda Mack [mmack@nyatep.org](mailto:mmack@nyatep.org) or 518-545-9500

**Popular Dog Obedience Series for Youth Returns to CCE Sullivan**

LIBERTY, NY - Young dog owners are invited to an educational dog obedience series beginning in March. Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County (CCESC)'s 4-H Youth Development program will be offering its first dog obedience session for youth on Tuesday, March 3, 2015, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm, with classes continuing on consecutive Tuesdays thereafter, until April 7. This program will be held at the Gerald J. Skoda Extension Education Center on 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road in Liberty.

The 4-H Youth Development Dog Obedience series will educate youth on successful dog obedience methods and provide them with the knowledge to advance to competition levels, Sullivan County 4-H Youth Fair, and expose other sporting fields in which they may have an interest. Families are asked to contact the CCESC office with interest, for detailed guidelines and requirements.

Cost is \$30 per youth or \$25 per 4-H member. 4-H membership is free to all youth, ages 5 to 19, and must be enrolled prior to participation. Youth must be at least 9 years of age to participate.

Space is limited for this popular opportunity. Registration with payment is required in advance. Only payment ensures a reservation. More information or registration can be obtained by calling 845-292-6180 or emailing [srb46@cornell.edu](mailto:srb46@cornell.edu).

4-H empowers youth to reach their full potential, working and learning in partnership with caring adults. 4-H Members have opportunities to connect to Cornell University, learn through hands-on activities, lead, be inspired, inspire others, and "Make the Best Better". Anyone can join 4-H with thousands of other New York State members, volunteers, staff, and funders.

**Ride the Bus with CCESC to the 186th Philadelphia Flower Show**

LIBERTY, NY-Experience the magic of movies and horticulture as the world's longest-running and largest indoor flower show, a 186 year tradition, celebrates the silver screen. On Tuesday, March 3, 2015, the public can join Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County (CCESC)'s Master Gardener Volunteers on a luxury bus trip to the Philadelphia Flower Show. Participants will board the chartered bus at 7:45 am at the Gerald J. Skoda Extension Education Center on 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road in Liberty.

After departing, everyone can enjoy a relaxing ride until arriving at the Philadelphia Convention Center, where the rest of the day can be spent visiting the "Lights, Camera, Bloom" themed exhibits and events of the flower show. Over 180 vendors will be available selling garden furniture, hand-crafted jewelry, cut flowers, plants, tools, and much more. All will re-board the bus in the evening to arrive back in Liberty by 9:00 pm.

"You don't have to be a gardener to enjoy this show. We urge the public to seize the opportunity to experience this phenomenal show without the hassle of driving," said Susan Dollard, CCESC community horticulture educator.

Space is limited on the bus and registration with non-refundable payment of \$75.00 is required by February 20. Only payment reserves a seat. Registration and more information can be obtained by calling 845-292-6180 or emailing [srb46@cornell.edu](mailto:srb46@cornell.edu). The cost of this trip includes transportation and admission to the show. All participants will receive a tote bag with materials. Donations for CCESC programs are appreciated.

The PHS Philadelphia Flower Show is an annual event at the Pennsylvania Convention Center in March. It attracts more than 260,000 people annually and features large-scale gardens, elaborate landscapes, and theatrical floral creations.

**Town of Neversink Parks & Recreation**  
[www.townofneversink.org](http://www.townofneversink.org)  
 Call for info: (845) 985-2262 extension 312

**Skiing/Snowboarding at Holiday Mountain**  
 Sundays, January 4th-March 8th. Skiing/Snowboarding at discounted rates. Skiing hours 10 am to 5 pm. \$11 pp/Lift Tickets, \$11 pp/Ski Rentals, \$18 pp/snowboard rentals, Group Lesson 8+older \$11 pp, Group Lesson under 8 \$26 pp. For discount rates purchase a Town of Neversink Parks & Rec ID Card for \$8.

**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.

- 3/3/15 Town of Denning Town Board Meeting - 7 pm Denning Town Hall
- 3/4/15 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting - 7 pm
- 3/11/15 Town of Neversink Town Board Meeting - 7 :30 pm
- 3/5/15 **Claryville Fire District Meeting 6:30PM**
- 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
- 3/12/15 Town of Neversink Motor Vehicle 10 am - 2:30 pm
- 3/12/15 Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting 6 pm
- 3/16/15 Grahamsville Fire District Meeting 7 pm
- 3/17/15 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting - 7:30 pm
- 3/19/15 Neversink Fire District Commissioners Meeting 7 pm -Public Meeting 7:30 pm
- 3/21/15 **Third Saturday Thrif Sale & Boutique** Grahamsville UMC- 9 am-1 pm 3/22/15
- 3/22/15 **Claryville FD All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast 7 am - Noon**
- 3/31/15 Town of Neversink Parks & Rec 7 pm - Parks & Rec Office at Town Hall

Clip & Save  
**Grahamsville Reformed Church 2015 Dinner Schedule**  
 Apr. 11 - Roast Pork  
 May 16 - Roast Turkey  
 June 13 - Roast Beef  
 Sept 12 - Roast Beef  
 Oct 24 Roast Turkey  
 Nov 21 - Roast Pork

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

*Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman* is available at the following retail stores and restaurants:

- VALERO MINI MALL (Loch Sheldrake) • SC COMMUNITY COLLEGE
- WOODBOURNE - CITGO STATION • MO'S GAS STATION • P.D. SMITH ENTERPRISE
- LIBERTY - LIBERTY FITNESS • CHARLIE'S PIZZA • AGWAY (Liberty)
- LIBERTY SHOPRITE • ELLENVILLE SHOPRITE • SUNY SULLIVAN LIBRARY
- LOCATIONS in the TOWN OF OLIVE & SHANDAKEN**
- Joma Cafe (West Shokan) • Boiceville IGA • Boiceville Florist • Snyder's
- Phoenicia Gas Station • Phoenicia Pharmacy • Phoenicia Deli • Mama's Boy • Brio's
- Phoenicia Library • Emerson Resort • Phoenicia Diner • Esopus Deli • Snyder's • JOMA Cafe • Shokan Citgo
- SUNDOWN CAMP & BAIT SHOP
- GRAHAMSVILLE DELI
- EUREKA MARKET & CAFE
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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.

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- 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.

**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

**CELEBRATE SPRING Spring Luncheon and Sale**

Friday, March 20th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
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 Rev. Johanna Andritz

Palm Sunday-March 29  
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 Maundy Thursday-April 2  
 Service and Foot Washing 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday-April 3  
 Tennenbrae Service at 7:00 p.m.  
 Easter Sunday-April 5  
 7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service with Communion  
 8:00 a.m. Breakfast  
 9:00 a.m. Service with Communion

**FROST VALLEY YMCA ANNOUNCE WOMEN'S WELLNESS WEEKEND - Three days of connection, relaxation, and wellness - just for women!**

CLARYVILLE - Frost Valley YMCA invites women to the beautiful Catskills from March 27-29, 2015 to relax their spirit, mind, and body; connect with old and new friends; and enjoy a weekend made for them!

Guests can create an itinerary that moves at their own pace: Fitness enthusiasts will love Frost Valley's Zumba, nature hikes, BOKWA dance, body sculpt, and other invigorating classes, while those seeking a peaceful retreat can relax with yoga, tai chi, Qi Gong, and meditation. Creative types can enjoy watercolor painting, pottery making, or group drumming, and all can learn from experts who will discuss stress management, maintaining a youthful appearance with organics, and achieving inner balance.

"We're so excited to host our 12th-annual Women's Wellness Weekend," says Mackenzie Hudnall, Group & Family Retreats Program Coordinator.

"We've seen so many women transform their lives - mothers, wives, careerwomen, and even spiritual seekers. After just three days of wellness, they leave relaxed, refreshed, and ready to take on the world!"

This year includes a focus on the practice of Mindfulness, a personal tool for reducing stress and increasing one's emotional and physical well-being. Guests will enjoy programs and workshops about Mindfulness Meditation, Mindful Awareness in Daily Life, and Positive Emotions for Increased Resilience.

Nourishing meals are included, and as always, Frost Valley offers a variety of tasty options to accommodate nutritional needs and restrictions of nearly every sort.

Participants can find more information and register at [FrostValley.org](http://FrostValley.org) or by calling 845-985-2291, ext.450

**Book Signing at SC Museum**

Dr. Frederick A. Cook Society will host a book signing for award-winning author and Bethel resident, Maura Stone, at the Sullivan County Museum on Sunday, March 8 from 2 to 4pm located at: 265 Main Street, Hurleyville, NY 12747. Refreshments from The Bake House will be available. For information, call: 845-434-8044.

**News from the Calico Geese Quilters of Sullivan County**

March is National Quilting Month, to celebrate, The Calico Geese Quilters of Sullivan County have planned two exciting events.

A Quilt show presented by the Guild at the Liberty Library, 189 North Main St., Liberty NY. February 26 to April 8, 2015, during regular Library Hours. Come and view the beautiful quilts created by this talented group. Traditional quilts to art quilts will be on display, along with the guild's 2015 raffle quilt. Contact (845)292-6070 for information.

The second event celebrating National Quilt Month will be the Annual Baby Quilt Marathon Saturday March 28th, at the Cornell Cooperative Ext. Bldg. 64 Ferndale-Loomis Rd. Liberty, NY. Doors open at 9:30 AM, late comers are welcome. Since 1992 the Calico Geese Quilters of Sullivan County have been coming together to make quilts for donations to various county and state agencies. Quilts created throughout the year will be completed in assembly line fashion in an environment of fun and friendship. Anyone interested in quilting is welcome to attend. For more information, please call. (845)292-9814.

Visitors and new members are always welcome to join the Calico Geese. Meetings are the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 PM in the Cornell Cooperative Extension Bldg.

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**Fallsburg Girls Varsity Basketball Team Makes History**

Thirty-three years is a long time. On a frigid Friday night in the Fallsburg High School gym, the Girls Varsity Basketball team defeated Burke Catholic 33-31 to win the OCIAA Division IV Title for their first championship since 1983 to the great joy of a couple hundred loyal fans and supporters. Making the victory especially sweet was that it was the last home game and an evening to recognize the seniors, their families, and the coaches prior to tip-off.

The team has one more game remaining in regular season. They move on to Sectionals real soon. The following senior girls were a major contribution to outstanding season: Nyasia Harris, Cassandra Foertsch, Brittany Spinelli, Diana Presti, Naomi Moody, and Karryn Smith. It was an emotional ceremony for Assistant Coach Lucille Carter-Harris to acknowledge her daughter Nyasia for her achievements on the basketball court. Head Coach Daniel Redmond thanked Lucille and other assistants Mike Weiner, Shaina Zwerdling, and Patty Seletsky for all their support to make the season a great success. He also acknowledged the parents, grandparents, and siblings that came out to honor their senior girls.

Seeding for the Sectionals is February 26 and the basketball team will know then who and where they will be playing. After making history, the girls want to keep moving through the tournament.



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ANSWER TO KNARF'S MOVIE TRIVIA

1. New Zealand  
2. Howard Shore

**Knarf's "Classic Movie Trivia"**  
*The Lord of the Rings Trilogy*

*The Lord of the Rings* is a film series consisting of three epic fantasy adventure films directed by Peter Jackson based on the novel *The Lord of the Rings* by J. R. R. Tolkien. The films are subtitled *The Fellowship of the Ring* (2001), *The Two Towers* (2002) and *The Return of the King* (2003).

The tale begins in the Shire, where the Hobbit Frodo Baggins inherits the Ring from Bilbo Baggins, his cousin and guardian.

The story's main antagonist, the Dark Lord Sauron had in an earlier age created the One Ring to rule the other Rings of Power as the ultimate weapon in his campaign to conquer and rule all of Middle-earth. Set in this fictional world of Middle-earth, the films follow the hobbit Frodo Baggins (Elijah Wood) as he and a Fellowship embark on a quest to destroy the One Ring, and thus ensure the destruction of the Dark Lord Sauron. The Fellowship becomes divided as Frodo continues the quest together with his loyal companion Sam (Sean Astin) and the treacherous Gollum (Andy Serkis).

Considered to be one of the biggest and most ambitious film projects ever undertaken, with an overall budget of \$281 million (some sources say \$310 million-\$330 million), the entire project took eight years! The trilogy will be aired on TCM on Monday, March 2 starting at 8:00 PM.

1. Where was the entire series filmed?
2. Who composed, orchestrated, conducted, and produced the trilogy's music?

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

**GRAHAMSVILLE**

Anyone who likes to get a bargain at the Grahamsville United Methodist Thrift Sales will be happy to know that they can get a good buy at *The Boutique* that is loaded with a variety of new items including clothing, jewelry, gifts, household items, handmade items and more! The Boutique will be open on both the days of the regular Thrift Sale and Luncheons that will start in April, and is now open during the monthly Saturday Thrift Sale... and the coffee pot was on, too this past Saturday! Watch Page 13 for details and dates of the Thrift Sales.

**CLARYVILLE**

St. Patrick's Day is just around the corner. Claryville Fire Dept. will host their annual Corned Beef & Cabbage Supper on Saturday, March 14 from 4:00 to 7:00 PM at the Claryville Firehouse. And don't forget the monthly Claryville Fire Dept. All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, March 22 Serving 7:00 until Noon

**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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