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Tri-Valley Teacher Recognized for Recently Receiving Tenure

The Tri-Valley Teachers' Association would like to recognize and congratulate Kim Edwards for recently receiving tenure as an Elementary Education Teacher at Tri-Valley Central School.



Kim started as a substitute at Tri-Valley in 2007. She then was hired as a leave replacement during the 2011-2012 school year, teaching in 5th grade and in 2nd grade. The following year she was in a full year leave replacement in Academic Intervention Services for various grade levels. In 2013-2014 she did her first full year in a permanent position, teaching ELA/social studies in 6th grade. This is the same position that she currently holds.

Kim has also coached cheerleading for three years at the varsity level for fall and winter seasons. In addition, she has been a part of the

TVTA Cares Committee for the past two years. She is currently making the transition to become the TVTA Cares Committee Chairperson. She is also part of the elementary Building Leadership Team.

This year Kim started working on her Master's Degree in literacy.

Kim will do anything to lend a helping hand to a colleague or student. She is caring, thoughtful, and generous and it shows in all of her actions at Tri-Valley. We are proud to have her as a colleague-congratulations again, Kim!

Fireworks Being Sold In Ulster County?

The annual journey across state lines to prepare for family Fourth of July festivities may unnecessary this year, if Legislator Richard Gerentine's (District 11 - Marlborough) proposed local law passes. With consumer firework revenue at \$664 million in 2013, this proposed local law will actually generate new revenue for Ulster County when other economic development strategies, such as a casino, have not.

Legislator Gerentine noted, "We have an opportunity to bring consumer spending back home. Local businesses will benefit and our residents will not have to travel so far just to bring a sparkler to their next July 4th picnic."

Ulster County Proposed Local Law #1 of 2015 enacts the local component of a recently chaptered New York State law, which modernized the statute dealing with illegal fireworks, provided additional definitions of what constitutes fireworks as well as dangerous fireworks, and removed certain novelty devices, which were not recognized as fireworks by the federal government, out of the definition of fireworks. (Contd. Pg. 4)

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Maple Sugaring at Frost Valley YMCA Learn all about how maple syrup is made, and taste it, too!



In just over one month, the sugar maple trees will begin to thaw and maple-sugaring season will be in full swing here in the Catskills. If you've ever been curious to learn about the process of turning sap to delicious syrup, you're in luck: Frost Valley YMCA is hosting free Maple Sugaring Open House Tours the last two weekends in March.

Frost Valley has been maple sugaring for more than 30 years. What started as a small operation in 1978 - when they were using just a few hundred buckets to collect sap - has now grown into a much larger event, with more than 12,000 taps placed strategically in trees around their property and a tubing system is now used for collecting sap, which is stored in large tanks.

During their free Maple Weekends, visitors can learn about the entire tap-to-table process. They'll be shown how to identify sugar maple trees - which only grow in northeast North America - and taught how these trees grow and store energy. Then, they'll have the opportunity to learn how to make syrup by using only pure maple sap, which includes a tour of the Maple Sugar/Sap House and evaporator. Finally, guests can try a sample of fresh maple syrup.

Maple Weekends take place March 21-22 and March 28-29, each day from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Maple Sugar/Sap House, one mile east of Frost Valley's main entrance (2000 Frost Valley Road). Advanced registration is not required, unless you intend stay for the weekend. Please visit FrostValley.org for more information.

SC Treasurer Ira Cohen Honored as County Leaders from Across NY Convened in Albany at NYSAC Legislative Conference & 90th Anniversary Celebration

Nearly 1,000 county leaders from throughout New York State met in Albany earlier this week to discuss the issues most critical to counties, including the proposed state budget, efficiency plan development, emergency preparedness, crude oil transport, public health protocols, juvenile justice, and mandate reform.

At noon on Tuesday, February 3, Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli and Attorney General Eric Schneiderman addressed NYSAC's Legislative Luncheon. NYSAC member and Sullivan County Treasurer Ira Cohen, who passed away in November, was honored posthumously at the luncheon with the Edwin L. Crawford Award for Outstanding County Service.

The 2015 Legislative Conference, hosted by the New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC), included dozens of workshops on policy, local governance, and training opportunities. This year's event also marks the association's 90th anniversary - an occasion that was celebrated with a 'Taste of New York' gala on Monday, February 2.

The Association of Counties' conference brings county leaders together for education and bipartisan discussions about the challenges and opportunities facing local governments across New York State.

As part of the conference, NYSAC offered the New York State Emergency Management Certification Academy for County Leaders in partnership with the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services and the New York State Emergency Managers' Association. The training focused on the tools necessary for a county to protect lives and promote the safety of residents in the event of a natural disaster or other emergency. (Contd. Pg. 4)



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ON THE FRONT BURNER: Therefore I will look unto the Lord; I will wait for the God of my salvation, my God will hear me.
Micah 7:7

OBITUARY

Vivian Jane Rivino Worden, a lifetime area resident, passed away on Sunday January 25, 2015 at Catskill Regional Medical Center. She was 78. The daughter of the late Peter and Madge (Perry) Rivino, she was born on July 26, 1936 in Oneonta, NY. Vivian was a member of Grahamsville United Methodist Church.



She leaves behind her sons: Curtis Worden and his wife, Robin of New Windsor, NY, Robert Worden and John Worden, both of Neversink; daughter, Theresa Worden of Neversink; step-daughters: Josephine Ingold of Glen Spey, NY, Frances LeMay of State College, PA, Cheyenne Kelly and her husband, Larry of Yulan, NY, Wilma Wojnar and her husband, Tony of Wilkes Barre, PA; a brother, Anthony Rivino and his wife, Sonny of South Carolina and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband, John J. Worden; a stepson, Wilbur Worden; three brothers and two sisters.

Funeral arrangements were made by Ramsay's Funeral Home, 275 S. Main St. Liberty. Funeral services were held at Ramsay's Funeral Home with Rev. Peggy Ann Sauerhoff officiating. Burial will be in Grahamsville Rural Cemetery in the spring.

Memorial contributions can be made to Grahamsville United Methodist Church, PO Box 86, Grahamsville, NY 12740.



Our Precious Son, **Craig George Dean**, went to his Lord unexpectedly on Friday, January 30, 2015 at his home. He was 41.

The son of George A. and Barbara A. Sosnowski Dean, he was born on July 19, 1973 in Ellenville, NY.

Craig was an owner/operator, truck driver and machine operator for his family business at Crystal Falls Farm/Sand and Gravel in Neversink, NY; he worked for a period of time with the NYS Department of Transportation in Monticello, NY; and he operated his own landscape business, C&D Landscaping in Neversink, NY. He was a member of the Free Masons, Liberty Lodge # 521; a member of the Farm Bureau; the event coordinator for the Hay Bale Toss at the Pumpkin Party; a member of the NRA and the Neversink Antique Tractor Club; he was an avid hunter and a very strong believer in the Second Amendment.

In a Family Statement it was said that, "Craig was a kind hearted person and he loved his nieces and nephews very much."

Survivors include his parents George A. and Barbara A. Sosnowski Dean, of Neversink, NY; three sisters, Kristy Dean Closs and her husband Jason, Kylie Dean Conjura and her husband Tom, and Nikki Dean Horton and her husband Eric, all of Neversink, NY; his nieces and nephews, Mackenzie, Nathan, Paityn, Tyler, Jonathan, William, Sophia, and Alexandra; his maternal grandmother, Irene Sosnowski; numerous close aunts, uncles and cousins; and his favorite pet, Nin-nin.

He was predeceased by his maternal grandfather, Charles Sosnowski; his paternal grandparents, Louise and Archie Dean; one aunt, Shirley Dean Poley; and one uncle, Steven Hill.

Visitation will be Tuesday, February 3, 2015 from 5-9 PM in the Harris Funeral Home, West St. at Buckley, Liberty, NY. Liberty Masonic Lodge #521 conducted services on Tuesday evening at Harris Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, February 4, 2015 at 11 AM in the funeral home. The Rev. Robert Kerston will officiate. Burial will be in the Grahamsville Rural Cemetery, Grahamsville, NY.

Memorial contributions in Craig's name may be made to the Liberty Masonic Lodge # 521, 20 Eagle Drive, Liberty, NY 12754 or to a charity of one's choice.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Harris Funeral Home, West St. at Buckley, Liberty, NY 845-292-0001 or 845-439-5200 www.Harris-FH.com

College News

SUNY Oswego announces area graduates for December 2014: **Erik P. Salguero** of Ellenville (bachelor of arts in psychology); **Josh A. Rosengrant** of Loch Sheldrake (bachelor of arts in theatre)

Samantha Scott of Parksville, a junior majoring in accounting, has been named to the President's List for the fall 2014 semester at SUNY Oswego.

Several area residents have been named to the Deans' List for the fall 2014 semester at SUNY Oswego: **Braiden W. DeGraw** of Hurleyville, a sophomore in public justice; and **Nicole Rose** of Liberty, a junior in human development

Steven Thomas McCauliff of Grahamsville, a sophomore majoring in aeronautical engineering and mechanical engineering was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2014 semester at Clarkson University.

Members of The Citadel South Carolina Corps of Cadets were recognized for earning Gold Stars in the fall 2014 semester. **Justine Zukowski** of Napanoch was among 456 other Gold Star recipients including cadets, veterans and active duty students.

Springfield College has named **Joseph Mickelson** of Neversink, NY to the dean's list for academic excellence for the fall 2014 term. Mickelson is studying Sports Biology.

Morrisville State College recently announced that **Allyson Bowers** of Woodbourne was named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2014 semester.

SUNY Oneonta welcomed the following area students: **Sara Colavito** of Liberty majoring in Dietetics; **Michael Mercado** of Grahamsville majoring in Mass Communications.

DAYS OF YORE...

Today's History

February 2, 1955 - Mr. and Mrs. Earl Terwilliger of Lackawack have announced the marriage of their daughter, Susanna Terwilliger to Mr. Ronald Lee Joray, son of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Joray of Kingston. The wedding took place at the Methodist Church in Ellenville on January 16th. A reception took place at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Stedner of Ellenville.

Mr. and Mrs. Oral Goode of Grahamsville are the parents of a son, born at Liberty Maimonides Hospital on Thursday, January 20th.

A son, Phillip, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Guy Marks of Lackawack at Veterans Memorial Hospital in Ellenville on January 21st.

February 3, 1965 - Mrs. Edna Garritt, 78, of Woodbourne, died Saturday in Hamilton Avenue Hospital. Mrs. Garritt was born in Divine Corners on March 18, 1886 to George and Lucy Upham Turner. She was married to the late Oscar F. Garritt. She was a member of the Woodbourne Reformed Church. Survivors include two daughters: Miss Regina Garritt of Woodbourne and Mrs. Leila Kinch of Monticello; two sons: Leon Houghtaling of Roscoe and Carl Garritt of Woodbourne; two brothers and one sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Buley Jr. of the Woodbourne Road are the parents of a son born February 1st at Kingston City Hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Rose are the maternal grandparents. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Buley Sr. are the paternal grandparents.

February 5, 1975 - Judy O'Brien, who is a student at Cobleskill State Univ., made the Dean's List recently. Judy is majoring in Animal Husbandry, and fills her spare time playing guitar and enjoying music.

Paul G. Denman, 75, of Big Hollow Road, Grahamsville, died Sunday in Middletown following a long illness. He was born in New Haven, Conn. on October 3, 1899 to William and Sarah Grant Denman. He married Martha Sutherland on Sept. 29, 1922 in Grahamsville. He was a retired farmer and Town of Neversink Justice. He is survived by his wife; a daughter, Mrs. Donald Many of Sparta of N.C.; three sons: Paul W. of Napanoch, Raymond of Grahamsville and David of Hurleyville; five sisters and four brothers.

January 31, 1985 - Mr. and Mrs. James H. Grey of Sundown Rd., Grahamsville, announce the engagement of their daughter, Regina to Michael Barkley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Barkley of Hasbrouck Rd., Woodbourne. Regina graduated from Tri-Valley High School and is presently employed by William Brenner as a tax preparer. Her fiance graduated from Tri-Valley and is presently employed as an auto body repairman for Yits' Garage and will be attending the Academy for Correctional Officers. Wedding plans are incomplete.

A Round About Tri-Valley

-Carol Furman

Condolences to the family of Scott J. Bonnell of Hurleyville, who passed away on January 23rd. Scott graduated from Tri-Valley in 1986. He was 46 years old.

Sympathy, also, to the Worden Family of Neversink. Vivian Jane Worden passed away on January 25th at the age of 78.

Some of you who were/are involved with the Cornell Cooperative Extension Service may fondly remember Extension Agent, Earle Wilde. Earle passed away in 2009. His lovely wife, Elizabeth, recently passed away on January 17th. She was 84 years old.

Congratulations to the Tri-Valley PTO on a very successful Science Fair, which was held at the School on Friday, January 23rd!

Thinking of you wishes go to Gene Fuller and Jim Marion.

Neversink Parks and Rec. is going to the Westchester Dinner Theatre to see "Westside Story" on April 30th. If you're interested in going, contact Jamie Brooks. There may be a few tickets left or you can be put on a list in case someone has to cancel their reservation.

So, what did you think about the "blizzard" of 2015? How much snow did Grahamsville actually get? Four to six inches, maybe! That's good because we really didn't need 24 - 30 inches of snow. I actually don't think I can remember a day when mail wasn't delivered due to poor weather.

Ahh, February is here -the shortest month of the year! I'm sure snow and cold will persist for a little longer, but when the sun does shine, the rays begin to feel a bit warmer. About this time every year, especially toward the end of the month, folks start to eagerly look for some signs that spring is on its way; maybe an early crocus bloom nestled up against the foundation of the house or a not-too-fat-red robin returning from the south. Yes, and let's not forget the groundhog (woodchuck or whistle pig) who is associated with weather predictions. I personally believe he or she is notoriously famous for being inaccurate. At any rate, March 21st, the official start of spring, is still about 6 weeks away. I guess you can't hurry Mother Nature!

Words of Wisdom: When you affirm big, believe big, and pray big, big things happen. (Norman Vincent Peale)

The most important trip you may take in life is meeting people halfway. (Henry Boye)

New Field Trip on Water and New York City's Water Supply System Available to Schools

[Grahamsville, N.Y.] - The Time and the Valleys Museum is happy to announce a new field trip on Water and the history of New York City's Water Supply System available to all schools and close to home in Grahamsville, Sullivan County.

This exciting new interactive field trip immerses students in the importance of water to all life, and the history of how water has changed both the environment and our culture over thousands of years, up to this very day. Guided by trained Museum educators, the 2 1/2 hour program provides in-depth information in a fun and exciting way to help stimulate student's learning. Tying into the common core curriculum - math, language arts, science and social studies all join together as students dig a water tunnel, build a dam, play games and do activities - so much fun and "doing", the students aren't even aware of how much they are learning.

The program is available year round, for 3rd to 8th grade students, and from a minimum of 15 to a maximum of 100 students at a time. The cost is \$5 per student, with teachers and chaperones FREE. A comprehensive pre-visit information packet and fun activity sheets are also included. For more information or to schedule a class, call the Museum at (845) 985-7700 or email info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org.

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

Current Exhibitions:

- o Tunnels, Toil & Trouble: New York City's Quest for Water and the Rondout-Neversink Story

- o The Impact of Water on the Life and Growth of the Valleys

- o 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.

Also, the Time and the Valleys Museum is seeking Museum Educators to help with this program. No experience is necessary, but it's a great opportunity for a retired teacher! Mornings, during the week, as scheduled. Help as much or as little as you like. Please call Donna Steffens 985-7700 or e-mail info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org.

Annual Free Pheasant Rearing Opportunity for Youth

LIBERTY, NY - Daily care is necessary to monitor the health of young pheasants and to ensure that there is adequate feed and water for the rapidly growing chicks. Youth interested in participating in the annual Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC)'s Day-Old Pheasant "Raise & Release" program have the unique opportunity to experience rearing pheasants and releasing them into the wild. Orders can be placed until Wednesday, March 11, 2015 through Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County (CCESC)'s 4-H Youth Development program, located at the Gerald J. Skoda Extension Education Center on 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road in Liberty.

The rearing and release of pheasants requires a great deal of responsibility by youth and a substantial time commitment. The benefits of this program are as follows:

- o Rearing pheasants is enjoyable, challenging, and teaches youth responsible behavior
- o Released pheasants offer fall hunting opportunities
- o People enjoy seeing and hearing pheasants

For more information on the Day-Old Pheasant Chick Program or to register for chicks, please contact Michelle Lipari, CCESC Agriculture Community Educator at mm1249@cornell.edu.

When the program started in the early 1900s, pheasant eggs and chicks were distributed to farmers and rural youth. Today, day-old chicks are available at no cost to participants who are able to provide a brooding facility, a covered outdoor rearing pen, and an adequate release site. According to the DEC, wild populations of this introduced species have reached all-time lows. Without propagation and release programs by DEC and private entities, pheasant hunting opportunities would not exist in New York State. The pheasants may be released beginning when they are eight weeks old and no later than Dec. 1. No chicks obtained through the Day-Old Pheasant Chick Program can be released on private shooting preserves. All release sites must be approved in advance by the DEC and must be open for public pheasant hunting opportunities. The DEC releases thousands of pheasants annually.

The program is funded through the state Conservation Fund from license fees paid by hunters, trappers, and anglers. More information is available on the DEC website at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/7271.html>.

Join the DPL Book Club

Do you love to read? Why not join the book club!

The book discussion group meets on the first Friday of every month from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Upper Level Conference Room at the Daniel Pierce Library in Grahamsville, N.Y.

Refreshments are provided by the members. This month's book discussion: "The Book Thief", by Markus Zusak.

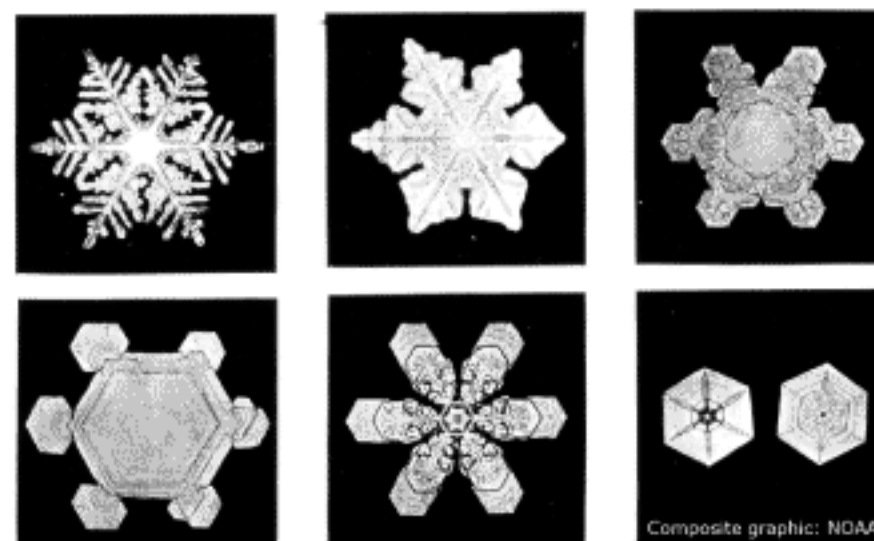
Nature Column - Linda Comando

A tribute to the memory of all of the Townsman ladies that we have lost and loved so much... Peggy DeWire, Avril Pappa, Joan Hall, Polly Hill and Joyce Lockhart.

The Life of a Snowflake

Today, Monday, is Ground Hog Day and it doesn't look like the sun is going to cast a shadow which means, according to tradition, Old Phil won't see his shadow and he should predict, "Winter is over!" But like the weatherman, Phil isn't always right.

One thing for sure, there is not a bird nor beast making footprints nor the slightest touch of green flora, in our backyard right now. Just white fluffy snow! Thus the subject for this week's Nature Column.



A picture from NOAA illustrates different snowflake shapes. Note each begins with a hexagonal prism.

Have you ever looked at a snowflake and wondered how it was formed or why some snowflakes look different from others? A snowflake has an interesting life that starts with grains of dust that have been carried up into the atmosphere by the wind into clouds where water vapor sticks to the grains and freezes, forming ice, the simplest hydrogen-bonded crystal. From there, each snowflake takes a different path, morphing into a unique shape as it travels to the ground. The end result is an array of six-sided shapes, made of as many as 200 ice crystals. As the snow crystals grow, they become heavier and fall toward the ground.

Snow crystals are classified according to their shapes. There are four basic shapes of ice crystals: the hexagonal plate, the needle, the column and the dendrite. The dendrites are hexagonal with elongated branches, or fingers, of ice; they most closely resemble what we think of as snowflakes. A snowflake is an individual ice crystal or an aggregate of ice crystals. Large snowflakes are aggregates of ice crystals. The most basic form of a snow crystal is a hexagonal prism. This structure occurs because certain surfaces of the crystal, the facet surfaces, accumulate material very slowly. A hexagonal prism includes two hexagonal "basal" faces and six rectangular "prism" faces that can be plate-like or columnar, depending on which facet surfaces grow most quickly.

When snow crystals are very small, they are mostly in the form of simple hexagonal prisms. But as they grow, branches sprout from the corners to make more complex shapes. The temperature at which the crystal grows determines the particular shape. Thin plates and stars grow around -2 C (28 F), while columns and slender needles appear near -5 C (23 F). Plates and stars again form near -15 C (5 F), and a combination of plates and columns are made around -30 C (-22 F).

Snow crystals tend to form simpler shapes when the humidity is low, while more complex shapes form when the humidity is higher. The most extreme shapes, long needles, form when the humidity is especially high.

Why snow crystal shapes change so much with temperature continues to remain a scientific mystery. The snowflake is a very simple example of self-assembly. There is no blueprint or genetic code that guides the growth of a snowflake, yet marvelously complex structures appear, quite literally out of thin air.

Snowflakes are fascinating objects and the key secret of the beauty of winter.

Household Hints

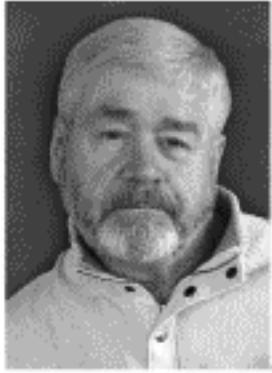
Have an Aching Back from Shoveling Snow?

Got a sore back, a strained tendon in your shoulder or calf, or maybe you're just feeling generally rundown? Here is an old-fashioned remedy. Add 2 cups apple cider vinegar to your bathwater. It is a great way to soothe away your aches and pains, or to simply to take the edge off a stressful day. Adding a few drops of peppermint oil to your bath can lend an able assist as well.

Young God

Mysterious Book Report No. 180

by John Dwaine McKenna



There's a newer genre of hard-boiled crime fiction known as southern noir or country noir that is fast becoming one of my favorites. It's full of fresh new talent with some of the hottest writing and the most unique voices and characters to come along, and this weeks MBR No. 180 is just such a one.

Young God, (Farrar, Straus and Giroux, \$24.00, 193 pages, ISBN 978-0-374-53423-3) by Katherine Faw Norris is a novel that comes at the reader full-throttle from the very first sentence on the first page. "NIKKI IS ALL TO HELL."

Moments later she jumps from a seventy-five foot cliff into the waters of a turgid yellow river and the novel is off and running. Thirteen year old Nikki Hawkins is bound and determined to keep the local drug trade under her family's control. She's never going to let her deadbeat relatives decide her future, and she'll use any tool she can to shape her future. Vowing she'll never be a victim, not letting isolation or ignorance stand in her way, she learns to manipulate her environment in order to have her way . . . and she's a scary fast learner who inherited all the family criminal traits, never hesitating to use the brute force woven into her DNA.

With prose as slick and sharp as a double-edged razor-blade, Norris tells Nikki's story with an economy of words, creating a fast moving, gritty and brutally honest tale of southern noir. This novel is breathtakingly short, but makes up with intensity what it lacks in length. It grabs your attention and never lets go.



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Fireworks Being Sold In UC?

(From Pg. 1)

"I have been shown that when given the opportunity to purchase safe "sparkler devices" firework related injuries actually go down," stated Legislator Gerentine.

The State of Connecticut legalized the use of sparkling devices in 2000 and by 2014, the Connecticut Department of Public Safety reported firework related injuries decreased by 58%.

With the passage of Proposed Local Law #1 of 2015, "sparkler devices" will be sold to those over 18 between June 1st through July 5th and December 26th to January 2nd of each calendar year by New York Department of State licensed retailers.

Proposed Local Law #1 of 2015 has been submitted for consideration at the February 17, 2015 Session of the Ulster County Legislature

SC Treasurer Ira Cohen Honored as County Leaders from Across NY Convened in Albany at NYSAC Legislative Conference & 90th Anniversary Celebration

(From Pg. 1) "The NYSAC Legislative Conference brings together county officials from all parties, all regions, upstate and downstate, rural and urban counties, large counties and small. We come together to learn more about the issues facing our county governments, discuss solutions to the challenges we face, and learn from one another," said NYSAC President Anthony Picente, Oneida County Executive. "NYSAC members are ready to partner with one another and with State lawmakers as we all work to make New York an even better place to live, work, and raise a family."

Governor Cuomo Announces Appointment of General Counsel of State Thruway Authority

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo announced that the Board of the New York State Thruway Authority has appointed Gordon Cuffy to serve as the Authority's General Counsel. Mr. Cuffy currently serves as the County Attorney at the Onondaga County Department of Law and will assume his new role on February 17, 2015.

"New perspectives in government are crucial to keeping the State moving forward, and the addition of Gordon Cuffy to my administration will continue to bring fresh ideas and energy into our second term," Governor Cuomo said. "Mr. Cuffy's legal experience in the public sector makes him uniquely qualified to serve as General Counsel for the State Thruway Authority. I am thrilled that he will continue his public service as a member of my administration."

"I would like to thank Governor Andrew Cuomo for the opportunity to serve at the New York State Thruway," Gordon Cuffy said. "Working as the Onondaga County Attorney has been a very rewarding experience, and I thank Onondaga County Executive Joanie Mahoney for the privilege. While I will miss the friends and colleagues I have worked with over the last seven years, I look forward to new challenges as I join the Thruway Authority."

Mr. Cuffy has been the County Attorney at the Onondaga County Department of Law since 2008. In this role, he is the sole legal advisor to

all departments of the Onondaga County government, overseeing a staff of 28 attorneys who represent the county in both state and federal courts. The County Attorney's office represents Onondaga County in civil litigation, proceedings in family court, and the preparation of local laws and legislation.

Previously, Mr. Cuffy served as Assistant Deputy Attorney General for the New York State Office of the Attorney General in Syracuse, NY, where he was part of the Statewide Organized Crime Task Force, handling criminal prosecutions and investigations throughout the State of New York. He was also an Assistant Attorney General in the Syracuse Regional Office, handling civil litigation.

Mr. Cuffy was a Senior Assistant District Attorney at the Onondaga County District Attorney's Office for 11 years, from 1990 to 2001, and has been an adjunct professor at Syracuse University College of Law for 17 years.

Mr. Cuffy has a B.A. from Syracuse University and a J.D. from Brooklyn Law School.

Assemblyman Cahill: Statement on Proposed Bridge Authority-Thruway Authority Merger

(Kingston, NY) - Assemblymember Kevin A. Cahill, (D - Ulster, Dutchess) issued the following statement in response to comments by Thruway Authority personnel that a merger between the Mid-Hudson Bridge Authority and the New York State Thruway Authority was being considered:

"Let me be clear, Mid-Hudson Valley residents will not finance the Tappan Zee Bridge reconstruction with increased tolls on our local bridges. Some of the communities my colleagues and I represent are already paying for the Metropolitan Transportation Authority without getting any service. This suggestion to double down on our residents is a non-starter."

Cahill added, "While I oppose a merger, I am very much in favor of looking for ways for both agencies to cooperate with one and other. That is why I introduced a bill in the Assembly that would do just that. A.4197 would direct the New York State Thruway and Bridge Authority to conduct a joint study on the potential cost-savings that would be realized if the two entities shared and consolidated certain services and functions."

The proposed merger was discussed at length at a Transportation Budget Subcommittee hearing yesterday. Newly appointed Thruway Director, Robert Megna, noted that a joining of the Bridge and Thruway Authority under Governor Cuomo's proposed consolidation plan does not promise a large cost savings to the state or taxpayers. Megna also pointed out that the \$1.3 billion committed to the Thruway Authority in the 2015-2016 Executive budget will be solely allocated towards capital expenses, most namely the Tappan Zee Bridge project. This would leave holes in the operation portion of the Authority's spending plan that would have to be made up by either toll increases or by cutting costs internally.

"There are many ways our agencies and authorities can work together more effectively to deliver services to the people of our state. For example, a swap of the Department of Transportation's Wurts Street Bridge that connects Kingston to the hamlet of Port Ewen and the roads leading up to various Bridge Authority crossings would save both parties money and allocate the expertise of both organizations more appropriately."

The Wurts Street Bridge crosses the Rondout

Creek near the place where Sojourner Truth used to go as a child to obtain rum and supplies for her slave masters' tavern. Eleven year-old Sojourner Truth walked several miles on rocky roads, boarded a "skillypot" flat to cross the creek and returned with alcohol and other goods.

It is important to note that this is the only suspension bridge in the entire state of New York for which the DOT is solely responsible. It is also no longer on a state-owned or operated highway. On the other hand, roads leading up to the Mid-Hudson toll bridges are maintained by the Bridge Authority, often with DOT trucks stopping right at an arbitrary line where jurisdiction changes.

"Sorting out anomalies in authority is one thing," Cahill concluded, "but suggesting that we ask our residents to take a disproportionate share of the Thruway burden is just unfair."

Congressman Gibson Re-introduces War Powers Reform Act

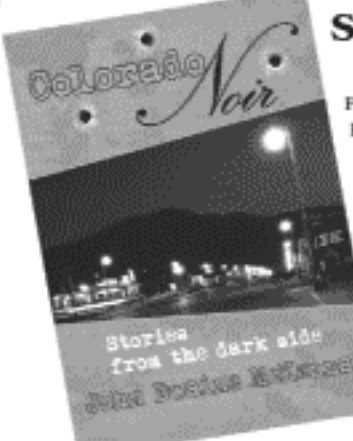
Washington, DC - Congressman Chris Gibson (NY-19) has re-introduced the War Powers Reform Act, which amends the War Powers Resolution to clarify when the President needs Congressional approval before deploying our Armed Forces.

The bill authored by Congressman Gibson, HR 560, was introduced January 27 with 30 bipartisan cosponsors.

"The Founders intended for the American people to be consulted before the President makes a decision to use military force, a power entrusted to elected representatives in Congress," said Congressman Gibson. "While the President has the constitutional authority to defend our cherished way of life, Congress was empowered to decide when we would go to war. Over the past few decades, however, Presidents of both parties have not complied with the provisions as originally intended. As a combat veteran and student of American government, I am hopeful that our legislation is successful in restoring the shared role of the legislative and executive branches with regard to making war."

The War Powers Resolution of 1973 requires the President to seek Congressional approval after engaging the American military in hostile actions. The President's authority to engage militarily is limited to when there has been a declaration of war, when there is Congressional authorization, or when the U.S. is attacked or in imminent danger of being attacked. If the President desires to take military action when none of these circumstances are met, the President must first come to Congress for authorization.


The War Powers Reform Act was first introduced in 2011.



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The Olive Jar - By Carol LaMonda

Mother's Math

Mathematics, a logical discipline, is a left-brain operation. I am so right-brained that I list Starboard. When my son tried to explain Singapore Math, the system he teaches to his sixth graders, my mind clamped shut. "I don't do numbers," my defense system shouted. "I do letters. I write; I do not calculate. At best I estimate and guess."

To my surprise, a word problem with two fractions and words like "remainder" and "original amount" that sends shivers up my spine, had a simple solution when diagrammed out into units. It seemed logical to me, a person who does not balance checkbooks or follow exact measurements in cooking. Maybe I should have learned math this way. Instead I have devised my own coping devices.

I used to joke about using fractions and Roman Numerals in the real world. Actually, counting the homework I did in high school, I have never solved a quadratic equation nor have I ever been asked to do so.

What I do well is "Mother's Math." My checkbook either has "enough" or "not enough" to purchase that SUV-sized grocery order. My credit cards are either "positive," not usually, or "negative integers." Time is never an exact measurement. Soon, tomorrow, or someday are about as precise as chronology ever gets. "Just a minute" could be minutes or hours.

I only do square feet measurements when I order flooring. I think I am done with that arithmetic. No more carpet purchases with dogs and a cat. Hardwood covers ALL of the square feet in the house. I ignore the metric system. I just look at the container and say "small, medium or large." Volume becomes a choice of coffee cup size on the Keurig or choosing which pyrex dish will hold the night's leftovers.

I remember the day my friend and fellow teacher, Kathy Sarkies, told her class that there was only one right answer to a math problem. My right-dominant hemisphere was shaken to the core. Only one answer. Where is the creativity of searching for a better solution? I still have difficulty fathoming the fact that math is so universal that it is the same for each country and culture. No foreign language or geography to learn. It amazed me that Singapore Math came up with the same answer as Long Island math. Easier too.

Olive Free Library Director's Message

Save the Date! On Saturday, March 21, Olive Free Library will hold a Book Fair with huge numbers of books for sale at super low prices, and there will be many other activities and programs offered that day. More details will follow in the March newsletter.

In February we will offer a number of programs that may be of particular interest to seniors. On February 2, we will have a Senior Scam Prevention Forum. On February 23, the Alzheimer's Association will sponsor a lecture covering the basics of memory loss, dementia, and Alzheimer's Disease as well as detection, causes of the disease, and treatment. Throughout the months of February and March, AARP volunteers are offering free tax preparation help. You do not have to be an AARP member or senior citizen to take advantage of this free service. Please see more about these programs in our newsletter.

Many gardeners bridge the months before the growing season by learning more about successful gardening. We will hold a master gardener lecture this month, and two more in March. We also look forward to having Francis Groeters from Catskill Native Nursery come to give a talk on plants native to the Catskills and surrounding areas.

A new singing circle will begin this month for anyone who likes to sing, whether they think they are good at it or not. There are many benefits to singing with others, so come and give it a try!

Are you a mountain dulcimer player? We have a patron who is interested in gathering with others to play songs of the mountains at the library. If you are interested, please email director@olivefreelibrary.org

We are seeking volunteers to help with our spring book fair. Please contact the library if you are available.

See you at the library!
-Katie - director@olivefreelibrary.org

Yoga Classes 12-Week Series Starts February 2! Mondays 7 p.m. (Gentle) Wednesdays 9 a.m. (Gentle) Saturdays 9 a.m. (Intermediate)
New pricing for 2015: 12-week class card, \$48 for Olive residents. For all others, \$6 drop-in fee. Drop-ins are welcome.

Hatha Yoga promotes physical health and emotional well being through physical postures (asanas), breath and movement exercises.

These gentle yoga classes are suitable for seniors and those who are just starting out or starting back to yoga. The emphasis is on developing stability by slowly increasing strength, flexibility, and balance.

The Saturday Intermediate class is appropriate for those ready to advance in their practice a bit.

Instructor Kathy Carey brings years of teaching experience, many modes of training and multiple levels of certification to her yoga classes, and is especially attentive to beginners, seniors, and those with injuries.

Tuesday, February 3, 1-3 p.m. Senior Scam Prevention Forum

In this forum seniors and their caregivers will learn how to prevent becoming victims to scams commonly perpetrated on older citizens. This forum was originally scheduled for December but was cancelled due to snow. Sponsored by NY State Senator James L. Seward in conjunction with the Consumer Protection Bureau. In the event of a snow cancellation, this event will be rescheduled for the following Tuesday, February 10.

Singing Circle! New Weekly Group! Wednesdays (Starting February 4) In the Singing Circle, everyone can sing! Open to all ages and free. Participants can request a song or bring a song, and be willing to join in

with others. Reading music is not necessary. Musician Julia Haines has led Singing Circles at Cancer Support Community and in educational settings in Philadelphia. She recently relocated back to Olive. Please call the library to sign up or email programs@olivefreelibrary.org

Thursday, February 5, 6:00 p.m. Rainbow Loom Group We have a Rainbow Loom group on the first Thursday of each month. The group learns to make one new thing each month. If you need to borrow a loom please contact the library.

Thursday Night Movie Series! *Gone Girl* - February 5 *Gone Girl* (Rated R) is based on Gillian Flynn's award-winning 2012 suspense novel. The 2014 film stars Ben Affleck, Rosamund Pike, and Neil Patrick Harris, and is directed by David Fincher. Set in the Midwest, the story begins as a mystery about a man whose wife has gone missing and the events that follow

Boyhood - February 12 (movies begin at 6:30 p.m.) *Boyhood* (Rated R) Directed by Richard Linklater and starring Ellor Coltrane, Patricia Arquette and Ethan Hawke. Nominated for the Oscar for Best Picture, this movie was shot over 12 years' time, following the story of a family as they aged in real time.

Free Tax Preparation Help Mondays 1-4 p.m. February 9-April 6 AARP is once again organizing a cadre of dedicated volunteers to come in and help you file your taxes online. Appointments are necessary. Please call 845-255-0791, Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m., to schedule an appointment.

School Holiday Matinee Friday, February 13, 2:00 p.m. *Dolphin Tale 2* (PG) *Dolphin Tale 2* offers animal antics and sweet, old-fashioned drama that the whole family can enjoy. Common Sense Media says it is appropriate for children ages 7 and up.

Saturday, February 14, Family Movie Matinee 2:00 *Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day* (Rated PG). Common Sense Media says this, "This 'sweet, book-based comedy has great family messages." Appropriate for ages 9 and up.

Monday, February 16, 10:30 a.m. Robinson Wildlife! Brian Robinson brings live birds of prey and reptiles to the library and lets us experience these amazing animals up close. He imparts a wealth of information in this fun and interactive program. Free!

Monday, February 16, 6:30 p.m. Beekeeping Group-Guest Speaker At this month's meeting we will welcome guest speaker, Tom Sotoridy, former Agriculture Consultant, Beecology. He will discuss our ecosystem and things we can do to improve conditions for our bees and our gardens. Free!

Lego Club Wednesday, February 18 6:00-8 p.m. (grades 1-7) Each month kids take up a new creative challenge with Lego. The library supplies the Lego, no experience necessary.

Saturday, February 21, 2 p.m. Container Gardening Master Gardener Lecture Gardening in containers allows you to grow plants virtually anywhere. This workshop will show you many innovative and inexpensive ways to create container gardens, the best materials, plants and strategies for watering.

Book Club Saturday, February 21, 4:00 p.m. *Lookaway, Lookaway* By Wilton Barnhardt *Miss Julia Speaks Her Mind* Ann B. Ross This month, readers can choose between two books, or read both and compare. The discussion will compare warmth and sarcasm in these Southern writers. "Lookaway, Lookaway" is that rare thing: an excellent long novel that's not long enough." (NY Times)

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Monday, February 23, 10:30 a.m. Memory Loss, Dementia and Alzheimer's: The Basics In this free, hour-long presentation you will learn about the basics of detecting, preventing, and treating memory loss and Alzheimer's Disease. Offered by the Alzheimer's Association.

Friday, February 27, 4 p.m. Nature Club In The Nature Club kids go outdoors and observe nature, sometimes with journals, sometimes art and other projects and games.

Thursday, March 5, 6:30 p.m. Using Native Plants in Your Garden Francis Groeters, PhD, of Catskill Native Nursery will talk to us about the amazingly abundant choices of ornamental and edible native plants available in this area, and the benefits of creating biodiversity in your garden.

Saturday, March 28, 2:00 p.m. Color for Residential Interiors For most people, choosing paint colors can be overwhelming. Not only is it necessary to take the room's furnishings into consideration, but paint finish, adjacent room color, sight lines, architecture and light sources, all play an important role in making an informed choice.

This 60 minute talk (plus Q & A) is comprised of a Powerpoint lecture including over 50 examples of how and how not to use color. The talk combines both the science and art of proper color application and an exploration of the profound emotional, psychological and physiological effects that color has on all of us.

Library Beehive Project Local Boy Scout, Blake Overton, is building an observation beehive for the library where people will be able to learn about bees by observing them up close. The hive is entirely safe and may inspire others to keep bees.

Snowshoes Wanted! The library is seeking donations of snowshoes in good condition that we can lend out (just like we loan out books and ukuleles!) We are particularly interested in kids sizes right now so we can take kids in the nature club out in the woods during the winter. If you have any snow shoes you would like to donate, please bring them to the library. Thank you!

Ukulele Circle Wednesdays 6:00-8:00 p.m. Pull up a ukulele and learn a song! This is a friendly group who welcomes all comers. If you do not have a ukulele but would like to participate, you can check one out from the library. This group stays connected to other players through Meetup.com under the name Catskill Ukulele Group

Tuesdays 10 a.m. Preschool Story Hour Come join the fun! Each week we do a craft activity, read some books, do yoga, sing, make music together, and make a parade through the library. All are welcome!

Up-Coming Events and Programs

March 2, 9, 23, 30 Computer

Programming Class Series

March 5, Catskill Native Plants Lecture

March 7, Master Gardener Workshop

March 21, Library Book Fair

March 21, Master Gardener Workshop

March 28, Color for Residential Interiors

April 11, AARP Defensive Driving Course

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 ... in Greek means "Toward the Sun," was written by Carol Olsen LaMonda. Carol writes the column "The Olive Jar" for *Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman*. This local author has been busy guesting at book clubs who have chosen this local memoir as their book choice. As summer approaches, the story of a carefree vacation in the Catskills should be added to your summer "must-read" list. The memoir is available at Amazon or Barnes and Noble on-line as a soft or hard cover or as a downloadable e-book for Nook or Kindle. Go to amazon.com or barnesandnoble.com and type in *Prosilio* in the search to order your copy of *Prosilio*

Governor Cuomo Proposes Important Step to Making New York a National Leader in Growing Farm Economy and Ensuring Food Security

Last week, Governor Cuomo released his proposed 2015-16 State Budget. The Governor's 2015 Opportunity Agenda is big - literally - more than 550 pages and proposes in excess of \$141 billion in state spending.

In it, is big news for the state's farm and food economy and every New Yorker that cares about their food and where it comes from. Governor Cuomo has proposed to make the state's largest investment ever in permanently protecting farmland - placing New York in the Top Five in America in state funding for a Farmland Protection Program.

Investing in New York's Farm and Food Economy

The connection between Governor Cuomo's proposed capital investment in protecting farmland and New York's economy is pretty simple. New York is a farm state that is packed with 19 million eaters, and millions more people just beyond our borders. For generations, New York's economy has been tied with growing, processing, distributing and selling food and other farm products. Farmers hit a record high with nearly \$5.7 billion in sales of farm products in 2013.

But, protecting farmland is good for more than just farmers and New York's economy - it matters to all New Yorkers that are thinking about their food and food security. Nationally, more than 90% of the fruit grown in the United States, 80% of our vegetables and 70% of our milk is produced in urban edge counties - places where farms are under pressure from real estate development.

These threats to our food production are very real in New York where the equivalent of 4,500 farms have been lost to real estate development since the 1980s. And, according to a Cornell University study, New York's 7 million acres of land currently

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in farming can produce only enough food for 6 million people - 30% of the state's population.

Record State Investment in Protecting Farmland

Governor Cuomo's budget proposal includes \$14 million for New York's Farmland Protection from the state's Environmental Protection Fund as well as a special allocation of \$20 million for permanently protecting farms in the Hudson Valley and \$30 million for farms and agricultural economic development in the state's Southern Tier. Such state investment would put New York near the top of the nation in farmland conservation funding - along with Maryland, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

Looking to the Future

Governor Cuomo should be applauded for proposing to take this important step forward. It will lead to farm families investing in their family businesses, next generation farmers getting on to the land, and greater food security for all of us. We hope that the New York State Assembly and Senate join the Governor in supporting this investment.

But, realizing the potential for New York's farm and food economy and ensuring true food security for all New Yorkers does not happen overnight. It comes from a sustained commitment. But, for the first budget offered in Governor Cuomo's 2nd term, it is a vital step forward.

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Gillibrand Urges Congress to Fully Fund Dept of Homeland Security - As Washington Politics Threaten to Undermine Department's Responsibilities, Senator Says Funding Should Not Be Politicized

Washington, D.C. - As Congress prepares for a debate on the funding of the Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand today urged her colleagues in Congress to fully fund the Department to ensure that it can continue to fulfill its duty to protect Americans.

"A fully-funded Department of Homeland Security is vitally important to ensuring the safety of Americans in New York and across the country," said Senator Gillibrand. "I urge my colleagues to leave partisan politics at the door and quickly pass a bill free of policy riders that would give the Department the money it needs to fight terrorist threats against our cities and keep our trade and transportation hubs working."

The Senate will vote on funding for the Department of Homeland Security as early as next week. The Department is responsible for securing and managing our Nation's ports and borders, responding to emergency disasters, enforcing immigration laws, securing air travel and cargo, and fighting terrorism.



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Art. Write. Now. Tour 2014-15 of Scholastic Art & Writing Award-Winning Works Opens at the CAS Arts Center
Exhibition curated by artist Kay WalkingStick travels nationwide to showcase the most stunning and original works by creative teens from across the country

Art. Write. Now. Tour 2014-15, a nationwide traveling exhibition showcasing more than 130 original pieces of art and writing from the talented teen winners of the 2014 Scholastic Art & Writing Awards, will open on February 21, 2015 at the CAS Arts Center at 48 Main Street in Livingston Manor, NY. Free and open to the public through March 22, the exhibit hosts student work from around the country, including works by local writer Sarah Mughal from Vestal Senior High School and artist Maxwell Vonderhorst, a graduate of Warwick Valley Middle School.

The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards, the country's longest-running and most prestigious scholarship and recognition program for creative students in grades 7-12, received more than 255,000 submissions during the 2014 program year. These emerging artists' and writers' works were first adjudicated on the regional level, then again on the national level by leading creative professionals. This year's exhibited works were curated by artist and Scholastic Award alumna Kay WalkingStick, whose career retrospective will open in 2015 at the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian in Washington D.C. In addition to WalkingStick, many famous figures won Scholastic Awards as teens and ultimately went on to become cultural icons, such as Andy Warhol, Truman Capote, Sylvia Plath, Zac Posen and Lena Dunham.

The *Art. Write. Now. Tour 2014-15* is presented by the Alliance for Young Artists & Writers and funded by the generous support of Scholastic Inc., The National Endowment for the Arts and Blick Art Materials & Utrecht Art Supplies. Now in its 5th year, the tour made its first stop at the Rhode Island School of Design in Providence, RI, followed by a stop at the Salt Lake City Public Library in UT. The exhibition presented by the Catskill Art Society in Livingston Manor, NY will be the

tour's final stop. For more information, please visit www.artandwriting.org/art-write-now-tour.

Gallery hours at the CAS Arts Center are Thursdays - Saturdays 11am-6pm, Sundays 11am-3pm, and Mondays 11am-6pm. The CAS Arts Center is wheelchair accessible.

Saturday, February 21, 2015 - Opening Reception
CAS will host a free Opening Reception on Saturday, February 21 from 3pm to 5pm. All are welcome and light refreshments will be served.

About the Catskill Art Society

The Catskill Art Society is a non-profit cultivating public interest, participation, and enjoyment of the arts. Through its multi-arts center, CAS explores contemporary art practices and facilitates creative and professional development for established and emerging artists. Located in Livingston Manor, the renovated 4,500+ square foot facility includes a designated fine arts gallery, a large multi-purpose space, a pottery studio, a painting studio, and a digital arts lab. For more information, please visit www.catskillartsociety.org.

Funding for CAS is provided in part by the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Legislature.

Number of Winter Markets Tripled Since 2007-2008 in New York

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced that winter farmers' markets in New York have again reached an all-time high, now with 120 markets located across the state. While the selection of goods during the warmer seasons is higher, winter markets offer consumers plenty of New York-made choices, including potatoes, onions, cabbages, apples, meat and dairy products, honeys, maple syrups, high tunnel greens, carrots, wines and parsnips.

"Buying New York products helps New York farmers, and strengthens this state's agriculture industry - something that becomes even more important in the winter months," Governor Cuomo said. "I encourage all New Yorkers to find a winter farmers' market and plan a visit."

The number of winter farmers markets in New York State has grown 198 percent since the 2007 season.

- 2007-2008 season: 40 winter markets
- 2008-2009 season: 60 winter markets
- 2009 -2010 and 2010-2011 seasons: 87 winter markets
- 2011-2012 season: 94 winter markets
- 2013-2014 season: 116 winter markets
- 2014-2015 season: 120 winter markets

State Agriculture Commissioner Richard A. Ball said, "More and more consumers are embracing New York agriculture as a year-round business, which is tremendously beneficial to our farmers and producers. Through initiatives such as the Governor's Taste NY program as well as winter farmers' markets, it is now easier than ever for New Yorkers to support this huge sector of the economy."

The Winter Farmers' Market Dataset includes information detailing the hours of operation and location of community farmers' markets as well as the name and phone number of the market manager.

Winter Farmers Markets List:
<https://data.ny.gov/d/3tmh-kuni>
Winter Farmers Markets Map:
<https://data.ny.gov/d/88k7-ujm4>

Ticket to Work Employment Network at ULSTER WORKS assists SSI and SSDI benefit holders with job training and employment options -Ulster County Office of Employment and Training holds monthly workshop for SSI and SSDI consumers to increase their income

Kingston New York: On Thursday, February 12, 2015 at 2:00 PM, The ULSTER WORKS One-Stop Center and the Ulster County Office of Employment and Training will hold a workshop for SSI and SSDI consumers on how to return to the workforce. A trained counselor will offer tools for finding employment, job training and the best ways to gain self-sufficiency in the workplace. The workshop is open to the general public, professionals, and agencies who work with SSDI and SSI recipients. All are encouraged to attend who are interested in learning about the Social Security Work Incentives and the Ticket to Work Program.


The workshop will explore work incentives available in the Ticket to Work Program established by the Social Security Administration that allow SSI and SSDI benefit holders to increase their income and avail themselves of training opportunities. The trained counselor has a network of key employers who are willing and able to provide jobs, with a goal towards self-sufficiency in the workplace.

This program is scheduled for Thursday, February 12, 2015 at 2:00 PM, at the One-Stop at 601 Development Court (Albany Avenue) in Kingston. Reservations are required. Job seekers should contact: Troy Snyder, Disabilities Resource Coordinator of the Ticket to Work Program at the Ulster Works OneStop Center on Albany Avenue at 845-331-7202.

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SUNRISE: 7:07 AM SUNSET: 5:13 PM
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TUESDAY



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4th Annual "Play Hooky on the Hill"

Blustein, Shapiro, Rich & Barone and The Ruby Group have joined forces for the 4th Annual "Play Hooky on the Hill" skiing/networking/fundraising event at Hunter Mountain!

Proceeds from the event go to benefit the Town of Wallkill Boys & Girls Clubs, which serves more than 300 kids in Northern Orange and Sullivan Counties each year!

When: Thursday, February 5, 2015

Where: Hunter Mountain

Travel on a chartered bus from either Bernie's Holiday Restaurant in Rock Hill or The Clubhouse at the Town of Wallkill Boys & Girls Clubs in Circleville. Departs - 7:00 am (from Bernie's) • 7:30 am (from Boys & Girls Clubs)

Fee: \$75 includes transportation on a chartered bus and a lift ticket, or \$50 for a lift ticket w/out transportation. Additional rates available for rentals, lessons, etc.

RSVP: Purchase your tickets online or by using a credit card and calling Boys & Girls Clubs at 845-342-8833!

Governor Cuomo Announces NYS Parks Hosted 62 Million Visitors Last Year - Overnight camping stays highest on record

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced that New York State parks and historic sites hosted 62 million visitors in 2014 - a three-percent increase over 2013, and a nearly eight-percent increase since the Governor took office.

"New York's parks and outdoor spaces are among the best in the nation, and these latest numbers are proof that more and more people are taking notice," Governor Cuomo said. "When people visit New York's parks, they support tourism and economic activity in communities across the State. I am very excited to see another successful year for the State Parks system, and I encourage everyone to plan a trip of their own in 2015."

State Parks' 2014 attendance was up 1.9 million visitors from the 60.1 million visitors hosted in 2013, and up 4.5 million visitors since 2010, the year before the Governor took office, when 88 parks were threatened with closure. Additionally, overnight stays at campgrounds operated by State Parks was the highest on record. State Park campsites were occupied for 594,441 nights in 2014, up 2 percent from 2013's record of 583,015 overnight stays.

The Governor has made improving access to parks and outdoor recreation a focal point of his administration, including:

- Implementing a statewide revitalization of the park system at the outset of his tenure. Last year, new facilities opened and revitalization projects were completed at parks across the state, including East River, Saratoga Springs and Seneca Lake State Parks; and Staatsburgh State Historic Site. The Governor's 2015 Opportunity Agenda continues his bold vision for New York State Parks. The NY Parks 2020 plan will leverage a broad range of public and private funding for a total investment of approximately \$900 million in State Parks through 2020.

- Launched New York's largest tourism campaign in decades, committing nearly \$60 million in 2014 to grow the industry, create jobs and attract even more visitors to the Empire State. I Love New York tourism promotion campaigns prominently featured destinations such as Niagara Falls State Park, Minnewaska State Park Preserve and Olana State Historic Site.

- Spearheaded a swift recovery to Superstorm Sandy, including parks and parkways. Long Island State Parks fully rebounded from Superstorm Sandy, with popular coastal parks such as Jones Beach and Robert Moses State Parks repaired and open for the full year.

The New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation oversees 180 state parks and 35 historic sites, which are visited by more than 60 million people annually. For more information on any of these recreation areas, call 518-474-0456 or visit www.nysparks.com, connect on Facebook, or follow on Twitter.

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Responsibility and Policy Statement

If you wish to attend an event you must make the commitment by turning in payment with permission slips for each person attending. If a trip is sold out, your name will be placed on a wait list. If cancellations are received, the people on the wait list will be called in the order the list was taken. A waiting list will be put together once I have 55 people registered with payment to see if I can get a second bus. Thank you for your understanding. There are no refunds. Seat assignments will be given as you board the motor coach bus. Please ride to and from the venue in the assigned seat. Special requests will always be given consideration. This policy insures the most orderly, considerate and efficient seating arrangements for all.

Reservation and payment

1. Come and fill out permission slips and bring payment at the Town Hall Upstairs Parks & Recreation office between 3 pm and 6 pm on Tuesdays.
2. MAIL permission slips & payment to Parks and Rec Dept PO BOX 307 Grahamsville, NY 12740

PLEASE NOTE the following: Permission Slips can be downloaded at www.townofneversink.org or picked up outside the Parks and Rec office door at the Town Hall between 8:30 am & 4:30 pm Monday through Friday.

Trips may be cancelled due to lack of number of sufficient participants (35) or inclement weather

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Skiing/Snowboarding at Holiday Mountain

WHEN: Sundays, January 4th - March 8th.

DETAILS: Sign your family up for Skiing/Snowboarding and receive discounted rates. Skiing hours are 10 am to 5 pm.

SIGN-UP: Pay just \$11 pp for Lift Tickets, \$11 pp for Ski Rentals, \$18 pp for snowboard rentals, Group Lesson 8 and older \$11 pp, Group Lesson under 8 \$26 pp.

To take advantage of these rates purchase a Town of Neversink Parks & Rec ID Card for \$8.

Binghamton Senators Hockey Game

WHEN: Saturday, March 14.

DETAILS: Leave the Town Hall 5 pm to ride the motor coach bus to Binghamton game starts 7:05 pm. Please bring dinner to eat on the bus and money for snacks. Return to the Town Hall after mid-night.

SIGN-UP: \$17 Neversink Residents and Tri Valley School Students/\$33 non-residents must be paid no later than Tuesday, January 27.

Westside Story Westchester Broadway Dinner Theatre

WHEN: Thursday, April 30.

DETAILS: Leave the Town Hall 9:45 am to ride the motor coach bus to Elmsford, NY, returns approximately 5:30 pm.

SIGN-UP: \$40 Neversink Residents and Tri Valley 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

WHEN: Saturday, May 30.

DETAILS: Leave the Town Hall 8 am to ride the motor coach bus 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.

Camp Fire Fun

WHEN: Friday, June 19.

DETAILS: Join us at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds at 5:30 pm for hot dog dinner, S'mores, make your own trail mix and camp fire sing along. We will also watch the Yogi Bear Movie on a large inflatable screen. Please bring a chair to sit on. Drinks will be available in a special container for \$3 on the day of the event.

SIGN-UP: \$4 Neversink Residents and Tri Valley School Students/\$13 non-residents must be paid no later than Tuesday, May 5.

Pizza Hut Fundraiser

WHEN: Thursday, June 25.

DETAILS: Join us at the Liberty Pizza Hut between 5 pm and 9 pm and eat dinner 20% of your purchase will be donated to our organization. Please pick up a form at the Town Hall to bring with you for us to get credit.

3rd Annual Community Yard Sale, Craft & Vendor Fair

WHEN: Saturday, July 11.

DETAILS: Join us at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds from 10 am to 3 pm for a super Saturday of sales. With both new and used items, something for everyone! Reserve your space now! We need vendors to sell new items as well! All cars are welcome! Free Parking and Admission!

SIGN-UP: \$15 per space must be paid no later than Tuesday, June 9.

Family Fun NIGHT

WHEN: Friday, July 17.

DETAILS: Join us at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds at 5:30 pm for a hot dog dinner, and fun! The Daniel Spencer Agency is going to be bringing inflatables, small obstacle course, and a giant rock wall. There will be cotton candy, popcorn, tattoos, tie dye tee-shirts. Drinks will be available in a special container for \$3 on the day of the event. All other activities are included in the below price per person. This event will be limited to the first 100 people to sign up.

SIGN-UP: \$7 Neversink Residents and Tri Valley School Students/\$12 non-residents must be paid no later than Tuesday, June 9.

Splashdown Beach

WHEN: Saturday, Aug. 1.

DETAILS: Leave the Town Hall 8:30 am to ride motor coach bus to Fishkill, return approximately 7 pm. Please bring money to eat with, swimsuits and a change of clothes.

SIGN-UP: \$15 Neversink Residents and Tri Valley School Students/\$39 non-residents must be paid no later than Tuesday, June 23.

Midwinter Report from Congressman Gibson

Dear Friend,

I hope you're doing well as we close out this cold and snowy month. As I do every few weeks, I wanted to take a few moments to share my views on some important national issues and update you on our legislative priorities. The drop in fuel costs couldn't come at a better time for American families, especially those of us who live in rural areas and do a good deal of driving. According to the Energy Department, the average household could see savings of \$750 this year thanks to lower gas prices. This trend makes a huge difference, of course, as we pay our bills and try to save for the future. And it lowers the cost of doing business for our farmers, manufacturers, and shippers and the myriad small businesses of the 19th District. It's critical that our nation continue efforts to bolster domestic energy supplies and transmission capabilities while developing cleaner technologies that reduce dependence on fossil fuel.

My staff and I are working hard to support economic growth in our region, and for that reason I am very pleased to announce my appointment to the House Small Business Committee for the 114th Congress. This is an extraordinary opportunity to continue my advocacy for lowering energy and healthcare costs, expanding rural broadband, improving infrastructure, and supporting recovery efforts in communities hit hard by disasters like Hurricane Irene. I am also honored to continue my service during these next two years on the House Agriculture and Armed Services Committees.

In legislative news this month, the House passed legislation I co-sponsored called the Clay Hunt Suicide Prevention for American Veterans Act, which increases access to mental health care by creating a peer support and community outreach program to assist transitioning servicemen and women. We are duty-bound to expand suicide prevention efforts within the VA and Department of Defense, and I expect this bill to be signed into law soon. My wife Mary Jo, a licensed clinical social worker, is also involved in this effort as co-chair of the Congressional Spouses for Suicide Prevention and Education. In addition, on Saturday, February 14, Mary Jo will be speaking at a free workshop for women called Love the Life You Live. If you have the opportunity, I encourage you to attend this special session.

We are also working to improve conditions in our nation's classrooms, where the focus has turned in large part from teaching to testing. A bipartisan bill I authored called the Student Testing Improvement & Accountability Act empowers state and local school systems by reducing the frequency of federally-mandated assessments in U.S. schools. This was a bill I led last Congress, and we reintroduced this legislation January 21, the same day a Senate committee held a hearing focused on federal testing requirements under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. I am confident we have the momentum to get serious consideration of this legislation in this Congress.

A bill of critical importance to the farming community, the Waters of the United States Regulatory Overreach Protection Act of 2015, was also introduced in recent days with my full support. This legislation prevents the EPA and Army Corps of Engineers from implementing a proposed rule that changes the definition of navigable waters and creates needless regulatory burdens on people who work the land. Finally this month, I am pleased to report the House passed a series of bills I co-sponsored to combat the sickening and unfortunately prevalent practice of human trafficking. The Congressional Research Service states that more than 17,000 people, including hundreds of

exploited children, are trafficked into the U.S. each year. Human trafficking is a form of slavery. The bills passed this week strengthen anti-trafficking laws, provide services to victims, train law enforcement agencies, and protect our most vulnerable neighbors.

This weekend, I'm looking forward to meeting with the members of the Delaware Valley Agricultural Society and the Federation of Dutchess County Fish & Game Clubs. These are great opportunities to hear how my office can be helpful. If you need assistance with the federal government, please feel free to contact me in Kinderhook, Hyde Park, Kingston, Liberty, Delhi, or Cooperstown. Have a good weekend!

Sincerely,
Chris Gibson
Member of Congress

Letter from Senator Bonacic Regarding Executive Budget

Dear Constituents:

Governor Andrew Cuomo has just unveiled his Executive Budget proposal, marking the official start of the 2015-16 State Budget negotiation process.

As your Senator, I will be working tirelessly throughout the budget process to ensure that the final plan we adopt reflects the key priorities, goals and aspirations of families, senior citizens, farmers and small business owners throughout our community.

From helping to create new job opportunities, to reducing the tax burden on hardworking New Yorkers, to ensuring that we get our fair share of state school aid, I will be working to ensure that the final budget we enact will be an outstanding budget for our community.

To help keep you well-informed on budget-related developments going forward, I have created a State Budget informational page on my web site. The page provides links that will let you review specific details of the Governor's proposal, and will also keep you posted on new developments related to the budget review and negotiation process.

I look forward to speaking with and listening to all of my constituents about their needs, concerns and priorities as we review the Governor's plan and put together a final State Budget for 2015-16.

By working together, I am confident that we can develop and enact an on-time balanced budget that helps to ensure a bright future for our community.

Sincerely,
JOHN J. BONACIC
State Senator

Schneiderman Announces Commitment by Citibank to Eliminate Barriers that Unfairly Keep Low-Income Americans from Opening Checking & Savings Accounts - Policy Changes Will Expand Access To Bank Accounts For Previously Excluded Consumers

NEW YORK - Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman today announced that Citibank, N.A. has agreed to adopt new policies governing its use of ChexSystems, a consumer reporting agency that screens people seeking to open checking or savings accounts. Citibank's new policies are expected to allow thousands of additional New Yorkers and consumers nationwide to open bank accounts by March 15, 2015. The change comes amid concerns that screenings by ChexSystems and other consumer reporting agencies, which are used by most of the nation's banks, adversely affect lower-income applicants and force them to turn to high-cost alternative financial services like check-cashing outlets. With today's agreement, Citibank now joins Capital One as the second bank to commit to overhaul its use of ChexSystems.

"No one should be denied access to a bank account because of a bounced check

from years ago or because they were a victim of identity theft," Attorney General Schneiderman said. "Denials like these force low-income Americans - and New Yorkers in particular - to resort to high-cost alternatives to banks, simply because of a small financial error in the past. I commend Citibank, following Capital One, for stepping up and working with us to help eliminate an unnecessary barrier to opening a checking or savings account. I look forward to working with additional banks willing to do the same."

ChexSystems is one of several databases used by some of the nation's largest banks and credit unions to analyze the banking history of consumers who apply for bank accounts. Customers who are deemed by ChexSystems to present a credit or fraud risk are typically denied the opportunity to open an account. Such databases disproportionately affect lower-income Americans, often punishing them for relatively small financial errors. As a result, many consumers must resort to alternative banking services to carry out basic financial transactions like cashing payroll checks and paying bills-services that cost them hundreds, if not thousands of dollars each year in extra fees. Without access to mainstream financial services, consumers also are denied opportunities to build assets and create wealth and are more vulnerable to theft and predatory lending practices.

Studies show that more than 3 million New York households are either "unbanked," meaning that no family member has a bank account, or are "underbanked," meaning that they have a bank account but also rely on high-cost alternative financial services.

According to one study, the New York State average for unbanked households is 9.8%, higher than the national average of 7.7%. Of counties with more than 100,000 households, the study ranks the Bronx as the second most unbanked county in the country and Brooklyn as the eighth most unbanked county. Of cities with more than 100,000 households, Buffalo ranks as the eighth most unbanked city in the country. Of midsize cities -- those with 50,000 to 100,000 households -- Rochester is the eighth most unbanked. In New York City, according to a 2010 study, more than 825,000 adults did not have bank accounts and, in two neighborhoods - Jamaica in Queens and Melrose in the Bronx-residents spent more than \$19 million per year on check-cashing fees.

Marc Morial, President and Chief Executive Officer of the National Urban League, said, "Promotion of economic opportunity for minority and low-income families and communities must remain a top priority. Too many African-American and Latino communities are denied access to traditional banking products and left vulnerable to costly and predatory check cashing outlets. I thank the Attorney General's Office for working to ensure that banks are extending basic services equally to all communities."

The Attorney General's agreement with Citibank comes as part of an ongoing investigation by the Attorney General's Civil Rights and Consumer Frauds Bureaus into the use of consumer-reporting agencies like ChexSystems by major American banks. In June 2014, the Attorney General announced an agreement with Capital One in which the bank committed to making changes to its use of ChexSystems, a move that, like today's agreement, expanded banking access for thousands of consumers nationwide.

Although Citibank will continue screening customers for past fraud, it will revamp its so-called "account-abuse" screening so that applicants are not rejected for isolated or minor banking errors, such as paid debts or a small overcharge. The changes to Citibank's policies are expected to take effect in mid-March 2015 and will be implemented nationwide.

This matter is being handled by Assistant Attorney General Melvin Goldberg of the Consumer Frauds Bureau and Special Counsel Jessica Attie of the Civil Rights Bureau. The Civil Rights Bureau, led by Chief Kristen Clarke, is part of the Division of Social Justice, which is led by Executive Deputy Attorney General for Social Justice Alvin Bragg. The Consumer Frauds Bureau, led by Chief Jane M. Azia, is part of the Division of Economic Justice headed by Executive Deputy Attorney General Karla G. Sanchez.

Wait Times Average 30 Minutes at State-Run Offices, Down from 72 Minutes in 2013

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today highlighted a dramatic reduction in wait times at offices of the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles. In September 2014, the average wait time at State-run DMV offices was reduced to 30 minutes - down from an average of 72 minutes in March 2013. This represents a decrease of 58 percent in customer wait time, and was achieved through the DMV's Customer Service Initiative, which the agency began at Governor Cuomo's direction in 2012.

"Our administration has taken an active role in improving the DMV's customer service, and the latest numbers show the great strides that have been made during the past few years," Governor Cuomo said. "From streamlining some of the most commonly required services to increasing the use of technology, we've made the customer experience faster and easier for millions of New Yorkers."

The DMV's Customer Service Initiative was a two-year process that included several key elements. The DMV implemented a reservation system to all customers to reserve a day and time convenient for them without a wait. Other improvements include expanded office hours, new technology at call centers to expedite the 4.5 million calls received each year, and assigning employees to greet customers upon arriving at DMV offices in order to ensure they can efficiently navigate the the office and the documents needed.

Also as part of the initiative, a "vision registry" was established, allowing customers have the results of required eye exams transmitted electronically from their vision provider to the DMV. After the results have been transmitted, the customer can renew their driver license online without having to visit a DMV office.

The DMV's website was also redesigned as part of the Customer Service Initiative. The redesigned website, launched in February 2014, improved the appearance and content of the website and focused specifically on optimizing the mobile experience.

In 2014, DMV had 28 million visits to the website, an increase of approximately one million from 2013. Yet while the number of website visitors increased, the redesigned site also resulted in fewer page clicks per user, indicating that customers are able to find the information they are looking for in less time. Specifically, the number of pages clicked per visit by customers has reduced from 6.25 pages per visit in December 2013 to 3.45 pages per visit in December 2014. More than 5.5 million web transactions were performed over the last year.

Kiosks were also placed in most DMV offices to allow customers to process their own registration renewals and replacements, driver license and non-driver ID renewals and replacements, permit replacements, address changes and driver license record requests.

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Frank Comando -

Thank you for all of your prayers and well wishes.

I need some time to heal myself and will not be writing for a while.

V-Day Season at SUNY Sullivan

It's time for another exciting V-Day season at SUNY Sullivan! For the past 4 years, we have participated in this global movement to help stop violence against women.

This year, SUNY Sullivan (under the direction of Dr. Cindy Linden) and PWSC's Committee for Empowering Women have joined together in this fight.

We are looking for women who are interested in performing in The Vagina Monologues and/or participating in the One Billion Rising DANCE! Auditions will be held at SUNY Sullivan's Seelig Theater on Friday, February 6 at 2:00 pm and 6:00 pm.

Special Note: TVM performers must be available for rehearsals on the following dates: Wednesday 2/18, Tuesday 2/24, and Wednesday 2/25 from 6:00-9:00.

This year's events include:

The 2003 documentary film Until the

Violence Stops-Screening at SUNY Sullivan's Seelig Theater on Thursday, February 19 at 7:00 pm. FREE ADMISSION AND REFRESHMENTS

The Obie Award-winning The Vagina Monologues (TVM)-Performances at SUNY Sullivan's Seelig Theater on Thursday, February 26 at 7:00 pm and Friday, February 27 at 8:00 pm. FREE ADMISSION FOR STUDENTS W/ VALID ID; \$5.00 FOR ALL OTHERS

For the first time at SUNY Sullivan, The Good Body (TGB)-Performance at SUNY Sullivan's Seelig Theater on Thursday, April 2 at 7:00 pm. FREE ADMISSION FOR STUDENTS W/ VALID ID; \$5.00 FOR ALL OTHERS

Please share this announcement with anyone who might be interested in participating in and/or attending the events.

WJFF's Kingfisher Project

WJFF's Kingfisher Project hosted a meeting in Jeffersonville on Saturday, Jan. 31. The meeting included speakers and provided a community forum for addressing the heroin epidemic in Jeffersonville and the surrounding area. The meeting was open to the public and also included an open discussion about ideas for future Kingfisher Project broadcasts.

The Kingfisher Project is a public affairs radio series that addresses the devastation caused by heroin and other drug abuse in Sullivan and Wayne counties. The project is based at WJFF-90.5 FM, Jeffersonville, NY, as part of the local news magazine, Making Waves.

The project was established in memory of Rebecca Pisall, a young woman who died last year due to her addiction to heroin. The project takes its name from a high school essay Rebecca wrote after rescuing an injured bird, a Kingfisher, when no one else would. To find out more, contact kingfisherwjff@gmail.com or visit thekingfisherproject.com.

WJFF, Radio Catskill, is a hydro-powered volunteer-driven public radio station based in Jeffersonville, NY and with a satellite studio in Honesdale, PA. Its contingent of more than 100 volunteers provide listeners with a mix of both locally and nationally produced programming on the air at 90.5 FM and streamed live and archived at www.wjffradio.org



Sweetheart Dinner
Sundown Methodist Church Hall
February 14th • 5 pm
Reservations only (\$10.00)
Call (845)-985-2455
by February 10th
• Door prizes •
By your sweetie a Carnations for \$1.50!!
Take out is also available
Hope to see you and your sweetheart there!!



CATSKILL BREWERY BEER TASTING EVENT
Sunday, February 8th 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
672 Old Route 17 Livingston Manor, NY
\$35.00 per person - cash or check at the door
Price includes:
5 beers on tap to sample, brewery tour, food pairings and Catskill Brewery glass.
Live acoustic guitar by Jason Perro.
Gather your friends and come see what's happening at the CATSKILL BREWERY.
Spend a casual Catskill winter afternoon enjoying great local beer, good food and music.
RSVP appreciated - cmckonnie@mtiagency.com
Event hosted by Team Jesse and the Asystech from The Mission Agency, Inc. in support of the Boys & Girls Club of Orange & Sullivan Counties. Proceeds from this event will be donated to the Boys & Girls Club.




ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL MISSION
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Sunday, 8:15 am Service of Holy Communion
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Claryville, NY 12725
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Worship Services @ 10:00 am
Rev. Paul Nulton
John Bult, Organist



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Service Times
Sunday School 9:30 am
Sunday Worship Service/
Children's Church 10:30 am
Monday Night Home
Bible Study 7 pm
Tuesday Night Youth Home
Bible Study 7 pm
Friday Youth Night 7 pm
Ismael Berrios
Lead Pastor
P. O. Box 480
507 Hasbrouck Drive
Woodbourne, NY 12788
845-434-8263
Email: crosswayaog@aol.com
www.crosswayaog.com

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.



Sundown United Methodist Church
Peekamoose Rd., Sundown
Sunday Worship Service - 8:30 a.m.
Sunday School - after worship (9:40 a.m.)
Wednesday Bible Study - 6:45 p.m.
Pastor: Rev. Peggy Ann Sauerhoff
845-985-2283
e-mail: Sundownumc@gmail.com
Grahamsville United Methodist Church
Rte. 55, Grahamsville
Sunday Worship Service - 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School for grades k-7 - 10:30a.m.
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For information contact Rev. Peggy Ann Sauerhoff 845-985-2283
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5:30 p.m.



Grahamsville United Methodist Church
Third Saturday Thrift Sale
9 am - 1 pm
Feb. 21, 2015

St. Augustine's Chapel
Watson Hollow Rd. • West Shokan, NY
Sunday Mass - 9:30 am
Holy Days 5:30 pm
Penance 9:00 am, 2nd Sunday of the month
Rev. George W. Hommel, Pastor

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

PUBLIC NOTICES/LEGALS:**LEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT**

Supervisor Mark McCarthy has called a **Special Meeting** of the Town of Neversink Town Board for **Thursday, February 5, 2015 at 7:30 pm at the Town of Neversink Town Hall, 273 Main St., Grahamsville, NY.**

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the Town of Neversink Zoning Laws and any other business that may legally come before the Board.

Lisa Garigliano, Town Clerk
Dated: January 29, 2015 2/5

The Annual Plot-Holders' meeting for the Grahamsville Rural Cemetery will be held on February 5, 2015 at the Daniel Pierce Library at 7:00pm.

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Advertisement for Bids

Sealed bids will be received for the Margaretville Central School - Stormwater Improvements Project by the **Catskill Watershed Corporation**, until **3:00 pm, February 26, 2015**, at the office of Catskill Watershed Corporation, 905 Main Street, PO Box 569, Margaretville, NY, 12455 at which time said bids will be publicly opened and read aloud for:

Work of Contract No. 1 - includes all tools, labor, material and equipment necessary to remove existing storm sewers and stormwater treatment sand filter; construct new storm sewers and stormwater treatment pond; true and level existing asphalt pavement to provide positive drainage; construct chain link fence around pond; and general site restoration.

The Contract Documents may be examined at the following locations:

Lamont Engineers, P.C.
548 Main Street - PO Box 610
Cobleskill, NY 12043
Tel. (518) 234-4028
Hours: Mon.-Fri., 8:00 am -5:00 pm

Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC)
905 Main Street
Margaretville, NY 12455
Hours: Mon.-Fri., 8:00 am -5:00 pm

Copies of the Contract Documents may be obtained from Lamont Engineers, located at 548 Main Street, Cobleskill, NY, upon payment of a \$75.00 deposit.

A Pre-Bid Meeting will be held at the CWC offices at 10:00 am on Tuesday, February 17, 2015.

By Order of: Catskill Watershed Corporation
Margaretville, NY

How the Telegraph was First Used to Control Train Movements

By Charles M. Breiner

The first instance of using the telegraph to control train movements occurred on the Erie Railroad September 22, 1851, at Turners, NY that is now Harriman.

With no connection to the Erie Railroad, Ezra Cornell of the New York and Erie Telegraph Company began construction of a line through southern New York counties in August, 1847. This telegraph line ran along wagon roads. This line started in Manhattan, ran through Harlem, White Plains, Sing Sing, Peekskill, Newburgh, Goshen, Middletown, Honesdale, PA, Montrose, Binghamton, Ithaca, Danville, Nunda and Pike to Fredonia. This telegraph line proved unreliable.

Charles Minot, the Superintendent of what was then the New York & Erie Railroad Company took note of these events and induced the Erie to construct a line of telegraph poles and wires along the railroad's line. It was constructed by railroad workmen and Ezra Cornell supplied the insulators and Morse machinery. In 1852 and 53 the wire from Ezra Cornell's Company was removed from the roads and transferred to the railroad's poles. In 1852 Cornell's Company became the New York and Western Union Telegraph Company.

In 1851 Charles Minot placed the railroad's telegraph line under two superintendents. Luther G. Tillotson supervised the line from New York to Owego and Charles Chapin supervised the line from Owego to Dunkirk, NY. In 1852, Tillotson was made the sole superintendent of the railroad's telegraph line. Luther G. Tillotson was born in Ithaca, NY on March 1, 1834, and his father was a Friend of Ezra Cornell. At age 15 years he started to learn telegraphy from his father and within a year he was an expert. He was employed by the Erie in 1851. In 1862 he began dealing in railroad telegraphy equipment and in 1865 established the firm of L. G. Tillotson & Company in New York City and headed the Company until his death on January 31, 1885.

Both threadless and threaded glass insulators exist embossed, "L. G. TILLOTSON & CO." or "L. G. T. & CO." It seems likely that these insulators were made by Brookfield. In the early 1880's the Tillotson Company advertised that they were the sole distributor of standard Brookfield insulators.

The first telegraph office of the New York & Western Union Company was located in the bar of the Occidental Hotel in Goshen, NY. It was soon moved across the street to the bookstore and book-bindery owned by Lebeus Vail. The first telegraph office west of Goshen was located in Port Jervis.

WJFF Turns 25!

Jeffersonville, NY - at 6:00am on February 12th 1990, hydro-powered community radio station WJFF made its historic first broadcast. This year, the station turns 25 and will begin its year-long anniversary celebration with a three-day open house February 12th thru 14th. WJFF's 25th Birthday Open House runs from 8:00am to 8:00pm on both Thursday and Friday and 8:00am to 4:00pm on Saturday there will be food, drinks and celebration in WJFF's main studio located at 4765 State Route 52 in Jeffersonville, New York.

WJFF listeners and friends are invited to join the station's founders and many volunteers at 6:00pm on Thursday February 12th to celebrate the station's birthday with a delicious birthday cake. A second cake-cutting ceremony will also take place at WJFF's satellite studio inside The Cooperage at 1030 Main Street in Honesdale PA at 12:00 noon on Friday February 13th with an open house continuing until 4:00pm.

During the three-day celebration, WJFF's studios and airwaves will be filled with special guests, returning hosts, archival audio highlights and more. Throughout the community, local businesses will be helping WJFF celebrate by hosting "Cake Parties" at the businesses. Friends of the station are invited to stop in and enjoy a piece of birthday cake.

Thursday February 12th

Kristt Company - Monticello, NY; Morgan Outdoors - Livingston Manor, NY; Steve's Music Center - Rock Hill, NY

Friday February 13th

Read it Again Bookstore - Monticello NY; Delaware Valley Arts Alliance - Narrowsburg, NY; Fat Boiz - Monticello, NY

Saturday February 14th

Ultimate Auto Repair - Woodridge, NY; Floyd & Bobo's - Liberty, NY; Miss Abigail's Flower Shop - Rock Hill, NY; Callicoon Wine Merchant - Callicoon, NY

Wrapping up the celebration weekend on Saturday February 14th starting at 7:00pm, Jeffersonville JEMS will be hosting a Valentine's Day dance party at Mullally's Pub on Main Street in Jeffersonville, with a special dedication and gift to WJFF. Everyone is welcome to bring their dancing shoes and help make the night a memorable one.

Trains during this period operated under the Time Interval Systems where trains were required to wait for an opposing train of the same class.

The west bound express under Conductor W. H. Stewart on this day had Superintendent Charles Minot on board when it stopped at Turners, 47 miles from New York to wait for an east bound train that was running late. Superintendent Minot was anxious to proceed so he telegraphed from the railroad's depot at Turners to Goshen, some 14 miles ahead and learned that the east bound train had not reached Goshen. He then telegraphed:

To Agent and Operator at Goshen:

Hold the train for further orders.

Chas. Minot, Superintendent

He then wrote this order and handed it to Conductor Stewart:

To Conductor and Engineer:

Run to Goshen regardless of opposing train.

Chas. Minot, Superintendent

Conductor Stewart took the order to the engineer, Isaac Lewis who had little confidence this new telegraph, telling Stewart, "What do you take me for a damned fool? I won't run by that thing!"

Charles Minot then took the controls of the locomotive and proceeded to Goshen while Engineer Lewis sat in the rear seat of the last coach waiting for the wreck to come.

At Goshen Charles Minot telegraphed to Middletown and the east bound train had not reached Middletown. The order to hold the train at Middletown was sent. At Middletown the order was repeated to Port Jervis where the east bound train arrived at the same time as the west bound train.

An hour or more had been saved for the west bound train. A system of using telegraph to control train movements was soon implemented on the Erie and call signals for all stations were implemented such as PO for Port Jervis and XN for Lackawaxen and so on.

This system for controlling train movements was not adopted by other railroads until after 1855. The system remained in place by the Erie Railroad until about 1888 when it was replaced by block signals.

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WJFF's Anniversary celebrations continue all year with a jazz cocktail party in New York City in April, an outdoor summer concert in Jeffersonville, a Gala dinner in September, a Holiday Cabaret in December and many more special events. For more information and an up-to-date schedule, visit: www.wjffradio.org.

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Schneiderman Warns Consumers Against Scammer Posing as Official from Attorney General's Office - Scammer Threatening Consumers Across New York State With False Claim Of Lawsuit and Arrest

NEW YORK - Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman today announced that his office has been alerted to a scam involving an individual posing as a representative of the Attorney General's Office. The scammer is threatening consumers with a lawsuit and possible arrest and instructs consumers to call 347-779-0198, a number that is associated with other phone scams nationwide. One Syracuse area consumer reported that the scammer told him that he was going to be arrested in connection with a lawsuit and needed to call the provided number to communicate about the litigation. The voicemail associated with this number falsely purports to be that of Attorney Sam Wilson from the Attorney General's Office.

"Consumers should remain vigilant against unsolicited phone calls and should never provide sensitive personal information to individuals they do not know and trust," said Attorney General Schneiderman. "Government agencies will never solicit personal information over the phone and consumers should report suspicious phone calls in order to hold these scammers accountable."

Attorney General Schneiderman warns that this particular call is a fake and has no connection to the Attorney General's Office. Consumers should not return this call to the number provided and should be aware that the Attorney General's Office would never notify

any individual or business about pending litigation in a telephone call. Scammers frequently try to scare their victims into giving up personal information and money by claiming to be official government agencies threatening arrest or lawsuits. Scammers often target immigrant communities and threaten victims with deportation or arrest

Tips for Consumers to Avoid Telephone Scams**Think Of The Telephone As A "One Way Street"**

It's okay to give out information over the phone if you made the call to a number you know and trust (such as your own bank). However, never give out personal information when you receive an unsolicited call. If you receive a call soliciting personal information, just hang up the phone, no matter what the caller ID says. If the caller says he's from your bank and is checking on possible unauthorized withdrawals from your account, hang up the phone and then call your bank. If it was your bank that was trying to call, then it will be happy to confirm the call and will often provide requests to you in writing. If your bank says it wasn't trying to reach you, that means the caller you hung up on was a scammer.

Beware If A Caller Ask To Keep A Conversation A Secret

A legitimate caller will never request that a conversation remain a secret, and you should immediately be suspicious. Whether the caller claims to be from the government, a bank, or a family member, requests for confidentiality should raise a red flag.

Just Say No!

You don't have to be polite when you receive unsolicited phone calls. The safest thing to do is to say "no" and hang up. Legitimate callers will typically also provide requests in writing. It is better to be guarded than to fall victim.

Remember the old adage: "If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is." Be wary of any offers or deals that sound too good to be true, as they likely are too good to be true.

Individuals should contact the Federal Trade Commission to report such solicitations at (877) FTC-HELP or www.ftc.gov. To report any type of telemarketing fraud, consumers can contact the Attorney General's Office at (800) 771-7755 or www.ag.ny.gov.

Town of Neversink Parks & Recreation

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.

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

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

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- LIBERTY - LIBERTY FITNESS • CHARLIE'S PIZZA • AGWAY (Liberty)
- LIBERTY SHOPRITE • ELLENVILLE SHOPRITE • SULLIVAN COUNTY COMM COLLEGE LIBRARY
- SUNDOWN CAMP & BAIT SHOP
- GRAHAMSVILLE DELI
- EUREKA MARKET & CAFE
- CANNIE D'S
- BLUE HILL LODGE
- PETER'S MARKET
- JAMES NAPANOCH GROCERY
- DR. LONSTEIN'S OFFICE
- MATTHEW'S PHARMACY
- ELLENVILLE CITGO
- ELLENVILLE REG HOSPITAL
- PETER'S MARKET
- NAPANOCH APPLIANCE

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

TOWN OF OLIVE MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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

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



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

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

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

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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

Loch Sheldrake FD Annual Ice Fishing Contest

The Loch Sheldrake Fire Department will be hosting their annual Ice Fishing Contest on Saturday, February 7th on the Loch Sheldrake Lake. Registration opens at 5:30am, contest closes at 3pm. Trophies will be awarded in various categories including most fish caught, biggest lunker and more!

Many raffles will be available during the day, including a raffle for a Ruger 22/10. Tickets for this gun can be purchased on the ice, or prior to the contest from any LSFDD member.

Hot food and beverages will be available to participants at the registration trailer, located off of Karmel & Jacobs Rd. Signs will be posted on Rt 52.

For more information, to purchase raffle tickets, or inquire about joining the Loch Sheldrake Fire Department as a member, please call 434-2710 and leave a message, or check out the website. www.lochsheldrakefd.com

SUNY Ulster Hosts the Mid-Hudson Regional New York State Science Olympiad

High school students interested in all STEM fields will compete at SUNY Ulster at the regional competition of the nationwide Science Olympiad on Saturday, Feb. 7, at the Stone Ridge campus.

Open to the public, the competition will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. with many events taking place in the Senate Gymnasium. The award ceremony is scheduled to begin about 3:30 p.m., in Quimby Theater. The snow date is Feb. 8.

This year, 28 teams will compete from 20 different high schools in the New York Mid-Hudson Regional Division C competition. Last year's first place team for the second consecutive year was The Mount Academy. The other winners of the 2014 competition were: John Jay High School in 2nd place; Onteora High School in 3rd place; and Spackenkill High School in 4th place.

Events, which are often interactive and hands-on, include anatomy and physiology, astronomy, bridge building, bungee drop, cell biology, chem lab, compound machines, disease detectives, plants, forensics, fossils, geologic mapping, protein modeling and other sciences. New this year is an Air Trajectory event.

Students will compete for four slots at the state competition. Karen Goodell coordinates logistics and volunteers from SUNY Ulster and the local community to judge and supervise the individual events.

The regional competition is part of the nationwide Science Olympiad, one of the premiere science competitions in the nation, providing rigorous, standards-based challenges to nearly 7,000 teams in 50 states. Science Olympiad's ever-changing line-up of events in all STEM disciplines exposes students to practicing scientists and career choices, and energizes classroom teachers with a dynamic content experience.

For more information, contact Goodell at godelk@sunyulster.edu or (845) 687-5181.

SUNY Ulster Offers Driving Courses This Spring

SUNY Ulster's Continuing and Professional Education Department will offer several driving courses during the spring semester that are open to the public and require pre-registration.

Course offerings include: the Five-Hour Pre-licensing Class, Defensive Driving Class and Driver Education.

The Five-Hour Pre-licensing Class covers the effects of alcohol and drugs on driving perception and defensive driving techniques. Upon completion, students will be issued a certificate, which is required to take the road test. The class meets the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles classroom requirement in driver safety education. The course will be offered at the Business Resource Center (BRC) in Kingston on Saturday, Feb. 21, from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and again on Saturday, March 21 from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., at the Stone Ridge Campus. The course fee is \$45.

The Defensive Driving Class is designed to help prevent and avoid accidents through techniques developed by the National Safety Council and approved by the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles. Participants in the six-hour class may save 10 percent on their auto liability, no-fault and collision insurance premiums for three years. They may also receive a reduction of up to 4 points on their driving record toward points accumulated prior to class completion. Classes are scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 28, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., at the BRC and on Saturday, March 28, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., at the Stone Ridge Campus. The course fee is \$45.

The Driver Education Class is held at seven area high schools, including Kingston, Rondout Valley, Highland, Marlboro, Wallkill, Onteora and New Paltz. The course is approved by the New York State Education Department and provides 48 hours of course instruction. Classes begin the week of Feb. 9.

For more information or to register, contact SUNY Ulster's Continuing and Professional Education office at (845) 339-2025 or visit www.sunyulster.edu/ce and register online.

Statement from: Governor Andrew M. Cuomo Regarding Wage Board Recommendation on Minimum Wage for Tipped Workers

"For far too long, wages for tipped workers in New York State have been too low. Last week the Wage Board has recommended a course that begins to rectify that, equalizing wages into a single tipped wage and recommending an increase to the highest-ever wage for all tipped workers. I thank the board members for their service to the State of New York and I look forward to action by the Commissioner of Labor on this important matter."

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In 1876, immediately after the death of General George Armstrong Custer at Little Big Horn, a government stagecoach crossing the remote southwest desert is robbed of its payroll and its driver is killed by the Cheyenne. Capt. Nathan Cutting Brittle (John Wayne), who is retiring from the Army in six days, realizes that his last mission will be to drive the Cheyenne

back north. His task is complicated as he is forced to deliver his commanding officer's wife and niece, Abby Allshard (Mildred Natwick) and Olivia Dandridge (Joanne Dru), to an eastbound stage while his troop officers, 1st Lt. Flint Cohill (John Agar) and 2nd Lt. Ross Pennell (Harry Carey, Jr.) vie for the affections of Miss Dandridge. She Wore a Yellow Ribbon is a 1949 Technicolor Western "She Wore a Yellow Ribbon" is the second film in a famous trilogy of western movies that director John Ford and actor John Wayne made together.

With a budget of \$1.6 million, the film was one of the most expensive Westerns made up to that time. The film takes its name from "She Wore a Yellow Ribbon", a popular US military song that is used to keep marching cadence. The film won the Academy Award for Best Cinematography in 1950. It was also nominated by the Writers Guild of America as 1950's Best Written American Western; the award was won by Yellow Sky.

1. The film was shot on location. Where?
2. Whose paintings did Ford and cinematographer Winton Hoch base much of the film's imagery on?

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