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UMC of Monticello Presents The Second Annual "Shorts & Sweets for Sweethearts"



Patti Greco Sunshine

For the second straight year, The United Methodist Church of Monticello is cooking up something special for a Valentine's fundraiser on Saturday, February 15, 2014.

"Shorts & Sweets for Sweethearts" is a dinner theatre experience, which will include short stories and songs about love and romance performed by Carol Montana and De Lois "Cookie" House of Big Sky Productions. A special Valentine's treat is in store for the audience in the form of songs by Patti Greco Sunshine (tentative), who wowed the audience with her performance at the recent Shorts & Sweets for the Holidays. And the entertainment will also feature the UMC's Jeremy Mills as accompanist. (Contd. Pg. 8)

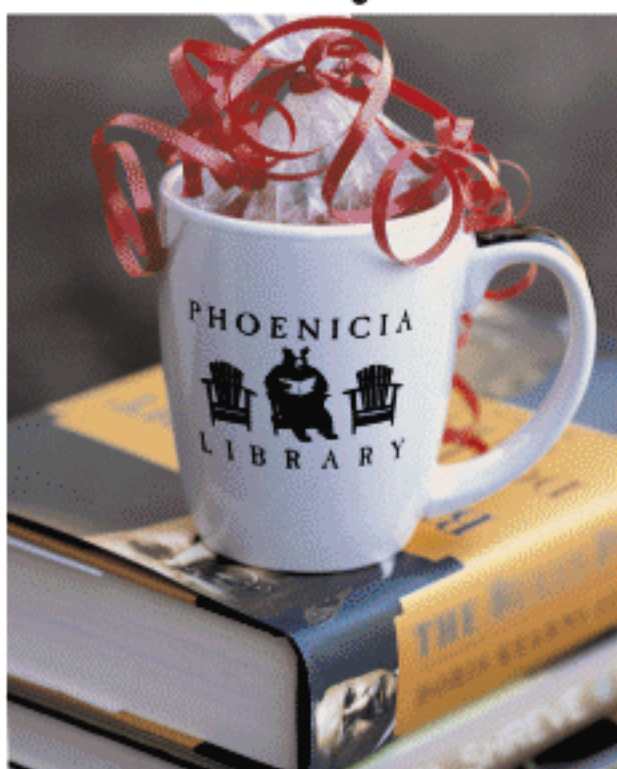
Perfect for Valentine's Day!

Limited Edition Phoenicia Library bear logo mugs are on sale just in time for Valentine's Day. Proceeds go towards the current rebuilding of our library, which was destroyed by fire in 2011.

The cost is \$10 per mug, or \$12 with Gummy Bears. They are on Sale at the library front desk. For library hours go to <http://phoenicalibrary.org>

There are many scheduled February Library Events. Prey Birds and Reptiles with Brian Robinson will be held on Saturday, February 15 @ 1 PM. Meet our Feathered and Scaled Friends Live and in Person! All ages welcome.

February 15 will be the start of Free Fly-Tying Classes. Fun with feathers and fur with



Hank Rope, local licensed guide sponsored by the Jerry Bartlett Memorial Angling Collection and Phoenicia Rod and Gun Club.

DATES: Four Saturdays: February 15, February 22 and March 1, March 8.

TIME: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
LOCATION: Phoenicia Fish and Game on Rt 28, Phoenicia

Open to ages 14 or above. Bring your own tools although there are a number of vises for youngsters to use. Feathers and hooks will be supplied. Experienced tyers welcome to sit and tie along.

Registration is required. Call Hank Rope at 845-254-5904 to register or for more info

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Raffle to Benefit Team Bryce

At 22 weeks gestation Bryce was diagnosed with HLHD and had fetal intervention surgery on his heart at 26 weeks gestation. He had his first open heart surgery when he was just 10 days old and a second surgery at 8 months old. After countless hospital stays, Bryce was put on the heart transplant list in March 2011 and on January 15, 2014 Bryce received his new heart. Eight year old Bryce is recovering in Morgan Stanley Children's Hospital where the transplant was performed.

Sprague & Killeen, Inc. at 116 Canal Street in Ellenville is holding a raffle drawing for a basket of Family Movie/Game night goodies with all proceeds going to Bryce's family to help with expenses. Tickets will be 1 for \$1 or 6 for \$5. Drawing to be held on February 24. Please stop by Sprague & Killeen's office, or call 845-647-9100. Tickets can also be purchased in the lobby of Peter's Market on Route 209, Napanoch on February 14th from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Sprague & Killeen, Inc. will be matched up to \$1500. !

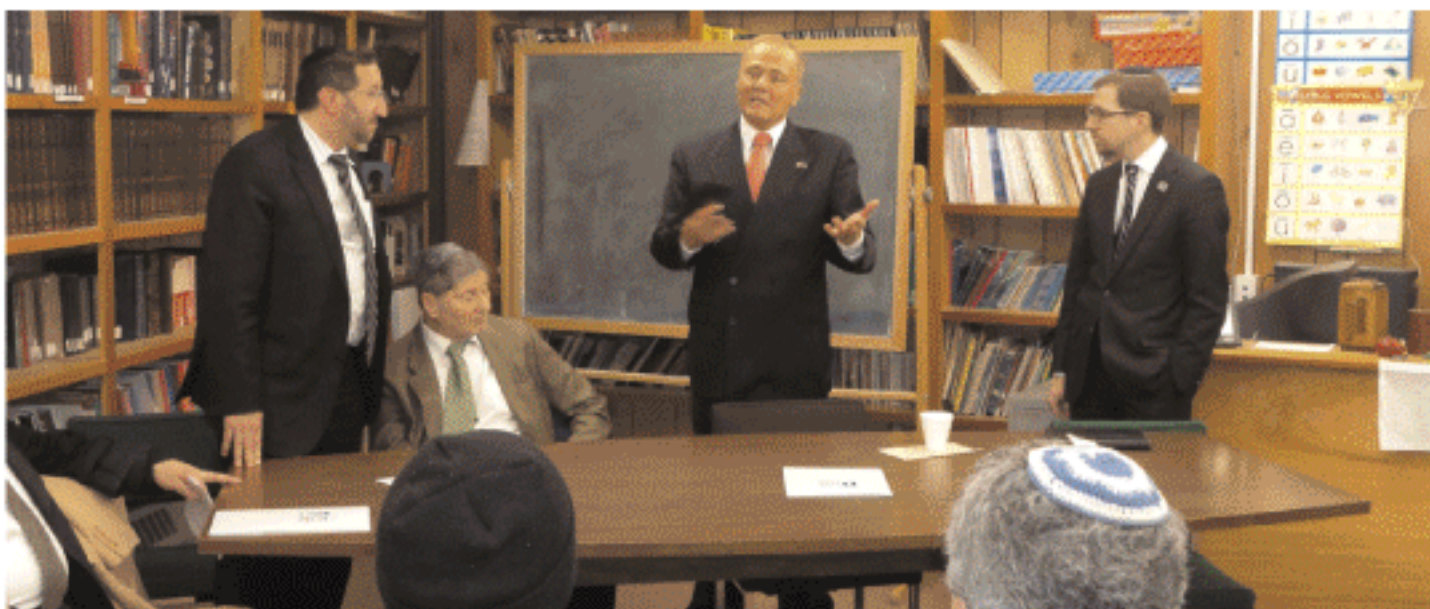
UC Exec Mike Hein Delivers 2014 State of the County Address -The County Executive Lays Out An Aggressive Agenda For 2014 Highlights Cuts in Spending, Increases In Services



Stone Ridge, NY -Ulster County Executive Mike Hein delivered his sixth annual State of the County Address at the beautiful SUNY Ulster campus to an audience filled with Ulster County residents and business owners, as well as state and local dignitaries. The address began by the County Executive highlighting the challenges that his administration has overcome and how unique Ulster County government has become within the State of New York.

County Executive Hein said, "Over the past five years, while reinventing a \$336 million dollar County government, we have designed and implemented a number of creative solutions, some of which have never been seen anywhere in New York State. We have avoided raising taxes, cut government spending, improved our bond rating, all while ensuring essential services for the people of Ulster County." (Contd. Pg. 10)

Senator John Bonacic Addresses Funding for Private Schools in Lake Kiamesha



Senator John J. Bonacic met with parents and teachers at Hebrew Day School in Lake Kiamesha on January 30, to discuss funding issues for private schools.

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ON THE FRONT BURNER: Behold, I have taught you statutes and judgments, even as the Lord my God has commanded me, that ye should do so in the land whither ye go to possess it.
Deuteronomy 4:5

Obituary

Verna Amundsen of Grahamsville passed away on Monday, January 27, 2014 at Orange Regional Medical Center. She was 76.

She was the daughter of the late Leslie and Edna Mae Van Wagner Sheley, born on February 1, 1937 in Ellenville, NY.

She was a retired nurse, home care aide and bus driver. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend to all that knew and loved her. She will be deeply missed.

She is survived by her four loving daughters: Kathryn Hynson of Grahamsville, Cindy Bailey and her husband, Larry of Grahamsville, Tami Stehlin of Grahamsville and Stacey Sanabria and her husband, Angel of Liberty; seven grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, several nieces and nephews and a host of friends. She was predeceased by her devoted husband of 37 years, Odd Martin Amundsen; one granddaughter, Alesha K. Stehlin and one sister, Alfie Newman.

Funeral Services were held Wednesday, January 29th at Loucks Funeral Home, Ellenville, NY. Interment was at Grahamsville Rural Cemetery.

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

February 3, 1954 - Pvt. Raymond J. McNamara Jr. is currently stationed at Fort Dix for basic training. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond J. McNamara of Grahamsville. A graduate of Tri Valley High School, Pvt. McNamara had been employed by Frazer Davis Construction Co. He is engaged to Miss Betty Foster of Ellenville, formerly of Grahamsville.

Miss Charlotte Coombe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Coombe, has just completed her practice teaching. She has been studying home economics at Beaver College, Pa.

At 2 p.m. at the Methodist Church in Liberty on Saturday, January 30, 1954, the wedding of Doris Misner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Misner of Neversink and Milton Kortright, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Kortright, was solemnized. After the ceremony the family and wedding party had dinner at Gus Corey's Restaurant.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rubenzahl of Neversink are parents of a son born at Liberty Maimonides Hospital on Sunday, January 24th.

January 29, 1964 - Mr. and Mrs. Ed Lewis of Claryville celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary on January 24th. Mr. and Mrs. George Brown, Mrs. Leora Van Aken, sister of Mrs. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Van Aken and the Lewis' daughters, Diana and Karen, surprised them with an anniversary cake. On Sunday, the 26th, a dinner was given for them at The Old Homestead in Bridgeville by their daughter, Catherine Lewis of Monticello.

Pvt. Charles N. Nielsen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nielsen, graduated from the University of Omaha on Saturday and left for March Air Force Base, California on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Bischert of Neversink are the parents of a son born January 24 at Liberty Loomis Hospital.

February 6, 1974 - Tom McKenna, son of Mr. and Mrs. John McKenna, has achieved the Dean's List for the fall term at the State University of New York at Delhi, N.Y. Congratulations Tom!

Anniversary wishes this week to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Mickelson, married 14 years on February 7th and Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Hasbrouck, wed 15 years on the 8th. Happy day to all.

SUNY Ulster Offers MADCaT Forum Exploring Arts Careers

Students interested in careers in music, art, design, communications and theater can learn about SUNY Ulster's programs in these thriving areas at a MADCaT Career Forum on Feb. 22.

The event will connect interested students with experienced faculty, currently enrolled students and successful alumni and arts professionals from the community to answer questions and provide information on future career opportunities within the arts.

The MADCaT Forum will be held from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., in the College Lounge on the Stone Ridge campus. To register online, go to www.SUNYUlster.edu/visit or email admissions@sunyulster.edu or call 1-845-687-5022.

SUNY Ulster Holds Financial Aid Day as Part of SUNY Statewide Outreach

Prospective college students and their families can get information and assistance on applying for college funding at SUNY Ulster's Financial Aid Day on Feb. 22.

Part of SUNY's statewide Financial Aid Days, the event will provide hands-on assistance on completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form and answer questions.

The workshop will be held from 10 a.m. to noon in Hasbrouck Hall 220. To register online, visit www.suny.edu/student/event_listing/ for information.

Opening Day of Fishing Season

As tradition has it the Roscoe-Rockland Chamber of Commerce will be meeting and greeting all anglers on opening day of fishing season on Tuesday, April 1, 2014 starting at 7:00 am at Junction Pool right here in Roscoe NY. FREE Refreshments will be served to all that attend.

First Cast

Saturday, April 5th @ 7:00 am
Junction Pool

The Roscoe-Rockland Chamber of Commerce will meet and greet at Junction Pool to all who attend to see what celebrity (still to be announced) will be casting out the first cast for the season. A reception at the Catskill Fly Fishing Center will follow.

Two Headed Trout Dinner

Saturday, April 5th 2014
Rockland House 6:00 pm

The famous Two Headed trout Dinner will be held on Saturday, April 5th at the Rockland House on Rockland Road in Roscoe NY. Tickets are \$45.00 per person and includes a six course meal from appetizers to dessert!! Tickets also includes a full breakfast sponsored by Kiwanis at the Community Center the following morning. Tickets sell out quickly so please order your tickets before they are all gone. Please call Marge Zanger - 607-498-5464. There will be a guest speaker TBA. Door prize! 50/50 Raffles! Lots and lots of Raffles!! Silent Auction!

More details to follow . . .

Sweetheart Spaghetti Dinner

LIBERTY--The annual Liberty United Methodist Church Sweetheart Spaghetti dinner will be held Tuesday, February 11 from 4:30 to 7 p.m. in the church Memorial Hall on North Main Street.

The dinner includes their famous home made meatballs.

Price for adults is \$8 and for children under 12 its \$4.

Take out orders are available.

For information call Barbara Siegel at 845-292-8572.

SC Tea Party Meeting

On Thursday, February 6 at 7:00 PM the monthly meeting of the Sullivan County Tea Party Patriots will be held at 240 Chestnut Street, Liberty. All are welcome. For further information contact whrotties@netzero.net or Barbara at 845/439-5401.

A Round About Tri-Valley

-Carol Furman

Congratulations to Jason and Bryndis Agnew Semo on the recent birth of a son. I haven't heard what they named the baby, but he joins an older brother and two older sisters. The Semo Family are former Grahamsville residents.

Penny Coombe of Grahamsville recently had a knee replaced. Hope you are doing well, Penny! Congratulations to Kathryn Schneyer, a former Tri-Valley student, who recently graduated from SUNY Potsdam with a degree in childhood education.

The Science Fair, sponsored by the Tri-Valley PTO on Friday, January 24th, was a huge success! Beth McAndrew and her committee did a wonderful job organizing this program. I was amazed to see the wonderful science projects, demonstrations and collections presented by the young students. Between the Science Fair, which was held in the high school cafeteria and the upstairs gym and the basketball games and practices held in the downstairs gym and the elementary school gym it was extremely difficult to find a place to park. The Tri-Valley School District certainly was the "hub" of the community on the 24th!

Watch for information regarding another science program, which will also be sponsored by the Tri-Valley PTO. I heard that the Mad Scientist Organization of the Hudson Valley will be coming to the Tri-Valley School in the spring to present some exciting programs. I've seen the "Mad Scientist" perform when he presented programs for Neversink Parks and Recreation at the Fairgrounds. He was very entertaining as he presented his scientific experiments. The children, as well as the adults in attendance, seemed to enjoy his presentation.

Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Verna Amundsen of East Mountain in Grahamsville. Verna, a long-time school bus driver for Tri-Valley, passed away on January 27th, just shy of her birthday. She would have been 77 years old on February 1st.

There was a nice article about Tri-Valley Senior Katlynn Greffrath in the January 28th issue of the Times Herald Record. Katlynn has been scoring an average of 22 points per game and has been responsible for 37% of her basketball team's points. As of the end of January, the Girls Team is #1 in the OCIAA Division V league. Dance of the Books Mural Contest at the Daniel Pierce Library began on February 1st. The object of the contest is to identify the more than 200 storybook characters on the mural in the Children's Library. Those wishing to enter the contest must register and pick up a contest packet. Answer sheets must be submitted to the Library prior to April 1st.

Thank you *Townsmen Staff* for recognizing the accomplishments of Neversink Parks and Recreation Director, Jamie Brooks. I, also, think she is doing a great job! So many residents have had the advantage of going places and doing things with a group at an inexpensive rate. Parks and Rec offers something of interest for every age-group. Thanks is also due to the Neversink Town Board for their support!

Words of Wisdom: Generosity is giving more than you can; pride is taking less than you need, (anon)

Neversink News - Hulda Vernooy

Get well wishes to Brandon Worden who underwent heart surgery last week. We hear he is recuperating well and is back home.

'Revitalizing Sullivan County - the Difference is You' - Sullivan Renaissance

Annual Conference, Local Market & Expo [FERNDALE] - Sullivan Renaissance will launch its 2014 grant program and new initiatives at its Annual Conference, Local Market & Expo on Saturday, March 8 at the CVI Center in Ferndale. The theme is "Revitalizing Sullivan County - the Difference is You."

The keynote address will be delivered by Svante Myrick, Mayor of Ithaca, one of the youngest mayors in U.S. history. His talk will focus on the successful work being done to revitalize the City of Ithaca. Mayor Myrick will share ideas on community revitalization and how communities can take the necessary steps toward a better future.

The day will bloom with spring flowers and inspiration, and offer tools and resources to help volunteers make a difference in their communities. The conference features an expo with gardening and landscaping exhibits, an indoor market filled with local products, and the presentation of the Annual

Sullivan First Achievement Awards.

In addition to the keynote, the conference will highlight two special addresses:

- o Certified Nursery & Landscape Professional Sally Cunningham speaking about "Native Plants and Eco-friendly Landscapes" and
- o Village of Warwick Mayor and Communities in Bloom International Winner Michael Newhard speaking on "Transformational Communities."

Information about the 2014 Sullivan Renaissance grant program will be presented, along with an opportunity to discuss individual projects with staff. Applications will be available.

For information, call the Sullivan Renaissance office at 845-295-2445. To register on line, go to <http://www.sullivanrenaissance.org/registration/>. To download a conference brochure, go to http://www.sullivanrenaissance.org/_doc/2014ConferenceBrochure.pdf.

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

A Class on Growing Healthy Houseplants with CCE SC

LIBERTY, NY- Keeping houseplants is an ideal way to create an attractive and restful setting in a home or office and help purify the air. Maintaining houseplants can also be a satisfying hobby. In order to be a successful indoor gardener, one should understand how the interior environment affects plant growth and how cultivation differs from growing plants outdoors. A class on growing healthy houseplants will be offered on Thursday, February 27, 2014 by the Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County's Master Gardener Program. This event will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 pm at the Gerald J. Skoda Extension Education Center on 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road in Liberty.

Anyone can achieve a "green thumb" with the proper education. This class instruction will cover the light, temperature, humidity, water, nutrition, and soil requirements of houseplants. Common pests and their management will also be discussed. All class materials are covered with a fee of only \$10.00. Class size is limited so pre-registration with non-refundable payment is required in advance. Registration or more information can be obtained by calling 845-292-6180 or emailing smd243@cornell.edu.

CCE Offers Webinar for Caregivers on Senior Nutrition & Mealtime

LIBERTY-A free webinar focusing on steps caregivers can take to help older adults to develop better nutrition and eating habits will be offered on Wednesday, February 12, 2014. This opportunity, hosted by Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County's Caregiver Resource Center, will be held from 1 to 2 pm at the Gerald J. Skoda Extension Education Center on 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road in Liberty. Coffee will be served.

Caregivers will receive education on topics including assisting a senior plan and shop for groceries, select nutritious foods, and healthy food preparation that tastes good too. Participants in this web seminar will be enabled to:

- o List at least three simple ways to help older adults shop for good food and eat right
- o Describe ways to manage specific dietary concerns, such as diabetes
- o Identify the benefits of proper nutrition and the impact of poor nutrition on older adults

The webinar presenter is Molly Carpenter, Home Instead Senior Care's CAREGiver advocate and author of the not-for-profit book, *Confidence to Care*, a resource for family caregivers.

More information can be obtained by calling 845-292-6180 or emailing bjl25@cornell.edu.

This event is part of the ongoing Family Caregiver Support Series coordinated by the American Society on Aging (sponsored by Home Instead Senior Care). The web class is free as part of the Sullivan County and NYS Office for the Aging Caregiver Program.

Sundown United Methodist Church will hold a Sweetheart's Dinner

Celebrate Valentine's weekend with your 'Sweetie' and make your reservations by February 12, 2014 for the Sweethearts' Dinner that will be held on Saturday, February 15th from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Sundown Church Hall. Cost for adults is \$10 and children under the age of 10 is \$5. Call 985-2455 or 985-2028 for reservations. You must make your reservation by Feb. 12th. A snow date is set for Sunday, February 16th.

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 and Polly Hill.

Snowy White Owl Sighting

I heard from someone last week that they saw a Snowy White Owl in the Tri-Valley area. I didn't think too much or comment as I didn't know that much about the Snowy White Owl.

Then I heard on CNN that a rare snowy owl was in stable, but guarded condition after apparently being hit by a bus just blocks from the White House. The owl had been seen around Washington recently

looking for food and had attracted a number of fans.

After hearing that report I got a little interested in the Snowy Owl (*Bubo scandiacus*) and it became this week's topic.

The Snowy White Owl, a large owl of the typical owl family Strigidae was considered as the sole member of a distinct genus, as *Nyctea scandiaca*, but there is current debate on the classification.

The Snowy White Owl is usually 20 to 28 inches long with a 49 to 59 inch wingspan. It is one of the largest species of owl in North America. It is clearly recognized by its cat-like yellow eyes. The adult male is virtually pure white, but females and young birds have some dark scalloped spotting. Often the young are heavily barred, and dark spotting may be prominent.

Its thick plumage, heavily feathered taloned feet, and color provide just what it takes for the Snowy White Owl to be well-adapted for life north of the Arctic Circle.

The Snowy White Owl is typically found in the northern polar region, where it makes its summer home. However, it is a nomadic bird, and because the availability of their prey can vary, they are known to relocate and breed at more southerly latitudes. Their main diet is lemmings and other small rodents.

The Snowy White Owl nests on the ground, building their nests on top of a mound or boulder. A site with good visibility is chosen. The female scrapes a small hollow before laying the eggs. Breeding occurs in May to June, and depending on the amount of prey available a clutch can range in size from 3 to 11 eggs, which are laid singly, approximately every other day over the course of several days. Hatching takes place approximately five weeks after laying, and the pure white young are cared for by both parents who defend the nest and their young from predators.

During the winter of 2011-2012 there was a significant southern migration when Snowy White Owls were spotted as far south as Tennessee. This past winter 2013-2014 Snowy White Owls have been seen in Florida!

Snowy White Owls appear to be staging an incredible invasion into the Northeast and Great Lakes. These southern advances are thought to occur because of variations in cyclical populations linked to prey abundance especially among the Lemming population, a favorite of the Snowy White Owl. The lemming cycles likely drive much of the survivorship and breeding success of Snowy White Owls.

This year's invasion into the Northeast suggests that breeding conditions may have been excellent in the eastern Arctic this past summer. The southward push we are seeing now might be driven both by Snowy White Owls from far and wide that bred in the eastern Arctic, as well as higher than normal numbers of young being fledged.

Although these invasions and cycles have been happening for centuries, scientists are now considering the warming Arctic is likely to be affecting the Snowy White Owls' habits. They believe warmer summers and increased snowfall are affecting summer lemming cycles, and the Snowy White Owl's winter prey availability. The complex interactions between these factors are just the 'tip of the iceberg'.

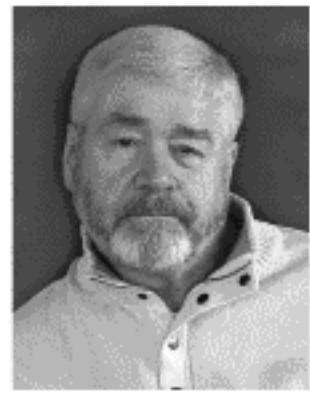
Should you spot a Snowy Owl, you are encouraged to report the sighting to <http://ebird.org>.

Household Hints

Give grease stains the slip

Eliminate grease stains from your kitchen table or counter by wiping them down with a cloth dampened in a solution of equal parts white vinegar and water. In addition to removing the grease, the vinegar will neutralize any odors on the surface (once its own aroma evaporates, that is).

Red Sparrow **Mysterious Book Report No. 131** by John Dwaine McKenna



Move over John LeCarre and Ian Fleming. Take a seat Graham Green, John Gardner and Vince Flynn . . . there's a new spy novel sheriff in town and he's packing plenty of talent, byzantine plotting and exquisite details based on thirty-three years of experience collecting clandestine intelligence in "denied-access" areas of the world with the CIA.

Red Sparrow, (Scribner, \$26.99, 434 pages, ISBN 978-1-4767-0612-2) by Jason Matthews is the real deal. Espionage with a reawakening and belligerent Russia is at the heart of this great first novel by an ex-CIA case officer who's been there and done it all. Russia, under the leadership of Vladimir Putin, is determined to regain its status as a world superpower and be an equal with the US and an emerging China. As one of the Russian characters remarks, 'The cold war never ended,' at least from a Russian point of view.

The novel is about a hunt for a Russian mole. A mole is a person who is burrowed into an enemy organization and is supplying information to that organization's adversaries. In this case, a high ranking member of the Russian spy organization known as the SVR, which replaced the KGB from the Cold War, is giving secret information about Russian military and spy efforts to a young American CIA case officer named Nathaniel Nash. Known only by the code name MARBLE, the information is excellent, super secret and could have only come from a highly placed SVR official. It's been going on for more than a decade. Determined to catch the smart, crafty and careful mole, the Deputy Director of the SVR forces his niece into "Sparrow School," where she is trained, against her will, in the arts of seduction. She's the bait in a 'Honey Trap.' Her uncle the

Deputy Director intends to further his career by using his niece as a courtesan, hoping to expose the identity of MARBLE through a sexual liaison with the young CIA officer.

The novel is chock-full of suspense, double-crosses, treachery, brutality, backstabbing and spy craft. It's as close to the action as one can get without being in the actual theater of operations and under fire. Reading **Red Sparrow** is a bit like having great sex: it starts out kind of slow and languid, but builds in intensity with every page until you couldn't stop reading, even if the whole damn house was falling down around you! Jason Matthews has poured his guts into this first novel and it's a winner. I'll be reading all of his subsequent works because he writes the kind of novels that you just don't want to end. WOW! Jason Matthews is going to become one of the most respected and revered writers working in the spy thriller genre today if he keeps this up.

Like the column? The best compliment you can give is to share it with others on Facebook. [Facebook.com/JohnDwaineMcKenna](https://www.facebook.com/JohnDwaineMcKenna) --JDM

Community Forums Set for Monticello Superintendent Search

MONTICELLO: The Monticello Central School held a Community Forums on Wednesday, Feb 5th at the Cooke Elementary School and will hold another on Feb 12th at the Chase Elementary School at 6:30 pm.

The purpose of the forums is to give residents an opportunity to help identify and define some of the characteristics that the new Superintendent of Schools should possess. Both forums, hosted by the Parent Teacher Organization (PTO), will be held in the school gymnasiums.

Mr. Larry Thomas, District Superintendent at Sullivan BOCES and Search Consultant for the district, will facilitate each forum. That night Mr. Thomas will give an overview of the recruitment process and update attendees on the status of the search. Come and give your input concerning the needs of the district as they relate to the new Superintendent.

The Board of Education encourages all district residents attend.

For more information, please contact the Monticello Central School at (845) 794-7700 ext. 70511 or Sullivan County BOCES at (845) 295-4016.

DEP Opened Nearly 6,000 Acres of Watershed Land for Recreation in 2013 and Added New Programs to Support the Catskills Tourism Industry- City has Nearly Tripled the Inventory of Water Supply Land Open for Recreation Without a Permit/New Programs for Boating and Certified Guides Attract Visitors and Boosts Local Business

New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Commissioner Carter Strickland today announced that more than 5,900 acres of City-owned land across the watersheds were opened for the first time for public recreation in 2013. In addition, DEP also established new recreation opportunities on lands and reservoirs that were already open to watershed residents and visitors. DEP worked with its partners to establish new hiking trails, create a rental boating program at four reservoirs in the Catskills, and to allow state-licensed outdoor guides to lead hiking, fishing, and other tours on water supply lands for the first time.

"In addition to opening thousands of new acres last year, DEP also explored how the existing recreation areas could be used in new ways to strengthen the tourism economy and expand outdoor activities in the Catskills," Strickland said. "New programs - such as those for rental boats and licensed guides - have provided new ways for residents of the watershed and New York City, and visitors from across the northeast, to enjoy the scenic beauty of the region. These initiatives help to support tourism related jobs and underscore the City's commitment to our neighbors in the watershed."

DEP opened 5,977 acres of land for recreational use in 2013, of which 5,842 are public access areas that can be used without a permit. Use of the remaining 135 acres requires a DEP access permit that is available free of charge on the DEP website. The newly opened properties include 2,889 acres in Delaware County, 2,084 acres in Greene County, 487 acres in Ulster County, 279 acres

in Sullivan County, and 103 acres in Schoharie County. DEP also removed permit requirements from 1,771 acres in the Catskills, making them even easier for the public to use. DEP first established public access areas in 2008 to allow recreation without permits on certain watershed lands. Since then, the number of acres open for recreation without a permit has nearly tripled, from 20,009 to 59,813. In total, DEP has opened more than 118,000 acres of lands and reservoirs for fishing, hiking, hunting, and other forms of low-impact recreation.

Many of these recreation areas are open year-round, including during the winter for activities such as cross-country skiing and snowshoeing. Those using the recreation areas should pay careful attention to posted signs that outline the allowable uses. That information, along with a list of recreation areas, can also be viewed on the DEP website by clicking here.

The City's expansion of recreational opportunities across the watersheds in 2013 went far beyond access to new lands. DEP also saw record participation in existing recreation programs, and worked with its nonprofit partners to create new opportunities to help boost tourism, outdoor recreation, and quality of life. Some highlights include:

- A record year for recreational boating at Cannonsville, Neversink, Pepacton and Schoharie reservoirs. Watershed residents and visitors from across seven states used recreational boats more than 1,000 times. About 63 percent of those visits were by residents of the five watershed counties, while 14 percent of the tags were issued to residents of the five boroughs of New York City or Long Island.

- 2013 also marked the first year of a new initiative that allowed local businesses to store rental boats, including kayaks and canoes, at 10 launch sites alongside the four reservoirs. The seven businesses that participated in the program rented more than 300 boats to visitors. The program was administered with significant help from the Catskill Watershed Corporation, which funded 30 storage racks for the boats and administered the process to vet and approve the rental businesses.

- Began a pilot program for the use of electric trolling motors for fishing at Cannonsville Reservoir. The program issued 112 tags to fishermen from New York, Connecticut, and Pennsylvania this year. DEP is currently reviewing the program to determine whether any changes should be made for the 2014 season.

- State-certified outdoor guides were allowed to use City-owned lands and reservoirs for the first time ever. Currently, 23 guides have received permits to offer fishing, hunting, and hiking tours that have long been a hallmark of the Catskills. They include 10 certified guides from Ulster County, eight from Delaware County, four from Greene County, and one from Sullivan County. The state certification process requires guides to know first aid, CPR, and water safety.

- DEP worked with the Catskill Mountain Club to open a 5.3-mile round trip hiking trail on water supply land that includes a scenic view of Pepacton Reservoir. The trail, located in the Delaware County town of Andes, is located just off Route 30, across from the Shavertown Bridge boat launch site. The trail is the fourth that DEP has opened with nonprofit partners in the Catskills.

- DEP also worked with the Finger Lakes Trail Conference to complete the second phase of a

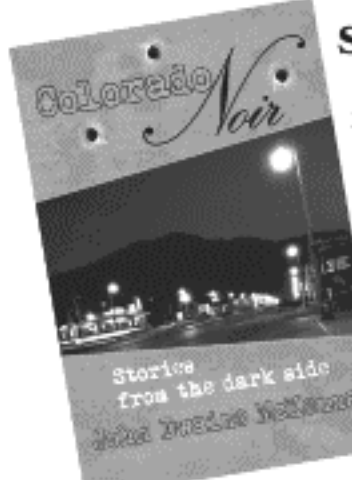
trail just north of Cannonsville Reservoir. The Finger Lakes Trail System includes the main trail from the Pennsylvania-New York border in Allegany State Park to the Long Path in the Catskill Forest Preserve. In 2013, the nonprofit group relocated 9.5 miles of the trail inside the watershed that had previously run along public roads. DEP issued a permit that allowed the trail system to move that section into woods and fields owned by the City. The low-impact hiking trail primarily follows existing trails and old rail tracks.

"By expanding access to its lands and reservoirs, and the type of recreation that is allowed, New York City is supporting the tourism goals of the Catskills and providing visitors with new ways to enjoy the natural beauty of the region," said Richard J. Remsnyder, president of the Catskill Association for Tourism Services that promotes the four-county area comprising Delaware, Greene, Sullivan and Ulster. "We applaud the City's new initiatives for boating and outdoor guides, which are helping to strengthen a tourism industry that employs thousands of people and pumps more than a billion dollars into the Catskills every year."

Catskill Watershed Corporation Executive Director Alan Rosa said, "The Catskills and recreation go together like bread and butter. My family has enjoyed hunting and fishing in these hills for generations. It's nice to think that people will into the future will be making memories here, too, and helping the regional economy in the process."

And Catskill Center Executive Director Alan White said, "The Catskill Center appreciates the many recreational opportunities created by the New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) through new partnerships. A great example of this was the opening of the Shavertown Trail in August 2013. By partnering with the Catskill Mountain Club and the Town of Andes, DEP lands adjacent to the Pepacton Reservoir have become the location of an ideal, new hiking trail. The trail was built by volunteers from the community and offers an exceptional recreational opportunity for the public to enjoy."

Expanding recreational opportunities in the watershed is one of the goals outlined in Strategy 2011-2014, a comprehensive strategic plan that outlines 100 distinct initiatives to help ensure that DEP is the safest, most efficient, cost-effective and transparent water utility in the nation. The entire plan can be viewed on DEP's website



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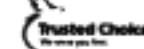
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The Olive Jar - By Carol LaMonda

Too Many Choices

If you are anything like me, I can ruminate over a diner menu for hours. "Hmm, this Chef Salad looks good, but so does the Reuben Sandwich." I can change my mind a hundred times, and when the waiter or waitress comes to take my order, I will beg to be last. I will also check out what everyone else is ordering. It all sounds good...and confusing. When I cook, I keep mind to everyone's preferences. One doesn't eat onions, another is a vegetarian, one is gluten intolerant, and blue cheese has to be served on the side because one grandchild will gag and not eat the salad.

It was much simpler when I lived at home in Staten Island with my mom, dad, brother and sister. Dinner was not a choice; it was a piece of meat, a starch, a vegetable and a slice of bread served the same to everyone's plate, and we were expected to eat it all. Otherwise what followed was the inevitable "poor people in China" lecture. We were not "designer" eaters; we were hungry eaters.

When I turn on the television, I am faced with, literally, a thousand selections of programs or enhancements. Closed captioned? Spanish? High Definition? Which TV? Now there are televisions in almost every room and, if that isn't individualized enough, we can catch up on our iPad or computer by clicking on an app.

I am old enough to remember, before cable, when we got channels 2, 4, 5, 7 and 13. Not all came in clearly, so the choices were limited. Television was watched by consensus. There was one set and everyone knew what program was on at seven and eight. Each night had its one program to anticipate. Ed Sullivan or Milton Berle. No one watched television, except Saturday mornings, before that time because we were simply too busy working or playing or at school.

When I walk into my closet there are too many choices. Not only do I have to choose a color sweater, I have to choose among those colored sweaters. Back in the day, when my mom yelled for me to put on my sweater, I knew right away which one she meant. It was the one hanging on the hook by the back door.

Choices can be good, but sometimes I long for the simpler life when mom would yell up the neighborhood, "Carol, Come on in, hang up your sweater, dinner's on the table and 'I Remember Mama' is on tonight."

Phoenicia Library (From Pg. 1)

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Library News

Rebuild

Although the front of 48 Main looks deceptively quiet, behind the scenes our hearty crew is working hard every day on framing the interior and the extension. Every few weeks we post pictures of the progress on our Facebook page.

Board News

Our President Kurt Boyer has stepped down from the board after serving for approximately four years. The board presented him with a "Library Champion" certificate to thank him for steering the board through the rebuild and always adding a note of humor to the proceeds. Bernard Handzel will be stepping in as President, and Sue Bernstein is taking over as Vice President.

Where Has Our Soldier Gone?

(Kingston, NY) Assemblymember Kevin A. Cahill (D-Ulster, Dutchess) released the following statement today on the passing of Pete Seeger:

"The passing of Pete Seeger leaves a gaping hole in the fabric of life here in the Hudson Valley. Pete's leadership in civil rights, community organizing and, of course, the environment made our valley a significantly better place to live.

As an environmentalist, Pete sought to first engage the hearts, minds and backbones of his neighbors to such tasks as cleaning up the Hudson, supporting regional markets and reclaiming our great waterfront towns up and down the River. His pride and joy, the Hudson River Sloop Clearwater, headquartered in Kingston, will serve as one of the many monuments to Pete's unique brand of activism.

His outspoken support for civil rights and the cause of world peace made him one of the most eloquent spokespeople from the very birth of the activist age until long after it was fashionable.

As a performer, Pete Seeger loved his audiences as much as they enjoyed his performances. Though he was perhaps the most famous banjo player in world and his voice was familiar to millions across the globe, Pete reveled in being drowned out behind impromptu sing along choruses from everyone who came to see his shows. His music is universally known to generations, whether it was

original compositions or anthems he made better and familiar, all the better to get the crowd to join in.

Just as the world owes a debt for to this founding member of the Civil Rights Movement and this great anti-war patriot, we in the Hudson Valley will long remember and share in the fruits of Pete Seeger's legacy for years to come.

SUNY ULSTER Announces President's and Dean's Lists

Full-Time President's List

The following students who attended classes on a full-time basis at Ulster County Community College have been named to the President's List for the Fall 2013 semester, reported Dr. Donald C. Katt, President, SUNY Ulster.

The list, compiled each semester, is comprised of students whose final average for the period of all courses taken is 3.75 and higher, plus other requirements.

The full-time Fall 2013 President's List, by area, is as follows:

Accord: Sarah Beck, Timothy Bruck, Carmina DiSanto, Ashlyn Latimore, Justin Ortega, Brian Smith; Cragmoor: Frederick Gilles; Ellenville: Marissa Cohen, Theodore Fina; Kerhonkson: Harry Birch, Rebecca Carroll, David Deleon, Lindsey Dugan; Mount Tremper: Brandt Berryann; Napanoch: Elizabeth Pace, Matthew Wilhelm; Phoenicia: Aidan Ferris, Aglaia Kilb; Shokan: Sokunthea Mao; Sundown: Liliana Walewska; West Shokan: Brandon Spang.

Part-Time President's List

The following students attended classes on a part-time basis at Ulster County Community College have been named to the President's List for the Fall 2013 semester, reported Dr. Donald C. Katt, President, SUNY Ulster.

The list, compiled each semester, is comprised of students whose final average for the period of all courses taken is 3.75 or higher, plus other requirements.

The part-time Fall 2013 President's List, by area, is as follows: Claryville: Hannah McHardy; West Shokan: Stephanie Davis.

Full Time Dean's List

The following students attended classes on a full-time basis at Ulster County Community College have been named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2013 semester, reported John Ganio, SUNY Ulster's Dean for Academic Affairs.

The list, compiled each semester, is comprised of students whose final average for the period of all courses taken is 3.30 or higher, plus other requirements.

The full-time Fall 2013 Dean's List, by area, is as follows:

Bearsville: Joseph Stock; Big Indian: Zaccariah Apolito; Ellenville: Heather Butterfield, Gavin Decker, Caridad Ferrer, Victoria Matracion, Jennifer Schoonmaker. Kerhonkson: Matthew Barber, Jacob Berryann,

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Meghan Hamilton, Miarden Jackson, Paige King, Napanoch: Ivon Silva, Adam Valdez, David Weddle, Gabriel Zenteno; Parksville: Joshua DeCarlo; Phoenicia: Tyler Fischer, Rachel Lennox; Shokan: Tiffanie Delozier.

Part Time Dean's List

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The part-time Fall 2013 Dean's List, by area, is as follows:

Accord: Kaleigh Gilliland; Ellenville: Kristin Groth, Rebecca Rosado; Grahamsville: Catherine Bailey; Kerhonkson: William Doyle; Phoenicia: January DeBellis.

Olive Free Library Director's Message

We have lots of new things to do and learn at the library. All of this happens because of our great staff, volunteers, and the community members who step forward and offer their talents. If you are interested in volunteering we are always in need of people to help with events, our book sale, and other library projects. We are also looking for people to serve on the library's board of trustees. For that role we are seeking people with skills that will complement the other members of the board in order to create a well-rounded governance body. If you are interested in volunteering or serving on the board please email me at director@olivefreelibrary.org, or come by the library.

A new classical music series called Piano Plus will launch in March! The series is organized by Bard Conservatory Composer-In-Residence George Tsotakis. We look forward to some very high-calibre performances this spring! Please save the dates mentioned below.

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Sullivan County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan Update
Monticello, NY - The Sullivan County Agriculture Protection Board, the Agricultural Advisory Board along with the County's Division of Planning and Environmental Management, is working to update the County's Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan. The original plan was completed in 1999.

This update will evaluate the current status of farming in the county, and identify projects and actions that can be undertaken in the future to promote and enhance agriculture. The plan will outline specific actions to preserve and enhance the County's agriculture with a focus on ag-economic development strategies. As a first step, the County is seeking farmer and public input.

The Plan update is being funded in part by a grant from the NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets. Sullivan County has retained Community Planning and Environmental Associates to facilitate the development of the Plan update. The anticipated project end date is August 2014.

The County will be conducting surveys of the general public and the farming community to gather information that will be incorporated into

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An agriculture producer's survey, with questions targeted specifically for farmers, will be announced later this month.

For more information visit the project web-site:

www.planningbetterplaces.com/sullivancountyfarmplan Or contact Melinda Meddaugh at the Sullivan County Division of Planning and Environmental Management: Phone: 845-807-0527

Email: planning@co.sullivan.ny.us; 100 North Street, Monticello, NY 12701

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Extension Sullivan County. The event will take place from 3:00 to 5:30 pm at the Gerald J. Skoda Extension Education Center on 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road in Liberty.

Farm Credit East and Gerald Skoda of Skoda Enterprise Inc. will present an overview of changes to federal and state tax laws, depreciations, and credits. An informative outline of how one can get started and qualify for an agricultural assessment will also be covered.

Cost for this program is \$10 per person. Space is limited so pre-registration with non-refundable payment is required by February 10. Registration and more information can be obtained by calling 845-292-6180 or emailing Michelle Lipari at mm1249@cornell.edu.

Nashville County Music star as our celebrity caster at Junction Pool, Roscoe NY

The Roscoe-Rockland Chamber of Commerce will meet and greet at Junction Pool on Saturday, April 5th at 7:00 am in Roscoe NY. We are proud to announce that we have Ryan Broshear, Nashville County Music star as our celebrity caster.

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"You Say Tomato and I Say Sfumato: Quotations" Recent Works by Helena Clare Pittman At Alliance Gallery



"Roses and Morton Salt" by Helena Clare Pittman. Oil paint on canvas. 2013.

"You Say Tomato and I Say Sfumato*: Quotations," an exhibit of recent works by Helena Clare Pittman opens with a reception on Saturday, February 22 from 2 to 4 p.m., preceded by an Artist's Talk at 1 p.m. at the Delaware Arts Center's Alliance Gallery in Narrowsburg, NY. The exhibit will be on view through March 15, 2014.

"The work that makes up this exhibit is the result of an epiphany: I am part of art history," explains artist Helena Clare Pittman who has been painting for more than 50 years, and teaching and writing for more than 40 years. ("Sfumato," or smoky, is a term that has been associated with the work of Leonardo, and refers to the soft edges of his forms, the fine haze of atmosphere in his paintings.)

The works in this show are concerned with color, shape, light, and composition possibilities opened up by incorporating the works of the masters. "I'd become intrigued by using images of the works of artists I revere. I drew these masters close to me, right into my work, deconstructing the colors, say, of Monet's 'Haystacks' and Vermeer's 'Woman in the Red Hat.' It was a surprising experience of understanding and kindredness," Pittman says.

Pittman received her BFA from Pratt Institute and her

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MA in Art and Writing from Antioch University, and taught both painting and writing for many years, at The Parsons School of Design, The State University of New York, Farmingdale, and Queens College. She has also published 18 books for children, featuring her own watercolor illustrations. She has a home and studio in the woods of Sullivan County where she paints and writes. She teaches painting and writing at the Catskill Art Society, in Livingston Manor, and at The Daniel Pierce Library in Grahamsville, where her 12-panel mural is permanently installed.

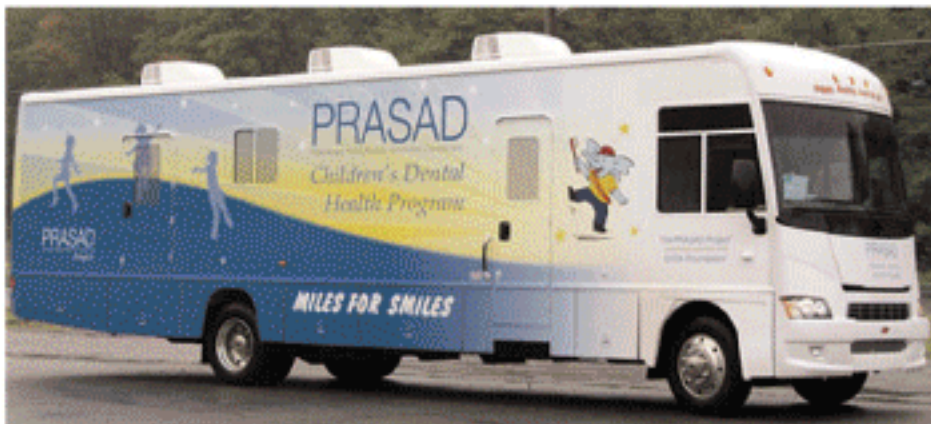
Join Pittman at 1 p.m. on Saturday, February 22 for an artist talk about the work in the exhibit, as well as her new book for young adults titled "Ruthie Pincus of Brooklyn."

Free and open to the public, the exhibit is sponsored by the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance, the Arts Council for Sullivan County, NY, and is made possible in part by a grant from the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Legislature.

Alliance Gallery is located at the Delaware Arts Center at 37 Main Street, Narrowsburg, NY. Hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information about the exhibit call (845) 252-7576 or visit www.ArtsAllianceSite.org.

"Roses and Morton Salt" by Helena Clare Pittman. Oil paint on canvas. 2013.

February is National Children's Dental Health Month



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Hurleyville- PRASAD Children's Dental Health Program is pleased to celebrate February as National Children's Dental Health month by raising awareness of the importance of oral health.

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PRASAD Children's Dental Health Program, a philanthropic expression of the SYDA Foundation, provides dental care services and dental health education to children in Sullivan and Ulster counties. For more information, visit us at www.prasadcdhp.org or call 845-434-0376.

"Shorts & Sweets for Sweethearts" (From Pg. 1)



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There will be one seating only at 6:00 p.m. at the UMC of Monticello, located at 445 Broadway, Monticello, NY.

Guests will be served salad, meatloaf, mashed potatoes, ice tea, and coffee or hot tea. Following dinner, the entertainment will begin while guests are enjoying delectable homemade desserts.

Tickets for "Shorts & Sweets for Sweethearts" are \$15.00, which includes dinner and entertainment, and are available in advance or at the door. Everyone is welcome, including singles.

All proceeds will benefit the UMC's purchase of new media and sound system equipment for the church.

Plenty of parking will be available in the church parking lot, the driveway for which is accessible from N. Lakewood Avenue in Monticello. Just follow the signs.

For additional information or reservations, call 845-707-1417.

UC Exec Mike Hein Announces Benedictine Health Foundation's Support of the Patriots Project - Benedictine Health Foundation's generous donation brings Ulster County closer to providing housing for Veterans



Benedictine Health Foundation Board Members with County Executive Mike Hein. Front Row: Rich Gillette, President, Sister Mary Feehan, O.S.B., County Executive Mike Hein, and Paul Beichert. Back Row: Bob Ryan, Barbara Klassen, Executive Director, and Dan Gruner.

Kingston, NY - Ulster County Executive Mike Hein announces a generous donation from the Benedictine Health Foundation in the amount of \$10,000 in support of the Patriots Project. These dollars will help pay for the rehabilitation of the future Veterans home which will provide transitional housing and related services for homeless Veterans in Ulster County at 67 Wurts Street in Kingston. The property stands directly across from Thomas Cornell Park, which is the site of an existing Veterans' Memorial.

"It is my privilege to thank the Benedictine Health Foundation for their very generous donation toward the Patriots Project," said County Executive Hein. "The additional help we receive through community organizations such as the Benedictine Health Foundation, in support of our local Veterans who have sacrificed so much for us is inspiring. Soon Ulster County will have a place for our Veterans in need to live and receive rehabilitation services, such as mental health, medical care and job placement, and which will allow us to truly say, 'welcome home.'"

"The Benedictine Health Foundation is pleased to contribute to the Patriots Project," said Rich Gillette, President of the Benedictine Health Foundation. "We are grateful for County Executive Hein's initiative to provide help for our local Veterans who need assistance. We are honored to play a role in such a worthy cause that upholds our mission to improve the health and well-being of the underserved in Ulster County."

Ulster County acquired the property for the Patriots Project, a former group home, from New York State, after the approval by the State Legislature and Governor Cuomo. The cost to transfer the home to Ulster County was \$1.

Over 60,000 Veterans are homeless nationwide, and it is estimated that there are 20-40 homeless Vets in Ulster County at any given time. For more information on the Patriots Project and the list of items needed, please go to <http://ulstercountyny.gov/veterans-service-agency/patriots-project-veteran's-home>.

Fallsburg Jr/Sr High School and Migrant Education Begin New Initiative

Fallsburg Jr/Sr High School is partnering with the Town of Fallsburg and the Mid-Hudson Migrant Education Tutorial & Support Services Program (Migrant Ed) to assist migrant families in developing their skills as English language learners. The Twenty-First Century Grant received by Fallsburg Central School District will help pay for personnel and supplies. To kick-off this effort, Fallsburg Central School District (FCSD) Interim Athletic Director Harold Fried met with the School Social Workers and Migrant Ed educators to organize an informal meeting of parents and students on January 25 at the South Fallsburg Senior and Youth Center offered by the Town as part of their participation. The topic was "How Fallsburg Jr/Sr High School and Migrant Ed Program Can Help Parents and Children Be Successful."

Despite severe cold and a drifting snow storm, over twenty people braved the weather to meet with the workshop leaders from 10:30 AM until 2:30 PM. Mary Sherman, Adolescent Outreach Specialist with Migrant Ed, led the day's activities. She was ably assisted by Migrant Ed specialist Martha Gonzalez; and Migrant Education tutors Jose Ponce, Dana Diaz and Diana Barjoveanu, FHS English as Second Language teacher Jesus



Galvan, and Pathy Leiva, Recruiter of College Assistance Migrant Program at SUNY Oneonta. Harold Fried attended and welcomed everyone on behalf of the FCSD. Larry Schafman, part-time community relations person with FCSD was on hand to document the day's event.

With the frigid temperatures outside, the workshop leaders effectively used a wonderful "ice breaking" activity to get parents and students working together and feeling comfortable with people they did not know. People introduced themselves in groups of two, four, and then eight and found out things they had in common. Of great interest was how many groups of four came up with the shared belief in wanting to help their children succeed.

In working throughout the afternoon, leaders helped the adults and students in separate rooms focus on what were their goals or pictures for the students for the year, for the next five years, and the next ten years. After a lunch of pizza, the two large groups came together and discussed their findings. Goals

were very similar-there was a stress on education, on doing well in high school, moving on to college, aspiring to become professionals in the society, and making contributions to their communities. How could parents, the Fallsburg Schools, Migrant Ed and the students themselves support these goals was a source of lively

discussion for the final three hours.

As stated by Martha Gonzalez, this is the first step in an on-going process for this group of students and parents. As weather improves and the word goes out to others, the program will grow. On this day parents first heard about positive youth development or the 5 C's: building competence, confidence, character, connection and contribution. In the next several weeks, they will learn how to help their children attain and nurture these qualities. People were pleased with this new beginning and were looking forward to exploring how to make their goals a reality. All parents involved in the Fallsburg Migrant Ed Program are welcome to participate in this group. Please contact Martha Gonzalez at (845) 257-2950 or (845) 701-2831 for more information.

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UC Exec Mike Hein Delivers 2014 State of the County Address (From Pg. 1)

By embracing innovation and change and balancing fiscal responsibility with social responsibility, Ulster County Government has:

- Avoided raising County property taxes, the tax levy has actually gone down over the past three years;
- Implemented the single largest reduction in Ulster County Government spending in history - \$23.7 million;
- Significantly reduced the size of County government - County government is one-third smaller;
- Proposed legislation for campaign finance reform - placing strict limitations on campaign contributions;
- Proposed anti-tobacco legislation to protect the children of Ulster County by restricting the sale and in-store advertising of tobacco products in school zones;
- Developed a suicide prevention "smartphone app" which is the first of its kind in New York State;
- Embraced public/private partnerships to continue to provide access to quality mental health care to residents through the Ulster C.A.R.E.S. Initiative in spite of New York State cuts to funding to County government by over 50% in the last five years;
- Developed a local solution to transitional housing for Ulster County's homeless Veterans with the Patriots Project;
- Moved forward with the S.T.R.I.V.E. Project, which will locate a SUNY Ulster Extension Campus at the now vacant Sophie Finn School in Kingston to provide greater access to higher education to inner city students;
- Initiated a six month aggressive pilot program to assist chronically unemployed individuals, providing Ulster County Businesses with 90% of gross wages for on the job training of eligible new hires;
- Discussed a new UCAT bus "locating app" to provide enhanced ease of use to help riders with our transportation system;
- Secured funding from both New York State and the New York City DEP to help develop a world class, interconnected rail trail system across the County. The New York City DEP \$2.5 million dollar inter-municipal rail trail agreement will help create a world class interconnected rail trail system, which will become a one-of-a-kind tourist attraction linking the highly popular Walkway over the Hudson with the beautiful Ashokan Reservoir;
- Included an open spaces program in the 2014 Capital Budget to protect the environment, help sustain local agriculture, and close gaps in the trail network;
- Launched a redesigned state-of-the-art County website which improves transparency and is user-friendly;
- Replaced the severely outdated financial system by working to install a comprehensive, integrated, internet-based financial management system which will be completed this year with the assistance of the County's new A.C.E. Unit; and
- Continued the planned County takeover of the cost of the Safety Net program.

County Executive Hein also asked the Ulster County Legislature to set policy on some important issues still facing Ulster County:

- o The Resource Recovery Agency (RRA) to address the need for a comprehensive solid waste policy to lead the County into the next century;
- o Interoperability and insuring radio communications for our first responders, now and in the future;
- o Broadband expansion and improving internet access for County residents; and
- o A law enforcement policy to ensure affordable high quality police protection.

County Executive Hein stated that the transitional housing for local homeless veterans will be opening this year. Hein continued by thanking the community for the outpouring of generous support for the Patriots Project including: veterans groups, service organizations, Sawyer Motors of Saugerties, Benedictine Health Foundation, the Community College, the Church Communities, Herzog's and Benjamin Moore, the United Way and others for the generous donations, as well as the Ironworkers and tradesmen who built a handicap accessibility ramp for free.

Regarding the economy, County Executive Hein discussed a six month aggressive pilot program to assist chronically unemployed individuals which will provide Ulster County Businesses with ninety percent of gross wages for on the job training of eligible new hires. It is designed to help people get back to work.

County Executive Hein commended the Ulster County Office of Business Services for their role in helping to secure approximately \$6 million for area businesses and municipalities through Governor Cuomo's highly competitive Regional Economic Development Council.

The County Executive added that with the overhaul of Ulster County tourism in 2009, tourism has increased 22%.

In discussing the history of the Safety Net takeover, County Executive Hein briefly addressed the "Cahill Crisis" and thanked the County's representatives in Albany, "We have strong members of our State delegation serving with honor and distinction, and I want to thank Senator William Larkin, Senator Cecilia Tkaczyk, Assemblyman Frank Skartados, and Assemblyman Peter Lopez for all they have done, as these individuals stepped up in a bi-partisan way and limited the damage."

County Executive Hein also applauded Governor Andrew Cuomo for his creation of the Moreland Commission in an effort to rid New York State of the epidemic of public corruption and reminded the audience that in contrast, Ulster County has become a model of good government and reform.

County Executive Hein stated that "By working together, the impossible becomes possible in Ulster County, if we are willing to put the interests of the people before the wants of the politicians."

County Executive Hein summarized his bold visionary agenda, "... our anti-tobacco legislation, to protect our children; our campaign finance reform, to protect our democracy; our open space program, to protect our environment; and also the \$2.5 million dollar inter-municipal rail trail agreement at the Ashokan, to help protect our future."

He continued, "Our future is bright because we live in Ulster County, the finest place anywhere to live, work and raise a family," and he concluded by proclaiming that "Ulster County is strong ... because of you!"

To view the 2014 State of the County Presentation please visit:

<http://ulstercountyny.gov/executive/state-of-the-county>

Twenty-five NY Athletes to Compete in 2014 Olympic Winter and Paralympic Games NY to exhibit historic Olympic artifacts and honor Winter Olympians, past and present -Gold Medalists, World Champions and National Guard Soldiers among the athletes competing for Olympic gold

Last week Governor Andrew M. Cuomo congratulated 25 New York athletes competing in the 2014 Olympic Winter Games in Sochi, Russia. To honor these athletes, and past Winter Olympians from New York, there will be an exhibit in the Concourse of the Empire State Plaza, displaying historic Olympic artifacts. In addition, the names of all New York Winter Olympians, past and present, will be mounted on a plaque that will be hung in the Capitol, and then later at the

Olympic Regional Development Authority (ORDA) facility in Lake Placid.

These 25 New York athletes will be representing both their state and country as they compete for Olympic Gold starting February 6, 2014. The Olympic Winter Games will run through February 23, 2014 and the Paralympic Games will begin March 7, 2014 and run through March 16, 2014.

"New York has a long and proud tradition of being home to Winter Olympians, and this year is no exception," said Governor Cuomo. "These 25 elite competitors will be representing both the state and the nation in the most prestigious sporting event in the world, and we are honored to call them New Yorkers. I wish all the athletes the best of luck and look forward to watching their incredible feats in the coming weeks."

The Governor's 2014-2015 Executive Budget proposes \$9.4 million in new capital funding for Olympic Regional Development Authority (ORDA), in order to continue to provide New York athletes, as well as other competitors from around the world, access to world-class venues in Lake Placid.

The 25 New York athletes competing in over a dozen events represent communities from around the state.

Gillibrand Statement on New GAO Report Released Showing Federal Government Profit of \$66 Billion on Federal Student Loans - Graduates Currently Saddled with Over \$1 Trillion in Student Loan Debt- Gillibrand Has Repeatedly Called for Allowing Graduates to Refinance Student Loan Debts Like Homeowners, Banks, and Even The Government • Graduates Across New York Face Average Debt of Over \$27,000, 15.5 Percent of NYC Graduates Are Delinquent in Student Loan Repayments

Washington, D.C. - U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY) released the following statement today after a new GAO report shows the federal government received \$66 billion in profits on student loans between 2007-2012, a 14 percent profit margin. With student loan debt at approximately \$1.2 trillion, surpassing auto loan and credit card debt, and New Yorkers facing sky-high student debt at an average of more than \$27,000 per graduate, Senator Gillibrand has repeatedly called for allowing millions of graduates and borrowers currently repaying their federal student loans the ability to refinance at a lower interest rate.

"More graduates and middle class families are burdened by student loans than ever before and are struggling to repay a higher amount of debt than ever before."

"What today's report clearly shows is that while these graduates struggle to get their heads above water, the federal government is putting a priority on \$66 billion in profits over their futures, which is just wrong. Our role in government should be helping future generations enter the middle class and thrive through a quality education, not sustaining a huge profit center on their backs."

"It is time for graduates to have the same option to refinance their debt as homeowners, banks and even the government. It is the right thing to do for middle class families and the economy." Graduates are facing a tougher time repaying their college loans as student debt nearly tripled since 2004, with New York graduates facing an average debt of \$27,310 in 2012, according to the Federal Reserve Bank of NY. Over the past several years, more young borrowers have fallen further behind on their student loan payments.

Nationwide, almost 12 percent of all student debt was delinquent by the end of last year, up from 7.5 percent in 2007, according to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. Statewide, nearly 11 percent of New York graduates, or 24,800 borrowers, defaulted on their student loans between 2009 and 2012, or were more than nine months behind on their payments, per the Department of Education.

In New York City, an average of 15.5 percent of graduates, or approximately 141,000 borrowers, were more than three months behind in paying their student loans at the end of 2012, up from 13.1 percent the previous year. Senator Gillibrand is pushing for legislation that will help provide relief to graduates currently in repayment.

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

SUNY Ulster musicians will honor the memory of the college's former band director and raise money for music scholarships at the Herrington Benefit Concert, Feb. 19, at 7:30 p.m., in Quimby Theater on the Stone Ridge campus. The snow date is Feb. 26 at the same time and location.

The college's Community Band, directed by Victor Izzo, Jr., will perform. The music scholarship was established to honor the memory of Herrington, former band director at SUNY Ulster, longtime Rondout Valley High School music teacher, former director of the Kingston local American Federation of Musicians concert band, and dedicated musician and mentor. The scholarship is awarded annually through the Ulster Community College Foundation, Inc. to an entering or returning SUNY Ulster music student.

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

Oscar-nominated "Philomena" Starring Judi Dench at Callicoon Theater

Delaware Valley Arts Alliance and the Callicoon Theater present the Oscar-nominated film Philomena starring Judi Dench and Steve Coogan starting Friday, February 7, 2014

Philomena Lee (Dench) is an elderly Irish woman searching for her long-lost son. Having given birth as a teenager, Philomena was forced by Catholic nuns to give up her baby for adoption. Decades later, with the help of a BBC political journalist (Coogan), she is ready to know the truth about what happened to her boy. Directed by Stephen Frears, this is ultimately a feel-good movie (from a script by Coogan and Jeff Pope, from Martin Sixsmith's book The Lost Child of Philomena Lee), which takes the unlikely duo from London to Ireland to the United States on a mission to discover what became of Philomena's son Anthony.

Philomena is nominated for four Academy Awards, including Best Picture, Best Actress (Judi Dench), Best Music, and Best Adapted Screenplay.

Rex Reed in the New York Observer says "Philomena is not only my favorite film of 2013, but one of the most eloquent, powerful and perfect movies I have ever seen." Of the lead performance, Reed says "Ms. Dench gives a wrenching and deeply touching performance of feeling, wisdom and nuance without a trace of sentimental self-indulgence."

Philomena is rated PG-13 and will screen Friday, February 7 - Thursday, February 13, nightly at 7:30 p.m., with matinees at 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. The Callicoon Theater is located at 30 Upper Main St, Callicoon, NY. Admission is \$10 (\$8 admission on Mondays and matinees) and \$7 for children under 12 at all shows.

Assemblywoman Tenney fights for women's rights by reforming human trafficking laws

Assemblywoman Claudia Tenney (R,C,I-New Hartford) announced today that she is sponsoring a measure to combat human trafficking as part of a package of bills designed to promote women's equality. The bill would deter human trafficking and make prosecution and enforcement more effective.

Tenney's bill (S.5879) would increase criminal penalties for those who engage in human trafficking, expand the scope of certain "promoting prostitution" crimes along with the crime of compelling prostitution, create an affirmative defense in prostitution prosecution where the defendant's participation was a result of having been a trafficking victim, and make it easier for trafficking victims to receive services from the state.

"Human trafficking is a crime against the dignity of people, mostly women, and it is fitting that New York should take a strong stance against the practice and back it up with tough penalties for those who violate the rights of women," said Tenney.

The bill is part of a package of bills introduced today to promote women's equality. The nine bills introduced today by members of the Assembly Minority Conference were passed in the Senate last year, and must pass both houses in 2014 to become law.

Governor Cuomo, Mayor De Blasio and State Legislators Demand Federal Approval of NY's \$10 Billion Medicaid Waiver

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio and legislators from the State demanded that the federal government approve New York State's \$10 billion Medicaid waiver. The waiver request, which was originally submitted in 2012, would allow the State to reinvest significant Medicaid savings toward transforming New York's healthcare delivery system with a focus on primary and preventative care while also minimizing unnecessary hospital admission. After Governor Cuomo raised the issue of the long overdue waiver in his Executive Budget address last week, the State received a letter from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) which failed to give approval to New York's application.

"For 18 months, New Yorkers have been waiting on the federal government for one clear statement: your \$10 billion Medicaid waiver is approved," Governor Cuomo said. "While other states were given approval in just a few months, New York is still waiting and hospitals in Brooklyn will close if we wait any longer. This is an issue Mayor de Blasio brought into focus during his campaign and I am pleased to have him join us and the Brooklyn delegation in the fight to save our hospitals."

New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio said, "We are doing everything in our power to protect health care in neighborhoods across New York City, but we need the federal government to help. The billions of dollars rightly sought by Governor Cuomo would jumpstart the transformation of our safety-net hospitals, and bring them into the 21st century. New York City stands with Governor Cuomo and State Legislators in urging our federal partner to make this critical investment to protect community health care."

Under Governor Cuomo, New York State's healthcare system has

gone from a symbol of waste to a model of reform. With a focus on innovation and efficiency, the Governor's Medicaid Redesign Team identified savings of \$34 billion in New York's Medicaid system while also managing to add 500,000 people to the program. With the federal government's approval, New York State would be able to reinvest its portion of these savings toward improvements in the state's healthcare delivery system.

New York State has been supporting Brooklyn's ailing healthcare delivery system for more than a year while the federal government has been reviewing the waiver application. Approval of the waiver by HHS is critical to transforming health care in communities across New York City.

Approval of the Medicaid waiver would further the State's efforts to transform various hospitals into financially sustainable institutions focused on primary and preventative care. This would ensure both the long-term viability of these key community institutions and protect vital healthcare services for residents and communities across the State.

Assemblyman Joseph Lentol, Dean of the Brooklyn Delegation of the New York State Legislature said, "I am pleased to join with Governor Cuomo and Mayor Bill De Blasio in unified support for saving Brooklyn's hospitals. The health system of Brooklyn cannot be allowed to collapse. We must work to restore Brooklyn's hospitals and health care system back to its own fiscal fitness and move it forward so that Brooklyn boasts a creative and vital health care system for its residents."

County Leaders from Across NY Meet in Albany

Over 800 county leaders from throughout New York State will convene in Albany this week to discuss the issues most critical to counties, including Governor Cuomo's property tax proposal and State budget, continuing shared services initiatives, mandate reform, emergency preparedness, universal pre-k, and local Medicaid costs.

The 2014 Legislative Conference, hosted by the New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC), includes dozens of workshops on policy, local governance, and training opportunities. The event brings county leaders together for education and bipartisan discussions about the challenges and solutions facing local governments across New York State.

As part of the Legislative Conference, NYSAC will offer mandatory emergency management training for chief elected officials and county leaders. The training focuses 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. The training is being offered in partnership with the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services and the New York State Emergency Managers' Association.

Additional workshop topics include orientation for new county officials, financing 9-1-1, transportation infrastructure, mental health, casinos, renewable energy, ethics, supporting local farms, property taxes, county records management, juvenile justice, labor relations, and economic development. Course credits for the Pelletier County Government Institute will be offered.

"County officials from across New York are looking forward to meeting in Albany to discuss solutions to the challenges facing all of our counties. This is an important meeting as we can learn from state officials about pending proposals that would affect local governments and we can exchange best practices with our peers in government from across the state," said NYSAC President Mark Alger, Steuben County Administrator.

New Unemployment Rates Released

"The local unemployment rates released today by the State Department of Labor are great news for Upstate New York. The numbers speak for themselves - the unemployment rate for Upstate New York dropped from 8.4% in December 2012 to 6.4% by the end of 2013. These figures prove Upstate New York's economy is heading in the right direction and that our focus on revitalizing the region is delivering results. More needs to be done. This year, we will build on that work to deliver another on-time budget that creates jobs in every region, connects New Yorkers with new economic opportunities, and continues to make our communities more prosperous."

UC Exec Hein Offers Lunchtime Webinar About On-the-Job Training Program Grants for UC Businesses -Free Lunchtime Webinar for Ulster County's Businesses: Thursday, February 6th at Noon

Kingston, NY - In his State of the County Address, County Executive Hein discussed an aggressive pilot program to help unemployed residents get back to work. This program provides employers of Ulster County who qualify with significant funding to train eligible new hires for skills that will help their businesses to grow.

"In spite of all the progress, we must acknowledge that for some the American dream still remains elusive," stated County Executive Hein. "To improve the opportunity for those who have struggled most, we are launching an aggressive pilot program designed to assist chronically unemployed individuals and eliminate the largest barriers for employers and employees. This program provides Ulster County businesses with 90% of the gross wages to offset training costs for eligible new hires, providing hope where there was previously none. The goal here is clear: to put people back to work long-term."

For more information about this important program, Ulster County's Office of Business Services and Office of Employment & Training will conduct a webinar for local businesses on Thursday, February 6th at Noon. This Webinar is free and we invite all interested Ulster County businesses to register. Experts will walk employers through the eligibility criteria and explain how they can apply for funds to train new hires.

Employers who have participated in on-the-job training in the past have found it a successful and easy way to provide training for eligible new hires.

According to Alyssa Bergenson, Manager of Finance/HR at FALA Technologies Inc. in Kingston, "I would recommend this program to any business looking to hire a candidate that meets the criteria. The On-The-Job training program in Ulster County has been and continues to be a great resource for our company at FALA Technologies. I have had several employees successfully complete the program. When I have a candidate that appears to meet the criteria to participate in the program all it takes is an email or a phone call ... the process is simple and timely."

The webinar is free and available to all Ulster County businesses. To register visit:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3584120190645224962>

or contact the Ulster County Office of Business Services at 845-340-3556 or obs@co.ulster.ny.us. The recorded webinars will be accessible on the County's website once they are complete: www.ulstercountyny.gov/business-services.

POLITICAL SLANT

By Frank Comando

JOBS! JOBS! JOBS!

Please check out the open and competitive exam schedule for Ulster County Personnel Department.

Take an exam and get on the list. No exam, no opportunity for a job.

Test Fees are \$20.00. but contact the Ulster County Personnel Department website at: <http://www.co.ulster.ny.us/personnel/index.html>

GOVERNOR CUOMO ANNOUNCES \$50 MILLION IN ADDITIONAL HEAP ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE FOR LOW-INCOME FAMILIES

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced that the Federal Government has released additional Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) funding, increasing New York's total for the 2013-14 heating season to more than \$366 million. The additional funding will enable New York to continue operating the regular benefit component of the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) into February.

"The recent extreme cold weather has taken a toll on households statewide struggling to afford their heating bill to keep their families warm," Governor Cuomo said. "This additional funding will be essential in helping eligible New Yorkers this season, and I urge those in need of assistance to apply as soon as possible."

On Thursday, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services released \$454 million in LIHEAP funding to states, providing an additional \$50.6 million for New York. That brings New York's total for the 2013-14 HEAP season to \$366.8 million.

HEAP is a federally-funded program administered through the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA).

"We are grateful that our partners at the federal level recognize the challenges many states are facing due to extreme winter conditions," said OTDA Commissioner Kristin M. Proud. "We know there are still many households in need of assistance, and the funding released yesterday will help address that need."

Eligible households in New York may receive one regular HEAP benefit per season and could also be eligible for an emergency benefit if they are in impending danger of running out of fuel or having their utility service shut off. More than 1.3 million households have already received HEAP assistance this winter.

Anyone living outside of New York City who is seeking a regular HEAP benefit can submit an application online at myBenefits.ny.gov. Those who need emergency assistance, or live in New York City, should contact their local department of social services. New York City residents can also go to www.nyc.gov/accessnyc to find out how to apply for benefits. New Yorkers can find contact information for their local social services department at:

<http://otda.ny.gov/programs/heap/HEAP-contacts.pdf>.

This space is also for you;

To have your comments and/or questions, space allowing, and Townsman guidelines adhered to, as listed in the masthead on Pg. 2. Email politicalslant@yahoo.com

Caring for Your Apple Trees

February 8th Young Apple Tree Care
10am-12pm

Properly caring for young apple trees will greatly effect them for decades. When should you prune? What about fertilization? Nutrients? Protection from rodents or deer? We'll tour a young orchard at Charlie Blume's Lucky Dog Orchard in Grahamsville. Call for directions. (CFA members free) \$10 non-CFA members. Pre-registration required.

March 1st Old Apple Tree Care
10am-12pm

Do you have some old neglected apple trees on your property? Haven't been cared for in decades? Don't just let them go; bring 'em back to life! We'll demonstrate how to properly re-invigorate this tree from years of neglect. A demonstration will take place at Charlie Blume's Lucky Dog Orchard in Grahamsville. Call for directions. (CFA members free) \$10 non-CFA members. Pre-registration required.

CLARYVILLE FIRE DEPT.**ALL YOU CAN EAT****PRESIDENT'S DAY****Pancake Breakfast****Sunday, Feb. 16**

Serving 7:00 until 12:00 Noon

ADULTS \$7**CHILDREN UNDER 12 YRS. \$3****UNDER 5 YRS. FREE**

**\$50 FROM EACH MONTHLY BREAKFAST IS
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CHURCH FOOD PANTRY**

**TIME & THE VALLEYS
MUSEUM**
GRAHAMSVILLE, NY


Time and the Valleys Museum has copies of every *Townsmen* printed since the beginning (1947) classified by year for anyone to research.

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timeandthevalleysmuseum.org

CrossWay Assembly of God**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

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Sunday Worship Service • 8:30am

**Grahamsville United
Methodist Church**

Sunday Worship Service

10:30am

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**Greater Liberty Chamber of
Commerce Board Meeting**

Greater Liberty Chamber of Commerce Board meets the last Friday of each month. All are welcome to attend. If you have new ideas to share, suggestions or would like to help out at one of our many events, please stop in!

For more information please call 845-292-9797 or email us at info@LibertyNYChamber.com

**Liberty Central School Wall of Fame
Nominations due Feb. 14 - Outstanding
individuals wanted for the Class of 2014**

Do you know someone who deserves to be honored on the Liberty Central School District Wall of Fame? Applications to nominate worthy individuals are due in two weeks, on Fri. Feb. 14, to be considered for the 2014 Wall of Fame.

The Liberty Central School District Wall of Fame was established four years ago by the Board of Education as a way of honoring extraordinary LCSD alumni, inspirational past LCSD employees and community members who have made a lasting contribution to the school district. Nominees are judged on exceptional accomplishments or significant contributions within their school, family, career, community or personal life.

The fourth group of inductees will be selected in early 2014 and honored at a ceremony and breakfast reception prior to the Liberty High School Commencement Exercises on graduation on Saturday, June 28, 2014. To date, 16 outstanding individuals have been inducted to the Wall of Fame - eight alumni, six former faculty members

**The Hurleyville and Woodridge United
Methodist Churches**

invite you to weekly worship:

9 am in Hurleyville,

10:30 am in Woodridge.

For more information, call

Pastor Susan Woodworth

845-794-6325

**ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL MISSION**

The Little Church with the Big Heart

Sunday, 8:15 am Service of Holy Communion

Music by Susan and Fred Van Wagner

Coffee hour follows service

All are welcome!

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www.standrewsepiscopalmission.org
**Claryville Reformed
Church**

 Claryville Road
Claryville, NY 12725
845-985-2041

 Bible Class 9:00 am
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Rev. Paul Nulton
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(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.

and two community members. Information about each inductee can be found at www.libertyk12.org.

"The inductees are from many different walks of life, but they all have one thing in common: Liberty," explained Assistant Superintendent and Wall of Fame Co-Chairperson Carol Napolitano. "The school and the community have in some way touched or influenced the lives of every individual on the Wall of Fame. When we honor them, we also honor the spirit of our community, past and present."

The Wall of Fame is located in the lobby of the David E. Panabaker Auditorium at the Liberty High School. The nomination application can be downloaded at the district web site or picked up at the District Administration Office at 115 Buckley Street, Liberty, NY. Please call Mrs. Tania DeFrank at 845-292-6990 for more information.

**Book Club Meets the First Friday of
the Month at Daniel Pierce Library**

On the first Friday of every month, the book club meets at the Daniel Pierce Library from 1 to 3 pm.

You can join; new members are always welcome.

February's book discussion: "Life of Pi", a novel by Yann Martel.

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**COVERED DISH
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Church Hall

Mar. 1, 2014

Covered Dish Supper
5:30 p.m.
**Grahamsville
United
Methodist
Church**
**Thrift Sale
& Soup Lunch**
Feb. 15, 2014
9 am - 1 pm

 Fellowship Hall
Rt. 55, Grahamsville, NY
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

LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:**

The Town of Denning Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a meeting on Tuesday, February 25th, 2014 at the Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Road, Claryville, NY 12725 set to begin at 7pm. Said purpose of this meeting is the proposed Wind Turbine to be located on Eve Eden Road, as well as any other business before the Board.

BY THE ORDER OF THE TOWN OF DENNING ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
Mark Boncek
Chairman

January 28, 2014

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Education of the Tri-Valley Central School District shall hold a public hearing on February 6, 2014, at 6:30 PM, in the Secondary School Library Lower Level, Tri-Valley Central School, Grahamsville, New York, for the purpose of discussion of authorizing to offer the partial property tax exemption to veterans.

Dated: January 28, 2014

Martha Lee Ter Bush
District Clerk

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**NEVERSINK FIRE DISTRICT
LEGAL NOTICE**

Neversink Fire District
Work Session Notice

Please take notice that four work sessions will be held by the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Neversink Fire District at the Neversink Fire House, 7468 State Route 55, Neversink, NY. Work sessions will be held on February 5, February 27, March 6 and April 3 at 7:00 p.m.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
NEVERSINK FIRE DISTRICT
Allison M. Ruef, Secretary

Dated January 31, 2014

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**THE TRI-VALLEY CENTRAL
SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

The next Regular Board Meeting for 2013-14 school year is scheduled for Thursday, February 6, 2014 at 7:00 PM In the Secondary School Library Lower Level.

**NYS 2014 Sporting
Licenses Changes**

Information on sporting license changes starting February 1, 2014 can be found at:
<http://www.dec.ny.gov/permits/95007.html>

Changes include reduced fees, reduced number of licenses, changes to valid license dates and more. If you have questions, please send us an e-mail at fwinfo@gw.dec.state.ny.us

On the Passing of Pete Seeger (Kingston, NY) The Ulster County Legislature joins today in the mourning of legendary singer, songwriter, and activist Pete Seeger. Pete's music lives in the mountains of Ulster County. From Woodland Park and Woodstock to Kingston and New Paltz, the man and his five string banjo could bring people from all walks of life together. He may have opened Woodstock 1969 but his music never left these mountains. It has been heard at benefit concerts throughout the region, up to and until his health would no longer allow it.

As a frequent visitor to the Ashokan Center and the Ashokan Reservoir communities, Pete and Toshi were visitors to many local establishments. Boiceville Inn owner and Legislative Chairman John Parete noted, "Pete brought a gentle wave of awe and inspiration as he entered a room. Just his presence at a rally could unite people. When voices united in his songs, it would bring that power of one to affect the whole. His music and message lives on."

Pete was on the forefront of the labor and civil rights movements starting over 70 years ago, a recollection noted by Legislator David Donaldson. "He continued to fight for the down trodden all his life. Pete will be greatly missed. The last time I saw him, he was singing at a labor organization meeting. It gave chills up and down the spine just to think of all the history that he presented that day."

While many Ulster County Legislators have been touched by the loss of Pete Seeger, none have been touched more so than first-term Legislator Manna Jo Greene. Manna Jo worked hand and hand with Pete as the Environmental Director for the Hudson River Sloop Clearwater, an organization that Pete founded with his wife, Toshi. In Pete, Manna Jo found a kindred spirit. Together, they would sing and speak on behalf of an environment and the communities they love and cherish.

Manna Jo stated, "What was so special about Pete Seeger was that in a time of discord and pollution, he had the vision to understand that, if we all work together, we can create a world that works for everyone -- where people live in harmony with each other and the environment. He had the creativity to realize that by connecting people to the river they would realize the importance of protecting it and restoring it to its natural beauty. In the late 1960's, when the Sloop Clearwater was built, the river was a fouled from one end to the other with raw sewage and industrial waste. In the early 1970's, Pete and his friends sailed up and down the river, using the power of song to draw people to the river and inspire them to action. They collected many thousands of signatures calling for the passage of the Clean Water Act, then sailed down to Washington DC and held an impromptu concert in the halls of Congress. This was considered the tipping point in the passage of the landmark environmental legislation that is responsible for the much improved quality of life we enjoy today. Whether it was workers rights, civil rights, world peace or environmental protection -- right through to calling for a ban on fracking -- Pete Seeger was at the forefront of every major movement for social justice and the environment in the past 75 years. His contribution is of global proportions and we were very blessed to have had him living and working right here in the Hudson Valley as he championed these many causes. Now that he has passed, it is up to all of us to be sure his legacy continues."

**House Passes Bipartisan
Farm Bill Conference Report
Gibson Provisions Help Family
Farms, Rural Communities; Final
Passage in Senate Next**

Washington, DC - Congressman Chris Gibson (NY-19) announced that the House of Representatives passed the House-Senate conference report to H.R. 2642, the Federal Agriculture Reform and Risk Management (FARRM) Act. The legislation, which included every title of farm policy, contains a number of provisions authored and supported by Congressman Gibson that will benefit New York farmers and rural communities. The FARRM Act sets agriculture policy for five years. "As a member of the House Agriculture Committee and representative of a district where agriculture is the number one driver of our economy, finishing the Farm Bill has been a mission I have been determined to complete. This bill is good for New York and good for our country. Here at home, the bill represents a significant victory for our local farmers. There are provisions that will ensure farmers have the ability to sustain and grow their operations, and we can keep our rural communities strong," said Congressman Gibson. "I was proud to author and support provisions that overhaul the safety net program for dairy farmers, encourage the growth and sustainability of local and regional agriculture and organic farming, protect conservation programs, and help beginning farmers access the capital they need to enter the field. For our rural communities, we protected and improved the rural broadband loan program once again and we also make reforms to better address Lyme Disease, a public health scourge in our area. On all of these fronts, constituent input directed my advocacy and the final bill reflected this work."

"For Kingston, which is an integral part of the agricultural economy because of the rural nature of Ulster County, its farmers markets, restaurants, and other attributes, the bill expands eligibility for rural development programs for the city. Representing our New York farms on the House Agriculture Committee is an honor and a privilege, and I thank all of my constituents who took time to be a part of this process. Today's vote has proven - once again - when we work together, across party lines, we can achieve real results that are better than the status quo for our country," continued Congressman Gibson.

"New York Farm Bureau greatly appreciates Rep. Chris Gibson's strong support of the Farm Bill that addresses many needs of New York's diverse agricultural community. The Congressman's work on the House Agriculture Committee took special note of a number of programs that will benefit young and beginning farmers who are looking to take part in the growing local food movement. The Farm Bill also improves the safety net for not only dairy farmers in his district, but also fruit and vegetable growers who have lacked crop insurance. This will not only help safeguard our food supply for consumers, but provide the certainty that New York agriculture needs to grow," said Dean Norton, President of New York Farm Bureau.

Provisions championed by Congressman Gibson that were included in the bill are:

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- o Sections of the Beginning Farmer

and Rancher Opportunity Act authored by Congressman Gibson.

- o Sections of a rural broadband development bill authored by Congressman Gibson.
- o Sections of the CROP Act co-authored by Congressman Gibson.
- o A robust safety net for dairy producers through a new marginal insurance framework.
- o Promotion and improvement of local agriculture markets.
- o New important risk management options that level the playing field for specialty crop producers.
- o Reforms and language to support local conservation groups.
- o Support for organic farmers and specialty crop research.
- o Reforms that will allow Lyme disease to be included under Agriculture and Food Research Initiative, which will improve the research and development of surveillance methods, diagnostic tests and vaccines for tick-borne diseases like Lyme.
- o Initiatives and funding for beginning farmers.
- o Pilot project for procurement of unprocessed fruits and vegetables: The bill creates a pilot program to facilitate the purchase of unprocessed and minimally processed locally grown and locally raised agricultural products for schools that participate in the National School Lunch and Breakfast program. The language designates states like Vermont, Oregon, and New York are positioned well for this pilot program.

**Governor Cuomo Announces
Additional \$56 Million in Vital
Access/Safety Net Provider
Program Awards to Improve
Medical Care and Ensure
Healthier Communities-
Total Funding Will Help More Than
75 Organizations Provide Critical
Services to Fragile, Elderly, and
Low-Income New Yorkers**

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo announced \$56 million in funding to ensure healthier communities across the State through the Vital Access/Safety Net Provider Program (VAP), which supports healthcare services for New York State's fragile, elderly, and low-income populations. This round of funding brings the program's total to \$157 million, and will be used primarily to improve community care, including expanding access to ambulatory services, opening urgent care centers, expanding services in rural areas, and providing more effective services that meet community needs. These awards support multi-year projects submitted by hospitals, nursing homes, free standing clinics, and home health providers.

"Creating healthier communities is one of my administration's highest priorities, and ensuring that New York's most vulnerable populations have access to quality medical services is vital to fulfilling that goal," said Governor Cuomo. "This funding will improve health care in communities across the state by providing the necessary support to these facilities, and allow them to continue delivering much-needed services to New Yorkers."

The Department of Health works with all of the awarded facilities to establish goals to measure the program's success and to identify financial, operational, and quality metrics to track progress toward these goals. In addition, the Department is working closely with the Federal Government to secure additional VAP funding from the MRT Waiver to help support more than 150 applications totaling \$1.2 billion received to date.

The following will be receiving funding for 2013-14 for their multi-year projects is below (note: CAH is Care At Home) Ellenville Hospital CAH \$219,780 and Catskill Regional Medical Center - CAH CAH \$889,105

Town of Neversink Parks & Recreation Department

www.townofneversink.org

(845) 985-2262 extension 312

January & February - Every Sunday (1/5, 12, 19, 26 & 2/2, 2/9, 2/16, 2/23) **Skiing/Snow-boarding- Holiday Mtn** 10 am - 5 pm

Feb. 7 **Family Game & Pizza** - 5:30 pm at Daniel Pierce Library Community Room. \$5 TVCS students & residents/\$12 per family non-residents. Must be paid by Jan. 28.

March 2 - **Beauty & the Beast** Leave Town Hall at 1:15 return approx. 8:30 pm. \$28 TVCS students & Neversink Residents/\$53. non residents.

May 3 - **Ringling Bros Barnum & Bailey Circus**. Leave Town Hall 1 pm return approx. 8:30 pm. \$25/Neversink Residents & Tri-Valley Students; \$40 non residents. Must be paid by Tuesday, March 18.

June 7 - **Botanical Gardens & Lunch** - Leave Town Hall 8 am. Must be 21 yrs old to attend. Includes garden buffet. \$40/Neversink Residents/\$80 non-residents. Must be paid by Tuesday, March 25

FREE FUN every FRIDAY afternoon 1- 4 pm in the upstairs meeting room in the Neversink Tow Hall.



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

Tuesday: 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Thursday: 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Friday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Sunday and Monday: Closed

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

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

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

Sweetheart Spaghetti Dinner

LIBERTY--The annual Liberty United Methodist Church Sweetheart Spaghetti dinner will be held Tuesday, February 11 from 4:30 to 7 p.m. in the church Memorial Hall on North Main Street.

The dinner includes their famous home made meatballs.

Price for adults is \$8 and for children under 12 its \$4.

Take out orders are available.

For information call Barbara Siegel at 845-292-8572.

Dance the Night Away

Dance the Night Away on Saturday March 1st from 730pm to 1030pm with Jackie at the Liberty Fitness Center.

Dance the Cha Cha and Glide Across our Amazing Dance Floor!

Complimentary Lessons \$10 per person please.

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- 2/5/14 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting- 7:00 pm
- 2/8/14 Waffles, eggs, sausage and more **Breakfast** Sundown UMC Hall- 7:30 - 9:30 am. Free will offering.
- 2/11/14 Town of Denning Town Board Business Meeting 7:00 pm Town of Denning Town Hall
- 2/12/14 Town of Neversink Board Meeting - 7:30 pm
- 2/13/14 Dept. of Motor Vehicles Neversink Town Hall 10:00 am - 2:30 p.m
- 2/15/14 **Grahamsville United Methodist Church Third Saturday Thrift Sale** (9am-1pm) (also Soup Lunch)
- 2/15/14 **Sweethearts' Dinner** 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm Sundown Church Hall. Call 985-2455 / 985-2028 for reservations.
- 2/16/14 Claryville Fire Dept. **All You Can Eat Presidents' Day Pancake Breakfast** - 7 am to Noon.
- 2/17/14 Grahamsville Fire Dist. Board of Fire Commissioners - 7:00 pm
- 2/17/14 Town of Neversink Holiday - **PRESIDENTS' DAY**
- 2/18/14 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals - 7:30 pm
- 2/20/14 Neversink Fire District Meeting at 7 p.m.; Public Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
- 2/25/14 Town of Denning Zoning Board of Appeals meeting. 7:00 pm at the Denning Town Hall
- 3/1/14 Sundown Methodist Church **Covered Dish Supper** - 5:30 pm Church Hall
- 3/4/14 Town of Denning Board Meeting - 7:00 pm Denning Town Hall
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Save the Date!

May 3, 2014 Journey For Sight Walk in memory of Gene Ganz, Don Hill, Helen Kwasinowicz; & Horace Sheeley. It will be a 3 mile walk in the Fairgrounds. Registration is at 8:30am in the Grahamsville First Aid Building.

July 12, 2014- 10 am- 3 pm Community Yard Sale Craft & Vendor Fair - Grahamsville Fairgrounds. Spots \$15 a piece. Rain or Shine. Free Admission & Parking. All welcome!

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TOWN OF OLIVE MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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

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

Breakfast at the Sundown Church Hall

Come to Breakfast at the Sundown Church Hall. They will be serving waffles, eggs, sausage and more on February 8th from 7:30 am to 9:30 am. There will be a free will offering.

CAS Presents "Light and Reflection" Optical Illusion Demonstration

Livingston Manor, NY - The Catskill Art Society will present local teacher John B. Johnston for "Light and Reflection," an optical illusion demonstration at the CAS Arts Center at 48 Main Street, Livingston Manor, NY on Sunday, February 16 at 2pm.

Come explore the magic of mirrors, lenses, and light in this captivating science showing. Retired physics teacher John B. Johnston will show off an array of specially crafted tools and contraptions to demonstrate the eye-popping properties of real-life phenomenon.

This event will be held in tandem with the current CAS exhibition "Reflective Surfaces," featuring the photography of Julia Forrest and Flora Hogman. Utilizing concepts of light and reflection to explore otherworldly artistic themes with minimal manipulation, the exhibition is made even more interesting with the understanding of the scientific laws behind it.

For adults and teens age 16+. This event is free and open to the public, and small donations will be accepted at the door.

"Reflective Surfaces" is on display at the CAS Arts Center through February 23.

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The series opens on Sunday, February 9, 2 p.m., with jazz artists Steve Carlin (guitar) and Sam Morrison (saxophone and flute).

The first "Salon: Artist Talk" in the series will be held on Saturday, February 22 at 1 p.m. and will feature Helena Clare Pittman, whose work will concurrently be on exhibit in the Alliance Gallery. The artist talk is free.

Ellenville/Wawarsing 4th of July Committee Spaghetti Dinner

To Benefit our July 4th Celebration

Saturday, February 22, 2014

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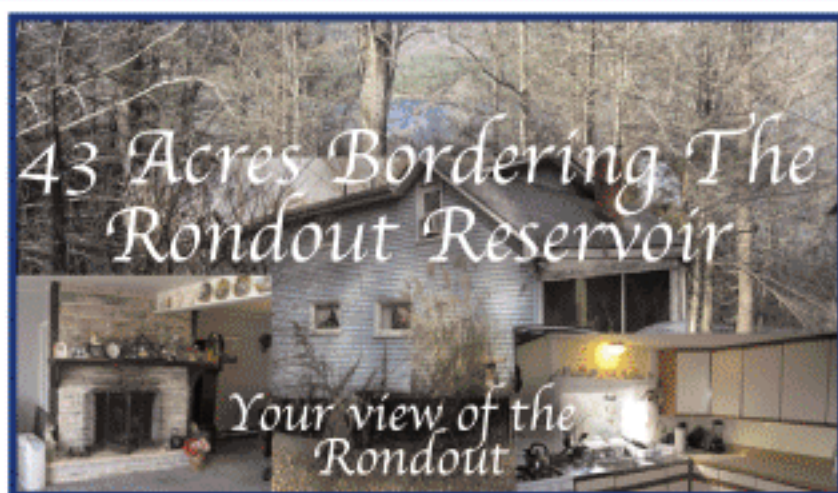
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The head of a World War II bomber squadron cracks under the pressure. Directed by Henry King. Starring, Gregory Peck, Hugh Marlowe, Gary Merrill, Millard Mitchell, Dean Jagger, Paul Stewart. WW2 story of U.S. flyers in England, an overly caring officer is replaced for getting too involved with his men (Merrill) and his successor who has same problem (Peck). Jagger won Oscar in supporting role; Peck has never been better. Written by Sy Bartlett and Beirne Lay, Jr., from their novel later a TV series, *see this film on TCM 12:00 AM, Sunday morning, February 09, 2014, B/W 132 min, Rated TV-PG*, Quiz: 1. Who played Major [Harvey] Stovall? 2. Who was the stunt pilot for this pic?

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