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Thinking Ahead: Plan For Spring Now

As we approach the middle of winter, many of us Catskill residents are out hitting the ski slopes and snow tube runs, while others are already thinking about spring. While it might seem like spring is light years away, in reality, area schools will let students free for spring break in less than 12 weeks. Families who plan to travel can benefit greatly from the extra planning time; however, there's no need to splurge on a tropical escape when there's so much natural beauty in our own backyard.



But kids don't want to just sit around and watch the region slowly thaw - they want adventure, excitement, and fun with friends. Luckily, Frost Valley YMCA's Spring Break Day Camp for kids ages four-through-15 is just around the corner, from March 30-April 3. Here, campers can expect four fun-filled days offering more than just the traditional camp experience. Of course, there will be hiking, sports, games, arts and crafts, climbing, and trips to a local swimming pool, but they'll also get to visit Frost Valley's Educational Farm to meet and learn about animals (they expect plenty of baby animals to be newly born), visit a maple sugaring house to taste fresh-made syrup, try their hand at candlemaking, and much more.

Parents can expect a worry-free experience: The grounds are safe and secure, the friendly program instructors and counselors are supportive and professionally trained, free daily transportation to and from camp is available, and meals are included. Frost Valley's dining hall offers a vast array of options from the typical kid fare to organic, gluten-free, dairy-free, and vegan options created by Chartwells Educational Dining Service.

For more information, please visit FrostValley.org or contact them directly at 845-985-2291; info@frostvalley.org.

Tri-Valley's Junior FBLA Active in the Community

by *Giovanna Lauria*
Tri-Valley Junior FBLA Reporter



On Thursday, November 20 the Junior FBLA hosted a Senior Citizen Luncheon. The event was held last year and was a huge success, so we decided to do it again this year. Our members dressed in their best and served a Thanksgiving meal to our special guests. We had a great turnout of around 50 people! Everyone had a good time serving and talking to the seniors. We would like to thank the senior citizens for attending and we hope they all had an enjoyable meal.



The Junior FBLA also decorated a Christmas tree in the Grahamsville Town Square. Members braved the cold rain to help out and make the tree look nice. (Contd. Pg. 8)

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Lego Donations Needed for Library "Block Party!"

The Daniel Pierce Library is pleased to introduce a brand new program, "Block Party! A Creative Building Experience for Children in Grades K-6." Each session, children will be given a "building theme," and enjoy an hour of creative Lego construction! The response to the program has been overwhelmingly positive! So positive, in fact, that the library will have to open a second session and create a waiting list for additional sessions to be offered later in the spring!

This is a very happy problem, as we hope to inspire a new generation of artists, engineers and scientists through creative Lego play! However, we are in need of your assistance to make this program possible for the large number of children who have expressed interest! The Library is seeking new or used Lego donations or monetary donations in order to purchase Lego supplies! (Legos only, please. We cannot accept non-Lego brands, such as K'nex or Erector.) If you can help us meet the growing demand for this fun-filled program, please visit the Daniel Pierce Library or contact Joann Gallagher, Director, at 985-7233. Monetary donations may be made payable to the Daniel Pierce Library (please write "Block Party" in the memo line), and mailed to P.O. Box 268, Grahamsville, NY 12740. Thank you for your support!

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ON THE FRONT BURNER: The Lord hath heard my supplication; the Lord will receive my prayer.
Psalm 9:6

OBITUARY

Phyllis M. Zanetti, 86, of Grahamsville passed away on Monday, January 5, 2015 at Arden Hill in Goshen, NY.

The daughter of the late Robert T. and Elthea (Black) Many, she was born March 21, 1928 in Grahamsville, NY. She married Vincent Zanetti on February 16, 1947.

Phyllis was a loving daughter, wife, mother, and grandmother. A graduate of Albany Business College, she was employed by the South Fallsburg National Bank as head teller and later served as Secretary to the Superintendent at Tri-Valley Central School. Phyllis was known for her smile, compassion and professionalism by all who worked with her.

Phyllis is survived by her four children: Diane (Sandy) Engel of Allentown, PA, Wayne (Mary) of Grahamsville, NY, Keith (Pam) of Grahamsville and Randi (Jeff) Pfeiffer of Longmont, CO; her eight grandchildren; six great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband, Vincent and sister, Roberta.

The family would like to thank the staff at Glen Arden for their kind and loving care of our mother.

Private services and burial will be at the convenience of the family.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Phyllis' name may be made to the Daniel Pierce Library, PO Box 268, Grahamsville, NY 12740.

ENGAGEMENT

Floyd, NY-Glenn and Bonnie VanDenberg of Claryville announce the engagement of their daughter, Amy Elaine VanDenberg, to Craig Edward, son of Melvin and Jody Smith of Remsen, NY.

Amy Elaine is a 2008 graduate from Tri-Valley Central School of Grahamsville, NY. She then graduated from SUNY Cortland with a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice. She is currently employed for Oneida County Child Protective services and is a cps worker for sexual assault. Craig Edward graduated from Remsen High school of Remsen, NY. He then graduated from Tompkins Cortland Community College and currently works at his parents' business "Smith Insurance agency" as an insurance agent. The couple is planning a wedding for September 2015.

College News

Students at Hudson Valley Community College Named to President's List

Nearly 1800 students were named to the President's List at Hudson Valley Community College for the Fall 2014 term. Students named to the President's List earned a term grade point average between 3.5 and 4.0.

Honored students include:

Justin Posner of Ellenville, who is studying in the Computer Information Systems academic program.

Joshua DuBois of Olivebridge, who is studying in the Electrical Construction and Maintenance academic program.

Hudson Valley Students Named to Deans' List for Fall 2014 Term

More than 1300 students at Hudson Valley Community College were recently named to the college's Deans' List for the Fall 2014 term. Students named to the Dean's List have a term grade point average between 3.0 to 3.49.

Those honored include:

Alyssa Soto of Ellenville, who is studying in the Human Services academic program.

Recep Bici of Woodbourne, who is studying in the Non-Matriculated academic program.

SUNY Potsdam Student Olivia Rehm of Grahamsville, NY Named to President's List

Olivia Rehm of Grahamsville, NY was recently named to the President's List at The State University of New York at Potsdam.

Rehm, whose major is Music Education, was among 925 SUNY Potsdam students who were honored for academic excellence in the Fall 2014 semester. College President Dr. Kristin G. Esterberg recognized the students for earning top marks.

To achieve the honor of being on the

President's List, each student must have satisfactorily completed 12 numerically-graded semester hours, with a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

Sundown NY Resident Achieves Dean's List at Lasell College for Fall 2014

NEWTON, MA Matthew Bogorad of Sundown NY has achieved Dean's List for the 2014 Fall semester at Lasell College in Newton, Mass. Bogorad a member of the class of 2015, is majoring in English and was among 634 students honored in the Fall 2014 semester.

To achieve the Dean's List, each student must be full-time carrying 12 or more graded credits for the semester with a grade point average of 3.5 or above.

An innovative educational institution for more than 160 years, Lasell is an independent coeducational college emphasizing the integration of professional and liberal arts programs leading to bachelor's and master's degrees. The campus is situated on a 53-acre campus eight miles from downtown Boston.

DAYS OF YORE....

Today's History

January 12, 1955 - Mr. Dallas Swart of Ballston Spa announces the engagement and approaching marriage of his daughter, Marion, to Arnold Robinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Robinson of Grahamsville. Miss Swart is a member of the Tri Valley School faculty and Mr. Robinson is employed by the NYS Dept. of Correction as a guard at the Napanoch Correctional Institution.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Barringer of Samsonville are the parents of a baby Girl, Karen Jane, born January 6th at the Ellenville Hospital. Mrs. Flossie Van Wagner of Sundown is the maternal grandmother. Mr. and Mrs. John Coddington are the maternal great-grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Ackerley Jr. are the parents of a son, Wayne Danny, born on Sunday afternoon. The infant weighed 7 lbs. Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Ackerley Sr. of Grahamsville are the paternal grandparents. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Potter of Missouri are the maternal grandparents.

January 13, 1965 - William S. Grey, 93, died at Liberty on January 11, 1965. He was born in Newburgh on February 4, 1871. He was married on May 10, 1900 at Salisbury Mills, N.Y. to the late Emily F. Hauser who died on Sept. 29, 1946. Surviving are one grandson, Capt. James H. Grey of Cheyenne, Wyoming; one granddaughter, Mrs. Robert C. Wood of Napanoch and six great-grandchildren.

Monday the Board of Supervisors approved a resolution appropriating \$26,625 for the County Mental Health Board to establish an approved program for mentally retarded children, effective March 1. The training center will be tuition free. James Boyd, president of the Association for Retarded Children, said he hoped the program would be ready by spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Inghrim became the parents of a girl, Susan Marie, at Hamilton Ave. Hospital, Monticello on Tuesday, January 5, 1965. Mr. and Mrs. John McGuire are the maternal grandparents.

January 6, 1975 - Mr. and Mrs. Fred Moore of Neversink have announced the engagement of their daughter, Darlene Joan, to Allen F. Wachter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wachter of Callicoon. Miss Moore graduated from Delaware Valley High School and is employed by Dr. S.V. Jones of Ferndale. Her fiancé graduated from Delaware Valley High School and has attended St. Bonaventure University. He plans to attend Cornell University College of Agriculture and Life Sciences as a pre-veterinary major. Wedding plans are incomplete.

January 10, 1985 - Albert Moshier of Ulster Heights, a retired carpenter and lifelong area resident, died Saturday, January 5, 1985 in Kingston Hospital, Kingston NY after a long illness. The son of the late George and Lizzie M. Baker Moshier, he was born March 15, 1906 in Ulster Heights. The widower of Catherine Moshier, he was a member of the Ulster Heights U.M. Church. Survivors include five sisters and several nieces and nephews.

A Round About Tri-Valley

-Carol Furman

Paula Fiedler of Grahamsville, age 90, passed away on December 31st. Condolences to the Walter and Jeanne Fiedler family.

Daniel Pierce Library will be sponsoring a Lego Block Party from 3:30 - 4:30 pm on the last Friday of January, February, March and April for Tri-Valley students in grades K - 6. An after school snack will be provided. This is a creative building experience for the children. Pre-registration is required.

Brittany Pennell, a freshman Tri-Valley cross-country runner, has been invited by "Down Under Sports" to represent the team during Australia's Gold Coast Tournament to be held in Australia from June 30th - July 12th. Brittany will be seeking financial support if she decides to go.

Neversink Parks and Rec. invites Tri-Valley School students and Town of Neversink residents to go to a Binghamton Senators Hockey Games on Saturday, March 14th. The cost is \$17. Non-residents may attend for a cost of \$33. Please sign up with Parks and Rec. Director, Jamie Brooks before January 27th.

Also, anyone planning to go with Neversink Parks and Rec. to the Westchester Broadway Theatre to see "Westside Story" on April 30th should sign up prior to January 27th. This trip includes the show, dinner, dessert and transportation. Jamie must make reservations soon, so if you plan to go, please register NOW.

This year's Farmers' Almanac has "red flagged" the first 10 or 12 days of January and the first week of February for active wintry weather featuring bouts of precipitation, cold temperatures and strong winds. Also, wintry conditions are predicted for mid March. I can't say I was too happy to read that!

I haven't been out and about much since the holidays. Even the January Lions' meeting was cancelled due to icy roads and predicted snow fall. It's best, especially when you are older, to stay put at home rather than risk a fall or an accident on slippery walkways and roads.

Stay well, and if you haven't gotten your flu shot yet, now is not too late! It's better to be safe than sorry. Have a happy and a healthy new year! Don't forget to give me a call if you have a news item for my column!

Words of Wisdom: Of all the things we open by mistake, our mouth is the most common.

People pay more attention to what you do than what you say. (Proverbs, assembled by Clark "Solomon" Philips)

Sunday Concert Series begins with "One of the great voices of today", Jazz Vocalist Alexis Cole

On Sunday, January 25 at 2pm, Ellenville Public Library & Museum begins their 5th Annual Winter Concert Series with jazz vocalist Alexis Cole who will warm our hearts with jazz favorites and the American Songbook. Called "one of the great voices of today" by Jonathan Schwartz, Ms. Cole has been compared to classic jazz singers like Sarah Vaughan and Anita O'Day. She's performed on stage with the Boston Pops and New York Philharmonic at venues ranging from Avery Fisher Hall to Kennedy Center. For her concert at EPL&M, Alexis will be joined by local musicians Mike Dimecco, on guitar, and John Menegon, on bass. Upcoming concerts in the series include The Newburgh Chamber Music Ensemble on February 15, Fiddle Champion Dylan Foley and friends on March 22, Classical Guitarist Greg Dinger on April 12 and Steve Gorn performing Classical Indian Music on bamboo flute for Mother's Day; May 10. All concerts begin at 2pm EPL&M's Community Room and are free and open to the public.

In addition to her many performances on great stages, Alexis Cole can be seen at top jazz venues like Dizzy's Club at Jazz at Lincoln Center, Birdland, The Jazz Standard, Blues Alley, and Billboard Live, Tokyo. Cole is the recipient of a Swing Journal Gold Disk award, and was a winner of the NY Jazzmobile and Montreux Jazz

Festival vocal competitions, and a finalist of the Sarah Vaughan Competition. Alexis studied voice and piano at the University of Miami and William Paterson University, and holds a Masters of Music from Queens College. She has also trained in Indian Classical singing at the Jazz India Vocal Institute in Mumbai. She heads the Jazz Voice Program at SUNY Purchase and also teaches privately and at City College. She performs and conducts master classes around the world. Her nine recordings, which feature musical luminaries such as Fred Hersch, Eric Alexander, Matt Wilson, Harry Pickens, Don Braden and Pat LaBarbara, have received high praise in the jazz press and are spun on radio world-wide. To learn more about Alexis Cole visit her website at <http://www.alexiscole.com/>.

Early arrival on January 25 is recommended; for more information, please call EPL&M at (845)647-5530 or go to <http://eplm.sharepoint.com/Pages/default.aspx>

Winter Family Fun Day 2015

The Winter Spectacular of the Year!

Come enjoy the ninth annual winter extravaganza with your entire family at discounted prices. The event is proudly sponsored by the Sullivan County Chamber, YEL!, Thunder 102, Sullivan County Visitors Association & I Love NY! and graciously hosted by Holiday Mountain Ski & Fun Park. Chamber members, their employees and their families are invited to enjoy a fun-filled day of skiing and tubing. Thunder 102 will be broadcasting live from the event!

Cost for a family of 5: \$35 for lift tickets, \$35 for ski rentals, and \$45 for snowboard rentals. In a nutshell, total cost for a family of 5 for lift tickets and ski rentals: \$70! There are also special deals on group lessons and tubing. Call the Chamber for more details.

LOOKING FOR THE PERFECT TEAM-BUILDING EXERCISE FOR EMPLOYEES?

Join the Chamber's taskforce YEL - Young Emerging Leaders, for the fourth cardboard sled race during the Ninth Annual Family Fun Day at Holiday Mountain Ski and Fun Park! With just tape, paint & cardboard, you can make the winning cardboard sled and receive a prize for it! Race begins promptly at 1:00pm and it is \$15 per team/sled to register. Your team must sign up by Friday, January 16th, 2015 to enter. Prizes will be awarded for the first, second and third fastest sled, and for best sled overall based on creativity and construction. Contact the Chamber for rules and to register your team! Don't miss out on the fun and your chance to win!

WINTER WING FLING:

Stick around at 2:30pm for our 4th Annual Winter Wing Fling to benefit the Sullivan County Food Pantry! For only \$10; have the opportunity to sample wings from all around the county and help crown the Winter Wing Fling King or Queen 2015. Holiday Mountain will be defending their title of 2014 Winter Wing Fling KING People's Choice and Dutch's Sports Bar will be defending their title of 2014 Winter Wing Fling KING Judge's Choice! Participating Restaurant Members include: Dutch's Sports Bar & Café, Fanatics Sports Bar & Restaurant, Holiday Mountain, Community Bistro (NHC) & more. Do you want to challenge our Wing Fling Kings? Contact the Chamber for details! 50/50, prize raffles (one free raffle ticket with entry) & cash bar will be available. The Cardboard Sled Race award ceremony will take place following the race. Then stick around for an amazing FREE concert brought to you by the Sullivan County Visitors Association, I LOVE NY & Thunder 102! Blending engaging melodies and charming energy with lyrical content that defies her age, Upstate New York singer-songwriter Chelsea Cavanaugh. www.chelseasongs.com.

Nature Column - Linda Comando

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

Once in awhile there is a story from Peggy that just seems fit what is happening and becomes the best choice of the week! This particular article certainly sheds a bit of light to our dark days of winter. Thank you Peggy!

How Deer in Grahamsville Get Winterized By Peggy DeWire



Our whitetail deer were enjoying the first snowstorm of the season. I watched yearlings frolicking around their family herds until they drifted deeper into the woods. Whitetails had prepared for winter in three main ways.

The first is to grow heavier, darker fur coats with each hair hollow to trap warm air next to the body for insulation. This keeps a warm-blooded animal's body temperature fairly constant, regardless of the surrounding weather.

All North American deer do this, from the biggest - a moose at seven feet tall and 1800 pounds - to the smallest - a Florida Key Deer at two feet tall and 50 pounds. The very littlest deer in the world today is the rabbit deer or Pudu that lives in the Andes Mountains of South America. It is one foot tall and weighs 20 pounds and it is the most prolific of the deer as it can have up to seven young at a time, though its usual is five fawns.

The second winter readiness is when male deer lose their antlers after the mating season and rejoin family herds in "deer yards" when snow is deep.

The outstanding feature of whitetail bucks is the antlers which are shed in winter and regrown completely six months later. This regrowth puts an enormous strain on the buck's vitality since a large pair of antlers can be a fifth of total body weight.

Female caribou or reindeer are the only ones in the deer family that grow antlers. In Asia two species of primitive deer have no antlers.

True deer that grew deciduous antlers first appeared about ten million years ago. They were cat-size mammals with clawed feet. One line stayed in Europe and became the Red Deer group.

Another line migrated from Asia a million years ago across the Bering Straits and became the New World of moose, elk, caribou and white tail deer.

Today there are thirty-two kinds of deer worldwide divided into four sub-families. Our whitetail belongs to Cervinae.

In China, a small primitive deer in another sub-family lives along waterways. It has no antlers but does have long vicious incisor tusks. It can eat fish.

The third way Grahamsville deer prepare for winter is to alter its digestive system to handle the seasonal change in diet from green leaves and grass to tree buds, twigs and moss.

Whitetails took a million years to perfect their winterizing tricks of growing heavier coats, shedding antlers and digesting seasonal diets. But they did it so well that they survive comfortably all over the United States.

Household Hints

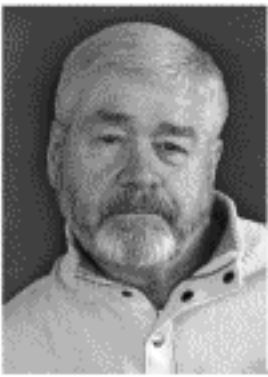
There are so many benefits to be reaped by adding 1 cup white vinegar to your washer's rinse cycle that it's surprising that you don't find it prominently mentioned inside the owner's manual of every washing machine sold. Here are the main ones:

- * A single cup of vinegar will kill off any bacteria that may be present in your wash load, especially if it includes cloth diapers and the like.
- * A cup of vinegar will keep your clothes coming out of the wash soft and smelling fresh - so you can kiss your fabric-softening liquids and sheets good-bye (unless, of course, you happen to like your clothes smelling of heavy perfumes).
- * A cup of vinegar will brighten small loads of white clothes.
- * Added to the last rinse, a cup of vinegar will keep your clothes lint- and static-free.
- * Adding a cupful of vinegar to the last rinse will set the color of your newly dyed fabrics.

Midnight in Europe

Mysterious Book Report No. 177

by John Dwaine McKenna



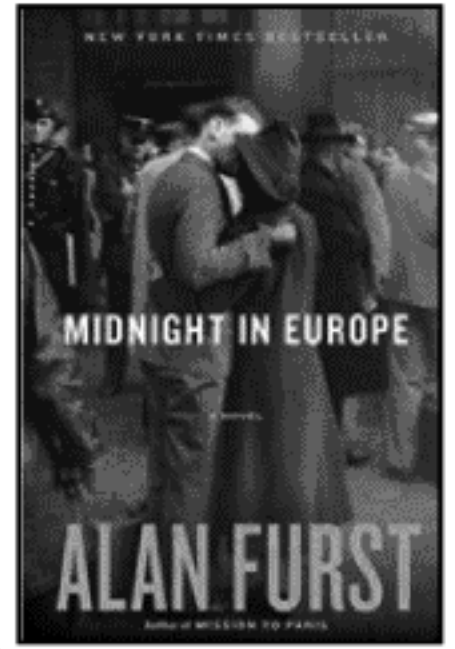
If you're a fan of noir fiction, tales of WWII exploits or spy thrillers, you'll love this week's MBR . . . an espionage novel set in Paris in 1938, on the eve of World War II, just as the Spanish Civil War is coming to an end.

Generalissimo Franco's Nationalist forces, together with their Nazi allies in the north of Spain, are poised to deliver the finishing blow to the beleaguered Republican armies in the south, and establish a fascist dictatorship. The rag-tag Republican army is communist, made up of intellectuals and idealists who lack adequate training, weapons or supplies of medicine, food and ammunition. Their only hope of survival in the coming battle is to procure some heavier weapons: artillery pieces, and the ammunition to use with them.

Midnight in Europe, (Random House/Penguin, \$27.00, 251 pages, ISBN 978-1-4000-6949-1) by Alan Furst is an atmospheric tale of an ordinary man being pushed into an extraordinary situation. His name is Cristian Ferrar, a respected Spanish lawyer, living in Paris and working for a top echelon international law firm. He's approached by a man from the Republic of Spain's embassy and asked to help a clandestine agency of that government, (The legitimate, elected, communist, government of Spain. Franco was a rebel, trying to overthrow it.) who is trying to supply weapons to the Republican army. He agrees, soon finding his life in danger, traveling across Europe, deep into the eastern bloc in an attempt to get a trainload of twenty millimeter canons aboard a ship and back to Spain, aided only by thugs and aristocrats, arms dealers, spies and idealists. From Paris to Istanbul, New York to Poland, chased by the Gestapo and shady women, the young lawyer pursues his mission in a deadly race against time, as the nationalist armies are massing for their final push. The novel is intense, chock-full of historical details and authentic scenarios, and a *don't miss-must read* for any student of World War II.

Like the review? The greatest compliment you can give is to share it with others on Facebook and follow us on Goodreads.

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Join the Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library Battle of the Books Team

Are you in 7th grade or older and love to read and enjoy competition? Consider joining the library's Battle of the Books team-The Novel Bunch!

Battle of the books is a reading competition for teens entering grades 7 through 12. Participants in the Ramapo Catskill Library System (RCLS) program read eight pre-selected books, and then participate in trivia based battles on the books at the regional battle, which is usually in early September.

Not sure you're ready for a regional competition against other libraries in RCLS?? Join us for the Sullivan County wide battle which will be held on April 11. The County battle is based on five pre-selected books, and is great for first time participants.

Join our team and help us defend our title as Sullivan County Champions! A n information meeting will be held on January 16 at 5:00.

Grant Helps UDC Print Handbooks 'Design Handbook for the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River'

NARROWSBURG - Sullivan Renaissance awarded a 2014 Environmental Initiatives Grant of \$300 to the Upper Delaware Council, Inc. (UDC) to enable the non-profit organization to print copies of its recently updated "Design Handbook for the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River."

The handbook provides guidance to undertake construction along the federally-designated Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River in ways that ensure harmony with the existing river landscape. It is geared toward builders, developers and landowners planning construction activity, as well as local officials in charge of reviewing development plans.

The UDC sought assistance on November 12 to close a budget shortfall that existed to print full-color copies of the 36-page Design Handbook digital file and distribute copies to each of the planning and zoning boards of the council's 13 municipal members.

The UDC worked with W Design of Barryville in August and September 2014 to graphically transform the Design Handbook that was originally produced in 1990. New color photos and illustrations, contemporary typography and updated information were added, while preserving the text that summarizes the principles taken from the Land and Water Use Guidelines that are published in the 1986 Final River Management Plan.

Bids solicited in early November to print 100 hard copies of the document exceeded the UDC's Fiscal Year 2015 (10/01/14-09/30/15) budget allocation for this project, prompting the UDC's application to Sullivan Renaissance.

Contents include: an Introduction; Background; River Setting; Upper

Delaware Scenic and Recreational River Map; Design Concepts; River Classification Land Uses; Principle A: Maintain High Water Quality; Principle B: Protect Public Welfare; Principle C: Provide for Public Uses; Principle D: Continue Agriculture and Forestry Uses; Principle E: Conserve River Resources; Principle F: Maintain Land Use and Ownership Patterns; a Glossary; and Sources of Assistance.

The 2014 Design Handbook is available for on-line consultation on the Publications page of the UDC's website at www.upperdelawarecouncil.org. To request a copy, contact the UDC office located at 211 Bridge Street, PO Box 192, Narrowsburg, NY 12764; phone 845-252-3022; or e-mail info@upperdelawarecouncil.org.

Senator John Bonacic Receives "Circle of Friends" Distinction From New York Farm Bureau Award recognizes the Senator's support of New York State agriculture

Senator John J. Bonacic was recently named to the New York Farm Bureau's "Circle of Friends" roster of lawmakers who support New York agriculture and the Farm Bureau.

"Senator Bonacic was chosen for his commitment to the hard working farm families in New York. He has demonstrated that he understands the importance of agriculture in his legislative district, and how farming significantly impacts the economy of this great state," said Dean Norton, President of New York Farm Bureau.

"Probably one of the hardest and most vital occupations in the state of New York is farming," said Senator Bonacic. "Farmers face many challenges such as mother nature, rising costs, and higher taxes. It's very difficult for farms to stay viable. In 2014, we introduced programs like Young Farmers NY, which provides education, tax relief and other support and incentives to encourage our young people to stay involved in agriculture. I am proud to have been recognized by the New York Farm Bureau this year, as well as in the past, and will continue to fight for our farmers in the 2015 legislative session."

Sullivan County Prescription Drug Take-Back Day Saturday, January 24, 2015 10 am- 2 pm

Liberty, N.Y. -The Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention Task Force, (a subcommittee of the Rural Health Network led by Sullivan County Public Health Services), is again partnering with local law enforcement agencies and the Recovery Center to announce another Drug Take Back Day to be held Saturday, January 24 at area Police Stations and the NYS Troopers station in Narrowsburg.

Well over 500 pounds of unwanted prescription medications have been collected over the past year as a result of numerous sponsored Take Back Days and the 24/7 availability of Drug Drop Boxes placed throughout the county. Sullivan County Public Health Director, Nancy McGraw, indicates that Take Back Days continue to be a successful local public health initiative based on collaborative efforts of many agencies working together to combat drug abuse and to ensure our

communities are safe through appropriate disposal of unwanted drugs and medications. "We have not only made an impact on reducing the likelihood of prescription drugs falling into the wrong hands and being abused or sold on the streets, but have improved access for residents for safe disposal sites. The environment is also being protected because people are not flushing them or throwing them in the garbage which ends up in a landfill." These medications are safely disposed of through a partnership with the Sheriff's Office on county sponsored Take Back Days, who transport the medications for incineration in Poughkeepsie. No questions are asked of those dropping off unwanted pills. They can be sealed in a plastic bag or in vials with labels removed or identifying information crossed out with a magic marker. No liquids or needles can be accepted.

Unwanted pills can be dropped off on Jan. 24 from 12:00 - 2:00 pm only at the New York State Police Station (Troop F, Zone 1) at 6509 State Route 97, Narrowsburg, and at these three locations from 10:00 -2:00 pm: the Fallsburg, Liberty, and Monticello Police Stations. The Sullivan County Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention Task Force, a subcommittee of the Rural Health Network, meets at Sullivan County Public Health Services to discuss ideas for prevention strategies and outreach events. For more information please call Sullivan County Public Health Services at 845 292-5910 x2222.

Increase Your Company's Performance and Service by Enrolling in Spanish for the Workplace

Monticello - The Adult and Continuing Education Program at Sullivan BOCES is offering a course in Spanish for the Workplace at the St. John Street Education Center in Monticello. Classes will run on Wednesdays, January 14th through February 11th, from 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm. The cost is \$100.

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The Olive Jar - By Carol LaMonda

Kevin LaMonda, a 6th grade teacher at Bennett Intermediate School is making a difference. He and his wife Heather have a young daughter who will be starting Kindergarten in the fall. As most parents, Kevin and Heather were concerned not only about their own daughter, but all school student's safety should there ever be a need for locking down doors during an emergency. Kevin has created a product that would allow doors to be locked from the inside of a classroom in case of an emergency, without the use of a key.

The InSlide Lockdown was being manufactured in Saugerties and is being used in the Onteora Central School District's. Recently the La Monda's signed a contract with the Institute of Swedish Safety and Security which is working to get the device in schools and other buildings in five countries in Europe. Check out the ISSS website at <http://www.inslidelockdown.com/iss> Way to go Kevin! Congratulations to the La Monda family. You are making a difference!

The Coalition to Save Belleayre Presents The New Snowball at the Emerson

Highmount, NY - The Coalition to Save Belleayre presents the 29th Annual Snowball event - The Masquerade Ball. For the first time ever the event will take place at the Emerson Resort in Mt. Tremper, NY. This year's Spirit of the Catskills Award Honoree is James McGrath. Please RSVP by January 15.

James "Jimmy" McGrath was a police officer for 34 years and Chief of the Shandaken Police from 1995 until his retirement in July 2014. Mr. McGrath has been in the ski business since the age of ten when he started working in his uncles ski shop. From 1970-78 he was manager of the Snowflake Ski Shop and he now owns Jimmy's Belleayre Ski Shop at the base of the Belleayre Ski Area with his business partner Vincent Quinn. He became a partner in the Phoenicia Plaza complex in 2006.

Mr. McGrath has spent his entire life serving this region spending time as a Shandaken Police Officer and Ulster County Sheriff. An excerpt from the NY State Senate Resolution celebrating his career:

"Under the luminous direction of Chief James McGrath, the Shandaken Police Department has grown into the professional department it is today and will continue to strive to better serve the community and protect its residents and visitors while providing this very necessary community service... The quality and sanctity of community life are cherished values, worthy of safeguarding, and this Legislative Body is moved to honor those individuals who serve to preserve and protect such values, lauding particularly their unwavering courage and dedication in the daily performance of their duties..."

Now, in retirement he serves as one of four Commissioners of the Shandaken Police Department. Adam McGrath, Jimmy's son, is an officer with the Woodstock Police Department. The Coalition to Save Belleayre is pleased to present the Spirit of the Catskills Award to this pillar of the community.

NY Senate Majority Leader Senator Dean Skelos will present the award to Mr. McGrath. Tony Lanza, Chief Operating Officer of the Emerson, is the Honorary Chair of the event.

New Programs During the Month of January at the Olive Free Library

The Olive Free Library is offering a slew of programs during the month of January to combat cabin fever. On Saturdays, January 10 and 17, from 11:30-4:00 p.m. the Library will offer a free Intro to Beekeeping course. On Thursday nights at 6:30 p.m., beginning January 15th the library will screen classic films of Alfred Hitchcock. And to take advantage of colder months, the library will launch a Master Gardener lecture series, beginning on Saturday, January 24th at 2:00 with "Gardening (almost!) Year Round."

On Saturday, January 10 and 17, the Olive Free Library will offer a free beekeeping course that will prepare participants to start their own backyard hive in the early spring. The course is sponsored by Hudson Valley Hives and will be led by a second-generation beekeeper. Beekeeping is a waning skill that is more in need than ever as pollinators face increasing threats from pesticides and changes in climate. The course will cover all aspects of the life-cycle and behavior of honeybees. Please contact the library (845) 657-2482 or go to hvives.com to register. (Snow date is January 31)

The Olive Free Library will begin an Alfred

Hitchcock film series on Thursday, January 15 at 6:30 p.m. and will show films on January 23 and 30 also at 6:30. The films will be some of the director's most acclaimed works, projected in high-definition blu-ray.

On Saturday, January 24 at 2:00 p.m. the Olive Free Library will offer a Master Gardener lecture titled, "Gardening (almost!) Year Round." We often think gardening ends with the last frost, but you can coax greens to keep producing for December holiday dinners, and start again in February. If you are willing to experiment, this class will teach participants to use cold frames and low tunnels and other equipment, along with especially cold-hard varieties, to grow greens and other vegetables most of the year.

For more information please contact the library: programs@olivefreelibrary.org or call 845-657-2482. 4033 Route 28A, PO Box 59, West Shokan, NY 12494 programs@olivefreelibrary.org www.olivefreelibrary.org

Governor Cuomo Announces \$100 Million Health Innovation Grant Awarded to NYS Federal funding to lower costs and improve health care services for New Yorkers

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced that New York State, in coordination with Health Research Inc., has been awarded a four year, \$100 million State Innovations Model Testing grant. Given by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation, the grant will support the Governor's State Health Innovation Plan, an ambitious blueprint that works to give New Yorkers access to high quality, coordinated care in every region of the state.

"Building the best possible healthcare system means growing our resources and taking an innovative approach to providing care for New Yorkers - and that is exactly what this grant is helping us achieve," Governor Cuomo said. "This funding will go a long way toward improving the quality of care for people in virtually every corner of the state. I am proud that our work on this issue has been recognized by our federal partners as we continue to lay the groundwork for safer and healthier communities for all New Yorkers."

The grant will:

- Integrate care and services by improving access to primary care. It will also integrate primary care services into long-term care, behavioral health, specialty care, and community supports.
- Create a continuum of care that links physicians and community-based resources to help promote the state's Health Prevention Agenda and Medicaid reform efforts.
- Increase transparency to assure that patients, payers and providers have access to information that will help them make informed choices about their health care.
- Pay for the value of care received by a patient to ensure that care is high-quality, efficiently provided, and results in the best possible outcomes for the patient.

The Governor's State Health Innovation Plan works toward the development and implementation of innovative health service delivery and payment models, which help give access to integrated care delivery systems. These systems are premised on a strong foundation of advanced primary care that is supported by both public and private payers in all regions of the state. Updated health information technology, quality measurement, integration with population health, and enhanced transparency will reduce costs and bet-

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"New York is a national leader in redesigning Medicaid, implementing a successful exchange marketplace, and initiating creative models of health care, with more patient-centered medical homes than any other state," said Acting Health Commissioner Dr. Howard Zucker. "The SHIP and this CMMI grant ensures we remain at the forefront, and our citizens continue receiving high quality health care at affordable prices."

Benjamin M. Lawskey, Superintendent of Financial Services, said, "This grant will further our efforts to help bend the cost curve and keep health insurance premiums affordable for New Yorkers. Our Department is committed to supporting the implementation of the State Health Innovation Plan, and will work to ensure health care is paid for based on the value and quality of care provided and not just the number of services provided."

Senator Charles E. Schumer said, "New York has long been a leader in health care innovation and I'm pleased that this \$100 million federal investment will help forward the state's progress towards the highest quality of care and lower costs for all. The State Innovations Model Testing grant will help New York develop, support and evolve an integrated care delivery system that focuses on the consumer. I am pleased that the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation has recognized the importance of this funding, which will ultimately improve the quality and access to care for all New Yorkers."

Senator Kirsten E. Gillibrand, who wrote a letter to Administrator Tavenner urging the awarding of these funds, said, "This health innovation grant is fantastic news for New York. Our state's healthcare industry works hard to achieve better health, better healthcare, and lower healthcare costs for residents, and this federal funding will go a long way toward helping them achieve that goal."

Congressman Charles B. Rangel said, "I applaud the announcement of this vital funding aimed to strengthen New York's already stellar health system and make it even more accessible to our constituents through innovative means. Our State is fortunate to have a visionary leader in Governor Cuomo with whom I share the passion to help improve the quality of life for all New Yorkers."

Congresswoman Louise Slaughter said, "New York has always been a nationwide leader in health care innovation and I'm glad our state has been forward-thinking when it comes to expanding coverage for New Yorkers. I was proud to support this grant because it will build on Rochester's rich history of regional health care planning, expand access to affordable healthcare, and ensure that New Yorkers will be paying for quality - not just quantity - in their health care."

Congressman Eliot Engel said, "I have had the opportunity to work closely with state agencies to support New York's leadership in many areas of health care innovation through my role on the Energy and Commerce Health Subcommittee. Governor Cuomo's State Health Innovation Plan lowers health care costs, empowers consumers to make informed choices, and better meets their needs by offering integrated care. Thanks to this federal grant, New York will continue to lead the nation in health care innovation."

Congresswoman Nita M. Lowey said, "New York is at the forefront of developing innovative approaches to health care and I was happy to fully support the state's application for this federal grant. I fought to protect programs like CMMI that empower states to take the lead in lowering costs, saving money, and delivering better health care results. I will continue working with Governor Cuomo and in Congress to ensure that New Yorkers are receiving timely, affordable, quality health care they need." (Contd. Pg. 12)

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Gibson announces passage of Hire More Heroes Act

Washington, DC - Congressman Chris Gibson (NY-19) announced the House passed the Hire More Heroes Act, a bill he co-authored to boost employment among veterans while providing relief to small business owners.

The bipartisan legislation passed the House January 6, the first day of the 114th Congress. It allows businesses to hire veterans without having them count as full-time employees under the Affordable Care Act.

Under current law, companies with 50 or more full-time workers must provide health insurance for their employees. Veterans already receive health benefits through the Department of Veterans Affairs or Department of Defense.

"This is common-sense legislation that makes it easier for the men and women of our Armed Forces to find a job following their service to the country, especially in rural regions like Upstate New York," said Congressman Gibson. "Our bill not only incentivizes businesses to hire veterans, it brings some relief to business owners who might be struggling with new expenses associated with the Affordable Care Act."

The Hire More Heroes Act was originally approved by the House in the 113th Congress, but the Senate failed to consider it.

Association of Counties Kicks Off 90th Anniversary with 101 Ways Counties Serve New Yorkers

The New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC) marks its 90th anniversary in 2015. Since 1925, NYSAC has advocated on behalf of New York's 62 counties, led the way in government innovation and efficiency, and worked to improve the future for New Yorkers in all corners of the state.

To mark its anniversary year, NYSAC has launched the "101 Ways Counties Serve New York" campaign. While most New Yorkers benefit from the programs and services counties provide, few understand the breadth of the services provided by county governments. The campaign seeks to educate the public, as well as state lawmakers, about the myriad of ways counties serve their communities.

The campaign builds off the "101 Ways Counties Serve New York and Strengthen the Quality of Our Communities" booklet, which was compiled by the association and its member counties.

Using the hashtags #NYSCounties and #CountiesServe, NYSAC (@nyscounties) will be tweeting every day about the varied functions of New York's county governments and departments (www.twitter.com/nyscounties).

Much has changed since county representatives first came together from across the state to formally express their collective concerns, but today New York's regional governments are just as crucial in providing and delivering local services to residents and communities.

As the state undertakes its annual budget process, including the allocation of an additional \$6 billion resulting from legal settlements, NYSAC is urging the state to direct funds to local governments for critical infrastructure-related projects, emergency management purposes, and important programs serving local communities.

In 2015, NYSAC continues its mission to represent New York's counties at all levels of government, promote the services counties provide, uphold and strengthen partnerships with the state, educate and train county officials, and work to improve the future for New Yorkers, their communities, and the businesses that keep New York's economy running.

"As we mark this anniversary year, we will come together with our members to represent all counties throughout New York, just as our founders did in 1925," said NYSAC President Anthony Picente, Oneida County Executive.

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The association will celebrate its anniversary in conjunction with the NYSAC Legislative Conference, February 2-4 in Albany. Hundreds of county officials are expected to attend the conference, which focuses on training, education, and advocacy.

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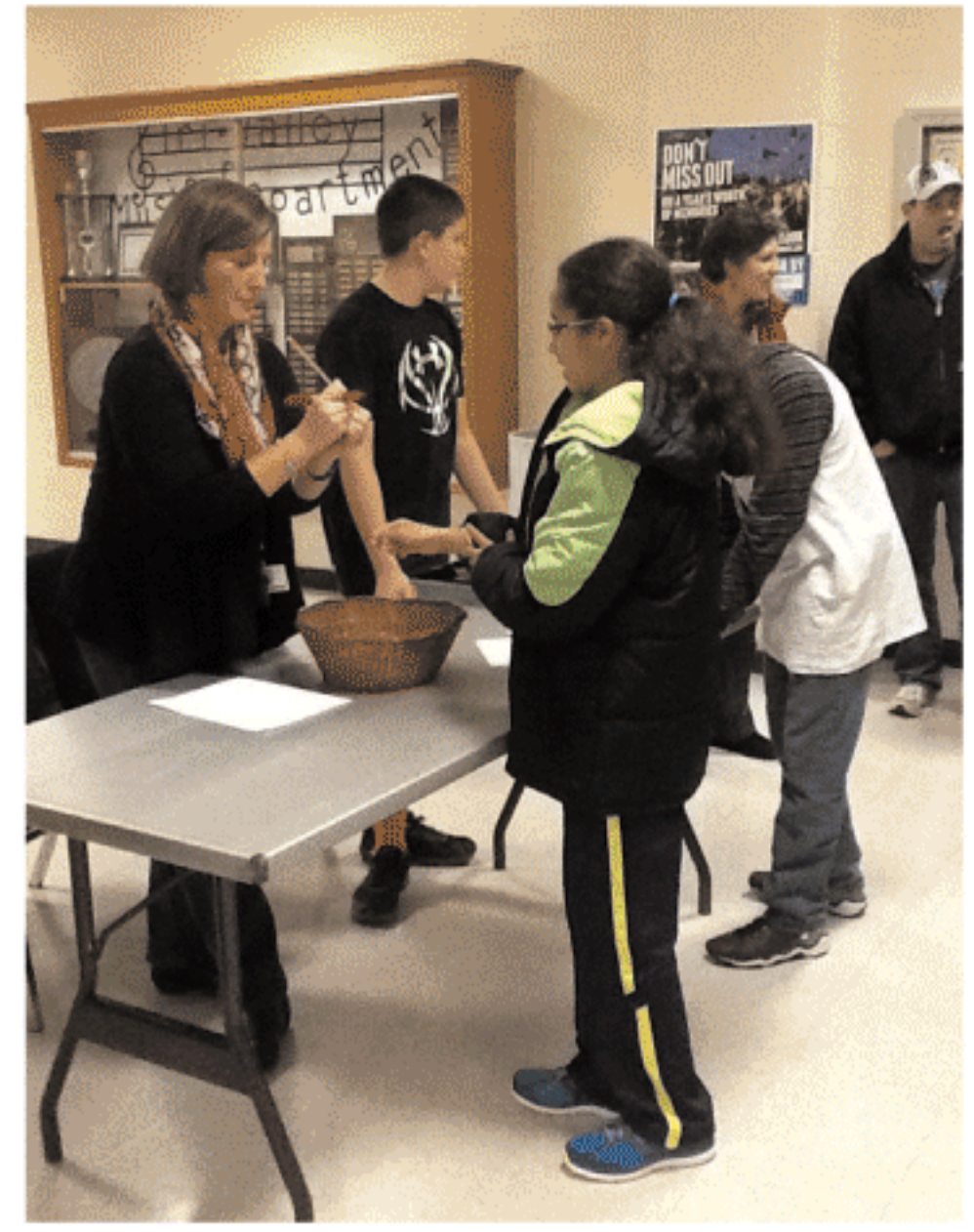
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Tri-Valley's Junior FBLA Active in the Community (From Pg. 1)



Finally, we also had a 7th and 8th grade dance on December 12. We had a great turnout and everyone seemed to have a really enjoyable time. In addition to the fun had by all, \$200.00 from the dance's proceeds will be donated to this year's New York State FBLA official charity, the American Red Cross.

The Junior FBLA has many more positive activities planned for this year. We look forward to working with those in our school and community.

"Moods and Seasons of the Catskills," at CWC

"Moods and Seasons of the Catskills," an exhibition of oil paintings by Ulster County artist Marianne Tully, is on view at the Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC) offices, 905 Main St., Margaretville.



The exhibit can be seen weekdays between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. through February 27 (closed holidays). The public is most welcome. All of the framed landscape paintings are available for purchase.

The show includes 17 paintings reflecting the artist's views of forest, stream and wide open country in all four seasons. A foggy Lake Mohonk, the Ashokan Reservoir dusted in snow, the soft light of spring in Platte Clove and the Schoharie Creek in sunlight and shadow are among the evocative interpretations of nature in the Catskills.

Marianne Tully enjoys working plein air with a group of artists in the Hudson Valley and Catskills doing landscapes in oil. "I wish to capture the tones and forms of nature in my paintings, giving the viewer some of the same experience that I have felt in confronting the exquisite beauty and reality of the earth. I focus on the interplay of light and shadow while using lively brush strokes and atmospheric techniques. This helps to express the energy of the image. Because I paint on site for the first stages of the work, I have developed a strong sense of place and of the dynamic order of the natural world."

Tully, who lives in Lyonsville, near Stone Ridge, is a retired educator and school administrator who earned a PhD from Teachers College, Columbia University. Now a full-time artist, she has had solo shows at Stone Ridge Healing Arts and at the Lifebridge Foundation Gallery in High Falls.

She has also exhibited in group shows at Kaaterskill Fine Arts Gallery, Hunter, the Agroforestry Resource Center, Acra, and at the Astor House and Tannersville Arts and Antiques, both in Tannersville.

The CWC is a non-profit, Local Development Corporation responsible for several environmental protection, economic development and education programs in the New York City Watershed West of the Hudson River. Visit www.cwconline.org for more information.

NACL Theatre Seeking Performers for THE WEATHER PROJECT

Highland Lake, NY- NACL Theatre is currently developing a touring version of The Weather Project play and seeks additional performers of all ages for a regional tour that begins in May 2015. Rehearsals take place Monday evenings from 6-8 PM at The Highland Senior Center located at 725 State Route 55, Eldred, NY 12732.


The Weather Project is a spectacular all-ages outdoor performance about climate change directed by Tannis Kowalchuk of NACL Theatre in Highland Lake, NY. The play was developed with NASA scientist Elaine Matthews in collaboration with The Town of Highland and a host of community groups.

The play premiered in August 2013 in Yulan, NY, and an all ages ensemble (age 13 and up) meet weekly to develop the compact touring version of The Weather Project. The company's first engagement will take place on May 20th at The Kumble Theatre for the Performing Arts in Brooklyn, NY. Other presentations set to take place including June 13, 2015 at The Trout Parade and at other venues in the region throughout the summer. New participants interested in singing, dancing, acting, writing, and stilt-walking are asked to contact the director, Tannis Kowalchuk. Only those who are focused and work well with a group should apply, otherwise no prior stage experience is required. Contact tannis@nacl.org or call 845-557-0694

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SUNRISE: 7:21 AM SUNSET: 4:47 PM
 AVERAGE HIGH: 33°F AVERAGE LOW: 18 °F

THURSDAY




HIGH: 28°F LOW: 11°F

FRIDAY




HIGH: 30 °F LOW: 14 °F

SATURDAY




HIGH: 34 °F LOW: 23 °F

SUNDAY




HIGH: 38 °F LOW: 23 °F

MONDAY



HIGH: 36 °F LOW: 25 °F

TUESDAY



HIGH: 40 °F LOW: 29 °F

Artist Draga Susanj Presents "Elsewhere" Exhibit at SUNY Ulster

Draga Susanj, a resident of Catskill, NY, will present a new installation as well as a selection of past works in an exhibition titled "Elsewhere," at SUNY Ulster's Muroff Kotler Visual Arts Gallery.

The exhibit will open Jan. 30 with a reception from 5 to 7 p.m. at the gallery, and run through Feb. 20.

A citizen of both Serbia and the U.S., her work addresses the bicultural experience of place, in lyric narratives on the relations between nature, culture and self.

Susanj, completed studies at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, the School of Art and Design at Alfred University and the Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture. She has received numerous awards, fellowships and residencies, including the Pollock-Krasner Foundation grant and most recently, the Catskill Artist in Residence at the Catskill Institute in 2014.

The Muroff Kotler Visual Arts Gallery is located in Vanderlyn Hall on the Student Ridge campus. Hours are Mondays through Fridays, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., and by appointment. It is closed on college holidays. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, call (845) 687-5113.

The all new Sunday Afternoon Woodsongs Coffeehouse!



We are not sure when it happened. We do know that somehow, in the last five or six years, the local music scene in Sullivan County has heated up.

Showcasing new talent and new music, the Woodsongs Coffeehouse is an annual winter live music concert series, held at the Sullivan County Museum. The concerts are made possible by the Arts for Sullivan Decentralization Grants Program, a regrant program of the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Legislature, and administered by the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance.

For our first concert the Woodsongs Coffeehouse is pleased to present Jazzmosis, one of the coolest and most interesting new musical projects to emerge in Sullivan County.

Jazzmosis is a group of four guys coming from very different backgrounds. They explore and create a sound that has the energy of rock, the improvisational spark of jazz, and the element of surprise that can go in any musical direction.

The band includes Steve Schwartz - Guitar, Mike Cervone - Drums, Tom Volpe - Bass, Gregory Fiske - Tenor Sax/Wind Controller. They have been described as "Pink Floyd met Miles Davis and had a love child". Find them on facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Jazzmosis/246232048735027>

The show opens with a performance by the host band *Little Sparrow*. *Little Sparrow* is an Americana music project led by Aldo Troiani and Carol Smith. The band has been performing for nearly seven years, and has partnered with more than 20 local and regional musicians. For this show they will be featuring the amazing pedal steel guitarist, Jay Ganz, from Divine Corners, NY <https://www.youtube.com/user/jsganz>

Check them out on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Little-Sparrow/106454596069509>

The evening will conclude with a 30 minute stage jam, featuring musicians from both bands, and FYI that includes tenor sax, jazz drums, country pedal steel, and acoustic and electric guitars and a mandolin performing on a couple of classic rock tunes. We are guessing that this is going to be fun!

The event is presented in conjunction with the Sullivan County Historical Society, and The Sullivan County Museum is located at 265 Main Street, Hurleyville, New York. For directions please call 845 434-8044, or visit the Sullivan County Historical Society website. Snow date is Sunday, February 1. <http://www.sullivancountyhistory.org> Admission is \$7.

DVAA Announces B Gallery A new online exhibition space

DVAA is launching a new online gallery space for 2015 named the Bgallery. The web based gallery, curated by Phyllis Bilick, will debut with an exhibition titled "The Impact of Color," a colorful conversation.

Building upon our established physical spaces, Alliance & Loft Galleries, the Bgallery is an electronic web based gallery overseen by site director Phyllis Bilick which will host curated exhibitions, themed exhibitions, and invitational exhibitions. It will also be a forum to feature single bodies of work, as well as challenging concepts and ideas. The purpose of the online Bgallery is to have a curatorial dialog where artists worldwide submit purely to be part of the selected discussion by using their images/artwork. Artists' contact information will be included on the site and people interested in the art or the artist can contact the artist directly. There is no entry fee.

The artwork will be exhibited electronically at www.artsalliancesite.org/alliance-gallery/b-gallery/. It will also have a physical presence at the DVAA on Narrowsburg's Main Street in the form of a computer monitor that will always be on view with a slide show of the selected works. The Bgallery exhibitions will change a number of times throughout the year. Guidelines and information for upcoming shows will be posted on the Bgallery site at www.artsalliancesite.org/alliance-gallery/b-gallery/. Artists will also be notified by email of upcoming themed or curated shows. Selections are wholly at the discretion of site director. New will coincide with opening receptions at the Alliance and Loft Galleries at the DVAA.

The first themed Bgallery exhibition is titled "The Impact of Color," which will open Saturday, February 7, 2015. We are calling for submissions of work where color is an essential factor in the work; where the color excites the viewer and draws them into the work, impacting their emotion and psyche. If you have work that explores the joys of color please send up to 3 images to: BgalleryDVAA@gmail.com.

- Submissions to exhibit will all be done electronically;- Artists may send up to 3 works for consideration to BgalleryDVAA@gmail.com;- Images should be no larger than 5 MB;- Open to all media;- You must include your name, email, web site;- Include title, size, medium, date for each piece;- For this exhibition, artists must include one short sentence about color. Sentences may be included as part of the exhibit;- There is no submission fee;- Work shown previously at the DVAA is not eligible -Submission deadline is January 31, 2015- Curated by site director Phyllis Bilick.

For more information or questions you can call the DVAA at (845) 252-7576 or email the DVAA gallery director Rocky Pinciotti at rocky@delawarevalleyartsalliance.org.

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Gibson: Priorities for the 114th Congress, Future Plans

Washington, DC -- Congressman Chris Gibson released the following statement today on his priorities for the 114th Congress and his future plans:



Katie, Maggie, Mary Jo, Chris and Connor Gibson.

"With humility and excitement, I take the oath of office today to serve as the Representative for the 19th District of NY in the United States House for the 114th Congress.

"I deeply appreciate the overwhelming support I received in the November election. There was a strong mandate from across the ideological spectrum and partisan divide, something that is rare in the current political environment.

"Going forward our legislative agenda seeks reform across American life, with a focus on jobs and raising the standard of living for all. Specifically, in the 114th Congress, we will be advocating for policies that include:

- Pro-growth tax reform that lowers rates for small business owners and hard working families, and business tax reform that facilitates investment in infrastructure;
- Legislative action that would secure our borders and fix our broken immigration system;
- Responsible regulatory reform;
- Education policy that empowers local school districts, teachers, administrators, parents, and students by rolling back Common Core and makes necessary investments;
- Common sense provisions, grounded in science, that balance the priorities of lowering our energy costs while protecting our environment;

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TO THE EDITOR:

It couldn't be more clear that Governor Cuomo has made the right decision to ban fracking! Studies now officially point to hydraulic fracturing operations as the cause of last years earthquakes in Ohio, atypical to the region. Geophysicists are researching whether the same culprit is to blame in recent earthquakes in Texas. I would like to thank my fellow citizens of New York for their unyielding efforts to ban fracking. It's significant not only because it sets a precedent in our nation- it's noteworthy on a global level. This is a victory that truly attests to the power of grassroots organizing. As Sandra Steingraber wrote, "Let there be no mistake. Science alone did not a statewide ban make. The slingshot that brought down the gas industry Goliath was made of two elements: good data and powerful organizing. Of and by us. Everyone who wrote a letter. Everyone who held a sign. Everyone who marched, rallied, testified, made phone calls, and circulated petitions. Everyone who broke a gas lease. Every community that passed a local ban or moratorium.... It all mattered."

On Wednesday, January 21st, **New Yorkers Against Fracking** is hosting an event in Albany. We're having a rally from 11:30am-12:30 pm for Governor Cuomo's State of the State, at which we will thank him for making the right decision, and show our support for New York to be the front runner in developing a renewable energy economy. Afterwards from 1:00pm - 4:00pm, we will host a party at the Hilton Ballroom (40 Lodge St, one block down the hill on State St from the Capitol building). There will be food, special guest speakers, music, a photo booth and a cash bar. There are buses going to Albany from around the state, including stops in New Paltz, Newburgh, Kingston, and Saugerties. To sign up and for more info, please visit www.nya-againstfracking.org or call 917-500-8923 if you have any questions. Let's celebrate!

Jess Mullen
New Yorkers Against Fracking
77 Cornell Street - Ste #418
Kingston, NY

Letter to the Editor:

China Buying U.S. Companies

According to Forbes Magazine November 24, 2014 issue, which I paraphrase below, since the year 2000 Chinese companies have made almost 900 purchases of U.S. assets worth \$43 billion. China's billionaires are gobbling up U.S. companies at a record pace.

Most disturbing are the implications of these purchases by Chinese Communist companies on our national security. Ralls/Sany purchased four wind farms in Oregon near a Navy weapons system base. Wanda group purchased 342 movie theaters previously owned by AMC Entertainment. WH Group bought Smithfield Foods, the world's largest pork processor. Lenovo purchased Motorola and part of IBM's server business.

"In five years China's direct investment in the United States has grown from \$2 billion a year to \$14 billion."

We should limit the purchase of U.S. companies by the Chinese Communist regime, and probably restrict the ownership of U.S. companies to less than 30% of outstanding shares of stock.

Donald A. Moskowitz
Londonderry, NH

UC Executive Mike Hein Activates the Country's Warming Center on Clinton Avenue

Kingston, NY - Ulster County Executive Mike Hein activated the County's warming center hosted by the Clinton Avenue United Methodist Church located at 122 Clinton Avenue in Kingston. The warming center provided a warm shelter, a hot evening meal and breakfast as well as related services at the Church between 7:00 p.m. through 7:00 a.m. and was opened through this past Saturday morning. The center was staffed by American Red Cross trained volunteers and welcomed homeless adults, ages eighteen and above.

"For those individuals in the community without shelter the warming center could mean the difference between life and death," said County Executive Hein. "Again, I want to thank Reverend Darlene Kelley of the Clinton Avenue United Methodist Church for partnering with us and helping to care for our local community."

"Bitterly cold wind chill values are expected in our area Wednesday night into Thursday," said Steve Peterson last week. Peterson is the Ulster County Director of Emergency Management. "The average temperature for our area for the period through Saturday morning, January 10th was expected to be 12 degrees. These temperatures combined with wind chill can cause frostbite to set in within minutes to exposed skin. County Executive Hein took a proactive approach in opening the warming center for those who needed to seek shelter."

Any homeless adult was encouraged to go to the warming center or if you know someone who is in a desperate situation or is homeless, they can reach out to Family of Woodstock hotline which can be reached 24 hours-a-day at 845-679-2485.

Basic Business Office Skills Course Offered

MONTICELLO - The Adult and Continuing Education Program at Sullivan BOCES is offering a Basic Business Office Skills/Career Readiness Course from January 12th through February 9th. Classes are held Mondays through Fridays from 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm at the St. John Street Education Center in Monticello.

This 60-hour class will orient students with little or no experience to a professional work environment. The class includes hands-on computer skills along with work readiness skills. Students will learn the basics of keyboarding, word processing, using office equipment, communication at the workplace and learn skills to develop situational judgment. Upon completion, students may, at an additional cost, take the National Work Readiness Credential Test developed by the National Chamber of Commerce.

This Business Office Skills Course is offered every other month throughout the year and is NYSED ACCES approved for current Literacy Students.

The cost is \$495, plus credential fee. The National Work Readiness Credential fee for one test and one retest is \$100.

To register or for more information, contact the Adult and Continuing Education Program at (845) 295-4900 between the hours of 8:30 am and 7:00 pm or visit us at scbooces.org, like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter.

DEP Deploys New Technology to Monitor Water Quality in Reservoir During Winter Months -New Sensors are First Ever Deployed on a New York City Reservoir and Will Provide Near-Real-Time Water Quality Data under Thick Ice Cover at Ashokan Reservoir

The New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) today announced the deployment of new technology at Ashokan Reservoir that will continually gather and transmit important water quality information below thick ice cover for the first time. The equipment - known as an under-ice water quality monitoring buoy - is the first of its kind to be installed on a New York City drinking water reservoir and will provide DEP with data in near-real time to ensure the highest quality drinking water is being sent to customers. A second buoy will soon be positioned at another site on Ashokan Reservoir, and more could be installed at key reservoirs in the water supply in the future.

"DEP is always looking at new technology to improve the operation of our world-class water supply system," DEP Commissioner Emily Lloyd said. "While water quality is closely monitored at key points throughout the year, thick ice cover on our reservoirs in the Catskills during winter often made it difficult to obtain some of the same data that our scientists would gather in the spring, summer and fall. This buoy will provide that data, and help us understand how certain winter weather patterns affect the quality of water in our reservoirs."

"The New York State Department of Health is pleased that NYC DEP has developed under-ice monitoring capability for its reservoirs," said Dr. Pamela Young, from the NYS DOH, Bureau of Water Supply and Protection. "The data gathered will promote better understanding of under-ice flow dynamics and will help optimize water system operations. This new technology is an important complement to the extensive monitoring already in place to ensure safe drinking water."

The under-ice buoy at Ashokan Reservoir will replace a robotic monitoring buoy that gathered and transmitted water-quality data throughout the year. The robotic monitoring buoys, which sit atop large rectangular platforms, are taken off the reservoirs each winter because they are prone to being damaged or carried away as ice forms, moves and breaks. By contrast, the under-ice buoy is 6 feet tall and slender, allowing it to move under the ice and pop back up as wind moves large chunks of ice in the spring.

The buoy carries a long, steel cable that is equipped with multiple sondes that measure water quality at different depths within the reservoir. Because water quality can vary at different depths within reservoirs, DEP will use the additional information gathered by the buoy and sondes to select the best water from Ashokan Reservoir to be conveyed by the Catskill Aqueduct to New York City. The buoy also carries inside a watertight container, a battery, cellular modem, and a data logger. An antenna transmits data back to DEP scientists. The under-ice buoy will monitor several parameters that are important to selecting the best drinking water at different depths within the reservoir, including temperature, turbidity and specific conductivity. In total, the equipment weighs 30 pounds and is held in place by a 70-pound anchor at the bottom of the reservoir.

The buoy will provide DEP with water quality data collected below the ice at frequent intervals allowing scien-

tists to see the effects of storms, snowmelt and other events that produce runoff from the surrounding watershed earlier than before. Previously, these data could only be retrieved periodically in the winter by water-quality scientists who collected water samples by hand from an airboat.

The new data from Ashokan Reservoir will compliment an extensive set of water-quality information that is already collected throughout the year, including daily samples from key points, such as intakes at reservoirs, continuous monitoring inside the aqueducts that deliver water from the reservoirs to New York City, and tests at nearly 1,000 street-side sample stations throughout neighborhoods in the five boroughs. DEP's water quality scientists each year collect more than 45,000 water samples that are analyzed more than 540,000 times to ensure New York City's drinking is the cleanest and safest in the world.

DEP manages New York City's water supply, providing more than one billion gallons of high quality water each day to more than 9 million New Yorkers. This includes more than 70 upstate communities and institutions in Ulster, Orange, Putnam and Westchester counties who consume an average of 110 million total gallons of drinking water daily from New York City's water supply system. This water comes from the Catskill, Delaware, and Croton watersheds that extend more than 125 miles from the City, and the system comprises 19 reservoirs, three controlled lakes, and numerous tunnels and aqueducts. DEP has nearly 6,000 employees, including almost 1,000 scientists, engineers, surveyors, watershed maintainers and others professionals in the upstate watershed. In addition to its \$70 million payroll and \$157 million in annual taxes paid in upstate counties, DEP has invested more than \$1.7 billion in watershed protection programs-including partnership organizations such as the Catskill Watershed Corporation and the Watershed Agricultural Council-that support sustainable farming practices, environmentally sensitive economic development, and local economic opportunity. In addition, DEP has a robust capital program with nearly \$14 billion in investments planned over the next 10 years that will create up to 3,000 construction-related jobs per year. For more information, visit nyc.gov/dep, like us on Facebook at [facebook.com/nycwater](https://www.facebook.com/nycwater), or follow us on Twitter at twitter.com/nycwater.

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From Congressman Chris Gibson

Dear Friend,

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- o Responsible regulatory reform;
- o Education policy that empowers local school districts, teachers, administrators, parents, and students by rolling back Common Core and making necessary investments;

- o Common-sense provisions, grounded in science, that balance the priorities of lowering our energy costs while protecting our environment;

- o Protection of our cherished way of life from threats from abroad while standing strong on our Bill of Rights here at home;

- o Legislation that honors the service of our nation's military and their families, while serving and afterwards; and,
- o A strong local focus that includes federal policies that will help find cures and solutions for chronic Lyme sufferers, expanded access and deployment of rural broadband, support for farmers, and assistance to localities with storm relief and mitigation along with individual casework assistance for constituents.

Clearly, there is much to be done, and I have great optimism about the future. I have been blessed with the opportunity to serve-and lead-in these areas.

As I stated shortly after retiring from the U.S. Army and first pursuing a seat in Congress in 2010, I planned to self-impose term limits. Accordingly, after much reflection and consultation with my family, this will be my third and final time taking the oath of office as a Representative in the House. I thank the voters of Upstate New York for this privilege to serve, and I pledge to continue to work tirelessly on their behalf in this final term.

I am pleased to report that this week the House passed the bipartisan Hire More Heroes Act, a bill I co-authored to allow businesses to hire veterans without having them count as full-time employees under the Affordable Care Act. This legislation makes it easier for our returned servicemen and women to find a job. It also brings some relief to small businesses struggling with new expenses associated with the ACA.

As a veteran myself, I am looking forward to joining the Adaptive Sports Foundation for the Warriors in Motion Weekend tomorrow in Windham. This program gives veterans a chance to participate in outdoor sports in the Catskills while recovering from serious injuries or learning how to live with a disability.

Also tomorrow, I am traveling to SUNY Oneonta for the Otsego County Law Enforcement Academy graduation. Congratulations to the graduates! And thank you for your commitment to serving and protecting our communities.

I hope that you and yours are doing well and staying warm during this cold spell. Please contact me if there is anything I can do to assist you.

Sincerely,

Chris Gibson
Member of Congress

Governor Cuomo Announces \$100 Million Health Innovation Grant Awarded to NYS

(From Pg. 6) Congresswoman Carolyn B. Maloney said, "I was proud to support the request for these funds in a letter to the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services. This grant will help New York transform health delivery and provide better health outcomes, better care and lower costs for all."

Congresswoman Carolyn McCarthy said, "I served as a nurse for 30 years, so I am always pleased to see health-care funds being used for the benefit of New Yorkers. These funds will support innovative improvements in our health care system. Anytime we can streamline our healthcare delivery system, we cut costs and improve service."

Congressman Gregory W. Meeks said, "New York has long been a leader in health care innovation and this important grant continues the state's forward progress by improving access to care, integrating care to meet consumer needs seamlessly, and making health care cost and quality transparent for the consumer. I am confident that with the SIM Round 2 Model Testing grant, hospitals in my district and those all over the state will benefit greatly by being able to incorporate an integrated care delivery system that focuses on the consumer. I thank the Governor for his continued effort to support better health and care that is affordable to all New Yorkers."

Congressman Joe Crowley said, "New York is well-positioned to build upon its long track record of health delivery system innovation, and I'm thrilled it has been awarded this vital grant to support its State Health Innovation Plan. These funds will go a long way toward improving the health of New Yorkers, promoting integrated care, and ensuring a better value for consumers. I look forward to continuing to work with Governor Cuomo and state officials to implement these very important initiatives."

Congressman Brian Higgins said, "New York has long been a leader in health care innovation, and this grant bolsters the state's aim of improving population health, providing higher quality of care, and decreasing costs," said Congressman Higgins, who wrote to the Director of the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation on July 18, 2014 in support of the state's proposal. "This funding allows the health care system to more efficiently serve the need of the consumer in New York State and across the country."

Congresswoman Yvette D. Clarke said, "Under the direction of Governor Cuomo, New York State has become a leader in developing policies that have expanded access to critical health care services and reduced the cost of health care for millions of families. With the \$100 million State Innovations Model Testing Grant, our renowned hospitals and dedicated health care workers will have the resources to build on their achievements and to develop innovative solutions to the health care problems of the Twenty-First Century."

Congressman Bill Owens said, "This funding will advance a statewide plan to improve service and reduce costs throughout the healthcare system. This is welcome news for many individuals and families across Northern New York where healthcare access and costs are a primary concern. I was pleased to support the State's application to fund this healthcare plan and, now that funding has been awarded, urge officials to speed its initial implementation."

John Rugge, M.D. Executive Director, Hudson Headwaters Health Network said "Federal funds to support New York initiatives are always welcome, but this innovation award belong to an even bigger category. This Governor is committed to transform health services all across the state in a series of big moves to make health care

once more affordable and more trustworthy for all of us. The biggest move of all is to reinvent primary care as the foundation of that new health care system. SIM funding is a giant step in making that happen."

Paul Macielak, HPA president and CEO said "The New York Health Plan Association (HPA) and its plans have partnered with the state on payment reform initiatives to move New York from a traditional fee-for-service delivery system to one more focused on paying for value and quality outcomes. This new funding will help further the goals of realigning our health care system to provide better health, improved care and lower costs."

Kenneth E. Raske President, Greater New York Hospital Association said "This important grant is yet another example of Governor Cuomo's outstanding leadership and deep commitment to improving health care access and quality for all New Yorkers. From the creation of the Medicaid Redesign Team to securing a Medicaid waiver to today's \$100 million grant, Governor Cuomo has consistently championed reforms that enable hospitals and other providers to deliver better care at lower costs."

Dennis Whalen, President, Healthcare Association of New York State said "Hospitals and health systems are in the midst of tremendous transformation and reform and we look forward to working with the state to ensure SHIP helps providers continue our efforts in creating the most effective and efficient system for New Yorkers across the entire state."

Attorney General Schneiderman's New York State Mortgage Assistance Program Provides Loans Of Up To \$40,000 To Families Struggling to Avoid Foreclosure

Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman today announced that the first loans have been closed in the New York State Mortgage Assistance Program (NYS MAP), bringing tangible relief to New York homeowners at immediate risk of losing their homes. NYS MAP provides loans to families who are struggling to avoid foreclosure by offering them a way, for example, to pay off back property taxes or a second mortgage - debts that have kept them from receiving a mortgage modification. With a MAP loan - of up to \$40,000 - families are able to stay in their homes. The program is an enhancement to the Attorney General's Homeowner Protection Program (HOPP), which provides struggling borrowers with free legal and housing counseling services, and has served more than 35,000 homeowners across the state since the launch of the program in October 2012.

"For families across New York, receiving a NYS MAP loan will mean they are going to be approved for a mortgage modification and that they are going to be able to stay in their homes. It's hard to imagine a better investment in our communities and homeowners who are continuing to struggle in the aftermath the foreclosure crisis," Attorney General Schneiderman said. "We know that our Homeowner Protection Program has had real results, helping thousands of families keep their homes. I'm pleased that our Mortgage Assistance Program is now starting to send a lifeline to families in need."

Using funds from the National Mortgage Settlement, the Attorney General launched NYS MAP in two stages, first opening up the program to families in Long Island in late September, and then to families across the rest of the state in mid-October. In just over three months, the program has received 146 applications from every corner of the state. This includes: 50 from New York City, 41 from Long Island, 14 from Monroe County and the surrounding area, 10 in the Hudson Valley, seven in the Capital Region, and four in Buffalo and the surrounding area. Since mid-November, NYS MAP has already been able to

approve 26 loans, including nine on Long Island, six in Monroe County and the surrounding area, and five in New York City. Azeez Ruheem Smith, who lives in Brentwood, Long Island, fell on hard times when his wife passed away from breast cancer - leaving him as the sole provider for his three children. When Smith suffered a temporary loss of employment, he fell behind on his mortgage and the bank moved to foreclose. Smith found his way to the Economic Opportunity Counsel, a HOPP provider in Suffolk County. The group helped him apply for a NYS MAP loan. The loan provided Smith with just over \$17,000, enough to settle the mortgage arrears and terminate his foreclosure proceedings.

"Without the support of the Attorney General and the funding for HOPP and NYS MAP we would not be able to assist homeowners in such a meaningful and efficient way," said Carol Yopp, a Senior Housing Counselor at Long Island Housing Partnership. "The fact that my client submitted his full application on November 20th and the loan was closed by December 15th proves just how nimble and effective this program is at keeping New York families in their homes."

Mary Gammariello, of Rochester, NY, also defaulted on her mortgage loan because of mounting medical bills resulting from her cancer treatments, causing her to go into foreclosure. Once she got in touch with The Housing Council, she was able to apply to NYS MAP. Her \$29,000 loan will pay off her mortgage loan in full, ensuring she can stay in her home.

While working to ameliorate the effects of housing crisis, Attorney General Schneiderman's office discovered that many families were being denied mortgage modifications as a result of small outstanding debts. Even families with reliable income streams are often denied modifications because of outstanding debts, such as unpaid property taxes, a series of missed mortgage payments, or delinquent second- or third-mortgage liens that need to be satisfied before a first mortgage holder will grant a modification. By filling the gap for families, the NYS MAP program is empowering consumers to negotiate with their mortgage holders and ultimately remain in their homes.

Eligible loan uses include, but are not limited to, paying off arrears including mortgage payments or unpaid interests and fees; paying down second or third mortgages; satisfying property tax liens or other liens that might lead to loss of homeownership; and supplying borrowers with a "matching" fund to achieve principal reduction or other beneficial first lien modification terms.

Consumers are eligible to apply for loans of varying amounts, but not to exceed \$40,000 per borrower, and the Attorney General anticipates that the program will have the capacity to disburse several hundred NYS MAP loans over the next 12 months. In all cases, a NYS MAP Loan will result in homeownership retention at the time the loan is made.

The Attorney General Program is working with the Center for New York City Neighborhoods (CNYCN), as well as the Empire Justice Center, to assist in the operations of NYS MAP. Both agencies are contracted by the Office of the Attorney General to assist with the administration of the HOPP and NYS MAP.

"Together with the Empire Justice Center and HOPP agencies across the state, we've launched a program that helps keep New Yorkers in their homes, and in their neighborhoods. A NYS MAP loan can make all the difference for a family fighting to keep their home," said Christie Peale, Executive Director of the Center for NYC Neighborhoods. "If you're behind on your mortgage, now is the time to act. Call the AG's hotline and get high-quality help today."

To access NYS MAP, homeowners will work with an existing HOPP counselor or legal aid provider to complete the application. The Attorney General's office launched the website www.nysmap.org where prospective applicants can find out about the program and get connected to a HOPP lawyer or counselor. Consumers can also contact the New York Attorney General Consumer hotline at 855-HOME-456.

Gibson: Priorities for the 114th Congress, Future Plans(From Pg. 9)

Protection of our cherished way of life from threats from abroad while standing strong on our Bill of Rights here at home;

Legislation that honors the service of our nation's military and their families, while serving and afterwards; and,

A strong local focus that includes federal policies that will help find cures and solutions for chronic Lyme sufferers, expanded access and deployment of rural broadband, support for farmers, and assistance to localities with storm relief and mitigation along with individual casework assistance for constituents.

"Clearly, there is much to be done, and I have great optimism about the future. I have been blessed with the opportunity to serve - and lead - in these areas.

"As I stated shortly after retiring from the US Army and first pursuing a seat in Congress in 2010, I planned to self-impose term limits. Accordingly, after much reflection and consultation with my family, this will be my third and final time taking the oath of office as a Representative in the US House. I thank the voters of Upstate NY for this privilege to serve and pledge to continue to work tirelessly on their behalf in this final term.

"Moving forward, I will be committed to building a stronger team so that the GOP can compete and win statewide in 2018, including the possibility of being a candidate in that cycle."

Great Upcoming Classes offered by The Master Gardener Program at CCEC

The following gardening events will be at the Gerald J. Skoda Education Center, 64 Ferndale Loomis Road, Liberty, NY 12754. Hope you can join us.

Intro to Cactus and Succulents, 1-29-15 at 5:30-7:30

Growing Micro Greens- 1-19-15 at 5:30-7:30 Back by popular demand!

Trip to the Philly Flower Show 3-3-15 bus leaves at 7:45AM

All flyers with additional information are attached. Please share them with your friends. The more the merrier. Happy New Year from all your friends at CCEC.

PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN

(Never known to fail)

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There are none that can withstand your power. O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (3 times). Holy Mary, I place this cause in your hands (3 times).

3 Our Father, 3 Hail Mary, 3 Glory Be

Say this prayer for 3 consecutive days. You must publish it, and it will be granted to you.

Sweetheart Dinner

Come on out to the Sundown Methodist Church Hall on February 14th with your sweetheart and have a homemade meal for only \$10.00. Reservations only so please give a call (845)-985-2455 to make your reservations. Cut off date is February 10th.

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DATE CHANGE FOR JANUARY 2015 MEETING OF THE GRAHAMSVILLE FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT THE DATE OF THE JANUARY 2015 FIRE DISTRICT MEETING HAS BEEN MOVED FROM JANUARY 19, 2015 TO JANUARY 20, 2015 AT 7:00 PM.

BY ORDER OF
THE COMMISSIONERS
GRAHAMSVILLE
FIRE DISTRICT
SCOTT L. RAYMOND
SECRETARY

SUNY Ulster Holds Nursing Information Session

Beginning at 3:00 p.m. on January 27, SUNY Ulster will hold an information session about its Nursing degree program in room 112, Vanderlyn Hall, on the Stone Ridge Campus.

This session will provide information on the admissions process, the program curriculum including pre-requisites and co-requisites, as well as new testing requirements. Due to limited openings, SUNY Ulster's Nursing Program is only available to residents of Ulster County.

A seat for this session may be reserved by calling the Admissions Office at (845) 687-5022 or online at www.sunyulster.edu.

SUNY Ulster Continuing and Professional Education Offers SAT Preparation Classes

College-bound high school students can prepare for the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) at classes offered this winter through SUNY Ulster's Continuing and Professional Education department.

Two different class formats are being offered: the traditional eight-week SAT Preparation course at the Business Resource Center (BRC) in Kingston and an intensive one-day refresher SAT Bootcamp at the BRC or Stone Ridge Campus.

In the SAT Preparation Course, SUNY Ulster's NYS certified math and English instructors will target areas where students need the most help. Students will receive a textbook, full-length SAT test, test-taking techniques, time-saving methods, test anxiety reducing strategies, comprehension and reasoning strategies.

Sessions are held at the BRC with evening and weekend options starting Feb. 4 and March 24. Registration is required at least two weeks prior to the start date and class sizes are limited. Cost is \$289.

The SAT Preparation Bootcamp is recommended for students planning to retake the SATs. Students will focus on strategies for sentence completion, reading comprehension and common vocabulary. The class will review grammar and successful

essay writing tactics; basic algebra and geometry skill sets that are commonly assessed; and test format and strategies that will increase their confidence and performance. Graphing calculators are recommended. Classes will be held from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on March 7 at the Stone Ridge campus and April 25 at the BRC. Cost is \$79.

Prior class participants said the SAT prep course and teachers were "very helpful and informative" and believed it would contribute to higher test scores. For information, call (845) 339-2025, e-mail ceinfo@sunyulster.edu or visit www.sunyulster.edu/ce.

Register for Free Online Course in Global Hospitality Management

Which industry employs one in eleven people worldwide and boasts growth well over double that of global GDP? Answer: the hospitality industry.

Encompassing hotels & resorts, restaurants, airlines, and numerous related sectors, hospitality is everywhere. This makes hospitality management a red-hot opportunity for those with the desire, ambition, and keen interest in the business of service to make a career of it.

This February, the Cornell School of Hotel Administration will offer a free online course, Introduction to Global Hospitality Management.

This MOOC (Massive Open Online Course), led by renowned SHA faculty, will feature international industry experts and explore this dynamic and diverse industry from four engaging perspectives:

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Register for Introduction to Global Hospitality and join Professors Bill Carroll, Jan deRoos, Cathy Enz, and Bruce Tracey on this journey through the fundamentals of business management in the world's largest industry.

Facts and FAQs

Course Code HOSP.101x
Classes Start February 4, 2015
Course Length 6 weeks
Estimated Time Commitment 18 hours

Intended Audience Anyone in the industry seeking to advance, as well as individuals who are interested but who don't know much about the industry. It's also appropriate for use as an employee-development tool within hospitality industry companies.

Prerequisites None, although some proficiency with Excel will be helpful.

Textbook None. A list of supplemental resources will be provided.

Topics Covered

- o An Introduction to the Hospitality Industry
- o Strategic Hospitality Management and Innovation

- o Owners, Operators, and Investors: A Behind-the-Scenes Look at Investing in the World of Hospitality
- o Marketing the Hospitality Experience
- o Human Resources Management in Hospitality

Learn more:
o Visit the course homepage
o Watch a brief introductory video
o Have questions about the course or registration process? Consult the Student FAQ page, or contact the SHA Office of Online Learning at SHA-online@cornell.edu or 607.255.6541.

Pistol Permit Pre-Licensing Course set for January 17th

MONTICELLO - The Adult and Continuing Education Program at Sullivan BOCES is offering a 4-hour Pistol Permit Pre-Licensing Course on January 17th at the Kauneonga Lake Fire Hall from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm. The cost is \$70.00.

This is a non-shooting course which introduces the pistol permit applicant to the basic skills necessary for safe storage and handling of firearms and ammunition, and provides a brief overview of New York State laws that cover firearms and use of force. Upon completion of this course students will receive an NRA Firearms safety certificate that they will present with their pistol permit application.

Students will be taught the basic rules of firearms handling, the primary cause of firearms accidents, basic firearms nomenclature, safe loading and unloading procedures and components, basic care and cleaning and ways to safely store firearms in the home. Students will also receive instructions on what to look for when purchasing their first handgun.

The instructor for this course is a 21 year veteran of law enforcement, a New York State Certified Firearms Instructor, FBI Certified Firearms Instructor, Police Academy Use of Force Instructor, NRA Certified

Instructor and retired United States Marine.

The course will also be given on the following dates:

- o Feb. 21
- o Mar. 21
- o Apr. 18
- o May 16
- o Jun. 13

To register or for more information, contact the Adult and Continuing Education Program at (845) 295-4900 between the hours of 8:30 am and 7:00 pm or visit us at scbores.org.

For program updates Like Sullivan County BOCES on Facebook and follow us on Twitter.

Improve Your English Communication Skills with BOCES' ESOL Plus Course

Monticello: Do you need to improve your English communication skills?

The Adult and Continuing Education Program at Sullivan BOCES is offering an ESOL Plus course at the St. John Street Education Center in Monticello. Classes will run each Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday beginning January 13th from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm. Classes are free of charge.

ESOL Plus is the next step in English language development. It is for students who have mastered the skills of our intermediate class and want more. Emphasis will be on improving English speaking, writing, and reading for work, career and personal use.

To register or for more information, please contact the Adult and Continuing Education Program at (845) 295-4915 between the hours of 8:30 am and 7:30 pm or visit us at scbores.org. For program updates Like Sullivan County BOCES on Facebook and follow us on Twitter.

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LOOK FOR NEW EVENTS CALENDAR
 AND UPDATES FOR 2015 in The Townsman

Thank you Jamie Brooks and the Town of Neversink and all the volunteers for all the fun and opportunities you have offered us in the past.

Looking forward to this year's events!
FREE FUN every FRIDAY afternoon 1-4 pm in the upstairs meeting room in the Neversink Town Hall.



Daniel Pierce Library hours of operation beginning September 1, 2011.
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 Thursday: 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
 Friday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
 Sunday and Monday: Closed
 If you have any questions, please call the library at 985-7233.
 The Library Board of Trustees meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month. On occasion, a meeting date is changed. Please call ahead to confirm.

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

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

All Aboard!
Join the Fun!
Play Mexican Train
 FREE FUN every FRIDAY 1-4 pm in the upstairs meeting room at the Neversink Town Hall
 Also **WANTED:** People for card games

NYS AG Schneiderman and 16 Other States Urge U.S. Supreme Court to Uphold Disparate Impact Claims Under Federal Fair Housing Act

NEW YORK - Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman and Massachusetts Attorney General Martha Coakley led a coalition of 17 states in filing an amicus brief in the U.S. Supreme Court urging the court to uphold the longstanding interpretation of the federal Fair Housing Act that allows challenges to practices that have a "dis-

1/18/15 Claryville Fire Dept All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast 7 am - 11:00 am
 1/19/15 - Town of Neversink Holiday - **Martin Luther King Jr. Day**
 2/11/15 Town of Neversink Town Board Meeting

REMINDER: To all municipalities and volunteer organizations in the Tri-Valley area to please send us your Annual Calendar of Events to be posted in the Townsman's Calendar of Events.

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 Phoenixia Gas Station • Phoenixia Pharmacy • Phoenixia Deli • Mama's Boy • Brio's
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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.

parate impact" on protected groups, such as racial minorities. A party can prevail on a disparate impact claim, without specific proof of discriminatory intent, by proving that housing practices are causing unjustified discriminatory effects. The federal courts of appeals have unanimously upheld the availability of disparate impact liability under the Fair Housing Act, and such claims often succeed in rooting out entrenched discrimination.

Attorneys General Schneiderman and Coakley jointly submitted the brief in the case of Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs v. The Inclusive Communities Project, Inc. In this housing discrimination case, the district court held that The Inclusive Communities Project had proven a low income housing tax credits program resulted in a disparate impact on African-American residents in violation of the Fair Housing Act.

"The United States Congress passed the Fair Housing Act specifically to bring an end to residential segregation in America. Despite the progress we have made over the past several decades, we continue to see significant racial segregation in housing today. For that reason, we need every tool in our arsenal to achieve the goals of integration and equal opportunity for all," Attorney General Eric Schneiderman said. "The protections of the Fair Housing Act are no less important today than they were when the law was passed 46 years ago. They help us ensure access to housing for protected groups. We urge the court to reject this challenge to an important civil rights law."

The amicus brief argues that "[r]ecognition of disparate impact claims under the FHA [Fair Housing Act] not only is consistent with the text and structure of the statute, it is necessary to achieve the broad remedial goals of the statute." The brief explains: "The disparate impact model originated as a judicial response to the practical challenges of detecting and proving bias in cases of hidden and covert discrimination, and it continues to serve this essential function today." The brief further explains that "[w]ithout disparate impact claims, States and others will be left with fewer critical tools for combating the kinds of systemic discrimination that the FHA was intended to address."

New York and Massachusetts led the filing of the amicus brief, joined by 15 other states, Arizona, California, Connecticut, Hawaii, Illinois, Minnesota, Missouri, New Hampshire, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oregon, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, and Washington.

The availability of a disparate impact cause of action under the Fair Housing Act remains a vital tool for tackling the wide spectrum of problems faced by protected groups under the Fair Housing Act. According to recent census data, housing segregation remains a persistent problem. Today's brief provides examples of the kinds of existing and intractable segregation and discrimination that Congress sought to uproot through the Fair Housing Act.

Every federal appeals court that has considered the question now before the Supreme Court has, consistent with the position of the joint states' brief, held that the Fair Housing Act allows housing discrimination claims to be based on a showing of disparate impact. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has also taken this position.

The Supreme Court is scheduled to hear arguments in the case on Wednesday, January 21, 2015.

This matter was handled by New York Solicitor General Barbara D. Underwood, Special Counsel to the Solicitor General Cecelia C. Chang, Civil Rights Bureau Chief Kristen Clarke, and Assistant Solicitor General Matthew W. Grieco, with the assistance of Assistant Attorney General Mayur Saxena.

The Attorney General's Office is committed to enforcement of the Fair Housing Act and combatting ongoing housing discrimination. To file a complaint, contact the Office at Civil.Rights@ag.ny.gov or 212-416-8250.

Cactus & Succulents Class for Beginners This January

LIBERTY, NY-A class entitled Introduction to Cactus and Succulents is offered on Thursday, January 29, 2015 by Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County (CCESC)'s Master Gardener Volunteer program. This educational opportunity will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 pm at the CCESC Gerald J. Skoda Extension Education Center on 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road in Liberty.

Cacti, which are succulents, evolved under conditions where they had to survive prolonged drought by storing water in leaves, stems or roots. John Story, Cornell University alumnus, will teach participants about these increasingly popular plants in hopes of sparking a life-long interest.

Story is a proprietor of Story's Neversink Plant Co. and has been the primary grower of forced plants for the Philadelphia Flower Show for over 30 years.

Cost is \$20.00 per person or \$15.00 for CCESC enrollees. Anyone can enroll in the CCESC association for an annual fee of \$25.00 per household. Space is limited and pre-registration with payment is required in advance. Seats are only guaranteed with payment. Registration and more information can be obtained by calling CCESC at 845-292-6180 or emailing Susan Dollard, Master Gardener Program Coordinator, at smd243@cornell.edu.

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Fiddler on the Roof is a 1971 American musical comedy-drama film produced and directed by Norman Jewison. It is an adaptation of the 1964 Broadway musical of the same name, with music composed by Jerry Bock, lyrics by Sheldon Harnick, and screenplay by Joseph Stein. The film won three Academy Awards, including one for arranger-conductor John Williams. It was nominated for several more, including Best Picture, Best Actor for Chaim Topol as Tevye, and Best Supporting Actor for Leonard Frey, who played Motel Kamzoil the Tailor (both had originally acted in the musical; Topol as Tevye in the London production and Frey in a minor part as Mendel, the rabbi's son).

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Fiddler on the Roof will be aired on TMC on Sunday, January 18 at 4:45 PM (ET)

1. What famous artist inspired the original set design for *Fiddler on the Roof*?
2. Who played Yente, the Matchmaker?

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