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Gov Cuomo Outlines Agenda for 2014 Transforming the Economy, Replacing Government Dysfunction with Results, Putting People Above Party and Restoring NY as a National Progressive Leader

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today delivered his 2014 State of the State Address, outlining a sweeping agenda which builds on the success of the last three years to change the direction of New York State: reducing spending below inflation and personal income growth for the first time in 40 years, transforming a \$10 billion deficit into a \$2 billion surplus, reducing unemployment in all ten regions of the state, creating nearly 400,000 new private sector jobs (the highest job creation in the state's history), improving the state's credit standing with all three rating agencies, increasing exports by 15% and delivering on longstanding progressive policies that have made our state safer, healthier, and fairer for all New Yorkers.

The Governor's agenda for 2014 continues this progress: controlling spending while cutting taxes to create jobs and make the state more affordable for families, expanding successful economic policies and rebuilding infrastructure, making bold new investments to transform classrooms and improve the quality of education for all students, and continuing to fight for equal rights and opportunity for all New Yorkers. (Contd. Pg. 10)

Sullivan BOCES and Cornell Cooperative Extension Partner to Create an Educational Greenhouse



LIBERTY: Sullivan County BOCES and Cornell Cooperative Extension are collaborating once again to build a Learning Lab Greenhouse. The Learning Lab would be located at the CCE campus on Ferndale-Loomis Road in Liberty and used for formal and informal educational programs, while providing the community with access to hands-on horticulture programs.

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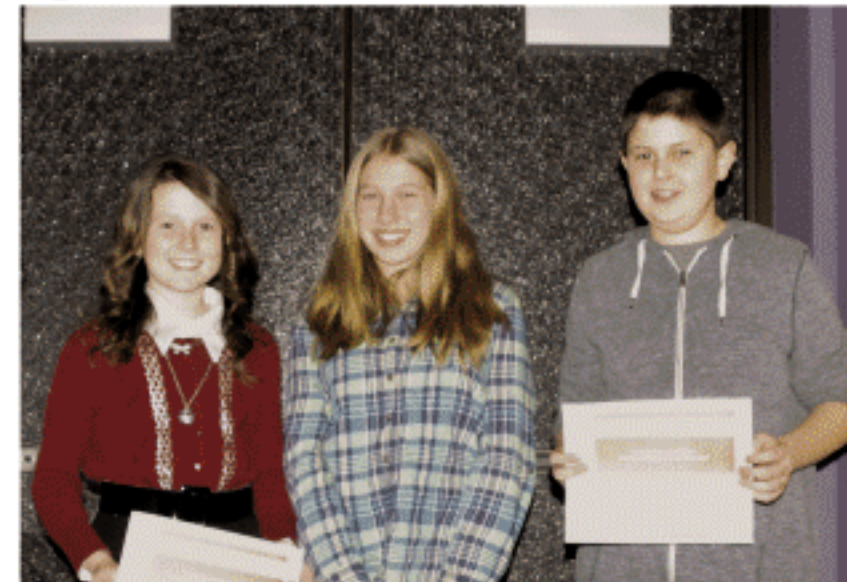
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Both partners will not only gain experience through the installation of the unit, but also benefit from having a teaching greenhouse for a variety of their programs like the Master Gardeners, nutrition programs, and Natural Resources program. The greenhouse will also serve as the prime location for storing Sullivan Renaissance's starter plants, trees and shrubs until they can be planted outdoors.

The Natural Resources and Construction and Electrical Technology programs at BOCES are assisting in the site preparation and erection of the greenhouse.

For more information, please contact the Cornell Cooperative Extension at (845) 292-2154 or Sullivan BOCES at (845) 295-4000.

TVCS 7th & 8th Grade 2014 First Quarter Awards



Seventh Graders, Morgan McHugh, Giovanna Lauria, and Aidan Mentenich

Mentenich for Excellent Work Ethic.

Each quarter the 7th and 8th grade teachers at Tri-Valley Central School are recognizing and rewarding students who go above and beyond expectations inside and outside of the classroom. Quarter awards include Academic Excellence, Leadership, Most Improved, and Excellent Work Ethic.

For Quarter 1, 7th grade award winners include Giovanna Lauria for Academic Excellence, Morgan McHugh for Leadership, and Aidan



Eighth Graders, Mikhail Vainblat, Anna Hendrickson, Jackie Musa, Lily Gozza, Devon Dulaff, and Julia Leland

In the 8th grade, award winners include Julia Leland for Academic Excellence, Anna Hendrickson and Jackie Musa for Leadership, Devon Dulaff for Most Improved, and Lily Gozza and Mikhail Vainblat for Excellent Work Ethic.

Congratulations to these fantastic students-keep up the great work!

UC Exec Hein Hosts Round Table on the Need for Additional State Aid for Mental Health Services Regional Mental Health Professionals Meet With State Legislators To Discuss Local Impacts And Options



Ulster County Commissioner of Health and Mental Health Dr. Carol Smith, Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther, Ulster County Executive Mike Hein, Senator Cecilia Tkaczyk.

Citing significant and ongoing State aid cuts to local communities for the provision of mental health services, Ulster County Executive Mike Hein brought together regional mental health officials, professionals and State legislators to discuss local impacts and to explore opportunities for cost-effective alternatives.

In his opening remarks, County Executive Hein welcomed Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther, Chair of New York State Assembly's Mental Health Committee and New York State Senator Cecilia Tkaczyk, ranking member of the Senate Mental Health Committee. (Contd. Pg. 14)

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ON THE FRONT BURNER: He that oppresseth the poor reproacheth his Maker; but he that honoureth him hath mercy on the poor.
Proverbs 14:31

ENGAGEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Edwards of Hurleyville, NY are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Jessica Edwards to Gary Grund, son of Alvin and Sandi Grund of Ferndale, NY.

Jessica graduated from Tri-Valley Central School and went on to earn her bachelor's degree in Business Management, Economics and Marketing. She is currently employed in rental management.

Gary holds a degree in Business Administration and Finance and is currently employed in banking. The couple resides in Ferndale, NY. A 2015 wedding is planned.

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

January 13, 1954 - Mrs. Grant Jocelyn of Grahamsville and Mr. Norman Misner of Woodbourne were married January 7th at the Lows Corners parsonage by the Rev. J. Milton Harris. The couple left immediately after the ceremony for a two month stay in Florida. After they return, Mr. and Mrs. Misner will live in Woodbourne where Mr. Misner conducts an insurance business.

Pvt. Arthur Ter Bush writes from Korea that it is very cold there but they have no snow where he is located. He and some of his buddies have a cottage and a Korean houseboy.

Here's the chance you've been waiting for,
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January 8, 1964 - Airman Cecilia A. Trimble of Woodbourne, a member of the Women in the Air Force, is being reassigned to Westover AFB, Mass. for training and duty as an accounting and finance specialist. She is a graduate of Tri-Valley Central School, class of 1961 and she attended the College of St. Rose in Albany. Her guardians are Mr. and Mrs. Milton Turner of Ulster Heights Road, Woodbourne.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, January 2, 1964 for Anthony D. Cypert who died on December 30th. Born on June 1, 1889 at Woodbourne, he was the son of Elizabeth Dillinger and August Cypert. He was married November 24, 1910 to Myrtle M. Kracht, who survives. Mr. Cypert, a farmer by occupation, was a lifetime resident of the Woodbourne area. He was a member of the Immaculate Conception Church in Woodbourne. Surviving are three sons: Paul, Walter and David; three daughters: Mrs. Mary Mentnech, Mrs. Thelma Botsford and Mrs. Rita Hotchkin; one sister, Mrs. Loretta Bertholf; 24 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

January 16, 1974 - Sgt./Major (Ret.) and Mrs. Morris W. Robinson announce the engagement of their daughter, Barbara Ann Smith, to Peter J. VanScoy of Rome, N.Y. He is the son of Mrs. Ethel Van Scoy and the late Mr. Howard Van Scoy of Rome, N.Y. Mrs. Smith is employed at Tri-Valley Central School as a secretary. Mr. Van Scoy is employed by the New York State Dept. of Correction in Napanoch. A February 16th wedding is planned.

Kathy Osterhout, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Osterhout of Woodbourne and Michael A. Currey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Currey of Curry, were married November 24th at the Immaculate Conception Church, Woodbourne with Father John Maher officiating. After a wedding trip to the Poconos and the Amish country, the couple are making their home in Curry.

January 12, 1984 - A bundle of joy was born on December 29, 1983, weighing in at 8 lbs. 8 oz. and 20 _ inches long. His name is Matthew

Paul. The proud parents are Richard and Ilene Redmond, Jr. of Denman Mountain Road, Grahamsville. Maternal grandparents are Jack and Renee Saipher of New York. Maternal great-grandparents are Edward and Ann Saipher of New York. Paternal grandparents are Richard and Connie Redmond Sr. of Claryville. Paternal great-grandmother is Lucille Clark, also of Claryville.

First Green Tourism Conference to be Held at Villa Roma Hotel this Spring
The Green Tourism Working Group announces its first Green Tourism Conference, April 7 - 8th 2014 at Villa Roma Hotel and Resort in Callicoon, NY

The Green Tourism Conference will be a first-of-its-kind opportunity to unite food service and lodging facilities, tourism agencies, "eco" product suppliers and recreational activity businesses from the Catskills to the Poconos around the common cause of promoting eco-tourism.

The region's proximity to two major metropolitan areas positions it as the #1 up and coming destination for tourists seeking 'green' travel and outdoor recreational opportunities. The main goal of the conference is to increase tourism revenue by facilitating collaboration and fostering sustainable tourism initiatives throughout the region, spanning Delaware, Greene, Orange, Sullivan, and Ulster counties of New York; and Wayne, Monroe, Pike and Carbon counties of Pennsylvania.

The conference will kick off April 7th with a "Taste of the Region" reception showcasing regionally produced foods and beverages, coupled with a silent auction of local artworks. Tuesday April 8th will be packed with presentations of green initiatives from throughout the region, expert advice on activity packaging and marketing, various green training programs, networking opportunities in the vendor exhibition area and a luncheon sourced from local ingredients during which businesses demonstrating exceptional sustainable practices will be honored.

Attendees will be able to choose from multiple educational forums designed for tourism agencies, lodging and food service facilities and recreational activity businesses, including a newly developed Green Ambassador Certification. A "Green Ambassador" is an existing employee of a lodging, food service or retail facility trained in customer service, to locate events and activities in the region, and convey this information to guests. HospitalityGreen's Green Lodger's Training, which provides the necessary staff training requirement for TripAdvisor GreenLeaders Certification, will be offered.

Travelling to and from the conference will provide another avenue to showcase the region. Each attendee will be given a custom coupon package for regional products and services, plus an information packet of events, sites, tours and fun stops to explore en route to or from the Villa Roma.

The Green Tourism Working Group is a public-private sector collaboration chaired by Sue Currier, Executive Director of the Delaware Highlands Conservancy and Evadne Giannini, founder of HospitalityGreen LLC. The group secured startup capital and a unanimous approval by all members of the GT Working Group to move forward and actualize the first regional Green Tourism Conference on April 7th and 8th 2014 to be held at the Villa Roma Resort and Conference Center, 356 Villa Roma Rd., Callicoon, NY. The partners are: Catskill Association of Tourism Services, Delaware County Chamber, Greene County Chamber, National Parks Service, Orange County Tourism, Orange County Citizens Foundation, Orange County Partnership, Pocono Mountain Visitors Bureau, Pocono Lake Region Chamber, Sullivan

A Round About Tri-Valley

-Carol Furman

As I write my article, the wind is brisk and biting and the cold is not inviting! The temperature on the thermometer is -7, and that doesn't factor in the wind chill. Even the animals were reluctant to leave the barn this morning. January 16th is full moon. Maybe after that the temperatures will begin to moderate a little.

Congratulations to Tom Byrne and Nadine Herzog who were married on January 4th at Hillside Manor in Kingston. They will make their home in Grahamsville.

Mary Lu Smith of Grahamsville spent some time with her children over the holidays. Mary Lu traveled as far as Georgia to visit daughter, Nicole, and her family.

Paul and Kathy Lounsbury were able to visit with their daughter, Allison, and her family in Texas over the holidays. Returning to Newark Airport wasn't so easy due to all of the snow. Margaret Dolan, who is spending the winter months with her daughter in Tennessee, recently fell and broke her collar bone. She is recovering nicely, however. Margaret's address is: 369 Highway 77, c/o Mrs. Ronald Thomas, Paris, Tennessee 38242-3262 in case anyone would like to send her a card.

Every Sunday in January and February there is skiing and snowboarding at Holiday Mountain. If you buy a one-time \$5.00 per person Neversink Parks and Recreation ID card, each person can show their card and then pay discounted prices from 10:00 - 5:00 for skiing and snowboarding. See the Parks and Rec. flyer at the Neversink Town Hall or speak to Parks and Rec. Director, Jamie Brooks. It's a great deal if you like these activities!

As you may know, Horace Sheeley passed away on December 30th after a short battle with cancer. Horace was an individual who occupied a central and responsible position in many organizations in the

Town of Neversink a real pillar of the community! I served with Horace on the Neversink Town

Board for almost 30 years, and he was always a gentlemen and always worked for what was best for the residents of Neversink. He was a kind and thoughtful individual. It is true when they say that "they just don't make many people like Horace anymore!" He will be greatly missed by many. May God Bless You, Horace!

Please remember that our local food pantry is always in need of food items. Suggestions: tuna fish, canned fruits or vegetables, peanut butter, jelly, pasta, cereal, tomato sauce, pancake mix, oatmeal, coffee, brownie or cake mixes. Items can be left in the building in the rear of the Grahamsville Methodist Church. In December, the Tri-Valley Lions donated \$600. to the Grahamsville Methodist Church food pantry, \$600. to the Claryville Reformed Church food pantry and \$600. to the Deacon's Fund at the Grahamsville Reformed Church. The Lions also donated \$500. to the Fitzgerald Family of Aden who lost their home due to a fire.

Words of Wisdom: Never give in! Never give in! Never, never, never, never-in nothing great or small, large or petty - never give in except to convictions of honor and good sense. (Winston Churchill)

Friendship is a flower which grows from a seed, planted in hearts with a mutual need, (anon)

Deadline for CWC Watershed Education Grant Applications

The Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC) will accept Watershed Education Grant proposals from schools and non-profit organizations through February 5.

Grant proposals must be for projects that help increase awareness of the human and natural history of the WOH Watershed and the New York City water supply system. Projects must serve students and teachers in the New York City West-of-Hudson (WOH) Watershed or within the five boroughs of New York City.

Applications for Special Watershed Education Grants for adult and general audiences are also available to WOH applicants.

Forms, guidelines and sample applications are available at www.cwconline.org (Programs/Education). Questions may also be directed to 845-586-1400, ext. 306 (toll-free 877-WAT-SHED); galusha@cwconline.org. Ideas for projects, field trips, teacher training opportunities and links to watershed and environ-

mental programs can be found at www.watershededucators.org, where a 3-minute video of exciting watershed learning options can be viewed.

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. This grant program is offered in partnership with the NYC Department of Environmental Protection.

Learn to Make Jams in January with Extension Sullivan County

LIBERTY, NY- Food preservation at home CAN be easy and fun with a little instruction! A workshop on how to successfully and safely make jams at home is being offered on Tuesday, January 21, 2014 by the Master Food Preservation Team of Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) Sullivan County from 5:30 to 7:30 pm.

CCE Nutrition Educators and volunteers will guide the program on home jamming with a focus on cranberry jams using different sweeteners and pectin. Participants will be sent home with a prepared food sample. The workshop will be held at the Gerald J. Skoda Extension Education Center on 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road in Liberty, NY. This class will be led by Master Food Preserver Volunteers Cheyenne Zigmund from Root N' Roost Farm and Bonnie Makofsky.

All class materials are covered with a registration fee of only \$25.00. Class size is limited so pre-registration with non-refundable payment is required by January 17. Registration and more information can be obtained by calling 845-292-6180.

Tri--Valley Lions 2013 November-December Newsletter

Lion Fran Fuller
The November member meeting was held on the 5th at Nardi's in Hurleyville, NY

Lion Wilfred Roehle D.G. was the guest speaker. He distributed awards to some of our Members.

Lion President Pauline Vetter, Lions Carmen and Liza Salvemini attended the Lions District Convention in Fishkill on November 9th.

Donations of \$600.00 were made to the Grahamsville Reformed Church and the Methodist Church, and also the Claryville reformed Church for the food pantries.

The Sight and Hearing group Meeting was held at Nardi's Restaurant on November 18th. Tri-valley was the host club and many Lions attended.

Members were asked to bring pet food, litter, towels, and blankets to the Christmas Party in December for the ASPCA in Rock Hill, NY. Donations for the ASPCA were collected and donated by a few dedicated Lions before the party. We thank all who donated their supplies and time to this Organization.

Our December Member Christmas Party was held on December 3rd, 2013 at Nardi's Restaurant. We had a lovely Buffet meal and a cake for our Club's 35th year. A \$1000.00 donation was given to Lions Phyllis and Dave Moore, representing the Daniel Pierce Library, from the proceeds from the soda booth from the Pumpkin Party in October. Lions enjoyed games and winners took home plates of cookies and cakes. We would like to thank Lion Carol Furman for planning the party and the games for our enjoyment.

Lions should be thinking of attending the Lions Convention in Toronto, Canada in June of 2014, it will be the closest international convention we have ever had and it would be a nice Vacation spot too.

Don't forget to purchase your Lions Raffle Ticket, \$5.00 a piece for a chance to win the big \$450.00 worth of Gift certificates and prizes, given to one winner only. Raffle winner to be picked at the Lions Meeting on February 4th. Also please do not forget to donate your old eyeglasses and frames, they really do benefit the less fortunate and the people in 3rd world countries. Happy 2014, Good Luck and stay warm.

A Single Point of Entry for Long Term Care

The Long Term Care Council is the advisory board for SULLIVAN NYCONNECTS, the single Point of Entry for information on long term care services in Sullivan County. The next meeting of the Long Term Care Council will be Wednesday, January 15, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Legislative Committee Room (2nd floor) in the Sullivan County Government Center. Meetings of the Long Term Care Council are open to the public and all are welcome to attend.

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

Nature Column - Linda Comando

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

The Distinguished Soaring Eagles

During the past few weeks, with no leaves on the trees, it was easy to spot the eagles along Route 55 from Sundown to Grahamsville. One morning we counted



five altogether. Three were not far from East Mountain Road and the other two near the Eagle Watch.

These are bald eagles (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*), the only eagle unique to North America. They originated from a reintroduction effort that released more than 200 eagles in New York State

beginning in 1976. Many found sanctuary in the Catskills and now their increasing population in New York State has grown, especially in the Tri-Valley area.

Bald eagles are opportunistic carnivores and the main source of their diet is fish making the area near the reservoirs and streams very propitious. An eagle can quickly swoop down and snatch fish from the water with its talons. When food is abundant, an eagle can gorge itself by storing up to 2.2 pounds of food in a pouch in the throat called a crop. Gorging allows the bird to fast for several days when food becomes scarce.

Because they are near the top of the food chain, eagles have become an irreplaceable indicator for measuring the health of the entire ecological system in which we all live.

Bald Eagles are not actually bald. Their name originated from an older meaning of "white headed".

The Bald Eagle builds the largest nest of any North American bird. They will choose a tall tree for nesting. They type of tree is not as important as the height of the tree.

Both male and female adult bald eagles have a blackish-brown back and breast; a white head, neck, and tail; and yellow feet and beak. A female bald eagle's body length varies from 35 to 37 inches; with a wingspan of 79 to 90 inches. The smaller male bald eagle has a body length of 30 to 34 inches; with a wingspan ranging from 72 to 85 inches.

Their feet are cold resistant, consisting of mostly tendon. Talons are important tools for hunting and defense. Eagles kill their prey by penetrating its flesh with their talons. They can open and close their talons at will.

Bald eagles mate for life. Courting begins in early April. Eagles lay from 1 to 3 eggs (commonly two) and the eggs usually hatch between late May and early June.

Young eagles are a mixture of brown and white; with a black beak in young birds. The adult plumage develops when they are sexually mature. It takes about five years for their head and tail feathers to gradually turn white.

At four months of age, eaglets appear to be larger than their parents because of their longer flight feathers. These feathers serve as nature's training wheels, helping the young birds stabilize during their early flying days. By the end of the summer, the parent eagles begin to suffer from "empty nest syndrome" as their offspring can generally fly and take off to be on their own.

It's possible for bald eagles in the wild to live longer than thirty years, but the average lifespan is fifteen to twenty years.

The Bald Eagle remains a sacred bird in some North American cultures, and its feathers, are central to many religious and spiritual customs among Native Americans as eagles are considered spiritual messengers between gods and humans in their cultures.

The eagle represents freedom. Living on the tops of the highest trees and the heights of our lofty Catskill Mountains, amid the solitary grandeur of Nature, whether with strong pinions sweeping into the valleys below, or upward into the boundless spaces beyond, the eagle has unlimited freedom!

In 1851 Herman Melville wrote, "What is needed more than anything else in the midst of a crisis is a calm, steady-dose of clarity, the kind of omniscient, all-seeing perspective symbolized by an eagle on the wing. And there is a Catskill eagle in some souls that can alike dive down into the blackest gorges, and soar out of them again and become invisible in the sunny spaces."

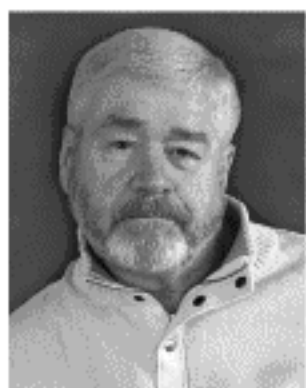
Melville's Moby Dick, provides a description of the ideal leader, who instead of anger and pain relies on equanimity and judgment, who does their best to remain above the fray, and who even in the darkest of possible moments resists the 'woe that is madness.'

Household Hints

Clean your piano keys

Here's an easy and efficient way to get those grimy fingerprints and stains off your piano keys. Dip a soft cloth into a solution of 1/2 cup white vinegar mixed in 2 cups water, squeeze it out until there are no drips, then gently wipe off each key. Use a second cloth to dry off the keys as you move along, then leave the keyboard uncovered for 24 hours.

Little Green Mysterious Book Report No. 128 by John Dwaine McKenna



I'm asked, from time to time, *Why bother reading fiction?* A number of answers spring to mind, such as: to entertain myself; to see how other people think; to educate myself by associating with smart people among others. But the best reason I can think of to read fiction right now is, *to develop empathy for our fellow human beings.* Put another way, it would be "to walk a mile in the other guy's shoes." And there isn't a writer anywhere, alive or dead, who can, (in my humble opinion) make us feel more empathy than Walter Mosley and his iconic black detective named Easy Rawlins in 1960s Los Angeles, California.

Little Green, (Doubleday, \$25.95, 291 pages, ISBN 978-0-385-53598-4) by Walter Mosley is number twelve in his Easy Rawlins series, which began in 1990 with *Devil in a Blue Dress*, and is his forty-first novel overall. He is a master wordsmith whose ability to put the reader on the spot with, and in the mind of his protagonists, is unsurpassed. After reading a Walter Mosley novel, the reader will not only know what it is to be black, but what it felt like to be black in the 1960's. As *Little Green* begins, Easy Rawlins is in a partial coma, the result of an automobile accident that may not have been a true mishap, but an attempted suicide. When he awakes he thinks he is dead. Barely awake and out of his coma, he is asked by his friend and ally, Raymond "Mouse" Alexander to find a twenty year old boy named Evander Noon... a boy that Mouse calls Little Green... who Rawlins thinks might be Mouse's son. Unhealed from his car wreck and barely able to move, Easy relies on a potion called "Gator's Blood" which he gets from a Juju woman called Mama Jo, to give him enough strength to carry on with his search for the missing Evander through

the LA of 1967; the hippie movement, the burgeoning, nascent drug scene and the vicious Southern California underworld, because it seems that, along with Evander, a large amount of something in bloody burlap bags is also missing. With beautifully constructed paragraphs such as this one on page seventy-three where Easy muses:

I wore death on my shoulders like a superhero's cape, but that didn't matter. I was going to fight the good fight and, win or lose I'd be counted as a man who struggled against his own fate.

Walter Mosley is a world-class talent who writes like an angel and thinks like the devil! Don't pass up the opportunity to acquaint yourself with one of our modern masters. All crime fiction enthusiasts should read and know the work of Walter Mosley. He is a modern giant in the field.

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Deadline to Pay Taxes

Sullivan County Treasurer, Ira J. Cohen, would like to remind property owners who received a County tax foreclosure notice during October 2013, the deadline to pay is January 31, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. Payments postmarked January 31, 2014, will be accepted. Unless the unpaid delinquent taxes are paid in full, or an installment payment plan is agreed upon, the property will be foreclosed and slated for sale at public auction. For information about the installment plan, and any other questions regarding this foreclosure should be directed to the County Treasurer's Office at 845-807-0200.

The Treasurer's Office will accept payment in the form of cash, certified bank check, money orders, and MasterCard, Discover or Visa credit card. Certified bank checks and money orders should be made payable to the "Sullivan County Treasurer." Personal checks will not be accepted.

CWC Repaired 278 Septic Systems in 2013

MARGARETVILLE, January 10, 2014 - The Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC) funded the repair or replacement of 278 septic systems in the 1600-square-mile Catskill-Delaware (West of Hudson) Watershed in 2013.

Since the program began in 1997, a total of 4,359 systems have been fixed in the West-of-Hudson (WOH) Watershed, preserving water quality, employing hundreds of engineers, contractors and material suppliers, and saving homeowners thousands of dollars.

The program addresses failed on-site wastewater treatment systems in order to prevent untreated sewerage from contaminating groundwater, streams, ponds and NYC reservoirs by providing homeowners with reimbursement for the cost of compliance with State and Watershed regulations.

The CWC pays 100% of eligible costs for on-site septic system repairs for full-time Watershed residents, and 60% of the costs for non-primary residents. A conventional septic tank and leach field costs about \$7,000; alternative systems that may be required because of site constraints or poor soil conditions can cost more than \$40,000, an expense that would be difficult for the average homeowner to handle.

A separate Septic Maintenance Program has allowed 1,018 systems installed since 1995 to be pumped and inspected, thus extending their useful life. The CWC pays eligible homeowners half the cost of such routine maintenance.

Most participants in the Septic

Rehabilitation and Replacement Program are owners of residences or home-based businesses. But a total of 15 commercial properties have also been addressed through the Small Business Septic Program.

On-site systems decommissioned

Another 523 on-site systems in seven hamlets have been decommissioned (pumped out and filled in) or regularly maintained under the CWC's Community Wastewater Management Program (CWMP), which develops treatment facilities and maintenance districts for small population centers. Three more projects addressing 153 homes and businesses are in progress. Five additional hamlets are eligible for community systems in the next five years, meaning that 287 on-site systems may be removed or improved if governing municipalities choose to participate.

Some 1,756 systems were taken off line in six communities that received wastewater systems under the New Infrastructure Program managed directly by the NYC Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). Taken together, CWC and DEP programs have repaired, replaced, maintained or removed 7,809 substandard or malfunctioning septic systems since the New York City Watershed Memorandum of Agreement was signed in 1997.

Reimbursement available

At its January 7 meeting, the CWC Board of Directors approved a resolution to reimburse individuals who have repaired or replaced a septic system at their own expense between July 21, 2008 and December 27, 2013 because they were outside the program priority area and thus did not qualify for the program at the time. To find out if you qualify for reimbursement, call the CWC at 845-586-1400.

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. For more information, visit www.cwconline.org.

Green Door Magazine Seeking Sullivan County Musicians for Compilation Album

Liberty, New York - GREEN DOOR magazine, a popular quarterly arts and culture publication in the Catskills and Hudson Valley, is proud to announce that it will be producing a Sullivan County Music Compilation Album with Josh Druckman, a local music producer. Green Door is seeking Sullivan County-based musicians to record an original song for the album.

As home to the 1969 Woodstock Music & Arts Festival, Sullivan County has a rich musical history. The compilation album hopes to capture the eclectic music scene happening in the Sullivan County Catskills today. The album will be distrib-

uted in an upcoming issue of Green Door Magazine, and other venues.

To apply, please send a 3-5 song (CD) demo of original material along with biographical data and photograph to:

Green Door

P.O. Box 143

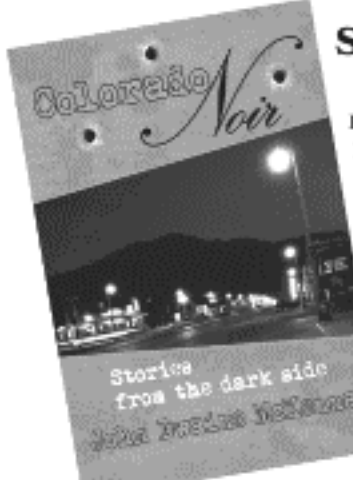
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Deadline: Postmarked by April 1st, 2014

All applicants must reside in Sullivan County, NY. For bands, at least 2 band members must reside in Sullivan County. Song selections will be made by Green Door, Josh Druckman and Raymon Elozua, a local visual artist and historian. Selections will be announced June 1st, 2014. Selected songs will be recorded at a studio in Sullivan County in the Summer of 2014.

About Green Door Magazine

Green Door magazine promotes the benefits of country living in a socially conscious society. Green Door is 'a Journal of Responsible Living in the Catskills and Hudson Valley,' as the magazine profiles local artists, residences, food, wine, farms, events and issues of importance to Upstate New Yorkers. Green Door serves a readership of local Catskill and Hudson Valley residents, visitors and second-home owners, and is available on newsstands throughout New York City. Its readership supports socially responsible and environmental issues. To learn more, visit www.GreenDoorMag.com



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The Olive Jar - By Carol LaMonda

On Sunday I will celebrate Don's 100th Birthday with him at the home of Mike and Laurie Luria. Here is an article I wrote seven years ago about Don. "Happy Birthday" wishes to you, my dear friend Don. We are all wishing you many more.

Hickory Chips

When I was twelve I met Albert Einstein. Well, I didn't quite meet him. I saw him in his Bermuda shorts, rumpled denim shirt and sneakers without socks as he was at the counter of the drug store across from Princeton University. A hush of too obvious whispers confirmed, "There he is. That's Einstein." At twelve I probably would have preferred to spot a movie or rock star. It wasn't until I was much older that I realized that I shared a common space with a genius. I now realize that I have once again shared common space with a true genius right here in Ashokan. If you have not met Don DuBois, you have missed an opportunity to know a humble Renaissance man who fits my definition of genius.

What is a genius? I'm not sure that I can define one. I do know that it is not measured in IQ or the number of advanced degrees. It is not the accumulation of education nor is it the financial tally of wealth. A genius can see the same things we can, yet discover something unseen. A genius can use the same materials and create something new. A genius can experience life as we do and make sense of it. Words like inventor, creator, philosopher, and artist come to mind when I think about genius. Don adds a new dimension to genius. He said we all have talents, and that each of us has to discover those abilities and share them with others. In one of his books of poetry entitled Hickory Chips, Don muses, "The school of life has no entrance fees and no restrictions for those willing to enter its doors, open its books, and profit there from."

Although he retired at 55 from De Laval as a machinist and research designer, Don DuBois at age 93 is still inventing, creating, and writing. Right now a group of men, Bill Gray, Frank Carle, Cary Wood and Don, meet in Don's shop on Route 28 to work on the PET project. PET stands for "Personal Energy Transportation." They are building, one by one, a vehicle that looks like a grown-up version of a scooter-cart that can be operated with the hands. It is designed to allow mobility to victims of land mines in sixty countries around the world. Don, who adds social conscience to his mechanical genius, wishes our country didn't take a part in producing these mines that cause such human destruction elsewhere.

Don was born in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, but has lived eighty-nine of his years here in Shokan. His father was a mechanical engineer and surveyor who came here to work on the Ashokan Reservoir. Don went through his schooling at the two-room schoolhouse that is now Legion Hall in Shokan. He wrote a tribute to his schoolmaster, Harrison Gridley, in an essay entitled "Teacher Par Excellence" in Wheat and Chaff, his collection of the best of thirty-years' worth of columns he wrote for a church newsletter. Don remembers a tattered volume of illustrations of Leonardo Da Vinci's aircraft and inventions. Perhaps it was the inspiration for his mechanical engineering. Don invented and patented a rotary separator for the De Laval Company and later designed some of the machinery that Gary Kvistad used in the manufacture of Woodstock Chimes.

His talent in woodworking and machining is well known. He and his brother-in-law, Frank Carle, subcontracted for Rotron until 1971. Then Don built "his shop" where he can be found tinkering, writing, building and inventing most of his days. He uses his hands to create. In an essay entitled "Hands" Don writes: "Hands are often the voice of the soul because the tongue will not, or dare not, speak."

However, it is not his master craftsmanship that defines Don's genius. It is in his wisdom, in his philosophy, and in his humble humanism that we see a man who is a student of life, summa cum laude. In his four books of essays, poetry, homilies, and limericks, Don collects his observations of life. His writing is akin to Robert Frost, a poet he much admires, mixed with the wisdom of Confucius, the justice of Solomon, the political savvy of Andy Rooney and the perceptive humor of Will Rogers.

He is the most humble, gentleman I know. I asked him to define genius after I told him I was going to write about him as an example of genius. "Then genius is," he chuckled, "an exaggeration! Don't make me out to be anything special." His wife, Bessie, and children, Lana, Laurie, and John, lived so closely to this special man that they could have mistaken their respect for familial love. However, those who know Don know they have had the unique experience of meeting a very special person. Don's advice is "to keep your head in the clouds but your feet on the ground." Life, he writes, "is a great fertile field of opportunity for service that lies before us, fresh each day."



RESERVOIR MUSIC NOTES-

Fred is busy moving to 'greener pastures' and will be back as soon as he can. Looks like Fred will be in his new shop maybe by next week and then will be back to his computer and bring us up-to-date in his column.

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The Olive Free Library to Host a Poetry Reading and Book Signing

West Shokan, NY - The Olive Free Library will host a reading from the new collaborative book Hands at Work: A Mother-Daughter Creation by Lois and Valerie Linet, and will have a reading from Kasey Jueds' new book of poetry titled Keeper.

Valerie and Lois Linet's new book, Hands at Work, is a marriage of words and images. The poems and artwork were created separately and at different times, yet in their process they discovered that they are unmistakably, inexplicably related. "By collaborating we have met one another in a new way and have marveled to discover what resides in each other's imaginations."

Kasey Jueds's first book of poems, Keeper, won the 2012 Agnes Lynch Starrett Prize from the University of Pittsburgh Press, and was published by Pitt in November, 2013. Poet Thomas Lux mused about her work: "Kasey Jueds's poems make my arterial blood rush! She is so uniquely attuned to the world, such a close noticer of both the human and the natural world (and both as one) that I often feel her poems are not so much about something as they are the actual things, the actual embodiments of their subjects. Isn't that what good poems are supposed to do? I say, yes!"

Kasey Jueds's poetry has appeared in numerous publications, including Beloit Poetry Journal, Prairie Schooner, Manhattan Review, Salamander, Crab Orchard Review, Women's Review of Books, and 5AM and was recently recited on the radio by Garrison Keillor. She has been awarded residencies at the Virginia Center for the Creative Arts, Soapstone, and the Ucross Foundation. A native of Coral Gables, Florida, she lives in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Lois Linet, a closet artist for almost a half century, has exhibited in the tri-state area, Japan and Italy. In earlier years, she raised a family, taught ESL in college, created numerous community-based organizations in Brooklyn and grew a fig tree there that was more than two stories tall. Ms. Linet has won recognition for her abstract drawings, photography and collages, and her work is currently at Evolve Design Gallery in Woodstock.

Valerie Linet is a writer, social worker, and consummate starter of projects. She finds delight in poetry-out-loud, community gardening, living in the Hudson Valley, and sharing homemade pickles with loved ones. In her personal experience, creative collaboration is more exciting than skydiving.

Town of Olive Town Board Meetings 2014*

January: Meeting	2nd Organizational Meeting	July:	7th Audit & Workshop
Meeting	13th Workshop Meeting		8th Monthly Board
Meeting	14th Monthly Board Meeting	August:	11th Audit & Workshop
February: Meeting	10th Audit & Workshop Meeting		12th Monthly
Board Meeting	11th Monthly Board Meeting	September:	8th Audit & Workshop
Meeting	10th Audit & Workshop Meeting		9th Monthly
March: Board Meeting	11th Monthly Board Meeting	October:	14th Audit & Monthly
Meeting	7th Audit & Workshop Meeting	November:	6th Budget Public Hearing
April:	8th Monthly Board Meeting		10th Audit & Monthly
Meeting	12th Audit & Workshop Meeting	December:	8th Audit & Workshop
May: Meeting	13th Monthly Board Meeting		9th Monthly Board
Meeting	9th Audit & Workshop Meeting		30th Annual Audit
June: Meeting (3 pm)	10th Monthly Board Meeting		Town Office Building)

*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.

Other Town Meetings 2014

OLIVE PLANNING BOARD---Meets 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month---7:30 p.m.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS---Meets only when application is before the board on the 1st Thursday of each month---7:30 p.m.

RECREATION COMMITTEE ---Meets 1st Tuesday of each month at the American Legion Hall, Mountain Road, Shokan---7:00 p.m.

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS---Meets 3rd Thursday of every month ---7:30 pm

OLIVE WASTEWATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE-----Contact Chairman Don VanBuren 657-8106 for meeting dates & time

Holidays & Closings 2014

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Statement on New York Governor Signing Groundbreaking Puppy Mill Legislation

(Jan. 10, 2014) -New York local governments can now regulate large-scale commercial puppy mills and provide oversight of pet dealers, thanks to Gov. Andrew Cuomo's signing of A.740a/S.3753a. Sponsored by Assemblymember Linda B. Rosenthal, D-New York, and Sen. Mark Grisanti, R-Buffalo, the law grants counties and municipalities the ability to enact regulations to protect dogs raised in puppy mills. Brian Shapiro, New York state director for The Humane Society of the United States issued the following statement:

"New York's lax laws have attracted some of the worst puppy millers, and dogs suffer in cruel conditions every day. Now, local governments and New York residents will have the ability to stop the abuse in these puppy mills. We thank Governor Cuomo, Assemblymember Rosenthal, Senator Grisanti and the legislature for enacting a law that will help prevent the cruelty we so often see at large-scale dog breeding facilities. We also thank the large numbers of New Yorkers, including Glee star Lea Michele, and local and national organizations for encouraging lawmakers to protect breeding dogs in the Empire State."

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Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther Statement on Governor Cuomo's State of the State Address

Albany, NY - "Once again, Governor Cuomo has set out an ambitious agenda for the coming year. Working together over the last three years, we have closed \$12 billion in deficits in three on-time budgets - all while creating the lowest middle-class tax rate in 60 years. As we look forward to the coming year, I whole-heartedly agree with the Governor that the focus must remain on property tax relief, job creation, and investment in our state's infrastructure and public education.

I appreciate the Governor's commitment to public education with the inclusion of the technology initiative. I will work with my colleagues and the Governor to make sure this does not bring an additional burden to struggling school districts, especially more rural districts that do not yet have access to basic services such as broadband."

Senator's Statement on Cuomo State of the State Address

I was very pleased to hear Governor Cuomo say that this year, as a first priority, he wants to lower the tax burden for all residents. If we want to send a

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national message that New York is open for business and want to create private sector jobs, we should lower the personal state income tax.

If the governor does not choose to do that, then lowering property taxes for our struggling homeowners should be our number one goal. New York has the highest property taxes in the nation. These taxes have been too high for too long. As I always have, I will be advocating during the budget process for long overdue tax relief for struggling homeowners.

Having said that, any reduction of the tax burden on our citizens is welcome.

I am also pleased the Governor has not forgotten our veterans. My colleagues in the Senate and I have passed a bill in the Senate for the last three years, that provides small businesses owned by disabled veterans be awarded 5 percent of State contracts. New York State has more than 127,000 veteran-owned small businesses. I am hopeful that this will be the year we are able to provide our wounded warriors with increased access to the opportunities they fought and sacrificed for.

In addition, the Governor laid out a timeline for approval of casino applications, which will lead to breaking ground for casino construction this Fall. I urge the Governor to stick to this timeline and support the approval of two casinos in the Catskills.

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Promotions by UC Sheriff

Ulster County Sheriff Paul VanBlarcum has promoted Jon Becker and Louis Russo to Wardens at the Ulster County Jail. Both officers were previously Assistant Wardens. Jon Becker joined the Sheriff's Office in 1989; graduated from the Corrections Basic Academy in August



Warden Louis Russo



Warden Jon Becker

1990; and served in the U.S. Army Military Police from 1985 to 1988. Louis Russo joined the agency in 1988 and graduated from the Corrections Basic Academy in 1989. Major Russo is trained as a general topics instructor by the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services. He is past president of the Ulster County Sheriff's Employees Association.

Police Academy Graduates

The Ulster County Law Enforcement Training Group and SUNY Ulster recognized 26 graduates at ceremonies on Nov. 20, at the Hillside Manor in Kingston.

Class officers were president, Patrick Ferry, Town of Rosendale Police Department; vice president, Andrew Sciandra, Village of Montgomery Police Department; treasurer, Collin Reynolds, Ulster County Sheriff's Office; and platoon leader, Matthew Brophy, Ulster County Sheriff's Office.

Squad leaders for the class were Joshua Blauvelt, Brian DiPasquale, Village of Red Hook Police Department; and Joseph Stock, Town of Woodstock Police Department.

Graduates of the 54th Session, Fall 2013 also include: Faisal Ahmed; Andrew Arthur; Richard Carlson, Town of Saugerties Police Department; Robert Clark; Joseph Crisci; Lawrence Dangelewicz, Town of Fallsburg Police Department; Devon Dawson; Christopher Heimink, Ulster County Sheriff's Office; Dylan Johnson; David Kennedy; Joseph LaBarbera, Village of Montgomery Police Department; Adam Lloyd, Orange County Sheriff's Office; and Keith Lloyd.

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"Natural Selection[s]" at Alliance Gallery Curated Group Show

"Natural Selection[s]," a curated group exhibition featuring art works inspired by the natural world, opens at the Delaware Arts Center's Alliance Gallery on Saturday, January 25, with a reception from 2 - 4 p.m. The exhibit will be on view through February 15.

From a photograph of reflections in water by Beth Baylin to an oil painting of candy-colored "Fantastic Flowers" by Charles Farless, to a winged sculpture made of animal bones by Denis Yanashot, this exhibition includes a wide variety of artworks all influenced by nature. The exhibition includes an exciting assortment of mediums by 12 artists from throughout New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. All the artists were chosen from applicants to DVAA's 2014 Alliance Gallery program.

"As gallery director, I am in the unique position of being able to see a wide variety of fresh, new work by many of our area's talented artists," says Rocky Pinciotti, director of the Alliance Gallery. "Each January, a visual theme ultimately evolves from the gallery submissions. This year there was a lively conversation of beauty, abstraction, and focus on the many parts of the natural world. It became clear that these selected works should be exhibited together."

The exhibition will feature works by Beth Baylin, Jerry Cohen, Erin Dinan, Charles Farless, William Kooistra, Susan Mueller, Cindy Shechter, Ellen Silberlicht, David Soete, Carla Strozzi, Alan Wood, and Denis Yanashot.

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

Alliance Gallery is located at the Delaware Arts Center at 37 Main Street, Narrowsburg, NY. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call (845) 252-7576 or visit www.ArtsAllianceSite.org.

Alliance Gallery 2015 Exhibitions Call for Submissions

Alliance Gallery in Narrowsburg, NY is calling for submissions for solo, group, or curated shows in 2015. The Alliance Gallery program priority is to exhibit high quality work by professional and emerging artists who live part-time or full-time in the Mid-Hudson, Catskill, or Upper Delaware River regions. All media and styles are considered, as are installations and proposals by curators. There is no submission fee.

The deadline for submissions is Saturday, January 25, 2014.

Interested artists should submit:

o Ten to 12 images of recent works as jpeg images on CD at 300 dpi, approximately 8" x 12", labeled with title or number only. (If your jpegs do not represent the work that you want to show, please describe your concept in a cover letter or proposal.)

o A one-page itemized list corresponding to the numbered jpegs listing the title, medium, date, and size of each work, along with a short artist statement on the same page.

o A one-page résumé.

o A one-page detailed proposal if your work is of a conceptual nature; or, if you are a curator, a proposal describing the curatorial concept, accompanied by support materials (i.e. images, résumés, etc.)

o A SASE (self-addressed, stamped envelope) if you want your materials returned (otherwise they will be discarded after 30 days).

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Jurying is based solely on the jpegs, so it is important to submit consistent, high-quality images. As the jurors change each year, it is strongly recommended that artists keep applying even if their work has not been chosen in the past. Artists who have exhibited in one- or two-person shows at Alliance Gallery are welcome to reapply after a two-year period (if you had a show in 2012, you can reapply in 2014 for a show in 2015).

For a PDF of the Alliance Gallery submission guidelines, visit ArtsAllianceSite.org. For more information, call the gallery director Rocky Pinciotti at (845) 252-7576.

Farmers' Market Nutrition Program Webinar Training & Luncheon in February

LIBERTY— Farmers and farm market managers can attend a free training on how to understand and receive certification to accept WIC and Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (FMNP) checks, acceptable at farmers' markets. This webinar training for farmers and farmers' market managers, is being offered on Tuesday, February 4, 2014 from 11:30 am to 2:30 pm at no cost to them and includes lunch. The event will be held at the Gerald J. Skoda Extension Education Center on 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road in Liberty NY.

This free educational opportunity is mandatory for farmers who want to accept checks from WIC and FMNP participants at authorized farmers' markets.

Training participants will learn about the different federal nutrition benefit programs and will be provided with the policies and procedures for both the FMNP and the FVC programs. Farmers benefit from the programs by direct marketing their locally grown, fresh produce to eligible participants at their community farmers' markets.

Space and supplies are limited so pre-registration in advance is advised by contacting Michelle Lipari at 845-292-6180 or mml249@cornell.edu.

This program is being offered in collaboration through Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County, Catskill Mountainkeeper, Sullivan County Public Health Services – WIC, & Sullivan Co Rural Health Network.

"Place" Exhibit by Tim Rowan Opens at SUNY Ulster

Stone Ridge artist Tim Rowan will exhibit his works in clay in a solo exhibit, "Place," at SUNY Ulster's Muroff Kotler Visual Arts Gallery. A reception will be held for the opening Jan. 24, from 5 to 7 p.m. The exhibit runs through Feb. 21.

Rowan will show works that continue his exploration of native, unprocessed clay and pre-industrial methods of firing ceramics in a wood fueled kiln. He works intuitively with simple processes to transform the very land under our feet, challenging

the hyper-mediated information obsessed and perpetually distracted culture.

The artist states, "The objects are grounded in earth time yet speak to us now. They are of nature, not about nature."

Rowan located his kiln and studio in the Hudson Valley in 2000. His work has been shown in solo and group exhibitions internationally, most recently having solo shows at Cavin-Morris Gallery in New York and Yufuku Gallery in Tokyo, Japan.

Rowan earned a bachelor's in fine arts degree from SUNY New Paltz and completed an apprenticeship in Japan with ceramic artist Ryuichi Kakurezaki. He also holds a MFA degree from Pennsylvania State University.

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

Bruce Katz Band Benefit Concert at Olive Free Library



Acclaimed keyboard artist/pianist Bruce Katz will play a benefit concert at the Olive Free Library on Saturday, March 1 at 7:30 p.m. with the Bruce Katz Band. West Shokan, NY – The Bruce Katz Band will play a benefit concert at the Olive Free Library on Saturday, March 1 beginning at 7:30 p.m. Bruce Katz is a legendary keyboardist (Hammond B3 and piano) who has released 7 CDs as a leader and has appeared on nearly 70 other CDs with the likes of Ronnie Earl, Duke Robillard, Little Milton, Delbert

McClinton, Jimmy Witherspoon, John Hammond, David "Fathead" Newman, and many, many others. The Bruce Katz Band is an original, very exciting group of musicians that combine blues, "soul-jazz", and New Orleans inspired roots music. Based in the Hudson Valley in upstate NY, Bruce Katz occupies a unique space where blues and the many aspects of Americana music collide into a style of original music all his own. The band has a trademark sound, blending the B3 organ and guitar. The Bruce Katz Band is: Bruce Katz – Hammond B3 organ and piano Chris Vitarello (Jimmy McGriff, Tad Robinson) – guitar/vocals Randy Ciarlante (The Band, Levon Helm Band, Jim Weider Band) - drums/vocals Besides leading the Bruce Katz Band, Bruce is currently a member of the Delbert McClinton Band, John Hammond Band, and performs regularly with Maria Muldaur, Jaimoe's Jasssz Band and other artists as well. He has played extensively with Gregg Allman and Friends and with the Allman Brothers on several of their tours over the last few years. Two members of the Bruce Katz Band are long time Olive residents. Bruce has been living in West Shokan since 2005 and Randy Ciarlante (drums and vocals) has been living in Samsonville for over 30 years. Bruce mused, "I'm really happy to be able to play for my friends and neighbors and have it benefit the library at the same time. Most of the time I am traveling when I'm performing, so being able to be home and do something for the library is particularly nice.... The Olive Library is a wonderful institution and I'm hoping for a big crowd on March 1 – we'll have a big music party AND help out the library! What a great night!"

Bruce was nominated in 2008, 2009 and 2010 by the Memphis-based Blues Foundation for their "Piano Player of the Year" award, which is the equivalent of the "Blues Grammys". "He can play jazz, blues, Bach, anything. Man, he's a heavy!" - Gregg Allman "This man is as good as it gets. One of the greatest keyboard artists I've ever heard" - John Hammond "Bruce Katz is a spectacular talent! He's a brilliant composer and arranger who uses uncommon and unique musical intelligence to redefine jazz and blues far beyond the pale of the accepted definitions of keyboard competence. Whether on piano or organ, when you hear Bruce Katz you know it's him, unmistakably and uniquely." - Larry Coryell, Oct. 17, '06 "Now, that's a piano player!" - Pinetop Perkins For more information about this concert or any other library programs please contact Katie Scott-Childress, director@olivefreelibrary.org

The mission of the Olive Free Library Association is to provide our community and its surrounding neighbors with materials and services that meet educational, informational, cultural and recreational needs. It also provides a site for community activities that meet the same needs. www.olivefreelibrary.org 845-657-2482 director@olivefreelibrary.org

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Bob said, "Just couldn't resist stopping at the old Kortright farm at the corner of Myers Rd and Mutton Hill Rd to take this photo. Sure makes the winter that much shorter by being able to go for a ride on a nice January day in the Catskills."

Loch Sheldrake Fire Department will Host Their Annual Ice Fishing Contest

The Loch Sheldrake Fire Department will be hosting their annual Ice Fishing Contest on Saturday, February 1st on the Loch Sheldrake Lake. Registration will be open at 5:30am, contest closes at 3pm. Trophies will be awarded in various categories including most fish caught, biggest lunger and more!

Many raffles will be available during the day, including a raffle for a Black powder rifle CVA 50 Caliber with a Camouflage stock. Tickets for this rifle can be purchased on the ice, or prior to the contest from any LSFD member.

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Gov Cuomo Outlines Agenda for 2014 Transforming the Economy, Replacing Government Dysfunction with Results, Putting People Above Party and ReStoring NY as a National Progressive Leader

(From Pg. 1)

"Three years ago, we pledged to make the government work for the people of New York, transform our economy by reducing taxes and attracting business, develop world-class schools that give every student opportunity, and make New York a progressive leader once again," Governor Cuomo said. "Today, we have hundreds of thousands more private sector jobs, a lower unemployment rate in all ten regions of the state, schools that are held accountable for our children's success, safer communities, more affordable health-care and a fairer, more just state. This year, we will build on that success. For 2014, we have put forth the most comprehensive plan for the future of New York yet. This agenda will grow the economy and provide fiscal relief to taxpayers, give our schools the classrooms of tomorrow, reimagine infrastructure across the state to face the new climate reality, and take steps to make our communities safer, fairer, cleaner and more progressive. Working together, we will continue to move New York forward."

Governor Cuomo outlined the following initiatives as part of his State of the State message.

• Continuing New York's Successful Job Growth Strategy

Tax Relief: As a result of fiscal reforms from the last three years, the State is poised to go from a \$10 billion deficit when the Governor took office to a \$2 billion surplus by 2016-17. Rather than using this revenue to increase spending, Governor Cuomo proposed to instead cut taxes for New Yorkers and businesses to provide taxpayers relief and grow the economy. The proposals have been informed by the hard work of the New York State Tax Reform and Fairness Commission and the New York State Tax Relief Commission.

o Freeze Property Taxes for Working Families: New York's real property taxes are among the highest in the nation, and one of the main reasons is the large number of local governments that place high burdens on taxpayers and harm the business climate. To address this issue and incentivize local governments to share services, the Governor proposed to freeze property taxes for two years, providing nearly \$1 billion in tax relief. Residents will be eligible for the freeze in the first year if their local governments stay within the property tax cap. During the second year, local governments must also take concrete steps to share services and reduce costs in order to remain under the freeze.

o Create a Property Tax "Circuit Breaker" Based on Ability to Pay: 1.9 million low- and middle-income taxpayers pay an effective real property tax rate relative to income that exceeds their income tax rate. To help these families and individuals, the Governor proposed providing tax relief based on ability to pay for households that earn up to \$200,000, ultimately providing \$1 billion in tax relief by the time the circuit breaker is fully phased in.

o Provide Tax Relief for Renters Facing Significant Housing Burdens: In New York State, 3.3 million households rent their homes, and more than 829,000 low-income renters pay more than 50% of their monthly cash income on housing costs. To provide meaningful tax relief to millions of New York's renters, Governor Cuomo proposed a refundable personal

income tax credit that takes into account a family's size. The credit will be available to renters with incomes below \$100,000 and will provide over \$400 million in tax relief for 2.6 million renters.

o Additional Tax Relief to Boost Manufacturing: To propel and spur new economic growth, particularly in Upstate, Governor Cuomo proposed creating a refundable credit that would be equal to 20 percent of a firm's annual real property taxes. Additionally, to grow existing manufacturers and attract new businesses Upstate, Governor Cuomo has proposed eliminating the corporate income tax rate for Upstate manufacturers. Together, these two proposals would provide approximately \$161 million in tax relief to the manufacturing sector.

o Corporate Tax Reform: Streamlining the State's corporate tax structure is another way to improve New York's business climate and promote economic growth across the state. To do this, Governor Cuomo proposed merging the bank tax into the corporate franchise tax and lowering the rate to 6.5 percent. This would be the lowest corporate tax rate since 1968 and provide \$346 million in annual tax relief to New York's businesses.

o Estate Tax Reform: New York is one of only 15 states in the country that imposes an estate tax, and New York currently taxes significantly more of an individual's estate than the federal government, creating a perverse incentive for elderly New Yorkers to leave the state. To address this burdensome tax, Governor Cuomo proposed increasing New York's exemption threshold to match the federal government, and lowering the top rate to 10 percent over four years.

o Accelerate the Phase-Out of the 18-A Utility Surcharge: New Yorkers pay some of the highest energy rates in the nation, and the Temporary Utility Assessment (18-A) adds to this burden for families and businesses, particularly energy intensive industries. It is scheduled to phase out by 2018, but Governor Cuomo proposes accelerating the phase-out by \$200 million per year, immediately eliminating the temporary surcharge for industrial customers, and hastening the phase out for residents and other businesses.

Joint Executive-Legislative Commission to Reduce Regulatory Barriers on Business: After years of discussion in the state government with no action, the Governor proposed finally creating a joint commission with the state Legislature to identify ways to eliminate regulatory barriers that make it difficult to do business in New York State and hinder economic growth.

Expedite Transmission Projects that Rely on Existing Transmission Corridors and State-Owned Rights-of-Way: The State's transmission infrastructure is antiquated and is preventing excess power in Upstate New York from entering the downstate region where demand is greatest. Transmission bottlenecks on the aging electric grid increase utility bills and result in adverse environmental and economic consequences when older, less efficient plants must run more frequently. In order to meet the State's electric needs as well as preserve the quality of life in local communities, the Governor proposes expediting projects that would be built wholly within existing transmission corridors or buried along existing State-owned rights of way such as waterways and highways.

Launch REDC Round 4 to Create Jobs and Attract International Investment: The Governor will launch "Global NY" which will link START-UP NY and the Regional Economic Development Council initiatives to attract international investment and jobs to Upstate New York. In this fourth round of the REDCs, the State will recognize and reward plans that

incorporate Global Marketing and Export Strategies. The Governor will also create the START-UP NY Global Initiative to attract foreign direct investment and grow exports by leveraging the START-UP NY program.

Host Global NY International Business Conference: In 2014, the Governor will host the Global NY Summit on World Trade and Investment to reach foreign investors and create a peer learning network among local and regional leaders.

Continue to Attract Visitors Upstate and Outdoors: Governor Cuomo will continue to boost the Upstate economy by encouraging New Yorkers and visitors to explore and enjoy the area's unique treasures. The Governor will create the NYS Adventure License - a driver's license that includes optional icons for all of an individual's lifetime license designations, such as the Boater Safety Certificate and the newly created lifetime State Parks' Empire Pass. The Governor also proposed a bold new outdoors initiative to create 50 new access projects to connect hunters, anglers, bird watchers and other outdoor enthusiasts to untapped State-owned lands. The Governor will also make the revitalization of New York's park system a continuing priority to attract new visitors. The Governor today unveiled the first ever I Love NY tourism smartphone app. Developed in partnership with AT&T, the app provides comprehensive geographically targeted tourism, recreation, lodging, and dining options in every region of the state. The app is available right now on the Apple app store and Google Play.

Encourage Targeted Investment through Key Industry Summits: Governor Cuomo will host a second round of industry summits to identify additional economic growth opportunities, including a new Upstate-Downstate Food-to-Table Agriculture Summit in 2014 to connect the Upstate agriculture industry to downstate consumers and markets.

Bring World-Class Destination Resorts to Upstate NY: In 2014, the State will begin taking steps to bring world-class destination resorts to Upstate, including appointing a Gaming Facility Location Board to select bidders through a merit-based and transparent process. The process will be designed to produce the best and highest quality bids and bidders in order to increase tourism and encourage Upstate economic growth.

Create the NY Genomic Medicine Network: The Governor proposed establishing the NY Genomic Medicine Network - a partnership that will link the medical community in New York City with the University at Buffalo's computational infrastructure and biomedical research expertise at the Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus - to develop Upstate New York as a national center for genomic medicine research and jobs.

Modernize Our Airports: the Gateways to New York: New York's airport system is one of the busiest in the world. JFK and LaGuardia airports are major economic engines for the New York City region, but they are consistently rated among the worst airports in the country in terms of design and overall passenger experience. Governor Cuomo proposed steps to upgrade these two major gateways to the state, including assuming management responsibility for airport construction from the Port Authority to ensure these critical transportation hubs are modernized efficiently and quickly.

Progressive, Safer, Cleaner, and Fairer Communities

Launch a Medical Marijuana Program to Research the Feasibility of Medical Marijuana in NYS: Research shows that medical marijuana may help manage the pain and treatment of cancer and other severe illnesses. To provide relief to patients suffering from serious illnesses, Governor Cuomo will use existing statu-

tory authority (The Antonio G. Olivieri Controlled Substances Therapeutic Research Program; PHL Art. 33-A) to launch a pilot medical marijuana research program that allows up to 20 hospitals to provide medical marijuana to patients being treated for serious illnesses. This program will allow qualified eligible participants to seek relief for their symptoms in a safe and legal manner, while also evaluating the effectiveness and feasibility of a medical marijuana system. Its findings will be used to inform future policy.

Create the Commission on Youth, Public Safety & Justice to Help NYS "Raise the Age": Governor Cuomo proposed establishing a Commission on Youth, Public Safety & Justice to provide concrete, actionable recommendations regarding youth in New York's criminal and juvenile justice systems. New York remains one of only two states in the nation whose age of criminal responsibility - the age at which youths are treated as adults - is just 16. As a result, in 2012, nearly 40,000 16- and 17-year-olds in New York had their cases handled in adult or criminal court, where they are less likely to receive the services they need. The ultimate goal of the Commission will be to create a roadmap to help these young people become productive, successful adults.

Expand the Successful NY Youth Works Program: Since its launch, the NY Youth Works program has helped more than 13,000 of New York's inner city young people find employment at 1,270 businesses. Governor Cuomo proposed increasing the size of the program in 2014 from \$6 to \$10 million for each of the next four years, incentivizing employee retention with additional tax benefits, and providing training funds to employers through the existing Job Linkage Program.

Create and Preserve 3,000 Units of Affordable Housing: Last year, the Governor launched House NY to build and restore more than 14,000 affordable housing units statewide. This year, the Governor proposed a \$100 million additional investment to build and preserve 3,000 additional affordable housing units in multi-family developments. This construction would also lead to the creation of more than 3,500 new construction jobs.

Launch the New York State Council on Community Re-Entry and Reintegration: To enhance the State's efforts to help formerly incarcerated individuals successfully re-enter and remain in the community, and ensure that State policies regarding a broad spectrum of issues - housing, health care, education, employment, and veterans' services, among others - are aligned with both federal and local efforts, the Governor proposed creating the New York State Council on Community Re-Entry and Reintegration. This Council will bring leadership from a wide array of agencies together with key community stakeholders, including non-profits and re-entry service-providers statewide.

Continue the Fight for the Women's Equality Act: In the spring of 2013, Governor Cuomo introduced ambitious and transformative legislation to address gender inequality, and this year, the Governor remains deeply committed to advancing sweeping legislative reform to overcome discrimination against women. He will continue the fight for the Women's Equality Act that will:

- o Achieve Pay Equity
- o End Family Status Discrimination
- o Stop Sexual Harassment in All Workplaces
- o Stop Pregnancy Discrimination Once and For All
- o Allow for the Recovery of Attorneys' Fees in Employment and Credit and Lending Cases
- o Better Position the State to Address Source of Income Discrimination
- o Stop Housing Discrimination for Victims of Domestic Violence (Contd. Pg. 12)

State of the State Address (From Pg. 10)
 o Protect Victims of Domestic Violence by Strengthening Order of Protection Laws
 o Strengthen Human Trafficking Laws
 o Protect Freedom of Choice

Ethics Reform: The Governor has made restoring New Yorkers' trust in state government a top priority. This year, he will continue to fight for reforms to ensure New Yorkers have confidence that their elected officials are serving them faithfully. He proposed new anti-bribery and corruption laws, public financing of elections, independent enforcement and oversight at the Board of Elections, and disclosure of outside clients with business before the State.

Protect Students Against Discrimination and Harassment: In November, New Yorkers were horrified to learn about terrible allegations in the news of anti-Semitism in the Pine Bush Central School District. In response, Governor Cuomo immediately ordered an investigation by the State Police and the State Division of Human Rights. This year, the Governor is taking steps to ensure that all students are protected from any discrimination and harassment. He proposed amending State law to require all public schools to notify the State Education Department (SED), the Division of Human Rights and the State Police if there is a pattern of discrimination or harassment. Schools will also be required to implement SED-constructed plans to remedy these injustices. The Governor also proposed to amend the Human Rights Law to ensure that all students are afforded protection against discrimination.

Stop Repeat Drunk Drivers: Three Strikes and You're Out: Governor Cuomo will continue to lead the fight against drunk and dangerous driving in 2014. He proposed a new law that will suspend licenses for five years for drivers found guilty of two convictions for driving while intoxicated or driving while impaired by drugs or alcohol in a 3-year period. The law will also provide for full revocation of licenses for those drivers who have three such convictions in their lifetime.

Continue to Crack Down on Youth Texting and Driving: For any person under age 21 convicted of texting-while-driving, Governor Cuomo proposed a new law that will double the period of their license suspension from six months to a year.

Continue to Expand Opportunities for MWBE Businesses: In the last three years, New York State has made great strides in increasing equal opportunity in contracting for Minority- and Women-owned Business Enterprises (MWBE). MWBE participation met and exceeded 20 percent for the first time in the program's history. To continue this success and increase MWBE economic growth, Governor Cuomo proposed increasing the number of MWBE certified firms by an additional 2,000.

Promote and Grow Businesses Owned by Disabled Veterans: To support and expand economic opportunity for New York veterans and military families, Governor Cuomo proposed steps to establish a 5% goal in the awarding of state contracts to service-disabled veteran-owned small businesses. The Governor will also convene a Veterans and Military Families Summit this year to address the unique issues faced by these New Yorkers and determine how the State can better serve them.

Transforming New York's Schools

Meeting the education needs of New York's students gives them a path to prosperity and the tools to become productive members of society, while also providing a more secure economic future for the state. The Governor proposed a series of actions that build on the progress and investments from the last three years to ensure all of New York's students receive a quality education.

Launch the Smart Schools Bond

Referendum: The Governor proposed a \$2 billion "Smart Schools" bond referendum to help bring all of New York schools to today's high-speed, high-tech world. If approved by voters, the initiative will provide students with state-of-the-art classrooms and leverage technology to transform education. "Smart Schools" funds will be allocated to each school district.

Encourage the Best and Brightest STEM Students to Stay in New York: The Science, Technology, Engineering and Math - "STEM" - fields are one of the fastest-growing sectors of New York's economy. To encourage the best and brightest students to pursue STEM college degrees and build their careers in New York, Governor Cuomo proposed providing full tuition scholarships to any SUNY or CUNY college or university to the top 10 percent of high school graduates if they pursue a STEM career and then work in New York for five years.

Reward the Most Effective Teachers: Building on the universal implementation of the teacher evaluation system, the Governor proposed creating a Teacher Excellence Fund to help school districts reward the most effective teachers. Highly effective teachers in participating school districts will be eligible for up to \$20,000 in annual supplemental compensation through the Teacher Excellence Fund.

Expand and Launch Another Round of NYSUNY 2020 and NYCUNY 2020: The Governor proposed another round of NYSUNY 2020 and NYCUNY 2020 that have made the State's public universities incubators of academic excellence and economic growth. This year's program will expand New York's strategic investment in higher education performance by awarding plans that use technology to improve academic success and economic development, leverage opportunities for public-private partnerships through START-UP NY, and provide experiential learning opportunities such as internships to better connect students to the workforce.

Make Full-Day Pre-K Universal in New York State: Expanding on last year's program to provide full-day pre-kindergarten to children in the highest-need communities, Governor Cuomo believes that it is time to fulfill the State's goal of truly "Universal Pre-Kindergarten" access for all children.

Reimagining New York for a New Reality

Following the impact of Superstorm Sandy, Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee, Governor Cuomo proposed a \$17 billion strategy that will transform New York's infrastructure, transportation networks, energy supply, coastal protection, weather warning system and emergency management to better protect New Yorkers from future extreme weather.

The State will undertake major projects to improve and strengthen the State's infrastructure including:

- o Replacing and repairing 104 older bridges at risk due to increasing flooding
- o Implementing the largest reconstruction of the state's transit system in 110 years with \$5 billion of federal funds;
- o Creating a statewide Strategic Fuel Reserve, and statewide gas station backup power on critical routes throughout the state;
- o Hardening the state's electric grid and creating 10 microgrids for communities and buildings that can operate as "energy islands" in the event of a power outage;
- o Building new natural infrastructure to protect New York's coastline and communities, and provide advanced flood control for inland waterways; and
- o Expanding the \$650 million NY Rising Community Reconstruction program to allow 124 communities around the state to create their own individualized storm resilience plans.

The Governor also proposed the following initiatives to ensure New York State's communities are the most prepared for future storms and other emergencies:

- o Building the most advanced weather

- detection system in the nation, with 125 interconnected weather stations to provide real-time warnings of local extreme weather and flood conditions;
- o Launching the nation's first College of Emergency Preparedness, Homeland Security, and Cybersecurity;
- o Training a new Citizen First Responder Corps to make New York residents the best prepared in the nation to deal with emergencies and disasters; and
- o Issuing special license plates for first responders

The Governor also proposed the Penn Station Access Project to provide critical system resilience to protect Metro-North service in the event of natural or other disasters. The entire Metro-North system currently depends on the Harlem River Lift Bridge and the Mott Haven Junction remaining fully operational to provide access into and out of Manhattan. The need for additional railroad network resiliency was made clear by Superstorm Sandy, when for the first time in their 100-year history, the Hudson River tunnels and two of the East River tunnels into Penn Station were flooded. Using existing tracks, the project would establish new links for the New Haven Line that will bypass both of these corridors. It would also provide Metro-North with access to a second Manhattan terminal in the event an emergency affects Grand Central. The Governor proposed constructing four new stations under the Penn Station Access Project in the Eastern Bronx and the purchase of new rail cars to support the new service. The project will for the first time connect these communities via commuter rail both to Manhattan's West Side and to the I-95 corridor, while improving resiliency against natural and man-made disasters.

The recommendations of the federal Hurricane Sandy Rebuilding Task Force, chaired by U.S. Housing and Urban Development Secretary Shaun Donovan, helped provide a blueprint for the State in its long-term rebuilding process.

For more information, go to <http://www.governor.ny.gov/press/01072013-cuomo-biden-future-recovery-efforts>.

Launch a Study on Improvements to Enhance North Country Access: Residents and businesses in the North Country region have long expressed interest in better connecting I-81 in Watertown to I-87 in Champlain along a route running south of the Canadian border and just north of the perimeter of the Adirondack Park. Numerous projects have been proposed since the 1950s. New York State will now conduct an in depth feasibility study to develop the most efficient transportation enhancements for this important North Country corridor.

Statement from Attorney General Schneiderman on the State of the State Address

Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman issued the following statement regarding Governor Andrew M. Cuomo's State of the State address:

"Our state faces many challenges in the coming year. We must restore confidence in the integrity of our state government, rein in the corrupting role of money in politics, improve our infrastructure so we're better prepared for the next natural disaster, and make sure that all New Yorkers get a fair shot by expanding access to high-quality pre-kindergarten and raising wages for the lowest-paid workers. In today's State of the State speech, Governor Cuomo laid out important steps to achieve many of these goals. I look forward to working with the governor and all of our state's leaders to make New York safer and stronger for all our communities."

Statement from UC Exec Hein Regarding Governor Cuomo's State of the State

"Yesterday the Governor laid out his fourth State of the State agenda that will move the State of New York forward. From lowering taxes to putting much needed technology in our

schools to making our communities fairer and safer, he has proposed a set of initiatives that will improve the quality of life for residents in our County. I look forward to seeing this plan put into action and congratulate Governor Cuomo on another promising agenda."

POLITICAL SLANT By Frank Comando

NEW WORLD ORDER ON THE MOVE WITH GLOBAL SHAPERS

- New Global Shapers initiative to highlight projects tackling pressing problems in local communities

- There are more than 3,000 socially engaged Millennials in over 300 Hubs worldwide

- The Global Shapers Community is one of several multistakeholder communities of the World Economic Forum

- For more information about the Global Shapers, visit: www.globalshapers.org

Geneva, Switzerland, 10 January 2014 – Throughout 2014, Global Shapers – an international network of young, dynamic and socially engaged leaders from across the world – will showcase their local projects and initiatives that are having a positive impact on their communities.

As part of the "52 Weeks, 52 Cities" initiative, a different Global Shaper city-based Hub will take to Twitter (@globalshapers) to share news about individual Shapers and their projects, as well as pictures and interesting facts about their cities. These tweets and photos will be cross-posted on other platforms, including www.globalshapers.org, the official website of this World Economic Forum community.

"Young people are an indispensable part of the solution to the challenges that communities face," said Yemi Babington-Ashaye, Director of the Global Shapers Community at the World Economic Forum. "When young people self-organize to improve their community we know that one more community is guaranteed a bright future."

The Global Shapers Community is on a mission to make the world a more sustainable, inclusive and liveable place, one community at a time. Examples of recent Hub projects implemented by Shapers around the world include constructing libraries (Manila Hub), setting up therapeutic farms for handicapped people (Tunis Hub) and public Wi-Fi spots in disadvantaged neighborhoods (Bamako Hub), eliminating financial illiteracy (Atlanta Hub), promoting use of green transportation (Zurich Hub) and popularizing science (Astana Hub).

The San José Hub in Costa Rica, with 20 Global Shapers, recently launched ¡Jale a votar! ("Let's vote!"), a project to encourage young Costa Ricans to vote in the 2014 presidential and congressional elections in order to ensure youth involvement in civic engagement. Hubs in Zurich, Nairobi, Toronto and Rabat will be next to highlight their successes in the "52 Weeks, 52 Cities" initiative.

There are currently more than 3,000 Global Shapers organized in 300 Hubs in over 150 countries. The Global Shapers Community is one of several multistakeholder communities at the World Economic Forum. Other communities include the Young Global Leaders, the Global Agenda Councils, and the Schwab Foundation for Social Entrepreneurs.

A group of 50 Global Shapers will be attending the World Economic Annual Meeting 2014 in Davos-Klosters, Switzerland, 22-25 January.

THEY ARE ON THE MOVE AND READY, ARE YOU?

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

Local Sustainable Business Owner Gives Presentation at SUNY Ulster - Continuing and Professional Education Open House

Donna Williams, founder of Field Goods, a company that delivers local, sustainable and healthy food directly to consumers throughout the Hudson Valley, will give a presentation on entrepreneurial opportunities in the food industry as part of SUNY Ulster's Continuing and Professional Education Open House on Jan. 16.

Her free workshop will be held from 5 to 5:30 p.m. during the event at the Business Resource Center (BRC) in Kingston.

Williams founded Field Goods in September 2010 after she completed agriculture economic development consulting work for the Greene County Industrial Development Agency. Field Goods was an inevitable outgrowth of this work, her belief in the positive power of local food and small business, and her new venture experience in consumer health, e-commerce and the natural food industry.

In addition to Williams' talk, local residents will have the opportunity to learn about course offerings in growing fields as well as programs for personal enrichment and enjoyment. The full event runs from 4 to 7 p.m. For a schedule of workshops and additional information, call 845-339-2025 or visit www.sunyulster.edu/ce.

HVCC/JCC Presents: Parenting Talk workshop with Doron Kornbluth

The Hudson Valley Community Center and Jewish Community Center is proud to present a special parenting workshop geared toward Jewish parents and grandparents to help instill Jewish pride in their children.

Wednesday January 27th
7:00 PM

At 110 South Grand Avenue, Poughkeepsie
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Tri-Valley Lions Club
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Gift Card/Gift Certificate Raffle

One Winner to be drawn at our February 4, 2014 Meeting by a non-lion attendee. Lions and their spouses are not eligible to participate in this drawing.

Gift certificates and cards were donated by these wonderful friends of the Tri-Valley Lions:

In Liberty, NY: Shoprite; Trading Post; Rite Aid; Agway Pet Center; Tractor Supply; Second to None Restaurant; The Medicine Shoppe; Golden Shears Salon; Dollar General; Advance Auto (detailing kit); Dunkin Donuts; McDonalds; Last Licks; Eureka Café in Grahamsville; Marcos Restaurant in Loch Sheldrake; Nardis (Frankie & Johnnies) in Hurleyville; Cannie D's Market in Neversink; Citgo Gas Station in Woodbourne. Gift cards may be used at these establishments subject to the store's rules.

Cards/Certificates range from \$10 to \$25, for a total of over \$400. Tickets are \$5 each. Buy one, or buy several and give them as gifts for your family or friends.

Please help support this Tri-Valley Lions Fundraiser by buying one or more tickets today from any of the Tri-Valley Lions you know, or call Esta Jacob at 845-985-2927 after 5:30 pm

Or use the form below (to send for your ticket) by mailing to Esta Jacob, Director, Tri-Valley Lions Club, 8141 State Route 55, Grahamsville, NY 12740.

Name: _____
Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____
Phone: _____

Be sure to include a check in the amount of \$5 for each ticket desired, and we'll be sure to enter you into this fabulous raffle drawing. 100% of each ticket purchased will go right into The Tri-Valley Lion's Charity account to help us support the sight and hearing impaired, the local community, including local food pantries, the Tri-Valley School backpack program, plus organizations including Guiding Eyes For The Blind, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, American Cancer Society, The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, and so many more.

The Hurleyville and Woodridge United Methodist Churches

invite you to weekly worship:

9 am in Hurleyville,

10:30 am in Woodridge.

For more information, call

Pastor Susan Woodworth 845-794-6325



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Music by Susan and Fred Van Wagner

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Saturday afternoon: 5:00.

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Daily Mass schedule:

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Saturday afternoon confessions: 4 to 4:45.

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

Book Discussions at the Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library -The E. B. Crawford Public Library holds book discussions for children and adults of all ages.

Was your New Year's resolution to read more? Come to the Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library at 393 Broadway for a book discussion! We have groups for elementary school students, teens, and adults. On January 22 at 5:00 the elementary group will talk about *The View From Saturday* by E.L. Konigsburg, and on January 23 at 6:15 the Millennial book group will meet to discuss part 3 of Susanna Clarke's *Jonathan Strange and Mr Norrell*.

In February, the teen book group will discuss *Holly Black's Red Glove* on the 5th at 5:00. The elementary book club will talk about *James and the Giant Peach* by Roald Dahl on February 19 at 5:00. The Millennial group will meet on February 20 at 6:15 to discuss *The Prestige* by Christopher Priest.

For more information on book discussions or children and teen programs, contact Joanna by calling 845-794-4660, or by email at jgold-farb@rcls.org.

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Jan. 14, 2014
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Penance 9:00 am, 2nd Sunday of the month

Rev. George W. Hommel, Pastor

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PUBLIC NOTICES/LEGALS:**Public Notice:**

The annual Plot-Holders meeting for the Grahamsville Rural Cemetery will be held on February 4, 2014 at the Daniel Pierce Library in the upstairs Board Room at 7:00 pm.

Please Note

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

The next Regular Board Meeting for 2013-14 school year is scheduled for Thursday, January 16, 2014 at 7:00 PM In the Secondary School Library Lower Level.

Regional Mental Health Professionals Meet With State Legislators To Discuss Local Impacts And Options (From Pg. 1)

The County Executive thanked the representatives for their mental health advocacy and specifically for their support and sponsorship of the "Communities of Excellence Mental Health Reinvestment Act" (A7842-B/S5631-B); a bill that would reinvest 50% of the savings derived from the proposed Regional Centers of Excellence plan into community-based mental health services. The remaining 50% would be used to transition the State services from in-patient to outpatient programming.

County Executive Hein said, "In Ulster County alone, State reimbursement for mental health services has been reduced by 50% over the last several years, an amount equal to \$8 million dollars in funding that is not available at a time when the demand for quality, local mental health services is at an all time high. This is not a sustainable scenario and the proposed legislation can begin to reverse this trend and assist in allowing Ulster County, and other local communities throughout New York State to continue to provide quality mental health services which are so greatly needed."

Dr. Carol Smith, Ulster County's Commissioner of Health and Mental Health said, "We need to continue to provide quality services to our mentally ill residents not only to ensure that they do not harm themselves or others, but also to help them lead healthy and productive lives. We have talented and dedicated professionals who are doing all they can to provide essential services, however, resources continue to diminish and the need continues to grow. Together, we can and must do better."

"This meeting was a great opportunity to hear from people working every day in the trenches. They know the real impact that funding cuts have on people living with mental illness and the importance of stable reinvestment," said Assemblywoman Gunther. "I look forward to continuing the discussion and bringing their ideas for cost-effective delivery of services to Albany."

State Senator Cecilia Tkaczyk said, "I greatly appreciate having the opportunity to meet with Mental Health experts from all across the Hudson Valley to discuss my 'Communities of Excellence Mental Health Reinvestment Act.' Their valuable input, as well as that from my colleague, Chair of the Assembly Committee on Mental Health, Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther, will help guide us as we work to pass this important piece of legislation in 2014."

The round table held on January 6, 2014 consisted of County mental health experts representing Ulster, Dutchess, Orange, Westchester, Columbia, and Greene Counties.

UC Exec Announces Award for STRIVE

Kingston, NY - At the public community meeting regarding the S.T.R.I.V.E. Project, Ulster County Executive Michael Hein announced that the S.T.R.I.V.E. project has been awarded additional grant funding through the Green Innovation Grant Program from the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation. The County submitted its "STRIVE for Sustainability" project proposal earlier this year as a 2013 Consolidated Funding Application. The \$439,000 grant award will allow Ulster County to incorporate green infrastructure design elements into SUNY Ulster's extension center, which will be developed at the former Sophie Finn Elementary School in Kingston in 2014.

"The County appreciates the key support of Governor Andrew Cuomo and the Mid-Hudson Regional Economic Development Council for this innovative green infrastructure project," noted County Executive Hein. "The S.T.R.I.V.E. project was designed to address multiple challenges facing our community, such as rapidly escalating costs to taxpayers, the need for expanded access to higher education, and the repurposing of a vacant school facility in the heart of Kingston. In addition to solving these important issues, STRIVE for Sustainability will now also create a model for the use of sustainable green infrastructure in building redevelopment projects. It is my great hope that this project will encourage wider adoption of green building design elements throughout the Hudson Valley region and New York State."

The County Executive and officials from Ulster County, SUNY Ulster, the City of Kingston and the Kingston City School District held a public informational meeting last night to present and discuss updated architectural and engineering plans for the renovation and conversion of the vacant elementary school into a community college extension center adjacent to Kingston High School. The project's architects are working to complete the final design based on public feedback, and construction is slated to begin in early 2014. The green infrastructure grant award will enable Ulster County to redevelop the Sophie Finn building and site as a regional model for green stormwater and other green building techniques as well as provide hands-on learning opportunities for SUNY Ulster's sustainable building programs.

The STRIVE for Sustainability grant funding will cover additional costs associated with implementing innovative green infrastructure design elements. Green infrastructure refers to cutting edge technologies that provide environmental benefits on building projects, including reduction of stormwater pollution, protection of water quality, improvement of local air quality, and mitigation of climate change impacts. The STRIVE for Sustainability proposes to utilize multiple green design elements, including porous asphalt for the facility's new main parking lot, permeable block pavers for proposed courtyard areas, development of six "rain gardens" to reduce and clean stormwater run-off, additional bioretention areas, and two green walls that cover exterior building surfaces with walls of plantings. All of these elements encourage the infiltration of stormwater on the site and reduce stormwater runoff to the City of Kingston's combined sewer overflow (CSO) system.

In addition to the direct environmental benefits, the STRIVE for Sustainability also will allow SUNY Ulster to offer its students and faculty hands-on training and experience with green infrastructure. The use of such green infrastructure techniques are an increasingly important aspect of sustainable building and site design. This grant will allow the SUNY Ulster Kingston Center to become a model green campus that demonstrates and teaches students about green infrastructure techniques and which builds upon and enhances SUNY Ulster's extensive sustainable building course offerings.

Amanda LaValle, Ulster County Department of the Environment Coordinator highlighted the specific environmental benefit to Kingston from the STRIVE for Sustainability. "It is estimated that this green infrastructure project will reduce the volume of stormwater flowing off the Sophie Finn site by more than 248,000 cubic feet per a year. This is critical since the stormwater run-off in this area of Kingston combines with the sanitary sewer resulting in overflows into the Rondout Creek during heavy rains. This project will not only help to improve water quality but will serve as a regional demonstration of innovative techniques that help to address infrastructure issues while protecting the environment and providing educational opportunity for students and residents."

Governor Cuomo Announces Former NYC Councilman James Gennaro Joins the DEC

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced the appointment of former New York City Councilman James F. Gennaro as Deputy Commissioner for New York City Sustainability and Resiliency at the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

"This year, the State is reimagining New York for a new climate reality, building back better and more resilient after the major storms from the last few years," Governor Cuomo said. "I am pleased to have Mr. Gennaro join our team at DEC where he will bring his many years of environmental experience to help protect and prepare New York City for extreme weather. Superstorm Sandy, which heavily impacted New York City, made clear that we have much to do to fortify the community for the future. Mr. Gennaro will be a valuable leader in those efforts, and I look forward to working with him."

"Jim's demonstrated passion for improving the environment and his leading role in shaping environmental policies to protect New Yorkers make him a natural fit for DEC," DEC Commissioner Joe Martens said. "Jim's breadth of experience will be put to good use as he works to ensure New York City is equipped to face future storm events. He will work directly with DEC's partners at the newly created NYS Resiliency Institute for Storms and Emergencies toward that goal."

In his new role, Mr. Gennaro will further DEC's efforts to prepare and make New York City more resilient to meet the challenges associated with climate change and to rebuild after recent storm events. Mr. Gennaro also will serve as DEC's liaison to the New York State Resiliency Institute for Storms & Emergencies (NYS RISE). Governor Cuomo announced the creation of NYS RISE in November to provide scientific information to policymakers and stakeholders to use in developing comprehensive plans to better protect communities from extreme weather and natural disasters.

Mr. Gennaro served as a New York City Councilman from 2002 to 2013, representing portions of the Borough of Queens. He chaired the Council's Committee on Environmental Protection and authored environmental laws on such issues as reducing New York City's greenhouse gas emissions by 30 percent by 2030, reducing water and air pollution, creating climate change adaptation strategies, improving the City's resiliency to major storms, restoring Jamaica Bay, increasing clean and reliable energy, and increasing brownfields cleanup. In addition, Mr. Gennaro served on New York City's Sustainability Advisory Board. Before representing the 24th district, Mr. Gennaro acted as an environmental policy analyst for the New York City Council for eleven years.

Mr. Gennaro has received numerous accolades and awards for his environmental leadership, including the 2013 Environmental Quality Award from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Mr. Gennaro earned his master's and bachelor's degrees from the State University of New York at Stony Brook.

SUNY Ulster Holds Nursing Information Session

SUNY Ulster will hold an information session about its Nursing degree program on Thursday, January 23, at 4:00 p.m. in room 121, at the Business Resource Center in Kingston. Due to limited openings, SUNY Ulster's Nursing Program is only available to residents of Ulster County.

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

Governor Signs Bill to License Providers of Applied Behavior Analysis for Patients with Autism Spectrum Disorder

New law helps individuals and families find quality ABA providers and ensures State oversight of key service for vulnerable population

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today signed into law a bill to establish a new state license for providers of applied behavior analysis (ABA) services to individuals with autism spectrum disorder. The new law will help individuals and families find quality ABA providers that have met stringent academic and training requirements, while also ensuring State regulation and continuing oversight of these providers, who work closely with a vulnerable population.

"This bill ensures one of New York's most vulnerable populations is better protected," Governor Cuomo said. "I commend Assembly Majority Leader Morelle and Senator Fuschillo for their work on this issue, and am pleased to sign it into law."

Applied behavioral analysis is an intensive, often one-on-one treatment method that is beneficial for individuals with autism. This law establishes a new state license for behavior analysts (with at least a master's degree) and a new state certification for behavior analyst assistants (with at least a 4-year college degree), with a protected scope of practice.

Senate Co-Leader Dean Skelos said, "Today, we are building upon the landmark insurance reform legislation passed in 2011 to reduce the out-of-pocket expenses paid by the families of those with autism. This new law will help reduce costs for many more families so they can get back to focusing on their loved ones. By greatly expanding the places where individuals with autism can access the care they need, New York has taken an important step in ensuring the 2011 law we approved is applied as it was intended."

Assembly Majority Leader Joseph Morelle said, "Two years ago, I worked with Governor Cuomo and autism advocates to ensure that insurance companies cover vital treatments for those living with autism," said Majority Leader Morelle. "By creating this new professional licensure, we have taken a major step in ensuring that the thousands of children in New York who have been diagnosed with autism can receive the therapies they deserve. I applaud the Governor, my colleagues in the legislature and the countless advocates in New York for coming together to adopt this important legislation."

"Governor Cuomo's signature on this legislation ensures that New York families can access meaningful, quality care for their loved ones with autism," said Judith Ursitti, Autism Speaks' director of state government affairs. "We remain continually grateful to him as well as to Assemblyman Joseph Morelle and Senator Chuck Fuschillo for their thoughtfulness, collaboration and leadership without which we would not be celebrating today. Under Governor Cuomo's leadership, New York continues to be a national leader in meeting the needs of the autism community."

Town of Neversink Parks & Recreation Department

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

Jan 11 - **CABS Babysitting Class**, Boys & Girls 11-15. To register call 845-866-6329. \$45.

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

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

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

See this week's Townsman for the 2014 Parks & Rec Calendar of Events



Daniel Pierce Library hours of operation

beginning September 1, 2011.

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

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

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

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

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

Sunday and Monday: Closed

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

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

VETERANS

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

AL-ANON MEETINGS-

<http://www.al-anon.alateen.org>

Mon- 7:00 p.m. United Methodist Church, 170 N. Main Street, Liberty

Thurs- 7:00 p.m. Immaculate Conception Church Annex, 6317 Rt. 42, Woodbourne

Sat- 8:00 p.m. United Methodist Church, 170 N. Main Street, Liberty

- 1/23/14 Neversink Fire District Meeting at 7 p.m.; Public Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
2/1/14 Sundown Methodist Church Covered Dish Supper - 5:30 pm Church Hall
2/4/14 Town of Denning Town Board Meeting 7:00 pm Town of Denning Town Hall
2/11/14 Town of Denning Town Board Business Meeting 7:00 pm Town of Denning Town Hall

REMINDER TO ALL LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS: Please send your Calendar Events for 2014

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PETER'S MARKET

SUNDOWN CAMP & BAIT SHOP

GRAHAMSVILLE DELI

EUREKA MARKET & CAFE

CANNIE D'S

BLUE HILL LODGE

3 GOLDENS

LOCATIONS in the TOWN OF OLIVE & SHANDAKEN

Joma Cafe (West Shokan) • Boiceville IGA • Boiceville Florist • Reservoir Music • Snyder's

Phoenicia Hardware • Phoenicia Pharmacy • Phoenicia Deli • Mama's Boy • Brio's • Emerson Resort

Big Indian Market & Deli • Colonial Inn Pine Hill • Pine Hill Community Center

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.

4 or March 12 and registration is required at least two weeks prior to the start date. Class sizes are limited.

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. Classes will be held from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Feb. 22 in Stone Ridge and April 26 at the BRC.

The new online course includes five months of Web access for test takers to prepare on their own schedule on any Internet-ready device. Students will begin and end the program with official retired SAT tests. Cambridge Educational Services will send an email to students after registering with online access to the test preparation Web site.

For information, call (845) 339-2025, e-mail ceinfo@sunyulster.edu or visit www.sunyulster.edu/ce.

The Ellenville Wawarsing Youth Commission is hosting great upcoming events for children and families in Wawarsing!

Friday Night Movies

1/17 - Star Wars

1/24 Chicken Run

Children can wear their pajamas and bring a blanket and pillow as we get down on the floor, have some popcorn and enjoy a fun movie.

Open to all ages, first come, first served
Call 845-430-3540 to reserve

Eat Healthy. Be Active

A free, monthly series of workshops at the Ellenville Public Library & Museum to help you keep your New Year's resolutions and feel better. Take one, or take them all. Guided by Melissa Sakellariou, Nutritionist at Shop Rite of Ellenville.

Thursdays, 6-8 pm

1/30 Enjoy Healthy Food That Tastes Good

2/27 Quick, Healthy Meals and Snacks

3/27 Eating Healthy on a Budget

Call 845-647-5530 to register
Co-sponsored by the Ellenville Public Library & Museum and Ellenville Shop Rite.

Winter Festival

Saturday 2/1, 10am-4pm

Lippman Park, Route 209 Wawarsing

Fun for the whole family!

Chili Cook Off Contest

Food & Craft Vendors, Ice Skating,

Ice Hockey, Broom Ball, Bon Fires,

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Bike Race on Ice

Vendor and Chili Registration entry

forms available at

ewyouthcommission.org

Co-sponsored by the Renegades MTB Bike Club and the Lippman Park Committee

For more information contact

Cynthia "Sam" Bugna, Program

Director Ellenville-Wawarsing Youth

Commission 647-0200 Ext 541 or

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Website Is Part Of UC Executive's Pledge To Deliver Transparent Government

Kingston, NY - County Executive Mike Hein launched Ulster County's newly redesigned website: www.UlsterCountyNY.gov. The goal of this effort was to create a site that is more user-friendly and allows for even greater transparency for citizens. The redesign includes a more efficient navigational structure with site-wide multi-language translation and easy access to online forms. Also included, are videos and examples of beautiful Ulster County scenery throughout.

"My Administration continually strives to enhance access and transparency for the residents of Ulster County and to make the people's government more user-friendly," said County Executive Hein. "This is about cutting through bureaucracy and better serving the people of Ulster County. The new site incorporates a number of improved tools to assist with quickly locating critical information. Now under the 'Citizens Access' page, visitors to the County's new website can easily access a wide array of County data, including contact information for government officials, in-depth budget information, financial reports, vendor contracts, and resolutions. This is only one of the countless improved areas. We encourage everyone to visit this site and utilize it often, as we are continually updat-

ing and enhancing the site."

The new County website includes functionality that makes it much easier for users to search for desired content and is ADA-compliant. There are additional new sections, including "How do I?" and "County FAQs." Another feature is the easy access to specific topics at the bottom of the Home Page where there are rotating buttons with topics such as "Citizens Access," "Budget," "Healthy Ulster County," "S.T.R.I.V.E. Project," "Ulster County SPEAK," and "Help Stop Welfare Fraud." Importantly, during emergencies, a site-wide red "Emergency Alert" banner will be included at the top of the page with useful information for Ulster County residents and visitors.

"As a resident and co-owner of a business based in Ulster County, we fully appreciate the County Executive's directive to create a user-friendly website for the County's residents, businesses and visitors that was both comprehensive and easy to use," said Mike Kilpatrick, a partner at Next Step Digital, the Kingston, NY company that designed and developed the site. "This was an ambitious and complex project for many reasons, but in the end, information is more accessible for the people of Ulster County than ever before. We are thankful and honored to have played a role with this project, and look forward to seeing Ulster County use their new website as an effective communications tool."

Harris Safier, owner and principal broker of Westwood Metes & Bounds Realty, Ltd. and the incoming President of the Ulster County Board of REALTORS for 2014, commented "I am looking forward to viewing Ulster County's new and improved website through the eyes of a thirty-five year Ulster County resident, as well as a businessman and active realtor. It is exciting to hear that the new site includes simple, intuitive navigation, allowing for minimal effort to obtain desired information. I commend County Executive Hein for continuing his efforts to make County resources and services readily available to the people and businesses of Ulster County, as well as those considering a move here. Progress like this will continue to bring us more new and talented people seeking the great lifestyle the County offers."

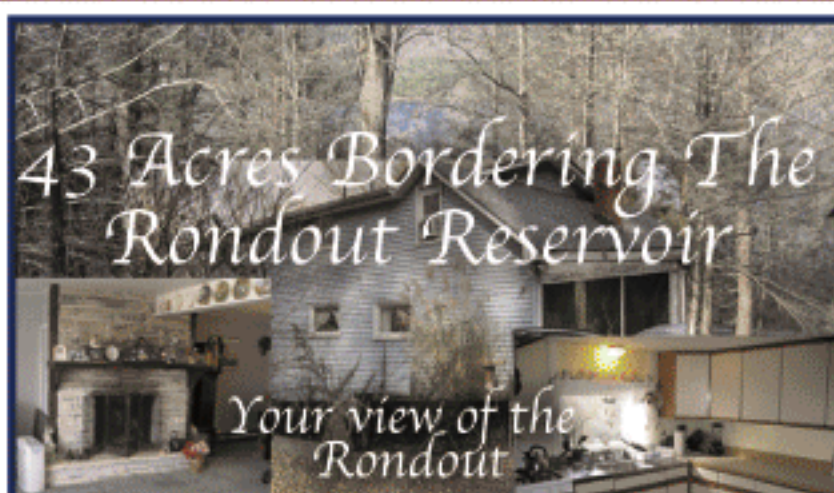
The website can be accessed at www.UlsterCountyNY.gov. The County Executive continued, "I urge all Ulster County residents to visit the new County website and learn about the services provided by the County."

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Knarf's "Classic Movie Trivia

**THE BACHELOR AND THE BOBBY-SOXER
(COMEDY, 1947)**



A teenage girl's crush on a playboy spells trouble, particularly when he falls for her older sister. Directed by Irving Reis, starring Cary Grant, Myrna Loy, Shirley Temple, Rudy Vallee, Ray Collins, Harry Davenport. Judge Loy orders playboy Grant to wine and dine her sister Temple, so the teenager will forget her infatuation for him. Breezy entertainment earned Sidney Sheldon an Oscar for his original screenplay. Also shown in computer-colored version. See this film on TCM 6:15 PM, Saturday evening, January 18, 2014, 95 min, Rated TV-G, Quiz: 1. Who played Judge Margaret Turner? 2. Who played Susan Turner?

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

PHOENICIA LIBRARY,

**SOLAR ELECTRICITY: EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITIES
SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 2014, 1:00-2:30PM
WITH MAXANNE RESNICK**

The Phoenicia Library will hold a solar electricity information session with Maxanne Resnick of SOLAR generation, Woodstock, a local design/installation firm.

Learn the ABCs of solar energy, a renewable pollution-free technology, including: how does solar work? What is the benefit? What are the costs? and Will solar work for me? A Q&A will follow the presentation.

The presentation will be held from 1:00-2:30 p.m. on Saturday, January 25, 2014, at the Phoenicia Library, 9 Ave Maria Drive, Phoenicia, NY, 12464. Light refreshments will be served. Questions or RSVP (if you like) to maxanne@solargeneration.net

Free and open to the public, no registration required. For more information on this or other programs at the Phoenicia Library, please visit us at <http://phoenicialibrary.org/>

**THE LINDA WAMC'S PERFORMING ARTS STUDIO
GARLAND JEFFREYS**

FRIDAY, JAN 24, 2014 - 8:00 PM, \$18.00
Sponsored by WEXT 97.7

He's been called an edgy urban poet, the sound of New York, a confessional singer-songwriter, and an explorer of the links between rock, race and rebellion whose work should be taught in schools. With songs covered by artists as diverse as punkpioneers The Circle Jerks ("Wild in the Streets") and the neo-folk band Vetiver ("Lon Chaney"), Jeffreys is truly unclassifiable.

Long known for his amazing roster of supporting musicians, with names such as Dr. John, Sonny Rollins, James Taylor, Linton Kwesi Johnson, Phoebe Snow, and Sly and Robbie, The King of In Between doesn't disappoint. Among the contributors are Duncan Sheik, with caterwauling guitar on "I'm Alive," and old friend Lou Reed on the insinuating doo-doo-doo backing vocals on "The Contortionist." "My then fourteen-year old daughter came to the studio and laid down a doubling vocal on top of Lou's part. I don't think she understands how cool that really is -- yet," said Jeffreys. For further information, The Linda WAMC's Performing Arts Studio, 339 Central Ave Albany, NY 12206 Phone: 518-465-5233 Ext. 4, on the web, <http://www.wamcarts.org/>

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