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UC Executive Mike Hein Delivers 2015 State of the County Address

The County Executive Continues To Focus On Government Reform, Taxpayer Protection, Environmental Stewardship, Infrastructure Investment and Fiscal & Social Responsibility

Ulster County Executive Mike Hein delivered his seventh annual State of the County Address to a gathering of residents, business owners, and State and local dignitaries at the SUNY Ulster Campus this evening. The Address focused on the theme "Building a Better Ulster County." Major highlights of the County Executive's Address included:

- 1) Strong fiscal management that has resulted in another property tax cut in 2015 and a proposed tax cut for 2016;
- 2) The announcement that Ulster County is the first County in New York State to become "Net Carbon Neutral," making Ulster County among the most environmentally friendly county governments in the United States;
- 3) An unprecedented \$10 million investment in County roads and bridges to address critical infrastructure and promote safety;
- 4) A countywide Veterans Memorial to honor all fallen service men and women from Ulster County dating back to the American Revolution and designed by Veterans to honor Veterans;
- 5) The proposal of a new initiative, known as the Ellenville Million, for the purpose of assisting the Ellenville/Wawarsing area with its longstanding challenges.

County Executive Hein said, "My administration began with the daunting task of fixing a broken \$360 million government that was on the verge of bankruptcy and



we did this during the largest national financial crisis since the great depression. Ulster County is now home to the largest New York county government turnaround in generations." County Executive Hein continued, "County property taxes are down, County spending is down, and unemployment is down, while private sector job growth is up and there are more critical services available for our citizens than ever before. Ulster County has moved from the brink of bankruptcy to become the most fiscally stable County government in the region according to the New York State Comptroller's Office. We are continually reinventing County government to better serve the amazing citizens of Ulster County. A better Ulster County is about more jobs. It's about lower taxes and strong infrastructure. It's about helping our neighbors in need and it's about preserving our pristine environment." (Contd. Pg. 12)

Senator Meets with Advocates from the Spinal Cord Research Group

On January 12, 2015, Senator John J. Bonacic met in Albany with advocates from the Spinal Cord Research Group to discuss funding for the group, the 2015 legislative session, and other issues of concern. The attendees were (back row) Keith Gurgui, Spinal Cord Injury Research Board Member; Linda Gurgui, Spinal Cord Injury Research Group; Rich Gurgui, Spinal Cord Research



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Program; Matt Jacobs, New Yorkers to Cure Paralysis; (front) Terry O'Neill, Director of The Constantine Institute; and Scott Remington of the Spinal Cord Research Benefit.

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Tannis Kowalchuk (NACL), Thalia Lucas (Rural & Migrant Ministries), and Casey MacDonald (Hudson Valley Cancer Resource Center) display Innovation Award Certificates of Merit received from Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther at the 2014 Nonprofit Leadership Summit

Registration is open for the fifth annual Nonprofit Leadership Summit taking place on March 4, 2015 from 8:00 to 4:00 at Bethel Woods for the Performing Arts, Bethel NY. Registration is \$45 and space is limited. (Contd. Pg. 4)

Congressman Gibson appointed to Small Business Committee



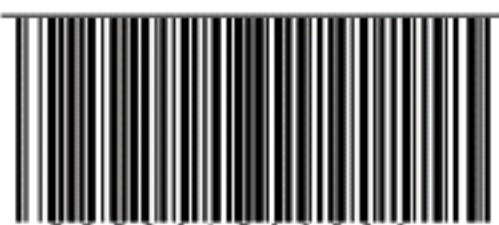
Congressman Gibson discusses the dairy industry recently at Triple Creek Farms in Taghkanic.

Congressman Chris Gibson (NY-19) announced he will serve on the House Small Business Committee during the 114th Congress, expanding on his efforts to support economic growth in Upstate New York.

Congressman Gibson will continue his service on the House Agriculture and Armed Services Committees in 2015 and 2016, in addition to his new appointment.

"I am honored to join incoming Chairman Steve Chabot and my colleagues on the Small Business Committee as we advocate for policies that make it easier to create jobs in rural America, where two-thirds of our workers are employed by small businesses," said Congressman Gibson. "This is an extraordinary opportunity to continue my advocacy for helping our family farms, expanding broadband, improving infrastructure, lowering healthcare and energy costs, and supporting recovery efforts in communities hit hard by disasters like Hurricane Irene."

The Small Business Committee has jurisdiction over issues including agriculture policy, healthcare, domestic energy resources, tax policy impacting small businesses, financial aid, regulatory flexibility, and paperwork reduction. The committee also oversees the Small Business Administration, which provides loans and counseling to entrepreneurs and supports efforts to award government contracts to small businesses.



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ON THE FRONT BURNER: He that dwellwth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.
Psalm 91:1

THANK YOU

We extend a heartfelt thank you to all for their many acts of kindness at the time of our Beloved Paul's passing.

Sincerely, Adele Henderson and Family

A Word of Thanks

The Grahamsville Community Food Pantry wishes to thank friends and community members for their generous support of our outreach to struggling families in this area. With the help of our community, the Food Pantry was able to provide 36 Thanksgiving Food Baskets and 42 Christmas Food Baskets to families in need during this holiday season. Gifts were also provided to 20 families bringing Christmas cheer to a total of 44 children.

In addition to this special holiday sharing, the Food Pantry provided regular monthly food assistance to 38 households in November and 44 households in December. This important work of bringing food to our neighbors in their times of trial is only possible through the kindness and generosity of our supporters. Thank you for your holiday giving and your support throughout the year.

The Grahamsville Community Food Pantry welcomes your help in 2015.

Monetary gifts can be sent to Grahamsville United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 86, Grahamsville, NY 12740 with "Food Pantry" designated on the memo line of your check. Non-perishable food items can be dropped off at the pantry in the church at any time. To donate perishable items please call the church at 845-985-2283. The Grahamsville Community Food Pantry is truly grateful for the spirit of generosity that continues to bless and sustain our work with families throughout the Tri Valley area.

College News**Bryant University Students Named to Dean's List**

The fall semester Dean's List at Bryant University includes the following area residents: Patrick McHugh a Senior in Marketing of Grahamsville and Gregory Swarouth a Senior in Accounting of Neversink.

Herkimer College Announces Dean's List for fall 2014

Herkimer College awarded academic honors to 491 students for the fall 2014 semester. Of those students awarded honors, 320 were named to the Dean's List for earning a grade point average between 3.25 and 3.79.

Local students include: Laurice Renee Marie Budd of Parksville, Business: Sports & Recreation Management and Zaira Carolina Pabon of Parksville, Liberal Arts & Sciences: Mathematics

Sabrina Castro of Ellenville Earned Dean's List Honors

Sabrina Castro, a SUNY Canton Nursing major, from Ellenville (12428) made the Dean's List during the fall 2014 semester. Castro graduated from Ellenville High School in 2010.

"On behalf of the entire SUNY Canton community, I'd like to congratulate you on your academic success this semester," said SUNY Canton President Zvi Szafran. "We applaud the hard work and perseverance you've demonstrated to attain this special recognition."

To receive Dean's List Honors, students must full-time students must earn at least a 3.25 GPA on a 4.0 scale.

Colleen Jones Named to Dean's List at the University of New Haven

Colleen Jones of Neversink, NY was named to the Dean's List at the University of New Haven for the Fall 2014 semester. Full-time undergraduate students must have a 3.50 or better cumulative GPA for the semester to be eligible for the Dean's List.

Ryan Erts of Neversink named to the Fall 2014 Dean's List at Lyndon State College

Ryan Erts of Neversink was named to the Fall 2014 Dean's List at Lyndon State College. For inclusion on the Dean's List, a student must have completed at least 12 graded credits with no incomplete or failing grades and a minimum grade-point average of 3.50. Erts is a Sophomore majoring in Mountain Recreation Management - Mountain Resort Management.

DAYS OF YORE....**Today's History****January 19, 1955**

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Muthig of Parksville became the parents of a son born early Monday morning at Liberty-Loomis Hospital. Mrs. Muthig is the former Dorothy Murray. Dennis, who weighed over 8 lbs. at birth, is the tenth great-grandchild of Mrs. Andrew George of Grahamsville.

The north wind doth blow,
and we shall have snow!
Shall we crank the tin lizzie
and roam?

The smart housewife knows
where each penny goes;
It is thrifty to shop here at home.
KUM TO KRUM'S

January 20, 1965 - As part of a continuing program of bridge improvement in the Town of Neversink, Joseph Raffa, Town Supervisor, announced today that the Sullivan County Highway Dept. will construct a new bridge across the Sundown stream leading to the East Mountain Road. Test borings are now being made, and the new bridge is scheduled for completion in 1965 at an estimated cost of \$90,000.

The engagement of Miss Sally Augusta Lyons to James M. Bonnell Jr. has been announced by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James G. Lyons Sr. of Monticello. Her fiance is the son of Mrs. James M. Bonnell of Bradley. Miss Lyons attended Monticello High School and Mohawk Valley Institute. and is employed by the National Union Bank of Monticello. Her fiance is employed by the New York State Dept. of Corrections.

January 15, 1975 - Brice Moore, 79, of State Road, Grahamsville, Neversink Town Justice for the past twelve years, died Sunday at Liberty Loomis Hospital. He was born in Grahamsville on Nov. 7, 1895 to Sheldon and Helen DuBos Moore. Mr. Moore was an income tax consultant and was a licensed poultry judge for over fifty years. He is survived by two sisters, Miss Irene Moore and Miss Kathryn Moore of Grahamsville; two brothers, Harry of Grahamsville and Donald of Middletown.

Miss Becky White, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles White of Frost Valley, recently became the recipient of the New York State PTA Art Award. Becky's entry was one of five winners in the project area of visual arts.

January 17, 1985 - Dorothy Kowalik of Riverside Drive, Woodbourne, died Thursday, Jan. 10 in the Imogene Bassett Hospital, Cooperstown after a long illness. She was 65. The daughter of the late Norman and Nora Keator Burton, she was born March 23, 1919 in New York City. She was the widow of Matthew Kowalik. Survivors include three sons: Stanley of New Paltz, Norman and Richard both of Woodbourne.

Navy Seaman Recruit Gary Frear, son of Linda Zanetti of Grahamsville, has completed recruit training at the Navy Recruit Command Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Illinois. The 1984 graduate of TVCS joins the Navy in October, 1983.

Benefits of Shopping Locally

Livingston Manor, NY The winners of the Livingston Manor Chamber of Commerce 10th Annual Sleigh of Goodies raffle were drawn in late December.

This season's winners are Julie Gray of Liberty, Emma Wegener of Roscoe, and Thomas Ellison of Livingston Manor. For more on what they thought about being a Sleigh of Goodies winner and shopping locally, see www.livingstormanor.org

A Round About Tri-Valley

-Carol Furman

Condolences to the family and friends of Phyllis Zanetti, formerly of Grahamsville. Phyllis passed away on January 5th at the age of 86. I remember when Phyllis and her husband, Vincent, and family lived in the large white house next to Tri-Valley School. Phyllis, at the time I got to know her, was Secretary to the Tri-Valley School Superintendent.

Welcome to Tri-Valley's new Elementary School Principal, Mrs. Andrea Clevenger! Mrs. Clevenger comes to us from the Poughkeepsie City School District.

There is so much favorable interest in the "Lego" program being offered by the Daniel Pierce Library, that the participants have been divided into two groups. One group of K-6 students will meet on the last Friday of January, February, March and April from 3:30 - 4:30 pm and the second group will meet on the first Friday of February, March, April and May from 3:30 -4:30 pm. Pre-registration is a must.

The Tri-Valley PTO is sponsoring a Science Fair and Fun Night again this year. The Fair will take place at Tri-Valley School on January 23RD, with a snow date of January 30th. Plan to come to see the projects prepared by the students. I hear that the Mickelson's "Bubble" challenge will be returning this year!

It's so nice to see so many parents and grandparents out supporting the youngsters in the Bear Cub Basketball Program. The young participants are not only learning basketball skills, but are also learning the importance of "teamwork"! Hats off to Scott and Cindy Mickelson, the Dymond gals and the coaches who volunteer their time to work with these budding athletes!

I've heard there are several people around the community who have "terrible colds" that just hang on. They don't have the flu, but probably feel just as uncomfortable. Remember to rest, hydrate and stay warm.

Before signing my contract to teach at Tri-Valley in 1966, I was teaching in the Monticello School District at the Chase and Cook Schools. Harold Diamond, the retired educator from Sullivan County who recently won the "Mega Million" jackpot, was my principal. He probably doesn't remember me, however, I remember him. He was a super nice person and a very good administrator. I'm so happy for him and his wife, and I'm sure they will use their winnings wisely. Congratulations!

Congratulations to Tyler TerBush who received his BS in Sports Management from PA's Misericordia University. Music Education major, Olivia Rehm, was named to the President's List at SUNY Potsdam, again! Great job!

Words of Wisdom: The key to a long life is to "eat dark chocolate and give lots of hugs." (Franklin D. Roosevelt)

Sweetheart Dinner

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

Door prizes are going to be given, as well as carnations that will be sold for \$1.50!!

Doors open at 5pm and take out is also going to be available.

Hope to see you and your sweetheart there!!

News from the Claryville Quilters

We finished the quilt for the soldier, that we are going to send to the hospital in Germany, where the guys who are wounded in the field are transported to. When they are transporting them back to the USA, they load them on planes and put the ones who cannot sit on bunk bed like cots on racks against the walls of the planes. They wrap them in quilts donated by people in the US to keep them warm on the flight home, as the planes are not that warm. These soldiers hang on to these quilts as they are the only things they personally own, as all their clothes etc were sent home.

We are proud and want to honor one of these soldiers who have given so much. We are also making lap quilts for WWII soldiers who are flying to Washington D.C. to see the exhibits in their honor.

We would like anyone who wants to come to

join us on Thursday during the daytime. If you would like to come and knit, or take a sewing machine and make something for yourself or anyone else you are welcome. We also quilt and can teach anyone how to hand quilt at no charge. This is great for retired women or mom's with kids in school. Just take a lunch and we serve tea. It is great to come and enjoy each others company.

I will be mailing the quilt sometime next week.

Margaret Dice, Claryville Quilter

Food Dehydration 101: Fruit, Jerky, & More! Learn to Make Healthy Snacks

LIBERTY, NY-Food preservation at home CAN be easy and fun with a little education! A workshop on how to safely and successfully preserve food through the dehydration process is being offered on Saturday, January 31, 2015 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County (CCEC)'s Master Food Preservation program will offer this program at its Gerald J. Skoda Extension Education Center on 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road in Liberty, NY. Participants will enjoy various prepared, dehydrated food samples including dried fruit and jerky.

CCEC Master Food Preserver volunteers, Karen Mariner and Jessica Gibbons, will discuss the advantages and disadvantages of dehydration, one of the oldest forms of food preservation. Topics covered will include food safety, equipment, and methods suitable for New York State.

Cost is \$25.00 per person or \$20.00 for CCEC Enrollees. Anyone can enroll in the CCEC association for an annual fee of \$25.00 per household. Space is limited and pre-registration with payment is required in advance. Seats are only guaranteed with payment. Registration and more information can be obtained by calling CCEC at 845-292-6180 or emailing SueAnn Boyd at srb46@cornell.edu.

CWC Repaired 244 Septic Systems in 2014

MARGARETVILLE, January 12, 2015 - The Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC) funded the repair or replacement of 244 septic systems in the 1600-square-mile Catskill-Delaware (West of Hudson) Watershed in 2014.

Since the program began in 1997, a total of 4,603 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.

A separate Septic Maintenance Program helped pay to pump out and inspect 209 systems in 2014. The total number of systems thus maintained has reached 1,227. Owners of septic systems installed since 1995 are eligible to have their systems pumped every three years, with CWC picking up half the cost in order to extend the life of these on-site wastewater treatment systems.

At its January 6 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 31, 2014 because they were outside the program priority area and thus did not qualify for the program at the time. For information on whether you qualify for reimbursement, call the CWC at 845-586-1400, or visit www.cwconline.org.

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.

Most participants in the Septic Rehabilitation and Replacement Program are owners of residences or home-based businesses. But a total of 17 commercial properties have also been addressed through the Small Business Septic Program, which pays 75%, up to \$40,000, to repair or replace failed septic systems serving businesses that are outside municipal septic districts.

The CWC's multi-faceted septic program works to prevent untreated sewerage from contaminating groundwater, streams, ponds and NYC reservoirs by providing homeowners and businesses with reimbursement for the cost of compliance with State and Watershed regulations.

Nature Column - Linda Comando

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

Chickadees - Cold Weather Machines

Though any bird that survives winter in the Catskills amazes those of us that depend on furnaces and warm blankets, the black-capped chickadee may be the most incredible of all winter survivors.



This time of the year you will hear the Chickadees. They are one of our families favorite birds to visit the backyard during winter. Chickadees do not migrate and are equipped to survive harsh winter weather. Though chickadees are regular visitors to our feeders, over 75% of their winter food supply still comes from natural sources. They store food and remember where they have hidden it.

The black-capped chickadee is easy to recognize with its black cap and throat contrasted by white cheeks. Its wings and back are gray and its sides are buff in color. It is about five inches long and weighs about 1/3 of an ounce, that's less than the weight of two quarters. It has two common and cheerful songs; chick-a-dee-dee-dee and fee-bee-ee with the first note higher. It is much easier to find this bird by its song as your walking through the woods than it is to try and locate it by sight.

This time of the year Chickadees have a dense winter coats, they diligently find excellent, well-insulated roosting cavities and most amazingly can perform a regulated hypothermia to conserve energy overnight. For years, scientists were intrigued by the ability of these tiny birds to survive and thrive during even the most frigid days. The chickadee's ability to go into regulated hypothermia enables it to actually lower its body temperature, in a controlled manner, to about 12 or 15 degrees F below its normal daytime temperature of 108 degrees F. This allows the bird to conserve almost 25 percent of its hourly metabolic expenditure when the outside temperature is at freezing. Scientist now know the lower the outside temperature, the more energy a Chickadee conserves. Chickadees seem to have a never-ending energy.

The Chickadee possesses many other interesting behavioral and survival traits that lend a bit more character to this little bird. You might want to explore them this winter while you watch the birds at your feeding station. There are several books and websites you can use to expand your knowledge during the remaining cold winter days while you sit inside and watch the cheerful chickadees flutter about and sing their song. The Chickadee's inquisitive nature make these birds fun to watch.

Household Hints

Sharpen your creases

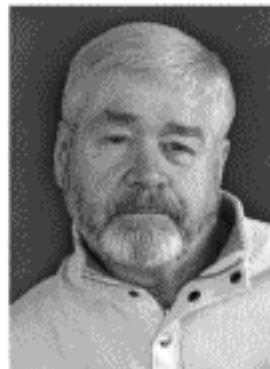
You'll find the creases in your freshly ironed clothes coming out a lot neater if you lightly spray them with equal parts water and vinegar before ironing them. For truly sharp creases in slacks and dress shirts, first dampen the garment using a cloth moistened in a solution of 1 part white vinegar and 2 parts water. Then place a brown paper bag over the crease and start ironing.

Make old hemlines disappear

Want to make those needle marks from an old hemline disappear for good? Just moisten the area with a cloth dipped in equal parts vinegar and water, then place it under the garment before you start ironing.

Deep Winter

Mysterious Book Report No. 178



A resonating theme of mine is one which finds developmentally-challenged individuals accused, and often convicted, of crimes they did not commit. Their very oddness often causes them to be found guilty by acclimation in the courts of public opinion. They are, in fact, the low-hanging fruit that's sometimes irresistible to ambitious, overeager law enforcement types of the franchised, or vigilante variety. The latter in fact, was the motif of August 2012s coming of age novel, *The Whim-Wham Man*, (Rhyolite Press LLC, \$15.00, 149 pages, ISBN 978-0-9839952-1-0) by John Dwaine McKenna.

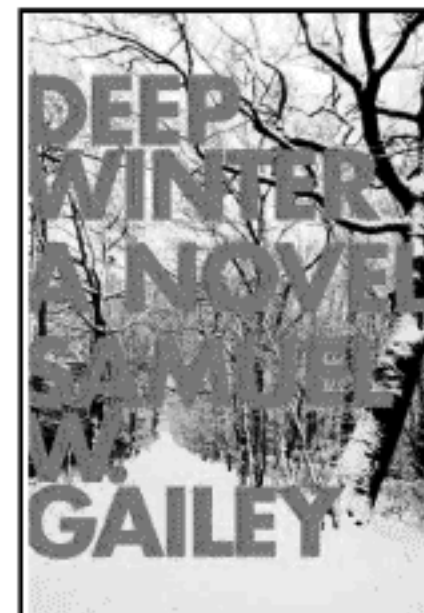
Now comes a first novel published February 20, 2014 championing just such a cause. *Deep Winter*, (Blue Rider Press/Penguin, \$25.95, 290 pages, ISBN 978-0-399-16596-2) by Samuel W. Gailey is, just like *The Whim-Wham Man*, about a developmentally disabled man named Danny, who has a talent for carving small animals from wood . . . in this case, birds. And, just like *The Whim-Wham Man*, Danny is falsely accused of killing a young woman, and just like *The Whim-Wham Man*, the real killer manipulates the evidence to divert attention from himself and focus it on someone intellectually unable to mount a self-defense. Interestingly, the eerie similarities between *The Whim-Wham Man* and Gailey's *Deep Winter* ends there . . . but then the juxtapositions begin. *The Whim-Wham Man* takes place in Colorado, just as summer begins, while *Deep Winter*, named for the time of the year the story takes place, is located in eastern Pennsylvania. And lastly, *The Whim-Wham Man* is himself a murder victim, while *Deep Winter*'s Danny lives to tell the tale.

This has been an unusual MBR to be sure, but, lest there's confusion, as Michael Connelly's iconic and lonely LA Homicide Detective Harry Bosch was heard to say, "I don't believe in coincidences." And, like Mark Anthony, *who came to bury Cesar, not to praise him* . . . I review to encourage readers, not dissuade them.

Both books are available on Amazon. Read them yourself and make your own decision about the review. As always your comments are welcome . . . and solicited.

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Registration opens for the 2015 Nonprofit Leadership Summit at Bethel Woods (From Pg. 1)

This year's theme, "Working Together for Healthier Communities and Improved Quality of Life", could not be timelier for the region. In collaboration with Marist College-Department of Public and Nonprofit Administration, the Summit will bring together hospitals and healthcare providers with the region's diverse businesses and nonprofit organizations to promote professional development, networking, and tools for collaboration and sharing of resources.

Last year's Nonprofit Leadership Summit sold out and was attended by more than 140 people representing 80 nonprofits serving the New York region's diverse needs in human services, arts and culture, education, healthcare, agriculture and the environment.

With workshops in collaboration with the New York Council of Nonprofits (NYCON) for the third consecutive year, program sessions will address:

- the impact of the NYS Nonprofit Revitalization Act;
- creating nonprofit alliances and partnerships;
- maximizing web-based media marketing; providing for planned giving;
- how to prospect research and fundraising; retirement plans for nonprofits.

SC Sheriff Arrests Two Major Suppliers in SC Heroin Trade after Six Month Investigation

On Tuesday January 13, 2015, deputies executed a search warrant at 41 High Street in Monticello. Taken into custody was 24 year old Frank Drayton, a/k/a "Vic".

Frank Drayton was charged with numerous felonies including Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance 3rd degree (heroin and crack cocaine), Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance with Intent to Sell 3rd degree (heroin) and Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 5th degree (crack cocaine). He was arraigned before Town of Thompson Judge Perry Meltzer and sent to the Sullivan County Jail in lieu of \$25,000 bail.

On Thursday January 15, 2015, at about 3:45 PM, Deputies spotted Frank's younger brother, 23 year old Richard Drayton, a/k/a "Longway" driving in an SUV on Broadway in Monticello. He was stopped near the Nugget tavern and taken into custody. Richard Drayton was charged with several felonies including Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance 3rd degree (heroin) and Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance with Intent to Sell 3rd degree (heroin). He was also charged with the

Misdemeanors of Criminally Using Drug Paraphernalia and Endangering the Welfare of a Child. Richard Drayton was arraigned before Village of Monticello Judge Leo Glass and remanded to the Sullivan County Jail on \$25,000 bail.



Sheriff Mike Schiff said that getting these two heroin suppliers off the street has been a priority of his office. "These two gentlemen

were traveling all over Sullivan County making deliveries in a white Ford Crown Victoria with push bumpers on the front. The vehicle looked just like an unmarked police car" said the Sheriff. The Drayton brothers came to the attention of the Sheriff's Gang and Narcotics intelligence Unit after numerous complaints were received from citizens about drug dealing in Jeffersonville. The suspects allegedly made deliveries to associates in the western part of the county in the morning and would then work the Monticello and Fallsburg areas in the afternoon. The Sheriff gave credit to his two lead investigators, Detective Sergeants Jason Gorr and Tom O'Connor, for making this case. He also thanked the District Attorney's Office, Monticello and State Police, as well as Homeland Security Investigations for assisting with the search warrant on Tuesday evening. "Fighting the heroin epidemic and its resulting crime is a team effort", said the Sheriff.

Anyone who would like to report drug activity can call the Sheriff's Confidential TIPS line at 845-807-0158 - 24 hours per day. All calls will be kept confidential.

VOLUNTEER OPEN HOUSE; Make a Difference by Sharing Your Skills

[FERNDALE] - Individuals interested in making a difference in Sullivan County are invited to a "Volunteer Open House" on Wednesday, February 4 at 7:00 p.m. in the CVI Building at 165 Sullivan Avenue in Ferndale.

The evening offers an opportunity to learn details about the variety of ways volunteers can share their skills: hands-on gardening and beautification, teaching, outreach, publicity and fundraising - both as part of the Sullivan Renaissance Volunteer Corps and directly in local communities throughout Sullivan County.

New for this year through the Renaissance En Español program, bilingual individuals are encouraged to join the Volunteer Corps to provide translation assistance to help remove the language barrier.

The open house will offer the opportunity to meet Volunteer Corps members as well as 2015 Sullivan Renaissance grant recipients already selected through an early admission process. This is a chance to learn firsthand what individuals are doing to make a difference in their communities and how to assist them.

"Bring a friend, it's going to be a great evening for networking," said Volunteer Coordinator Cara Kowalski, "I know it's still cold outside, but spring is around the corner and we are very excited about our 15th season."

Information about new aspects of the 2015

Volunteer Corps program, an overview of new initiatives and resources for community volunteers, and various gardening trainings will also be presented.

Pre-registration is requested. Refreshments will be served. Everyone attending will be entered in a door prize raffle. To register, visit SullivanRenaissance.org or call the Sullivan Renaissance office at 845-295-2445. Event details can also be found on the Sullivan Renaissance Facebook and Twitter pages.

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

CCE Sullivan County 4-H Celebrates Culture from Around the World

LIBERTY, NY - The public is invited to an educational evening of culture-inspired youth displays and performances representing diverse profiles from around the world. Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County (CCESC)'s 4-H Youth Development program will be celebrating its 27th Annual International Night on Friday, January 30, 2015, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. This free program will be held at the Gerald J. Skoda Extension Education Center on 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road in Liberty.

Doors open to the public at 6:30 pm for an event featuring the work of CCESC 4-H clubs throughout Sullivan County. Each club or group will represent a specific country from around the globe and provide an interactive, three-dimensional display of the geography, history, culture, and cuisine of their chosen location. Participants can "tour the world" from 6:30 to 7:00 pm and then settle down for the 10 minute skit or presentation each club brings to the stage, highlighting what they have learned.

Community members are always welcome to visit this family-friendly, popular event. More information about this opportunity or the Sullivan County 4-H Youth Development program can be obtained by calling 845-292-6180 or emailing mlr34@cornell.edu.

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



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The Olive Jar - By Carol LaMonda

Pangaea

In our small town of Olive there are 4,419 people and various wildlife. On the cruise ship I was just on, the sixth largest in the world, there were 5,428 passengers and various wildlife. For twelve days a population of a medium sized village floated in the Southern Caribbean going from one island to another. Each of the many passengers enjoyed a day of leisure in a similar way: We would sail, lounge, eat; swim, lounge, eat; watch a show, lounge, eat. We were citizens of a world apart from the world as we live it. TV shows were re-runs and the only networks were Fox News, CNBC, ESPN, and BBC. Out life-lines to political strife, violence, and terrorism could be turned off. We chose to unplug and not pay for the network. Our smart phones were not smart enough to work. Our mail, messages, e-mails and voicemails piled up as we lived i-solo. We lived in a society of sun-seekers and over-eaters from all over.

At one event, a Cirque Jungle act, we were seated with six other people who spoke Russian and a little English. When we searched for common ground, I learned that they were Russian, but from all different countries: the Ukraine, Belarus, Chechnya, and Siberia. The news would have us all in a struggle of politics and nationality. None existed as we sipped Vodka and Vino. The ship was a cacophony of languages in the dining rooms. All races, nationalities and family units passed each other in the narrow corridors and shared "good mornings" and "have-a-nice-days."

As I looked at the world map mural, I remembered the theory of Plate Tectonics. Geologists believe that once there was one large expanse of land called Pangaea which comes from the Greek words for "all or one" and "earth." Then the dozen or so plates under the earth's surface began to move and intrude with each other's space causing continents to drift apart during earthquakes and volcanic explosions. What resulted was a map of continents that look like crudely shaped jig-saw pieces that could be reassembled as Pangaea.

I felt that oneness of humanity as we citizens of Pangaea sailed on a common journey devoid of our differences. We were brothers and sisters of a world reassembled without the borders and political divisions of our home countries. It was rather nice.

Singing Circle at Olive Free Library- A Singing Circle is forming at the Olive Free Library beginning Wednesday, February 4th from 1:30 to 2:30. The group will meet weekly to share, learn, and create songs. All are welcome! West Shokan, NY -New scientific studies are showing that group singing lowers stress, increases well-being, and creates community connections. In the Singing Circle everyone can sing! Beginning Wednesday, February 4th, from 1:30-2:30, musician Julia Haines will lead The Singing Circle--"A piano bar without the bar," at the Olive Free Library. The library's community room provides a welcoming, safe space to gather and learn songs together.

Over the past decade, Julia Haines has led Singing Circles at the Cancer Support Community and in educational settings in Philadelphia. She has recently relocated back to Olive and is eager to offer this program in this community.

The Singing Circle will meet every Wednesday and is open to anyone who wants to sing. It is open to all ages and is free to the public. Participants can request a song or bring a song, and be willing to join in with others. Reading music is not necessary. New songs are learned by listening and singing.

For further information, please contact the Olive Free Library at 657-2482, or email helpdesk@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

Upcoming Events at Ellenville Public Library and Museum

Wednesday, Jan 21, & 28, 10am: Cabin Fever Capers! Stories, songs and free play for children 1-4 years with a caregiver. Ellenville Public Library & Museum, 40 Center Street. Sign up at 845-647-5530.

Friday, January 23, 4:30pm: Video Game Day at Ellenville Public Library. Drop by for Minecraft and video games; for ages 11 and up. 40 Center Street, Ellenville. 845-647-5530.

Sunday, January 25, 2:00pm: Jazz vocalist Alexis Cole will warm our hearts with Jazz favorites from the American Songbook. Free and open to the public. Ellenville Public Library & Museum, 40 Center Street. 845-647-5530.

Monday, January 26, 4:15pm: What's Poppin'? Celebrate Bubble Wrap Appreciation Day with bubble stories, crafts and fun. For children in Grades K-3. Ellenville Public Library & Museum, 40 Center Street. Sign up at 845-647-5530.

Wednesday, January 28, 7:00pm: The History of Hudson Valley Prisons. Dave Miller, author and retired Superintendent of Easter Correctional Facility in Napanoch will speak on the history of Sing-Sing, Eastern and Walkill correctional facil-

ities. Ellenville Public Library & Museum, 40 Center Street. 845-647-5530.

January 29, 3-5pm: ATLAS (At The Library After School): Squishy circuits and LittleBits! For kids in Grades 1-8. Ellenville Public Library & Museum, 40 Center Street, Ellenville. Sign up at 845-647-5530.

Friday, January 30, 4:15pm: Lego Club! You bring the ideas, we've got the Legos. Ellenville Public Library & Museum, 40 Center Street. 845-647-5530.

Ongoing Events at Ellenville Public Library & Museum

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ATLAS! (At The Library After School) every 2nd & 4th Thursday of the month from Jan 29-March 26, 3-5pm. Messy art club, science projects, games, crafts and more for kids in Grades 1-8. Ellenville Public Library & Museum, 40 Center Street, Ellenville. Sign up at 845-647-5530.

(Note: for some ongoing classes a minimal fee is requested to help cover cost of instructor. Scholarships are available for low/no income folks)

Olive Free Library Events

Olive Free Library will offer a Master Gardener lecture series that will provide in-depth knowledge of garden topics including, Year-round gardening in cold climates, gardening in containers, cultivating healthy soil, and planting in succession. The lectures will be on Saturdays at 2:00 p.m., January 24, February 21, March 7, and March 21, 2015 in the Community Room at Olive Free Library. Pre-register for these free classes by calling the library at 845-657-2482, or by emailing the library at helpdesk@olivefreelibrary.org.

West Shokan, NY -What's a gardener to do when the ground is frozen? Start planning, because the growing season can start sooner than you think! Olive Free Library will host master

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gardeners from Cornell Cooperative Extension's Master Gardener Program to give visual and sometimes hands-on workshops on specific gardening topics. These in-depth lectures include handouts with useful resources such as books and websites, lists of appropriate plants for different conditions, and other methods and formulas to help you create a thriving garden in the coming year.

Master gardener Cecily Frazier will deliver the first illustrated talk on Saturday, January 24, titled, "Gardening (almost!) Year Round." We often think gardening ends with the last frost, but you can coax greens to keep producing for December holiday dinners, and start again in February. What are the secrets you need to know? If you are willing to experiment, this class will teach you to use cold frames and low tunnels and other equipment, along with especially cold-hard varieties, to grow greens and other vegetables most of the year. With a little luck, a cold frame or low-tunnel and some mache or tatsoi seeds, and other greens, you can have a delicious salad in December! Join this class and learn how you can grow winter salads.

Do you have limited gardening space, sunlight, or very rocky soil? Container gardening allows you to garden nearly anywhere, and can add an attractive feature to decks, porches, and other outdoor areas. Master gardener Cheryl Alloway will offer a hands-on workshop demonstrating the best techniques for successful planting in containers, the best soil, plants, and creative ideas for containers. This talk will be held on Saturday, February 21 at 2:00 p.m. 4033 Route 28A, PO Box 59, West Shokan, NY 12494 programs@olivefreelibrary.org www.olivefreelibrary.org

On Saturday, March 7, master gardener Barbara Bravo will offer a class titled "Healthy Soil, Healthy Plants." We all want healthy, thriving plants in our gardens. It all starts with the soil. In this class we will explore what soil is, who/what calls the soil in our gardens 'home' and how we can maintain a healthy thriving soil community through our gardening practices, as well as how to turn garden "trash" into gardener's "black gold" - compost.

On Saturday, March 21, master gardener Barbara Bravo will give a lesson on Succession Planting. Learn how you can enjoy fresh, home-grown veggies throughout three seasons and maybe even into early winter. Succession planting is the key, what to plant when and how to be prepared for the next growing cycle. We'll also look at ways to warm up the soil in spring to get an early start as well as season extenders to keep your garden growing even as temperatures start to drop.

Master gardener Barbara Bravo has more than 25 years' experience gardening where the wildlife is plentiful and where she continues to learn peaceful co-existence. Her garden was featured on the Saugerties Secret Gardens Tour. She is a Garden Coach, Coordinator of Garden Day, and has lectured on many topics. When not in the garden, she may be found working in her studio creating handmade tiles and nature inspired pottery.

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Despite Gaming Commission... Wawarsing Still An Economic Focus
(Ellenville, NY) While the decision of the New York State Gaming Facility Location Board has concluded the Nevele Resort Casino & Spa application was not successful, the Ulster County Legislature maintains its support of building an economic stimulus in the southern part of Ulster County.

"Wawarsing stood at the ready to bring the Nevele back as an economic engine which would have benefited the entire region," commented Ulster County Legislator Craig Lopez. "Even though New York State has turned a blind eye to Wawarsing, I will work everyday to make sure the County does not forget about Wawarsing."

Legislator TJ Briggs stated on hearing the Board's decision, "Although there will be no casino, Wawarsing still needs economic development." As a Legislative representative to the Ulster County Industrial Development Agency (IDA), Legislator Briggs noted, "Partnering with IDA member Mary Sheeley, we will turn every stone to bring all available economic development attention to Wawarsing."

Governor Cuomo Announces "2015 NYS Opportunity Agenda" Unveiled Governor

Andrew M. Cuomo has announced that the 2015-16 Executive Budget will be released and presented together with the 2015 State of the State Address. The 2015 New York State of Opportunity Agenda will be presented by Governor Cuomo on Wednesday, January 21, 2015 at 1:30 p.m. in the Empire State Plaza Convention Center in Albany to members of the Legislature and to the people of New York State. The January 21st release of the combined State of the State and Executive Budget

will expedite the process of legislative budget hearings, giving the Executive and Legislature additional time ahead of the March 31st deadline. "The challenges we face are daunting - but the past four years are a testament to what we can achieve when we work together, and I believe we can keep that progress going," Governor Cuomo said. "This is what New Yorkers do: we take on the big challenges, get them done, and create an example for the rest of the nation to follow. I look forward to presenting the New York State of Opportunity Agenda to the members of the Legislature and people from across the Empire State on January 21st."

New Leaders at Religious Group Monticello Interfaith Council Elects New Officers for 2015

[MONTICELLO] - The Monticello Interfaith Council elected new officers for 2015 at its annual reorganizational meeting on Tuesday, January 13, 2015. The council brings together representatives of various faith communities in Monticello, as well as community organizations and interested individuals, for the purpose of dialogue, information sharing, celebration and social transformation in Monticello.

All people of faith are invited to participate. Those elected by the members are:
o Margaret Langston of Shambhala International (a Buddhist organization), President
o Lillian Armstead of Bethlehem Temple Church, Vice-President
o Sister and Elder Hsieh of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Vice-Presidents
o Neal Jacobs of Temple Shalom, Treasurer
o Janet Veale of the United Methodist Church of Monticello, Secretary
Active since 2010, the council meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the various locations of the member religious institutions. The group has several working committees:

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o Youth Activities - presently hosting twice monthly movies for children and young people at the Ted Stroebele Center
o Food Security - helping to coordinate food pantries
o Community Thanksgiving Meal - planning for the annual dinner at Monticello High School
o Community Outreach - reaching out to other religious organizations
The council also hosts an annual Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service and undertakes various activities throughout the year, such as participating in the Monticello Bagel Festival and other village events. The next Interfaith Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 10 at 6:30 p.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints at 104 Richardson Avenue in Monticello. To learn more and get involved, email monticellointerfaith@gmail.com or contact Sullivan Renaissance, a longtime supporter of the Interfaith Council, at 845-295-2445.

Valentine's Eve Love Poetry Special

On the night before Valentine's Day, a love poetry special at New World Home Cooking, New World Home Cooking, 1411 Route 212, between Woodstock and Saugerties presented by members of the Goat Hill Poets: Guy Reed, Marianna Boncek, Victoria Sullivan, Judith Lechner, and Leslie Gerber.

Friday, February 13, at 7 p.m., several of Ulster County's best-known poets collaborate in a poetic love feast, reading both original poems and favorites by other poets.

There will be the usual open mic, but we are asking participants to read only love poems, also their own or by others. This reading will begin promptly at 7, so please arrive by 6:30 for dinner. Call 845-246-0900 for reservations.

Ice Harvesting at Frost Valley

Before modern appliances provided convenient cooling methods of stor-



ing food, large chunks of ice would be extracted from the Hudson River, or even in smaller ponds here in the Catskills, before being sold and transported to homes and businesses. While there is no longer a need to gather friends and family to help pull massive blocks out of the nearest lake, the process of ice harvesting is one of those often-forgotten arts that is still fun to learn and try.

"Modern ice cutting provides a history lesson in addition to physically activity," says Jennie Stover, a program director at Frost Valley YMCA, where weekend visitors can try it themselves. "We use old-fashioned tools to pull blocks of ice that weigh between 50-100 lbs. right out of our lake." Participants can also learn about how ice was stored by visiting the icehouse belonging to the Forstmann Castle, a historic building on the premises that once held thousands of pounds of ice and was insulated enough to keep them cold all year.

Those who favor a more leisurely experience on the ice can also try ice skating or ice fishing at Frost Valley. "The weather has been cold enough lately that we can open all of our ice activities up to the public for either a day rate or a weekend stay," Stover says. "We've groomed our lake to be ideal for ice skating, and we maintain it as often as possible to keep the surface smooth." They don't provide skates, so be sure to bring your own. Guests who try ice fishing will be given a pole and bait, and have the chance to catch perch, trout, and other fish. "The staff uses an ice auger to create a hole, and it's a fun challenge to catch fish from it," Stover says.

While reservations are not needed for ice activities, it's advised that day or weekend guests call ahead at 845-985-2291 to check conditions. Please visit FrostValley.org for upcoming events

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Catskill Brewery Boys & Girls Fundraiser

As it does every year, in 2014 The Misner Agency and its staff participated in "dress-down Fridays" with each staff member having to "pay to dress down each Friday." All of the dress-down monies were then donated to:

The Bread of Life Food Pantry, Rock Hill SPCA, St Jude Children's Research Hospital, Boys & Girls Clubs of Sullivan & Orange Counties, Sullivan ARC, Lighthouse Ministries, 1st Presbyterian Food Pantry in Jeffersonville, Reform Church of Youngsville Food Pantry, Grahamsville Methodist Church Food Pantry, Lady of Assumption Food Pantry, Rock Hill United Methodist Church Food Pantry, Guiding Eyes for the Blind, Federation for The Homeless, Best Friends Animal Shelter, People for People Fund, and the Westtown Evangelical Church Food Pantry. In addition to these donations, The Misner Agency also collected and forwarded pet supplies to the Rock Hill SPCA and the Middletown Humane Society. In the months of November and December, The Misner Agency Management "matched employee contributions."

Attached is the details for a "beer tasting" event hosted by The Misner Agency to benefit the Boys & Girls Club for 2015. This event will be held at The Catskill Brewery on Sunday February 8, 2015, with proceeds from this event to be donated to The Boys & Girls Club. For more information, please contact The Misner Agency at 845-434-7755.

UC Sheriff Paul J. VanBlarcum Announces Appointment of Captian Michael O. Freer to Position of Undersheriff

Sheriff Paul J. Van Blarcum announces the appointment of Captain Michael O. Freer to the position of Undersheriff of the Ulster County Sheriff's Office. Captain Freer succeeds retiring Undersheriff Frank P. Faluotico, Jr. Captain Freer has been with the Sheriff's Office for 34 years. In May of 1981 he was appointed a Deputy Sheriff from the first ever civil service list for deputy sheriff in Ulster County. He was promoted to patrol sergeant in October of 1986; promoted to patrol lieutenant in January of 2000; and promoted to Captain of Police Services in October 2007.

Captain Freer is a graduate of New Paltz High School. He received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from Marist College and a Master's Degree in Criminal Justice from Boston University. Captain Freer is married with four grown children and four grandchildren.





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\$35.00 per person - cash or check at the door

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RSVP appreciated - cmckenzie@misneragency.com

Event hosted by *Team Josie and the Pussycats* from *The Misner Agency, Inc.* in support of the Boys & Girls Club of Orange & Sullivan Counties. Proceeds from this event will be donated to the Boys & Girls Club.



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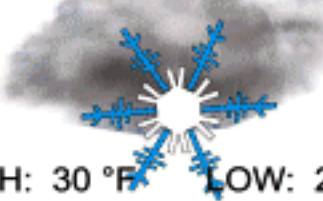
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Fly Fest at the Catskill Fly Fishing Museum
Livingston Manor, NY On February 7, 2015 the tenth annual Fly Fest sponsored by Roscoe's Catskill Flies and coordinated by Rick Fischer and John Bonasera will launch the first event of the season at the Catskill Fly Fishing Center.

Fly tyers from all over the Northeast will informally gather and shed their cabin fever in a fly tying frenzy at the Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum at 9:00 AM. This annual event continues to grow and brings out the best in fly tying. Fly Fest is a great day to spend with friends and share in the day. As always a wide array of talented tyers will be on hand to help you learn new patterns. Visitors are encouraged to bring their tying gear and join in the fun.

It's been proven that whether a flytyer sees his shadow or not, there are 7 more weeks before another NYS Trout

Fishing Season begins on April 1.
Fly Fest will kick off another new year here in the Catskills and prepare us for a great year to come. Be sure to be part of it.
There are more events to follow. The 2015 Activity and Event Calendar can be found at www.catskillflyfishing.org and daily news updates on www.facebook.com/cffcm.

Fifth Annual Maple Woods Farm Banquet

On January 10th, over 70 riders and family members attended the Fifth Annual Maple Woods Farm Banquet to celebrate a fun and successful 2014! Maple Woods Farm is a family owned farm in Loch Sheldrake that specializes in safe and educational horsemanship riding lessons and pony rides. Riding Lessons are taught by CHA Clinician and Master Instructor, Amy Barkley-Carey, who has been teaching for over 20 years. As a CHA Clinician, Amy spent four weeks between Pennsylvania, New York and Maine certifying almost 40 new riding instructors last year.



Some of the highlights of 2014 include numerous clinics, including hosting a Horse Agility Clinic with Heidi Potter, in which 16 equine enthusiasts participated, summer camp for kids, pony rides at birthday parties and the annual Giant Pumpkin Party in Grahamsville. 20 riders also participated in a schooling show hosted at

Maple Woods Farm in August.
Also highlighted in 2014 were the many horse shows that the talented MWF Show Team attended and earned day-end and year end Championships. Three riders from MWF, who are also members of the 4-H Fetlocks club, attended NY State Fair in Syracuse and earned 12 ribbons between them in the English, Western and Gymkhana divisions. Looking into 2015, clinics on Centered Riding, Western Dressage and Preparing to Show are planned, as are a Junior Instructors weekend camp, summer camp as well as many shows!
For more information on Riding Lessons, Pony Rides or the many upcoming Clinics hosted at MWF, contact Amy at 845-796-8753 or email Maplewoodsfarm@yahoo.com

Creative Conversations Intimate performances and talks at DVAA In February and March

A reading of playwright John Backe's one-act play, "A Good Stiff One," opens DVAA's winter "Creative Conversations," the third annual series of salon-style gatherings on Sunday, February 8 at 3 p.m. Set in a bar and grill somewhere in New York, the play features three people with different motives who try to solve a "problem" that exists in the restroom. After the reading, Backe, the play's director Wendy Merritt, and the actors will discuss their roles in bringing the play to life. The snow date for this event is Sunday, February 15 at 3 p.m.

"Creative Conversations" continues with the new documentary "Divide in Concord" on Sunday, February 22 at 2 p.m. The feature-length film follows the events leading up to a vote on whether to ban the sale of plastic water bottles in a town known for being the birthplace of the revolutionary war: Concord, Massachusetts.

The winter salon series continues on Sunday, March 1, when members of Delaware Valley Chamber Orchestra present a music performance followed by a panel of composers and musicians.

There is a suggested donation of \$10 for these events, which take place at the Delaware Arts Center, Krause Recital Hall, 37 Main Street, 2nd floor, Narrowsburg, NY. Seating is limited. For details, call 845-252-7576 or visit www.DelawareValleyArtsAlliance.org.

DEP Opened More than 4,800 Acres and Enhanced Recreation Opportunities in the Watershed in 2014- New hiking trails and expanded hunting privileges underscore year of expanded access

The New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) today announced that more than 4,800 additional acres of city-owned property across the watershed were opened for public recreation for the first time in 2014. In addition, DEP worked with its partners to establish two new hiking trails, and worked with the state to expand hunting privileges on nearly 12,000 acres of property through deer management assistance permits.

"DEP has continued to find ways to expand and enhance the opportunities for hiking, fishing and other outdoor activities on our lands and reservoirs," DEP Commissioner Emily Lloyd said. "We are happy to see that thousands of people from the watershed and New York City, along with visitors from across the northeast, are enjoying the scenic beauty of the Catskills and Hudson Valley. In 2015, DEP will continue to work with our partners in the region to improve the access and programs that help support the tourism and outdoor recreation economies that are so important to communities in the watershed."

"The Catskill Mountains have long been known as a popular tourism destination and vacation retreat by a great number of visitors," said Mary Beth Silano, president of the Catskill Association for Tourism Services. "Our forests, mountains and waterfalls inspired generations of painters, poets and storytellers, and today it is these features that attract hundreds of thousands of tourists to our area. The opening of DEP properties significantly enhances outdoor recreation in the Catskill Mountains, to our visitors and residents alike."

"The Catskill Center applauds the ongoing efforts by NYC DEP to improve access to our watershed lands," Catskill Center Executive Director Alan White said. "Outdoor recreation is and will continue to be a major draw to the Catskills region and a tremendously vital piece of our economy. By continuing our work to improve access to the scenic natural beauty of the Catskills we can remove barriers to the region - by reducing permit requirements, for example, or the enhanced development of regional trails - ultimately benefiting the local communities of our region, including New York City."

DEP opened 4,820 additional acres of land for recreation use in 2014, of which 4,143 are public access areas that can be used without a permit. Use of the remaining 677 acres requires an access permit that is available free of charge on the DEP website. The newly opened properties include 2,626 acres in Delaware County, 1,248 acres in Greene County, 444 acres in Putnam County, 200 acres in Schoharie County, and 302 acres in Ulster County. DEP also removed permit requirements from 1,287 acres in the Catskills, making them even easier for the public to enjoy. DEP first established public access areas in 2008 to allow recreation without permits on certain watershed lands. Since then, the number of acres open for recreation without a permit has more than tripled, from 20,009 to 63,612. In total, DEP has opened 126,107 acres of lands and reservoirs for fishing, hiking, hunting and other forms of low-impact recreation.

Many of these recreation areas are open year-round, including during winter for activities such as cross-

country skiing and snowshoeing. Those using the recreation areas should pay careful attention to posted signs that outline the allowable uses. That information, along with a list of recreation areas, can also be viewed on the DEP website by clicking here.

The city's expansion of recreational opportunities across the watershed in 2014 went beyond access to new lands. DEP also saw increased participation in existing recreation programs, and worked with its nonprofit partners and the State of New York to support tourism, outdoor recreation and quality of life with new programs. Some highlights include:

- o The recreational boating program at Cannonsville, Neversink, Pepacton and Schoharie reservoir tallied 1,182 total visits, an all-time high for the program since it began in 2012. That total includes 355 visitors who rented a kayak or canoe from one of the six watershed businesses that store and rent boats from alongside the reservoirs. The rental program is administered with significant help from the Catskill Watershed Corporation, which funded 30 storage racks for the boats and administered the process to vet and approve the rental businesses. About 59 percent of the boating visits were by residents of the five watershed counties, while 15 percent were from the five boroughs of New York City, or Long Island.

- o 2014 was the second year for a pilot program that allowed the use of electric trolling motors for fishing at Cannonsville Reservoir. The program issued 64 tags to fishermen this year, and DEP expects to continue the pilot program at Cannonsville only in 2015.
- o The number of state-certified outdoor guides offering fishing, hiking and other expeditions on city-owned property also expanded in 2014. A total of 29 guides are now permitted by the city to offer guided outdoor trips that have long been a hallmark of the Catskills. That's up from 23 guides that registered when the program began in 2013. The state certification process requires the guides to know first aid, CPR, and water safety.

- o DEP worked with the Catskill Mountain Club to open a 3.7-mile trail on water supply land in the Delaware County town of Andes. The trail, which meanders through a landscape of meadows, forest and apple trees, attracted more than 800 people in 2014.

- o DEP also worked with the Putnam County Land Trust, the Town of Southeast, Concerned Residents of Southeast, and Boy Scout Troop 440, to open a 1-mile recreation trail alongside the Diverting Reservoir in Putnam County. The trail will provide new outdoor recreation opportunities to the neighboring Village of Brewster, and soon connect to a bike trail that is being developed.

- o In addition, DEP worked with the state Department of Environmental Conservation to expand a deer management program to include 11,948 acres around Ashokan, Cannonsville and Neversink Reservoirs. Deer Management Assistance Permits were issued to 280 hunters to help control deer populations on lands immediately adjacent to these reservoirs. Deer in large numbers can inhibit the regeneration of forests that serve as an important natural filter for water before it enters the reservoirs.

DEP manages New York City's water supply, providing more than one billion gallons of high quality water each day to more than 9 million New Yorkers. This includes more than 70 upstate communities and institutions in Ulster, Orange, Putnam and Westchester counties who consume an average of 110 million total gallons of drinking water daily from New York City's water supply system. This water comes from the Catskill, Delaware,

and Croton watersheds that extend more than 125 miles from the City, and the system comprises 19 reservoirs, three controlled lakes, and numerous tunnels and aqueducts. DEP has nearly 6,000 employees, including almost 1,000 scientists, engineers, surveyors, watershed maintainers and others professionals in the upstate watershed. In addition to its \$70 million payroll and \$157 million in annual taxes paid in upstate counties, DEP has invested more than \$1.7 billion in watershed protection programs-including partnership organizations such as the Catskill Watershed Corporation and the Watershed Agricultural Council-that support sustainable farming practices, environmentally sensitive economic development, and local economic opportunity. In addition, DEP has a robust capital program with nearly \$14 billion in investments planned over the next 10 years that will create up to 3,000 construction-related jobs per year. For more information, visit nyc.gov/dep, like us on Facebook at [facebook.com/nycwater](https://www.facebook.com/nycwater), or follow us on Twitter at twitter.com/nycwater.

At least 57 Wastewater Projects Worth \$288 Million Now Eligible for Zero-Percent Loans; Olean and Malone First to Take Advantage of New Simplified Process

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo announced that New York State is making it easier for municipalities with fewer than 300,000 people to obtain interest-free financing for up to 30 years to improve wastewater collection and treatment systems. The Environmental Facilities Corporation's Board of Directors approved the policy at its board meeting today.

"New York does more than any other state to finance local wastewater infrastructure projects that protect the environment and support jobs," Governor Cuomo said. "Today we are making it easier for hundreds of communities across the state to get interest-free loans, which means reduced project costs and significant savings for taxpayers."

The first communities to take advantage of the new hardship program are the City of Olean in Cattaraugus County and the Village of Malone in Franklin County. The EFC Board of Directors today approved a \$12.7 million no-interest loan to upgrade the Village of Malone's wastewater treatment plant, along with a \$19 million loan package for the City of Olean, including \$18 million interest-free, to expand and upgrade that city's wastewater treatment plant. With this zero-interest financing from EFC, Olean will save \$425,000 and Malone \$300,000 over the cost of financing these projects on their own.

"With more communities eligible for interest-free financing, we will kick-start projects that had been held up," said EFC President and CEO Matthew Driscoll. "Interest-free loans can be a great incentive for municipalities to move forward on projects that will not only protect the environment but also could spur new opportunities for economic development. With a hardship designation, a community is also eligible to extend this interest-free financing into a long-term loan of up to 30 years, resulting in even-more savings for ratepayers."

"Building on EFC's success as the nation's largest investor in water-quality infrastructure, the new rules being adopted will help more local governments take advantage of zero-interest financing through EFC's Hardship loan program," said Department of Environmental Conservation Commissioner and EFC Board Chair Joe Martens. "These new rules will

encourage more communities to seek out financing from EFC and proceed with infrastructure projects that protect the environment and public health, create jobs and help foster new economic development opportunities across New York State.

Under this new hardship policy, EFC is streamlining its application procedures and providing local governments with an additional month, until March 2, to apply for Clean Water loans. Now municipalities at or below the state's Median Household Income level of \$55,603 based on the 2010 census automatically qualify for a hardship, zero-interest loan. Previously, municipalities had to demonstrate hardship status by submitting numerous financial and income measurements, in addition to the MHI, as well as design factors that calculate the hydraulic and organic loading rates in a proposed treatment system.

For eligible communities with a population of 300,000 or less and that are below the state's Median Household Income, hardship financing will now be available. The financing can be used by qualifying local governments for projects with total costs up to \$25 million, with the first \$18 million in EFC financing at a zero-interest rate, and repayment of up to 30 years. For communities of this size in New York State, a typical Clean Water project usually costs far less than \$25 million. Statewide, there are a total of 994 cities, towns and villages that would qualify under the new policy.

Proposed projects submitted by qualifying municipalities are scored in a points system based on the severity of a pollution problem among other factors. The new policy affects new projects that are pursuing loan agreements closed after October 1, 2014.

The new hardship policy follows other changes instituted by EFC to encourage more communities to seek financing for clean-water infrastructure improvements. For the past two years, EFC has offered subsidized financing to projects with historically lower scores as long as engineering reports and other information are filed on time.

With these changes, EFC broke a single-year record with more than \$2.3 billion in direct financings and refinancings during the 2014 federal fiscal year (Oct. 1 through Sept. 30) for wastewater and drinking water infrastructure in 130 communities across the state. Likewise, the latest figures from the federal government's National Information Management System show EFC provided more than \$924 million to wastewater infrastructure projects between July 1, 2013 and June 30, 2014, which is the most of any state and more than twice as much as the second-leading state, California, that had \$400 million.

EFC provides low-cost financing to help local governments afford major improvements to wastewater and drinking water infrastructure. Funding for the Olean and Malone wastewater projects comes from New York's Clean Water State Revolving Fund, which is jointly administered by EFC and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC).

In the projects approved for financing today, Malone will replace equipment to improve its wastewater treatment operations to comply with state environmental regulations. Olean will improve the reliability of its treatment plant and reduce the risk of inadequately treated wastewater being discharged into the Allegheny River during wet weather.

For more information on how to apply for a zero-interest loan, visit: <http://www.efc.ny.gov/CleanWaterLoans>.

UC Executive Mike Hein Delivers 2015 State of the County Address

(From Pg. 1)

Ulster County continues to embrace innovation and change while balancing fiscal, social and environmental responsibility. County Executive Mike Hein's speech addressed new initiatives and the recent accomplishments of his Administration.

NEW INITIATIVES

- o Net Carbon Neutral, Ulster County is the first county government in New York State to become net carbon neutral;
 - o Electric Vehicle Charging Stations at Ulster County locations;
 - o Hybrid Plug-in vehicles for County operations;
 - o Conversion of the entire UCAT Bus Fleet to Biodiesel;
 - o A 4 Megawatt Solar Project proposed at the former Town of Ulster Landfill and SUNY Ulster;
 - o \$10 million in critical infrastructure projects this year, an unprecedented investment;
 - o \$120,000 to SUNY ULSTER to avoid tuition hikes;
 - o The Career Ladder Pilot Program fills the gaps between Federal and State dollars to provide opportunities for the chronically unemployed;
 - o Diversity Committee created to ensure there is fairness, justice and equality for all those seeking employment within Ulster County;
 - o A new Mobile Mental Health Team, the first of its kind in Ulster County, allowing for a team of professionals to assist those in crisis, avert unnecessary emergency department visits, and create linkages to services in the community;
 - o New State partnership to address human trafficking and child abuse on a local level;
 - o Enhanced County funding for elder abuse and child advocacy programs;
 - o Ulster County's Anti-Domestic Violence Smartphone App called PATH H - Prevention Abuse Through Health and Healing;
 - o An Animal Abuse Registry;
 - o The Tax Stabilization Reserve to protect property taxpayers, the first of its kind in Ulster County;
 - o Shovel Ready Proposal to place the former Ulster County jail back on the tax rolls and promote sustainable development in the City of Kingston; and
 - o The Ellenville Million, a proposal and initiative to help revitalize the Wawarsing and Ellenville area.
- ### ACCOMPLISHMENTS
- o 100% of the County's electricity is purchased from green renewable energy sources;
 - o The S.T.R.I.V.E. Project (Strategic Taxpayer Relief through Innovative Visions in Education) is a step closer to providing inner-city youth with access to higher education at the former Sophie Finn School;
 - o The Guaranteed Jobs Program, an opportunity for Ulster County residents to become employed in the County's manufacturing sector. At the County Executive's direction, SUNY Ulster and BOCES collaborated with the County and private sector businesses to create this pilot training program which resulted in real jobs for real people;
 - o "Ban the Box," created by Executive Order, eliminates the potential for job discrimination within the County;
 - o The Ulster County Patriots Project, providing transitional housing for homeless in need;
 - o The Veterans Advisory Committee, formed by the County Executive to design and oversee the creation of a Veterans Memorial to honor all of Ulster County's fallen soldiers dating back to the American Revolution, scheduled to be dedicated on May 24, 2015;
 - o Cut in the County property tax levy 1% for 2015;
 - o Ulster County Advantage, a buy local initiative launched by the County Executive in collaboration with local financial institutions which turns debit cards into discount cards thereby promoting area businesses and saving consumers money; and

o \$28 million secured during the last four years through competitive economic grants from New York State to help area businesses, not-for-profits and local municipalities grow and thrive.

County Executive Hein stated that the County will continue to protect our environment by installing free electric vehicle charging stations for plug-in hybrid vehicles at various County locations, and the County's sedans scheduled for replacement in 2015 will be replaced with Hybrid plug-in vehicles. In addition, there will be a biodiesel conversion of the entire UCAT bus fleet. In order to help further reduce the County's impact on the environment, the County Executive asked the Legislature to join him in creating 4 megawatts of clean solar energy by establishing large scale solar projects at the former Town of Ulster landfill and SUNY Ulster. This action is equivalent to saving 5,200 barrels of oil annually.

County Executive Hein reaffirmed his commitment to improving infrastructure by allocating \$3.5 million in revenues to leverage over \$10 million for infrastructure projects to repair, upgrade and replace roads and bridges. Plans include making roads safer by widening road shoulders for pedestrian and bike use, using new geo-stabilization technology, and providing temporary co-located bridges in highly populated areas with limited detour options.

The County Executive established the Career Ladder Pilot Program for those individuals who receive public assistance or are chronically unemployed and are seeking greater opportunities. It will fill in the gaps between Federal and State dollars and provide a hand up for those in need.

County Executive Hein announced programs to address issues such as human trafficking and child abuse, elder abuse, domestic violence and animal abuse. The County is working with the State to address human trafficking on the local level. The County is also providing additional resources for programs related to elder abuse and child advocacy. Also, County Executive Hein has asked the Legislature to adopt legislation to create an Animal Abuse Registry to hold people accountable for cruelty toward animals.

To continue protecting Ulster County taxpayers, County Executive Hein committed to reducing the County property tax levy again in 2016 with the cooperation of the Legislature, as well as the establishment of a Tax Stabilization Reserve fund to further protect taxpayers. He stressed the importance of keeping taxes low for businesses. He also asked the Ulster County Legislature to partner with him to take action in preparing the former Ulster County jail to be "shovel ready" and placed back on the real property tax rolls.

He announced the Ellenville Million initiative and the formation of the Ellenville Million Task Force to advise the County Executive and Legislature on how these dollars, due to the County from New York State to offset impacts from the nearby casino, should be appropriated to help revitalize the Ellenville-Wawarsing area.

County Executive Hein asked the Ulster County Legislature to partner with him on some important projects:

- o Ellenville Million;
- o 4 Megawatt Solar Project;
- o Animal Abuse Registry;
- o Former Jail - Shovel Ready project; and
- o 2016 Property Tax Cut.

On the State level, the County Executive urged the Ulster County Legislature to focus with the entire State delegation on delivering the timely passage of a sales tax extender bill without incident.

County Executive Hein concluded "Residents should not have to choose between a fiscally responsible government and a socially responsible government. They have every right to expect both. We will continue to reinvent county government every single day and strive to make it better because our hard working middle class has

every right to both prosper and participate in the American dream along with everyone else. We live in the greatest nation on the face of this earth and the finest place anywhere to live, work and raise a family. I believe it can get even better, and with your support, together we can and will build a better Ulster County today and an even greater Ulster County for generations to come."

To view the 2015 State of the County Presentation please visit: <http://ulster-countyny.gov/executive/state-county>

Statement from Governor Andrew M. Cuomo

"Today the International Criminal Court (ICC) stated that it was opening a preliminary examination with respect to Israel. I was proud to lead a bipartisan delegation to Israel during Operation Protective Edge as a sign of our friendship and support. I saw first-hand the Hamas tunnels that lead directly into communities and whose sole purpose is to inflict terror and kill civilians. Given the extraordinary threat to Israel from Hamas and other terrorist organizations, today's action of the ICC is incomprehensible. Israel, the only democracy in the Middle East, has a right to defend itself against terrorist organizations. Friends stand with friends in times of crisis, and New York will continue to stand with the people of Israel."

Schneiderman on EPA Plan to Reduce Methane Emissions from Oil & Gas Industry

The following statement is attributable to Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)'s announcement today that the agency will adopt regulations to reduce emissions of the powerful greenhouse gas methane from the oil and gas industry:

"For more than two years, my office and other states have urged EPA to act on its responsibility under the Clean Air Act to regulate methane emissions from the oil and gas industry, which contribute substantially to climate change pollution. I applaud EPA's announcement today that it will require the industry to control these emissions from new sources.

"Although today's announcement is an important step forward, it is essential that EPA also act on its responsibility under the Clean Air Act to regulate methane emissions from existing sources and natural gas distribution. We must take advantage of the proven, effective measures available to reduce this pollution as a crucial part of efforts to stem the threat of climate change."

Background

In December 2012, Attorney General Schneiderman, leading a coalition of seven states, notified the federal Environmental Protection Agency of his intent to sue the agency for violating the Clean Air Act by failing to regulate methane emissions from the oil and natural gas industry. The coalition charged that because EPA has determined that methane is a powerful climate change pollutant emitted by the industry in large quantities, and because affordable methods for controlling these emissions were then available, EPA had violated the Clean Air Act when it largely ignored methane in the agency's 2012 updates to air pollution emission standards for the oil and gas industry. EPA's decision at the time not to directly address the emissions left the vast majority of methane emissions from oil and natural gas operations unregulated.

In the summer of 2013, President Obama issued a Climate Action Plan that, among other things, committed his administration to developing a comprehensive, interagency strategy to reduce methane emissions. That strategy, which was released in March 2014, committed EPA to a number of activities, including assessing significant sources of methane and other emissions from the oil and gas sector, soliciting input from independent experts through a series of technical white papers, and determining how best to pursue further methane reductions from these sources. Attorney General Schneiderman's coal-

ition filed comments on the EPA white papers advocating for the direct regulation of methane from new and existing oil and gas development and delivery equipment, and has held the filing of the lawsuit in abeyance due to EPA's actions considering the matter.

EPA announced today that it will issue proposed regulations this summer that will require new and modified equipment, such as compressors and pneumatic controllers, to meet standards to limit their methane emissions. The regulation of new and modified sources also triggers EPA's duty under the Clean Air Act to issue emission guidelines to facilitate state regulation of existing emission sources in the industry. Reducing emissions from these existing sources is also likely necessary to reach EPA's announced target reduction of 40-45% less methane emissions by 2025 compared to 2012 levels.

In addition to urging EPA to regulate methane emissions from the oil and gas industry under the Clean Air Act, the Attorney General has taken several recent actions to ensure that the impacts of natural gas and oil on climate change are adequately evaluated and addressed:

- o Intervening in the Con Ed rate case to press the utility to evaluate the impacts of climate change on its operations, measure methane leaks, and speed up the replacement of leaking pipes.
- o In recent proceedings before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, called on FERC to impose meaningful and enforceable conditions on any permit issued by the Commission to minimize methane emissions from natural gas pipelines.
- o Submitted comments to the U.S. State Department calling for a thorough analysis of the greenhouse gas emissions resulting from importing Canadian tar sand crude oil to U.S. oil refineries through the proposed Keystone XL pipeline and all other means of its importation, including crude oil unit trains.

POLITICAL SLANT

-Frank Comando

To the Editor:

January 8th was the 200th anniversary of the Battle of New Orleans, the final one of our most misunderstood and forgotten wars. Bits and pieces survive in popular memory: the burning of the White House, the "Star Spangled Banner", "Old Ironsides". But they aren't associated with a particular war. Even professional historians are vague about the war and its origin.

The war was fought for control of the Mississippi Valley and our westward advance. The British hadn't gotten out of posts like Detroit in the Ohio country, the Old Northwest Territory, and were aiding Tecumseh's confederation of Native American tribes, the best chance the tribes ever had to stop the American encroachment. The war was fought on the frontier with American victories on Lake Erie, Lake Champlain, and on land at the Thames River in Canada. Tecumseh was killed in the battle and his coalition fell apart. (There were also stinging defeats.)

American victories in the Ohio Territory secured the northern part of the Mississippi valley, the victory at New Orleans secured the lower part of the river. Had the British been victorious in the war, it is likely that they would have blocked western expansion. Perhaps Canada would occupy our West.

See "William Henty Harrison and the Conquest of the Ohio Territory" by David Curtis Skaggs, Johns Hopkins, 2014. William Henty Harrison became our ninth president and was the grandfather of Benjamin, our 23rd, our first dynasty.

John Higgins
Grahamsville, NY

What are your thoughts?

To have your comments, letters and/or questions published, space allowing and following Townsman guidelines as listed in the masthead on Page 2, send an Email: tvtownsman@yahoo.com or The Townsman, PO Box 232, Grahamsville, NY 12740

Sullivan County Professional Women: Upcoming Events:

Thursday, February 19th, 7:00pm at Seelig Theater SCCC - *Until The Violence Stops* - A 2003 documentary film directed by Abby Epstein. The film follows events marking 2002 V-Day, a grassroots movement inspired by Eve Ensler's 1996 play *The Vagina Monologues*. Admission is free and refreshments will be served afterwards.

Thursday, February 26th @ 7:00 pm and Friday, February 27th @ 8:00 pm at Seelig Theater SCCC - *The Vagina Monologues* - An "Obie Award" winning whirlwind of a forbidden zone. A wildly divergent gathering of female voices, many of whom you may recognize!

Admission: Students with proper ID are FREE; All others are \$5.00

All proceeds benefit RISE= Rape Intervention, Services, and Education

Plan Ahead:

April 2 *The Good Body*; April 11-Women's Conference

Stay tuned for more details and more happenings!

Sweetheart Dinner
 Sundown Methodist Church Hall
 February 14th • 5 pm

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 Call (845)-985-2455 by February 10th

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Take out is also available.

Hope to see you and
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 Lead Pastor

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 Wednesday Bible Study - 6:45 p.m.
 Pastor: Rev. Peggy Ann Sauerhoff
 845-985-2283
 e-mail: Sundownumc@gmail.com

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Federation Asking Kids to Create Valentines4Vets

The Sullivan County Federation for the Homeless is sweet on Veterans. They want to know if any young people who feel that way too would like to show it in a special way this Valentine's Day. They are asking kids to help to make sure that this year on Valentine's Day, our Sullivan County Vets and active military personnel know just how much we love them.

Kathy Kreiter, director of the Federation, has a few tips. "You can create a card using whatever craft supplies you have. Simply fold a piece of paper in half and then draw a heart, or you can get fancy with stickers and cut-outs. For a special touch, use patriotic colors or designs on your valentine. Write a message to a veteran inside the card. You can thank the veteran for service to our country or just write an uplifting message of greeting. Remember that the veteran receiving your card may be male or female and may have served in the military in many different capacities."

The valentines can be sent to "Valentine4Vets, SC Federation for the Homeless, PO Box 336, Monticello, NY 12701" They will be distributed at the Federation Veteran's Pantry on February 13th. The bi-weekly pantry is free and open to all veterans and active duty military personnel living in Sullivan County, and is held at the Federation located at 9 Monticello St in Monticello.


For more information, please call Kathy at (845) 794-2604.



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We Speak Your Language: Sullivan Renaissance Website Available In Multiple Languages

The Sullivan Renaissance website - SullivanRenaissance.org - is now available in multiple languages.

As part of the Renaissance En Español program, Sullivan Renaissance began to use an online translator to make the entire website available in Spanish. A side benefit of this effort is the ability to translate the website into every major language.

In addition to Spanish, the website is currently available in eighteen other languages: Chinese, Czech, Danish, Dutch, French, German, Hebrew, Hindi, Hungarian, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Russian, Ukrainian and Yiddish.

This is a good opportunity for individuals to acquaint their family, friends and neighbors who speak other languages with the Sullivan Renaissance program. The free service is available from Google Translate, which automatically translates the website. The instant translation is literal in nature and accurate to a high degree, but does not always translate idioms and dialects accurately.

The translation program does allow for the translation to be improved by collecting and using translation suggestions from users.

Individuals who would like to see additional languages added to the list should call the Sullivan Renaissance office at 845-295-2445. Over sixty languages are available.

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

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SUNDOWN METHODIST CHURCH
 Church Hall
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 5:30 p.m.



Grahamsville United Methodist Church

Third Saturday Thrift Sale
 9 am - 1 pm
 Jan. 17, 2015



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

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

Gibson Statement on NY Broadband Initiative

Congressman Chris Gibson (NY-19) issued the following statement on the announcement today of the New NY Broadband Program, a \$1 billion initiative to expand rural broadband service across New York. Today's announcement is an expansion of an existing program.

"Improving access to high-speed broadband is vital to the health and well being of our schools, farms, and businesses," said Congressman Gibson. "Having made this a top priority of my time in Congress, I am delighted the state Broadband Program Office is moving forward with new investments in rural regions like the 19th District. I look forward to continuing our strong partnership with Program Director David Salway, working to bring the communities in my district and across the state access to fast and affordable Internet service."

Congressman Gibson authored legislation in the Farm Bill to improve the USDA's Rural Utilities Broadband Loan Program, giving rural service providers greater access to capital for broadband infrastructure.

Governor Cuomo Announces \$12 Million to Protect and Preserve Water Quality

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced \$12 million to protect soils and waterways through the Agricultural Nonpoint Source Abatement and Control Program, funded through the New York State Environmental Protection Fund. These grants will assist farmers in addressing water quality challenges in priority watersheds throughout the State through adopting a variety of best management practice systems, including nutrient management systems, planting vegetation along streams to intercept runoff, and planting cover crops after the annual harvest to protect the soil.

"This funding will help our state maintain the clean water supply that is vital to the livelihood of all New Yorkers," Governor Cuomo said. "Our State's agricultural industry has been an economic success story over the past few years, and with our support we hope it will continue to expand and create jobs for years to come."

Grants will be awarded to County Soil and Water Conservation Districts, and will be administered by the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets and the New York State Soil and Water Conservation Committee.

The Agricultural Nonpoint Source Abatement and Control (AgNPS) grant program represents only part of a broader effort to help farmers achieve better water quality and more effective farming systems. The larger effort, called the Agricultural Environmental Management (AEM) framework and administered through County Soil and Water Conservation Districts, sets water quality and other environmental priorities. The Districts then use the AEM framework to assist interested farmers through several stages of planning and implementation to make science-based and cost-effective decisions. As a result, farmers are able to meet business goals while protecting and conserving the State's natural resources. Since the program's inception in 1993, New York State has dedicated nearly \$140 million to the AgNPS Program.

George Proios, Chair of the NYS Soil and Water Conservation Committee, said, "The State's 58

Soil and Water Conservation Districts are thankful for the stable state funding for the AgNPS program as well as increased funding each year to the Environmental Protection Fund. This funding provides important resources to local farmers for projects that benefit our state's natural resources."

State Agriculture Commissioner Richard A. Ball said, "Governor Cuomo's commitment to agriculture is helping to grow the state's farm economy every year, creating jobs and enhancing economic development in every corner of New York. Farmers are great stewards of the land they depend on for their livelihoods and every farmer depends on water for their operations. This funding will help protect our waterways for future generations of farmers who will also depend on these resources."

State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Joe Martens said, "New York farmers understand the importance of maintaining a healthy environment, and these grants will help them implement key conservation strategies and practices to protect our natural resources. This is another example of smart investments Governor Cuomo is making that benefit New York's agricultural community and the environment."

The Round 21 AgNPS Program RFP for County Soil and Water Conservation Districts is available on-line through the Grants Gateway. All appropriate materials must be submitted through the online gateway system by the deadline of March 31, 2014 for the application to be considered complete.

For additional details about this program and other natural resource protection programs, please contact your local County Soil and Water Conservation District.

Assemblyman Cahill Honors Former Governor Mario Cuomo

(Albany, NY) - Assemblymember Kevin A. Cahill (D - Ulster, Dutchess) joined his colleagues on the Assembly floor memorializing the life and accomplishments of former New York State Governor Mario Cuomo.

"I am honored to have had the opportunity to serve with former Governor Mario Cuomo during my first term in the Assembly," said Assemblymember Cahill. "His progressive leadership and commitment to public service put New York State on a path to success that is evident in our rich education system, strong business initiatives and continued dedication to the healthcare of our children."

Mario Cuomo served as Governor of the State of New York from 1983 to 1994. Prior to becoming Governor he acted as Lieutenant Governor of New York State from 1979 to 1982 and as Secretary of State of New York from 1975 to 1978.

"Cuomo embodied the courage, selflessness and passion for policy that made him one of the most influential leaders that our nation has ever seen," noted Cahill. "He was able to balance his role as the eloquent philosophical leader of a generation of progressive activists with an unprecedented level of attention to the details of governing our great state. Governor Mario Cuomo will forever stand as an impeccable representative of the people whose ground-breaking ideas and reforms laid the foundation upon which our state continues to find success."

Cahill mentioned the impact that Cuomo had on the residents of the

103rd Assembly District. "He comprehended our needs in the Hudson Valley to the smallest detail, while keeping his grand vision alive," added Cahill. "His kindness toward me, and in particular, young people from our community will be long remembered." In his floor remarks, Assemblyman Cahill recalled a visit by the Harry L. Edson Fourth Grade Class. "Expecting a standard tour of the Capitol, the students were instead invited into the Governor's office and met for over 45 minutes with the Governor," Cahill concluded.

UC Exec Mike Hein Announces Availability of Funding for 2015 Youth Programs

Kingston, NY - Ulster County Executive Mike Hein and Youth Bureau Director Evelyn Clarke announce the Ulster County Youth Bureau is accepting Request for Applications for the New York State Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) Youth Development grants. The Ulster County Youth Bureau administers the Youth Development Program (YDP) and Runaway & Homeless Shelter (RHYA) funding from OCFS and Ulster County to support youth programs.

Although New York State funding amounts for the 2015 calendar year have not yet been determined, agencies and municipalities interested in receiving this funding are encouraged to apply. Eligible agencies must be not-for-profit or community based organizations with federal identification or charities registration numbers.

In awarding funds, all 2015 applications are considered new and competitive, including formerly "automatically eligible" towns and municipalities. All YDP applicants will be applying com-

petitively for the same pool of funds.

Programs receiving YDP grants are funded up to 100 percent of approved expenses up to the allocated amount. The amount of funding will be subject to the availability of annual State and County appropriations, which have not yet been made.

Applications for these grants must be submitted online. Contact the Ulster County Youth Bureau at dzac@co.ulster.ny.us, to obtain the required forms and indicate "2015 Forms" in the subject line. Forms are also available from the Ulster County and OCFS websites. Applications are due no later than Friday, February 20, 2015. For additional assistance or information, contact the Youth Bureau at (845) 334-5264.

Senator Bonacic to Speaker Silver - Protect Women Now

Today, New York State Senator John J. Bonacic (R/C/I - Mt. Hope) announced that the New York State Senate passed eight bills as part of the Women's Equality Act which would: combat human trafficking; ensure equal pay for equal work; combat sexual harassment in the workplace; end discrimination based on gender, including discrimination in employment and obtaining housing and credit; require reasonable work accommodations for pregnant women; and afford stronger protections for domestic violence victims.

"For nearly two years, Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver has blocked these bills from coming to the floor, and by doing so has failed to protect women across New York State" said Senator Bonacic. "I call on Speaker Silver to stop blocking votes on these critical bills to protect women, and bring them to the floor of the Assembly immediately. I also ask Governor Cuomo to urge the Speaker to do the same."



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

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

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



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

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

Ticket to Work Employment Network at ULSTER WORKS assists SSI and SSDI benefit holders with job training and employment options- Ulster County Office of Employment and Training holds monthly workshop for SSI and SSDI consumers to increase their income
 Kingston New York: On Thursday, January 22, 2015 at 2:00 PM, The ULSTER WORKS One-Stop Center and the Ulster County Office of Employment and Training will hold a workshop for SSI

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- 1/22/15 Neversink Fire District Commissioners Meeting at 7 p.m.; Public Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
- 1/27/15 Town of Neversink Parks & Rec Advisory Board Meeting 7 pm
- 2/3/15 Town of Denning Town Board Meeting - 7 pm Denning Town Hall
- 2/4/15 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting - 7 pm
- 2/10/15 Town of Denning Town Board Business Meeting -7 pm Denning Town Hall
- 2/11/15 Town of Neversink Town Board Meeting
- 2/12/15 Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting 6 pm
- 2/14/15 Sundown UMC **Valentine's Dinner** - 5 pm Church Hall - Make your reservations by 2/10 985-2455
- 2/15/15 Claryville FD **All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast** 7 am - Noon
- 2/16/15 Town of Neversink HOLIDAY - PRESIDENTS' DAY
- 2/17/15 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting - 7:30 pm
- 2/21/15 Third **Saturday Thrif Sale** Grahamsville UMC - 9 am - 1 pm

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 Phoenixia Library • Emerson Resort • Phoenixia Diner • Esopus Deli •
 Snyder's • JOMA Cafe • Shokan Citgo

TOWN OF OLIVE MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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

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

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GRAHAMSVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 2015 THIRD SATURDAY THRIFT SALES

- 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
 Join us on the following Saturdays:
 January 17 July 18
 February 21 August 15
 March 21 September 19
 April 18 October 17
 May 16 November 21
 June 20 (No Thrift sale in Dec.)

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 Luncheons 11: a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
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 April 7 & 21 August 4 & 18
 May 5 & 19 September 1 & 22
 June 9 & 23 October 6 & 20
 July 7 & 21 November 3

DEC. 5 - Christmas Craft Fair 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Thank you for shopping with us. We invite you to join us on Sundays for Worship and Church School (grades k - 7) at 10:30 a.m. We also welcome you to worship at our sister church, Sundown United Methodist, at 8:30 a.m. with church school following the worship service.

and SSDI consumers on how to return to the workforce. A trained counselor will offer tools for finding employment, job training and the best ways to gain self-sufficiency in the workplace. The workshop is open to the general public, professionals, and agencies who work with SSDI and SSI recipients. All are encouraged to attend who are interested in learning about the Social Security Work Incentives and the Ticket to Work Program.

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

This program is scheduled for Thursday, January 22, 2015 at 2:00 PM, at the One-Stop at 601 Development Court (Albany Avenue) in Kingston. Reservations are required. Job seekers should contact: Troy Snyder, Disabilities Resource Coordinator of the Ticket to Work Program at the Ulster Works OneStop Center on Albany Avenue at 845-331-7202.

eral years to the Sullivan County Treasurer's Department, which is primarily responsible for preparing the award-winning financial report.

The CAFR has been judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program including demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the CAFR.

"I must thank my co-workers Shannan Armbrust and Lucrezia Anderson, and the Accounting staff, for their hard work, dedication, professionalism and mutual cooperation in working together to manage and document the financial affairs of the County, which has enabled the County to earn this prestigious award again." said County Treasurer Nancy Buck "There is a significant amount of daily work that county departments are required to perform and a professional financial management process that culminates in this annual achievement, and I thank and commend my staff and the others for this accomplishment, as duly noted by the GFOA", added Buck.

The GFOA is a nonprofit professional association serving approximately 17,500 government finance professionals with offices in Chicago, IL and Washington, D.C.

SC Treasurer Announces Receiving the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting

Monticello, N.Y.- Sullivan County Treasurer Nancy Buck has announced that a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting has been awarded to the County of Sullivan Treasurer's Department by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for its comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR) prepared in 2014, for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2013. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management. It is been awarded annually for the past sev-

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Knarf's "Classic Movie Trivia"
Inherit the Wind (1960)



Inherit the Wind is a 1960 Hollywood film adaptation of the play of the same name, written by Jerome Lawrence and Robert Edwin Lee, directed by Stanley Kramer. Based on the famous Scopes Monkey trial of 1925 a Tennessee school teacher Bertram Cates (Dick York) is arrested for teaching his students Darwin's theory of evolution. The case receives national attention and one of the newspaper reporters (Gene Kelly) arranges to bring in renowned defense attorney and atheist (Spencer Tracy) to defend Cates. The prosecutor played by Fredric March a former presidential candidate and famous evangelist. The two are old adversaries and clash throughout the film. The situation is further complicated by the fact that Cate's girlfriend is the daughter of the town's bombastic preacher (Claude Akins). Throughout the movie the sarcastic Kelly mocks the bible toting hostile townsfolk. Tracy eventually calls March to the stand and prods him to explain various biblical stories such as Jonah and the whale. March is so rattled by Tracy's questioning that he collapses under the strain. In the end despite his badgering of March, Tracy is sympathetic to March's beliefs.

The film had its World Premiere at the Astoria Theatre in London's West End on July 7th 1960.

Inherit the Wind will air this Sunday, January 25th at 4 pm on Turner Classic Movies.

1. Who played the judge?
2. What was the name of the gentlemen from the Baltimore Herald who was patterned after Henry L. Mencken?

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