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Thank You Jamie for a Job Well Done!

A big 'thank you' to Jamie Brooks from the *Wednesday Townsman Ladies* for a great job on the Neversink Parks & Recreation flier that was in last week's paper.

Not only did it include many delightful and interesting events for 2014, but Jamie got all the information on a six-page flier by using both sides of each sheet of paper. Jamie you saved a few trees, you saved the ladies a lot of time by preparing the flier as you did... and by using both sides of each sheet of paper, you saved the taxpayers some dollars and you saved us some postage! With postal rates increasing at the end of the month, we encourage other organizations who send fliers to the *Townsman*, to use Jamie's flier as an inspiration.

Again, thank you Jamie for the flier and for all the work you have done in preparing the events for 2014.

Army National Guard Major Flynn Takes Command of the Storied "Fighting 69th: Infantry Regiment

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced that New York Army National Guard Major Sean Flynn, a Delmar, N.Y. resident and a veteran of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, has been tapped to take command of the historic 69th Infantry Regiment. Flynn is the latest member of his family to serve with Fighting 69th in combat since its founding in 1851. One or more of his ancestors has served with the famed battalion in each theater of war it has been deployed to. Flynn has also authored a book about New York's Fighting 69th Infantry in Iraq.



"The Fighting 69th has a rich history of defending our nation and keeping New York's communities safe," Governor Cuomo said. "This battalion fought to end slavery during the Civil War, supported New York City in the aftermath of September 11th, and most recently came to the aid of the many New Yorkers who were displaced by this past summer's flooding. It is with great pride that I announce Major Sean Flynn's selection to lead this regiment." (Contd. Pg. 10)

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Chili Cookers and Lovers Unite at Annual Winterfest

Enter your favorite recipe or come on down and taste them all then vote for your favorite at the Winterfest on February 1 from 11:00 - 4:00 at Lippman Park, Route 209, Wawarsing, NY.

Chili Tasting Noon - 3:00; Judging 2:30; Peoples Choice 3:00; Meat; Meatless & Exotic Chili.

There will be Food & Craft Vendors; Ice Skating; Broom Bal; Ice Hockey; Vinny "Boom Botz" Nigro; Bonfire; Hay Rides; Poker Run; Visit from Frosty; and a Bike Race on Ice.

For information call 845-647-0200 ext 541 Entry forms available at: ewyouth-commission.org (Contd. Pg. 8)

Townsman On Line Problem

Due to a security problem at Register.com all *First Step* web hosting was taken down without notifying the customers. According to a supervisor at Register.com, this happened over the holidays and affected 22,000 customers, including *The Townsman*! They are in a remedial process and should have the site information transferred and back on line sometime this week. In the meantime, if you wish to access *The Townsman* on-line you can always go to:

<http://comando.50megs.com>

and that will bring you to the main index page of the *Townsman*.

We are sorry for any inconvenience or confusion.

Santa's Elf Force Invades Tri-Valley School District

Within the boundaries of rural Tri-Valley Central School District, something magical happened during the recent holiday season. Nearly 100 children were surprised to see toys, new clothing, and other goodies under the tree. Their families feasted on turkey dinners and enjoyed extra groceries over the two-week winter break. That's not so unusual. What is strange is how it all happened: the clandestine work of the Tri-Valley Community Elf Force.

Coordinated by the Tri-Valley Teachers' Association and disguised as ordinary people who live or work within the school district boundaries, this community team labored behind the scenes to make the holiday season one to remember. They were easily mistaken as fans at October's homecoming football game, stuffing a school bus with holiday meal supplies, or public employees lugging groceries into the office for a food drive. Some elves looked like guys driving pickup trucks, transporting food and gifts for distribution. Elves were spotted in the grocery stores, disguised as teachers, school secretaries, principals, parents and neighbors quietly adding extra cereal, crackers, soup, or applesauce to their carts to fill the snackpacks bound for home via school bus. Hardly noticeable as "different," they stood in line at Kohl's with winter clothes and toys piled high in their arms. A grandma "elf" spent hours knitting child-sized hats and mittens. A whole family of elves tied polar fleece blankets to warm both body and spirit. Student "elves" --members of elementary classes as well as secondary school clubs, teams, and Vo-Tech students-participated by wrapping gifts, purchasing presents, baking pies, donating food, assembling fruit baskets, creating cookie platters, managing supplies, and packing grocery bags.

Not to be outdone, local businesses, civic, and religious organizations dispatched their elf-members, too. For example, the Tri-Valley Essential Support Staff Association (TESSA) elves made a generous donation to offset food and gift costs. One male elf, dressed like a general contractor, purchased and delivered the 10 largest turkeys Shoprite had in stock after hearing through the grapevine of a shortage. Several groups sent gift cards or cash simply labeled, "For The Children."

Santa may have made the final delivery of holiday cheer, but he had plenty of help from the Tri-Valley Community Elf Force!

For additional information, contact the Tri-Valley Teachers' Association Cares Committee at 982-2296 ext. 5505.

Live Music at SC Museum with the New York City Band Brewster

Brewster Smith has been a professional musician since the age of 12 when he was hired to play the drums for a wedding band, and ended up performing with the band for twelve years. Later, he toured extensively throughout the United States, with different bands, most notably "Letch Patrol" and "Youth Gone Mad." Tiring of lugging around drum sets, Brewster began playing guitar and writing songs, and in 1997 formed his own band "Brewster". He has just recently finished recording his second CD. He lives in NYC but he spends most weekends in Callicoon.

His songs band is a mix of Americana, Country and Rock. Their sound has been compared to Johnny Cash, The Beatles, Ryan Adams and Radiohead. Band members include Jon King, Jonathan Mele, Daniel Denver and Brewster Smith. (Contd. Pg. 3)



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ON THE FRONT BURNER: For all people will walk every one in the name of his god, and we will walk in the name of the Lord our God for ever and ever. Micah 4:5

Obituary

Bonnie L. Kelly, age 76, of Sarasota, FL and long time resident of Grahamsville, NY, passed away Saturday, January 11, 2014 in her home after a long battle with lung cancer. She was married to William H. Kelly on August 25, 1956 in Nanuet, NY. He predeceased her in 2004.

The daughter of the late Alvin and Edith (Lau) Schwake, she was born on April 20, 1937 in Arlington Heights, IL. Bonnie was a loving wife and mother, cake decorator/business owner and administrative assistant at Tri-Valley Central School in Grahamsville, NY.

She is survived by her four children: William A. Kelly of Sarasota, FL, Steven F. Kelly and his fiancé, Shannon Federici of Chesapeake, VA, Craig A. and his wife, Lisa A. Kelly of Ellicott City, MD and Lori A. Kelly of Savannah, GA; four grandchildren: Lauren Kelly, Cole Kelly, Jay Wadson and Amy Wadson; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral Services were held on Saturday, January 18th at the Palms-Robarts Funeral Home, Sarasota, FL, with Pastor Brian Wilson officiating. Burial took place at Palms-Robarts Memorial Park, Sarasota, FL.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Friendship Baptist Church, Sarasota Florida, 34232 or to the American Cancer Society.

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

January 20, 1954 - In spite of very impassable road conditions and snow drifts, a relatively large crowd was in attendance last Saturday evening at the Tri Valley School in Grahamsville. The occasion was a special meeting of voters to vote on the proposition of the consolidation of the Hasbrouck school district with that of the Tri Valley Union Free School District.

Mr. and Mrs. Eldred Marsh are parents of a daughter, born at the Hamilton Avenue Hospital Saturday evening, January 16th. The baby weighed seven pounds. The Marshes have two sons.

The Townsman staff received a letter from staff member, Mrs Norman Misner who is in Florida. She writes, "Lovely and warm here in the sun...wish you were here!" So do we! 16 below zero is just a bit too cold for some of us not-so-hardy souls.

The rate per day for welfare patients in county hospitals was increased from \$13.25 to \$15.00 by the Board of Supervisors. The hospitals had asked \$16.75.

January 15, 1964 - Mr. Norway Houghtaling, son of Oscar Houghtaling and the late Mrs. Gladys Houghtaling, and Ethel Lowe, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sackett, were united in marriage on Friday evening at the home of Justice of the Peace, Harry Bailey in Claryville. A reception followed for the family and friends at Harold Cole's Restaurant in Hasbrouck. The groom is employed by Inter-County Farmers' Co-op at Woodridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mickelson are the parents of a son born January 7th at Maimonides Hospital. Mr. and Mrs. George Krom are the maternal grandparents and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mickelson are the paternal grandparents.

January 23, 1974 - Patricia Regan and Kathi Walker auditioned Saturday at a State-wide competition held at the Performing Arts Center in Albany. This audition has made them eligible for acceptance and scholarship awards to the School of Orchestral Studies in Saratoga, New York. This is a special summer school program for extremely talented young musicians.

Adin TerBush, 79, of Cragmoor died Wednesday, January 16th in Waterbury, Conn., after a long illness. Mr. TerBush, a retired farmer, was born in Sundown and was a four-

year resident of Cragmoor. He was born February 13, 1894 to the late Benjamin and Minerva Aldrich TerBush.

January 19, 1984 - (From the pen of Tom Higgins) Gladys Van Wagner called on Aunt Bessie Clearwater and her mother, Flossie Tillson in Kerhonkson last Wednesday. Got to talking to Gladys about the various methods people used years ago to keep warm. A popular way at the time was the placing of bricks in the oven of the old wood stove during the day. At night, before retiring, the bricks were removed and wrapped with several layers of newspaper. They were then placed under the covers near the feet. There was nothing warmer at night during the cold winter months. Gladys' mother was fond of rocks and had her own "pet rock", about the size of a melon, which she used in the same manner instead of a brick. Her favorite rock was always nearby, even during the summer months when it was used as a door stop.

Tri-Valley Lions Club Chartered November, 18, 1977

- by Esta Jacob, Director

First of all, we want to recognize those Lions we lost over the last year: Gene Ganz, Don Hill, Helen Kwasciniowicz, and Horace Sheeley -- terrific folks who will be missed by fellow Lions, their friends, families, and the community in general. We are proud to hold our May 3, 2014 Journey For Sight Walk in their honor.

We welcome our newest members: Kathy Denman, Lorraine Nilsen, and Donna Schick. The Tri-Valley Lions becomes stronger and able to accomplish even more with each new member.

For the last 35 years, we raised funds by selling soda at several Fairground events including the annual Little Worlds Fair and Pumpkin Party, our chocolate Easter rabbit sales campaign, donations & pledges raised for our annual Journey For Sight Walk and Tag Day, and now our latest effort, the Tri-Valley Lions Gift Card/Gift Certificate Raffle. Tickets are \$5 each, and one lucky winner, will win over \$415 in gift cards/gift certificates to:

In Liberty, NY: Shoprite; Trading Post; Rite Aid; Agway Pet Center; Tractor Supply; Second to None Restaurant; The Medicine Shoppe; Golden Shears Salon; Dollar General; Advance Auto (detailing kit); Dunkin Donuts; McDonalds; Last Licks; Eureka Café in Grahamsville; 2 tickets to any dinner at the Reformed Church in Grahamsville; Marcos Restaurant in Loch Sheldrake; Nardis (Frankie & Johnnies) in Hurleyville; Cannie D's Market in Neversink; Citgo Gas Station in Woodbourne. If you wish to participate in our Gift Card/Gift Certificate Raffle, please call Lion Esta Jacob after 5:30 at 845-985-2927. The Raffle drawing will be held on February 4, 2014, and you don't need to be in attendance to win if your ticket is drawn, but you only have a short time left to enter the drawing.

In 2013 & to date, The Tri-Valley Lions donated thousands of dollars to:

- Three Local Food Pantries, Illness Expenses for Denise Smith, and Fire Assistance to the Fitzpatrick Family
- The Daniel Pierce Library
- WVOS/SUL Heart-a-thon
- Guiding Eyes for the Blind
- American Cancer Society Relay For Life as well as to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society
- Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation
- Service Awards to three Tri-Valley Graduates based on their service to the community
- Sponsoring Rabies Clinics & vaccinated thousands of local cats & dogs to date
- Sullivan County Sight and Hearing Program
- Tri-Valley Cares Backpack program

The Tri-Valley Lions meet the 1st Tuesday of each month at Nardi's Restaurant in Hurleyville for a dinner meeting; and the Board meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at the The Daniel Pierce Library.

Club Officers are Pauline Vetter-Staats, President; Carol Furman, Treasurer; Liza Salvemini, Secretary; and Fran Fuller, Corresponding Secretary.

Should you have any questions about The Tri-Valley Lions or wish to join our fine organization, please contact Lion President, Pauline Vetter at 845-439-4509 or Membership Chairperson, MaryLou Vernoooy at 845-434-7781.

A Round About Tri-Valley

-Carol Furman

The Neversink Fire Department, with the help of many volunteers, held a pancake supper on Saturday, January 11, to help the Fitzpatrick Family of Aden, in the Town of Neversink, who had lost their home and all of their possessions in a fire just before the Christmas holidays. The outpouring of care and concern for the family was phenomenal! More than 600 dinners, consisting of pancakes, sausages, eggs and fried potatoes, were served. The line waiting to be served stretched out the door into the parking lot as folks came from all over the area to support the family.

Bryce Rogerson, a third grader at Tri-Valley School, recently underwent heart transplant surgery. Thoughts and prayers are with Bryce and his family at this time.

Condolences to the Martin Streimer Family. Martin passed away on January 2, 2014. He was 77 years old.

Sympathy also to the family of Friedrich Klostermeier who died on January 6th at the age of 76. "Fritz" was a former professor in the SCCC Hotel Technology Program and was also a certified executive pastry chef.

The Tri-Valley PTO is sponsoring a Science Fair at the School on Friday, January 24th from 6:00 - 8:00 pm (snow date: January 31). Over 60 science projects prepared by students in Grades 3-6 will be on display. Admission is free and there will be fun activities for all ages. A bake sale will also take place that evening. Plan to come out and support this wonderful PTO activity!

On January 13, Pete and I were traveling on Route 55A and had just passed Rocky Hill Road when we saw a flock of 10-12 robins. Perhaps these birds had decided not to migrate and were spending the winter in the Grahamsville area OR perhaps it's a sign we will have an early spring. I guess we'll know soon enough!

Up-coming Town of Neversink Parks and Rec. events: "Beauty and the Beast" at Eisenhower Hall Theatre at West Point on March 2, and a game and pizza night to be held at the Daniel Pierce Library at 5:30 pm on February 7. For details go to www.townofneversink.org or contact Jamie Brooks, Parks and Rec. Director.

February 1 is "Take Your Child to the Library Day"! Two programs are being offered: "Marcia the Musical Mouse" at 10:00 am for children ages 1-7 and "Magic of Chocolate Workshop" at 1:00 pm for children ages 8-12. Miss Deirdre will also be on hand that day to register children for the spring storytime programs.

Words of Wisdom: The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams. (Eleanor Roosevelt)

Friendship is born at that moment when one person says to another: "What! You too? I thought I was the only one!" (C. S. Lewis)

Daniel Pierce Library - Dance of the Books Contest How Many Characters Can You Identify?

The Daniel Pierce Library is sponsoring an exciting contest for children who live in the Tri-Valley School District, grades through 3 through 8. Local artist Helena Clare Pittman has painted an enchanting mural in the children's library, and the painting includes more than 200 famous story-book characters.

Children will be challenged to identify correctly as many of the characters as possible. Please refer to the insert in this newspaper. It will explain the contest rules, deadlines, and judging criteria.

Three lucky winners will receive gift certificates to the Rolling River Café in Parksville, New York, and every participant will receive a prize book.

Contest packets will be available at the Daniel Pierce Library on Saturday, February 1, "Take Your Child to the Library Day."

Eos Medical Group and Ellenville Regional Hospital Welcome New Medical Director

Eos Medical Group welcomes Jason Friedman, MD as the Medical Director of the Emergency Department at Ellenville Regional Hospital. "Ellenville Regional Hospital has a long history of providing excellent care" says Dr. Friedman, "I look forward to helping Eos continue to enhance the tradition of first-class care".
"We are fortunate to have a physician of Dr.

Friedman's experience and expertise serving as our Emergency Department Medical Director," said Steven L. Kelley, President and CEO of Ellenville Regional Hospital. "This is a real win for our hospital and for our community".

Dr. Friedman has been a part of Eos Medical Group since January 2013 and has been a member of the medical staff at Vassar Brothers Medical Center since 2004. He completed a residency in emergency medicine at UMDNJ-RWJ/Cooper Hospital in Camden, NJ after earning a medical degree at Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia, PA. Dr. Friedman is board certified in emergency medicine.

Eos Medical Group is a Hudson Valley-based emergency medicine group who provides full-time physicians and allied health professional staffing for Ellenville Regional Hospital, Northern Dutchess Hospital, Putnam Hospital Center and Vassar Brothers Medical Center. For more information, visit eosmd.com.

Ellenville Regional Hospital is a 25-bed rural critical access hospital located in Southern Ulster County. The Hospital offers a wide range of services including inpatient services, rehabilitation, emergency care, physical therapy, orthopedics, gastroenterology, cardiology, cardio-stress testing, pulmonary, pain management, ambulatory surgery, laboratory, diabetes education, clinical pharmacy services, medical nutrition therapy, hospice care, women's health including bone density, mammography, ultrasound, and imaging including CT scan, digital X-Ray, nuclear medicine, and MRI studies. The hospital has won numerous federal, state and regional quality awards. For more information, visit ellenvilleregional.org.

Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce 23rd Annual Pride Awards Gala May 4, 2014 at the Villa Roma Resort & Conference Center

Monticello, NY: The Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce is once again honoring individuals as the "Pride" of their community. The 23rd Annual Pride Awards Gala on Sunday, May 4th at the Villa Roma Resort will honor 19 individuals throughout Sullivan County for their community involvement and their contributions to the economic development in the county.

Each year nominations are received from the Supervisors in each township and then winners are chosen by a committee of Past Business Persons of the Year. One winner from each of the 15 townships is chosen as well as 4 countywide winners for Business Person of the Year, Distinguished Service to the County, Distinguished Achievement in the County and a Young Emerging Leader to be honored at the prestigious ceremony.

This year we want to make sure that your voice is heard. Please contact your local town supervisor or village mayor with YOUR nominations. Be sure to include the name of the person and/or business (please verify spelling), contact information (mailing address, phone number, & e-mail if possible), why you believe they should be honored.

"This is an opportunity for everyone in Sullivan County to participate in the nomination process. It is the way to honor the people in their communities that wouldn't normally get recognized, but these unsung heroes deserve the most prestigious recognition" said Cathy Paty, President/CEO of the Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce.

Live Music at SC Museum (From Pg. 1)

Listen to a clip of Brewster & the Johns recorded at the P&G Bar in NYC. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5KQal6AYLzg>

The evening will also feature a performance by the host band Little Sparrow. You can see them on Facebook at:

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Little-Sparrow/106454596069509>

Admission is \$6, and the concert is made possible in part with funding from a Sullivan County Arts & Heritage Grant funded by the Sullivan County Legislature and administered by Delaware Valley Arts Alliance.

The Sullivan County Museum is located at 265 Main Street, Hurleyville, New York. For directions please visit the Sullivan County Historical Society website

<http://www.sullivancountyhistory.org/> or call 845 434-8044.

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

The Robins are Back??

I was sure I heard robins singing last week on one of those warm sunny days. This time of the year, I am seasonally plagued with 'spring fever', thus I discounted what I heard. But when I received an email



from Bob Drown saying that there was a sighting of robins on Denman Mountain Road, my happy thoughts returned. A second robin report was from Mike and Steve Smith in New Windsor who witnessed a flock of

robins there. We wondered is it a sign of spring, or are the Robins changing their habits and wintering over?

I asked some of the experts! It seems that the Robins who have recently been sighted may have wintered over as they have discovered rich food sources that are available to them all winter. A Robin needs only one thing - food!

Robins are omnivorous. They may prefer earthworms pulled from your lawn during spring and summer, or grubs and beetles, or whatever else is rich in protein, but when the chill of winter comes and their supply of meat is frozen robins happily become vegetarians, and sometimes alcoholic vegetarians, since much of the fruit they consume has fermented on the branches!

Wintering robins are most often found in areas where there is a bit of open water from a nearby spring, stream, river, or large lake, and where there are fruit trees or berries. The water and fruit get them through the winter season.

Males are far more likely to remain in the north than females. There are good reasons. Come spring, the male's main job is to find and defend a territory. The females' main job is to create and lay the eggs. This requires a lot of good nutrition and food energy, so females go where they are sure of a good food supplies during winter.

Cold temperatures don't hurt most birds as long as they have food. As nights grow cooler during the fall, northern birds start growing more down feathers close to their bodies. These feathers work like a down jacket. The down feathers insulate the birds, keeping the heat of their bodies inside. The robins make their body heat by shivering. As long as they have food to give them energy, a robin can survive in the Catskills during the winter.

My serendipitous ways refused to let go of the 'old wives' tale' completely even though we had a white out and return of wintery weather on Saturday morning in Sundown, surely not a sign of spring.

Then it came. A ray of hope - I read Carol Furman's column. She too reported that she and Pete saw a 'flock' of robins on Route 55 near Grahamsville.

So I will conclude, that it may not be the first robin, or a meager sighting - but when the ground opens up and large flocks appear, moving across the soggy lawns and fields that maybe the sign we are looking for. That along with wood smoke rising from sugar shacks, the list of church suppers that will soon begin at the Reformed Church, the start of trift sales and luncheons at the Methodist Church, and the mud ruts we try to avoid when going there, are all promises that Spring is coming.

For those die hard myth busters, who may be looking for a sure sign of the advent of Spring that is more dependable than "the first robin" there is another ancient omen, another bird sent from the gods with the message that "Indeed, Spring is on the way when Persephone returns to bring life and abundance to the earth." It's the Red-winged Blackbird!

Household Hints

Clean your window blinds

You can make the job of cleaning mini-blinds or venetians considerably less torturous by giving them "the white glove treatment."

Just put on a white cotton glove - the kind sold for gardening is perfect - and moisten the fingers in a solution made of equal parts white vinegar and hot tap water.

Now simply slide your fingers across both sides of each slat and prepare to be amazed. Use a container of clean water to periodically wash off the glove.

Suspect - Mysterious Book Report No. 129 by John Dwaine McKenna



Post-traumatic stress disorder, PTSD is a mental condition suffered by some individuals who've been subjected to intense, loud and life-threatening situations. Anyone who's been in a life and death situation can suffer from it. The US Armed Forces have for years denied the existence of PTSD, labeling sufferers of the condition as malingerers, or shirkers, refusing treatment and shunning the afflicted. Fortunately for the patients, all of that is changing for the better, through improved recognition and treatment options. You may already be aware of PTSD and its history, but do you know that animals can and do suffer all the same affects of it as humans? It's the subject of MBR no 129.

Suspect, (Putnam, \$27.95, 309 pages, ISBN 978-0-399-18148-3) by Robert Crais is about an LAPD cop named Scott James who isn't doing well and should have been medically retired. Shot three times at close range during an armed attack, he was unable to save his partner, who dies at the scene. Suffering PTSD, physical pain and guilt, refusing to take a medical disability, he's assigned to the K-9 Corps where he meets Maggie, an eighty-five pound German Shepherd. Maggie is a retired US Marine Corps war dog. She's also suffering from PTSD, which she contracted in Afghanistan when, after a number of combat missions, her handler is killed, she's blown up and shot multiple times by a sniper. Somehow, the pair of walking wounded are attracted to each other and pair up. The question is however, will they become an effective team, able to perform in the face of danger, while at the same time, will Scott be able to solve the murder of his partner? It's a whodunit as well as a touching man-animal

story that will captivate, entertain and enthrall the reader throughout. Read it for yourself and see why Robert Crais is a number one best-selling NY Times author. He makes the reader feel on the scene, right in the middle of the action, waiting to resolve the crime. He's another favorite of mine . . .

How many of you out there have resolved to go to the library in the New Year? Are you searching for and seeking your own sources of inspiration and information . . . or do you allow the talking heads on TV and the radio, plus the internet and all it's jive for your news and information? You'd better think twice about it if you are!

More and more folks are joining us on Facebook and Twitter. They get the new book reviews first and all the latest chit-chat from yours truly in Colorado Springs. Speaking of . . . have you seen our list of Best Books of 2013? It's huge! Each one has a short summary and the Mysterious Book Report number for easy reference. Check it out!

Colorado Noir, as well as *The Whim-Wham Man*, *Neversink Chronicles* and *The boy Who Slept With Bears*, are being read and enjoyed by folks all around the country. They were popular holiday gifts and will work just as well for the New Year. Stuck for a gift? Books always work!

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We'll see you next week with an all-new Mysterious Book Report. --JDM

Effects of Flooding on the Upper Reaches of the Esopus Creek

On Wednesday, January 22nd, the Ashokan-Pepacton Watershed Chapter of Trout Unlimited hosted a presentation by Scott George and Barry Baldigo of the United States Geological Society examining "The Effects of Flooding on the Upper Reaches of the Esopus Creek." The Upper Esopus Creek and its tributaries experienced historic flooding from Tropical Storm Irene on August 28, 2011. The magnitude of the flooding exceeded the 100-year return interval at some locations in the basin. Despite the extensive changes to in-stream and riparian habitat, brown trout communities were resilient, while rainbow trout populations declined substantially. We will discuss possible reasons for these findings, including interspecies competition, unfavorable habitat changes, and normal fluctuations in population density.

The APWCTU's January meeting began at 6:30 pm with a short business session. The presentation began at 7 pm. The entire evening was open to the public at no charge. For more information, please visit www.apwctu.org

SC Awarded County Health Rankings & Roadmaps Grant

Liberty, N.Y. - Sullivan County Public Health Services has been awarded a County Health Rankings & Roadmaps grant of \$4,900 to generate action to improve the health of Sullivan County residents. The grant will support the efforts of the local health department to build on several years of collaborative work with schools and the healthcare sector to address overweight, obesity and chronic disease.

A county-wide Health Summit is being planned for this spring that will bring together key stakeholders and showcase local success stories in schools, businesses, and healthcare organizations, with the goal of strengthening the commitment of community leaders to implement policies and programs that promote a culture of wellness and health.

Annually since 2010, the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation have produced and released the County Health Rankings in all 50 states. Sullivan County has ranked near the bottom in New York State (61 of 62) for health outcomes and 62 of 62 for Mortality (County Health Rankings, 2013).

"Our rural upstate county has many positive attributes in terms of agriculture, fresh air and water, and opportunities for healthy outdoor living, yet there are critical issues impacting the health of residents. This grant award will enable us to strengthen the partnerships we have been building on and bring together key stakeholders interested in taking practical action steps to move our county's health rankings further up the list. We can encourage residents to take action to improve their health by promoting effective policies wherever people live, work and play," stated Nancy McGraw, Sullivan County Public Health Director.

For more information, please contact Sullivan County Public Health Services at 292-5910 x 2179.

Ride the Bus with Extension to the

184th Philadelphia Flower Show

LIBERTY, NY- Experience the combination of art and horticulture at the 184th PHS Philadelphia Flower Show by joining a bus trip with the Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County's Master Gardener volunteers on Tuesday, March 4, 2014. Participants will board the chartered bus at 7:45 am at the Gerald J. Skoda Extension Education Center on 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road in Liberty.

"This year, the show is said to celebrate everyone from Michelangelo to Monet, Picasso to Pollack, and Da Vinci to Dali," said Master Gardener Program Coordinator Susan Dollard, "The public is urged to seize the opportunity to enjoy this phenomenal show without the hassle of driving!"

After departing, everyone can relax until arriving at the Philadelphia Convention Center, where the rest of the day can be spent enjoying the outstanding exhibits of the flower show. Over 180 vendors will be available selling garden furniture, hand-crafted jewelry, cut flowers, plants, tools, and much more.

All will re-board the bus in the evening to arrive back in Liberty by 9:00 pm. Registration with non-refundable payment of \$75.00 is due by February 20 by calling 845-292-6180 or emailing smd243@cornell.edu. The cost of this trip includes transportation and admission to the show

SUNY Ulster Offers Driving Courses

SUNY Ulster's Continuing and Professional Education Department will offer several driving courses during the spring semester that are open to the public and require pre-registration. Course offerings include: the 5-Hour Pre-licensing Class, Defensive Driving Class and Driver Education.

The 5-Hour Pre-licensing Class covers the effects of alcohol and drugs on driving perception and defensive driving techniques. Upon completion, students will be issued a certificate, which is required to take the road test. The class meets the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles classroom requirement in driver safety education. The course will be offered at the Stone Ridge campus on Saturday, Feb. 22, from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and again on Saturday, March 29 from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., at the Business Resource Center (BRC) in Kingston. The course fee is \$45.

The Defensive Driving Class is designed to help prevent and avoid accidents through techniques developed by the National Safety Council and approved by the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles. Participants in the 6-hour class can save 10 percent on their auto liability, no-fault and collision insurance premiums for three years. They may also receive a reduction of up to 4 points on their driving record toward points accumulated prior to class completion. Classes are scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 1, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Stone Ridge campus and Saturday, March 1, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., at the BRC. The course fee is \$45.

The Driver Education Class is held at seven area high schools, including Kingston, Rondout Valley, Highland, Marlboro, Wallkill, Ontario and New Paltz. The course is approved by the New York State Education Department and provides 48 hours of course instruction. Class orientations are being held during the week of Jan. 21.

For more information or to register, contact SUNY Ulster's Continuing and Professional

Education office at (845) 339-2025 or visit www.sunyulster.edu/ce and register online.

Sullivan Renaissance Volunteer Open House

Current and prospective Sullivan Renaissance volunteers are invited to an Open House on Wednesday, February 5 at 7:00 PM in the CVI Building (225 Sullivan Avenue, Liberty).

Learn about opportunities for participation, including the 2014 Volunteer Corps program, and meet other community-minded individuals. Bring a friend!

Refreshments will be served, please pre-register! Sign up at SullivanRenaissance.org or call (845)295-2445.

SUNY Ulster Offers High School Equivalency Classes Starting in February


SUNY Ulster will offer a course to help prepare students for the Test Assessing Secondary Completion (TASC) assessment needed to earn the High School Equivalency (HSE) certificate. The TASC will replace the General Education Diploma or GED in New York State, beginning this month.

Designed for students who did not graduate from high school but want a certificate equivalent to the traditional high school diploma, the program provides instruction in language arts, writing, reading, math, science and social studies.

The course also will focus on preparing students for college and assist those seeking enrollment in a SUNY Ulster degree or certificate program. Passing the TASC exam provides an opportunity for adults to continue their education. SUNY Ulster accepts GED/TASC graduates who meet its qualifications for admission.

The class will meet on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, Feb. 18 through April 24. The morning session runs from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and meets at the Business Resource Center (BRC) in Kingston and the afternoon session meets at the Stone Ridge campus from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Course fee is \$20.

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Aging with Grace and Wisdom

Celebrating Don DuBois's 100th birthday last week has given me food for thought. As I approach seventy, which I always considered "old" until it applied to me, I realize that one's age is nothing more than a mathematical addition problem. Aging is not the accumulation of years; it is the chronicling of a journey. It is not the sum of time, but the sum of experiences.

Don, at one hundred and still counting, lives alone since his sweet wife Bessie died last year. He drives, he shops, he cooks, he goes to church, he plants a garden and he works. Yes, he works. He has a shop behind his house where he does fine wood-working and uses his skills to benefit others. He and a group of men, and one woman, produce PET scooters. PET stands for Personal Energy Transporters that provide mobility to disabled people, many who have lost limbs to land mines in third-world countries.

Aging and being retired affords us the opportunity to do something else. Ralph Wesselman, a colleague from Onteora, used to say we were placed here on earth "to do the work of the world." I think he meant that we were to use our energy and talents to make our world a better place. We are the caretakers of the environment, mentors to the young, and advocates for our fellow living creatures.

Washington Irving says "Old age is when people compliment you about looking young." Don't let the mirror measure your worth. I prefer Mae West's quote about aging. She said, "You are never too old to become younger."

Time is a void that gets filled up with minutes and hours or accomplishments. It is an opportunity to do the work of the world. No matter the age, be a player.

Loch Sheldrake Fire Dept Annual Ice Fishing Contest

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

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

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

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

DiNapoli: Some Taxpayer Check-Off Donations Not Utilized for Worthy Causes

New Yorkers have contributed more than \$51 million for worthy causes through check-offs on their personal income tax forms, but these funds often sit unused, according to a report issued today by New York State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli. More than \$14 million has accumulated in six check-off funds, with nearly 90 percent of that for health-related causes including breast cancer, prostate cancer and Alzheimer's disease.

"New Yorkers are generously giving to causes they care about but the money is piling up for some funds," DiNapoli said. "It is past time to fix the problems that hinder some check-off programs so we can put the money to good use and finance important research and prevention initiatives."

There are eight causes that New Yorkers can support through personal income tax check-offs including fish and wildlife programs, missing and exploited children efforts, and disease research. The first check-off was created in 1982 to support the state's Conservation Fund, administered by the Department of Environmental Conservation, for fish and wildlife management.

DiNapoli's report, coming after recent news reports raised questions about significant problems with the prostate cancer check-off program, found that spending from the six dedicated funds with accumulated balances has declined in the last five years. While \$12 million came into the six check-off program during the last five years, only \$5.1 million, or 43 percent, has been spent, compared to nearly 70 percent during the prior five years. No spending has occurred out of two funds - the prostate cancer check-off and the volunteer firefighting and EMS fund. Nearly \$2.9 million remains unspent in the prostate cancer fund, which was created in 2004; \$500,000 has accumulated in the volunteer firefighting and EMS fund, founded in 2009.

The total amount contributed by New Yorkers to the check-off program annually has averaged about \$1.6 million, but the annual number of contributions has decreased 61 percent since 1984. The number of contributions peaked in the first full-year of the wildlife check-off at 344,732, and reached a low point in state fiscal year 2012-13 at 134,665 for all check-offs. The \$14.6 million remaining in six of the funds at the end of the last fiscal year reflects contributions from taxpayers, transfers from the state's General Fund, dedicated fees, interest and other revenues.

While the tax check-off funds are subject to the state's "blanket sweep" budget provisions, under which the Division of the Budget may redirect funds from a special revenue fund to the General Fund, no money has ever been swept from any of the dedicated funds.

DiNapoli made several recommendations to

improve the administration and accountability for dedicated tax check-off funds including:

- * Revamp the law and identify a new administrative process for the prostate cancer fund;

- * Amend laws to drive more prompt use of check-off dollars. The breast cancer and the volunteer firefighting and EMS funds require that money be spent in the year in which they were donated, "to the extent practicable." This provision, which promotes more expeditious disbursement of fund resources, should be added for all check-off programs;

- * Require administering agencies to provide state leaders and the public with justification if funds are not spent, along with a remedial plan to ensure the timely and effective use of the funds;

- * Improve the administration of the funds through standardized processes with clear criteria to ensure the most effective use of the funds. Inconsistent spending levels by administering agencies suggest that the funds are not disbursed in a standardized, efficient manner;

- * Develop policies for dedicated funds that do not have a defined recipient or specific use, to establish a prompt, competitive process for distribution of the moneys;

- * Require administering agencies to report annually on the use of check-off funds, including the award process used, the amount awarded by recipient, and how such funds were used; and

- * Identify projected tax check-off fund activity in the Executive Budget submission and the state's Financial Plan. The inconsistent and incomplete reporting requirements that currently exist for the state's various check-off programs do not provide needed accountability or transparency.

For a copy of the report, visit:

http://www.osc.state.ny.us/reports/budget/2014/tax_checkoff_2014.pdf.

Schneiderman Encourages New Yorkers to Take Advantage of Credit Protection for Target Shoppers

Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman today encouraged New Yorkers to take advantage of the free credit monitoring and identity theft protections now available in the wake of the Target security breach. In December, Target agreed to the Attorney General's demand to provide these services to potential victims, and it has now provided details for that implementation. According to today's announcement, anyone who has ever shopped at Target is eligible for free credit monitoring for a full year.

Attorney General Schneiderman also announced that his office's Consumer Protection Bureau is looking into recent reports of security breaches involving other retailers. The Attorney General called on those retailers to join Target in offering free consumer protections to their customers.

"Now that Target has agreed to our request to offer free credit monitoring, I strongly encourage any New Yorker who has ever shopped at Target to take advantage of Target's offer," said Attorney General Schneiderman. "Data breaches like this can make consumers vulnerable to identity theft and other crimes that can have devastating effects on their financial security. I strongly encourage other retailers that have seen large-scale data breaches to offer free credit monitoring to their customers as well. In the meantime, I will continue to work with my colleagues in other Attorneys General offices to investigate, so we can make sure that New Yorkers can shop without fear of their personal data being stolen."

Beginning today, Target customers can register for free credit monitoring at creditmonitoring.target.com. The free credit monitoring will be offered through Experian's ProtectMyID, and the service provides a copy of a credit report, daily credit monitoring, identity theft insurance (except where prohibited by law) and access to personalized assistance from a fraud res-

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Target has provided the following information for consumers looking to take advantage of this program:

- o Consumers who shopped at Target in the U.S. may request an activation code by entering their name and email address at creditmonitoring.target.com before April 23, 2014.

- o Consumers will then receive an email from Target within one to five days that will include the unique activation code and instructions on how to register the code with ProtectMyID.

- o Consumers will have until April 30, 2014, to register their code with ProtectMyID.

- o Emails collected during the process of creating activation codes will be used only for the purpose of sending an activation code to enroll in free credit monitoring. Consumers with questions are encouraged to visit target.com/databreach or to contact Target directly at 866-852-8680.

Last month, Attorney General Schneiderman issued consumer protection tips to help New Yorkers prevent identity theft. For consumers who are or might be victims of identity fraud as a result of a data security breach at any retailer - including Target and others - the Attorney General has also provided the following list of tips:

If you are a victim:

- o Create an identity theft fraud report. To do this, file a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission and print your Identity Theft Affidavit. You can call the FTC at 1-877-438-4338 or click here.

- o Use that affidavit to file a police report and create your Identity Theft Report.

- o An Identity Theft Report will help you deal with credit reporting companies, debt collectors and any fraudulent accounts that the identity thief opened in your name.

- o Put a freeze on your credit report by notifying each of the credit reporting agencies (Equifax, TransUnion or Experian). This will block someone from obtaining credit using your name or personal information. You won't be able to apply for any new credit cards or loans while the freeze is in effect, but you can continue to use your existing cards. To freeze your credit file, you must notify each of the three major credit bureaus. You can remove the freeze temporarily or permanently by contacting each of the three agencies. There is no fee if you have been the victim of identity theft. The freeze can be removed only by you.

- o Get a copy of your credit report from each of the three agencies. You are entitled to free reports once you post a fraud alert (see below) or put a freeze on your account. Read the reports carefully to see whether other fraudulent transactions or accounts are listed, and then take steps to correct those errors.

- o Check your credit card account frequently to look for any irregular activity.

If you might be a victim:

- o Report to any of the three credit reporting agencies (Equifax, Transunion or Experian) that you may have been a victim of identity theft. Make sure the credit reporting agency has your current contact information so it can get in contact with you.

- o Ask the credit reporting agencies to put a fraud alert on your credit file. This will still allow you to use your credit card. If you put a fraud alert on your file, you may ask for a free credit report from each of the credit reporting agencies. Contacting any one of the three credit reporting agencies listed above is enough to file a credit alert with all of them. A credit alert must be renewed every 90 days.

- o You also have a right to put a credit freeze on your file. You may be charged a fee of up to \$5 if you have not been a victim of identity theft.

- o You should also check your credit activity regularly with each credit issuer. You don't need to wait for your monthly statement, though you should check that as well. Many banks provide online information to account holders about recent activity.

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Gillibrand Announces Nearly \$34 million in Federal Funds for Stram Gauge Network \$6 Million Increase in Funds From Omnibus Bill Can Be Used To Support Key Flood Warning System In New York State

Washington, D.C. - U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand today announced \$33.7 million to expand the national stream gauge network is included in the omnibus appropriations bill set to pass Congress this week. The funding is a \$6 million increase to current funding, and can help strengthen stream gauges in upstate New York that provide critical flood warnings during extreme weather.

"After back-to-back years of storms that swept away roads, bridges, businesses and entire communities, we know stream gauges are key to staying ahead of the storm, and keeping our families safe," Senator Gillibrand said. "This federal investment can help keep the necessary precautions in place that monitor and protect us from natural environmental changes and disasters."

The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) streamflow information, currently collected at more than 8,000 stream gauges, provides the scientific basis for protecting, managing, and sustaining freshwater that is safe and available for drinking and for other competing water demands, including for irrigation, energy, indus-

try, recreation, and ecosystem health. The information is available in "real time," which is critical to protect and minimize loss of life and property from water hazards, including floods, droughts, and debris flows.

Hurricane Lee and Tropical Storm Lee in 2011, and Superstorm Sandy in 2012 proved the importance of forecasting and early warning systems. The federal funding will be used to expand America's stream gauge networks, such as those along the Susquehanna River Basin, the Mohawk River, Oswego River and Upper Hudson River Basin. The gauges measure rainfall in areas at risk of flooding and are a key tool that provide data for emergency responders, local officials, and residents.

Gillibrand Announces \$3.4 Billion for Home Heating in Federal Funding Bill- Over 1 Million New Yorkers Rely On LIHEAP To Heat Their Homes In Winter

U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand today announced that the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) is set to receive \$3.4 billion as part of the Senate's 2014 omnibus appropriations bill. LIHEAP funds are critical in helping millions of Americans who struggle with their energy bills during the winter season. More than one million New Yorkers rely on LIHEAP to heat their homes during the winter.

"No New York family should ever be left in the cold," Senator Gillibrand said. "But with bitter cold temperatures and rising energy costs, families and seniors who are struggling in this tough economy can't afford to heat their homes. This funding is a lifeline for New Yorkers who rely on it so they can stay warm this winter."

Senator Gillibrand sent a letter in October to U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Kathleen Sebelius urging her to release LIHEAP funds as quickly and at as high a level as possible. Without the federal resources, households nationwide may have been subject to cuts in federal heating aid during the remaining winter months.

LIHEAP is the main federal program that helps low-income households and seniors with their energy bills, providing vital assistance during both the cold winter and hot summer months. Even though the number of households eligible for the program continues to exceed those receiving assistance, this funding has been a lifeline during the economic downturn and rising energy costs, helping to ensure that people do not have to choose between paying their energy bills and paying for food or medicine.

Every dollar invested in LIHEAP generates \$1.13 in economic activity, according to economists Mark Zandi and Alan S. Blinder.


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"Matinee at The Shadowland" -
Sherlock Holmes in "The House of
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Travels", Laurel and Hardy in "Way
Out West" and Thornton Wilder's "Our
Town" with Original Trailers, Shorts
and Cartoon Programs Scheduled for
February, March and April Dates for
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Beginning Saturday, February
22nd, at 2:00 pm with "The House of
Fear," starring Basil Rathbone and
Nigel Bruce, Matinee at the
Shadowland will, according to
Brendan Burke, artistic director of
the theater, "give audiences young
and old a chance to experience what
going to the movies during the gold-
en age of cinema was all about. In
addition to a featurefilm, each
Saturday matinee program will have
original trailers, an

animated cartoon, a comedy or musi-
cal short subject and a chapter of one
of the great movie serials, 'Flash
Gordon' with Buster Crabbe."

The series will continue on
Saturday, March 8th with "Gulliver's
Travels", Jonathan Swift's famous
novel brought to the screen in ani-
mated Technicolor by Max Fleischer
with songs by Leo Robin and Ralph
Rainger.

On Saturday, March 22nd,
Shadowland will present Stan Laurel
and Oliver Hardy in "Way Out
West", thought by many to be the
comedy team's funniest feature film.
The series will conclude on Saturday,
April 12th, with a rare screening of
the 1940 film adaptation of Thornton
Wilder's OUR TOWN, starring
William Holden, Martha Scott and
the play's original "stage manager"
Frank Craven. The famous musical
score is by Aaron Copland.

Series coordinator Ray Faiola
adds that, "in addition to giving the-
ater patrons a chance to rediscover
the kind of programming that was
typical of the 1930's and 1940's, we
are also presenting our series on
film. Rather than succumb to the
current E-Z method of exhibition,
Shadowland will be presenting these
films on celluloid, using multiple
projectors for changeovers (be sure
and look for those little black dots in
the upper right hand corner!)
between reels. As for Flash Gordon,
we began his escapades during our
first series back in 2010 and will
resume the serial with Chapter
Seven. Many folks come back just to
see how Flash will survive at the
hands of his arch enemy Ming the
Merciless."

The matinee program for
February 22nd will include: Previews
of Coming Attractions; A Woody
Woodpecker cartoon, "Fair Weather
Fiends"; A Universal Musical short,
"Swingtime Holiday" with Gus
Arnheim and the
Delta Rhythm Boys; A Universal
comedy, "Mr. Chimp to the Rescue";
Chapter Seven of the serial "Flash
Gordon"; Intermission; The main
feature, "The House of Fear"

Released in 1945, "The House of
Fear" was the tenth of fourteen films
about the great detective that co-
starred Basil Rathbone and Nigel
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logo contest will receive \$75, two 2014 sea-
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with the new logo, and credit for the logo in
all of our programs and fliers for the 2014
season. The runner-up will receive \$40 and a
pair of tickets to a show of their choice.
Contest Rules/Particulars:



- All artwork:
- Must include the comedy/tragedy masks
- Must include the Rivoli Blade (see logo
right)
- May use up to three colors
- Must include the words "Sullivan County Dramatic
Workshop"

All submissions shall be entered by February 7,
2014 via email (heatherjane614@gmail.com) OR
postmarked by 2/7/14 via mail to Heather Strauss, PO
Box 603, Glen Wild, NY 12738.

Once received, all artwork will be numbered and
shown to a panel of judges anonymously. Winners
will be chosen and notified on or before February
28th.

The Rivoli Theatre is located in South Fallsburg.
All artwork submitted will become property of the
Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop.

**"Place" Exhibit by Tim Rowan Opens at
SUNY Ulster**

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ellenville-Wawarsing Winter Festival
(From Pg. 1)

Happy New Year!
We are once again gearing up for the annual Winter Festival.
We are looking for food and craft vendors for the event.
There is no charge to have a booth and we provide basic elec-
tricity. All types of food and/or crafts are welcome though we
limit booths to 'one per type,' first come first served. For craft
sales the only thing I need is a signed Vendor Liability Form
(attached) and you are good to go! For food sales you must fol-
low Department of Health Guidelines (attached.) You do not
need to pay for your own Temporary Permit, we will provide a
blanket permit for the Festival, though you will need to be
inspected that day.

We are also having our Chili Cook Off again this year.
Businesses and individual cooks are welcome to participate.
There are certain Health Department rules that need to be fol-
lowed so please read the attached form carefully!

If you have been with us before I hope you will join us
again, if not please give it a try! It's fun, busy day and a great
way to connect to new business, tell people about your organi-
zation or promote your cause!

If you have any questions please feel free to call Cynthia
"Sam" Bugna, Program Director
Ellenville-Wawarsing Youth Commission 647-0200 Ext 541;
845-430-3540 ; E-Fax 909-752-9423

I hope to hear from you soon!
Cynthia "Sam" Bugna, Program Director

**Artist Returns to Library to Teach Drawing
Workshops for Teens**

The Friends of the Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library
will sponsor artist Danielle Barbour for a two session story
boarding workshop.

In September of 2013, artist Danielle Barbour taught a basic
drawing workshop for teens at the Ethelbert B. Crawford Public
Library. In February, Barbour will return to the library for a
more in depth story boarding workshop. Barbour will spend
two Saturdays at the library and will teach teens the basics of
drawing comic characters, how to develop those characters,
build worlds, and create stories. Drawings from Barbour's last
class are on display at the library.

The dates for the workshop are Saturdays, February 1 and 8,
with a snow date of Saturday, February 15. The workshop will
run from 11:00am-1:00 pm each day.

This is a free program sponsored by the Friends of the
Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library. Advanced registration is
required. Please call Joanna at 845-794-4660 ext. 8 to register,
or for more information.

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"Gulliver's Travels," released in 1939, was the first full-length feature by veteran animator Max Fleischer. Fleischer's Betty Boop and Popeye the Sailor cartoons were immensely popular and this 74 minute adaptation of Jonathan Swift's novel was produced at a newly-built studio in Miami, Florida. The songs for the film were by Leo Robin, Ralph Rainger and Sammy Timberg and included the popular hit "It's A Hap Hap Happy Day". Voices heard include Jack Mercer (the longtime voice of Popeye), famed popular tenor Lanny Ross, and Jessica Dragonette.

"Way Out West" was released in 1937 and is, perhaps, Laurel and Hardy's best feature film. It certainly has all the elements required - just enough story to allow several hilarious set-pieces; three charming musical sequences; a raucous and wild chase; and a dastardly villain played by the Boys' premiere foil, James Finlayson. The film was personally produced by Stan Laurel at Hal Roach Studios.

"Our Town" is based on the Pulitzer Prize-winning play by Thornton Wilder. The film, released in 1940, stars William Holden - fresh from his starring role in "Golden Boy" - and Martha Scott, who originated the role of Emily Gibbs on Broadway. Also from the Broadway cast is the original "stage manager" as played by Frank Craven - one of the giants of the American stage in the early 20th century. Also featured is a top-draw cast including Thomas Mitchell, Beulah Bondi, Guy Kibbee and Fay Bainter. The memorable musical score was composed by the great Aaron Copland. "Our Town" was nominated for six Academy Awards including Best Picture.

The "Matinee at The Shadowland" series is sponsored by local Ellenville-Wawarsing businesses Aroma Thyme Bistro, Bullseye Appraisals Chelsea Rialto Studios, Collier & Berger, Gaby's Cafe, Il Paradiso, Kalter, Kaplan & Zeiger, Matthews Pharmacy, Peters Market, The Publik House, and Thornton Inc.

Admission is only \$10 for adults, \$7 for children, and tickets are available at the Shadowland box office at 157 Canal Street, Ellenville NY. Discount series tickets are also available - \$30 for adults; \$20 for children. For more information or to reserve seats, call 845-647-5511.

Ellenville Regional Hospital to Host Mixed Media Show by Featured Artist Allen M. Browne

Allen M. Browne's paintings and photographs will be on display in the Healing Arts Gallery at Ellenville Regional Hospital through February 28. The show is free and open to the public, 8am-8pm daily. For more information about the Healing Arts exhibit or the Ellenville Regional Hospital, please contact (845) 210-3043.

Browne describes his development as an artist as lifelong process with the exploration, experimentation, research and practice of producing quality water color, oils and photographs.

Browne's motivation, throughout this process pointed him towards the natural images provided by this planet's glories. The visions provided by our natural parks, and the wild and varied terrains as first seen by the original witnesses to the beauty of this continent. The natural land forms and majestic scenery were a starting point for his photographs and paintings.

Through the years of searching for the right image at the right time, something occurred to him - what he began to see was "Man's intrusions" (civilized attempts) at remarking the planet by showing what "He" could accomplish. Now, in the main, much of "Man's" efforts have provided a wealth of architectural excellence that he has photographed.

That has been Browne's target of opportunity. His creative philosophy informs him "the what, where, when and how", these visions provide the subject matter. Because his selection process and reach demand the highest quality he can produce - It is here that he begins his work.

Ellenville Regional Hospital is located on Route 209 in Ellenville. For more information about the Healing Art exhibit or the Ellenville Regional Hospital, please contact (845) 647-6400.

Sullivan County Philatelic Society

The Sullivan County Philatelic Society will hold its next meeting on Sunday, February 2nd, 2014 at 1:00 pm in the Ted Stroebele Recreation Center, 2 Jefferson Street, Monticello, NY 12701. Featured will be two guest speakers, Charlie Breiner and Jim Richardson on the history of the Civil War as related to stamps and its local impact. This meeting is open to the general public as well as members and those history buffs.

A small business discussion will take place before the talk. We are in the process of honoring a local event at our Annual Stamp Show in July.

Our regular door prizes, giveaways and trading session will be done after the talk. Also, refreshments to be served. For information contact ART at 794-2586.

Sluggish Sales Tax Receipts Show Cracks in Economic Recovery

The state's sales tax revenue receipts for the final quarter of 2014 (released yesterday) demonstrate New York's fragile recovery from the prolonged recession that began in 2008.

The fourth quarter in New York State shows a very mixed picture and uneven impact of sales tax on a county-by-county basis. While aggregate sales tax collected statewide is up by 5.24% (\$26.7B compared to \$25.4 billion), much of the total dollar increase is generated from strong growth in New York City, Long Island and downstate counties (likely due to Sandy rebuilding).

Upstate, county sales tax receipts for the fourth quarter are much weaker than projected. Nearly half of New York counties (27) had negative sales tax growth in the final quarter of the 2013 County Fiscal Year. The pattern of uneven growth continued in the Southern Tier through much of the Hudson Valley; up into the Capital Region counties are showing signs of continuing weakness (see map).

NYSAC Executive Director Stephen J. Acquario said, "The fourth quarter sales tax collection, which includes holiday shopping, is a key indicator of our state and local economy. These numbers concern us. The uneven collections demonstrate the need for continued focus on economic development statewide."

Key Year over Year Statistics - Aggregate county total sales tax growth is +3.78%; Average percent change per county is + 2.1%; 14 counties had negative growth in their sales tax for the full year; NYC sales tax receipts are

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up 6.83%; Key 4th Quarter Comparisons 2013 to 2012; 27 counties had negative sales tax growth in the 4th quarter (this confirms weak holiday sales numbers nationwide for the most part); Average percent change per county is .09% (basically flat); Siena Research Institute poll confirms NY's struggling recovery

In addition to this data released by the State Department of Taxation and Finance yesterday, the Siena Research Institute released its quarterly consumer confidence poll that confirmed New York's struggling economic recovery, according to a story in the Albany Times Union:

"The consumer sentiment survey showed most people ended on a pessimistic note about their prospects on the horizon, and lowered their sights on whether better times might be near," Don Levy, director of the Siena Research Institute said Tuesday.

"Future outlook on the economy was down in every region compared to the end of 2012," said Levy. The survey covers metropolitan New York City, Long Island, the Capital Region, the Hudson Valley, Binghamton, Rochester, Syracuse and Utica.

"New York entered the recession later than other states and the effects of this recession continue to affect our citizens and economy. State and local leaders need to be working together to rebuild New York. There needs to be a concerted effort to continue our recovery," said NYSAC's Acquario.

Gov Cuomo Congratulates New York's Oscar Nominees

"Today the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences celebrated many movies filmed in New York, and I want to congratulate all of the nominees," said Governor Andrew M. Cuomo. "New York's media and entertainment industry - as a result of our newly expanded New York State Film Production Tax Credit Program - is experiencing its most active and productive period in history, creating thousands of jobs and generating billions of dollars. I want to encourage future filmmakers to build upon the success of the last few years and expand job opportunities by bringing even more productions to our great state."

A complete list of the 86th Annual Oscars Nominations that participated in the New York Film Tax Credit program follows:

List of the 86th Annual Oscars Nominations that participate in NYS Credit Programs

FILM PRODUCTION CREDIT PROGRAM PARTICIPANT *Wolf of Wall Street* - 5 nominations; *FILM PRODUCTION CREDIT PROGRAM PARTICIPANT* *Inside Llewyn Davis* - 2 nominations; and *POST PRODUCTION CREDIT PROGRAM PARTICIPANT* *Blue Jasmine* - 3 nominations
 BEST PICTURE - *Wolf of Wall Street*; BEST DIRECTOR - Martin Scorsese, *Wolf of Wall Street*; BEST ACTOR Leonardo DiCaprio *Wolf of Wall Street*; BEST ACTRESS Cate Blanchett
 (NOTE: NYS POST PRODUCTION CREDIT PROGRAM); BEST SUPPORTING ACTRESS Sally Hawkins *Blue Jasmine* (NOTE: NYS POST PRODUCTION CREDIT PROGRAM); BEST SUPPORTING ACTOR Jonah Hill *Wolf of Wall Street*; ADAPTED SCREENPLAY Terence Winter, *Wolf of Wall Street*; ORIGINAL SCREENPLAY Woody Allen *Blue Jasmine* (NOTE: NYS POST PRODUCTION CREDIT PROGRAM); CINEMATOGRAPHY Bruno Delbonnel *Inside Llewyn Davis*; SOUND MIXING Skip Lievsay, Niv Adiri, Christopher Benstead, Chris Munro *Inside Llewyn Davis*

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Understanding Sullivan County's Installment Plan for Property Tax Payments

There will be an informational meeting on Wednesday January 22, 2014 from 6:30-7:30 pm at the LaPolc Senior Center, hosted by Liberty (District 6) Legislator Cora Edwards and the Sullivan County Treasurer's Office to help homeowners understand the tax installment plan to avoid property tax foreclosure.

The deadline for enrolling in the installment program is January 31, 2014 if you received a foreclosure notice in October 2013.

Legislator Edwards said: "Every year we get calls from people who missed the deadline or weren't aware of the procedure to follow. We want people to be able to keep their homes and property. The County Treasurer's Office offers three main programs for homeowners: the installment plan, the buy-back plan and the opportunity to bid at the auction, if it comes to that. We want folks to be informed about these programs in a timely manner." For more information, go to the Sullivan County Website: www.co.sullivan.ny.us or call 845.807.0438.

Army National Guard Major Flynn Takes Command of the Storied "Fighting 69th" Infantry Regiment

(From Pg. 1) The unit first earned fame as the heart of the historic "Irish Brigade" of the Union Army during the Civil War and is believed to have earned its nickname from Robert E. Lee due to its ferocity in battle. It was the subject of a 1940 movie "The Fighting 69th" starring James Cagney about the unit's World War I accomplishments. During World War II, the unit invaded the island of Makin in the Pacific, and fought on Okinawa.

The battalion is headquartered at the historic Lexington Avenue Armory in New York City and has units located at the Farmingdale Armed Forces Reserve Center on Long Island, the Camp Smith Training Site near Peakskill, and the Leeds Armory in Greene County. The battalion leads the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade in New York City each year.

Flynn served as a company commander in the 1st Battalion, 69th Infantry in Baghdad in 2004 and 2005, and deployed again as the second-in-command of the New York Army National Guard's 2nd Battalion, 108th Infantry in western Afghanistan in 2012. He is currently a full-time National Guard officer who serves as chief of operations at the New York National Guard Joint Force Headquarters in Latham. In that position he is responsible for coordinating the National Guard response to domestic emergencies in New York State, such as the Mohawk Valley floods in the summer of 2013. He will continue to serve in that position while also commanding the 1st Battalion, 69th Infantry in his traditional National Guard role.

He replaces Lt. Col. Vincent Heinz, another veteran of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, who is employed as an investigator by the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board in New York City. Heinz decided to retire from military service after a 23-year Army National Guard career.

Flynn is the author of the book *The Fighting 69th: From Ground Zero to Baghdad* (Viking 2007). The book details the unit's training before deploying to Iraq and the assignment of securing "Route Irish," the road from the Baghdad Airport to the Green Zone that saw frequent and deadly insurgent attacks. Those attacks ended

thanks to the efforts of the 69th's Soldiers. The third person narrative is recommended by the Army's Combat Studies Institute at Fort Leavenworth for its focus on small unit leadership.

Flynn responded to Ground Zero with the 1st Battalion, 69th Infantry on Sept. 12, 2001 when, along with other members of the New York National Guard, the National Guard provided response and recovery support to the City of New York. He went on to serve at the United States Military Academy at West Point when the unit was charged with providing security for that location later in the fall of 2001.

Flynn earned his commission in 1994 through the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps at the University of Maryland at College Park and holds a BA in Journalism. He served in the Air Force as a public relations officer from 1994 to 1997 before joining the Army National Guard. He has served as an infantry platoon leader, division operations officer and as a rifle company commander and battalion executive officer.

He is a graduate of the Infantry Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, the US Army Command and General Staff College, the Department of State's Afghanistan Field Orientation Course, the Department of Defense's Joint Public Affairs Officers Course and the military's Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape training course.

Flynn's awards and decorations include the Combat Infantryman's Badge, Bronze Star Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal, National Defense Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, and the NATO Medal.

Flynn and his wife Lori Ann have two children, Hudson and Lucia.

DEP Institutes First of Its Kind Modeling System for Reservoir Management - Operations Support Tool Uses Real-Time Data and Advanced Forecasts to Guide Reservoir Operations; Review of Data Leads to New Standard for "Normal" Storage in Reservoir System

Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Commissioner Carter Strickland today announced that an innovative reservoir management system, known as the Operations Support Tool (OST), has been integrated into the daily operations of New York City's reservoir system. The OST predicts future storage in the City's reservoir system by accounting for dozens of variables such as weather forecasts, current demand for water, and myriad changes to the operation of the water supply. The \$8 million modeling system will allow DEP to divert or release water from its reservoirs at the most opportune times to help ensure the highest quality drinking water is delivered to more than 9 million New Yorkers, and to benefit downstream communities by enhancing the health of local streams while reducing the risk of flooding.

"New York City is breaking new ground with the development of the Operations Support Tool, which is the first modeling system of its kind for any water utility in the country," Strickland said. "By integrating the best available data into our operational decisions, the OST will help to ensure that we can continue to supply nearly half the state's population with the highest-quality drinking water while respecting the needs and desires of those that live in and around the watersheds."

The OST incorporates dozens of variables - including real-time data - into the decision making process. Information used by the management system includes:

Reservoir operating rules: The capacities of the City's aqueducts and

reservoirs, as well as operating rules related to stream releases and water supply diversions, serve as a foundation for OST. These rules include the Flexible Flow Management Plan for Delaware System reservoirs, the Interim Release Protocol for Ashokan Reservoir, required releases from Croton System reservoirs, and more. This ensures that OST does not yield options that are outside the scope of existing regulations or the water supply system's capacity.

Weather and environmental data: OST uses real-time data from a number of sources, including stream gauges, devices that measure the water content of snowpack throughout the watersheds, and rain gauges, as well as forecasts from the National Weather Service. These data help DEP forecast the amount of water expected to enter the reservoir system, also known as runoff or "inflow," over a period of time.

Runoff forecasting for OST was significantly improved through a partnership with the National Weather Service (NWS). DEP provided up to \$1 million to the NWS to expedite its development of the Hydrologic Ensemble Forecast Service (HEFS), a new computer modeling system that uses meteorological forecasts and current snowpack data to predict the amount of runoff from rainfall and snowmelt. Before this new system was developed, DEP used the historic record of rainfall and runoff to predict the impact weather would have on the water supply. The National Weather Service delivers HEFS forecasts to DEP every day, and they are automatically incorporated into OST, which is expected to enhance the accuracy of runoff predictions.

"We are excited to provide these improved river forecasts to NYC DEP that support optimized management of the NYC water supply," said Laura Furgione, National Weather Service deputy director. "Through this partnership, we can demonstrate the value of river forecast uncertainty information and begin rolling out probabilistic forecasts at least a year earlier than originally planned that will improve our services to protect lives and property and enhance the national economy. Effective partnerships, like this one with NYC, are critical to our vision for a Weather-Ready Nation."

In-city and upstate demand: The modeling system also incorporates the demand for drinking water in the city and among the more than 70 communities upstate that use water from the city's water supply system. Along with required releases to rivers, creeks, and streams, demand accounts for "outflow" from the system.

Operational changes: OST also allows DEP to test different operational decisions to project how each would affect the water supply system in the months ahead. For instance, if DEP chose to divert 300 million gallons a day from one of its reservoir systems instead of 500 million gallons, OST can project how that decision and dozens of others will affect system storage, water quality, required releases, and more.

This advanced modeling allows DEP to test different operational changes in a virtual setting - and understand their outcomes - so that daily decisions are made with the best available information. OST also takes into account how ongoing construction projects might affect the water supply, and it will help DEP make operational changes ahead of big storms to limit turbidity, and the effect of

wind and other factors.

Because OST reads dozens of data sets that are fed into the system from many sources, the modeling program requires an especially powerful computer system. Development of OST included the installation of computer hardware that uses 64 processing cores to maximize performance. By comparison, the average home computer has roughly six processing cores. Before the new hardware was developed, OST's most complicated models took 30 hours to produce results. Now, the most complicated model produces results in about 30 minutes.

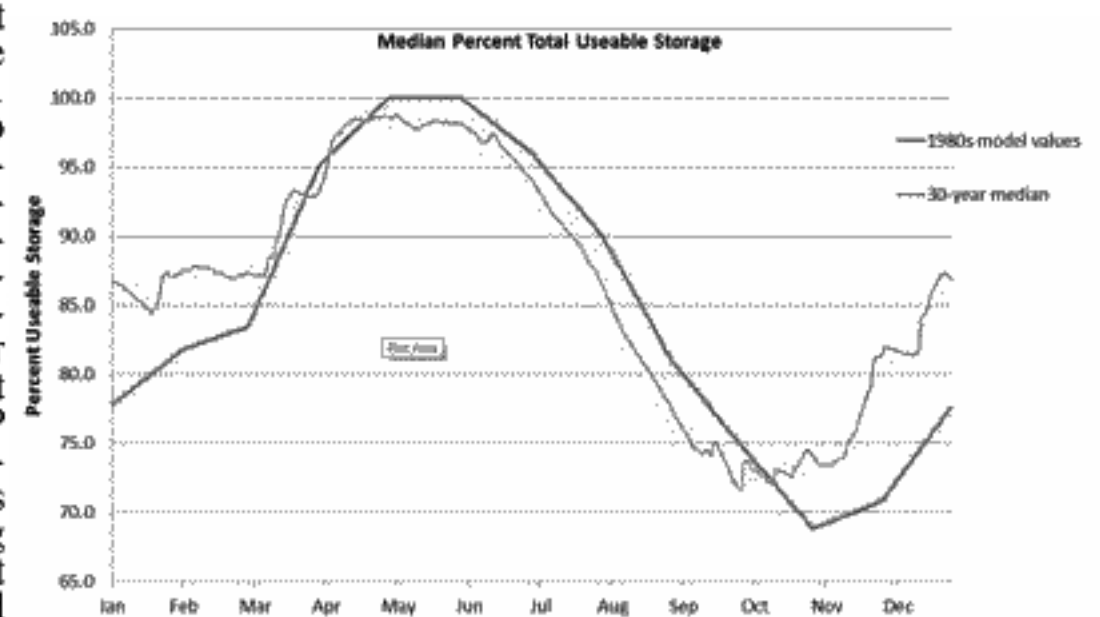
DEP began developing OST with consultant Hazen and Sawyer in 2009 and portions of the system were phased into DEP's daily water supply operations as they were completed. The OST will continue to be updated in the future to reflect changes to regulations, infrastructure, and other factors affecting water supply operations.

Analysis of data used for OST also led DEP to reassess what's known as "normal" storage in its reservoir system. The "normal" storage is a number that's updated every day on DEP's website, and often referred to by news publications and local meteorologists to explain how heat waves, droughts, large storms or other weather events affect storage in the City's reservoir system. The "normal" storage is listed next to the current day's storage on a map that can be found by clicking here. The values for "normal" storage were set by engineers sometime in the 1980s, using now-antiquated modeling to create a chart that projected how storage in the reservoirs would generally change during periods of higher demand in the summer, and periods of snowfall and rain in the winter and spring.

As part of the development of OST, DEP recently compiled 30 years of reservoir storage data and used their median to reflect the actual "normal" storage for the system. The 30-year median values showed that the City's 19 reservoirs and three controlled lakes held more water during the fall and early winter than predicted in the 1980s. Several factors likely contribute to this difference, including lower demand for water as a result of high-efficiency fixtures. Also, the data show that the Northeast has experienced a prolonged "wet" period, during which precipitation has been unusually high for the past several decades. Climate change also plays a role through increased incidents of extreme storms, and by melting snow earlier in the calendar year, which leads to the reservoirs refilling earlier. Many of these factors could not have been predicted with the 1980s modeling.

"Using these 30 years of data as the standard for normal storage in our reservoir system will give New Yorkers a better understanding of their water supply on a daily basis," Strickland said. "As we strive to be the most transparent water supply in the country, it's also important that the information we provide is as accurate as possible. These new data will meet that high standard."

The chart below shows the normal storage as modeled in the 1980s, and the normal storage according to the 30-year median of actual data.



Governor Announces \$67 Million in Funding for Bicycle, Pedestrian and Multi-use Path Enhancement Projects-63 Projects Will Encourage Tourism and Economic Development Opportunities Statewide

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced the award of approximately \$67 million in funding for 63 bicycle, pedestrian and multi-use path transportation enhancement projects that will encourage tourism and economic development opportunities across the state. The projects include the addition of accessible sidewalks, improved pedestrian access to public transportation services, construction of new bicycle and pedestrian facilities and the preservation and conversion of abandoned railroad corridors for trail use.

"We are modernizing New York State's transportation system while making it safer," Governor Cuomo said. "From building new facilities for bicycles and pedestrians to supporting historic highway programs, these projects will provide new tourism and recreational opportunities for New Yorkers and visitors. We will continue to upgrade New York's infrastructure to expand tourism and economic development while improving our communities."

New York State Department of Transportation Commissioner (NYSDOT) Joan McDonald said, "Today's announcement demonstrates the State's sustained commitment to investing in bicycle and pedestrian safety efforts to improve the livability of communities statewide. Thanks to the leadership of Governor Cuomo, we are investing in projects that are promoting transportation alternatives, tourism and recreation, and local and regional economic development."

These funds are made available to the State through the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and are administered by NYSDOT. The funds cover 80 percent of the cost of each project, with the remaining 20 percent coming from the project sponsor. The funds are dedicated for strategic investments in transportation alternatives. With the 20% local match, these projects will support a total investment of \$96.5 million. The selected projects are required to address one or more of the following categories:

- o Facilities for bicycles and pedestrians;
- o Scenic or historic highway programs;
- o Landscaping and other beautification initiatives;
- o Preservation of abandoned railway corridors, including their conversion and use as pedestrian and bicycle trails; and
- o Environmental mitigation to address water pollution due to highway runoff or reducing vehicle-caused wildlife mortality.

The projects announced today were selected through a competitive solicitation process and rated on established criteria that included environmental enhancement to and for the transportation system; connectivity to an existing transportation system; encouragement of smart growth; impact on local or regional economies; availability of matching funds; and level of community support. A full list of the projects is below.

U.S. Senator Charles Schumer said, "Improving New York's transportation systems - be they rail, highway, pedestrian pathways or bicycle lanes - encourages tourism, improves the environment and spurs business growth along those routes, pumping vital dollars into our economy and cleaner air into our lungs. As we watch these exciting projects take off, I will continue to work with New York State to bring federal resources to bear to improve New York State's transportation network."

U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand said, "Despite attempts in Congress to cut funding for bicycle and pedestrian projects, I fought alongside many of my colleagues to maintain our federal commitment to projects like those being announced today. Investing in bicycle and pedestrian projects not only improves safety for cyclists and pedestrians, but promotes tourism, outdoor recreation and economic development, enhancing the quality of life for millions of New Yorkers."

Projects Awards in Sullivan and Ulster Counties

Jefferson Street Gateway Project Village of Monticello, Sullivan County \$477,995 and City of Kingston Connectivity Project City of Kingston, Ulster County \$2,001,500

Message from Congressman Chris Gibson:

Dear Friend,
This week, the House of Representatives passed a major piece of legislation, making appropriations for all federal agencies and programs, with my support. Negotiated by the House and Senate following December's bipartisan Murray-Ryan Budget agreement, the bill passed the House 359-67.

Importantly, the bill builds on the bipartisan progress we made last month, eliminating the threat of a government shutdown and ensuring that government spending is reviewed and adjusted by Congress as designed. I also worked with the Appropriations Committee to make certain provisions important to New York's 19th Congressional District received funding.

I am committed to advancing policies that grow our economy and put us on a path to a balanced budget. By working together to make our government function, we now have a federal funding bill that not only includes a number of provisions important to you, but also continues our effort to restore fiscal responsibility. Notably, because of the partial replacement of the sequester, we were able to restore critical funding for our domestic priorities and our nation's military. But, overall, this legislation continues the downward trajectory of federal spending to help put our nation on sustainable path forward.

For New York, there are a number of important provisions I worked to fund (find the full list below). This includes increasing money for Lyme Disease, a public health scourge in our area effecting a countless number of our constituents. We also increase funding for Head Start - back to pre-sequestration levels - and rural broadband development, two initiatives I have championed. And, given the firsthand experience we have with the necessity of disaster funding, this bill ensures our assistance accounts have the funds necessary to respond to unanticipated weather events.

I am encouraged by the recent progress we have made - clear proof that by working together, with good faith negotiations, we can begin to tackle our long-term challenges and enact policies that will move our country forward. We can solve the problems before us, and I will continue to work with my colleagues - particularly those in the problem solver group No Labels - to do just that.

Last night, I returned to New York and am looking forward to the next nine days traveling the district. Tomorrow, I'll be in Oneonta to discuss concerns with Common Core and then on Sunday I'm going to a breakfast in Ames, a 100th birthday celebration for a veteran sponsored by the Kingston American Legion, and then an event on Lyme Disease at the Kinderhook Library. Monday, I'm attending a luncheon in Middleburgh sponsored by SALT to mark Martin Luther King Day and events later in the week include the Tri-Town Boys & Girls Club Senior Program opening in Sidney, a foreclosure prevention event in Ellenville, the announcement of seniors legislation in Kingston, and the Delaware County Legislative Breakfast. I'll also be meeting with constituents each day to hear ideas and concerns directly. If you'd like to schedule a meeting, you can contact my office at 202-225-5614.

Provisions important to NY-19 in the Federal Appropriations Bill:

- o Early Education: The bill includes \$8.6 billion for Head Start, which amounts to a full restoration of Head Start funding for the 57,000 seats lost due to sequestration and a \$500 million boost in funding for Early Head Start. The bill also includes \$250 million for grants to states to help develop/ enhance/ expand high-quality pre-K programs for students from low- and moderate-income families and \$2.3 billion for Child Care and Development Block Grants (CCDBG), which is \$94 million above FY13 post-sequester funding.
- o Rural Broadband: The bill includes \$4.5

million for USDA's RUS Broadband Loan Program, which amounts to about a \$47 million loan level. This is an increase over FY13 levels.

o LIHEAP: The bill increases funding for LIHEAP, which assists low income families with heating and cooling costs.

o Job Corps: The bill increases funding for Job Corps which provides disadvantaged youth with the skills needed to obtain and hold a job, enter the Armed Forces, or enroll in advanced training or higher education.

o Community Development Block Grants: The bill increases funding for Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), which are used to provide resources to address a wide range of unique community development needs.

o National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH): The bill provides increased funding for farm safety initiatives at NIOSH, including for a center run by Bassett in Otsego County.

o Fighting Lyme Disease: The bill contains \$9 million in dedicated funding to combat Lyme disease and language to encourage The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to develop better diagnostic tests and a national reporting system to improve surveillance.

o Agriculture: The bill includes critical funding for programs that support local agriculture, rural economic development and conservation.

o Renewable Energy: The bill increases funding for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy account from 1.731.4B FY13 to 1.912.1B FY13. Prohibits funding for enforcing the Administration's energy efficiency standards that effectively ban the common incandescent light bulb.

o Military pension: The bill includes a provision fixing the Ryan Murray agreement to ensure that approximately 63,000 medically retired personnel and survivors receive their full yearly cost of living increase.

o Taking care of our troops - The bill fully funds troop pay including a 1% increase.

o Infrastructure: The bill fully funds federal highway programs.

o Violence Against Women Act Programs: Funding for these programs increased from \$407.9M to \$417M.

o School Safety: The bill includes \$75M for a new Comprehensive School Safety Initiative, to be carried out by the National Institute of Justice after submitting an implementation plan to Congress within 90 days. This initiative will include research and recommendations as well as pilot programs to be carried out in schools across the country to decrease violence.

o National Security Administration: The bill prohibits the use of funds by the NSA to target a U.S. citizen or acquire and store the content of a U.S. person's communications, including phone calls and e-mails.

o Disaster Assistance: The bill provides full funding of \$6.2B for FEMA disaster relief, with an additional \$2.5B for first responder grants (increase of \$39M).

o Flood Insurance: The bill includes a House amendment that delays certain premium increases in the National Flood Insurance Program.

o Electronic Health Records: Building on the initiative Congressman Gibson and No Labels worked to include in the National Defense Authorization, this bill ensures that the Department of Defense and Department of Veteran's Affairs are developing electronic health records that seamlessly transfer medical information between the two departments, providing \$323M for these activities.

o Hudson Valley Heritage Area: The bill includes an authorization through FY2015 and \$500,000 in funding.

POLITICAL SLANT

By Frank Comando

INCREASED CYBER SECURITY CAN SAVE GLOBAL ECONOMY TRILLIONS
New World Economic Forum report examines the need for new approaches to increase resilience against cyber attacks. Report offers a framework for collaboration to help leaders build effective cyber risk management platforms. Delays in adopting cyber security capabilities could result in a US\$ 3 trillion loss in economic value. Download the full report here. Davos-Klosters, Switzerland, 20 January 2014 - Failing to improve cyber security

could cost the world economy and lead to more frequent cyber attacks, according to a new report released today by the World Economic Forum in collaboration with McKinsey & Company.

The Risk and Responsibility in a Hyper connected World report addresses options that institutions can take to improve cyber resilience and mitigate the economic and strategic impact of such attacks. With the recent proliferation of cyber attacks, corporate executives need to devote increasing attention to protecting information assets and on-line operations.

For the full release and supporting information, please visit:

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VERIZON KILLED NET NEUTRALITY when a federal appeals court ruled in its favor and struck down the Federal Communications Commission's Open Internet Order. I

Net Neutrality is a principle that says that Internet users, not Internet service providers (ISPs), should be in control. It ensures that Internet service providers can't speed up, slow down, or block web content based on its source, ownership, or destination.

And now Net Neutrality is dead - at least until the FCC stands up to Verizon and AT&T and passes strong rules that will pass the legal test for ensuring Americans have access to a free and open Internet.

Tell new FCC Chair Tom Wheeler: Save Net Neutrality. Click here to sign automatically.

The verdict was a disappointment but came as no surprise. Back in 2010, the FCC, led by Obama-appointee Julius Genachowski, voted to adopt rules that enshrined in federal regulations for the first time the ability of AT&T, Comcast, Verizon and other ISPs to discriminate between sources and types of content.

Now even those meager protections have been struck down. But the new chair of the FCC, Tom Wheeler, can save Net Neutrality by doing what former FCC chair Genachowski failed to do. He can stand up to Verizon and AT&T, and undo the Bush-era decision to deregulate broadband Internet providers and allow them to operate outside of the legal framework that has traditionally applied to companies that offer two-way communication services.

Tell FCC Tom Wheeler: Reclassify broadband as a telecom service, and enact strong Net Neutrality protections. Click here to sign automatically.

Back in 2010, this latest court decision was utterly predictable. A federal court had already ruled that unless the FCC reversed the Bush-era decision to deregulate broadband, the FCC couldn't enforce Net Neutrality rules. Then FCC Chair Genachowski tested the waters with a proposal to reregulate (or in the jargon of the FCC "reclassify") broadband. Genachowski himself said that, according to the FCC General Counsel, pushing ahead with policies without reregulating broadband would be unwise given the tenuous legal footing the FCC would find itself in.

But Obama administration's support for Net Neutrality was so weak that his FCC declined to reclassify broadband as a prerequisite to passing Net Neutrality rules. Without providing this legal framework, the Open Internet Order was never anything more than a cynical ploy by Democrats to claim a victory on Net Neutrality while actually caving on real protections for consumers.

New FCC chair Tom Wheeler has a chance to change this. He recently made a strong statement in support of Net Neutrality and the necessary legal framework to defend it, saying that "it is essential that the FCC continue to maintain an open Internet and maintain the legal ability to intervene promptly and effectively in the event of aggravated circumstances."

But it's unclear if he'll simply kick the can down the road by appealing to the U.S. Supreme Court (a body that, with the outrageous Citizens United decision, has already proved itself more loyal to corporate control than to protecting our democracy). We need him to muster the political will to take action immediately and save Net Neutrality by reversing the deregulation of broadband and giving teeth to the FCC's

This space is also for you;

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

Sullivan County Prescription Drug Take Back Day - Jan 25th from 10 am-2pm

The purpose of this day is to provide a venue for persons who want to dispose of unwanted and unused prescription drugs. NO needles or liquids will be accepted.

According to New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services, most people take medicines only for the reasons their doctors pre-scribe them. However, an estimated 20 percent of people in the United States (48 million people ages 12 and older) have used prescription drugs for non-medical reasons. This is prescription drug abuse. It is a serious and growing problem. According to Partnership for a Drug Free America, studies show that each day, approximately 2,500 teens use prescription drugs to get high for the first time. If you know of someone who is addicted to prescription drugs call the Recovery Center at 845-794-8080.

For more information call the locations listed. Locations: FALLSBURG POLICE Station 434-4422; LIBERTY POLICE Station 292-4422; CATSKILL REGIONAL HOSPITAL LOBBY 794-3300; MONTICELLO Ted Stroebel Center w/Monticello Police 794-4422 Sponsored by Sullivan County Prescription Drug Task Force, Sullivan County Public Health Services, the Sullivan County Rural Health Network and the Recovery Center 396 Broadway Monticello, NY 12701 Phone: 845-794-8080 Fax: 845-794-8343

Christmas Decorating Contest

The Roscoe Garden Club partnered with The Roscoe Chamber of Commerce on the Christmas Tree Decorating Contest in Roscoe. The following were chosen the winners for decorating their business or home beautiful for the holidays. Thank you to all those that participated!

Business: 1st place Annie's Place-Miriam Stone; 2nd place Northern Farmhouse Pasta- Bob Ecker; 3rd place- Rockland House- Tommy and Maria Roseo

Home: 1st place Sharon and Ronnie Keene
2nd place Perry and Laurie Kuehn
3rd place- Michelle and Bill Brown

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Gift Card/Gift Certificate Raffle

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Hurleyville and Woodridge United Methodist Churches
invite you to weekly worship:
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10:30 am in Woodridge.
For more information, call
Pastor Susan Woodworth 845-794-6325

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The Little Church with the Big Heart
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Music by Susan and Fred Van Wagner
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Rev. John J. Lynch, Ph.D., Pastor. 434-7643.

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Serving 7:00 until 12:00 Noon
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Meet Up With Old and New Friends and Have FREE Lunch at Katie's Cafe

Katie's Cafe, a free lunch and conversation hour, will take place on Saturday, February 1st, noon to 1 pm, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 31 Erie Avenue, Narrowsburg, NY. Come for a meal and meet up with old and new friends. Details at 845-252-3919.

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

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

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Please take notice that the Town of Neversink Planning Board will hold a public hearing, pursuant to Section 267, Town Law, on the application of Paul Ten Eyck for the purpose of review of an application for a Special Use Permit for a proposed 4 site Campground located at 1115 Hunter Rd., Grahamsville, New York (SBL# 17.-1-2). Said hearing will take place at the Neversink Town Hall, Grahamsville, NY on Wednesday, February 5, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. at which time all interested parties will be given an opportunity to be heard.

BY ORDER OF
THE PLANNING BOARD
TOWN OF NEVERSINK
JAMES STANGEL, CHAIRMAN

1/23/14

At Gillibrand's Urging, Congress Renews Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area - Omnibus Federal Funding Bill Reauthorizes National Heritage Area Funding - Access To Matching Federal Funding For Projects In The Area Through 2015; Region is One of 12 Areas Nationwide Set To Receive Funding Accessibility Extension

Washington, D.C. - U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand today announced the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area designation will be reauthorized as part of the omnibus appropriations bill that passed through Congress this week and is set to be signed by the President. The extension through 2015 keeps the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area operating to promote recreation and tourism, as well as enables the area to access federal funding for projects in the area. "The Hudson River Valley is truly one of America's richest treasures, and holds enormous potential that we are still unlocking," Senator Gillibrand said. "From the Adirondacks to the busy ports of New York City, the Hudson River Valley helps fuel our economy, inspires our artists, and provides New Yorkers with miles of adventure and endless recreation. As New York's first Senator from upstate in nearly 40 years, I will always work to preserve the beauty and tradition of the Hudson River Valley, and the extension of this funding is an important step to continue garnering the national recognition the region deserves."

Mark Castiglione, Acting Executive Director, Hudson River Valley Greenway and Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area, said, "The National Park Service identified the Hudson River Valley as the 'landscape that defined America' in recognition of the region's role in shaping our National identity. Renewed access to this critical federal funding will allow us to continue to serve as a catalyst for partnership projects that promote the region's unparalleled natural, cultural,

and historic resources. In doing so, the National Heritage Area will continue to help grow the region's economy. We are deeply grateful to Senator Gillibrand for her leadership, and thank the entire Hudson River Valley Congressional delegation for their unwavering support for the important work of the National Heritage Area."

Stretching from Saratoga to Westchester Counties, the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area links over 100 individual sites that promote tourism and recreation in the region, while showcasing the Hudson Valley's unique role in American history and development.

First authorized in 1996, the National Heritage authorization expired in 2012. Senator Gillibrand secured a Senate hearing and introduced legislation for a 10-year reauthorization. The omnibus funding bill renews the designation and eligibility to apply for matching federal funding to be used to help preserve and promote historical, cultural, recreational, and natural sites in the region. The authorization is extended through 2015.

Gibson Support Legislation Benefits NY-19, Now Advances to Senate

Washington, DC - The House of Representatives passed today the FY2014 government funding bill, making appropriations for all federal agencies and programs. Negotiated by the House and Senate following December's bipartisan Murray-Ryan Budget agreement, the bill passed the House 359-67. Congressman Chris Gibson (NY-19) voted in support of the bill.

Importantly, the bill builds on the bipartisan progress made last month, eliminating the threat of a government shutdown and ensuring that government spending is reviewed and adjusted by Congress as designed. Congressman Gibson worked with the Appropriations Committee to make certain provisions important to New York's 19th Congressional District received funding.

"I am committed to advancing policies that grow our economy and put us on a path to a balanced budget. By working together to make our government function, we now have a federal funding bill that not only includes a number of provisions critical to my constituents, but also continues our effort to restore fiscal responsibility. Notably, because of the partial replacement of the sequester, we were able to restore critical funding for our domestic priorities and our nation's military," said Congressman Gibson.

"For New York, there are a number of important provisions I worked to fund. This includes increasing money for Lyme Disease, a public health scourge in our area effecting a countless number of our constituents. We also increase funding for Head Start - back to pre-sequestration levels - and rural broadband development, two initiatives I have championed. And, given the firsthand experience my district has with the necessity of disaster funding, this bill ensures our assistance accounts have the funds necessary to respond to unanticipated weather events," continued Congressman Gibson. "Finally, while maintaining funding for important priorities, overall, this legislation continues the downward trajectory of federal spending - in a bipartisan manner - to help put our nation on sustainable path forward.

"I am encouraged by the recent progress we have made - clear proof that by working together, with good faith negotiations, we can begin to tackle our long-term challenges and enact policies that will move our country forward. We can solve the problems before us, and I will be continuing to

work with my colleagues - particularly those in the problem solver group No Labels - to do just that," continued Congressman Gibson.

Provisions important to NY-19 include:

o **Early Education:** The bill includes \$8.6 billion for Head Start, which amounts to a full restoration of Head Start funding for the 57,000 seats lost due to sequestration and a \$500 million boost in funding for Early Head Start. The bill also includes \$250 million for grants to states to help develop/enhance/expand high-quality pre-K programs for students from low- and moderate-income families and \$2.3 billion for Child Care and Development Block Grants (CCDBG), which is \$94 million above FY13 post-sequester funding.

o **Rural Broadband:** The bill includes \$4.5 million for USDA's RUS Broadband Loan Program, which amounts to about a \$47 million loan level. This is an increase over FY13 levels.

o **LIHEAP:** The bill increases funding for LIHEAP, which assists low income families with heating and cooling costs.

o **Job Corps:** The bill increases funding for Job Corps which provides disadvantaged youth with the skills needed to obtain and hold a job, enter the Armed Forces, or enroll in advanced training or higher education.

o **Community Development Block Grants:** The bill increases funding for Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), which are used to provide resources to address a wide range of unique community development needs.

o **National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH):** The bill provides increased funding for farm safety initiatives at NIOSH, including for a center run by Bassett in Otsego County.

o **Fighting Lyme Disease:** The bill contains \$9 million in dedicated funding to combat Lyme disease and language to encourage The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to develop better diagnostic tests and a national reporting system to improve surveillance.

o **Agriculture:** The bill includes critical funding for programs that support local agriculture, rural economic development and conservation.

o **Renewable Energy:** The bill increases funding for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy account from 1.731.4B FY13 to 1.912.1B FY13. Prohibits funding for enforcing the Administration's energy efficiency standards that effectively ban the common incandescent light bulb.

o **Military pension:** The bill includes a provision fixing the Ryan Murray agreement to ensure that approximately 63,000 medically retired personnel and survivors receive their full yearly cost of living increase.

o **Taking care of our troops -** The bill fully funds troop pay including a 1% increase.

o **Infrastructure:** The bill fully funds federal highway programs.

o **Violence Against Women Act Programs:** Funding for these programs increased from \$407.9M to \$417M.

o **School Safety:** The bill includes \$75M for a new Comprehensive School Safety Initiative, to be carried out by the National Institute of Justice after submitting an implementation plan to Congress within 90 days. This initiative will include research and recommendations as well as pilot programs to be carried out in schools across the country to decrease violence.

o **National Security Administration:** The bill prohibits the use of funds by

the NSA to target a U.S. citizen or acquire and store the content of a U.S. person's communications, including phone calls and e-mails.

o **Disaster Assistance:** The bill provides full funding of \$6.2B for FEMA disaster relief, with an additional \$2.5B for first responder grants (increase of \$39M).

o **Flood Insurance:** The bill includes a House amendment that delays certain premium increases in the National Flood Insurance Program.

o **Electronic Health Records:** Building on the initiative Congressman Gibson and No Labels worked to include in the National Defense Authorization, this bill ensures that the Department of Defense and Department of Veteran's Affairs are developing electronic health records that seamlessly transfer medical information between the two departments, providing \$323M for these activities.

Cuomo Announces Appointment of Former Buffalo Bills Running Back Thurman Thomas to the NYS Tourism Advisory Board

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo announced the appointment of Thurman Thomas to the New York State Tourism Advisory Council and recommended that he fill the position of Vice Chair.

"I am pleased to welcome Thurman Thomas, a New Yorker known by sports fans all around the world, to the New York State Tourism Advisory Council," Governor Cuomo said. "For more than a decade, Mr. Thomas represented Buffalo on the football field and was part of the Bills team that went to the Super Bowl four times in a row. He has shown a commitment to the Empire State both on and off the field. Now Mr. Thomas will be using his experience to help make Upstate New York a premier destination for visitors from around the globe and continue to grow our tourism industry."

Mr. Thomas led the Buffalo Bills football team to four straight Super Bowl appearances in the 1990s and holds the franchise's rushing record. He began and ended his illustrious career as a Bill and was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 2007. Mr. Thomas lives in Buffalo and is a founder of Legends Energy Group.

"I am honored that Governor Cuomo has appointed me to The Tourism Advisory Council," Thurman Thomas said. "I know how important it is to the Governor that Buffalo and Western New York receive the proper representation and promotion. I look forward to making that happen."

"The Tourism Advisory Council is thrilled to welcome Thurman Thomas and work with him as we continue to build tourism with exciting events like the Super Bowl next month," said Cristyne L. Nicholas, Chairman of the Tourism Advisory Council. "I Love New York will seek guidance and benefit from Thurman's leadership to continue to attract major sporting events like the very successful PGA Championship the State hosted in Rochester this past summer, as well as the upcoming Empire State Games."

About the New York State Tourism Advisory Council

The New York State Tourism Advisory Council was established in 1984 to advise the Governor and provide input regarding the State's tourism efforts. The membership of the council includes representatives from tourism-related industries including travel and vacation businesses, convention bureaus, cultural institutions, theme parks and attractions, hotels and motels, restaurants, water-based recreation businesses,

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(845) 985-2262 extension 312

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

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

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

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

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



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Friday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
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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.ala-teen.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

Eat Healthy, Be Active!

Have Happy Healthy New Year! This free series of workshops at Ellenville Public Library & Museum will help us keep our New Year's resolutions and feel better. Take one, or take them all. Taught by Melissa Sakellariou, Nutritionist at ShopRite of Ellenville. For ages 14 & up. (Program continues in spring.)

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- 1/23/14 Neversink Fire District Meeting at 7 p.m.; Public Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
- 2/1/14 Sundown Methodist Church **Covered Dish Supper** - 5:30 pm Church Hall
- 2/4/14 Town of Denning Town Board Meeting 7:00 pm Town of Denning Town Hall
- 2/5/14 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting- 7:00 pm
- 2/11/14 Town of Denning Town Board Business Meeting 7:00 pm Town of Denning Town Hall
- 2/12/14 Town of Neversink Board Meeting - 7:30 pm
- 2/13/14 Dept. of Motor Vehicles Neversink Town Hall 10:00 am - 2:30 p.m
- 2/15/14 **Grahamsville United Methodist Church Thrift Sale Only** (9am-1pm) (also Soup Lunch)
- 2/16/14 Claryville Fire Dept. All You Can Eat Presidents' Day **Pancake Breakfast** - 7 am to Noon.
- 2/17/14 Grahamsville Fire Dist. Board of Fire Commissioners - 7:00 pm
- 2/17/14 Town of Neversink Holiday - **PRESIDENTS' DAY**
- 2/18/14 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals - 7:30 pm
- 2/20/14 Neversink Fire District Meeting at 7 p.m.; Public Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

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Grahamsville Reformed Church

2014 Dinner Schedule

- April 5 - Roast Pork
- May 3 - Roast Turkey
- June 7 - Roast Beef
- September 6 - Roast Beef
- October 11 - Roast Turkey
- November 8 - Roast Pork

Ladies' Aide Bake Sales - 2014

- May 31st
- July 5th
- Aug 30th

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Grahamsville United Methodist Church

2014 Third Saturday Thrift Sales

9 am - 1 pm

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| February 15 (also Soup Lunch) | August 16 |
| March 15 (also Soup Lunch) | September 20 |
| April 19 | October 18 |
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| June 21 | (No sale in December.) |
| July 19 | |

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- CANNIE D'S
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LOCATIONS in the TOWN OF OLIVE & SHANDAKEN

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.

CAS Begins Public Tour Series with Reflective Surfaces

Livingston Manor, NY - The Catskill Art Society announces the beginning of its Public Tour Series, a deeper look at the themes and subjects of its juried exhibitions in an in-depth guided tour. The 2014 season will begin with "Reflective Surfaces," featuring the photography of Julia Forrest and Flora Hogman, at the CAS Arts Center at 48 Main Street, Livingston Manor, NY on Saturday, February 8 at 2pm. This event is free, and small donations will be accepted at the door.

The Public Tour Series provides opportunities for visitors to look deeper at the exhibitions that CAS offers. Participants are encouraged to make observations, ask questions, and experience the exhibit in a group environment, with an informed guide on hand to lead with behind-the-scenes information. Visitors of all ages are welcome to drop in. Tours last about 45 minutes.

The tour for "Reflective Surfaces" will be led by Bradley Diuguid, Executive Director of the Catskill Art Society. The exhibition "Reflective Surfaces" presents two distinctive artists with series of images refracted and reflected, revealing glimpses of inner life and environments co-existing with us, unaware. What lives and moves under the surface of our world? Whether among nature or an urban cityscape, surfaces like mirrors, windows, pools, and puddles become portals that transport us past the boundaries between worlds. No digital alteration is used, yet the subjects can seem fantastic, even surreal, blending figures and landscapes within perfectly composed photographs—sometimes by design, and sometimes by fate.

All tours are free and open to the public. No reservations are required. For more information, call the CAS Arts Center at 845-436-4227 or e-mail

info@catskillartsociety.org.
About the Catskill Art Society

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

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

"Natural Selection[s]" Opening Reception this Saturday

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

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

The exhibition will feature works by Beth Baylin, Jerry Cohen, Erin Dinan, Charles Farless, William Kooistra, Susan Miiller, Cindy

Shechter, Ellen Silberlicht, David Soete, Carla Strozzi, Alan Wood, and Denis Yanashot.

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

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

MISU to hold First "Women Only" Night

MISU will be having its first "women only" night January 25 at 8pm. 40 market street 12428 Ellenville

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Hope to see you!

Mardi Gras Party in Roscoe!

This year the Roscoe Chamber of Commerce will be celebrating Mardi Gras right here in Roscoe. We will be celebrating it at the Rockland House on Saturday, March 8th running from 6:00 to 10:00 pm. Light appetizers, Buffet, dessert, coffee/tea. Cash Bar "LIVE" music by Jon Zanger and dancing!!

We will be selling raffles, 50/50 tickets, prize giveaways... and we are even going to crown a King and Queen!! The night is going to be a blast so PLEASE we are only selling a limited amount of tickets to avoid overcrowding.

Feel free to come dressed up in your favorite Mardi Gras costumes!! 18 years or older please!! Limited seating. Reservations a must! Tickets are \$35.00 each. Call Lilly - 607-498-5222 x-306. Marge - 607-498-5464.

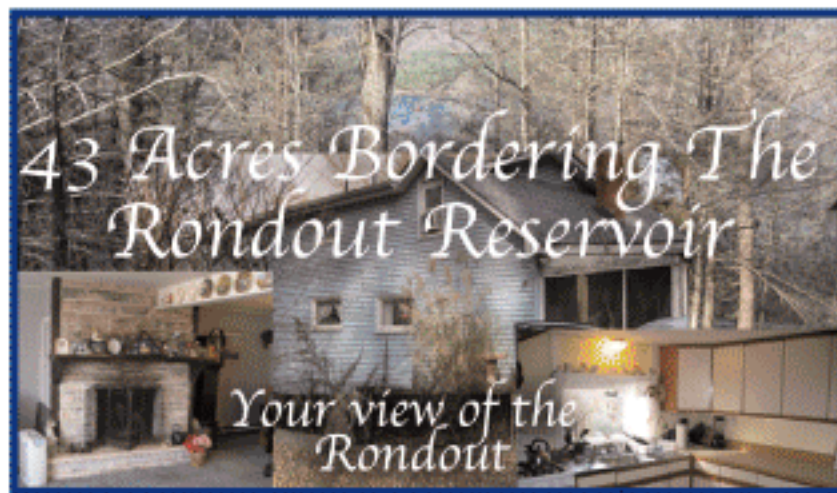


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life in this vigorous, courageous story of settlers in upstate N.Y. during Revolutionary War. Action drama, filled with sentimental humor deftly interwoven in a beautiful Technicolor production. From Walter Edmonds' novel, see this film on TCM. 10:00 PM, Sunday evening, January 26, 2014, C- 104 min, Rated TV-G,

- Quiz: 1. Who played Mrs. McKlennar?
- 2. Who played Adam Hartman?

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

PHOENICIA LIBRARY,

Solar Electricity: Explore the Possibilities
Saturday, January 25, 2014, 1:00-2:30pm
With Maxanne Resnick

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

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

Free and open to the public, no registration required.

For more information on this or other programs at the Phoenicia Library, please visit us at <http://phoenicialibrary.org/>

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