

## Santa's Elves Bustling in the Tri-Valley School District

On Christmas morning, nearly 75 children will be surprised to see toys, new clothing, and other goodies under the tree. That's not so unusual . . . what is strange is the clandestine work of the local Elf Force within the boundaries of the Tri-Valley Central School District.



Disguised as ordinary people who live and work in the Neversink area, the "elves" have been hard at work making preparations for a special holiday celebration. Santa's workshop is buzzing as these elves are creating gifts to match the unique interests of children. They've also been collecting food-turkeys and the trimmings, lasagna, fruit baskets, pies-to help make life a little easier for parents. (Contd. Pg. 3)

## Ulster County Executive Mike Hein Takes Oath of Office to Begin Third Term



Kingston, N.Y. - Surrounded by his family, Ulster County Executive Mike Hein paused from his daily work to take his oath of office as he begins his third term as County Executive. The brief ceremony, held in the County Office Building, was indicative of the County Executive's ongoing commitment to work for the betterment of all of Ulster County's residents without interruption. (Contd. Pg. 4)

## Santa Express Roars into South Fallsburg



Town of Fallsburg Supervisor Steve Vegliante welcomed over three hundred children and families as they awaited the arrival of Santa and Mrs. Claus to South Fallsburg on the evening of December 13. The annual event was sponsored by the Town and supported by the Police, Fire and Parks and Recreation Departments. The School District played a key role with appearances and entertainment by the Cheerleaders, music and songs played by teachers Ms. Leah Exner and Ms. Andrea Henderson, volunteer support by the Leo Club and a dramatic reading of "Twas the Night Before Christmas" by School Superintendent Dr. Ivan Katz.

Special thanks go out to the organizers of the event- Valerie Sitz, Linda Ingber, Greg Bennett, James Goldfarb, and Perry Gips. Perry provided the sound system and worked the crowd of children and parents like a hotel emcee, engaging everyone to sing along with the musicians the joyous songs of the holiday season.

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## Sounds of the Season.....Enjoyed By All!



Photo courtesy of Joseph Hellman  
Pictured above, left to right: Mr. Mariano Vidal, Mrs. Joan Dirie (Family Council representative,) Ms. Nancy Johnston, and Mr. Tom Caltabellotta.

On Saturday, December 19th, Mr. Tom Caltabellotta, Mr. Mariano Vidal, and Ms. Nancy Johnston shared their musical talents with residents and visitors at the Sullivan County Adult Care Center. Mr. Vidal and Mr. Caltabellotta entertained with impressive vocal performances, individually and in duets, expertly accompanied by Ms. Johnston on the piano. The program included such selections as "The Impossible Dream," and "Some Enchanted Evening," as well as seasonal favorites such as "White Christmas," and "Silent Night." The program drew an enthusiastic crowd, and was one of the highlights of the holiday season at the Center. The program came about, in part, through the efforts of the Sullivan County Adult Care Center Family Council, which works diligently year-round on projects to improve the quality of life for residents at the Center. For more information about the Family Council, call Julie at (845) 513-2117.

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**ON THE FRONT BURNER:** My mouth shall speak of wisdom; and the meditation of my heart shall be of understanding.  
Psalm 49:3

**OBITUARY**

**Clementine M. Denman** of Neversink, NY, a homemaker, bookkeeper and a long time area resident, passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving family on Saturday, December 19, 2015 at the Orange Regional Medical Center, Middletown, NY. She was 89.



The daughter of the late Harry and Ruth Cox Green, she was born February 7, 1926 in Connecticut. A graduate of Liberty High School, Clem grew up and raised her children in White Sulphur Springs. She later moved to Neversink where she shared a wonderful life with her husband Jack.

Clem was a member of the White Sulphur Springs United Methodist Church. She was a charter member of the White Sulphur Springs Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary and a former member of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Clem was happiest while in the company of her family and friends. She especially loved watching her grandchildren ice skate on her pond in the winter, riding "the buggy" with the kids in the summer, and the chaos of Christmas morning. Clem made every occasion special for her family. Her laughter, wit and kindness brought joy to everyone. She is loved and cherished by all who were fortunate enough to know her.

Survivors include her husband of 37 years, Jack V. Denman, at home; her daughter, Cheryl Couturier of Jacksboro, TN; her son, Dwayne LaBagh and his wife Debra of White Sulphur Springs, NY; one brother, Jerald Green and his wife Mary Sue of White Sulphur Springs, NY; six grandchildren; thirteen great grandchildren; one step son, Douglas Denman of Gainesville, TX; two step grandchildren; several nieces and nephews; and many dear friends.

She was predeceased by her first husband, Austin LaBagh and one sister, Dolores Arkenbout.

Memorial contributions in Clementine's name may be made to the White Sulphur Springs United Methodist Church, PO Box 308, White Sulphur Springs, NY 12787.

Funeral arrangements were arranged by the Harris Funeral Home.

**Ronald Charles Campbell** of Buchanan, Ga., passed away peacefully with his daughters by his side on November 17, 2015. He was 77.

Ronnie was born on October 15, 1938, in Brooklyn, New York. He grew up on Lackawack Hill in Na-panoch, NY, and attended Tri-Valley High School. He later joined the Navy, where he served aboard the USS Carp, Intrepid, and Chukawan. He later settled and raised his family in Forestburgh, NY, and retired in Buchanan, Ga.

Ronald Campbell  
Ronnie was a warm-hearted man with a quick wit and a special sense of humor. He loved his daughters and grandchildren with all of his heart. He enjoyed making people laugh and was always up for an adventure. He had a passion for caring for people, which showed in the years he enjoyed as an EMT as a member of the Monticello Volunteer Ambulance Corps. In his free time he enjoyed fishing and photography.

Ronnie is survived by daughter Stacey Campbell and her husband, Donald Weary, daughter Jodie Campbell Jacobs and her husband, Daniel Jacobs, and his grandchildren, Lyla Reese Jacobs and Oliver Jacobs. He is survived by his sister, Florence Marilyn (Lynn) Tears, and her husband, Fred Tears.

He was predeceased by his mother, Florence Marion Molloy; his father, Charles Campbell; and his brother, James Campbell.

Burial will be at Arlington National Cemetery at a to be determined date and a service, at Furman Cemetery in Wawarsing, NY, will take place after the New Year.

**James Caruso Jr.** of Grahamsville, NY, passed away on Tuesday, December 29, 2015 at Vassar Brothers Hospital. He was 83 years old. James was born in Ellenville on May 21, 1932; the son of James and Ora (Shagnon) Caruso Sr.

Mr. Caruso was a veteran of the United States Navy having served aboard USS Tarawa. He was honorably discharged in 1956. James was a long time employee of Ellenville Auto where he was an auto parts salesman. He enjoyed woodworking and during his younger years bicycling, bowling, hunting, camping and horseshoes.

James is survived by his wife, Elizabeth "Betty" Caruso whom he married on August 2, 1953; their children: Stephen, Randy, Todd, Wendy Caruso, Melody Arroyo and Derrel Caruso along with numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren

who he absolutely adored. He is also survived by his sister, Pauline Connors.

Visitation will be held from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Tuesday, January 5th with a celebration of his life immediately following at Loucks Funeral Home. Burial with military honors will be at the Sullivan County Veterans Cemetery.

Please consider donating to the Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, Kansas 66675.

**COLLEGE NEWS:**

**SUNY Oswego Recognizes Area Students on Fall 2015 Deans' List**

The following area students were on the Deans' List at SUNY Oswego in fall 2015. Marin Wenig of Siegel Drive in Ellenville, a sophomore human resource management major; Nicole Rose of Chestnut Street in Liberty, a senior human development major and Katherine Zenteno of Nappy Lane in Napanoch, a sophomore broadcasting and mass communication major

**DAYS OF YORE....**

**Today's History**

**January 4, 1956** - At chore time on Friday afternoon, Archie Dean Jr. was putting the milking machine onto a three-year old cow when something frightened the cow and she kicked, hitting him. Dr. Tomkins was called and it was found upon examination that the right leg was broken above the ankle. He was taken to Liberty Loomis hospital for treatment and will probably be laid up for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander La Hanco of Lackawack are the parents of a son, Keith Allen, born at Veterans Memorial Hospital on December 28th.

For a New Year's resolution  
That is smart and clever too,  
Resolve to shop and save at home,  
It's the thrifty thing to do.  
KUM TO KRUM'S

**January 5, 1966** - The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Nash of Neversink, born on January 3, 1966 at Liberty Maimonides Hospital, has been hailed as Sullivan County's first baby of the New Year. The new miss weighed in at almost 7 lbs. She is the Nash's fourth child. The proud maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Walter Edwards Sr. and the proud paternal and the proud paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Nash all of Neversink.

**January 7, 1976** - Anniversary greetings to Richard and Caroline Dickerman on January 17th and to George and Joan Stailing on the 22nd.

Earl D. Sheeley died Friday in Ellenville Hospital after a long illness. He was 72. Born in Eureka on Nov. 16, 1903 to Otis and Hattie Low Sheeley, he was a lifelong area resident. He was retired from the Earl D. Sheeley Trucking and Fuel Co. He is survived by a son, Horace of Grahamsville, and a daughter, Mrs. Frances Ter Bush; eight grandchildren, one great-grandchild and many nieces and nephews.

**January 9, 1986** - The engagement of Wendy Anne Moshier and John Joseph Diaco, son of Mario and Phyllis Diaco of Monticello, has been announced by Edward and Carol Moshier of Grahamsville, parents of the future bride. Miss Moshier is a graduate of Ellenville High School and is a customer service assistant at the Rhulen Agency, Monticello. Her fiancé is employed by Diaco Construction, Monticello. Wedding plans are incomplete.

**First Friday Book Discussion Group**

The first Friday of the month book discussion group meets in the Upper Level Conference Room of the Daniel Pierce Library in Grahamsville, N.Y. from 1 to 3 p.m. Refreshments are provided by the members.

Please join us! This month's book discussion: "At Home in Mitford", by Jan Karon

**SC Philatelic Society**

The Sullivan County Philatelic Society will have a ten lot auction on Saturday, January 9th, 2016 at 1 pm at the Ted Stroebele Recreation Center, 2 Jefferson St., Monticello, NY.

Since I have taken over as Program Director for the Monticello Senior Citizens, I have also scheduled another meeting at the Center on Thursday, January 7, 2016.

Mary Paige Cluse, the Director of the New Monticello Public Library is to explain all its functions and programs available to everyone. When you enter this new library and see how will its constructed and the large section for lap tops, children's section upstairs and rooms for study purposes it will be worth the cost.

**A Round About Tri-Valley**

-Carol Furman

Another fresh new year is here ... another year to live! To banish worry, doubt and fear... to love and laugh and give! (William Ward) Happy 2016!

I start this first column of the new year on a sad note. Just before the holidays we lost several of our friends and neighbors. Three former Tri-Valley teachers passed away just before Christmas: Rita Cerato, died on December 13th at the age of 97, Pamela Bright passed away on December 15th at the age of 66, and Lucille St. Priest Norton, age 88, died on December 18th. Two Tri-Valley graduates also passed away just a day apart - Mattia Russo (Matty) on December 8th and Kathleen Walker Hitt on December 9th. Both Matty and Kathy were only 58 years old. Clementine Denman of Grahamsville also passed away just before the holidays. Clem died on December 19th at the age of 89. Condolences to the friends and families of the deceased.

Thank you to the folks on South Hill in Grahamsville for the beautiful luminary display on Christmas Eve. There must have been close to 550 milk jugs with candles lining both sides of the roadway from Route 42 to the Brodhead Road. Fantastic!

Congratulations to Patrick and Khristine Donovan on the birth of Molly Shea Donovan on December 18\*. I'm sure Red and Donna Donovan of Neversink are pleased with their first grandchild!

The Daniel Pierce Library Holiday Tea on December 13th was just what we needed to help us get into the holiday spirit. This year Santa Claus was a very welcome guest! When you go to the Library, take a look at the very creative "book tree" in the lobby.

Congrats to Jon Mickelson, Michael Schulte and Logan McKeon on being selected as members of this year's Democrat football all-star team.

A "special thank you" to Frank and Linda Comando for entertaining the Townsman Staff for a holiday luncheon at the Blue Hill Cafe on December 17th. Everyone enjoyed getting together!

If you did not attend the musical concerts at Tri-Valley School on December 15th and 16th, you missed wonderful presentations. The students and their teachers worked very hard to prepare for these concerts and they were wonderful!

Congratulations to Samantha Adriaans of Grahamsville, a physicians assistant, who has joined Middletown Medical and will be serving primary care patients and working in the Medical's Urgent Care Center.

Mark McLewin and Cristina Aby-Azar, the new owners of Cannie D's in Neversink, have applied for a license to sell beer at the store.

The Mingo/Furman Band made their debut at the Grahamsville Reformed Church on Christmas Eve. They played "Little Drummer Boy". Great job!

On December 20th, several local Cub Scouts and their families attended a basketball game at West Point. Van Furman and Dylan Poley were asked to be a part of the color guard prior to the game. The Scouts also enjoyed visiting the football stadium and the West Point Athletic Hall of Fame. After the basketball game, the Scouts received posters and had them autographed by the Army players.

**Words of Wisdom:** There is so much good in the worst of us, and so much bad in the best of us, that it behooves any of us to find fault with the rest of us. (unknown)

**Chamber of Commerce Meeting**

The next meeting of the Chamber of Commerce meeting will be held on January 25, 2016 at 7:00 pm in the Community Room at the Daniel Pierce Library

All residents of the Tri-Valley area are welcome.

**Neversink News - Hulda Vernooy**

Belated Happy Birthday wishes to Barbara Barkley. We all wish you a bright and cheery year ahead!

**Santa's Elves Bustling in the Tri-Valley School District** (From Pg. 1)

These "elves" work incognito. It's easy to mistake them as Halloween celebrants at the PTO's Trunk-or-Treat event, stuffing the magic school bus full with ingredients for holiday meals. Some look like guys driving pickup trucks (instead of sleighs), transporting food and gifts for distribution.

You've probably seen them in the grocery store, "elves" disguised as teachers, school secretaries, administrators, or neighbors, quietly adding extra stuffing, canned vegetables, soups, or potatoes to their carts.

One elf, dressed like a general contractor, bought and delivered a truckload of frozen turkeys. An elfish mother-and-sons trio provided hats and gloves for all ages and sizes.

Another elf, looking suspiciously like a retiree, drives over the Peekamoose pass weekly to pick up bushels of bread from the Bread Alone bakery. A whole elf family spends the fall making polar fleece blankets to warm both body and spirit.

Area churches, civic organizations, public agencies, and businesses have member "elves" see to it that cash donations are regularly made, snackpack supplies replenished, and school supplies furnished.

Some of the elves look like regular teenagers-members of the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA), sixth graders, school library volunteers, cheerleaders, National FFA Organization (FFA), the National Honor Society, the Theater Club, the Family, Career, Community Leaders of America (FCCLA); they wrap gifts, purchase presents, donate food, assemble fruit baskets, create cookie platters, inventory supplies, pack grocery bags, and help Santa transport gifts.

Even the smallest of all, the elementary-aged "elves," jump into the fun by sponsoring food drives and baking pies (under the careful watch of veteran elves, Vo-Tech culinary arts students and parent volunteers).

Santa's sleigh may make the final delivery of holiday cheer, but he's had plenty of help from the Tri-Valley community Elf Force!

**Nature Column - Linda Comando**

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

**Drooping Drupes of Wild Winter Sumac Berries!**

While we are still not sure what to expect for the rest of winter, most of us (except those who got a snowmobile, or passes to a ski slope for Christmas, etc.) are not complaining about the lack of snow and bitter cold winter that we had last year.

The deer are happy, too. They are able to graze in the fields and forests. Have you noticed all the red berries on the Staghorn Sumac trees. During harsh winters, the deer, birds and other wild animals will eat the berries.



This year the wild animals seem to be content with the convenient Smorgasbord of winter staples that is easy and within their reach.

The Staghorn Sumac are shrubs and small trees that can reach a height of three to 33 feet. During late spring the leaves are spirally arranged. They are usually pinnately compound. That means the leaflets are arranged on either side of the stem, typically in pairs opposite each other. The leaves are 2 feet long and sometimes longer consisting of 9-31 leaflets. The petioles, the stalk that joins the leaf to the stem have scattered brown hairs; the central stalks are often tinted red. The leaflets grow up to 5" long and 1" across and are narrow and oval-shaped tapering to a point at the end of each leaf. They are serrated along the edges. The upper surface of each leaf is a shiny dark green that becomes red or burgundy during the fall.

Some of the upper stems terminate in individual clusters of greenish yellow flowers. Each flower consists of 5 spreading petals, a calyx with 5 lobes, 5 stamens, and a central pistil. The blooming period occurs during early to mid-summer and lasts about 2-3 weeks. Each flower is replaced by a globose drupe about 1/6" long which is densely covered with bright red hairs. This drupe contains a single seed with a hard coating. The drupes mature during the fall and persist through the winter; if not eaten, they eventually become dark brown.

The upper stems are covered with dense brown hairs, while the lower stems, the trunk or branches are brown, hairless, and woody. The short trunk can be up to 9" across in diameter.

Sumacs propagate both by seed (spread by birds and other animals through their droppings), and by the woody root system that can produce vegetative clones from long runners. The new shoots from rhizomes, form large clonal colonies.

The cloning habit is a blessing if you wish to have soft rounded mounds of growth with the mother stems, the tallest in the center, and younger stems subsequently shorter toward the edges.

Often Sumac are considered "Weeds" and a nuisance. Sumac is amazingly a versatile gift from Nature. From the genus Rhus (Sumac), the Staghorn Sumac (Rhus typhina) will be among the first trees in the seed bank to sprout and reach for light, or spread from a remnant stand, after mowing is stopped in a field or lawn. They are late to lose their leaves and are the earliest and probably the most vibrant of the red fall colored foliage.

Now in the dead of winter, the fruits of the sumac have formed dense clusters of reddish drupes. Not only are they a winter food staple for the deer and wild animals the seeds can be dried and ground into a tangy crimson spice. The Native Americans used the red berries to make a beverage that tasted like lemonade. If you aren't into trying some exotic wild recipes that call for the berries, and if the deer and wild animals continue to have plenty to eat in the fields, we may enjoy looking at the attractive little red drupes right into spring!

They would look pretty even with a light touch of snow!

**Local Lobbying at Ellenville Regional Hospital**

On December 15th, 2015 Claudia B. Fenderson, Catskill District legislative liaison and director of the developing DPT Program at Marist College, Theresa Aversano, Director of Rehabilitation and Rose Ahearn, Physical Therapist coordinated a PT advocacy day with Senator John Bonacic. They were joined by 8 PTs and PTAs as well as by Steven Kelley, President and CEO of Ellenville Regional



Some of the PT participants who attended the meeting are from left to right, top row, Chris Albanese, Ed Leonard, Senator John J Bonacic, Steve Albanese; front row, Theresa Aversano, Yvonne Egitto, Claudia Fenderson, and Rose Ahearn.

Hospital and several other health professionals, administrators and patients.

The meeting highlighted the need to pass two bills - S28-A (Defrancisco)/A1063-A(Cahill) -an Act to amend the insurance law, in relation to physical therapy services which will set limits on co-payments for physical therapy to no more than 20% of the reimbursement to the provider of care and S2718/Griffo/A2116/Zebrowski - an Act to amend the workers' compensation law, in relation to physical therapy care provided through the workers' compensation system. This bill would permit physical therapy care to be rendered by duly certified physical therapist assistants (PTAs) within the Worker's Compensation system. Ed Leonard, a meeting participant and the clinical coordinator of the PTA Program at SUNY Orange, discussed that this legislation would improve employment opportunities for PTAs.

Participants discussed issues in which patients are not receiving cost-effective and adequate levels of PT. After receiving input from the group, Senator Bonacic agreed to co-sponsor both bills. He engaged the audience in a robust conversation centered on many issues confronting PTs in the current health care system.

**Household Hints**

**Clean a Badly Burned Pan with Baking Soda!**

Baking soda has many different uses in the household. For a badly-burned pan with a thick layer of burned-on food: pour a thick layer of soda directly onto the bottom of the pan, then sprinkle on just enough water so as to moisten the soda. Leave the pot overnight, then scrub it clean next day.



## Hangman's Game

### Mysterious Book Report No. 223

by John Dwaine McKenna



Kids everywhere dream of playing professional sports and being on a championship team. I remember for example-back in the late '50s when we were all playing Little League baseball in the upstate New York hamlet of Grahamsville-that we had regular, and dead serious, discussions about whether we'd rather play for the Yankees or the Brooklyn Dodgers. (The consensus was *always* the Yankees, by a mile! We're talkin' Mickey Mantle, Moose Skowron, Whitey Ford, Gil McDougald, Yogi Berra and the most legendary manager of all time . . . Casey Stengel.) Of course it never happened for any of us. We came of age and that beautiful, magical, golden moment of childhood when we believed-truly believed in our heart of hearts, that we could be anything we imagined- evaporated forever. For some few though, a tiny fraction of less than one percent, the dream becomes a reality. They make it all the way to the top . . . and play on a professional sports team.

*Hangman's Game*, (Thomas Donne/Minotaur Books, \$25.99, 320 pages, ISBN 978-1-250-06715-9) by Bill Syken is about one of those few; blessed by fortune with the talent, size and strength as well as the determination, perseverance and luck to be able to live the dream and play professional sports. His name is Nick Gallow. He's twenty-seven years old and he's the punter for the Philadelphia Sentinels football team. He's a five year veteran with a modest-by NFL standards-annual salary of \$900,000, and he's under constant pressure to perform, lest some younger, better and cheaper kicker get his job. Nick is so insecure, he's living in a temporary apartment . . . the kind business travelers stay at when on two or three week assignments. Place kickers and punters after all, are the most easily replaced players on the team, coming and going with such regularity that the marquee athletes often don't even know their names. It's a situation that's especially bad on a losing team-like the Sentinels. Then, hope arrives as the team drafts and signs the number one linebacker prospect in the annual college crop. His name is Samuel Sault and he's touted as one of the best linebackers to ever play the game. His contract is for \$64 million, with \$30 million guaranteed. Samuel is however, a small town boy who's not comfortable with the intense public scrutiny he's getting, nor the bright lights and big city atmosphere. Because Nick's agent is also handling Samuel, he arranges a dinner for the three of them, hoping that the veteran kicker can help the rookie superstar adjust to his new glamorous life. The effort is wasted when a confrontation develops and all three of their lives are changed forever.

*Hangman's Game* is a fun, fast paced sports themed read that's the next best thing to actually making the team! Syken draws on his years of experience writing and editing for Sports Illustrated magazine and uses his inside knowledge to make this one a debut effort that leaves us looking forward to the next Nick Gallow mystery.

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## UC Executive Mike Hein Takes Oath of Office to Begin Third Term

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"Although we have accomplished much, there is still a great deal of important work to be done," said County Executive Mike Hein. "I am humbled and honored to serve the great people of Ulster County and I will continue to work tirelessly to earn the faith and trust that they have placed in me. I am excited to begin this term and continue our reform based agenda. My administration and I will remain committed to embracing government innovation and change to ensure that we provide the best, most cost-effective government for the great people of Ulster County. I look forward to working with the incoming Legislature to serve our citizens and meet the challenges this next term will bring. By working together, we can guarantee that Ulster County remains the finest place anywhere to live, work and raise a family for generations to come."

## Intro to Sullivan Renaissance Learn about Grants and Resources for the Community

[LIBERTY] - Communities, organizations and volunteers interested in learning about the 2016 Sullivan Renaissance grant program are invited to an "Introduction to Sullivan Renaissance" seminar on Wednesday, January 6 beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the CVI Center in Liberty.

This seminar is appropriate for everyone thinking about participating for the first time, as well as returning groups that may be interested in exploring new projects. Information about the Sullivan Renaissance En Español program and bilingual translation will be offered.

An overview of grant programs and new initiatives will be provided, including: Community Beautification; Maintenance Support; Municipal Partnership; Healthy Communities; Business Assistance; Technical Assistance; Community Mitzvah Award; Seasonal Demonstration Grants; Youth Initiatives; and Mini Grants

This seminar will review basic requirements of Sullivan Renaissance, including how to apply for a grant, program deadlines, technical assistance, youth involvement and other information. Staff will discuss project ideas and review paperwork with potential applicants.

Pre-registration is requested. Refreshments will be served.

Community beautification and maintenance applications for 2016 are available from the Sullivan Renaissance web site in a portable document format (PDF) with fillable form fields. Applications can be completed electronically and e-mailed to Sullivan Renaissance (along with required documentation) or printed and mailed by the appropriate deadlines.

Beautification and maintenance grant applications are being accepted now and must be received by Wednesday, March 16, 2016. Some Sullivan Renaissance grant programs have different deadlines, including: interns, environmental and seasonal grants; and scholarships.

If requested, Sullivan Renaissance representatives will visit communities at their convenience to explain the program, review the garden design

## Legislator Elect Luis Alvarez Makes Property Tax Abatement and Senior Advocacy Issues a Top Priority

For his first act as Sullivan County Legislator Elect, Luis Alvarez (District 6 - Liberty and Hurleyville) called a strategy meeting on a variety of advocacy issues affecting seniors and taxpayers in the Sullivan County Government Center in Monticello, NY. Louis said: "My motivation to call this meeting arises



from all the seniors who have approached me on the issues they care about most." Maria Alvarez, the Executive Director of New York State Statewide Senior Action Council came from Albany to discuss the New York "Statewide" legislative agenda adopted by the Council Members, and how Sullivan County can benefit from partnership with the Statewide Council.

Sullivan County advocates for seniors, Priscilla Bassett (Co-Chair of the Sullivan County Senior Legislative Action Committee - SLAC) and Star Hesse, an active member of SLAC, along with Debi Allen, Sullivan County Director of Aging Services, presented Maria with ideas for garnering widespread support to promote the pending NY State Health Act

Bill # A5062/S3525 which is currently awaiting a vote from the New York State Senate in 2016. The New York State Assembly passed their version (A5062) in May of 2015. Alvarez said: "We want to make sure this bill will help seniors stay in their homes and lead healthier lives without worrying about foreclosures or catastrophic health costs."

Legislator Cora Edwards was on hand to lend support to the tax relief initiative. The current Sullivan County legislature unanimously approved a resolution on Thursday, December 17, 2015 in support of the NY State Health Act. Edwards said: "This NY State Bill is a win-win for taxpayers and seniors alike. Sullivan County has been burdened with a large share of Medicaid costs - to the tune of over \$21 million dollars in 2012 - or 41% in property taxes. Passage of this bill will remove this burden from Sullivan County taxpayers, as all other states in the USA do not pass the taxes onto the Counties.

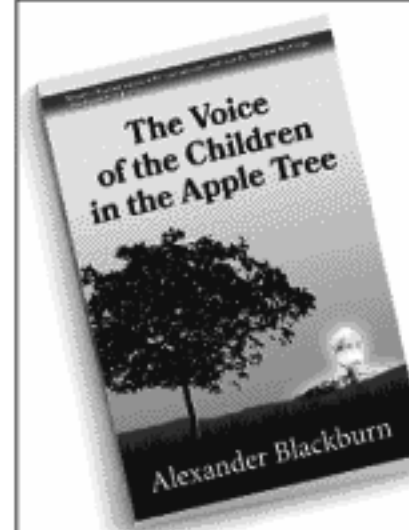
Alvarez will host a series of public forums and petition signing after the January 13, 2016 announcement of the New York State Governor's Budget for 2016-2017 when the latest information will be available. Citizens are urged to contact their NY State Senate representative, Senator John Bonacic for his support of the Bill (#S3525).

plans and assist with the application process.

To register for the seminar or for more information, visit [www.sullivanrenaissance.org](http://www.sullivanrenaissance.org) or call 845-295-2445. Sullivan Renaissance is a beautification and community development program principally funded by the Gerry Foundation.

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## The Olive Jar - By Carol LaMonda

### Another Ordinary Day

No more New Year's hype for me. New Year's Eve has always been a colossal disappointment. Overpriced menus, over-rated expectations, and a lack of sleep leave me un-ready to face New Year's Day with a headache and lack of energy. Party revelers make driving a risk, and, frankly, my couch, pajamas and leftover Christmas cookies was more appealing than any show, party or restaurant. This year, like most years, I didn't make it within shouting distance of midnight. It all happened without me.

Actually, New Year's Day was what I would look forward to. We would all gather at Pete Tosi's for a big pot of chili, hotdogs and libation as the men gathered for a marathon of football and the women clustered to grouse over the monumental effort they just put forth during the past holiday season. Unfortunately, Pete Tosi and many of those men and women are not here, and the tradition is filed away like so many memories of earlier days.

So, this year both December 31 and January 1 became ordinary days. No, I am not throwing myself a pity party. Just like the stage hand in Thornton Wilder's "Our Town" warns Emily Webb that she might want to pick an "ordinary day" to revisit the living, an ordinary day is just fine--more than fine, in fact.

If I were to make a resolution, and I do not recommend such high expectations for an annual event, it would be to live each ordinary day with extraordinary zest and participation. Starting with a magnificent sunrise and new opportunities, I hope to savor each moment with expectation and energy. Each new day is a gift to be opened with the excitement of a child's wonder of Christmas, Disneyland and a birthday party.

When I asked my five-year old granddaughter what she did special for New Year's Eve, she answered, "I had shrimp." May you all have the special joy that a single crustacean can bring--today and everyday.

#### Olive Free Library -Director's Message

Happy New Year! Is it really 2016, already? We have new faces behind the circulation desk beginning this week. Henrietta Shannon will join the staff as a cataloger, keeping up lots of the work Ruth Anne has been doing. Barbara Clare, who used to work at the bank in Shokan will be another smiling face behind the desk, as well as Dan Biley who did his high school community service last year for the library, helping to put together our history exhibit. All the new staff are residents of Olive and will be great additions to the library community! Please give them a warm welcome.

We have many new programs beginning this month that will help make the winter months fun and productive. The beekeeping workshop we've offered the past couple of years is back January 9th. Please consider becoming a beekeeper in 2016. Protecting pollinators is important, and the bees don't mind sharing their delicious honey so it's a win-win relationship. Also, there is a new yoga class series beginning January 4th. The resolutions only count if you act on them! We will also start an adult coloring club this month, and a watercolor class series for adults and teens.

Mark your calendars for some great programs in February, including a local history lecture on February 6; a lecture by herbalist Dina Falconi on February 13; Robinson Wildlife on February 15; an Etsy Sellers workshop on the 13th; a canning workshop on the 20th; and a poetry reading and open mic night on February 27th.

A special thanks is due to the people who donated items for our holiday fair raffle. Pretty much everyone tried to win Hoppy Quick's carved bear. We had such great things for raffle including the quilt donated by the community quilting group, the hand-knit scarf donated by Evie Konjas, and the library bags that were enhanced by local businesses who donated including Fruition Chocolates, Boiceville Wine and Spirits, and Woodstock Chimes. Thank you for your generosity, and thank you to everyone who bought raffle tickets. This was a wonderful community effort.

See you at the library!

Katie

director@olivefreelibrary.org

Gentle Hatha Yoga classes taught by Kathy Carey.

Classes are held: Mondays at 7 p.m., Wednesdays at 9 a.m., and Saturdays at 9 a.m. - Get a discount by signing up for the 12-week yoga session. You can start the 12 weeks on Monday, Wednesday or Saturday of this week. Special price for Town of Olive residents: 12-Week Class Series \$48 (\$4 per class) Otherwise drop-in price is a very affordable \$6 per class.

Thursday, January 7, 6:00 p.m. Arts & Crafts Night for Kids In this program on the first Thursday of the month, we do an evening of arts and crafts for kids. Please pre-register for this program by calling the library.

The Walk- Thursday, January 7, 6:00 p.m.

The Martian Thursday, January 21 6:00 p.m.

Everest Thursday, February 4 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, January 9 & 16, 10-3 p.m. Intro to Beekeeping, Parts 1 & 2 In this free workshop you will learn EVERYTHING you need to know to start keeping bees in the spring of 2016. Please call or email the library to preregister and please bring a bag lunch.

Session 1: Overview of the Honeybee; Native pollinators; Honeybee caste and races; Bee stings / Apitherapy; Where to get bees; Bees and neighbors Beneficial plants; Natural/Organic beekeeping

Session 2: Equipment and Bee Care; Protective gear; Hive tools; Hive types - Framed and Top Bar; Predators and pests; Hive placement; Installing bees; Signs of a healthy hive; Diseases; Products from the hive; Winter prep

Sunday, January 10, 1:30 p.m. Retirement Party for Ruth Anne Muller -Anyone who has visited the library in the past 42 years will probably know Ruth Anne. She is the town historian, the notary, the former library director, the star of some local theater productions, and the church organist among other things. Her many talents and interests have made the library a rich place. Please email director@olivefreelibrary (or call the library) if you plan to come to the party.

Thursday, January 14, 6 - 8 p.m. Adult Coloring Club Guess what? Coloring is not just for kids anymore! Coloring clubs are forming all over the United States. It's relaxing, it's creative, and it's extra-fun to do with others. The library will have supplies if you don't have any, or bring your own projects. We'll offer this once a month, or more often if there is a demand!

Saturday, January 16, 4 p.m. Book Discussion Group Come join the book discussion. The library orders extra copies of whatever book we are reading so you can come in and check one out. "Writing at the height of her narrative and imaginative gifts, Sue Monk Kidd presents a masterpiece of hope, daring, the quest for freedom, and the desire to have a voice in the world." (goodreads)

Monday, January 18, 6:00 p.m. Stress Reduction Workshop This workshop will focus on stress reduction using yoga, meditation, and energy balancing techniques. Taught by Kathy Carey, this class will provide important tools for working with stress in daily life. Suggested donation, \$10.

Monday, January 18, 6:30 p.m. Beekeeping Support Group Go to hvhives.com for more information about his monthly group. Each month they cover a topic related to supporting beekeeping. Beginners and seasoned beekeepers are all very welcome!

Tuesday, January 19, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Community Quilting Bring your sewing machine and a bag lunch and work with others to create quilts for children in need. Please contact the library to find out additional tools to bring such as rotary cutter and mat.

Wednesday, January 20, 7:00 p.m. Library Board of Trustees Meeting The library's board meetings are open to the public!

Thursday, January 21, 6-8 p.m. Lego Fun! Please note we have moved this program to Thursdays for 2016. Come do Lego projects at the library. We supply the Legos and a theme, you supply the creativity!

Monday, January 25, 6:00 p.m. (Part 1) (Mon. Feb. 1, and Mon. Feb. 22, parts 2 & 3) Watercolor Class with Melanie Hall

Jukebox Jewels Singing Circle Wednesdays 1:30-2:30 p.m. We sing the most fun songs from a wide timespan! Open to all ages and free. Participants can request a song or bring a song, and be willing to join in with others. Reading music is not necessary.

Catskill Ukulele Group Wednesdays 6:00-8:00 p.m. Pull up a ukulele and learn a song! This is a friendly group who welcomes all comers. If you do not have a ukulele but would like to participate, you can check one out from the library. This group stays connected to other players through Meetup.com under the name Catskill Ukulele Group

Tuesdays 10 a.m. Preschool Story Hour Come join the fun! Each week we do a craft activity, read some books, do yoga, sing, make music together, and everyone plays an instrument in a parade through the library. All are welcome!

Library Beehive Project Update-Safety glass has arrived Local Boy Scout, Blake Overton, is building

an observation beehive for the library thanks to many donations raised in the past year. He is now in the construction phase of the project. The safety glass arrived recently which will allow us to observe the bees. As you can tell from the picture, the hive is quite large! The hive fits into a kiosk which Blake designed, drew in a CAD program and which he is also building.

Library Hours Monday 10-8; Tuesday 10-5; Wednesday 12-8; Thursday 2-8; Friday 1-5; Saturday 10-4; Weekly Groups at OFL Preschool Story Hour Tuesdays at 10 a.m.

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### Assemblymember Cahill Ushers in the Grand Opening of the Hudson Valley Midwifery Center

Assemblymember Kevin Cahill (D-Dutchess/Ulster) will participate in the grand opening ceremony for the Hudson Valley Midwifery Center on Sunday December 20, 2015 at 2:00pm at 14 Hurley Avenue in Kingston.

River & Mountain Midwives welcomes the public to the gala from 1:00 - 4:00pm, which will include festive refreshments, family photos with a professional photographer and live music by favorite local children's band Ratboy Jr.

"The opening of this center is an incredible accomplishment by the midwives in our area. They have created a warm and nurturing health facility for women and families and I'm proud to welcome them to their new home in Kingston," said Assemblymember Cahill.

The HVM Center will offer maternity care both in the home setting and in partnership with HealthAlliance of the Hudson Valley's Family Birth Place in Kingston.

"Kevin has always been a strong supporter of midwives and our profession, and of families throughout the district," said Susanrachel Condon. "Over the years, we have partnered with him on many projects to expand access to maternity care and healthcare. We are excited to be the new hub in the community!"

### Assemblymember Cahill Reminds Constituents that the Kingston District Office has Temporarily Moved to 65 Albany Avenue

Assemblymember Kevin Cahill (Dutchess/Ulster) reminds his constituents that the District Office has moved temporarily from its location at the Governor Clinton Building on 1 Albany Avenue, Suite G-4 down the street to 65 Albany Avenue, Suite C. The permanent office is undergoing needed maintenance and renovation. The process is expected to take until early February in 2016.

"Our hosts, the Landmark Development team, are working to make our facility as modern and up to date as possible. The new office is open to meet our goal of offering top rate constituent service without interruption during these improvements," said Assemblymember Kevin Cahill.

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**Begin the 4-H Journey and Engage Local Youth**

LIBERTY, NY- Caring adults interested in making a difference in the lives of Sullivan County youth are invited to a free two-part training series in 2016. These sessions are intended to educate participants on the various aspects of volunteering with Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County (CCESC)'s 4-H Youth Development program.

The series consists of three dates: January 9 | 4-H Volunteer Training 101 | 10:00 am - Noon (choose one); January 16 | 4-H Volunteer Training 101 | 10:00 am - Noon (choose one); February 20 | 4-H Volunteer Training 102 | Noon - 2:00 pm

Each training session will take place at the CCESC Gerald J. Skoda Extension Education Center on 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road in Liberty. CCESC staff will review important fundamentals to consider when volunteering, including insurance and financial requirements; risk management documentation; internal, state, and national policies; planning guidelines and events; club strategies and fundraising; conducting business meetings and elections; and more.

New and existing 4-H club leaders and volunteers will learn how to start and run a club effectively, in line with CCESC procedures, engage youth, and will receive education on available resources.

Pre-registration is requested in advance to attend this free training. Registration can be completed by calling 845-292-6180, emailing [sullivan@cornell.edu](mailto:sullivan@cornell.edu), or visiting [www.sullivanvance.org](http://www.sullivanvance.org). In the event of special needs, please contact the office. Donations for educational programs are appreciated.

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**Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library the New Offers Free Programs for Children and Teens**

The Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library is starting the New Year by offering a variety of free programs for children and teens.

On Wednesday, January 6 at 4:30 we will have an After School Block Party. Kids will listen to a story, and then build an element from the story. The After School Block Party is a great program for kids ages 5-12.

On Thursday, January 7 at 4:30, Jason Edwards, a Civil War reenactor, will come to teach people of all ages about the Civil War. Edwards will come in full uniform, and share what life was like during the Civil War. He will also talk about the heritage of the 143rd Regiment in Sullivan County, New York. This program is for all ages, and the snow date will be January 14 at 4:30. The following night, Friday, January 8, is kids game night, with gaming stations that will include video games, board games, and computer games. Kids game night is

for ages 7-11, and registration is required.

On Monday, January 25 from 4:00-6:00, we will have another installment of our popular Lego Club. Kids ages 7-12 will complete a challenge using only Legos and their imaginations. There will be a challenge for both beginner and advanced Lego builders. To see what kids built during the last Lego club, come to the children's room and look at the Lego creations on display. There is limited space in this program, so call the library to register.

There are many programs for teens at the library, too. The first Saturday of every month is a Teen movie. Bring a covered drink and snack, and enjoy a free movie on the big screen. Call the library to find out what we're showing. Teen Advisory Group will meet on Wednesday, January 13 at 7:00. We will continue to discuss ideas for Spring Break programs. Participants will earn an hour of community service for attending. For teens who need additional community service, come to the Teen Blogger meeting on Friday, January 15 at 6:00 to learn how you can be part of the library Tumblr team, and earn community service while doing it.

This month's Teen Tuesday will be on January 19. Come hungry, because we're going to celebrate National Popcorn Day! Taste test different types of popcorn, and try out toppings that go beyond butter. All library programs are free and open to the public. To register for a program, or for more information, call the library at 845-794-4660.

**BOCES Offers Beginner's Painting Class**

The Adult and Continuing Education Program at Sullivan BOCES is offering a Beginner's Painting Class on Thursdays, January 28th through March 3rd from 5:30 - 8:30 pm at the St. John Street Education Center in Monticello. Tuition is \$95.

Students will learn how to mix colors to create still life paintings, using a variety of paints including gouache, watercolor and acrylic paint. Required supplies (purchased prior to class): a variety of paint brushes small to large, any size palette to put paint on, and (3) 18 x 24 canvases as well as the following acrylics: Mars Black, Titanium White, Burnt Sienna, Raw Sienna, Burnt Umber, Red, Yellow, Blue and Purple.

To register or for more information, contact the Adult and Continuing Education Program at (845) 295-4900 between the hours of 8:30 am and 7:00 pm or visit us at [scooces.org](http://scooces.org). For program updates Like Sullivan County BOCES on Facebook and follow us on Twitter.



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The Catskill Nordic Ski Club



The Catskill Nordic Ski Club announces its 41st season of informal, guided cross-country skiing. Please note that all trips are scheduled on Saturdays at 1:30 PM unless otherwise noted. The leaders may choose to reschedule to Sunday or change the hour or location or to hold a winter hike depending on weather and snow conditions. It is advisable to call the leader for updated information on Friday evening or Saturday mornings. Our leaders are prepared to help and encourage new skiers.

Jan 1 and 2 we joined with Catskill Mountain Trailkeepers on an organized hike at Walnut Mountain, Liberty and on Jan. 2 our club had an organized hike on the Fallsburg Central High School's trails. Join us on Jan. 9: Haven Road Tow Path. Leaders Julie and Doug. 656-1574; Jan. 16: Fallsburg Trails. Leaders Eileen and Andy. 434-5371; Jan. 23: Downs Road Trails. Leaders Warren and Judy. 794-7631; Jan. 30: Town of Thompson Park. Leader Pat 794-1039; Feb. 6: High Point State Park\*. Leader Dan. 798-6618. \*Fee charged.; Feb. 13: Smallwood Trails. Leaders Jonathan and Gail. 583-4103; Feb. 20: Mongaup Pond. Leader Judy. 292-7832; Feb. 27: Fluggertown Road. Leaders Kathi and Rich. 794-5650; March 5: Tusten Trails. Leader Pat. 434-3841; and March 14: Loch Sheldrake ski or hike followed by Annual Dinner. Leader Pat. 434-3841
For information contact Eileen Kalter 845-434-5371

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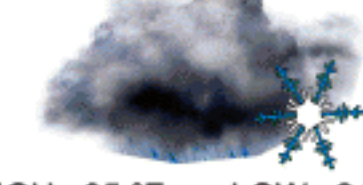
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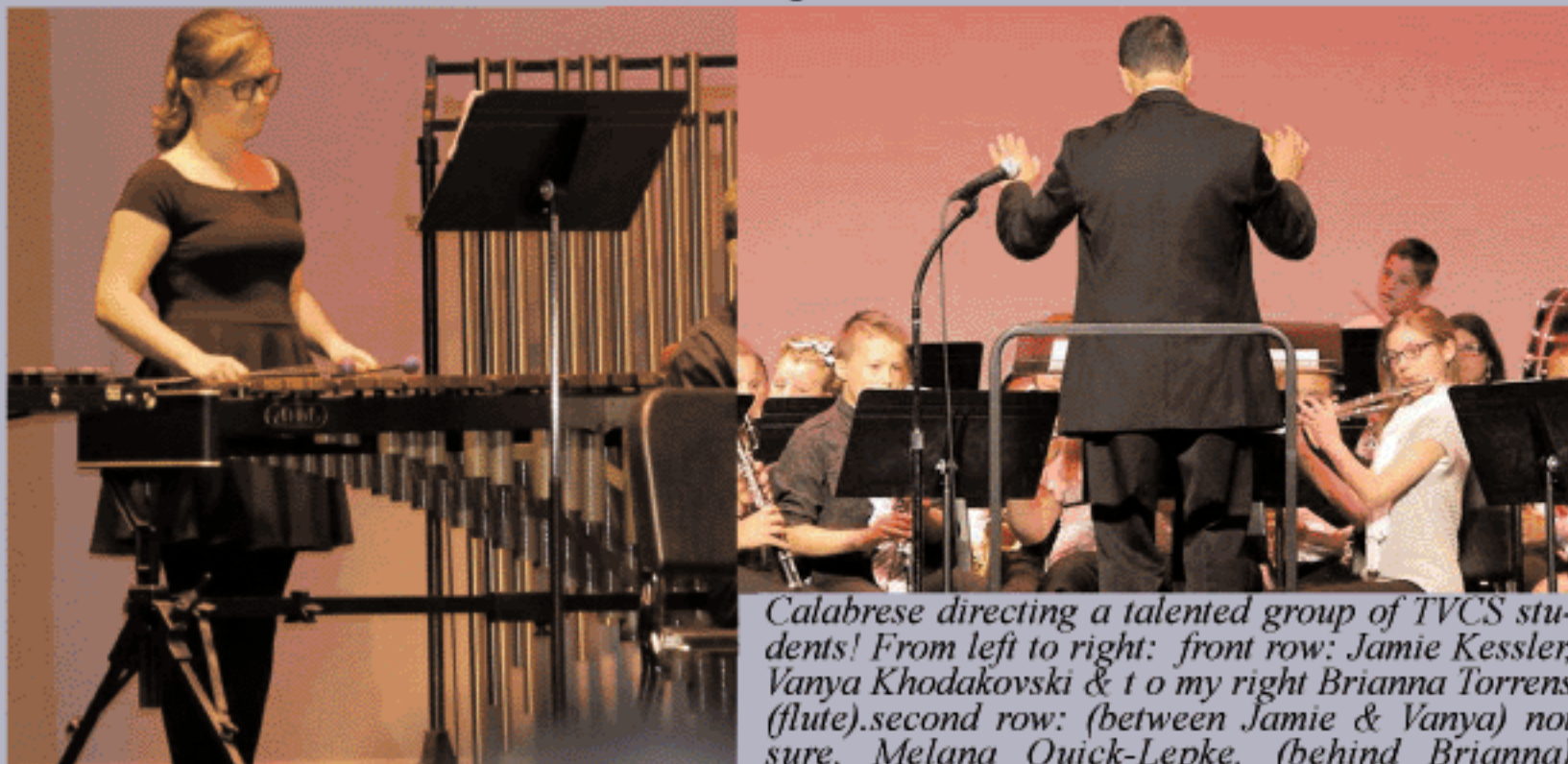


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TVCS Charms Audience at Winter Concert



Tri-Valley Central School students charmed audiences during their Winter Concert series on December 15th and 16th. The High School Chorus performing the classic carol, "The First Noel," under the direction of Mr. Kevin Giroux, featuring soloist, Daron Huebsch.



Miss Kira Ambrosi on percussion during a TVCS concert. Calabrese directing a talented group of TVCS students! From left to right: front row: Jamie Kessler, Vanya Khodakovski & to my right Brianna Torrens (flute).second row: (between Jamie & Vanya) not sure, Melana Quick-Lepke, (behind Brianna) Samantha Morgan -partially obscured, standing in back - Keegan Streimer (percussion).

Holiday Music Fills the Air in Fallsburg



Benjamin Cosor Elementary School students performed their Winter Concert to the delight of the Fallsburg community at the high school auditorium on Tuesday night, December 15. Though the weather was unseasonably mild, the Brass Band, Woodwind Band, Concert Band, Chorus, Bell Choir and Recorder Ensemble offered many traditional winter and holiday season selections.

Principal Mary Kate Stinehour welcomed everyone and introduced the Brass Band with Director Lauren Bernard leading the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. Then members of the Chorus under the guidance of Director Andrea Henderson led everyone in singing the Star Spangled Banner.

Some of the wonderful selections by the three bands included "Chanukah Lights" and "Good King Wenceslaus". The Chorus, with several of the singers ringing reindeer belts of bells, engaged the audience in a rousing rendition of "Jingle Bells". They concluded the evening with a beautiful upbeat Swahili song called "Kuna Karamu," which means "Let's Celebrate."

The evening was a true celebration for the children and their families. It was the culmination of many hours of devoted practice and rehearsals. Ms. Bernard, Ms. Henderson and piano accompanist Leon Hilfstein deserve accolades for their dedicated work with the young people that brought much joy on this December night.





## Frost Valley YMCA and Town of Denning Team Up to Provide Meals to Local Families In Need

Frost Valley YMCA's administration and dining services are preparing to partner with the town of Denning to support local families who require meal assistance. Several months ago, supervisor David Brooks and Town Clerk Joy Monforte along with Councilmen Mike Dean, Paul Schoonmaker, Kevin Smith, and Greg Vurckio offered a confidential survey on the town website to be filled out by any residents interested in receiving meals through this program. Based on the responses, the group has decided to move forward with the free meal program.

Starting January 2016, participating families and individuals will be able to receive frozen meals from the Denning Town Hall. These meals will be delivered weekly on Wednesdays for participants to pick up. Deliveries may be an option for those with transportation issues.

Frost Valley YMCA will prepare the meals in its state-of-the-art kitchen and work with local volunteers who will help distribute the meals to the Town Hall.

Anyone interested in participating as a meal recipient or volunteering for meal delivery can email [townhall@denning.us](mailto:townhall@denning.us) or call 845-985-2411 for more information.

## Santa Has Helpers at Benjamin Cosor Elementary School

In an effort to put toys and books in the hands of all children during the holiday season, Benjamin Cosor Elementary School teachers and staff have put together eighty beautifully wrapped bags of these presents and will distribute them to twenty-two families in the Town of Fallsburg.



The books and toys are arranged by age group. Warm gloves are also included in the bags. The books were assembled by the school Librarian Ms. Julia Levner and her assistant Ms. Melissa Kinsler. Two eleventh grade students, Juana Gallo and Jenny Zheng, came over from Fallsburg High School to offer community service on the project of sorting, putting ribbons on the books and placing them in Dr. Seuss decorated bags.



On the evening of December 17, 2015 Reading Teacher Jaime McCauley, and Kindergarten Teachers Veronica Serrano, Molly Delsomino and Geoff Persten will drive to the different hamlets distributing the bundles just like Santa Claus. They have alerted parents that they are coming, but to the children their arrival is a great surprise.

The teachers have done this journey in previous years, and they are filled with joy when they see the delight on the astonished faces of the kids. They realize that they are receiving so much from the simple act of giving.

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## A Taste of Learning and Sharing in Fallsburg

During the holiday season at Fallsburg's Benjamin Cosor Elementary School students and teachers are involved in the theme of "Sharing". Every classroom door is decorated to reflect this idea-sharing gifts, sharing cultures, sharing good wishes. In two third grade classrooms run by teachers Ms. Leah Exner and Ms. Ericka Gamella, the children learned about different holiday traditions. Ms. Exner shared her family's tradition about making gingerbread houses and asked the



students if they would like to learn. With great enthusiasm they spent the afternoon of December 18 engaged in the project.

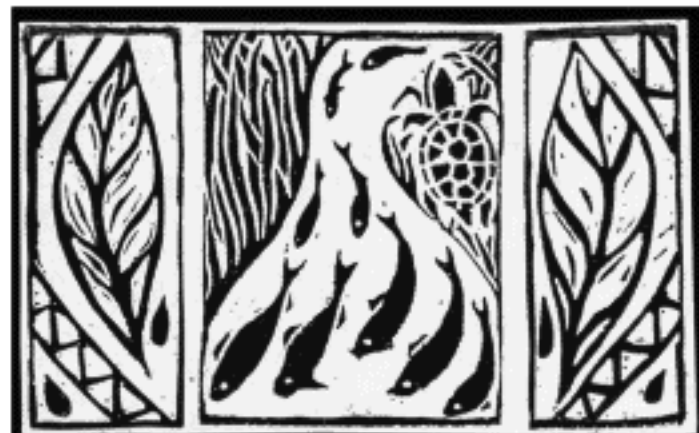
Gingerbread house building has an educational basis. To begin with is the value placed on sharing cultures and family traditions with each other. Second is the students making a detailed list of all materials used-the graham crackers that are the basic building structure, the marshmallow fluff that is the "glue" holding materials together, the candy treats like tiny M&M's, smarties, candy canes and lollipops that serve as decorations, and the popsicle sticks that allow application of the fluff with minimal mess for the kids' fingers. Although it was noticeable that many of them were getting marshmallow all over their fingers and hands. That meant that they had to do a lot of licking and eating that sweet white stuff. Eventually they will be taking the creations home to their families.

The building of the houses and the writing down of the materials list was not the end of the project. Each child will write a "how-to" essay that is part of the curriculum in third grade. Before the end of the day, they all will have the completed essay to show their teacher. In these classrooms learning can be fun and very tasty too.



**Arm-of-the-Sea Theater  
THINKING LIKE A WATERSHED  
Participatory Arts & Ecology Workshop**

*"The health of the oceans depends on the health of rivers; the health of rivers depends on the health of small streams; the health of small streams depends on the health of their watersheds. The health of the water is exactly the same as the health of the land; the health of small places is exactly the same as the health of large places" - Wendell Berry*



Drawing upon the evocative power of the arts, THINKING LIKE A WATERSHED is a hands-on workshop that engages participants in a process of creating and enacting a four dimensional map of their watershed. Painting, sculpture, puppetry, movement, music and poetry are all combined into a culminating performance event celebrating the many pathways of water through

the local landscape.

The workshop can be adapted for many ages and settings. It typically runs five to ten days in length, although a condensed one-day version is also available.

THINKING LIKE A WATERSHED was originally developed through grants from the US Environmental Protection Agency and the Catskill Watershed Corporation. Other funding partners have included the Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies & the NYS Council on the Arts.

Project partners have included: Saratoga Waldorf School, Saratoga Springs, NY; Rocking the Boat, Bronx, NY; Rural & Migrant Ministry, Newburgh, NY; Youth Resources Development Corp., Poughkeepsie, NY; Zena School, Kingston, NY; Woodstock Elem. School, Woodstock, NY; Hobart & William Smith College, Geneva, NY; Wappingers Middle School, Wappingers Falls, NY; Earth Action, Erie, PA. View a short video from the project at <https://vimeo.com/67694591>

For more info contact: Patrick Wadden, Managing Director, 845-246-7873, [art@armofthesea.org](mailto:art@armofthesea.org)

Arm-of-the-Sea is a Hudson Valley-based theater company and one-of-a-kind vehicle for environmental education. For over thirty years the troupe has presented its original large-scale mask & puppet productions at outdoor festivals, performing arts centers, public schools and colleges throughout the region and beyond. Arm-of-the-Sea has developed a powerful visual language exploring interrelations between human communities and the life-support systems of the planet. With its vibrant appeal to the senses, the company's shows reach people of many ages and walks of life. See [www.ArmoftheSea.org](http://www.ArmoftheSea.org) for more about their work.

**UC Executive Mike Hein Commends the County Legislature for Adopting a Policy Consistent with the Executive's Rail and Trail Compromise Plan of 2014 - New Policy Set For County-Owned Ulster & Delaware Corridor**

County Executive Mike Hein is pleased to support the amended County policy of the Ulster County Legislature that virtually adopts the Executive's "Compromise Plan of 2014" in its entirety with slight modifications and commends the Ulster & Delaware Corridor Committee for their strong bipartisan efforts.

This plan allows for the future of tourism rail operations in the City of Kingston with a minor extension while also supporting recreational trail development from Kingston to the Ashokan Reservoir and along the Ulster & Delaware ("U&D") Corridor in the Catskills. The Legislative Resolution virtually adopts the entire compromise segmented "rail with trail" framework proposed by County Executive Hein in December 2014 that both preserved tourism rail operations in Kingston and opened major segments of the County-owned U&D Corridor, including the Ashokan Reservoir segment, for hiking, bicycling, skiing, running, fishing and other recreational uses free of charge and without permit for the first time in over 100 years.

"I appreciate the thoughtful deliberations and hard work of the U&D Corridor Advisory Committee ("Committee") over the past six months. They have shown courage and responsibility in creating a definitive policy. The Committee's recommendations and revised U&D policy have adopted and built upon the compromise framework that I proposed late last year, and this revised policy now allows Ulster County residents and visitors alike to have the best of both worlds. This includes the creation of a new linear park trail connecting mid-town Kingston to the Kingston Plaza while also preserving the benefits of tourism railroad to our local businesses. The linear park will provide significant public health and quality of life benefits while allowing people without cars to more easily access high quality low cost food at an area supermarket. Equally as important, this agreement also opens up the entire north shore of the Ashokan Reservoir for public use without permit or fee for the first time in over 100 years, and keeps alive the dream of a world-class trail connecting the Walkway Over the Hudson, New Paltz, Rosendale, Kingston and the Ashokan Reservoir," noted Executive Hein. "My Administration has understood from the beginning the value of a segmented plan and the issues of building rail and trail along the entire single-tracked corridor. It has been my great hope from the beginning to make this Corridor available to both rail and trail, and the revised Legislative policy shares and supports this vision."

The consultant detailed that rail and trail could not be located on the existing Corridor for the entire distance between Kingston and the Ashokan Reservoir and highlighted the serious physical, financial and legal constraints to building trail with rail along the entire Corridor. The Committee's work also supported the County Executive's vision for a spectacular recreational trail along the Ashokan Reservoir, while confirming that NYC DEP would not allow both rail and trail development along its Watershed lands. Finally, the Committee's consultant further validated the County's findings and reports on the serious deterioration of the railroad track and embankment in long segments between Kingston and the Ashokan Reservoir, along the Reservoir lands, and particularly west of Phoenicia, where the consultant highlighted that much of the Corridor was overgrown with mature trees and/or significantly damaged from lack of maintenance.

**Jeanette Provenzano, Ulster County Legislator**

"Today's resolution that amends the County policy is a win-win for the City of Kingston and the people of Ulster County," stated Ulster County Legislator Jeanette Provenzano. "While I am very pleased that the Legislature has taken this action and I am proud to have this as the final major vote of my long career, the fact remains that this is essentially the same framework, with a few enhancements added by the Legislature, offered by the County Executive more than a year ago, which the Catskill Mountain Railroad refused to consider."

**Kevin Smith, Co-Chair of the Friends of the Catskill Mountain Rail Trail**

"The rail and trail compromise is a win for everyone, and the Friends of the Catskill Mountain Rail Trail appreciate the vision and leadership of County Executive Hein by setting forth his "Compromise Plan" of 2014 and commend the Ulster County Legislature on its historic vote which embraces large portions of this plan and moves a segmented rail and trail policy forward," said Kevin Smith, Co-Chair of the Friends of the Catskill Mountain Rail Trail. "This amended policy protects trail connectivity from Kingston to the Ashokan Reservoir while also allowing tourist railroad operations to continue in Kingston. County Executive Hein's vision of a world-class rail trail along the Ashokan Reservoir and west of Phoenicia, as well as the creation of a linear park in the City of Kingston, will finally open and restore key segments of this corridor to public use for the first time in many generations."

The Resolution identifies future uses for segments of the 38.6-mile U&D Corridor, which are:

- Cornell Street in Kingston to Kingston Plaza- Trail Development
- Kingston Plaza to Route 28A in Hurley- Rail with Trail Development
- Route 28A in Hurley to Basin Road in West Hurley at Ashokan Reservoir- To Be Determined
- Basin Road to Route 28A in Boiceville- Trail Development (NYC DEP Lands)
- Boiceville to Phoenicia- Rail Development with Possible Trail Where Feasible
- Phoenicia to Highmount- Trail Development with Possible Rail Station Development and Rail Connection to Delaware County at Highmount



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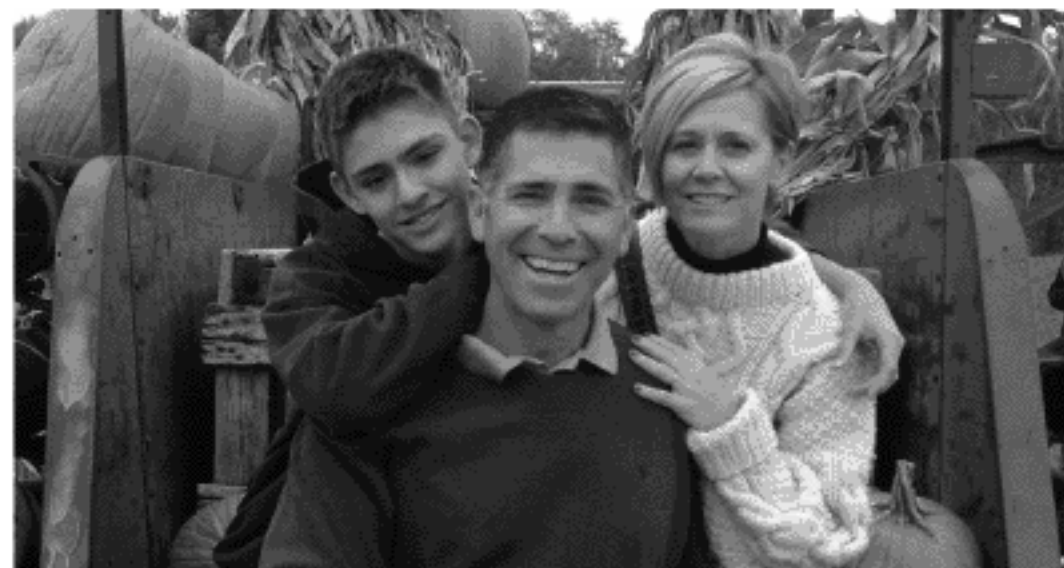
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**STATEMENT FROM MIKE HEIN**



I have spent the past several weeks, along with my amazing wife Christine and our wonderful son Mickey, reflecting on the serious decision of whether or not to run for Congress in New York's 19th Congressional District. Choosing to run could undoubtedly provide a tremendous opportunity to serve the extraordinary people of our beautiful eleven county district while focusing on major national issues. I also believe, like many Americans, that Washington is in desperate need of less extremism and an increased focus on the Democratic principles and values that have helped to make our Country great.

I am proud of the strong track record of innovation and transformational initiatives that we have achieved for the great people of Ulster County, partnering with Democrats and Republicans alike, and I am deeply appreciative of the overwhelming level of support and encouragement that I have received in the process.

Although the pundits and politicians will undoubtedly speculate, the simple truth of my decision is this: after serious consideration I have decided not to run for Congress in 2016 because, although we have accomplished much, there is still a great deal of important work to be done. Ulster County is where my heart is. I was blessed to be born and raised here and am fortunate, along with Christine and Mickey, to call Ulster County home.

This was an extremely difficult choice that I did not make hastily. I want to thank all of the amazing supporters who have both urged me to run and provided our family with the understanding and time that it has taken to make this thoughtful and heartfelt decision. In addition, this is an important election and I look forward to working with our Democratic candidate to provide a strong voice in Washington for the great people of this entire district and I am confident that a Democrat will win this seat.

I am humbled and honored to soon be taking the oath of office as County Executive in a place that I love, and as I begin my third term, I am privileged to work with the incredible team of professionals in my administration as well as our legislature to improve the lives of our residents. I have profound respect for the great people of Ulster County and will continue to work tirelessly to earn the faith and trust that they have placed in me. Together, we will ensure that Ulster County remains the finest place anywhere to live, work and raise a family for generations to come.

Sincerely,  
Mike Hein

## Congressman Gibson announces support for agreements to strengthen national security, further pro-growth tax policy

### Bipartisan bills include reauthorization of 9/11 First Responder Bill in big win for New York

Washington, DC - Congressman Chris Gibson (NY-19) announced today his support for two pieces of legislation that will be voted on by the House today and tomorrow and are expected to be signed into law by President Obama. The first piece of legislation makes permanent or extends important tax policy provisions and the second agreement provides certainty in funding for a number of important priorities through Fiscal Year 2016.

"While not perfect, these two agreements have some significant victories for New York. I am especially proud that, working together as a New York delegation, we ensured our 9/11 first responders have the healthcare they have earned. We also provided funding through Fiscal Year 2016 for critical national security and domestic priorities, and preserved a number of important tax provisions to help our small businesses remain competitive and prevented tax increases on individuals," said Congressman Gibson. "Securing funding for our national security is absolutely critical at a time when we face threats from abroad and at home. I cannot stress enough how critical non-sequester funding levels for our national defense are to keeping us safe, and I look forward to supporting these bills that will be good for my constituents and the country."

The first agreement makes permanent several important tax provisions, achieving certainty for individuals and businesses, boosting economic growth and jobs. It also provides the foundation for comprehensive, pro-growth tax reform. Important provisions made permanent for families include expanded earned income tax credits and the child tax credit. For our small businesses and farms, Section 179 expensing was made permanent, allowing for easier investment in new property and equipment.

The second agreement funds the government through FY2016 and incorporates a number of positive policy changes. Importantly, the bill extends the James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act for our first responders through 2090 and the 9/11 Victim's Compensation Fund for five years. Included in the agreement are a variety of provisions related to delaying and defunding the Affordable Care Act, as well as making improvements to the visa waiver program in order to strengthen our national security. It fully funds our troops' pay and addresses shortfalls in our military readiness.

The legislation allows for lower energy prices and decreases our reliance on foreign oil by lifting the crude oil export ban and increasing funding for the energy efficiency and renewable energy account. It also increases funding for the National Institutes of Health to fight cancer, Alzheimer's and to fund brain research, and provides additional funding for special education and charter school grants. Additionally, it fully funds Pell Grant Awards to a maximum of \$5,915. The agreement includes a three year authorization for the Land and Water Conservation Fund, for which Congressman Gibson has been advocating as well.

The House is expected to consider the tax policy package today and the funding legislation tomorrow, sending both bills to the Senate for passage.

## Governor Cuomo Signs Legislation to make NY the First State in the Nation to Allow Pregnant Women to Enroll in the State Health Insurance Exchange at Any Time

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced the signing of legislation to expand health insurance access to pregnant New Yorkers.

The measure would permit pregnant women to enroll in the state health insurance exchange at any time during their pregnancy - making New York the first state in the nation to make pregnancy a "qualifying life event" in order to obtain health insurance benefits at any time through the health exchange.

"This legislation will help expectant mothers get access to essential pre-natal care and help build a stronger and healthier New York," Governor Cuomo said. "I thank the bill sponsors for their hard work on this critically important issue that will have a significant impact on future generations of New Yorkers."

Previously, pregnancy was not included on the list of qualifying life events. Such life events include a change in residence, birth or adoption of a child, and marriage, divorce, or death of a spouse. As such, enrollment through the exchange is only available during the open enrollment period (October through December).

The bill (S. 5972/A. 6780B) will make pregnancy a "qualifying life event," allowing enrollment in an insurance plan at any time during the pregnancy through the state's health insurance exchange, New York State of Health.

Insurance coverage for the woman would be effective as of the first of the month in which the woman is certified as pregnant

## UC Executive Mike Hein Issues Two Vetoes and Provides Practical Alternatives that Benefit UC Taxpayers -The Technical Vetoes Keep No Fee Electric Vehicle Charging Stations in Place and Works Toward a Comprehensive Solution to Flood Mitigation Funding Being Withheld By NYS

Kingston, NY - Ulster County Executive Mike Hein has vetoed two resolutions on technical grounds, Resolution No. 445 which calls for the use of county funds to supplant state hazard mitigation aid, and 446 which requires a fee for use of the county-owned electric vehicle charging stations. Both resolutions were passed by the Ulster County Legislature at its December 15, 2015 meeting.

In enacting Resolution No. 446 the Legislature relied on opinions, contrary to that of the County Attorney's. The County Attorney has rendered two formal legal opinions that "no fee" charging stations are permissible as they provide economic benefits, promote tourism and businesses, and aid in the protection of the environment. Accordingly, since the "no fee" charging stations promote public purposes while providing only an incidental benefit at a minimal cost, each charge costs approximately 62¢, they are allowable.

In addition, the County Executive has worked with the Ulster County Regional Chamber of Commerce to design a compromise solution to this issue. The Ulster County Regional Chamber of Commerce, recognizing the economic benefits to businesses in the area, will partner with the County to provide \$1,000 annually to offset the projected incidental cost of electricity per year.

"We have already seen the tourism benefits of offering "no fee" electric charging stations, as Ulster County is a natural stopping point for those coming from the New York metro area who need to recharge their vehicle," said County Executive Mike Hein. "Once here, visitors shop in our stores and eat in our restaurants and boost our local economy. The Ulster County Regional Chamber of Commerce recognizes this and I want to thank them for their partnership ensuring these charging stations remain without fee and continue to help local businesses, residents and visitors alike. We must also continue to take important steps together to protect our environment while ensuring that Ulster County remains one of the most environmentally responsible counties in America."

The County Executive also vetoed Resolution No. 445 on technical grounds as well. After Hurricane Irene caused devastation across the County, communities, including the Town of Denning, began to rebuild. The damages to infrastructure constituted a threat to public safety and emergency repairs were undertaken. The cost of repairs was staggering but federal aid would cover 75%, leaving the towns with the balance of 25%. Due to the widespread, far-reaching effects of Hurricane Irene County Executive Hein was a strong voice advocating for New York State to fund the town's remaining portion. As the repairs were being made, and in some instances finished, the State agreed to the funding request, but attached conditions that included for example, requirements that a certain proportion of the contractors who performed the repair work be women and minority-owned businesses. The timing of the release of the funding prerequisites made it impossible for the Town to comply with them as they were made known well after the emergency hurricane repairs were made. As such, the Empire State Development Corp. (ESD) is withholding the funding. The County is however, continuing to work with ESD on behalf of the Town to have this requirement waived due to the emergency nature of the repairs and have the money released to the Town of Denning.

"This is a highly technical situation, with intricacies with which the Legislature may not have been fully apprised of, but at its foundation is the fact that this is an issue between the Town of Denning and New York State. The County taxpayers should not be placed in the middle by having the County government make what would constitute false representations in order to satisfy the requirements set forth by New York State," said County Executive Mike Hein. "We have, and will continue to work closely with ESD to bring a conclusion to this matter in order to assist the Town of Denning. I appreciate the Legislature's well-intentioned action, but this resolution would set a dangerous precedent for our taxpayers. In the event Ulster County uses County funds to cover the town's cost and reimbursement is not received, this transfer would be in direct violation of the gifting clause of the New York State Constitution. I look forward to working with the Legislature as we continue to assist the Town of Denning in an appropriate manner, as well as all of our municipalities, for the betterment of the people of Ulster County."

## Pontier Retires from Renaissance After 16 Years of Helping to Build Community in Sullivan County

[LIBERTY] - Long-time leader of Sullivan Renaissance, Glenn Pontier, will retire as Executive Director on Thursday, December 31. He helped develop the beautification contest after founder Sandra Gerry said she wanted to challenge and reward communities that addressed the way they appeared by developing a sense of pride and spirit.

"Glenn will be missed," said Sullivan Renaissance founder Sandra Gerry, "he has been an anchor for Sullivan Renaissance ... an important member of our team. He has kept all aspects of our program moving forward and on track for the past 16 years. I am most grateful for his dedication to Sullivan Renaissance and to the people of Sullivan County."

Pontier oversaw the organization as it evolved to fund multiple community development initiatives in every town and village throughout Sullivan County. He is recognized as a community organizer, writer and journalist experienced in collaborating with organizations that have various and diverse missions - from government and non-profits to small businesses and corporations.

"My professional and personal goals have always been similar: a world free from want, a country I can be proud of, and a good life for my family," said Pontier. "The best part of this job has been working with all the volunteers, and for two great people, Sandra and Alan Gerry. But I'll be 70 years old in May, and it's time for me to turn my attention to some other parts of my life."

As Sullivan Renaissance Executive Director, he was responsible for day-to-day management and coordination of the Sullivan Renaissance program throughout Sullivan County, including staff supervision and public information. He also represented the Gerry Foundation on several Sullivan County boards and facilitated collaborations with agency partners.

Liberty native Pete Gozza, an economic development specialist, will assume the role as the new Executive Director on January 1, 2016.

Pontier began work with the Gerry Foundation in 2000 as Director of Communications, helping to plan and create the music pavilion and museum at Bethel Woods Center for the Arts, and handling regional news releases and press communications. Prior to that he was Director of Communications for the County of Sullivan; News Director for WVOS Radio in Liberty; and Editor of The River Reporter in Narrowsburg, where he established, built, managed and edited the award-winning weekly newspaper. He and his wife, Ari, live along the Delaware River in Barryville.

Sullivan Renaissance is a beautification and community development program principally funded by the Gerry Foundation. For more information, visit [www.sullivanrenaissance.org](http://www.sullivanrenaissance.org).

## Lunch & Learn: Cattle Breeding and Synchronization Workshop

LIBERTY, NY- The latest developments in cattle breeding and synchronization will be highlighted at the Cattle Breeding and Synchronization workshop set for Monday, January 11, 2016 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County (CCESC) offers this class at its Gerald J. Skoda Extension Education Center on 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road in Liberty. Lunch will be provided, sponsored by Catskill Veterinary Services.

Dr. Joseph D'Abbraccio and Dr. Kim Crowe of Catskill Veterinary Services will discuss cattle breeding and synchronization with producers and will detail specific synch protocol methods with the aim of improving overall breeding and reproduction success for the audience.

Cost is \$10 per person or \$5 per CCESC enrollee. Anyone can enroll in CCESC for an annual contribution of \$25 per household. In the event of financial hardship or special needs, the public should contact the office.

Space is limited and pre-registration with non-refundable payment is required in advance. Seats are only guaranteed with payment. Registration and more information can be obtained by calling CCESC at 845-292-6180, emailing [sullivan@cornell.edu](mailto:sullivan@cornell.edu), or visiting [www.sullivancce.org](http://www.sullivancce.org). Payment can be made in advance by check, cash, or credit. Additional donations for CCESC programs are appreciated.

**Emergency Component of the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)**

The Emergency Component of the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) opens on Monday, January 4, 2016. If you have already received a Regular HEAP benefit for the 2015-2016 HEAP season, you may be eligible for another benefit under the Emergency component of HEAP. Regular component benefits must be exhausted first to be eligible for the heating emergencies component for eligible households.

Emergency benefits are available to assist eligible households in resolving heating, heat-related electric and energy-related temporary housing emergencies. An applicant must be in an emergency situation defined as one of the following:

- 1) Less than 1/4 tank of oil, kerosene, or propane
- 2) Less than a 10-day supply of any other deliverable fuel source
- 3) The natural gas or electric service for heat or heat-related electric service is terminated or scheduled for termination
- 4) There is a need of a propane tank deposit to obtain a new propane tank and set up due to a supplier's termination of an account
- 5) There is a need of temporary relocation due to an energy related emergency.

Monthly income eligibility is up to \$2,244 for a household of 1 and is increased by \$690 for each additional member of the household. To be eligible for an Emergency HEAP benefit, the applicant must be the customer of record, meet the monthly income eligibility, not have available liquid resources greater than \$2000 (or \$3000 if the household contains an individual age 60 or older), and meet all other non-financial requirements.

The heating emergency benefits are \$350 for natural gas heat only, \$490 for electric heat and natural gas with domestic electric, \$500 for wood, pellets, coal or corn, and \$575 for oil, kerosene or propane. There is a benefit of \$140 available for heat-related electric emergencies. Additionally, there are benefits available for temporary relocation and propane tank deposits.

Applicants approved for a 2015-2016 Regular benefit who meet the customer of record requirements, including TA and SNAP recipients, may apply for Emergency benefits by calling DFS at 845-807-0142. Applicants may not apply online via myBenefits.

**Monticello Interfaith Council Elects New Officers for 2016**

The Monticello Interfaith Council elected new officers for 2016 at its annual reorganizational meeting on Tuesday, December 8, 2015. The council brings together representatives of various faith communities in Monticello, as well as community organizations and interested individuals, for the purpose of dialogue, information sharing, celebration and social transformation in Monticello.

All people of faith are invited to participate. Newly elected officers are: Margaret Langston of Dharmakaya (a Buddhist organization), President; Rhett Eason of Catholic Charities, Vice-President; Sister and Elder Hsieh of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Vice-Presidents; Jeremy Mills of the United Methodist Church of Monticello, Treasurer; Lawrence Fabian of the Liberty Bahai Community, Secretary

Active since 2010, the council meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the various locations of the member institutions.

The council also hosts an annual Community Thanksgiving Meal and Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service. It also undertakes various activities throughout the year, such as participating in the Monticello Bagel Festival and other village events.

The next Interfaith Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 12 at 6:30 p.m. at the Ted Stroebele Recreation Center in Monticello. To learn more and get involved, email [monticellointerfaith@gmail.com](mailto:monticellointerfaith@gmail.com) or contact Sullivan Renaissance, a longtime supporter of the Interfaith Council, at 845-295-2445.

**Holiday Bike Raffle Winner Announced**



Raffle winner Douglas Bowman with Resident Council President, Naomi Haywood

The Family Council of the Sullivan County Adult Care Center is pleased to announce that the lucky winner of their Holiday Bike Raffle was Mr. Douglas Bowman. The drawing took place on Friday December 11th at the Adult Care Center. The winning ticket was picked by Naomi Haywood, president of the Resident's Council. The raffle was a tremendously successful fundraiser for the Family Council, with over \$700 being raised through ticket sales. The money will be used to improve the lives of Adult Care Center residents through purchases of special items. Past purchases have included large screen televisions, patio furniture, and an awning for the patio on the Memory Care Unit. The Family Council extends its thanks to all who supported the cause with the purchase of a raffle ticket.

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**ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL MISSION**  
The Little Church with the Big Heart  
**Sunday, 8:00 am Service of Holy Communion**

Music by Fred VanWagner  
5277 State Rt. 42 Coffee hour follows service  
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**Claryville Reformed Church**

Claryville Road  
Claryville, NY 12725  
845-985-2041

Bible Class 9:00 am  
Worship Services @ 10:00 am  
**Rev. Paul Nulton**  
John Bult, Organist

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**6317 Rte. 42, Woodbourne, NY**

Weekend Mass schedule:  
Saturday afternoon: 4:30 pm  
Sunday morning: 9:00 am and 11:30 am

Daily Mass schedule:  
Monday afternoon: 5:45 pm (Holy Rosary at 5:30 pm);  
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday mornings: (includes Morning Prayer) - 8:50 am

Saturday afternoon confessions: 3:45 to 4:15 pm  
**Rev. John J. Lynch, Ph.D., Pastor. 434-7643.**

Feb 6th

**Covered Dish Supper**  
5 pm.  
at the  
**Sundown United Methodist Church Hall**

**Grahamsville United Methodist Church**

**Third Saturday Thrift Sale**  
Jan 16  
9 am  
to  
1 pm

**CrossWay Assembly of God**

Service Times  
Sunday School 9:30 am  
Sunday Worship Service/  
Children's Church 10:30 am  
Monday Night Home  
Bible Study 7 pm  
Tuesday Night Youth Home  
Bible Study 7 pm  
Friday Youth Night 7 pm

**Ismael Berrios**  
Lead Pastor

P. O. Box 480  
507 Hasbrouck Drive  
Woodbourne, NY 12788  
845-434-8263

Email:  
[crosswayaog@aol.com](mailto:crosswayaog@aol.com)  
[www.crosswayaog.com](http://www.crosswayaog.com)

**Sundown United Methodist Church**  
Peekamoose Rd., Sundown  
Sunday Worship Service - 8:30 a.m.  
Sunday School - after worship (9:40 a.m.)  
Wednesday Bible Study - 6:45 p.m.  
Pastor: Rev. Peggy Ann Sauerhoff  
845-985-2283  
e-mail: [Sundownumc@gmail.com](mailto:Sundownumc@gmail.com)

**Grahamsville United Methodist Church**  
Rte. 55, Grahamsville  
Sunday Worship Service - 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday School for grades k-7 - 10:30a.m.  
Mid-week Bible Study opportunities available!  
For information contact Rev. Peggy Ann Sauerhoff 845-985-2283  
e-mail: [Grahamsvilleumc@gmail.com](mailto:Grahamsvilleumc@gmail.com)

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**Geoff and Heather Hazzard & Anthony Perito**

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Ellenville, New York  
(845) 647-4343

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Watson Hollow Rd. • West Shokan, NY  
Sunday Mass - 9:30 am  
Holy Days 5:30 pm  
Penance 9:00 am, 2nd Sunday of the month  
**Rev. George W. Hommel, Pastor**

**Grahamsville Reformed Church**

Sunday School 9:30 A.M.  
Worship Service 9:30 A.M.  
Rev. Paul Z. Ruter, Pastor  
845-985-7480

**PUBLIC NOTICES/LEGALS:****TAX COLLECTOR'S NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF TAX ROLL AND WARRANT**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that I, Joy Monforte, Tax Collector for the Town of Denning, Ulster County, State of New York, has received the tax roll and warrant for the collection of taxes within the Town of Denning for the year 2016.

Taxes will be collected at the Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Road, Claryville, N.Y. 12725 on Monday thru Thursday from 8:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M., and at the Catskill Hudson Bank, 279 Main Street, Grahamsville, N.Y. 12740 and by mail to the Town of Denning, P.O. Box 277, Claryville, N.Y. 12725.

Please take note that payment for taxes must be made payable to: Tax Collector.

Taxes will also be collected on Saturday, January 30th, 2016 from 9 A.M. to 12 P.M. at the Denning Town Hall.

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** as pursuant to Ulster County Law No. 8 of 2012 an insert has been provided describing each Unfunded Mandate required by New York State.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that taxes may be paid on or before the 31st day of January without interest. On all taxes received after such date there shall be added interest of one percent of the amount of the unpaid taxes for each month or fraction thereof until taxes are paid or until the return of unpaid taxes to the Ulster County Department of Finance pursuant to law.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that pursuant to the provisions of law, the tax roll for the Town of Denning will be returned to the Ulster County Finance Commissioner on the date of expiration of the Collector's Warrant for 2016.

Joy Monforte  
Tax Collector  
Town of Denning

December 29th, 2015

1/6/16; 1/20/16

### **Innovative Budget Delivers For The People Of UC By Providing More Services Than Ever Before While Simultaneously Reducing The County Property Tax Levy**



Kingston, N.Y. - Ulster County Executive Mike Hein has signed the 2016 Ulster County Budget, a \$330 million financial plan that protects County taxpayers, reduces County spending and ensures more essential services are provided to County residents than ever before. This budget once again reduces the County property tax levy, this time by 1.1%, expands the historic infrastructure investment of 2015 with an additional \$15 million to repair and replace aging roads and bridges, and provides critical funding to support public safety initiatives such as a new fire training center and funding to combat the national tragedy of heroin addiction.

The 2016 Budget continues County Executive Mike Hein's commitment to providing essential services to County residents such as an expanded Meals On Wheels program for seniors, free legal services for Veterans and critical funding for warming centers. The County Executive's budget proposal was unanimously passed by the County Legislature on December 15, 2015 with only minor changes, and continues the strong fiscal policies that have earned Ulster County recognition as one of the most financially stable counties across New York by the State Comptroller's Fiscal Stress Report.

"To some, a budget is simply about numbers," said County Executive Hein, "but to me it is about people; and I am proud to say the 2016 Ulster County Budget protects and delivers for all of the

183,000 residents of Ulster County. I want to thank and commend the Legislature for unanimously adopting a responsible fiscal plan. The 2016 Budget represents my administration's continued commitment to being both fiscally and socially responsible by reducing County costs while at the same time providing enhanced services to our residents. I am proud that this budget includes major investments in our infrastructure, and expanded services for our brave Veterans as well as our seniors. The 2016 budget also provides a real hand-up to some of our most vulnerable residents as well as outreach and programing for those struggling against addiction."

The approved 2016 Budget includes, as recommended by the County Executive, such major highlights as:

- A 1.1% reduction in the property tax levy in 2016;
- A \$4.2 million reduction in spending while protecting essential services;
- Continuing the historic 2015 infrastructure investment program with an additional \$15 million in funding, for a two year total investment of \$30 million;
- A record multi-million dollar commitment to public safety, including the first county-wide fire training center and 911 emergency technology upgrades;
- Critical funding to fight the national tragedy of heroin addiction consistent with recommendations from the Ulster Coalition Against Narcotics (UCAN);
- Continued funding for the successful "Career Ladder" job creation program to enhance the County's vibrant workforce; and
- An expanded Meals on Wheels program for seniors that makes "professional care coordinators" available to seniors to help with a transition from a hospital stay to home.

### **Governor Cuomo Announces NYS will Contribute \$1.5 Million to Help Erect a Memorial to the Victims of the 1911 Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire Fire killed 146 and helped spur a movement to protect workers**

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced that New York State would contribute \$1.5 million to help build a memorial to the 146 people who died in the historic Triangle Shirtwaist Fire in 1911 in Manhattan. The memorial will be affixed to the Greenwich Village building where the fire occurred, just

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that at a special meeting held on December 29, 2015 of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Neversink Fire District of the Town of Neversink, Sullivan County, New York, a resolution was adopted, an abstract of which is as follows:

**RESOLVED** that the Treasurer of the Fire District be authorized to withdraw the sum of up to \$560,000.00 DOLLARS from the Equipment Reserve Fund heretofore established for firefighting equipment vehicles and apparatus for the purchase of a pumper firetruck and equipment appurtenant thereto.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that the adoption of this resolution is subject to permissive referendum and shall take effect thirty (30) days after its adoption, unless there shall be filed in the interim with the Fire District Secretary a petition signed and acknowledged or approved in the same manner as a deed to be recorded by resident taxpayers of the Neversink Fire District owning taxable real property aggregating at least one-quarter of the assessed valuation of all taxable real property of the Fire District, as such valuations appear on the latest completed assessment rolls of the Town of Neversink, protesting against such resolution and requesting that it be submitted to the qualified electors of the Fire District for their approval.

ALLISON RUEF, SECRETARY  
NEVERSINK FIRE DISTRICT

KORNFELD, REW, NEWMAN & SIMEONE  
Attorneys for the Fire District  
46 Washington Avenue  
P.O. Box 177  
Suffern, New York 10901  
(845) 357-2660

off Washington Square Park and now used by New York University, to house biology and chemistry laboratories.

"The Triangle Shirtwaist Fire galvanized the labor movement in America and should never be forgotten," Governor Cuomo said. "New York State has always been a beacon for progressive government policies and while we honor the victims' legacy with this memorial, we must continue to improve workplace protections to ensure tragedies like this one are never repeated."

The memorial is being built by the Remember the Triangle Fire Coalition. Following a design competition, in 2013 the Coalition selected architectural designer Richard Joon Yoo and Cooper Union architecture professor Uri Wegman, to design the memorial. It will feature steel panels that wrap around the building, at the corner of Greene Street and Washington Place. An upper panel will be engraved with the names of the victims facing down to the lower panel, which will reflect the names for people to read. The lower panel will also tell the story of the fire. Along the corner of the building, a reflective steel beam will stretch from the level of the upper panel to the eighth floor, where the fire began.

The fire broke out on Saturday, March 25, 1911, at the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory, and though it lasted only half an hour, it forever changed government's role in protecting working men and women. The clothing manufacturing company was located in a building touted as fireproof. The conditions in the factory were known to be hazardous, and operators had been warned many times. Management refused to install sprinklers and arranged the workspace for maximum production output - not for safety.

The fire killed 146 workers and remains the deadliest industrial disaster in New York State history and one of the deadliest in the United States. Most of the dead were teenage girls - garment workers who perished because there was no safe way for them to escape the inferno. They were trapped on the top three floors of a 10-story building that had defective fire escapes and doors that opened inward. Despite this tragic loss of life, the factory was back in business three days later in another location in the building. The owners, who escaped the fire unharmed, showed little remorse and quickly returned their attention to making a profit. The building that housed the factory still stands today, and its legacy continues to drive us in our quest for worker protection and safety.

**Town of Neversink  
Parks & Recreation**  
[www.townofneversink.org](http://www.townofneversink.org)  
Call for info: (845) 985-2262  
extension 312

**Skiing/Snowboarding at Holiday Mountain**  
Sundays, January 3- March 6. Sign your family up for Skiing/Snowboarding and receive discounted rates. Skiing hours are 10 am - 5 pm. SUNDAYS ONLY. \$12 pp for Lift Tickets, \$12 pp for Ski Rentals, \$20 pp for snowboard rentals. Group Lesson 8 and older \$12 pp. Group Lesson 6 & 7 \$26 pp, 5 and under \$70 lesson. To take advantage of these rates purchase a Town of Neversink Parks & Rec ID Card for \$7.

**Skiing/Snowboarding at Bellavre** - Sunday, Jan 24 and Sunday, Feb 21. Sign your family. Skiing hours are 9 am to 4 pm. Pay just \$33 pp for Lift Tickets, \$58 pp for Ski Rentals and Lift Tickets, \$67 pp for snowboard rental and Lift Tickets. Must be paid no later than Tuesday, December 22. Meet at bus lot at 8:30 am to pick up lift tickets and go straight to rental shop for equipment.



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

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

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

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

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- 1/7/16 Claryville Fire Department Commissioners Meeting 6:30 pm
- 1/7/16 TVCS Board Meeting - 7 pm
- 1/12/15 Town of Denning Business Meeting 7 pm
- 1/13/16 Town of Neversink Town Board Meeting 7:30 pm
- 1/14/16 Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting 7 pm
- 1/16/16 Third Saturday Thrift Sale Grahamsville UM Church 9-1
- 1/18/16 Marting Luther King Day
- 1/19/16 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting 7:30 pm
- 1/21/16 Dept of Motor Vehicles -Neversink Town Hall 10 am-2:30 pm
- 1/21/16 TVCS Board Meeting - 7 pm
- 1/26/16 Town of Neversink Parks & Rec Meeting 7 pm
- 2/2/16 Town of Denning Board Meeting 7 pm
- 2/4/16 Claryville Fire Dept Commissioners Meeting 6:30 pm

**NOTICE TO ALL CHURCHES, MUNICIPALITIES & COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS:** - It is that time of the year to send us your new calendar of events for 2016 so that we can publish the dates in the *Townsmen*. You may send them via email ([tvtownsman@yahoo.com](mailto:tvtownsman@yahoo.com)); by regular mail: The Townsman, P O Box 232, Grahamsville, NY 12740 or drop them in the drop box on the porch of the Grahamsville First Aid Building.

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**Grahamsville Reformed Church  
2016 Dinner Schedule**

April 9, 2016 **Roast Pork**, stuffing, mashed potatoes, green beans, sauerkraut, applesauce, salad, bread, Assorted desserts from congregation

May 14, 2016 **Chicken and Biscuits**, stuffing, mashed potatoes, corn, cranberry sauce, salad, bread, Ice cream

June 11, 2016 **Roast Beef**, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, salad, bread, Cake

September 10, 2016 **Roast Beef**, mashed potatoes, corn on the cob, salad, bread, Assorted desserts from congregation

October 15, 2016 **Roast Turkey**, stuffing, mashed potatoes, green beans, cranberry sauce, applesauce, salad, bread, Brownie Sundae

November 12, 2016 **Roast Pork**, stuffing, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, sauerkraut, applesauce, salad, bread, Apple Cake

*Olde Tri-Valley Townsman is available at the following retail stores and restaurants:*

<p><b>TRI-VALLEY AREA</b> SUNDOWN CAMP &amp; BAIT SHOP GRAHAMSVILLE DELI A.J.'s FRIENDS &amp; FINDS EUREKA MARKET &amp; CAFE CANNIE D'S BLUE HILL LODGE FROST VALLEY YMCA</p>	<p>• VALERO MINI MALL (Loch Sheldrake) • SC COMMUNITY COLLEGE LIBRARY <b>WOODBOURNE</b> - CITGO STATION • MO'S GAS STATION • P.D. SMITH ENTERPRISE <b>LIBERTY</b> - LIBERTY FITNESS • CHARLIE'S PIZZA • AGWAY (Liberty) CLAUDIA'S BEAUTY SALON • SHOPRITE • IDEAL FOOD</p>	<p><b>ELLENVILLE</b> JAMES NAPANOCH GROCERY DR. LONSTEIN'S OFFICE MATTHEW'S PHARMACY NAPANOCH APPLIANCES EWCOC • ELLENVILLE CITGO ELLENVILLE REG HOSPITAL PETER'S MARKET THORTON HARDWARE SHOPRITE</p>
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**LOCATIONS in the TOWN OF OLIVE & SHANDAKEN**

Boiceville IGA • Snyder's  
Phoenicia Gas Station • Phoenicia Pharmacy • Phoenicia Deli • Mama's Boy • Brio's  
Emerson Resort • Phoenicia Diner • Shokan Citgo

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

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

**Tri-Valley Central School District  
2015 - 2016 Board of Education**

Will hold - Regular Board Meeting on Thursday,  
Thursday, January 7, 2016 at 7:00 PM  
In the Intermediate School Library

**Blood Drive at ERH**

The American Red Cross and Ellenville Regional Hospital will join together for a community blood drive on Thursday **January 7, 2016 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.** at the Ellenville Regional Hospital at 10 Healthy Way. The Red Cross blood drive will take place in a traveling donor center outside of the hospital in their parking lot. **ALL PRESENTING DONORS WILL RECEIVE A \$ 5.00 DUNKIN DONUTS CARD**

Blood is an essential component for patient care in area hospitals, and the only source of blood is a healthy volunteer blood donor, like you.

Local blood donors are needed all year round to ensure the blood supply stays strong. Approximately every two seconds a patient in the United States needs blood. That's why your blood donation through the Red Cross is so important. Your blood donation can help save the life of a real person in our community. It truly is the blood on the shelves today that helps save lives tomorrow.

Walk-ins are always welcome, but donors are encouraged to schedule an appointment in advance by calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767), 845 647-6400 ext. 226 or by visiting [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org).

**Pistol Permit Pre-Licensing Course**

The Adult and Continuing Education Program at Sullivan BOCES is offering a 4-hour Pistol Permit Pre-Licensing Course on January 23rd at the Kauneonga Lake Fire Hall from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm. Feb. 27; Mar. 26; Apr. 23; and May 21 The cost is \$80.00.

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

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

The instructor for this course is a 22 year veteran of law enforcement, a New York State Certified Firearms Instructor, FBI Certified Firearms Instructor, Police

Academy Use of Force Instructor, NRA Certified Instructor and retired United States Marine.

The course will also be given on the following dates: on June 25

To register or for more information, contact the Adult and Continuing Education Program at (845) 295-4900 between the hours of 8:30 am and 7:00 pm or visit us at [scbooces.org](http://scbooces.org). For program updates Like Sullivan County BOCES on Facebook and follow us on Twitter.

**Tai Chi Kung Classes**

The Adult & Continuing Education Program at Sullivan BOCES is offering a Tai Chi Kung course at the St. John Street Education Center in Monticello on Wednesdays, January 27 through March 16th, from 12:00 - 1:00 pm. The cost is \$65.00.

Tai Chi Kung has been recognized for thousands of years as both a method of self-cultivation and an unsurpassed form of self-defense. It is gentle and easy to do. It can help calm the emotions, focus the mind and strengthen the immune system.

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**January Ballet for Adults at Hasbrouck  
Old Stone House**

Ballet classes for adults have been added to the dance offerings at The Old Stone House of Hasbrouck, a local 501(c)3 community arts and education center.

On four Saturdays in January, grownups can learn the basics of this extraordinary dance form, widely considered the early foundation of most other dance styles. For years, children have been learning ballet at The House, but this is the first time adults can join the excitement.

The new classes meet January 9, 16, 23 and 30, from 10:30-11:30 am. Instructor Alana Sherman, a certified Dance Therapist, has been teaching for over 30 years and has studied dance, especially ballet, since she was 12.

Adult dancers should wear ballet slippers, if available, and comfortable loose clothing. To fully set the mood for ballet, black leotards and pink tights are urged. And since it's winter, and The House tends to be cool, a sweater is advisable.

Sessions follow a typical ballet class structure -- warm-up, barre, and center work. But since beginners are attending, it's most important to just learn some ballet basics...and have tons of fun dancing, without pressure or competition.

Classes cost \$10 per session, or \$32.50 for all four, with Old Stone House members getting a 20% discount. For more information, call Alana Sherman at (845) 436-0070, or e-mail [sherman\\_alana@yahoo.com](mailto:sherman_alana@yahoo.com).

The House, at 282 Hasbrouck Rd. in Fallsburg, NY, is just minutes away from Monticello, Liberty, Grahamsville and Ellenville.



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See this film Monday evening, January 11, 2016 starting @ 8:00 PM, 130 min, B/W, TV-G, on TCM

**Quiz**

1. Who plays Madame X?
2. Who plays "The Gypsies"?

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- It is that time of the year. You need to send us your new calendar of events for 2016 so that we can publish the dates in the Townsman. You may send them via email ([tvtownsman@yahoo.com](mailto:tvtownsman@yahoo.com)); by regular mail: The Townsman, P O Box 232, Grahamsville, NY 12740 or drop them in the drop box on the porch of the Grahamsville First Aid Building.

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