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ANNUAL TOWN HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY TO BE HELD

On Saturday December 6, 2014 at 5:00 PM the Town of Neversink will hold its Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony in Bicentennial Square on Main Street in Grahamsville.

There will be caroling in the Square, special music, holiday readings and refreshments. This will officially open the holiday season in the town.

Any organization or group that would like to take part should contact the Town Clerk's Office at 985-2262, x-307.

Reminder: The *Townsmen* does not publish a paper during the week of Thanksgiving, Christmas or New Years. There will be no *Townsmen* next week, Nov. 27th. Our Staff wishes you all a very Happy Thanksgiving!

Local Financial Services Professional Earns National Certification

Wawarsing, N.Y., November 10, 2014 Philip Coombe III, CFP, CTFA Managing Partners Coombe Bender & Company, was recently awarded the Certified Trust & Financial Advisor (CTFA) designation from the Institute of Certified Bankers (ICB), a subsidiary of the American Bankers Association, in Washington, DC.



In 1983, Phil founded Coombe Financial Services, now an SEC Registered Broker Dealer and member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority. Coombe Bender & Co. LLC was established in 1989 to provide fee based investment portfolio management and financial planning services.

The firm is an SEC registered investment advisor. Phil has been a Certified Financial Planner designee since 1986 and holds a

Bachelor's Degree from Cornell University with a Masters in Financial Services from the College for Financial Planning. Phil is also on the Board of Trustees at Ellenville Regional Hospital, the Board of Directors for Jeffersonville Bank Corp, the Ulster County Community Foundation Advisory Board and is a member of The Financial Planning Association. Together with his sister Cathy Bender and son Alan, the firm services over 600 clients and manages over \$185 million. (Contd. Pg. 3)

Just in Time for the Holidays -

Time and the Valleys Museum Shop Sale-Saturday, December 6th noon to 4



[Grahamsville, N.Y.] -The Time and the Valleys Museum's Shop at 332 Main Street (St. Rt. 55), Grahamsville, Sullivan County will be open for the holiday season sale on Saturday, December 6th from noon to 4 p.m. There will be sales throughout the store.

The Museum Shop has a wide variety of books on local history, geology, environment, folklore and Native Americans, hand-made gift items made by local artisans, historical toys, stationary and even candy. All purchases support the Museum and their many educational activities. To make shopping even easier, the Museum will wrap and ship your purchase with a holiday card, directly to a gift recipient!

"There is something for everyone on your holiday list, from hard to find local historic books, to finely crafted hand-made pottery and wooden bowls, to lovely prints, photos and note cards inspired by the beautiful Catskill Mountains," according to Donna Steffens, Museum Director. "When doing your holiday shopping, think of the Museum first. It is quick and easy, and you are purchasing quality gifts while supporting the Museum at the same time". The featured item this year is Town of Neversink Historian Carol Smythe's new book: *Around Neversink: From the Rondout Reservoir to the Neversink Reservoir*. (Cont. Pg. 8)

Sullivan County Holds Lifesaving Narcan Training for Law Enforcement and EMS Providers



Dr. Kari Reiber, Dutchess County Health Commissioner, Nancy McGraw, Sullivan County Public Health Director, Ed Simon, Detective, Sullivan County Sheriff's Office

In partnership with the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office, Sullivan County Public Health Services and the Sullivan County Office of Emergency Management, a Narcan training was held on October 30th at the Emergency Services Training Center in White Lake, NY. Three groups of law enforcement and EMS personnel were trained over the course of the day by Dr. Kari Reiber, Dutchess County Health Commissioner, on the administration of naloxone. (Contd. Pg 4)

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UC Exec Mike Hein Welcomes State, County and Local Officials for S.T.R.I.V.E. Groundbreaking Ceremony Launches Construction Of SUNY Ulster Kingston Center

Kingston, NY - Ulster County Executive Mike Hein was joined today by State, County and local officials to celebrate the start of major construction at the soon to be SUNY Ulster Kingston Center, located at the former Sophie Finn Elementary School at 94 Mary's Avenue in Kingston. The redevelopment of the School for use as a community college extension center is the centerpiece of County Executive Hein's Strategic Taxpayer Relief through Innovative Visions in Education ("S.T.R.I.V.E.") initiative. (Contd. Pg. 6)



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As always, thank you for your support.

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ON THE FRONT BURNER:

Fear them not therefore; for there is nothing covered that shall not be revealed; and hid that shall not be known.

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St. Matthew 10:26

OBITUARY

Carol Denman, 85, of Grahamsville, passed



away at Albany Medical Center on November 8, 2014 after a long courageous battle with cancer. She was born in Staten Island in 1929, the daughter of Howard and Katharine Johnson. She worked as a secretary for the construction company building the R o u n d o u t Reservoir, later as a receptionist at the Ellenville Hospital and as secretary to the president of Sullivan County Community College. She was a longtime volunteer at the Daniel Pierce Library.

Carol was a parishioner at the Immaculate Conception Church in Woodbourne, NY. She was a woman of great faith and prayed committedly for loved ones and for the needs of others. She was an artist who took great joy in sharing her talent by giving much of it as gifts to loved ones and friends. She worked with pressed flowers, ink drawings, oil and water colors. She was one of the kindest and most gentle persons in the world and will be truly missed by her family and friends. She was a loving and devoted wife, mother and grandmother. Carol was predeceased by her husband, Paul W. Denman.

She is survived by her sisters, Margaret and Barbara; sons, Richard, James, Michael and Patrick; daughters-in-law, Helen, Lynn, Laura, Kathleen and Diane; beloved grandchildren, Nicholas, Jaxon, Kyle, Wyatt, Rebecca, Robert, Erin, Krista; and great-granddaughter, Gianna.

Memorial services were held at Immaculate Conception Church in Woodbourne, NY on Saturday, November 15 at 11 a.m. Burial was at Rural Cemetery in Grahamsville. A catered gathering of friends and family will follow to celebrate her life at Daniel Pierce Library in Grahamsville, NY.

Arrangements are under the direction of Ramsay's Funeral Homes Inc. To send a condolence to the Denman family, please visit www.ramsaysfuneralhome.com.

Leo Nile Rexford, III, 60, of Hasbrouck, NY, passed away at Catskill Regional Medical Center, in Harris, NY on November 9, 2014. Born in Liberty, NY, he was the eldest son of the late Leo N. Rexford, II, a graduate of Tri-Valley and SUNY Morrisville. He is survived by his mother, Virginia E. Rexford, 81. Leo just recently moved back into his childhood home. He and Virginia were going to take care of each other.

Leo was predeceased by his wife, Sharon "Becky" Rexford. Leo is survived by his daughter, Heather Gibson, and her husband, Christopher Gibson, of Hurleyville, NY. He has two siblings, John and his wife, Bella, and Francine. He also has several nieces and nephews.

Leo was also lucky enough to find companionship after his wife passed away, and is survived by his girlfriend, Deb "Debbie Do" Adams, and her two sons, Mikey and Matty of Peekskill, NY.

Leo was the friend everyone should have. He was quick with a joke, and always there to lend a helping hand. He began working when he was just nine years old on the family farm. He became an experienced laborer, who could fix just about anything. He had several careers; mostly in engineering, mechanics, and oil/propane service work. He wasn't quick on a job. However, he was a perfectionist. His attention to detail and his kindness helped him develop loyal customers. He also enjoyed mentoring others, by teaching and consulting.

He enjoyed reading, trivia, factoids, football, hunting, and just "tinkering around." He enjoyed a simple life. He approached life one day at a time, believed in basic American principles, like farming and industry. He was a patriot who loved to honor our military. He

loved trains, motorcycles, Clydesdales, and Lancaster County. He loved good food and good conversation. He truly appreciated the bond between animal and man. He especially loved dogs and spent close to two decades breeding boxers and bichon frises. He was a real Dr. Doolittle.

His daughter, Heather, and the entire family would like to extend a special thank you to the CCU at CRMC. They did everything they could to keep Leo comfortable during his final days. They went above and beyond their jobs each time they took a stroll down memory lane, laughed with him, and listened. Their bed side manner is a true example of what every hospital should model. In the end, he received the same kindness he'd given to others his entire life.

Funeral services were held at 12 noon on Friday November 14th at Colonial Memorial Funeral Home, 396 State Route 52, and Woodbourne, NY. A gathering of loved ones followed at Hurleyville Fire Department, in Hurleyville, NY.

DAYS OF YORE....

Today's History

December 8, 1954 - A new mail route was started this week over Lackawack Hill, up through Yeagerville to Sundown. The mailman is Guy Curry who has driven the Sundown-Yeagerville route for years only not over Lackawack Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Brooks are the parents of a boy, Robert Allen, born November 23rd at Veterans Memorial Hospital, Ellenville. The baby's paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Brooks of Gardiner.

14 Shopping Days to Christmas
To fill those stockings from toes to top,
For boys and girls, for mom and pop,
We have fruits and candies and goodies galore,
We have clothes to wear for "dress" and chore.
KUM TO KRUM'S

November 18, 1964 - Mr. and Mrs. Alton Knight announce the engagement of their daughter, Arlene Marie to Warren Graham, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Graham of Grahamsville. The bride-to-be is a graduate of Tri Valley Central School and the Central Academy of Beauty Culture. She is the operator of Arlene's Beauty Shop in town. Warren attended Tri Valley Central School and served three years in the U.S. Army. He is employed by Channel Master. No date has been set for the wedding.

Mrs. Carrie K. Barkley, 89, passed away on November 10, 1964 at Liberty Loomis Hospital. She was born in Claryville on April 15, 1875, the daughter of Nathan and Sarah Krom Knight. She was married October 29, 1902 to Noland G. Barkley who passed away in January, 1948. Among the survivors is a brother, John Knight of Grahamsville.

December 4, 1974 - A new concrete and steel bridge crossing the Willowemoc Creek in the Town of Neversink was officially opened Wednesday, November 27th with the snip of a ribbon, by Chairman Joseph Raffa of the Sullivan County Board of Supervisors. The 170 foot long structure and access road was built by the Sullivan County Dept. of Public Works at a cost of \$325,000 and replaced a temporary wooden bridge erected 25 years ago. The new bridge is 50 feet from the old site.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Ackerley of Grahamsville, N.Y., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Linda Anita, to Vincent Van Etten, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Van Etten of Liberty, N.Y. No date has been set for the wedding.

December 13, 1984 - Karen Shelton and James Foster were married on October 27, 1984 in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Woodbourne with Father Maher officiating. The bride is the daughter of Donald and Audrey Shelton of Grahamsville. The bridegroom is the son of John and Ann Powers of Grahamsville. The bride is employed by the Rhulen Insurance Agency in Monticello. The groom is employed by the Sullivan County Dept. of Public Works.

A Round About Tri-Valley

-Carol Furman

Congratulations to Joe and Andrea Ehrets of Hasbrouck on the birth of their daughter born on November 10th. The little lady, named Emma Lynn, weighed 7 lbs 8 ozs and was born on her grandpa Kavleski's birthday!

Sympathy to the family and friends of Carol Denman who passed away on November 8th at the age of 85.

Condolences also to the family and friends of Leo Nile Rexford III of Woodbourne. Leo passed away at the age of 60 on November 9th.

It was nice to see some local Tri-Valley professional women honored in the Sullivan County Democrat supplement last week: Heidi Dolgas Pavese (Crystal Run Healthcare), Kathy Denman (Denman Agency, Grahamsville) and Arminda Beiling Farr (Achieve Rehab and Nursing Facility).

The Sullivan County Sheriffs Office announced the appointment of three new deputies who recently graduated from the Dutchess County Corrections Academy. Sean Lewis, a Tri-Valley graduate, was one of those appointed. Congratulations, Sean!

The Town of Neversink tree lighting will take place in Bicentennial Square on Saturday, December 6th, at 5:00 pm. The event will be held on Saturday this year because the Tri-Valley PTO has invited the Harlam Wizards to perform at the school on Sunday evening, December 7th. Folks can't be in two places at the same time!

An 85-foot Norway spruce, weighing 13 tons, from Pennsylvania will be lit at Rockefeller Center in NYC on December 3rd. It will be decorated with 45,000 LED lights and a 9 1/2 foot-wide Swarovski star.

The Ulster Heights Methodist Church recently sponsored an overnight trip to Lancaster, PA. Several local residents went and really enjoyed themselves. The group saw "Moses" at the Sight and Sound Theatre, did a little shopping and enjoyed delicious Amish/Mennonite cooked meals. Helen Exner and "Bucky" Green do an excellent job organizing this trip. I was sorry I had to miss going with them this year.

There will be a holiday craft fair at the church hall in Sundown on November 22nd from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm. A luncheon will also be served. It's not too early to start thinking about Christmas! Oops!: From last week; Vernooy Kill Falls are not in Rock Hill. They are, I believe, in the Wawarsing/Accord area in Ulster County.

Words of Wisdom:

A word of encouragement at the right moment may be the turning point for a struggling life.

Claryville Quilters Raffle Winner

The winner of our raffle this year, is Jill Lewis of New Hampshire, who is a native of Jeffersonville. She purchased her winning ticket at "The Old Time Fair" in Grahamsville, this passed summer. We would like to thank all those who purchased tickets to help raise money for our local charities.

Thanksgiving Eve Service

There will be a Community Thanksgiving Eve Service on November 26th at 7:00 pm at the Grahamsville United Methodist Church located at 365 Route 55, Grahamsville, NY.

A free will offering will be collected to benefit the Grahamsville Food Pantry.

Local Financial Services Professional Earns National Certification

(From Pg. 1) The CTFA designation is awarded to individuals who demonstrate excellence in the field of wealth management and trust. To qualify for the CTFA certification, individuals must have certain levels of experience and education in the trust profession, pass an exam, and agree to abide by a code of ethics. The CTFA exam covers many areas including fiduciary and trust activities, financial planning, tax law and planning, investment management and ethics.

Financial services professionals, working through the Institute of Certified Bankers, initiated the CTFA designation and eight others in order to establish meaningful standards of knowledge in specialty areas of the financial services industry. ICB certifications formally recognize those who meet these standards and meet professional continuing education and development requirements.

The ICB, with more than 10,000 certified members, provides financial services professionals with confidence and recognition through its certifications. As a subsidiary of the American Bankers Association, ICB promotes the highest standards of performance in the financial services industry by validating individuals' knowledge and expertise. For more information about the Institute of Certified Bankers and its professional certifications, call 202-663-5092 or visit www.aba.com/icb.

Holiday Gift Special

This holiday season we will be promoting local business and promoting *The Townsman* locally.

Do you subscribe to *The Townsman* and live in Sullivan County (NY) or Ulster County (NY)? Are you looking for a special Christmas Gift for a relative, friend or neighbor who also lives in Sullivan or Ulster County? Send them a one-year subscription at the Holiday Gift Special Rate of \$20.00 and you will receive a gift from the Townsman, too! We will add an extra 6 months to your subscription for free! A total savings of \$25.00!

If you are not already a subscriber and live in Ulster or Sullivan County, you are still eligible to take advantage of this offer. Buy a one-year subscription for yourself during this holiday promotion and we will add an extra 6 months to your subscription (a total of 18 months) if you also purchase a \$20.00 Holiday Gift Subscription for a friend or relative who also lives in Ulster or Sullivan County. A savings of \$25.00!

To be eligible for this Holiday offer, both you and the person receiving the Holiday Gift Offer must live in either Sullivan or Ulster County.

This offer will be in effect until December 31, 2014. (See Coupon on page 8)

Community Assistance Needed for Free Dinner in Monticello

[MONTICELLO] - The Food Pantry Committee of the Monticello Interfaith Council is hosting a free Community Thanksgiving Meal on Saturday, November 22 from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. in the cafeteria of the Monticello High School. Volunteers, donations and contributions of food from area groups and individuals are needed.

"We are driven to meet a need in our community and bring people together," said Janet Veale, who is a member of the committee. "We are aiming to provide a warm meal in an inviting setting for more than 500 people. We hope everyone who wants to will attend, but we can't do it without assistance."

The Food Pantry Committee was created this year to combat food insecurity. For this meal, the committee is looking for contributions of beverages and desserts. Volunteers are needed on Saturday to decorate, help in the kitchen, serve food and assist with clean up. Help is also needed to prep the food starting at 3:00 p.m. on Friday. If too much of an item is collected or left over, it will be donated to one of the local food pantries.

Those interested in participating can email umc-monticello445@gmail.com or call Sullivan Renaissance, a longtime supporter of the Interfaith Council, at 845-295-2405. All check donations can be made payable to the United Methodist Church of Monticello, memo: "Community Thanksgiving Dinner," and mailed to 445 Broadway, Monticello NY, 12701.

"This is an opportunity to make a difference this Thanksgiving season," said Veale, "We're excited to work together to make this community meal happen."

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at United Methodist Church

The Council's annual Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service is planned for Sunday, November 23 at 6:00 p.m. in the United Methodist Church of Monticello on Broadway in Monticello - the day after the Community Thanksgiving Meal. The service will include scripture readings and prayers by representatives of several religious organizations.

All people of faith are invited and welcome to attend. An offering of canned goods and donations will be collected for the Caring Hands Food Pantry at St. John's Episcopal Church. Light refreshments will be available during a time of fellowship after the service.

The Monticello Interfaith Council brings together representatives of various faith communities and religious organizations to help address the social needs of Monticello. Meetings are held regularly on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at various locations in Monticello. For more information contact Sullivan Renaissance at 845-295-2445

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.

It goes without saying, that no one could describe the Wild Turkey quite like Peggy!

AMERICAN WILD TURKEY

By Peggy DeWire

"Gobble, gobble," said the wild tom turkey sitting on a limb in a maple tree almost hidden in the leaves. "You caught me resting after my lunch of grasshoppers and seeds. I'm called Tom Two Toes and I'll tell you how I got named."

He settled himself more comfortably on the limb fluffing out his beautiful brown plumage, tail hanging down neatly folded and beard tassel on his chest swinging to and fro.



T w o years ago when I was a small chick, my Mom moved me and my twelve brothers and sisters away from our nest on the ground hidden in the

woods to the edge on an open field.

There we watched how she pecked at ants, bugs and berries (strawberries are my favorite). She showed us things that are good to eat. She walked along very slowly to keep her brood together and stopped often, spreading her wings so we could rest under their shade.

We came to a pond on our way to the next open meadow and the whole family waded in with Mom cackling at us to stay together and paddle quickly across.

All the splashing caught a snapping turtle's attention and it investigated, managing to bite off two toes of the last chick to struggle up on land, safely across. I limped along at first but I kept right up with my family after that awful experience.

I also remember my first flight one summer day when I was about two weeks old. Mom and all of us were feeding together in a field pecking at ants and grass seeds. My keen eyesight helped me get the smallest bits of food as well as keep a sharp lookout for danger.

Suddenly Mom flew up into a tree and landed on a limb six feet off the ground. From there she called perk, perk encouraging us to join her.

One by one we flapped out little wings to get up there, the smaller chicks landing short on the ground and launching themselves again and again till they succeeded. I made it on my first try and snuggled beside Mom proudly. After that day we never slept on the ground but always in a tree.

By the end of my first summer I was nearly as big as Mom and looked like her in my new brown-bronze plumage. My head and wattle turned red, white and blue, my wing feathers brown with white edging. Half-inch long yellow spurs grew on my legs. A grand five-inch brown bristle beard drooped from my chest.

My brothers and I practiced loud gobbling, dragging wing tips on the ground and spreading our tail feathers into wide showy fans.

All this gobbling commotion was too much for Mom and she drove all her young toms out of the flock with loud yelping cries, and led our sisters off and away.

During the winter it was very hard to find enough food until we joined some deer that scraped snow aside uncovering moss and grass. While they foraged, we turkeys with sharp eyesight watched every alert for danger. And then we ate.

I'm now a full-grown gobbler who controls the clearing you're standing in looking up at me. This spring I fought another tom and beat him in a knock-down fight for this spot.

He grabbed me by the neck but I spurred him hard enough on the chest to draw blood. He let go and fell flat on the ground defeated. I jumped on his back and did a victory march to and fro. Then I let him escape.

Now I gobble to attract hens to my clearing where I'll be the alpha male for the next ten years, barring a hunting accident.

I think it's easier for you to call me Tom Two Toes rather than my full name, Meleagris gallopurva.

Household Hints

Just for Fun and Giggles!

The kids will be home on Thanksgiving break. Give them something to do the day after Thanksgiving that is fun and giggly and a bit wiggly!

Turn a turkey bone into rubber by soaking it in a glass of vinegar for three days. It will bend like rubber.

For the older kids, let them do a little research on the internet to see why the turkey bone turned rubbery.



The Son

Mysterious Book Report No 172 by John Dwaine McKenna

There's only two types of crime fiction and hard-boiled detective story readers . . . those who are Jo Nesbo fans . . . and those who will be Jo Nesbo fans as soon as they read one of his kick-ass novels. Nesbo is the international best-selling author from Norway who first blazed onto the scene with his dramatic, action-filled series about a troubled, drug-addicted Oslo detective named Harry Hole. But, detective series aren't all that this gifted author does. He's also a musician, songwriter and an economist, as well as the creator of the Doctor Proctor children's books and a number of stand-alone novels.

The Son, (Alfred A. Knopf, \$25.95, 402 pages, ISBN 978-0-385-35137-9) by Jo Nesbo is his latest book to be translated into English. It's an inspired stand-alone that will leave the reader scrambling to find and read the rest of his works.

The Son begins in prison. That's where we're introduced to a character named Sonny Loftus. He's the heroin addicted father-confessor to everyone who's incarcerated there, because he's got an ability to soothe and comfort the penitents, leaving them feeling absolved of their crimes. Absolution, and the fact that he doesn't talk, keeps everyone coming back to the thirty year-olds cell to tell all. Sonny, who's been in prison for twelve years, is serving time for a murder he didn't commit, but which he confessed to, in return for an uninterrupted, unending supply of dope. His heroin addiction, which began when his father took his life rather than be exposed as a corrupt policeman, is all that Sonny cares about. As long as the heroin keeps flowing he'll keep confessing to other people's crimes . . . which he does regularly. He's surrounded by an "infrastructure of corruption," including police, prison staff, lawyers and even a priest who are all beholden to an Oslo crime lord known only as the Twin. Sonny's content with the arrangement until a prisoner named Johannes Halden, who has only weeks to live before his metastasizing lung cancer kills him, makes his last confession and reveals a terrible, long-hidden secret about his father that's an epiphany which causes Sonny to get straight and execute an ingenious prison break from the high-security penitentiary. Then the mayhem begins in one of the most diabolic and exciting pieces of crime fiction that you'll ever read.

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SC Holds Lifesaving Narcan Training for Law Enforcement and EMS Providers (From Pg. 1) This training provided the appropriate curriculum and hands on practice to approximately 75 first responders on how to administer a lifesaving antidote which can reverse the fatal effects of an Opioid overdose, which includes certain pain medications and heroin. The naloxone is provided free to the program, by the New York State Health Department. Administered through a nasal spray, the medication is provided at no charge to those who complete the training.

The law enforcement portion of the training falls under the curriculum promulgated by the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS), who authorized the class. Dr. Reiber, who has provided trainings for both law enforcement and emergency services personnel in Dutchess County, agreed to come to Sullivan County to offer the training for both groups.

Sullivan County Sheriff Michael Schiff stated, "My administration is dedicated to saving the lives of young people through education, awareness and enforcement initiatives, including these free Lifesaving Narcan Training workshops." Law enforcement personnel are often the first to arrive on the scene of an overdose. Sometimes they are responding to an EMS call; and sometimes, in the course of their work, they just happen to encounter someone who has overdosed. We want to ensure that these officers have the training and the necessary tool, naloxone, to make a difference when it matters most. Many law enforcement officers are already trained in using AEDs (automated external defibrillators) or in administering CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation). Adding naloxone to their set of tools will help save lives.

"Our goal for organizing this training quickly with the Sheriff's Office was to get the kits into the hands of as many first responders as we could, given the urgency of the opioid abuse problem and the rising number of overdoses in the county," said Nancy McGraw, Public Health Director. "Anything we can do to help address this growing public health problem in partnership with our law enforcement and EMS partners is well worth the time and effort."

Sullivan County Public Health Services received its approval to become a registered Opioid overdose prevention training program in October, and will be sponsoring future trainings for health care providers and interested members of the public. The Sullivan County Prescription Drug Overdose Prevention Task Force, led by Public Health Services through the Rural Health Network, is committed to raising awareness of prescription drug abuse and prevention, and identifying the need for programs and initiatives like this that can help save lives. For more information call Sullivan County Public Health Services at 292-5910 x 2179.

A.G. Schneiderman offers Assistance to Local Governments in Drafting Rules to Curb Animal Abuse at Puppy Mills and Protect Consumers *Schneiderman: New Yorkers Value Their Pets As Companions And Are Entitled To Know They Were Raised In A Safe And Healthy Environment*

ALBANY - As part of his Animal Protection Initiative, Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman today announced that his office is offering guidance to local governments interested in drafting enforceable laws that will help curb animal abuse by so-called "puppy mills" and pet retail stores, and, ultimately, expand the standards for animal welfare in New York State. The Attorney General's Office seeks to help local governments implement a new state law that, for the first time, provides a mechanism for municipalities and county governments to protect consumers by regulating retail pet dealers and the breeders that supply them with cats and dogs.

Offering the assistance, Attorney General Schneiderman is sending letters to 1,034 municipal and local governments today informing them of the expanded powers available to them under the new state law to regulate animal welfare standards, and offering assistance drafting legislation that protects consumers and their pets.

"The legal backup we are offering will aid local officials who are seeking to protect vulnerable animals from abuse, and assure that pets sold to New Yorkers are healthy and free from mistreatment," Attorney General Schneiderman said. "New Yorkers value their pets as companions and are entitled to know that they came from sources that treated them in a safe and healthy manner. By working with municipalities, we will help ensure that New Yorkers can be confident that their cats and dogs are healthy when they purchase them and that they were raised in a safe place."

Puppy mills, a major concern for New Yorkers, are large-scale breeding operations where pets are raised in squalid conditions and frequently mistreated, leaving these animals susceptible to illness, hereditary defects and other health problems. Substandard conditions in these breeding operations contribute to overcrowding at our animal shelters, disease, exorbitant veterinary bills, and even falsified pedigree information. New Yorkers deserve to know that their cherished pets were not subjected to abuse.

The Attorney General's guidance is also focused on pet stores. Pet retailers are of concern because of substandard conditions at some stores, and because many pet stores get puppies and kittens from large-scale puppy mill operations - making retail stores the main link between unscrupulous puppy mill operations and consumers. The new law, passed in January, allows municipalities to strengthen what have been weak documentation requirements and disclosure requirements by retailers to consumers who are often unaware of this connection. The new state law ended a preemption that barred municipal and local governments from regulating pet dealers at the local level, and it allows them to impose tougher standards than the state imposes.

In his letter, Attorney General Schneiderman highlighted several areas of regulation that are particularly important, including more stringent minimum standards of care for the housing, feeding, veterinary care, exercise, and sanitation of animals; strict documentation requirements to prevent consumers from being misled as to the source of their pets; and effective protections for consumers who unwittingly purchase an animal with undisclosed health problems.

Under the new law, local governments may, among other rules, issue or require:

- o Permits for local pet dealers, allowing municipalities to more accurately monitor the conditions and regulate the sources of animals sold in their area;
- o Inspection of pet sellers;
- o Pet sellers, as well as for breeders or middlemen through which sellers acquire animals, to abide by more stringent minimum standards of care;
- o More stringent minimum standards of access to food and water, nutritional value, cleanliness, and feeding times; daily minimums for exercise and prohibitions on forced methods; veterinary care and recordkeeping;
- o Delegation of enforcement to a local not-for-profit animal welfare organization;
- o Consumer protection rules, including access to health and source information for animals; refunds, exchanges or veterinary care reimbursement for animals with undisclosed health issues.

The Attorney General's assistance is aimed at helping local governments that want help writing enforceable legislation. By offering local governments the ability to draft legislation, the state law allows a tailored response to the needs of communities and puts enforcement in the hands of those with the ground-level knowledge and resources to best protect the welfare of our companion animals. The work of the Attorney General is aimed at giving New Yorkers the confidence of knowing

that their state is at the forefront of efforts to protect animals from abuse.

Bill Ketzer, the ASPCA's senior state director for the Northeastern Region, said, "The ASPCA worked tirelessly last year to enact state legislation that allows municipalities to regulate pet dealers. We are thrilled that the Office of the Attorney General is making animal abuse a priority and reaching out to assist localities that may wish to take advantage of the new law and regulate local businesses. Puppy mill puppies should not be sold in New York's pet stores and local pet sellers and breeders need to be required to treat their animals more humanely. We look forward to working with the Attorney General and the localities themselves to ensure that new ordinances improve the lives of these many dogs."

Brian Shapiro, New York State director for The Humane Society of the United States, said, "Dogs and cats bred for the commercial pet trade are often raised in neglectful, substandard conditions and we encourage New York's cities, towns and counties to pass legislation regulating pet dealers in their local communities. This is an opportunity to take advantage of the Attorney General's offer to help draft sound, enforceable laws that protect our pets and consumers. We applaud Attorney General Schneiderman's continued commitment to protecting the welfare of animals in New York State."

The initiative is being directed by Marty Mack, who is the Executive Deputy Attorney General for Regional Offices, with the assistance of Assistant Attorney General Richard Yorke of the Attorney General's Nassau Regional Office.



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The Olive Jar - By Carol LaMonda

The Breakfast Club

Part of having a job is having a network of co-workers. Workers not only share a task or portion of a process, they share their "news du jour" with fellow trench men or women. There is a camaraderie that allows us to be a part of someone else's life. We quickly learn spouses' and pets' names. We cry or rejoice as our colleague maneuvers the hills and valleys of life's joys and heartaches.

When we retire, there is a gaping need to connect to others. In a small town, that need is fulfilled in the local coffee shops. There is an unwritten rule that man shall not drink coffee alone. Perhaps that is why it got its name, "cup of Joe," Joe or John being the designation for the common male. Along with the hot savory drink served in styrofoam, cardboard, plastic or ceramic, is the need to catch up of the daily news...to feel the pulse of the day in other people's lives.

In Olive there is a group that meets each morning at the Dairy Deli; another group gathers at Olive's General Store, while more meet at the Pine View Bakery or Bread Alone. With cups in hand, the men discuss, not gossip, the affairs of the day. After an hour or more, they disperse to separate lives knowing that tomorrow will bring another connection to gather again. It is a social club without dues or by-laws.

Retired women, on the other hand, are more likely to "do lunch or brunch." Early morning is the time to do the banal chores that one cannot "retire from." Dishes, laundry, cleaning, grooming, shopping are all jobs best done at the start of the day. Women are more likely to invite a friend to share a cup of coffee and "a little something" at their home. When too busy to coffee klatch, Facebook, email, texting and telephoning become the modern "clothesline" to connect to the world.

Sharing a morning cup of coffee or a luncheon iced tea is part of our social nature as human beings. The beverage is but a prop for the conversation it supports. We need the elixir of human contact more than we require the liquid nourishment.

UC Exec Mike Hein Welcomes State, County and Local Officials for S.T.R.I.V.E. Groundbreaking Ceremony Launches Construction Of SUNY Ulster Kingston Center (From Pg. 1)

Those joining County Executive Hein at the ceremony included: Thomas Scaglione, Mid-Hudson Regional Representative for Governor Andrew Cuomo; Brian Hahn, Project Coordinator for New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation; Ulster County Legislative Chairman John Parete; City of Kingston Mayor Shayne Gallo; SUNY Ulster President Dr. Donald Katt; SUNY Ulster Board of Trustees President William Spearman; and Kingston City School District Superintendent Dr. Paul Padalino.

"Today marks a key milestone in the process of improving access to higher education to inner city youth while supporting the revitalization of midtown Kingston and providing financial savings to our taxpayers," said County Executive Hein. "The S.T.R.I.V.E. project addresses critical challenges facing our community, and is critical to the creation of an educational corridor in the heart of Kingston. The adaptive re-use of a vacant school facility as well as long-term taxpayer savings through consolidation of County properties is a great example of what's possible when cooperation and collaboration is fostered within our community. As a partnership between Ulster County, SUNY Ulster, the Kingston City School District, the City of Kingston, and the State of New York, S.T.R.I.V.E. is providing a great example of how working across traditional organizational boundaries can benefit local students, the local community, as well as provide long-term savings to our respective taxpayers. I thank all those who have partnered with us and am truly proud that together we are creating an educational corridor, including a modern community college at the center, to provide easy access to higher education for those in the area."

Kenneth Adams, Empire State Development President, CEO and Commissioner

"The Mid-Hudson Regional Council has directed critical State support to a number of important projects that are helping to transform and reinvigorate the area economy. This initiative provides inner city youth greater access to educational opportunities to gain the skills necessary to secure employment, which ensures local companies have a strong, talented workforce to hire from," said Empire State Development President, CEO and Commissioner Kenneth Adams. "S.T.R.I.V.E. and the SUNY Ulster Kingston Center are excellent examples of what strategic public-private partnerships with our academic institutions can create: an economic engine dedicated to training the workforce of tomorrow by helping our youth today."

Dr. Donald Katt, SUNY Ulster President

"SUNY Ulster is so excited that the actual renovation of the building will start this month and we are projecting our move into the building next summer," said SUNY Ulster President Dr. Donald Katt. "The location of our new Kingston Center is ideal to enhance collaboration with Kingston High School and Health Alliance's Mary's Avenue Campus. We have also started planning for the fall 2015 semester where our class offerings will be scheduled to attract more adults to the Center. Long time Kingston residents will remember the college opened its doors in 1963 at the former number 2 school on West Chestnut Street not far from our new site, so in some regard next summer will be similar to a homecoming."

Dr. Paul J. Padalino, Superintendent of Kingston City School District

"This visionary transformation is being made possible through creative collaboration with our community partners. It is also possible because of the support of our Kingston City School District voters, who approved the sale of Sophie Finn Elementary School. As we break ground for the next phase of this project, I want to take a moment to recognize our community for their support in making this vision a reality," said Dr. Paul J. Padalino, Superintendent of Kingston City School District. "As a school district leader, it has been a challenge to navigate the changing landscape of public education in New York

State. Therefore, I am especially gratified to see the Kingston City School District highlighted on a statewide level as a positive example of the adaptive reuse of a vacant elementary school. We are proud to be part of a groundbreaking project that will serve our students, parents, and community members for years to come."

The S.T.R.I.V.E. construction received unanimous authorization from the Ulster County Legislature in late October following the opening of bids for construction earlier in the month. Some demolition and abatement of asbestos and other materials started in September to allow for major construction to begin in mid-November. The \$7.83 million project has received significant State and private funding through the SUNY Office of Capital Facilities, Empire State Development, the New York State Environmental Facilities Corp., and The Dyson Foundation. The project, which includes extensive interior and exterior building renovations, the addition of new parking areas, and installation of innovative stormwater elements (green infrastructure), is scheduled to be completed prior to start of SUNY Ulster classes in fall 2015.

The S.T.R.I.V.E. Project - Strategic Taxpayer Relief through Innovative Visions in Education:

- A multifaceted plan that creates an educational corridor in the center of Kingston greatly improving access to higher education; providing educational opportunities for all students and increasing access to college classes for high school students; creating better opportunities for internships and professional development; and the Center will be walkable and accessible to public transportation;
- A coordinated plan to consolidate County properties to improve delivery of services and provide long-term taxpayer savings;
- Ensuring adaptive re-use of a vacant elementary school to support community development revitalization; and
- Providing a model for inter-municipal cooperation with strong private and state funding.

Governor Cuomo Announces Whiteface and Gore Mountains Opened Sunday

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo announced that the 2014-15 skiing and riding season will begin this weekend at Gore and Whiteface Mountains. Gore Mountain, located in North Creek, N.Y. and Whiteface Mountain, located in Wilmington, N.Y., opened for business on Sunday, Nov. 16.

"New York is the proud home of some of the best skiing and snowboarding trails and facilities in the entire Northeast," Governor Cuomo said. "Whether you're an expert skier or snowboarder, or someone who's always wanted to try, there is no time like the present to get out and experience more of what New York has to offer. As Gore and Whiteface Mountains officially kick off the 2014-15 season, I encourage all New Yorkers to plan a trip to one of our State's world-class mountains."

Gore has been making snow since Wednesday, Nov. 12, and with almost two miles of continuous skiing and riding serviced by the high-speed Northwoods Gondola, guests should look for a route combining Foxlair, Sunway, Quicksilver, 3B and Jamboree to the Base Area. Some terrain park elements will be available as well.

Meanwhile, snowmaking at Whiteface has been taking place since the evening of Friday, Nov. 7. This in combination with natural snowfall means that at least three trails will be open at the resort for Sunday's skiing and riding.

Whiteface Mountain is adding more than 100 low-energy, high-efficiency snowguns to its fleet this season, and has widened both the Upper Valley and Wilmington intermediate trails. Additionally, the base lodge's outdoor ticket booth was removed to make way for a new locker and changing area with direct access to the Mixing Bowl trail, the Cloudsplitter Gondola or the Facelift quad chair. The new space accommodates 40 to 50 additional skiers and riders.

Gore is presently completing construction of "Adirondack Express II," a new high-speed quad. Skiers and riders should look for other improvements including new tower guns and snowmaking efficiencies, two new grooming tractors and four fresh glades

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At Whiteface, tickets are \$40 for adults, \$35 for teens and seniors and \$30 for juniors. After this weekend, both resorts will close Sunday, at 4 p.m., and re-open Saturday, Nov. 22. Full-time operations are slated to begin on Friday, Nov. 28.

Operations at Belleayre, in Highmount, N.Y., begin Nov. 28, conditions and weather permitting.

This winter all three New York State Olympic Regional Development Authority (ORDA) managed resorts will be leading the way in bringing new winter enthusiasts to the ski slopes with their trademarked Parallel from the Start learn to ski program. This all-inclusive program guarantees that participants will be at the top of the mountain within three days, and at just \$169, it's an ideal approach to learning how to ski.

The program, specifically geared toward those ages 13+ looking to get into the sport, is about confidence and quick advancement. The combination of instruction and shorter skis allow beginners to feel comfortable from their very first minute on snow and immediately builds confidence for a fun experience.

For more information about Parallel from the Start, visit www.nyski3.com or ORDA's mountain websites: www.whitefacelakeplacid.com, www.goremountain.com, and www.belleayre.com

Scammers Impersonating Debt Collectors, Pocketing Debt Payments

Attorney General Eric Schneiderman today issued a consumer alert following recent reports of bogus tax debt collection scams. The New York State Taxpayer Rights Advocate has reported recent fraudulent activity by scammers posing as debt collectors seeking to settle alleged outstanding state tax debts. The scammers are pressuring consumers into sending payments via money order to satisfy debts that the consumers may not actually owe.

Middle class families across New York State work hard to support their families and we don't want them to get ripped off by scammers," said Attorney General Schneiderman. "Consumers should be wary of any telephone solicitation asking them to send money and should always request appropriate documentation in writing."

Attorney General Schneiderman has received a variety of complaints about tax-related consumer scams. This latest scheme involves scammers telling consumers they owe a tax debt to the state, which may not actually exist, and then promising to settle the alleged debt for a fraction of the cost that they claim is owed. Some of the calls have been reported as coming from the number 305-507-8505.

Scammers are reportedly using high-pressure tactics to intimidate consumers into purchasing money orders to satisfy debts and then instructing them to call back for instructions on how to submit the payment. Both federal and state tax authorities send notifications in writing. Consumers should be wary of demands for tax payment via phone, especially if the caller suggests the use of a money order to remit payment.

Attorney General Schneiderman is urging New Yorkers to be vigilant consumers and to report instances of fraud to his office. Consumers who believe they have been victims of any tax scams are urged to file complaints by visiting the Office's website www.ag.ny.gov or calling 1-800-771-7755.

In an effort to help New Yorkers avoid various tax-themed scams, the Attorney General's Office offered the following tips:

- o The IRS and legitimate government agencies never demand payment by phone;
- o If you owe money, you will receive a legitimate notice in writing that identifies the agency and the reason you owe money;
- o Do not give out personal information, including your Social Security number or bank account information, to telephone callers;
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U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand today announced the White House has formally nominated Ms. LaShann Moutique DeArcy Hall to serve as U.S. District Court Judge for the Eastern District of New York after Senator Gillibrand recommended her for the position in April. Her appointment would add another exceptional female jurist to the federal bench.

"Ms. DeArcy Hall is an accomplished attorney, who is extremely well qualified to serve as a federal court judge," Senator Gillibrand said. "Throughout her career, Ms. DeArcy Hall has served with integrity and distinction, and has remained committed to ensuring justice. I believe LaShann DeArcy Hall has the right judicial temperament that will allow her to serve as a fair and honorable Eastern District Judge for New York."

According to the American Bar Association Commission on Women in the Profession, over the last several years, the number of women in the federal judiciary has stagnated - hovering at roughly 500. That's less than a third of the federal bench.

Ms. DeArcy Hall currently serves as a partner at Morrison & Foerster LLP where she is a commercial litigation trial lawyer. She was appointed to serve as Commissioner of the New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission in 2011 and also served as a Commissioner on the New York State Joint Commission on Public

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Ethics from 2012 to 2014. Ms. DeArcy Hall is a veteran of the United States Air Force and received her J.D. magna cum laude from Howard University School of Law and her B.A. from Antioch College.

Members of the ULSTER REGIONAL GANG ENFORCEMENT NAR- COTICS TEAM (U.R.G.E.N.T.) report the arrest of a Shandaken woman subsequent to a narcotics investigation

URGENT received intelligence in regard to a female selling crack cocaine and other drugs in the Shandaken area. URGENT initiated an investigation and purchased crack cocaine from Megan Cole. Cole was taken into custody by members of URGENT and Shandaken Police assigned to URGENT on Olivera Road in Big Indian Thursday afternoon. Cole was arrested, transported to the Ulster County Law Enforcement Center and charged with:

- o Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance 3rd degree, a class B felony
 - o Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 3rd degree (intent to sell), a class B felony
- Cole was arraigned in Town of Hurley Justice Court. A \$500 cash bail was posted for Cole at the court.

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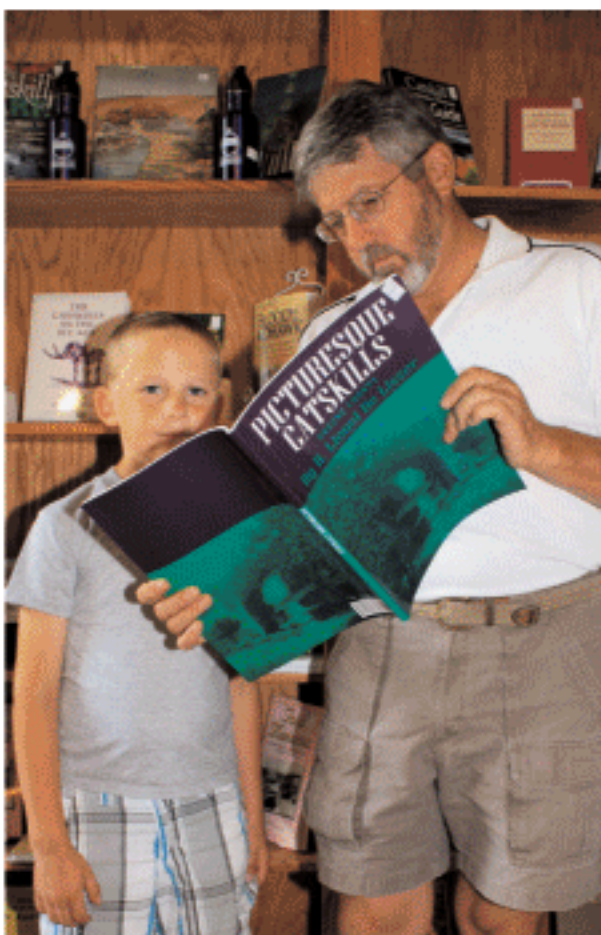
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The Time and the Valleys Museum is a living and interactive resource that preserves the past, educates the present and ensures the uniqueness of the Rondout and Neversink watersheds for all generations. The Museum is located at 332 Main Street (St. Rt. 55) in Grahamsville and is open to the public Memorial Day to Labor Day from Thursday through Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. and September to November weekends, noon to 4 p.m. The Museum has three floors of exhibitions, a local history research center (open Thursdays and Sundays 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.) and museum shop.

Current exhibitions are: *A History of the Watershed Areas from Geological Times to the 1930's*, *Tunnels, Toil & Trouble: New York City's Quest for Water and the Rondout-Neversink Story*, and the new exhibition *Celebrating Catskill Waters: Past and Present*. Admission to the Museum is by suggested donation \$5 adults, \$2 children, and children under 6 are free.

For additional information on the Museum or this event, please call us at 845 985-7700 or go online at www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org.

"What are you thankful for?"

Senator Bonacic invites children in grades K - 6 to express what they are thankful for with poems, essays, or artwork

Senator John Bonacic (Mt. Hope - R/C/I) announces the New York State Senate's Thanksgiving Day Creative Celebration for children in grades K through 6.

School districts throughout the state have been sent posters and details about the program which invites children to submit an original poem, one-page essay, or artwork expressing something from the past year that they're thankful for. All submissions will be published online at the New York State website, and students from the 42nd district who participate will receive a certificate from Senator Bonacic.

"With Thanksgiving approaching, it's traditional to think of the good things we have, and what we're thankful for," says Senator Bonacic. "My list includes our service men and women who put their lives on the line everyday for our country's freedoms. Next, the community heroes, the firefighters, the police, State Troopers, EMS workers, and all those who keep our communities safe. I hope this program starts the discussion about what it means to be thankful, and I look forward to seeing the children's submissions."

All submissions must be uploaded electronically (preferably jpeg or pdf format) via the Senator's website at bonacic.nysenate.gov and clicking the Thanksgiving Day link on the left hand side of the page which directs you to the "What Are You Thankful For" online form; deadline for submissions is November 24th.

"From my family to yours, I hope everyone enjoys a happy and healthy Thanksgiving," says Senator Bonacic.

Children & Seniors to See "A Christmas Carol" at UPAC!

On Thursday, December 4th, 2014 at 10:00 a.m., the Ulster Ballet Company invites students and senior citizens to a special performance of its spectacular Charles Dickens' holiday classic, "A Christmas Carol," at the Ulster Performing Arts Center (UPAC) in Kingston, N.Y. Tickets are available at a discounted rate of \$5.00 per person. One free admission is provided for every 10 tickets purchased. For information, or tickets for the school performance, contact Michele Szynal at ulsterballet@gmail.com or call 845-283-3809. (Snow date: Friday, December 5th at 10:00 a.m.) Teachers: be sure to check the School Educational Programs Page on our website for lesson plans.

UPAC is proud to announce its 20th season of this spectacular production, which has become a holiday tradition amongst Hudson Valley audiences. Featuring a cast of 60+

dancers, actors and stage professionals from the Hudson Valley, "A Christmas Carol" presents this heartwarming and emotional tale of redemption through the use of voice-over narration, mime and dance. Spectacular lighting and special effects, colorful costumes, and stunning set designs make this production touch the hearts and capture the attention of audiences of all ages. "A Christmas Carol" boasts breathtaking props and sets, including backdrops designed and painted by Leslie Bender, a highly acclaimed local artist who has worked extensively with Ulster Ballet.

Additional Performances and Ticket Information: Regular performances of "A Christmas Carol" are Friday and Saturday, December 5-6, 2014, at 7:30 p.m.; and Sunday, December 7th, at 2 p.m., at UPAC, 601 Broadway, Kingston, New York. Tickets are \$22 for adults; and \$18 for senior citizens, and UPAC/Bardavon members. For groups of ten or more, and children 12 and under, tickets are \$15. To purchase tickets, call the UPAC box office at 845-339-6088; visit Ticketmaster at ticketmaster.com, or call 800-745-3000.

In an effort to reach out to the community, we are offering a discounted ticket price of \$15 to employees of HealthQuest; Health Alliance; Mid-Hudson Regional Hospital of Westchester Medical Center; Marist, Bard and

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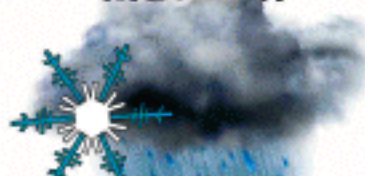
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'Tis the Season for "The Giving Tree!"

The Giving Tree is a holiday gift drive that puts clothing and gifts in the hands of 400+ children in need across Orange & Sullivan Counties. From November 21 through December 15, donors can sign up, take an ornament and return a gift for the child listed on their ornament.

Can't get to a donor site to pick up an ornament? No worries! Just email Katrina at kapelles@bgcorange.org and we'll email you an ornament and you can drop your gift off at any of our Giving Tree locations!

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- and - Dutch's with Edward Gallet.

Frost Valley YMCA Outdoor Sporting Members Kick Off Hunting Season

Hunting season is in full swing, and our community is home to healthy populations of wild turkey, white-tailed deer, and black bear. For big-game hunters seeking local land that allows plenty of space to scout, track, and hunt, Frost Valley offers Outdoor Sporting Memberships. These one-year memberships, which require a background check and sponsorship from a staff member who is also an outdoor sporting member, allow for hiking, hunting, fly-fishing, or a combination. "A one-year hunting membership includes trail use so that hunters can scout the land," says Heather Bowman, Natural Resources Director at Frost Valley. "It also allows hunters to help control deer populations and assist in regeneration of the forest."

Memberships provide access to Spring/Fall Turkey, plus Big Game Bow, Rifle, and Muzzleloader seasons. Family Memberships allow hunters age 16 and older to learn respect for nature as families go out together (all youth must be accompanied by an adult). "It would be great to see a new wave of youth hunters," Bowman says. "Some have been very successful during hunts. It's a great opportunity for the older generation to mentor the younger."

On Friday, Frost Valley kicked off its Hunting Camp with a banquet for members. This week-long camp is for all levels of experience during the first five days of Big Game Rifle Season. Participants stay at East Valley Ranch, a secluded lodge on Denning Road, and enjoy hearty meals in the dining room before dawn and after sunset, as well as the option to take bag lunches for all-day hunts. "Frost Valley's Hunting Camp is a time for our hunting members to enjoy good food and good company," Bowman says. "It's a time to get together with old and new friends alike and share past hunting stories. It's also a time to relax around the fire to reflect on the day's hunt and strategize the next day's."

But if you're not a sporting member or not much into hunting, you can still participate in Frost Valley fun. Frost Valley's free Community Holiday Dinner & Gathering is Friday, December 12 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Local families are invited to enjoy a buffet dinner and seasonal activities, including candle making, cookie decorating, and more. Transportation services are available (reservations required). All guests must RSVP by Wednesday, December 10. Call 845-985-2291 ext. 450 or e-mail reservations@frost

Black Friday =School Break Club!

Looking for a safe, supervised FUN place to send your children while you take advantage of all the doorbusters and outrageous Black Friday sales in the Galleria Mall, Orange Plaza or other GREAT retailers in the Town of Wallkill?

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Registration for Black Friday (November 28) and Winter Break (December 26, 29, 30 and January 2 with half-days available on December 24 and 31) are being accepted NOW! Call Katrina at 845-342-8833! The \$25 annual registration fee is waived for our children only attending our Black Friday session, as our gift to families on a budget this holiday season!

S.C. Legislator's Corner

Hello Everyone:

This Season of Thanks helps me to remember what I should be mindful of & thankful for. The first that comes to mind is - the privilege of having known Ira Cohen. He was a great man. Ira and I first met a few years ago when I ran for election. He was a very insightful person and always had time to listen. Being able to talk to him and question him on issues that pertained to the county was an invaluable asset. His presence is and will be missed for a long time!

Another thing I am thankful for is my freedoms. Listening to the injustices that are common place in other places in the world makes me ever grateful for what many take for granted, so I say thank you to all the Veterans that have served to maintain our freedoms.

The Tri-Valley Central School held a beautiful assembly to honor the Veterans. This was a well-organized ceremony that included all branches of service and the Veterans in attendance ranged from WWII thru today. The event allowed students the opportunity to meet and question service men and women and take away a deeper understanding of Veterans' Day. Kudos to the Tri-Valley Central School for setting time aside to honor, remember and teach everyone involved the true meaning behind the many freedoms we are granted. (Contd. Pg. 12)



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DEP Opened 4, 180 Additional Acres of Watershed Property in 2014 for Hiking, Hunting and other Outdoor Recreation

With New York's regular hunting season set to begin Saturday, new or expanded access in five counties provides additional opportunities for sportsmen and sportswomen

The New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) today announced that it has opened access this year to 19 new parcels of watershed property totaling 4,180 acres, where outdoor enthusiasts can hike, hunt and participate in other low-impact recreation. With the state's regular hunting season starting on Saturday, Nov. 15, sportsmen and sportswomen are encouraged to utilize the 89,427 acres of water supply land owned and managed by DEP that are open for hunting. That includes 62,788 acres known as "public access areas" that are open for hiking, hunting, and trapping without a permit. Parcels open for hunting are spread across 313 recreation areas in Delaware, Dutchess, Greene, Putnam, Schoharie, Sullivan, Ulster and Westchester counties. DEP has created 18 new recreation units since last year, but some of the expanded access has also been added to existing recreation areas as the City has acquired land adjacent to them. Many hunters have already started to enjoy this expanded access during the early bow-hunting season that began in October.

Dense populations of certain animals, including deer, can degrade water quality by stunting the regeneration of forest lands that serve as an important natural filter for surface waters before they enter reservoirs. To help address deer overpopulation, more than 300 hunters entered into a lottery this year for Deer Management Assistance Permits that will allow them to harvest deer on lands immediately adjacent to Ashokan, Cannonsville and Neversink reservoirs. This effort will help to promote forest regeneration on reservoir buffer lands.

"Expanded access to our water supply lands will help carry on the traditions of hunting, fishing and trapping that are so important in the watershed, while also protecting the source of high-quality drinking water for 9.4 million New Yorkers," DEP Commissioner Emily Lloyd said. "We encourage our neighbors in the watershed to safely enjoy these properties as hunting season begins this weekend."

The newly opened parcels include land in Delaware, Greene, Schoharie, Sullivan and Ulster counties. Some highlights include:

Recreation Unit	Rec Use	County	Town	Acres
Denver	Public Access Area	Delaware	Middletown	470
Holmes Hollow	Public Access Area	Delaware	Delhi	239
Crescent Valley	Public Access Area	Delaware	Bovina	240
Griffin Hill	Public Access Area	Delaware	Stamford	142
Grinch House	Public Access Area	Delaware	Roxbury	112
Rusk Mountain	Public Access Area	Greene	Jewett	149
Red Falls	Public Access Area	Greene	Prattsville	335
Bull Hill	Public Access Area	Schoharie	Conesville	184
Trout Creek	Public Access Area	Sullivan	Neversink	1,441
Dancing Rock	Bow Hunt/ Hike	Ulster	Olive	157

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All state hunting regulations - including antler restrictions throughout most of the watershed region - apply on city-owned lands. Also, those using water supply lands for recreation and hunting should pay careful attention to posted signs that outline what uses are allowed. Access to some areas may be restricted due to ongoing forestry projects and entering areas marked as closed will be considered trespassing. In addition, some parcels open for recreation require a free DEP access permit, which can be obtained through an online permitting system found by clicking here.

Additional information about hunting on City-owned property in the watersheds can be found by going to nyc.gov/dep and clicking on the "Watershed Recreation" link. A complete list of recreation units can be found by going to this link on the DEP website. Hunters who are unclear about what activities are allowed in each unit should check the DEP website or call (800) 575-LAND during regular business hours.

Since 2003, DEP has tripled the amount of City-owned water supply lands that are open for recreation to 125,507 acres. Of those acres open to recreation, roughly 92,000 are land and 33,000 are water.

National Bank to use DFS Database to Help Protect Consumers from Illegal, Online Payday Lending

Banks Will Utilize DFS Database Tool to Help Prevent Electronic Payment and Debit Networks from Being Exploited by Illegal, Online Payday Lenders

- Bank of America Agreed to Use the DFS Payday Lender Database Earlier this Year

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo announced today that four additional banks have agreed to use a new database created by the State's Department of Financial Services to help identify and stop illegal, online payday lending in New York. The banks - Citibank, JPMorgan Chase, M&T Bank and Valley National Bank - will utilize a database containing information on companies that have been subject to actions by DFS based on evidence of illegal payday lending. This tool provides a powerful due diligence resource for financial institutions to protect consumers and help ensure that electronic payment and debit networks are not used to transmit or collect on illegal, online payday loans to New Yorkers. Earlier this year, Bank of America became the first financial institution to agree to use this DFS database.

"Our administration will not tolerate illegal payday lending in New York - plain and simple," Governor Cuomo said. "By working together with the private sector, we are forcefully combatting illegal payday lenders and helping to stamp out illicit loans that trap New Yorkers in destructive cycles of debt. I commend these financial institutions for doing the right thing by joining us to protect consumers."

Benjamin M. Lawsky, Superintendent of Financial Services, said: "Many online payday lending companies traffic in financial misery and seek to profit by trapping consumers in crushing cycles of debt from which they cannot escape. We thank Citibank, JPMorgan Chase, M&T Bank, and Valley National Bank for partnering with DFS as industry leaders to help stop illegal, predatory lending in New York. We are continuing to reach out to other financial institutions - asking that they work alongside us in this effort. We expect to announce additional partnerships in the weeks and months to come."

"New York State is leading the nation in holding the line against illegal, short-term payday loans, which ensnare borrowers in a dangerous cycle of recurring debt," said Chuck Bell, programs director for Consumers Union. "Consumers Union applauds Governor Andrew Cuomo and the Department of Financial Services for creating this new database to protect consumers and communities against the scourge of illegal payday loans. These loans can carry astonishingly high interest rates, as high as 500 percent or 1,000 percent APR, which flagrantly violate state law. We are also greatly encouraged that major state and national financial services companies are joining the fight to help protect New Yorkers against predatory lending."

Sarah Ludwig, co-director of New Economy Project, said: "We congratulate Superintendent Lawsky and DFS for creating such an effective, pragmatic mechanism for holding banks accountable to New Yorkers when it comes to illegal payday lending. DFS has yet again made clear that New York is a payday lending-free zone and intends to stay that way."

DFS' database includes companies that the Department has identified and taken action against through the Department's ongoing, more than year-long investigation as having made illegal payday loans over the Internet to New Yorkers. As the inves-

tigation proceeds, the database will be updated accordingly.

Payday lending is illegal in New York under both civil and criminal usury statutes. In some cases, however, lenders attempt to skirt New York's prohibition on payday lending by offering loans over the Internet - and collecting on them using electronic payment and debit networks - in an effort to avoid prosecution. Nonetheless, online payday lending is just as unlawful as payday lending made in person in New York.

"We are committed to protecting consumers and ensuring better safeguards are in place around the payment system," said Craig Vream, North America head of payables and receivables at JPMorgan Chase. "This database gives us another tool in our ongoing efforts to combat illegal, online payday lending."

"Citi is deeply committed to financial inclusion and responsible finance," said Citi U.S. Retail Banking Chief Operating Officer Robert Beck. "We have long-maintained a policy not to engage in the business of payday lending - either by offering such products or financing those that do. The DFS database will further strengthen our efforts to protect our customers and avoid servicing predatory lenders."

"Thanks to Superintendent Lawsky and the Department of Financial Services for providing this useful database, and for working collaboratively with the banking community to protect consumers and ensure the availability of fair, transparent and reliable financial services," said Richard S. Gold, Vice Chairman and Chief Risk Officer at M&T Bank.

"Valley quickly saw that the Department of Financial Services' payday lender database would be valuable information the bank could use in protecting its customers from the abusive practices of payday lenders. This database will help Valley keep track of companies that might harm our customers," said Maureen Ziegler, First Senior Vice President at Valley National Bank.

The Cuomo Administration has taken a series of steps to help stop illegal online payday lending in New York. In February 2013, DFS issued a warning to debt collectors that loans with interest rates above the statutory maximums are void and unenforceable, and that collecting on such loans is therefore illegal. (Cont. Pg. 12)

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National Bank to use DFS Database ... (From Pg. 10) In August 2013, DFS sent cease-and-desist letters to 35 online lenders making usurious loans to New Yorkers, with annual interest rates as high as 1,095 percent. DFS also urged banks and NACHA, which administers the Automated Clearing House (ACH) network, to work with DFS to stop payday lenders from illegally accessing New York customer accounts.

DFS expanded its investigation in December 2013 by issuing subpoenas to 16 online "lead generation" firms suspected of deceptive or misleading marketing of illegal, online payday loans in New York. These firms typically do not make payday loans directly, but instead set up websites that market those loans and collect sensitive personal information from consumers. Lead generators then sell this personal information to illegal online payday lenders and other companies, including scam artists. DFS received complaints against many of these firms including false and misleading advertising, harassing phone calls, solicitations for unrelated products and fraudulent charges for phony financial products.

In April 2014, MasterCard and Visa agreed with DFS to take a series of steps to help stop this illegal activity over their debit card networks. DFS also sent additional cease-and-desist letters to 20 online lenders making usurious loans to New Yorkers.

Financial institutions wishing to sign up for access to DFS' database tool should contact PaydayDatabase@dfs.ny.gov.

Legislator's Corner (From Pg. 9)

I want to now take the time to update you on other pending issues that I'm sure you are interested in.

1) County Economy: It appears at this time that we are truly poised to be awarded one of the future planned Casino sites. The Sullivan County Partnership worked hard with many other local organizations and the word out there from competing counties is that we gave the best presentation. Governor Cuomo's announcement is expected this month and there is a great deal of activity down at the old 'Concord' site.

2) There is a finalization of the Food Hub being completed with the building in Bridgeville as the planned site. 3) The National Park service has been creating 'hot spots' in the National Parks, which in my thoughts includes the area in Sullivan County along the Delaware River. (Contd. Pg. 12)

4) On a personal note, you know how strongly I believe that all of Sullivan County must be wired for broadband. I have worked hard this past month on that topic and have contacted by phone, email and fax many in the State and on the National level suggesting that prior to allowing a merge of TWC & Comcast, certain 'things' (such as build out in their footprint) need to be put in place. I've received support from our local congressman and other leaders who are also sending that message to the FCC. Decisions about the merger are scheduled for mid-November.

5) One last piece of news many of you might need is in regards to "HEAP" and food stamp applications. Applications can be made by calling "211", from either a landline or cell phone or, should you prefer to apply via the net, go to www.mybenefits.ny.gov.

Keep warm, stay well, and enjoy the season of Thanksgiving.

As always, feel free to contact me.
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Gillibrand Pushes for \$50 Million in Additional FDA Funding to Support Food Inspector Training and Enhanced Food Safety- CDC Estimates 48 Million Americans Contract and 3,000 Americans Die from Foodborne Illnesses Each Year

Gillibrand: "Congress Must Ensure That FDA Has Sufficient Resources to Protect the Public's Health"
Washington, D.C. - U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand today urged the Senate Committee on Appropriations to provide the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) with an additional \$50 million in funding for fiscal year 2015 to implement the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA). The request comes in support of a letter released by the Pew Charitable Trusts and dozens of foodborne illness victims.

"The Food Safety Modernization Act will help strengthen our nation's food safety infrastructure so that American families can have more confidence in the safety of the food we eat and we can keep more American's safe," said Senator Gillibrand, a member of the Senate Agriculture Committee. "But a law is not enough. We must provide funding to train FDA inspectors, increase research in foodborne pathogens, and provide technical assistance to the industry as we work to successfully implement FSMA. Providing more funding to the FDA will ensure full implementation and will help food producers and processors better adhere to safety standards."

In her letter to the Senate Appropriations Committee, the Senator wrote, "Congress must ensure that FDA has sufficient resources to protect the public's health and better ensure the safety of the food supply while helping farmers, food processors, and importers meet these standards effectively. In a letter released this week by The Pew Charitable Trusts, dozens of foodborne illness victims urged appropriators to provide FDA with sufficient funding for FSMA's implementation. Pew has asked for at least \$50 million in additional FY2015 funding, a solid down-payment on the \$300 million the agency will likely need for this purpose over the next two years."

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), it is estimated that 48 million people contract foodborne illnesses each year with 3,000 dying from the illness and its complications. The Food Safety Modernization Act is the first major, comprehensive update to America's food safety laws in over a century and was signed into law three years ago. Senator Gillibrand has remained a strong advocate for enhanced food safety rules and guidelines that protect the health of American families.

POLITICAL SLANT

-Frank Comando

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GAMING IN NEW YORK STATE IS THE QUESTION?

There are new delays in the decision where casino licensing will be granted. Come on people; proposition one is long past, let's go do it so new construction and jobs can start. We need the jobs! What's the big deal? Proposition One clearly stated, that the licensing of casinos in New York State would be based on need. Furthermore it is clear that Orange County was not in the original draft and should not be considered at all. Plus Orange County has the third fastest growing economy in the State of New York - a fact that rules out Orange County according to the regulations of Proposition One.

Looking back. -State Senator John J. Bonacic (R-42) listed the following reasons to approve the referendum: "New Yorkers are already spending money on gambling and entertainment; it is just being spent out of state."

"There is no question that gambling can increase societal problems. Unemployment,

though, creates far more problems. Unemployment leads to poverty, domestic abuse, homelessness, and addiction. Unemployment and underemployment are the greatest problem facing families in the Catskills and upstate New York today."

"The vast majority of money spent in Las Vegas is spent on things other than casino gaming. Far more tourism dollars flow to hotels, retail sales, shows, restaurants and wellness than go into slot machines."

"If two casinos are sited in the Catskills, more than 2,000 permanent jobs will be created along with over \$1.5 billion in capital investment. The spin-off effect will create jobs in other tourism-related businesses. I also believe it will increase home values in the area. That is overwhelmingly positive change for an area in need of help."

"Jobs at casino resort facilities are generally both unionized and provide health care benefits. That means a single mother struggling to work two jobs now can earn more at just one job at a casino resort - with benefits on top of that."

Well said, Senator.

John, I believe that two licensed casinos in Sullivan is a must. Concord, Grossinger, or the track; whatever the investors from Sullivan see as their need.

Also, please ask them to reconsider, having the water and amusement parks on site at the hotels. Let's bring the guests into our communities, and help create new businesses such as hand crafted furniture and other fine cottage industry goods. New business will start here, by sharing guests from the hotels, bringing them into our local towns and adding real growth to our community, increasing earning power.

Plus add another casino in Ulster at the Nevele, and the Catskill resort industry will come alive and fortify our jobs needs. We are not only a Tri-Valley area but a tri-county area as well. We need to significantly stimulate our economy.

A casino in Yonkers raceway in seven years has great merit. However three casinos in NYC, can be seen as destroying what we are building in the Catskills. One Casino, say at Coney Island in 14 years is acceptable.

I don't see any other ideas on the table to bail out our jobs problem, or our economic earning rate in Sullivan at a problem figure of \$10,000.00 less in earning capacity than Orange.

Give Orange County the medical marijuana business with that wonderful black dirt. It would be beneficial to the entire state.

ELECTION RESULTS 2014: GOP SECURES SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO CONTROL CONGRESS; ALSO ELECTING A MAJORITY OF GOVERNORSHIP REGISTERS A BIG PLUS FOR THE GOP IN GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

Most voters in the U.S. are of the opinion that if Republicans in the next two years live up to the standards of the old GOP, Teddy Roosevelt-style politics they can have a great chance at electing a Republican president in the 2016 presidential election.

Theodore Roosevelt (1858-1919), the 26th president of the U.S. 1901-09; nicknamed Teddy Roosevelt was responsible for initiating many antitrust laws, and he successfully engineered the U.S. bid to build the Panama Canal (1904-14). He also negotiated the end of the Russo-Japanese War in 1905. The Teddy Bear is named for him, with reference to his bear hunting and he was the recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize (1906).

However, with such controversial bills as the UN's Arms Trade Treaty (ATT) ("that will enter into force on December 24, 2014," it is doubtful of what the outcome may be. Read more at <http://minutemennews.com/2014/11/merry-christmas-un-declares-arms-trade-treaty-go-effect-dec-24/> looking for ratification from the U.S. Senate.)

On its official website, the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (yes, that's really a thing and yes, it is housed right here in the United States) announced that the UN's Arms Trade

Treaty (ATT) "will enter into force on 24 December 2014." Merry Christmas!

It is ironical that on the day before the world's 2.18 billion Christians' commemorate the coming of Jesus Christ to the Earth, the United Nations will officially put into motion a plan to deny them of a right given to them by the very God whose birth they celebrate.

For those unfamiliar with the text of the UN's Arms Trade Treaty, here is a brief sketch of the most noxious provisions:

Article 2 of the treaty defines the scope of the treaty's prohibitions. The right to own, buy, sell, trade, or transfer all means of armed resistance, including handguns, is denied to civilians by this section of the Arms Trade Treaty.

Article 3 places the "ammunition/munitions fired, launched or delivered by the conventional arms covered under Article 2" within the scope of the treaty's prohibitions, as well.

Article 4 rounds out the regulations, also placing all "parts and components" of weapons within the scheme.

Perhaps the immediate threat to the rights of gun owners in the Arms Trade Treaty is found in Article 5. Under the title of "General Implementation," Article 5 mandates that all countries participating in the treaty "shall establish and maintain a national control system, including a national control list." This list should "apply the provisions of this Treaty to the broadest range of conventional arms."

Article 12 adds to the record-keeping requirement, mandating that the list include "the quantity, value, model/type, authorized international transfers of conventional arms," as well as the identity of the "end users" of these items.

Finally, the agreement demands that national governments take "appropriate measures" to enforce the terms of the treaty, including civilian disarmament. If these countries can't get this done on their own, however, Article 16 provides for UN assistance, specifically including help with the enforcement of "stockpile management, disarmament, demobilization and reintegration programs." In fact, a "voluntary trust fund" will be established to assist those countries that need help from UN peacekeepers or other regional forces to disarm their citizens.

Arguably, the Arms Trade Treaty would become the law of the United States if the Senate were to ratify the treaty.

Read More: <http://www.thenewamerican.com/>
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Write your Senators and Congressional Representatives to defeat this corruption of the merchants, and defeat this murdering attack of the rights of the human race. Defeat this measure, an attempt of the merchants to destroy U.S. sovereignty, our democracy, and the rules of our land, the U.S. Constitution, the document that guides the governing of our government and our courts. No inside or outside authority has the right to subvert the U. S. Constitution. Remember, the members of the U.N. Security Council are made up of the common market nations (merchants), doing what is good for business, the dollar value of the bottom line, not the welfare of the masses of this nation.

As a Democratic Chair, this is the first time in a while I am in agreeance with President Barack Obama, who cites the ATT Arms Treaty as a dangerous

I feel the ATT is in opposition to the United States Constitution and is destructive to a true democracy such as exists in the United States.

What are your thoughts?

To have your comments and/or questions published space allowing and following Townsman guidelines as listed in the masthead send an Email: politicalslant@yahoo.com

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COMMUNITY HOLIDAY EVENTS for 2014

Saturday December 6th

- 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 ~ Breakfast With Santa (All proceeds to benefit The Ellenville Cooperative Nursery School.) Children under 2 are free; 2 to 12 yrs. are \$4.00; Children over 12 yrs. and Adults are \$6.00. Santa arrives at 9:00. Crafts; Door Prizes; 50/50 raffle
- 10:00 a.m. to Noon ~ Christmas Cookie Decorating - A Make and Take for Kids - at Cohen's Breads & Pastries, 89 Center St., Ellenville. There is no fee.
- Noon to 2:00 p.m. ~ Winter Crafts for Kids - A Make and Take. Make a Gingerbread Man Card and Sock Snowman. At the Shadowland Second Stage (old Richie's Dept. Store Building) at the corner of Market and Center Street, Ellenville. There is no fee.
- Noon to 4:00 p.m. Toys For Kids Holiday Party - at Norbury Hall, Center Street, Ellenville. Live Music by the Carl Richards Band. Visit with Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus. This is the drop-off site for our LOCAL toy drive to benefit LOCAL children. Hosted by Napanoch Public Interest Group and Pioneer Engine Company No. 1. New, unwrapped toys will gladly be accepted all day through 4:00 p.m.
- 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. ~ Santa on the Fire Truck - the streets of Ellenville. Listen for the Holiday Music!

Sunday December 7th

- 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. ~ Santa on the Fire Truck - touring Napanoch. Listen for the Holiday Music!
- 1:00 p.m. ~ Ellenville Noonday Club Holiday Senior Citizen Dinner at the Ellenville High School. Music by the Shiloh Baptist Church. Door Prizes. Free to all Town of Wawarsing Senior Citizen residents.
- 2:00 p.m. and again at 5:00 p.m. ~ "Into The Light" Holiday Spectacular performed by the dance group The Vanaver Caravan with Arm of the Sea Theater and CaravanKids in Ellenville. Presented by the Ellenville Public Library & Museum at the Shadowland Theatre, 157 Canal St., Ellenville. Ticket sales at the door. Please call 845-647-5530 for more information.

• 5:00 p.m. ~ Lighting of the Liberty Square Tree - With Santa, Frosty & the Gingerbread Man - Ellenville

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The Wawarsing Wassail, a series of Business and Civic Organizations community Holiday events, is coordinated and publicized by the Ellenville/Wawarsing Chamber of Commerce. For more information visit the Chamber website at www.ewcoc.com; email us at info@ewcoc.com or call 845-647-4620. Office hours are 10:00 to 3:00 Tuesday through Friday.

Holiday Craft Fair and Luncheon

hosted by
Grahamsville United Methodist Church

on Saturday, December 6, 2014
from 10:00 to 3:00
in their Fellowship Hall.

Local artists and craftsman will be selling their jewelry, original watercolors, pottery, handmade soaps and much more.

A lunch of soup, sandwiches and desserts will be available.

The church is located on Route 55 in Grahamsville. For more information call 985-7427 or 985-2283

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Tuesday Night Youth Home

Bible Study 7 pm

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Wednesday Bible Study - 6:45 p.m.
Pastor: Rev. Peggy Ann Sauerhoff
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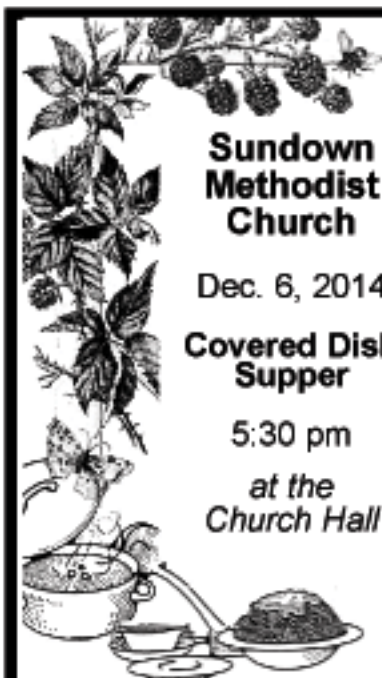
Monday afternoon 5:45 (Holy Rosary at 5:30); Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday mornings: (includes Morning Prayer)- 8:30 am (starting Sept. 3 - 8:50 am.)

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Sundown Methodist Church

Dec. 6, 2014

Covered Dish Supper

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at the
Church Hall



Grahamsville United Methodist Church

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ALSO TAKE NOTICE that the budget, having been duly discussed at Said Town Board Meeting has been approved and adopted for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2015. This budget is on file and available for inspection at the Town Clerk's Office, during normal business hours, at the Town of Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Road, Claryville, N.Y. 12725

BY ORDER OF THE DENNING TOWN BOARD

Joy Monforte
Town Clerk

NOTICE

PURSUANT TO SECTION 205A of Highway Law, the Town of Neversink Superintendent of Highways has designated the following Town Roads as **SEASONAL LIMITED USE HIGHWAYS** for the period beginning **DECEMBER 1, 2014** UNTIL **APRIL 1, 2015**:

Town Road Number	Town Road Name	Description
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32	Moore Hill Rd.	Intersection of Glade Rd. to Town Line
40	Blue Hill Rd.	From Basil Demy's Property to Kelcourse
51	Coombe Rd.	Home Starting at .1 miles South of C.R. 156 to Town line
59	Denman Mt. Rd.	From Bailey House to Intersection with Moore Hill Rd.
65	North Side Rd.	Full Length
67	Sheeley Rd.	From P. Coombe III
	Property to end	
72	Slater Rd.	From Dave Treston property to End
84	Friend's Rd.	Full Length

To the Taxpayers of Claryville Fire District: Time for a Change

For years now, given the population, the area served and the amount of calls per year, the Claryville Fire District have increased taxes significantly.

The State Auditors (report # 2014M-59 from the NYS Comptroller's office) who came this year seem to think so when they stated "The Board is not adopting realistic budgets or ensuring the prudent use of District funds." With nearly a half million dollars in capital

reserves - more than the Town - , the Auditors said "...given the low number of calls ...and the useful life of the currently owned vehicles...we question whether this would be a prudent use of taxpayer funds."

Wanton spending with little oversight or long-range, realistic capital planning, has been the order of the day for too long.

It is time for a change in leadership, electing Commissioners whose focus and interest will lie in getting the best bang for every tax dollar levied while insuring the safety of our community.

I represent this change.

My name is Peter Donnolo, a resident of Denning, with 30 years experience in HVAC/MEP trades (Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning/Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing), mostly as Chief Engineer of a number of high-profile institutions with extensive experience in management, budgeting, and operating buildings up to 2.5 million square feet.

I am running against Charlie Breiner who has served faithfully as Chairman of the Board of Fire Commissioners during which time our taxes have continued to rise. He is a good man but it is time for a change.

Is it OK with you to pay for this level of unnecessary funding at a time when money is so tight for many of our family and friends? If not, then come on down and vote for someone who has the taxpayers' (I am one!) interests at the top of the list. Elections are Thursday, December 9, from 6:00 - 9:00 at the Claryville Fire House.

DEP Announces Record Year for Recreational Boating on Catskills Reservoirs

The New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) today announced that its recreational boating program on four reservoirs in the Catskills led to 1,182 visits this year, an all-time high for the program since it began in 2012. The results from this year represented a 108-visit increase over 2013. The visits included 827 that received a temporary or seasonal pass from DEP, and 355 visitors who rented a kayak or canoe from one of six businesses in the Catskills that store rental boats alongside the reservoirs. The rental program, administered in partnership with the Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC), began in 2013 to provide easier boating access for visitors to the Catskills. It has also helped support local businesses by injecting thousands of dollars in new revenue into the economy. The recreational boating program complements the traditional use of metal rowboats for fishing, which has been permitted for decades.

"The recreational boating program offers a unique opportunity for residents of the watershed, the five boroughs of New York City, and states beyond the metro region to enjoy the scenic beauty of the Catskills," DEP Commissioner Emily Lloyd said. "We are happy that more people are paddling and sailing on our reservoirs each year. DEP will continue to work with tourism and economic development agencies throughout the region to expand the program's visibility and ensure it continues to support the tourism and outdoor recreation economies that thrive in the Catskills."

"Once again, the CWC is pleased to have been part of this program to shine a light on these beautiful reservoirs, and to encourage people to get outdoors for some healthy exercise," CWC Executive Director Alan Rosa said. "This year we provided locally made Catskill Reservoir Paddler patches to 48 people, including six members - three generations - of one family."

DEP issued 827 tags to boaters in 2014, including 535 kayaks, 236 canoes, 43 rowboats, and 13 sailboats. Including boat rentals, Pepacton

Reservoir attracted 701 boating visits, the most of any reservoir, followed by 266 at Neversink, 116 at Schoharie, and 99 at Cannonsville. More than 59 percent of the recreational boating tags issued by DEP went to residents of the five watershed counties, including Delaware, Greene, Schoharie, Sullivan, and Ulster. About 15 percent of the tags were issued to residents of New York City or Long Island. Visitors from nine states also received tags, including Arizona, Florida, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Vermont, Virginia and Wisconsin.

For the second year, rental boats were available from 10 launch sites alongside the four reservoirs and the six businesses that participated rented 355 boats. The rental program is administered with significant help from the CWC, which funded the acquisition of 30 storage racks for the rental boats beginning last year. The CWC also administers the process to vet and approve businesses that applied to participate in the rental program. In 2014, CWC also partnered with the Watershed Post to provide a commemorative Catskill Paddler Patch to those who boated on at least one of the reservoirs during certain times of the recreational season.

2014 marked the third year of the expanded recreational boating program, which followed a three-year pilot that began in 2009 at Cannonsville Reservoir. Prior to 2009, DEP only issued tags for metal rowboats that were used and stored at the reservoirs for the purpose of fishing. That original program remains popular, with more than 12,000 tags currently issued to anglers who have rowboats at the reservoirs. Regular water-quality monitoring at each of these reservoirs has shown no impact from recreational boating. DEP's

invasive species experts have surveyed every boat launch site and found no sign of aquatic plants or animals that can harm drinking water quality. Every boat that is used on the reservoirs is required to be inspected and steam cleaned to avoid the spread of invasive species.

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



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

Looking forward to next year!

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



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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

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

Also WANTED: People for card games

Holiday Craft Fair and Luncheon

The Grahamsville United Methodist Church will be hosting a Holiday Craft Fair and Luncheon on Saturday, December 6, 2014 from 10:00 to 3:00 in their Fellowship Hall. Local artists and craftsman will be selling their jewelry, original watercolors, pottery, handmade soaps and much more. A lunch of soup, sandwiches and desserts will be available. The church is located on Route 55 in Grahamsville. For more information call 985-7427 or 985-2283.

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11/20/14 Neversink Fire District Meeting at 7 p.m.; Public Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

11/22/14 **Holiday Craft Fair** at the Sundown Church Hall 9 am - 3 pm and Luncheon

11/27-28/14 Town of Neversink Holiday - THANKSGIVING

12/3/14 Town of Denning Board Meeting - 7:00 pm - Town of Denning Town Hall

12/3/14 Town of Neversink Planning Board - 7:00 pm

12/6/14 Sundown Methodist Church **Covered Dish Supper** - 5:30 pm Church Hall

12/10/14 Town of Neversink Town Board Meeting

12/10/14 Town of Denning Town Board Business Meeting 7:00 pm Town of Denning Town Hall

12/11/14 Dept of Motor Vehicles - Neversink Town Hall 10:00 am - 2:30 pm

12/11/14 Claryville Fire District Meetings 6:30 pm -Regular Meeting

12/11/14 Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting 7 pm Denning Town Hall

12/13/14 7:30 - 9:30 am **Breakfast & Cookie Walk** 9:00 am at Sundown UMC Church Hall

12/14/14 Dept of Motor Vehicles - Neversink Town Hall 10:00 am - 2:30 pm

12/15/14 Grahamsville Fire Dist. Board of Fire Commissioners - 7:00 pm

12/16/14 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals - 7:30 pm

12/17/14 Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Association Monthly Meeting 7:30 pm

Save the Date!

November 22 - **Holiday Craft Fair** at the Sundown Church Hall 9 am - 3 pm and Luncheon

December 13 - 7:30 - 9:30 am **Breakfast & Cookie Walk** 9:00 am at Sundown UMC Church Hall

December 14 - **Santa Comes to Grahamsville** 11-1 Neversink Town Hall

December 14 - **Annual Christmas Tree Lighting** 7 pm Bicentennial Park

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TOWN OF OLIVE MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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

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

Support Local Holiday Food Distribution

The Grahamsville Community Food Pantry will provide approximately 30 holiday food baskets to neighbors in the Tri-Valley School District at both Thanksgiving and Christmas this year.

The Grahamsville Community Food Pantry welcomes donations from area residents to help us provide for this special outreach.

The food pantry requests gifts of canned hams, chicken or turkey breasts, roasting chickens and frozen turkeys. Non-perishable food items such as gravy, stuffing, instant white potatoes, sweet potatoes, green beans, corn, and cranberry sauce, are also needed. The food pantry welcomes monetary donations to help with the purchase of perishable items for each basket.

The Grahamsville Community Food Pantry is located in the Grahamsville United Methodist Church, Route 55, Grahamsville, N.Y. Monetary donations can be sent to the Grahamsville United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 86, Grahamsville, NY 12740 (with "Food Pantry- holiday baskets" indicated on the memo line).

Non-perishable food items can be dropped off at the food pantry any time. To arrange for the delivery of perishable food items please call the church (845-985-2283).

These are difficult days for many in our community. The Grahamsville Community Food Pantry thanks our friends and neighbors for your continuing support throughout the year and we pray for your generosity as the holiday seasons approach.

Holiday Events in Ulster County

Nov. 20, 24, 25 -**Chamber Jazz Ensembles I, II & III**: Varied jazz works performed by jazz students in Jazz Studies area. 8pm. \$8/General public, \$6/Senior 62+ and faculty staff, \$3/Students. Julien J. Studley Theatre, SUNY New Paltz. Box Office 257-3880; newpaltz.edu/music

Nov. 21 **Kingston's Buried Treasures: "The Senate House-Cradle of Democracy"** by Deana Preston, Interpretive Programs Assistant for Senate House Museum, Kingston. 5:30pm. Free admission. Vanderlyn Gallery, Senate House Museum, 296 Fair St., Kingston. 340-3055

Nov. 21, 22, 23 **Annual Greek Festival**: Traditional homemade Greek food and pastries (yummy!), holiday boutique with needlework, crafts, gifts, more. Fri, 5-11pm, Sat, 11am-11pm; Sun, 11am-8pm. St. George's Greek Orthodox Church, 294 Greenkill Ave., Kingston. 331-3522

Nov. 22 **Annual Buy Local ~ Holiday Extravaganza & Thanksgiving Farmers Market**: Unique "Agri-Cultural Experience" with fruits, vegetables, baked goods, gourmet items, local crafts, giftware, wines, kids' activities, caroling, performances, more. 10am-4pm. Marlboro Elementary School, 1380 Rt. 9W, Marlboro. 616-7824; meetmeinmarlborough.com

Nov. 22 - 23-2nd **Annual Hudson Valley Hullabaloo**: Indie-style juried craft fair with artists, designers, craftspeople, artisanal food purveyors. Sat, 10am-5pm; Sun, 11am-5pm. Andy Murphy Midtown Neighborhood Center, 467 Broadway, Kingston. hvhullabaloo.com

Nov. 28 - 30 **Museum Shop Holiday Sale**: Find some unique items for holiday gift-giving. Museum and Shop open 10am-3pm. Info, 338-1661 (Museum). Hurley Heritage Society, 52 Main St., Hurley. Hurleyheritagesociety.org; and on Facebook

Nov. 2 **Sinterklaas Kingston**: Workshops creating beautiful crowns and branches, open houses, musical performances, Trolley Museum of NY with trolley rides and Museum open Noon-4pm. Parade of stars and puppets down Broadway, followed by Sinterklaas' departure from historic Rondout Waterfront on a tugboat for his journey across the Hudson River, then a Sinterklaas Soiree, tree lighting at dusk at Visitors Center, Broadway and local restaurant specials. Downtown Kingston. Info and updates or to volunteer: sinterklaashudsonvalley.com; Facebook; 339-4280; susilinn@verizon.net

Nov. 29 - 30 **Babes in Toyland**: Charming, classic holiday musical. Meet Santa in Toyland after the show. Complimentary refreshments. Sat, 7:30pm; Sun, 2pm. Also Dec. 5-7. Tickets: \$32, \$36, \$42. Woodstock Playhouse, 103 Mill Hill Rd., Woodstock. 679-6900; woodstockplayhouse.org

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

GRAHAMSVILLE

Thanksgiving is almost here and the Holiday Season will begin. It's my favorite time of the year! On **December 6th** the Grahamsville United Methodist Church will host their Annual Holiday Craft Fair and Luncheon from 10 am - 3:00 pm at Fellowship Hall.

The Time and the Valleys Museum's Shop at 332 Main Street (St. Rt. 55), Grahamsville, Sullivan County will also be open for their **Holiday Season Sale** on Saturday, **December 6th** from noon to 4 p.m. There will be sales throughout the store.

Stick around town. Maybe have a bite to eat at one of the local restaurants or the deli, because at 5:00 pm my old friend from far away Korvatururi Mountain, in Finland (the North Pole), **Santa**, is scheduled to visit Grahamsville during the **Town of Neversink's Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony** that will start at 5:00 PM in Bicentennial Square on Main Street in Grahamsville.

There will be caroling in the Square, special music, holiday readings and refreshments. This will officially open the holiday season in the town.

If you miss **Santa** on the 6th, or want to see him again, he will be back on **December 14** from 11 am - 1 pm at the Neversink Town Hall in Grahamsville.

SUNDOWN

Families are starting to put up their Christmas Lights and Decorations brightening the long nights in Sundown. Come celebrate the season's festivities at the **Sundown UMC Annual Holiday** fair that will be held on November 22 from 10 am - 3 pm at the Sundown Church Hall. There will be a **Covered Dish Supper** on December 6th at 5:30 pm at the Church Hall. And then, on December 13th from 7:30 am-9 am come have **breakfast** and then go for the **Annual Cookie Walk** that will begin at 9:00 am until all the cookies are gone!

Wow! I will have to start my diet next year!

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