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## An Evening of Beautiful Music Fills Fallsburg High School



Chamber Chorus with Ms. Colleen Barber, Director

Fallsburg Junior/Senior High School has maintained a wonderful mid-winter tradition for many years to hold a Pops Concert for the community. On the cold crisp evening of February 9, 2016, the Senior Band, Chamber Chorus, and the combined Junior and Senior Band performed to the delight of an appreciative audience in the high school auditorium.

Principal Michael Williams welcomed everyone and gave an update on the band program. He then acknowledged the young substitute teacher, who is filling in as a leave replacement quite ably, Ms. Jacqueline Ellmauer. Mr. Williams then introduced Ms. Christina Serrone as the evening's emcee. The first performance was by the Senior Band. Ms. Ellmauer received a very warm greeting from the audience as she came to the stage. The students performed three pieces with great gusto under her direction, highlighted by "Bohemian Rhapsody."

Prior to the Chamber Chorus, a talented sister and brother duo, Odette and Irvin Lemus, offered a stirring rendition of popular singer Adele's "Hello" to the enjoyment of the audience. Odette's voice and style are quite polished, and Irvin's voice and piano accompaniment melded beautifully.

For the next twenty minutes, the Chamber Chorus, under the Direction of Ms. Colleen Barber and accompanied on the piano by Mr. Leon Hillstein, transformed the risers in front of the stage to the set of the television show "Glee." They performed one song after another, with no breaks. (Contd. Pg. 4)



Jenna Vairo, as she seated herself, picked up the guitar and began to strum and singing, "My Mama Don't Like You."

## Tri-Valley FBLA Venerating Veterans

By Autumn Bender

Veterans are a very important part of our community and hold a special place in our hearts. In recognition of their bravery and devotion to our country, the Tri-Valley FBLA Chapter created care packages for local veterans and their families, which included a gift bag filled with a variety of gifts and a card expressing our appreciation. A committee of members purchased the gifts and put the gift bags together, and then delivered the gift bags to each veteran and expressed their appreciation in person.



FBLA members Autumn Bender and Jackie Musa present a care package to a local veteran.



FBLA members Cafui Awasu, Autumn Bender, Kayla Butler, and Gillian Mathews and the care packages.

## New Executive Managing Director Joins Shadowland Theatre New Position Establishes New Leadership Team at the Professional Theatre



Ellenville, NY - The Board of Directors of Shadowland Theatre is pleased to announce that Jon Wojciechowski has been appointed the theatre's new Executive Managing Director. Wojciechowski, a New York native who grew up in the Hudson Valley, joins Shadowland after a successful tenure as Executive Managing Director of Gloucester Stage, located just outside of Boston.

"After a nationwide search comprised of many qualified applicants, the board is thrilled to welcome Jon to this new position," said Bill Collier, President of the Shadowland Board of Directors. "His marketing and business skills are a perfect compliment to the artistic skills provided by Brendan Burke, our longtime Producing Artistic Director. We are confident that this new leadership team will usher Shadowland into a new era and introduce the theatre to a new generation of theatregoers."

Wojciechowski spent 22-years as a hospital/healthcare administrator before turning his attention to professional theatre in 2011. "Theatre has always been my passion, and I am excited to use my corporate business experience to help grow non-profit professional theatre," he said. "I'm grateful to have the opportunity to do what I love."

Wojciechowski began his theatrical career as Managing Director of Portland Stage Company, a LORT (League of Resident Theatres) Theatre located in Portland, Maine. There, he helped grow the theatre's marketing efforts by focusing more on e-communication and patron education through dramaturgical lobby displays. (Contd. Pg. 4)

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**ON THE FRONT BURNER:** And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding. Jeremiah 3:15

**COLLEGE NEWS****Christina Malissa Kackos of Neversink Named to Clarkson University Dean's List**

Christina Malissa Kackos of Neversink, N.Y., a senior majoring in biomolecular science & mathematics, was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2015 semester at Clarkson University.

**Kiara Cruickshank of Big Indian Named Presidential Scholar at Clarkson University**

Kiara L Cruickshank of Big Indian, N.Y., a freshman majoring in mathematics, was named a Presidential Scholar for the fall 2015 semester at Clarkson University.

**SUNY Potsdam athlete Olivia Rehm earns SUNYAC Fall Commissioner's List**

Olivia Rehm, a resident of Grahamsville, N.Y. was one of 28 SUNY Potsdam student-athletes to earn a spot on the State University of New York Athletic Conference (SUNYAC) Commissioner's List for the Fall 2015 semester, the conference announced Wednesday, Feb. 10.

Rehm is a Senior member of the SUNY Potsdam Women's Cross Country team. Players named to this list have carried a minimum 3.3 grade-point-average over three consecutive semesters at Potsdam.

**THANK YOU FROM THE DANIEL PIERCE LIBRARY!**

Thank you so very much for your recent support of our Mardi Gras Donut Day Sale -- to everyone who made donuts, bought donuts and sold donuts! The funds raised will be dedicated to the adult and children's programs that we provide throughout the year.

Special thanks to Phyllis and Dave Moore who chaired the event and to their four-year-old granddaughters, Alice and Audrey, who ably assisted them throughout the day.

Mark your calendars for Friday, June 3, which is National Donut Day, when the Daniel Pierce Library will again be making and selling donuts!

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

**March 15, 1956** - The Neversink Fire Department has acquired a 1951 Miller Cadillac ambulance. At the present time the ambulance is not in service as it is now in the process of being equipped. Arrangements for its operation are being made.

Chester Hornbeck died at the age of 88 on Thursday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Floyd Burch of Sundown. He was born January 16, 1868 at Eureka, the son of Horace and Sarah DuBois Hornbeck. On April 6, 1889 he married Trissie Smith, who survives him. Also surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Floyd Burch of Sundown and Mrs. Ira Ter Bush of Newburgh; one son, Ralph of Grahamsville; nine grandchildren, sixteen great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

**February 16, 1966** - A/IC and Mrs. James Lievre of Acworth, Ga., are the parents of their first child, James Wilson Lievre, born February 3rd. He weighed 8 lbs. 9 oz. Mr. and Mrs. Ben Lievre are the proud paternal grandparents.

Fifty two student nurses received the Vassar Brothers School of Nursing cap at ceremonies in the Joseph T. Tower auditorium at the Poughkeepsie hospital on Friday night. Taking part in the ceremony was Miss Sandra Mae Holmes of Neversink, a Tri-Valley School graduate.

**February 18, 1976** - We welcome Rev. and Mrs. Harlan Nyhof and their three children to our community. The Nyhof's are from Waterloo, Iowa, and Rev. Nyhof is the new pastor of the Grahamsville and Woodbourne Reformed Church.

Art Dymond is still looking for his red '66 Chevy pickup that was lost in a pothole on Route 55. Hope you find it Art.

**February 27, 1986** - Kimberly Curry, a senior at Tri-Valley Central School, has been awarded a full tuition Presidential Scholarship to Chestnut Hill College in Philadelphia, Pa. She will be attending

Chestnut Hill in the fall of '86 and be majoring in Liberal Arts. Kim is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Curry of Neversink.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Barkley of Dover-Foxcroft, Maine, formerly of Woodbourne, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Sept. 14th at a surprise party given for them by their children, sons Tom Jr., Richard and Harry and daughters, Geraldine Bowers and Marlene Lawrence, all of Sull. County. The party was held at the Black Bear Hunting Camp in Claryville.

**Classic Matinee Film Series Returns to Shadowland Theatre**

*Sherlock Holmes in "The Hound of the Baskervilles"*, *"Kipling's Jungle Book"*; *Laurel and Hardy in "A Chump at Oxford"* and *John Steinbeck's "Of Mice and Men" with Original Trailers, Shorts, Cartoons and serialized "Adventures of Captain Marvel" Scheduled for March and April Dates for the 2016 "Matinee at The Shadowland" series.*

Shadowland Theatre - the premiere professional Equity theater in the Hudson Valley - is warming up the winter months with its fifth series of "Matinee at the Shadowland" classic movie programs. Located in downtown Ellenville, NY, Shadowland is inviting Lower Hudson Valley residents to return with them to those golden days of yesteryear for a series of four outstanding classic features, augmented with an entertaining array of vintage short subjects.

The series begins Saturday, March 5th, at 2:00 pm with "The Hound of the Baskervilles", starring Basil Rathbone and Nigel Bruce as Sherlock Holmes and Doctor Watson. Released in 1939, this was the very first teaming of Rathbone and Bruce as the Great Detective and his loyal assistant. Richard Greene, Wendy Barrie, John Carradine and Lionel Atwill co-star in this faithful adaptation of the Conan Doyle novel. Also on the bill will be a Mickey Mouse cartoon, "Lonesome Ghosts"; a Hal Roach Our Gang comedy, "Hide and Shriek"; and Chapter One of the Matinee at the Shadowland's thrilling new serial, "Adventures of Captain Marvel" starring Tom Tyler.

The series will continue on Saturday, March 19th, with "Rudyard Kipling's Jungle Book", produced by Alexander Korda and starring Sabu. Released in 1942, "Jungle Book" will be shown in a very rare dye-transfer Technicolor print. Next up, on April 2nd, will be Laurel and Hardy's classic feature-length comedy "A Chump at Oxford", whose supporting cast includes a very young Peter Cushing. The series wraps on Saturday, April 9th, with Lewis Milestone's magnificent film version of John Steinbeck's "Of Mice and Men" starring Burgess Meredith and Lon Chaney, Jr. Each of the programs will feature a classic cartoon, short subject and chapter of "Captain Marvel".

"In addition to vintage titles, we're also doing vintage presentations," says series coordinator Ray Faiola. "Our entire program is being shown on film. Even the digitally-created policy trailer and sponsor roll have been printed-back to motion picture film. Many notable Hollywood directors have been bemoaning the digital revolution and Shadowland continues to use celluloid exclusively in its classic film presentations." Faiola also notes that the March 19 screening of "Kipling's Jungle Book" will feature a rare dye-transfer Technicolor print of the Alexander Korda classic.

"Matinee at the Shadowland will", according to Brendan Burke, Artistic Director of the theater, "give audiences young and old a chance to experience what going to the movies during the golden age of cinema was all about."

The complete programs of all four Matinee at the Shadowland events are as follows:

**Saturday March 5th** THE HOUND OF THE BASKERVILLES Basil Rathbone and Nigel Bruce; LONESOME GHOSTS Mickey Mouse; HIDE AND SHRIEK Our Gang; CURSE OF THE SCORPION Chapter One of The Adventures of Captain Marvel

**Saturday March 19th** RUDYARD KIPLING'S JUNGLE BOOK Sabu, Rosemary DeCamp; HORTON HATCHES THE EGG Bob Clampett cartoon by Dr. Seuss; COMMAND PERFORMANCE Bob Hope, Judy Garland, Lana Turner; THE GUILLOTINE Chapter Two of The Adventures of Captain Marvel

**Saturday April 2nd** A CHUMPAT OXFORD Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy; THE BOOKWORM Harmon-Ising cartoon; VIOLENT IS THE WORD FOR CURLY

**A Round About Tri-Valley**  
-Carol Furman

Greg Beimler is a Tri-Valley high school teacher. Greg's son, Nick, a graduate of Liberty Central School and a recent college grad, took a job with a small newspaper in New Hampshire. Recently Nick was at a local New Hampshire diner while Hillary was being interviewed and he was "rubbing shoulders" with other well-known reporters, including NBC's Andrea Mitchell. Nice to hear that another young graduate from Sullivan County is off to a promising start!

Hayes McCardell reports that the "Back Porch Gang" will be "jamming" at the Grahamsville First Aid Squad Building on the first and third Saturday of each month from 1:00 - 4:00 pm. If you need more info you can contact Hayes at 985-0402.

Cheers to Frost Valley YMCA and the Town of Denning who have teamed up to create a meal delivery program that provides dinners to those in need on a weekly basis. Frost Valley has always been committed to giving back to the community and now the Frost Valley meal provider, **Chartwells**, is a proud partner in this valuable program. They are the ones donating the food to help these individuals.

Tri-Valley students in grades 2-6 should start practicing now if they want to participate in the PTO Spelling Bee which will be held on April 1st. This is a great experience for the kids! Watch for further details.

The Tri-Valley PTO Science Fair will be held in the H.S cafeteria on 2/19 at 6:00 pm. Stop by and view the wonderful projects presented by the students from grades 3-6.

The Daniel Pierce Library's "Talking Puppets" and "Puppet Mayhem" presentations were well attended. The programs were held on February 6th, "Take Your Child to the Library Day".

February 14 - 20 is "**Random Acts of Kindness Week**". Why not go the extra mile and celebrate with a few thoughtful deeds? Pay someone a compliment, return a shopping cart for a fellow shopper, smile and say good morning to a stranger or write a letter to a dear friend. These are just a few things, which really don't cost anything, that you can do to spread kindness. Maybe, during this season of lent, you could decide to go out of your way to do one thoughtful thing **each day** to make someone's life more pleasant.

**Save the date:** The Frost Valley castle is celebrating it's 100th birthday this year. In celebration, events are being planned to commemorate this occasion. Set aside June 11th for a Castle Centennial Community Day and Art Show. Watch for more news concerning these events in upcoming *Townsmen* issues.

**Words of Wisdom:** "As long as you're thinking anyway, think big!" (Donald Trump)

It is said that because of the weight of its face, a penny is more likely to land "heads" than "tails".

**6th Annual Rock Hill St. Patrick's Day Parade**

Join the Rock Hill Business and Community Association and the Rock Hill Fire Department for the 6th Annual Rock Hill St. Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday, March 12th at 2PM. The day's activities kick off at 1PM with a special kids section and activities, which will include face painting, crafts and activities for kids by the Y.M.C.A of Sullivan County. This year's parade will feature bagpipers, the a Pipe and Drum Band, the Walker Valley Marching Band, local fire departments, community marchers, antique cars, horses, veterans and more!

For more information on marching or to become a Rock Hill Business and Community Association member visit our facebook page at [www.facebook.com/rhbca12775](http://www.facebook.com/rhbca12775) or contact Gary Budnik at [rhbca12775@gmail.com](mailto:rhbca12775@gmail.com) or call 845-866-3783.

Thank you to our parade sponsors: by Dutch's Tavern, Black Bear Fuel Oil, The Y.M.C.A of Sullivan County, Holiday Mountain Ski and Fun Park, the Trading Post of Rock Hill, Rock Hill Tax Service, Rock Hill Service Center and Pizza the Rock.

**CALICO GEESE NEWS:  
The Calico Geese of Sullivan County's Annual Quilt Exhibit**

The Calico Geese of Sullivan County's Annual Quilt Exhibit will be February 25, 2016 through April 7th, in the Liberty Library. All are invited to view the creative talents of this quilting guild. The 2016 Raffle quilt will be on display and tickets for a chance to win this beautiful quilt will be available. This is a great opportunity to view the amazing quilts crafted by a variety of quilters and learn more about the Art and Craft of quilt making. Visitors to the event will have a chance to vote for their favorite quilt in the Viewers Choice contest.

**The Calico Geese of Sullivan County will be holding their 2016 Baby Quilt Marathon**

The Calico Geese of Sullivan County will be holding their 2016 Baby Quilt Marathon on February 27, at the Cornell Cooperative extension bldg. in Liberty NY

The members prepared and collected quilt tops throughout the year to be made into lap and baby quilts. During the Marathon they will be completed by the members and friends. Quilts will then be donated to Hospitals, nursing homes, pregnancy centers, crisis centers and Veterans, as well as other local agencies.

In 2015 over 122 quilts were donated. Anyone interested in being involved in this worthwhile endeavor is welcome to attend the event. Doors open at 9:30 AM

For more information and details about the Marathon and the Calico Geese Quilters. contact 845 583-4944.

**SC Pregnancy Support Center Dessert Fundraiser**

The Sullivan County Pregnancy Support Center is having a Dessert Fundraiser.

The Center is located in Liberty New York. It is a non-profit organization celebrating their 12th year.

The Center assists women and families facing crisis pregnancies and relies completely upon donations.

The Dessert Fundraiser is on Saturday, February 20th, 2016 from 7-9pm at the Vine and Branch Church 2535 Route 52 Liberty, New York.

They have a special speaker, Diane Caliendo, the Executive Director of the Ulster County Pregnancy Support Center.

Special music will be provided.

**Something New in Town!  
The "Back Porch Gang"**

The "Back Porch Gang" is bringing a some lively spirit to town! The Back Porch Gang will be performing a Southern Gospel, Country, Hymn, and Bluegrass-style music jam, featuring Frank Gerow, at the First Aid Building in Grahamsville. on the first and third Saturday of each month from 1:00 - 4:00 pm.

All are invited to join and be part of the fellowship with singing. Bring your own non-electrified string instruments.

For up to date information please call Hayes McCardell at 845 985 0402 - or Email: [hwillburmack@gmail.com](mailto:hwillburmack@gmail.com).

**AARP Driver Safety Program**

An AARP Driver Safety Program will be held at the following location: South Fallsburg Senior Center, Laurel Avenue, South Fallsburg, New York on Saturday, March 19, 2016 from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

PLEASE ARRIVE AT 8:45 AM. NO WALK-INS To Register - Call Sonny Smith at 434-8922 (Leave Message). PLEASE CALL AFTER 9:00 AM IN THE MORNING.

Sonny Smith, an AARP- Certified Instructor, will give this course in one full day session, which will consist of a lecture, discussion and video presentations. Participants will receive a certificate which entitles them to apply for a discount on their automobile insurance.

For information, phone Sonny Smith at 434-8922 (Leave Message). PLEASE CALL AFTER 9:00 AM IN THE MORNING.

The fee is \$20 for AARP members and \$25 for non-members as of 1/1/2014; make checks payable to AARP, and mail to Sonny Smith. Please enclose your phone number with payment. Classes are limited to 35, so apply early.

This course is instructed by a Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) volunteer and is sponsored by the Sullivan County Office for the Aging & RSVP.

**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.*

**What do the Bugs do in Winter?**

If you had a touch of 'the bug' recently, we know where those tiny bugs (microorganisms, a/k/a viruses) spend their winter, but what do those small little cold-blooded bugs a/k/a insects that spend the winter in the Catskills do over the winter?

Insects have developed a wide variety of unique adaptations and methods of surviving northern winters, including long migrations, creating their own anti-freeze and even purposely freezing portions of their bodies.

The best known migratory insects are the Monarch Butterflies. And the popular Woolly Bear Caterpillar goes through winter as immature larvae buried under heavy covers of leaf litter or a similar shelter where they are protected. Some simply burrow deeper into the soil to escape the cold.

Social insects like ants delve down to the deep reaches of their underground colonies that extend below the frost line. There, they feast on food they stored during the warmer months.

Ladybugs snuggle together as they practice communal hibernation by stacking one on top of another on stumps and under rocks to share heat and buffer themselves against winter temperatures. Some ladybugs choose to overwinter in

attics, and other out-of-the-way places in homes and other structures, as do a variety of wasps and flies, including yellow jackets, who are frequently found wintering in the eaves and attics of houses and barns.

A female grasshopper will tunnel into the soil and deposit her eggs as deep as possible in the soil in an attempt to keep her eggs safe through the winter.

The nymphs of dragonflies and mayflies live in ponds and streams, often beneath ice. They feed actively and grow all winter to emerge as adults in early spring.

A few insects lay eggs that survive the winter. In autumn the female Praying Mantis will lay her eggs before she dies. She often deposits them on a branch or twig, but also leaves them on walls, fences and eaves. They are surrounded by a frothy liquid, called ootheca, which hardens into an egg case about the size of a big marble. The following spring the nymphs hatch and burst out of the case in a small army of hungry youngsters, each the size of a small ant.

Some insects like moths overwinter in the pupal stage, then emerge as adults in the spring.

Flies do not do well in cold weather. Once in a while you may find a common housefly in your house during the winter, but a housefly only has a life cycle of 20-30 days. Most flies survive in maggot or pupae form until the weather is warm enough for them to starting hatching and mating again.

Mosquitoes are out there even though we don't notice them. Certain mosquitoes lay winter hardy eggs in areas where the ground is moist. The eggs lie dormant in the soil until spring when conditions become favorable again and they hatch. Other mosquitoes can survive winter in the larval stage. All mosquito larvae require water, even in winter. As the water temperature drops, it induces a state of diapause (suspended development) in the mosquito larvae, stopping further development and slowing their metabolism. Development resumes when the water warms again.

Honey bees stay in hives during the winter, and form clusters when temperatures fall. They also are able to raise their temperature by vibrating wing muscles.

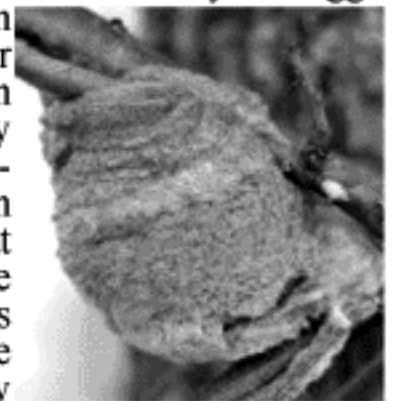
Many insects are freeze tolerant. They have one of the most sophisticated survival methods. They produce ice nucleating proteins (proteins formed around a central area). The regulated production allows insects to control the formation of ice crystals within their bodies that allows the insect to moderate the rate of ice growth, adjusting more slowly to the mechanical and osmotic pressures (process of assimilation) imposed by ice formation.

In general, insects are well adapted to survive cold temperatures in their winter habitats. It will still be awhile before most resume their non-winter lives and will be active again, giving us something else to complain about besides the cold weather!

**Household Hints**

**Salt Sense**

If your starting your Spring Cleaning early this year, try polish that dusty old kerosene lamp with salt for a brighter look.





## In a Dark, Dark Wood

### Mysterious Book Report Special No. 4

by John Dwaine McKenna and Lora Brown



I was over at Rhyolite Press the other day, talking with Ms. Lora Brown. She's the Publisher's Rep., Executive Assistant and all-around Golden Gal who makes sure all our work gets done on time, sent where it's gotta go and that our little world up here on the Mesa runs with the precision of a jeweled Swiss Chronometer. As soon as we got the *Hi, how-are-yas* out of the way, Lora said, "Why aren't you doing more MBRs featuring women? You hardly ever read books written by women."

I thought about it for a moment, then said, "Sure I have. What about Alafair Burke, Denise Mina and Julia Dahl? We just did her new one last week."

Lora said, "That's true, but the vast majority of the reviews are books by, about and for men."

My wife June, who'd been listening, said, "Lora's right. You tend to read all the hard-boiled stuff . . . the kind with a lot of graphic detail in it. Women don't always like that, and we make up about 80 percent of the readers today."

Well, they had me. They're right, but on the other hand, I'm the one who finds the novels we review, reads every one from cover-to-cover and then writes a three to five hundred word report about it . . . so I get to pick, and I pick stories that appeal to me. I said all that, but they were ready with sincere, well thought-out rebuttal answers. And after forty years of marriage to June, plus thirty years of friendship with Lora-they both know how difficult men are to train-and I know how to surrender and accept defeat with dignity. Here's what we came up with together:

Every now and then, Lora, June, or another well-read lady will select a novel, read it, make notes about the story arc, theme, plot and what she liked or disliked about it and I'll use her notes to write a special review, from the female point of view. We hope you like it and look forward to all of your comments about this new element of the Mysterious Book Report. Lora Brown is the first of our MBR Special Reporters, and the novel she's chosen is titled, *In A Dark Dark Wood*, (Scout Press/Simon & Schuster, \$26.00, 310 pages, ISBN 978-1-5011-1231-7) by Ruth Ware. It's a debut novel that's tense, tightly-written and suspenseful. It features a reclusive young writer named Leonora-called Nora by some of her acquaintances and Lee by others-who accepts an invite to a 'hen party' from an old friend she hasn't heard from, or talked to, for at least ten years. Forty-eight hours later, she wakes up in the hospital with the knowledge that someone is dead . . . and she may be the killer . . . but she can't remember anything, other than a shotgun going off, and her ex-fiancé James lying dead on the floor.

MBR Special Reviewer Lora Brown says that *This well-written and carefully crafted psychological thriller will keep the reader enthralled and completely entertained as Nora tries to unravel the mystery, prove her innocence and regain the cozy confines of her apartment, the only place on earth where she feels safe, happy and totally secure.* Five Stars. Suitable for teens on up.

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### An Evening of Beautiful Music Fills Fallsburg High School (From Pg. 1)

Each piece had one or two gifted soloists. The medley flowed flawlessly, much to the joy of the singers, the Director, and the entire audience. Ms. Barber acknowledged, after thunderous applause, that the students suggested the Glee idea and everyone took off with it.

In a very special, quiet moment after the Chorus left the front of the auditorium, one of the soloists from the group remained and her acoustic guitar was brought to her. Ms. Serrone introduced Jenna Vairo, as she seated herself, picked up the guitar and began to strum and singing, "My Mama Don't Like You." Ms. Vairo received a standing ovation for her performance.

The grand finale of the evening was the stir-



Ms. Ellmauer conducts the Senior Band.

ring "Music from Star Wars" performed enthusiastically by the combined Junior and Senior Bands conducted by Ms. Ellmauer. The evening ended in the high school lobby with appreciate and proud parents, families, classmates and school staff thanking the student musicians for an hour of thorough enjoyment.

### New Executive Managing Director Joins Shadowland Theatre (From Pg. 1)

He also introduced a monthly membership program that allowed young people (age 35 and younger) to attend the theatre for free, and helped introduce Studio Rep - a spring series modeled after Steppenwolf Theatre's Garage Rep.

Following his success in Portland, Wojciechowski was named Executive Managing Director at Cape May Stage in New Jersey. His work there celebrated the theatre's 35th anniversary by expanding marketing and development efforts and launching the theatre's first resident intern company. These efforts resulted in the most successful season in the theatre's history, including a record-breaking box office.

apprentice company, expanded the theatre's season, renovated the lobby, realigned marketing and development - including a complete rebranding - and introduced a new ticketing and donor management system. These efforts resulted in a significant growth in donors, grant funding, and overall ticket sales.

In addition to his theatre work, Wojciechowski publishes a non-profit marketing blog titled Marketing Your Mission and writes frequently for the HowlRound.com theatre commons website. He will be profiled in an upcoming issue of American Theatre Magazine's "Role Call" feature. Shadowland Theatre, entering its 32nd year, is a professional Equity theatre located in New York's beautiful Hudson Valley. The theatre produces a season between May and December of seven shows, including a musical and a holiday production. A separate children's program provides education in theatre to school-age children.

### Sullivan County is on the Move-Sullivan Renaissance Annual Conference Kicks off New Programs [FERNDALE]

The Sullivan Renaissance Annual Conference, Building Beautiful, Healthy and Active Communities is designed to inspire participants to continue the hard work of making Sullivan County look and feel its best. The conference will be held on Saturday, March 5 at Bethel Woods Center for the Arts in Bethel, NY from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Everyone is invited to learn about new programs for 2016 and how they can become involved. The facility is ADA compliant and there will be simultaneous translation in Spanish. Admission is free.

Keynote speaker, Mark Fenton, a national public health, planning and transportation consultant, will describe how communities can be more inviting to physical activities such as walking and bicycling, thereby improving health. "The big news is the very things we do to encourage healthier lifestyles also create more beautiful, appealing, and functional settings, more vibrant local economies, and more sustainable physical environments," said Fenton. In addition to the keynote, Municipal Partnership Grants will be awarded to communities addressing specific challenges in each of their towns or villages. Renaissance Awards to recognize individuals, businesses and organizations for their efforts to enhance Sullivan County will be presented.

The afternoon will feature breakout sessions dealing with distressed properties, transforming community gateways into welcoming spaces, and how to add curb appeal to homes and busi-

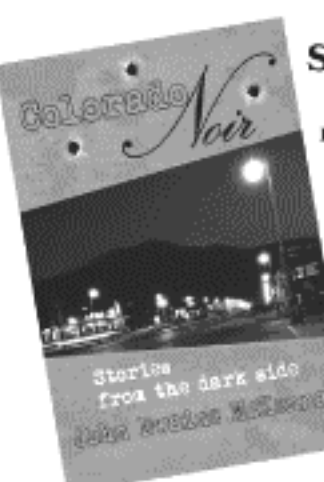
nesses. Outreach Salons, available in English or Spanish, will welcome anyone interested in becoming a volunteer to learn more about Sullivan Renaissance and explore ways to reach out to diverse communities.

Mark Fenton will return for an afternoon plenary session about implementing healthy community designs, understanding the technical details, and identifying funding. He will discuss tools ranging from pilot installations and demonstration projects to policy changes.

Guests will be able to shop for market items from local vendors and explore the garden expo. Complimentary pedometers and information will be offered to participants who avail themselves to free health screenings. The event closes with an optional interpretive walk of the Bethel Woods grounds.

For details about the conference, call Sullivan Renaissance at 845-295-2445. To register online, go to <http://www.sullivanrenaissance.org/registration/>. To download a brochure, go to: [http://www.sullivanrenaissance.org/doc/Annual\\_Conference\\_Brochure/Annual\\_Conference\\_Brochure.pdf](http://www.sullivanrenaissance.org/doc/Annual_Conference_Brochure/Annual_Conference_Brochure.pdf)

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## The Olive Jar - By Carol LaMonda Pundits

A Pundit is supposedly an expert in a particular subject or field who is frequently called on to give opinions about it to the public.

Wasn't there an Economic Pundit who said we would all be paying over \$5.00 a gallon for gasoline in 2016? Was he the same one that makes the Bear or Bull predictions on television media? I have heard experts, so-called pundits, make contradictory forecasts on the same day on the same show.

I have a feeling that weather forecasters, stock analysts, and film critics all fall into the category of Pundits. Based on data, they leap to some opinion and share it with the world as if it were an unchallengeable truth. An upcoming blizzard might have a European Model storm or a NOAA prediction with the same predictability of a woolly-bear caterpillar's coat, Carl Swenson's snow dance or my daughter-in-law's tried and true, wear-your-pajamas-inside-out-sure-to-produce-a-snow-day from school.

In my second career, I would like to be called a PUNDIT. I probably have all the qualifications right now. As far as I know, there is no Pundit University or Pundit Degree. In fact, there doesn't even seem to be any Pundit accountability. In fact, my husband has nicknamed me "Ford" because I always have "A Better Idea." Really, all moms should be considered Pundits. They are the ones who offer guidance and advice in love, medicine, career guidance, family planning and finances.

Today I give my first Pundit message is to all husbands out there who are shopping for Valentine's Day gifts for their wives. First of all, do buy a card, not a funny one, or write a love note. Be safe with flowers, candy or jewelry. Do not think that a treadmill or gym membership might be more practical. Be really smart and show up with a huge box of 75% off chocolates on President's Day only if you remembered to celebrate with a gift on the actual February 14th.

## Ulster County Deemed an Outlier - County's strong growth in local sales tax collection defies statewide trend

A recently released report by the Office of the New York State Comptroller confirms that Ulster County has enjoyed a healthy increase in sales tax collection for 2015.

The multi-million dollar surge placed Ulster County as one of the exceptions among the fifty-seven counties outside of New York City, with collections exceeding 4% from the previous year. According to the State Comptroller, thirty counties experienced losses, plummeting the average statewide growth in local sales tax to only 0.7%.

For Ulster County - boasting the third highest increase in collections outside of the metropolitan area - it was a far cry from 2014. Unlike that year, which saw only a fractional increase of a few hundred thousand dollars while dealing with a 1% decrease in the sales tax rate for the month of January, 2015 collections jumped in excess of \$4,000,000.00.

The final numbers provided by the New York State Tax Department showed Ulster County as having the benefit of an unparalleled increase among Hudson Valley counties as well. Neighboring Dutchess and Orange Counties lagged nearly 3% behind Ulster while Sullivan County trailed by over 2%. Ulster County joins Saratoga, Hamilton and Steuben Counties as one of only four counties outside of the metropolitan area to experience increases above 3%.

Ulster County's healthy increase in sales tax revenue has a trickle-down effect on the twenty towns, two villages and the City of Kingston who share in the gain. The local governments, themselves responsible for a large portion of the infrastructure that supports the tax generating businesses, divide a total of 14.5% of the revenue with the remaining 85.5% being retained by the County. Many of the municipalities use the revenue to hold the line on property taxes and supplement expenses of essential services such as police protection, road maintenance, insurance costs and infrastructure improvements.

## Council of Industry Holds First Legislative Roundtable: Workforce development and \$15 minimum wage proposal emerge as top issues for discussion

Members of the Council of Industry met last week with five elected New York State officials or their surrogates at the Council's first ever Legislative Roundtable to discuss issues facing Hudson Valley manufacturers and ways to make the region and State more business friendly. The legislators present included Assemblyman Peter D. Lopez, James Skoufis, and Frank Skartados, additionally Brian Maher participated representing Senator William J. Larkin, JR. and Connor Gillis stood in for Senator John Bonacic. The event also included remarks from Karyn Burns of the Manufacturers Association of Central New York (MACNY), and Council spotlight member George Quigley, the president of Ertol/Alsop Stavo Industries. The meeting comes amid a broader push by the Council to intensify its advocacy on behalf of local manufacturers. The Council of Industry wants to ensure that its members are able to have their voiced heard on the issues that most affect them.

Developing a workforce with the technical skills needed to work in advanced manufacturing was the top priority for those in attendance. Several manu-

facturers in attendance noted that their current workforce was aging and likely to retire in the coming few years. Assemblyman Peter Lopez (R-102) noted that more needs to be done on the part of state educators to match the degrees being conferred to the skills needed by employers. He challenged the manufacturing community to "press Chancellor Zimpher and Commissioner Elia better focus on CTE (Career and Technical Education) as much as they do other degrees."

Another top priority on manufacturer's minds was the proposed minimum wage increase to \$15 an hour which dominated the event with members expressing alarm at how the mandated raise would affect their bottom lines. The panelists' positions on the topic varied. Assemblyman Skoufis (D-99) believes the issue to be complicated with wide ranging effects. "I have no real compassion for the effect of \$15 per hour on Walmart's bottom line" He said. "On the other hand I am very concerned how it will affect our not non-profits, school districts, and small businesses like yours." Others were firmly opposed. "Senator Larkin (R-39) is against this increase." Brian Maher said on the Senator's behalf. "Some say this is a double edged sword but it is not, it is 'Excalibur' or 'Thor's Hammer'. It will hurt businesses and the very people supporters profess to want to help by forcing companies to cut back or to automate operations."

Other issues discussed included the costs of health care and workers compensation insurance, economic development programs, and tax and regulatory policy.

The Council of Industry has been the manufacturer's association of the Hudson Valley since 1910. Its membership includes manufacturers and businesses related to the manufacturing industry throughout the Mid-Hudson Region. The Council is a privately funded not-for-profit organization, whose mission is to promote the success of our member firms and their employees, and through them contribute to the success of the Hudson Valley Community. We provide access to training, networking opportunities, advocacy and discounts on products and services for our members.

## Helping Family Farms, Growing New York Agriculture

Letter to the Editor:

New York farms and farmers, are the backbone of our rural communities and economies.

That's why agriculture is a top priority of mine -- and I am working to support the hard work of our farm families and grow the future of agriculture in New York State.

My Senate Majority colleagues and I have just unveiled a plan that covers our budget priorities for agriculture, and it focuses on four basic areas:

- Restoring the cuts in the Executive Budget to core agriculture programs that help strengthen farmers' bottom lines, protect the safety of our food supply, and educate the next generation of family farmers;
- Reducing taxes on our hardworking farmers;
- Expanding research into plant and animal diseases -- like bird flu and rabies -- that threaten public health and safety; and
- Investing in Cornell, our nation's premier agricultural education school, and opening up the idea of agriculture careers to young people and veterans who are working to build their futures after returning home from overseas.

This proposal continues my efforts to support our hardworking farmers -- giving them a better chance to succeed, and create better opportunity. By supporting New York's farmers, we can continue to enjoy fresh, local, quality food while strengthening the tradition of family farming in our state.

I will continue to keep you posted on my efforts to grow New York's economy -- and rural communities -- from the ground up.

Sincerely,  
John J. Bonacic  
State Senator

## NYSAC Release: Counties Testify to NYS

In testimony to the Senate Local Government Committee this morning, NYSAC Executive Director Stephen J. Acquario thanked the Senators for passing a No New Unfunded Mandates bill (S.2295, Griffo) out of committee and told them counties need mandate relief in order to stand under the property tax cap.



"We appreciate what you have done in terms of mandate relief, but considering the downturn in sales tax revenue and a levy growth cap for counties of .73 percent in 2016 and something in the range of .30 percent in 2017, counties will have difficulty retaining important local programs and services like road maintenance and emergency dispatch that voters expect, demand and deserve," Acquario told the committee.

The New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC) was joined in the committee hearing by Albany County Executive Dan McCoy and members of the New York State County Clerks Association, Dutchess County Clerk Bradford Kendall and Albany County Clerk Bruce A. Hidley.

Albany County Executive McCoy asked the committee to support legislation (A.6202, Fahy/S.6341, DeFransisco) that calls for a phased in state takeover of indigent legal defense services. "The state has taken care of the five counties in the Hurrell Haring settlement, now we are asking for you to fix the 52 [not included in the settlement]," said McCoy.

The NYS County Clerks' president, Brad Kendall, called on Senators to increase the counties' share of local DMV transactions from 12.7 percent to more fairly compensate the counties that are providing face-to-face customer support to for New Yorkers getting drivers' licenses, vehicle registrations, title transfers and the other transactions happening at the DMV offices. Currently the State of New York receives 87.3 percent of the DMV fees provided from work performed by county officials.

The county presentations followed testimony presented by the New York Conference of Mayors (NYCOM) and the Association of Towns of the State of New York (AOT). The Senate Local Government Committee Chairwoman Kathy Marchione thanked the groups who had testified, and said she understood the plight of local governments, having served as the Saratoga County Clerk.

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 by Carol Olsen LaMonda. Carol writes the column "The Olive Jar" for *Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman*. This local author has been busy guesting at book clubs who have chosen this local memoir as their book choice. As summer approaches, the story of a carefree vacation in the Catskills should be added to your summer "must-read" list. The memoir is available at Amazon or Barnes and Noble on-line as a soft or hard cover or as a downloadable e-book for Nook or Kindle. Go to [amazon.com](http://amazon.com) or [barnesandnoble.com](http://barnesandnoble.com) and type in *Prosilio* in the search to order your copy of *Prosilio*




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**Sullivan County Reviewing Proposed Compressor Station in the Town of Highland New York**

Sullivan County received a letter dated January 21, 2016 explaining that Millennium Pipeline Company, L.L.C., as part of their planned Easter System Upgrade Project, would be seeking authorization from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to install a compressor station in the Town of Highland, New York. The Sullivan County Legislature has not taken a position either in support or against the proposed compressor station at this time.

The County held a discussion and received public comment about the proposed project during the February 11, 2016 Health and Family Services Committee. At the meeting it was agreed that no action from the Legislature was imminent and the County needed more information about the project. The County has invited representatives of the Millennium Pipeline Company, L.L.C. to speak with the Legislature to allow them to provide more detail about their proposed project.

Prior to making any decision the County is committed to analyzing the facts surrounding the proposed project in an unbiased manner. Once all of the facts have been gathered and analyzed the Legislature will be better prepared to make a determination on its position regarding the proposed project

**Federal Guidelines for Prescribing Painkillers**

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Prescription drugs such as OxyContin, Percocet and Vicodin are widely used to alleviate chronic and acute pain. But because they are prescribed so often - and frequently in such large quantities - some patients end up taking more than they need and end up becoming addicted.

Also, the leftover drugs can sometimes be misused by family members or others who have access to them.

Leftover pills also end up in the hands of dealers who sell them one at a time to recreational drug users. Worse yet, addicts who have trouble finding prescription pills sometime turn to heroin, an inexpensive and dangerous street drug responsible for an increasing number of deaths across the country.

We would like to believe that most doctors

are already well aware of their responsibilities to their patients and would never purposefully over-prescribe any medication. And yet we hear of case and case where patients are prescribed dozens of powerful pills to alleviate acute pain when many of those patients will require just a few before they feel well again.

Drug companies have tried to say this isn't their problem, and some had a hand last year in critical feedback that followed federal recommendations regarding the treatment of chronic pain.

But the fact remains that when patients get 100 pills when they really need only 10, the other 80 pills can lead to things like addiction and overdose when they're not used responsibly.

It makes good sense to have guidelines for the treatment of acute and chronic pain. People who really need painkillers must remain eligible to get them - but in too many cases, drugs meant to help people are actually doing harm.

**Joint Statement by Attorney General Schneiderman, States, Cities and Counties in Response to Temporary Stay of Clean Power Plan**

NEW YORK-Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman, on behalf of the states of California, Connecticut, Hawaii, Illinois, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Mexico, Oregon, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, the District of Columbia, the cities of New York, Boulder, Chicago, Philadelphia, South Miami and Broward County, Florida, issued the following statement in response to the decision by the United States Supreme Court to temporarily stay the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Clean Power Plan:

"We are confident that once the courts have fully reviewed the merits of the Clean Power Plan, it will be upheld as lawful under the Clean Air Act. Our coalition of states and local governments will continue to vigorously defend the Clean Power Plan -which is critical to ensuring that necessary progress is made in confronting climate change."

In November, the Attorney General announced he was leading a coalition of 25 states, cities and counties in defense of the Clean Power Plan against legal challenge. The coalition joined EPA in successfully defending in the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals against motions for stay filed by several states and industry groups.



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### Tri-Valley Teachers' Association Recognizes Devoted Bus Drivers

On Thursday, February 11 the Tri-Valley Teachers' Association recognized our bus drivers for all they do for our school. We honored our devoted drivers with hot cocoa and donuts. Our first grade teaching team and their students also created cards of gratitude to go along with the treats. We would like to give a huge THANK YOU to our partners in education. Our bus drivers are some incredible people!



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### Cooper Has a New Job!

It seems the one thing that the Wayback Machine doesn't have is GPS, but - - it has Cooper! Cooper knows every road and back road throughout the area, despite the fact that there have been many changes over the years.



Cooper was able to enjoy looking out the window on



a sunny day two weeks ago when Bob and he took a drive to Beaverkill.

For all who have fond memories of stopping at Fiddles in Parkville, here is a picture of the Wayback Machine in front of Fiddle's Dari-King, just for 'old time' sake. Fiddle's was a local feature in Parkville for decades until it closed after the construction of the I-86 Bypass in 2011.

Some things do change. As for the Wayback Machine; Cooper will not be replaced with GPS!

## Weather FORECAST

SUNRISE: 6:53 AM SUNSET: 5:28 PM  
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### THURSDAY



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### FRIDAY



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### SATURDAY



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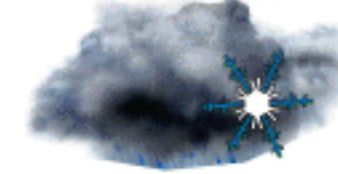
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### TUESDAY



HIGH: 38°F LOW: 26°F

## Ulster County Executive Mike Hein Delivers 2016 State of the County Address The County Executive Presents An Innovative And Bold Ulster County



With innovation and boldness the themes of the night, Ulster County Executive Mike Hein delivered his eighth annual State of the County Address at SUNY Ulster to a full house of residents, business owners, and State and local dignitaries. The County Executive detailed many of the ways his administration has been reinventing and reforming local government but stated that more work needs to be done. He requested advocacy and action from the Legislature and expressed a willingness to "put everything on the table" and work with town and City officials to create a new model that delivers efficient services while protecting taxpayers for generations to come.

"The State of the County is strong! Today we have a dramatically different government than we had in the past because we worked together. We are not afraid to put forth bold and innovative ideas. We did not seek to just stay within the tax cap but we actually lowered taxes. Taxes are down, spending is down, unemployment is down, private sector job growth is up and there is more access to critical services for our citizens than ever before, all because, collectively, we were courageous enough to reinvent the government and reject the status quo," said County Executive Hein. "Instead of a government on the edge of insolvency which was where we started, we are now ranked the most fiscally sound County government in our region by the State Comptroller's Office. The County reduced spending by over \$32 million and I am pleased to report that adjusted for inflation, property taxes are actually less than they were back in 2007. We are providing more services than ever before. Simply put, embracing innovation and change works."

To highlight what is possible, the County Executive was joined by award-winning actor, director and producer Mary Stuart Masterson. Ms.

Masterson lives in the Hudson Valley and, along with her entertainment group, is one of several filmmakers interested in creating major production facilities in Ulster County. This has the potential of bringing millions in sustainable investment to the community and drastically expanding our creative economy. However, although New York State currently offers a 10% tax credit to most upstate counties to compete for film and television productions, Ulster County is inexplicably not included. "We need our County and State Legislators to join me in a strong bipartisan effort to level the playing field so that film and other media production can thrive in Ulster County," said County Executive Hein.

Embracing innovation and boldness while balancing fiscal and social responsibility has resulted in amazing changes for the community:

- Taxes are down, spending is down, unemployment is down, job growth is up, and there are more services than ever before;
- The new Kingston Center of SUNY Ulster opened with no tax burden on County residents, providing inner-city youth with access to higher education;
- The Patriots Project provided housing to 32 formerly homeless Veterans;
- The Ulster County monument honoring all fallen service men and women dating back to the American Revolution was dedicated;
- An unprecedented \$30 million commitment to invest in public infrastructure for 2015 and 2016 was made, allowing for the rebuilding and upgrading of bridges and roads throughout the County and which will result in a doubling of the number of miles normally paved; (Contd. Pg. 12)



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**'Spotlight' Nominated for Six Academy Awards at Callicoon Theater**



Delaware Valley Arts Alliance and the Callicoon Theater present the critically acclaimed film *Spotlight* (rated R), which is nominated for six Academy Awards including Best Picture, Best Director (Tom McCarthy), and Best Supporting Actor (Mark Ruffalo).

*Spotlight* is based on actual events as the Boston Globe's tenacious "Spotlight" team of reporters uncovered a massive scandal of child molestation and cover-up within the local Catholic Archdiocese, shaking the entire Catholic Church to its core.

The film stars Michael Keaton, Rachel McAdams, Mark Ruffalo, and Liev Schreiber, and is directed by Tom McCarthy.

"Spotlight is a gripping detective story and a superlative newsroom drama, a solid procedural that tries to confront evil without sensationalism. Taking its name from the investigative team that began pursuing the sex-abuse story in 2001, the film focuses on both the human particulars and the larger political contours of the scandal and its uncovering," writes A.O. Scott in the New York Times.

*Rolling Stone* called *Spotlight* "A landmark film."

*Spotlight* will screen Friday, February 26 through Tuesday, March 1, nightly at 7:30 p.m., with matinees at 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. The Callicoon Theater is located at 30 Upper Main St, Callicoon, NY. Admission is \$10.50 (\$8.50 admission on Mondays and matinees) and \$7 for children under 12 at all shows.

CineArt is a partnership between Delaware Valley Arts Alliance and the Callicoon Theater that promotes and screens independent, foreign, and art films. A percentage of the profits and \$1 per person from ticket sales benefit the programs and services of the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance, the Arts Council for Sullivan County. For more information, call (845) 887-4460 or visit [www.DelawareValleyArtsAlliance.org](http://www.DelawareValleyArtsAlliance.org).

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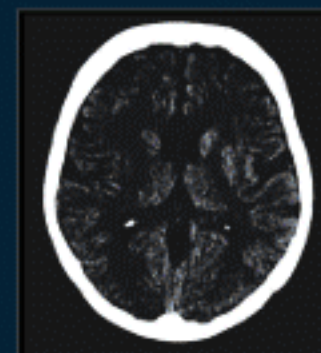
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## Leap Year Pancake Breakfast

**Happy Leap year!!** Congratulations once again to Lucy Kunz for being chosen to represent Roscoe Central School for the Girls Soccer Team. This year she will be traveling to Lake Como, Florence, Milan along with other cities in Italy. Lucy is an Honor Student, President of the Honor Society, President of Student Council, Recipient of the Eisenhower Leadership Award and the list continues.

On Sunday, February 28th from 7:00 am - 12:00 pm a **Leap Year Pancake Breakfast** will be held at the Cooks falls Firehouse as a fund raiser to help with the expense of this amazing once in a life time European trip.

For further info please call: 607-498-4496. Free Will Offering

## February is National Children's Dental Health Month

February is National Children's Dental Health month. Sullivan County's dental health statistics among third grade children are significantly higher than surrounding counties and most of the state. There is an urgent need to improve children's access to dental care in Sullivan.



In response to this alarming trend, the Sullivan County Oral Health Coalition was formed. The mission of the Coalition is to improve the oral health of the community and to reduce dental disease through prevention, education, awareness, and access to dental care services. The Coalition meets monthly at Sullivan County Public Health and has been coordinating efforts.

Local events to celebrate National Children's Dental Health month:

- Free dental screenings at the Liberty WIC Clinic on February 17th, 19th, and 24th.
- Dental Health Display in the Government Center Lobby from February 16-19, 2016.
- Sullivan County libraries will host a dental educator for children's story time throughout the month of February- check with your local library for times.

PRASAD Children's Dental Health Program and Sullivan County Public Health WIC are collaborating to reach more children in need of dental care. The WIC team has embraced the topic of children's dental health as a priority. PRASAD's volunteer hygienist engages with both parents and children, providing dental health education, guidance and encouragement for future dental care. The Cornell Cooperative Extension Eat Smart New York program has featured interactive displays and educational sessions on reducing sweetened beverages at the Public Health Clinics.

A mother of two visiting the WIC clinic recently stated, "I haven't taken them to the dentist. I wasn't sure when they needed to go but I'm glad there is someone here today to look at their teeth."

Since 1998, PRASAD CDHP, a philanthropic expression of the SYDA Foundation, provides dental care services and dental health education to children in Sullivan and Ulster counties. For more information, visit us at [www.prasadcdhp.org](http://www.prasadcdhp.org) or call 845-434-0376.

The Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) offers nutrition education, breastfeeding support, referrals and a variety of nutritious foods to low-income pregnant, breastfeeding or postpartum women, infants and children up to age five to promote and support good health. Call 845-292-5910 to learn more about Sullivan County Public Health Services - WIC Program.

## Sullivan County Philatelic Society News

The next meeting of the Sullivan County Philatelic Society will be on Saturday, March 5th at the Ted Stroeble Recreation Center, 2 Jefferson Street, Monticello, N.Y. 12701 and there will be a member Show and Tell. Please contact Don for any information @ 845-791-0950.

## NACL Theatre Production Receives Support

NACL Theatre has received an increase in funding from New York State Council on the Arts. The company, celebrating it's 16th season this year, has nearly tripled its grant in the Professional Performances category from \$5000 last year to \$14,000 this year. The grant will be used to support NACL's upcoming production entitled *Courage*.



Conceived and directed by NACL co-artistic director, Tannis Kowalchuk, *Courage* is inspired by the classic Bertolt Brecht play, "Mother Courage and Her Children." Kowalchuk and the NACL team will develop their own

experimental and multi-disciplinary version of the original, exploring themes of how in the face of fear, war, and extreme uncertainty, individuals and communities can respond with resiliency and a sense of social justice. *Courage* will feature the NACL professional acting ensemble and an original music score by Brooklyn composer, Rima Fand who specializes in Balkan and gypsy influenced choral and instrumental compositions.

In keeping with NACL's commitment to invite community members into the creative process of making performances, Kowalchuk is developing The NACL Stilt Corps, a collection of 30+ community members of all ages and from all walks of life who are interested in learning the extraordinary skill. The NACL Stilt Corps meets every Thursday evening at The Delaware Youth Center in Callicoon, NY and the workshops will travel to communities with less access to transport options and resources in the spring. People 13 years of age or older may attend the stilt corps workshops which are free of charge.

Community engagement is an important aspect to the NACL mission to "help build a culture of creativity through the performing arts, education, and sustainable community service." In 2014, NACL presented The Weather Project, a play about climate change that featured 100 performers, community members of all ages, visual artists, and a NASA scientist. The performance was presented in Yulan, NY for an audience of 700.

Presenting ideas like climate change or social justice can be a challenging task for a theatre company. Kowalchuk states, "In the case of The Weather Project, scientific facts about climate change and its affects were presented in a collaborative, community-based, and highly artistic and professional manner. This format helped an entire community feel comfortable and included enough to laugh, enjoy the play, think about the ideas presented and most importantly talk about it later. It was a true civic experience."

For Kowalchuk and NACL, the goal of their next play is the same--to create and present a professional and innovative theatre experience for and with community members, about a subject worthy of discussion from all sides. *Courage* will also include a visual art project entitled My Flag/Mi Bandera, and local visual artists will be invited to design a flag to be used in the performance.

The New York State Council on the Arts grant will support *Courage* in 2016 and 2017, while the company is looking for further support from community members, foundations, and businesses to complete the project. The goal is to raise another \$25,000 for materials, artist fees, and production costs. The first draft workshop production of *Courage* will be presented July 22-24, 2016 at Applepond Farm in Callicoon Center, NY. In 2017 the production will premiere in Sullivan County and later move to New York City.

## New "Bunting" for the Local Museum

*(Corrected Press Release)*  
New "bunting" for the roof is coming; - blue tarp like in so many other places in the county will gleam from the highest peak on the oldest schoolhouse in Hurleyville. The roof is leaking and "new bunting" in the form of big plastic sheets is covering important historical artifacts on the second floor. The volunteers there all are protecting the treasures twice or three times as old as they are. Sullivan County history buffs are a dedicated people, working under the most diligent rules of perfection. Storing things so they can be found when needed is an art and devotion. The S.C. Historical Society needs volunteers willing to add some 'hands' and a good mind to help preserve the work of historical factors.

New exhibits are being planned for the summer, moving rooms around with content to be chosen-a-new or with restoration of "old" treasures. Museums are an important link of all that remains of some past event.

Putting up one or two truly historical signs requires a drill and some knowhow, it may require stepping on a ladder and working with a volunteer older then he or she is, and sometime as old as the sign itself. Capable students in search of volunteer satisfaction might find the work rewarding, regardless of age. There is no greater satisfaction then being part of the future while preserving the past.

Age is a funny thing; it affords people time to volunteer for a grand effort of treasuring what otherwise will be lost to young people. Age also is an issue at the museum in ways that only volunteers can appreciate who care to make a difference for generations to come, be it appreciating "old" things or preserving worthy memories for future generations.

New bunting is a metaphor but also a means to make a meaningful contribution for anyone willing to pick up a phone and volunteer some time. Bunting can be all sort of involvement, making a place look pretty.

Whatever your skill or talent the Sullivan County Historical Society would welcome you as a volunteer. If you can share your time now or later, will you please call 845 434 8044 and leave your name there. Pat or Donna will return your call.

## 'Re-membering the Goddess' Discussion & Slideshow Goddess imagery in art on Saturday, February 27

The Delaware Valley Arts Alliance (DVAA) and Hana Marritz will present a talk and slideshow on "Re-membering the Goddess," a journey of the Divine Feminine in art throughout history. The talk will take place on Saturday, February 27 at 2 pm in the Krause Recital Hall at the DVAA, 37 Main Street, 2nd floor, Narrowsburg, NY.

This talk is a visual journey revealing how the goddess archetype of the Divine Feminine first appeared in human consciousness, the many forms she took throughout history, and how she was transformed and finally suppressed in the modern age with the rise of patriarchy.

The Divine Feminine first appeared in art in prehistoric times as mother, creator, and nurturer. Throughout history she took on various other guises as healer, protector, priestess, guide in the underworld, and recycler of souls. So what caused her to be relegated to the shadows while the male archetype rose to superiority and took the form of patriarchy in the present day?

"Humans are storytellers" says Marritz. "The stories we tell also inform the type of world we create. The Goddess, Sleeping Beauty, Humpty Dumpty, and Marilyn Monroe are all myths that reveal a great deal about our perceptions of reality."

Marritz is a former New York City high school art teacher. She now makes her home and studio in Equinunk, PA. She is an exhibiting artist, as well as a board member of the Wayne County Arts Alliance and member of the newly-formed Callicoon Artists Cooperative. She is an award-winning author and photographer of seven children's books about nature.

Admission is \$10 for this event. Seating is limited and reservations are encouraged. Call 845-252-7576 or visit [www.DelawareValleyArtsAlliance.org](http://www.DelawareValleyArtsAlliance.org).

## Ulster County Executive Mike Hein Delivers 2016 State of the County Address (From Pg. 8)

- A new and more comprehensive Meals on Wheels Plus Program for seniors was created which eliminated waiting lists, improved food quality and added a Senior Care Coordinator to help seniors in need remain independent in their homes;
  - The segmented rail trail compromise was finalized;
  - As the first county in New York State to become "Net Carbon Neutral," Ulster County was recognized by the United States Environmental Protection Agency with a 2015 Green Power Energy Award;
  - All County light fixtures were replaced with LEDs, water bottles were replaced with energy efficient water fountains, electric charging stations were installed at various County locations, and 100% of the County's electricity was purchased from renewable resources;
  - Ulster County committed to installing over ten acres of utility scale solar at the SUNY Ulster Stone Ridge campus as well as the former landfill in the Town of Ulster, and set an ambitious goal of having the Ulster County government become 30% energy-independent; and
  - Central Hudson agreed with the County Executive to offer electric car charging stations to private sector businesses and tourism destinations in Ulster County at a fraction of the regular cost, in order to attract more companies, millennials and tourists to the County.
- Serious challenges to the County remain:
- The overall regulatory system within the County needs to be evaluated and improved upon to protect taxpayers; and
  - The County Executive wants to "put everything on the table" to ensure that services are delivered more efficiently.
- The County Executive called for important actions to be taken by the Ulster County Legislature:
- Pass cyberbullying legislation to protect our children;
  - Create a long term sustainable Solid Waste Policy;
  - Pass animal protection legislation with a responsible Breeders Law;
  - Decide where to relocate the Ulster County Family Court; and
  - Serve on the County Executive's Task Force with the Fire Chiefs to site the new multi-million dollar Fire Training Center to benefit and support first responders.
- County Executive Hein noted additional areas upon which the Legislature must advocate for critically needed State or Federal legislation:
- Extend New York State's Entertainment Tax Credit to include Ulster County in order to attract film studios and other new media production. This will allow for the creation of hundreds of high quality tech based jobs and bring millions of dollars to our local economy;
  - Require large commercial pharmacy chains to take back the unused portions of the narcotics they sell in an effort to help address the harmful impacts of opioid and heroin addiction through prevention;
  - Address the Pilgrim Pipeline and potentially catastrophic oil trains that travel through our community;
  - Provide oversight for Airbnb-style facilities as currently exists for hotels; and
  - Reform the Shovel Ready program to modernize this important economic development tool.
- For 2016 State of the County Speech and Presentation please visit <http://ulstercountyny.gov/executive/state-county>

## Reps. Gibson and Turner introduce legislation to stop the drawdown of U.S. Land Forces

"We maintain the Peace through Strength; weakness only invites aggression." -President Ronald Reagan, March 23, 1983

Congressmen Chris Gibson (NY-19) and Mike Turner (OH-10), Chairman of the House Armed Services Committee's Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces, released the following statement after introducing the Protecting Our Security Through Utilizing Right-Sized End-Strength (POSTURE) Act of 2016:

"It remains evident that the Administration continues to jeopardize both our military and our national security, and by doing so, the peace that President Reagan spoke of is virtually extinct."

These concerns have been reinforced by recent briefings from the U.S. Army and yester-

day's hearing chaired by Congressman Turner on the findings of the National Commission on the Future of the Army.

In response to these findings, today Congressmen Gibson and Turner introduced the POSTURE Act.

"This bill ensures that our Land Forces will not be depleted as a result of the Administration's flawed assumptions about the current security environment," said the congressmen. "Our military's ability to meet new and complex global demands is essential to our national security and a continued force drawdown would be catastrophic."

## Governor Cuomo Announces Additional Savings on Unemployment Insurance Contribution Rates for Employers

*Reduction in contributions will save employers over \$40 per employee; Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund Ends 2015 Solvent for the First Time in Six Years*

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo announced that the Unemployment Insurance reforms he championed in 2013 have resulted in additional savings for New York State employers in terms of their State Unemployment Insurance contributions. Employers have already saved an estimated \$200 million through the early repayment of federal debt with each saving, on average, an estimated total of \$1,200 or \$84 per employee. As a result, the Unemployment Insurance contribution rate schedules have been adjusted downward, further reducing costs and saving employers up to an additional \$42.80 per employee. Additionally, the New York State Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund, which pays out benefits to claimants and is funded by employer contributions, ended the year with a positive balance for the first time in six years.

"Our commitment to reducing the cost of doing business in New York is paying dividends in growing our economy," said Governor Cuomo. "The Unemployment Insurance reforms we put in place in 2013, coupled with record jobs growth and controlled government spending have resulted in year-over-year savings to businesses. Now, New York businesses can reinvest these savings into their operations and employees, further strengthening our economy."

Unemployment Insurance contribution rates paid by New York State employers are determined by their individual experience in the system and by the level of reserves in the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund. Over the past five years, New York State employers paid higher contribution rates because the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund's deficit and the Great Recession's high unemployment rates. Now that Governor Cuomo's reforms have made the Trust Fund more sustainable, employers whose use of the system has been consistent in recent years will be assigned a lower rate.

The Governor's Unemployment Insurance Reform has also led to the implementation of new fraud detection and prevention measures to help combat Unemployment Insurance fraud. This helps to protect the integrity of the Trust Fund and ensure that employers are not charged for a former employee's claim when that employee is responsible for the loss of employment.

New York State Acting Labor Commissioner Roberta Reardon said, "We will continue to work with businesses across New York State to ensure that the reforms laid out in Governor Cuomo's 2013 reform agenda are met. The Department of Labor thinks of business as a customer, and we want to keep our customers happy by ensuring their needs are met and New York's record jobs growth continues."

In March 2013, Governor Cuomo signed major reforms into law, which increased benefits for workers, decreased costs to employers, and modernized the Unemployment Insurance system by making it sustainable and self-correcting. The law included a mechanism to pay back the federal loan three years ahead of schedule, resulting in today's lower costs. In addition, the risk of borrowing from the federal government is now lower and payments for employers will be more predictable than under the old system of yearly surcharges.

The improved economic conditions of the past several years also contributed to paying off the Federal Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund loan early. When Governor Cuomo came into office in 2011, the New York State unemployment rate was 8.3 percent. Today, the state's unemployment rate is at 4.8 percent-its lowest level since November 2007-and the unemployment rate is down by more than 3 percentage points in each of the 10 regions of the

state since December 2010. New York's economy has added 770,000 private sector jobs and experienced employment growth in 52 of the past 60 months. In December 2015, the number of private sector jobs in the State stood at more than 7.8 million, an all-time high.

## Strengthening our National Security

Dear Friends,

With overwhelming support this week, the House adopted the National 9/11 Memorial at the World Trade Center Act, designating the National 9/11 Memorial at the World Trade Center a national memorial. As a New Yorker and as a veteran, I am especially proud to have co-sponsored this bipartisan bill, which authorizes funding for the Department of the Interior to operate and maintain the memorial and safeguards our ability to gather on this hallowed ground to honor the victims of the terror attacks.

Like all Americans, I vividly remember where I was when I heard the devastating news on 9/11. My unit of the 10th Mountain Division was preparing to deploy to Kosovo to support the NATO Peace Enforcement mission. Although we couldn't grasp the enormity of it, we all knew our lives were about to change.

Today's security environment is even more dangerous. The threats include a resurgent Russia, an expansionist China, an unpredictable North Korea, a revitalized and refinanced Iran, and an apocalyptic Islamic State, among others. Unfortunately, our ability to achieve peace through strength has steadily eroded after years of repeat deployments, unease among our allies, and misguided cuts that reduced combat readiness.

Now is certainly not the time to downsize our Land Forces. This week I introduced bipartisan legislation with Congressman Mike Turner (OH-10), who chairs the House Armed Services Committee's Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces, to stop the Administration's planned drawdown of the Army and Marine Corps.

HR 4534, the Protecting Our Security Through Utilizing Right-Sized End-Strength (POSTURE) Act of 2016, follows this week's hearing on the findings of the National Commission on the Future of the Army. This bill ensures that our Land Forces will not be depleted as a result of the Administration's flawed assumptions about the current security environment. The military's ability to meet new and complex global demands is essential to our national security and a continued drawdown would be catastrophic.

Our Land Forces-the Active Army, Army Reserve, Army National Guard, Active Marine Corps, and Marine Corps Reserve-have gone from approximately 1,249,345 Soldiers and Marines the day before 9/11 to approximately 1,381,365 at the height of the Global War on Terror. Under the Administration's plan, the size of these forces would fall to 1,190,500 in 2018, the lowest level since before World War II. The POSTURE Act calls for a Land Forces total of 1,257,900 Soldiers and Marines.

A shrinking force means longer deployments and less time at home for our Soldiers and Marines, exacerbating already prevalent conditions like PTSD and creating further hardships for thousands of military families. From a leadership perspective, the stresses of quick increases and even quicker decreases in the size our Land Forces make it impossible to adequately prepare for future missions. In short, we must ensure that our troops have the capability to keep us safe, assure our allies, deter aggression, shape security environments, and defeat our adversaries.

At the time of this writing, Chairman Turner and I have 18 co-sponsors for the POSTURE Act, including my colleagues from New York Representatives Elise Stefanik (NY-21) and Lee Zeldin (NY-1). We will work aggressively to see that this legislation is acted on in the House Armed Services Committee and brought before the whole House for consideration, either on its own or as part of the annual Defense Policy Bill.

Finally, I want to emphasize that we do not have to give up the rights that define us as Americans in order to strengthen our national security. My record on this front is strong, from my defense of the Second Amendment to my opposition to reauthorizing parts of the Patriot Act and Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act.

Thank you for allowing me to update you on this important effort. I hope that you and your family have a great President's Day weekend. Whether you're headed to the mountains or staying close to home, stay warm and be safe.

Sincerely,  
Chris Gibson  
Member of Congress

**Tri-Valley Chamber of Commerce Meeting**

February 22, 2016 • 7 pm \* *Daniel Pierce Library Community Meeting Room*

Bring a friend, your ideas and some of your business cards to exchange with other small business owners like yourself.  
Want your name added to our email list? Send an email to: [jamiebrooks@sprague-killeen.com](mailto:jamiebrooks@sprague-killeen.com)

Election of officers will be held at the March 28th, 2016 meeting.

**PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN**  
(Never known to fail)

O Most Beautiful Flower of Mt. Carmel, Fruitful Vine, Splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. O Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my Mother. O Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in my necessity (make request).

There are none that can withstand your power.

O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee Holy Mary, I place this cause in your hands (3 times).

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be (3 times)  
Say this prayer for 3 consecutive days.

You must publish it, and it will be granted to you.

**Dessert Fundraiser  
Sullivan County Pregnancy Support Center**

at the Vine and Branch Church  
2535 Route 52 Liberty, NY 12754

Date: **Saturday February 20th, 2016**  
Time: **7-9pm**

Special Speaker: Diane Caliendo,  
Executive Director of the  
Ulster County Pregnancy Support Center

Special Music by: Harpist Jan Hirsch  
and Kathy Markowski

An update of the ministry will be given.  
For more information please call  
845-292-2224  
or email us: [scpsc@hvc.rr.com](mailto:scpsc@hvc.rr.com)

The Sundown Methodist Church

Sunday School's

Food Drive

for food pantry

Boxes will be located at the

Catskill Hudson Bank

Grahamsville Post Office

February 1 - 20, 2016

Items needed

Pasta & Sauce, Soup, Peanut Butter, Tuna,  
Rice ( 1 lb bags ), Rice a roni, Cereal, Canned  
Vegetables, Intant Potatoes, Jelly

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Claryville Fire Dept.  
All you can eat



**President's Day  
Pancake Breakfast**

Sunday, Feb. 21  
Serving 7:00 until 12:00 Noon  
Adults \$9  
Children under 12 Yrs. \$5  
under 5 yrs. free

\$50 from each monthly breakfast is donated to the  
Claryville Reformed Church Food Pantry



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

Music by Fred VanWagner

5277 State Rt. 42 Coffee hour follows service  
South Fallsburg All are welcome!  
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[www.standrewsepiscopalmission.org](http://www.standrewsepiscopalmission.org)

**Claryville Reformed  
Church**

Claryville Road  
Claryville, NY 12725  
845-985-2041



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

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

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

Saturday afternoon confessions: 3:45 to 4:15 pm

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

**Sundown United Methodist Church**

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

**Grahamsville United Methodist Church**

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

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March 5th

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

**Grahamsville  
United  
Methodist  
Church**

**Third Saturday  
Thrift Sale**

Feb 20  
9 am  
to  
1 pm

**St. Augustine's Chapel**

*Watson Hollow Rd. • West Shokan, NY*

Sunday Mass - 9:30 am

Holy Days 5:30 pm

Penance 9:00 am, 2nd Sunday of the month

**Rev. George W. Hommel, Pastor**

*Grahamsville Reformed Church*

Sunday School 9:30 A.M.  
Worship Service 9:30 A.M.

Rev. Paul Z. Ruter, Pastor

845-985-7480

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

Regular Board Meeting

Thursday, February 19, 2016 at 7:00 PM

In the Intermediate

School Library

For info: [www.trivalleycsd.org](http://www.trivalleycsd.org)

**Nearly Two Dozen Wineries  
from Across the State  
Participated in  
the Boston Wine Expo  
February 13 & 14, 2016**

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo announced that nearly two dozen New York State wineries will showcase their products under the Taste NY Pavilion at the 25th annual Boston Wine Expo. The Boston Wine Expo is the Northeast's largest wine and food event and draws approximately 8,000 distributors and consumers. New York wineries from Western New York to Long Island will have the chance to connect with new business opportunities and reach new consumers during the two-day event.

"New York State is home to some of the best wines in the world, and this weekend we are introducing them to thousands of potential new customers," Governor Cuomo said. "Through the Taste NY initiative, New York wineries have earned well-deserved national and international acclaim, and we are thrilled to build on that success this weekend."

This marks the second year that New York State has had a presence at the Boston Wine Expo. Eight wineries from Western New York, the Finger Lakes, and the Capital Region will be participating for the first time. The Boston Wine Expo is regarded as one of the premier wine trade and consumer shows in the country. Now in its 25th year, the event features seminars, tastings and networking events, and continues to be open to both distributors and consumers.

To help consumers purchase and remember their favorite wines, the Expo has partnered with the Drync app. Consumers get wine details in seconds by taking a photo of the front label and can order New York State wines through the app for in-store pick up or delivery from their favorite retailer. Expo attendees will also use the app to vote on their favorite wines at the show by scanning the labels, which Drync and the Expo will broadcast as the "Top Trending" wines.

Jim Trezise, President of the New York Wine and Grape Foundation, will hold a seminar titled, "Class by the Glass: The Taste of New York Gold." He will showcase a range of New York State wines, all of which have won gold medals at major wine competitions.

State Agriculture Commissioner Richard A. Ball said, "Over the past several years, we have seen the New York wine industry grow and receive worldwide recognition. Through Governor Cuomo's Taste NY program, we are introducing more craft beverage companies to a broader base of consumers and expanding opportunities for those in this important industry."

Jim Trezise, President of the New York Wine and Grape Foundation said, "We greatly appreciate the support of Governor Cuomo and the Taste NY program that allows New York wineries to participate in this very important wine show. Massachusetts is a promising market for New York wines, especially now that consumers may now buy wine directly from New York wineries, and the Boston Wine Expo is the perfect event for stimulating sales to both the trade and consumers. I'm hopeful my tasting seminar of New York Gold medal wines will open a lot of eyes and palates to the great quality of wines we now produce."

A list of New York wineries participating in the event is as follows:

- Arrowhead Springs Vineyards (Lockport)
- Black Willow Winery (Burt)
- Brotherhood, Americas Oldest Winery, Ltd. (Washingtonville)
- Bully Hill Vineyards (Hammondsport)
- Capoccia Vineyards & Winery (Niskayuna)
- Casa Larga Vineyards, Inc. (Fairport)

- Damiani Wine Cellars (Burdett)
- Dr. Konstantin Frank's Vinifera Wine Cellars (Hammondsport)
- Fox Run Vineyards (Penn Yan)
- Fulkerson Winery (Dundee)
- Hazlitt 1852 Vineyards (Hector)
- Hunt Country Vineyards (Branchport)
- Inspire Moore Winery (Naples)
- Keuka Lake Vineyards (Hammondsport)
- Pazdar Winery (Scotchtown)
- Pleasant Valley Wine Company (Hammondsport)
- Ravines Wine Cellars (Geneva)
- Standing Stone Vineyards (Hector)
- Hirsty Owl Wine Company (Ovid)
- Warwick Valley Winery (Warwick)

The New York State wine industry has seen a 67 percent increase in licenses since 2011 and has an economic impact of \$4.8 million annually. More than 200 million bottles of wine were produced in 2014 and the state was named "Wine Region of the Year" by Wine Enthusiast Magazine in 2014.

The Boston Wine Expo will take place at the Seaport Hotel and World Trade Center in Boston, Massachusetts from February 13 to 14.

**About Taste NY**

Taste NY is an initiative launched by Governor Cuomo in 2013 to promote New York's food and beverage industries. It is overseen by the Department of Agriculture and Markets and has created opportunities for local producers to showcase their goods at large public events, such as the Great New York State Fair. The program has also opened stores at Thruway rest stops along the state's highways and in transportation hubs, enabling travelers to buy New York State's homegrown and homemade products. Approximately 1,100 local companies have participated in these opportunities, further linking their products and the state's growing food and beverage market to consumers from across the globe. For more information about Taste NY, please visit [www.taste.ny.gov](http://www.taste.ny.gov).

Connect with Taste NY through Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Pinterest.

**Schneiderman-Led State & Federal Working Group Announces \$3.2 Billion Settlement with Morgan Stanley - Settlement Includes \$550 Million For New York, Including Millions To Help New Yorkers Avoid Foreclosure And Rebuild Their Communities; Significant Resources Dedicated To Transforming Code Enforcement Systems And Combating Proliferation Of Zombie Homes; Settlement Addresses Misconduct That Contributed To The 2008 Financial Crisis - Schneiderman: Today's Settlement Is Another Victory In Our Effort To Help New Yorkers Rebuild And Hold Banks Accountable**

NEW YORK - Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman today joined members of the state and federal working group he co-chairs to announce a \$3.2 billion settlement with Morgan Stanley over the bank's deceptive practices leading up to the financial crisis. The settlement includes \$550 million - \$400 million worth of consumer relief and \$150 million in cash - that will be allocated to New York State.

The resolution requires Morgan Stanley to provide significant community-level relief to New Yorkers, including loan reductions to help residents avoid foreclosure, and funds to spur the construction of more affordable housing. Additional resources will be dedicated to helping communities transform their code enforcement systems, invest in land banks, and purchase distressed properties to keep them out of the hands of predatory investors. The settlement was negotiated through the Residential Mortgage-Backed Securities Working Group, a joint state and federal working group formed in 2012 to share resources and continue investigating wrongdoing in the mortgage-backed securities market prior to the financial crisis.

"Today's agreement is another victory in our efforts to help New Yorkers rebuild in the wake of the financial devastation caused by major banks," said Attorney General Schneiderman. "Today's settlement will deliver resources to the families and communities that need them the most, while helping New Yorkers avoid foreclosure, and spurring the construction of more affordable housing units statewide."

The settlement includes an agreed-upon statement of facts that describes how Morgan Stanley made multiple representations to RMBS investors

about the quality of the mortgage loans it securitized and sold to investors, and its process for screening out questionable loans. Contrary to those representations, Morgan Stanley securitized and sold RMBS with underlying mortgage loans that it knew had material defects.

In the statement of facts, Morgan Stanley acknowledged that it increased the acceptable risk levels for loans in its securitized pools. This allowed Morgan Stanley to purchase various loans with loan-to-value (LTV) ratios over 100%, i.e. loans that were "underwater." In a May 31, 2006 email, the head of Morgan Stanley's team tasked with doing due diligence on the value of properties underlying the mortgage loans asked a colleague, "please do not mention the 'slightly higher risk tolerance' in these communications. We are running under the radar and do not want to document these types of things."

In another email on November 21, 2006, a member of the Morgan Stanley due diligence team forwarded a list of questionable loans, seeking review and approval to purchase them and adding "I assume you will want to do your 'magic' on this one?" In another similar instance from July 2006, the head of Morgan Stanley's valuation due diligence cleared dozens of risky loans for purchase after less than one minute of review per loan file.

In the settlement, Morgan Stanley also acknowledged that it securitized certain loans that neither complied with underwriting guidelines nor had adequate compensating factors. Morgan Stanley also purchased and securitized many loans which its credit and compliance team recommended not be purchased, after its finance team decided that the loans had "acceptable risk." Furthermore, Morgan Stanley allowed loans that it knew were risky to be purchased and securitized without a loan file review for credit and compliance.

In his 2012 State of the Union address, President Obama announced the formation of the RMBS Working Group. The collaboration brought together the Department of Justice, other federal entities, and several state law enforcement officials - co-chaired by Attorney General Schneiderman - to investigate those responsible for misconduct contributing to the financial crisis through the pooling of loans and sale of residential mortgage-backed securities.

Under the settlement, Morgan Stanley will be required to provide a minimum of \$400 million in creditable consumer relief directly to struggling families and communities across the state. The settlement includes a menu of options for consumer relief to be provided, and different categories of relief are credited at different rates toward the bank's \$400 million obligation. Creditable dollars will go toward the creation and preservation of affordable rental housing, land banks, code enforcement, communities purchasing distressed properties, and principal reductions for homeowners.

"Mayors across the state have been dealing with the impact of the financial crisis for years now. The settlement funds will have a huge impact, helping homeowners who continue to struggle and are in need of mortgage relief" said Tom Roach mayor of the city of White Plains and Vice President of the New York Conference of Mayors. "Applying the settlement proceeds to fund land banks, affordable housing and enhanced code enforcement will have a direct impact on the quality of life of those most affected by the financial meltdown and be of great assistance to our municipalities."

"The Center for NYC Neighborhoods applauds Attorney General Eric Schneiderman for standing with New Yorkers at risk of foreclosure. This settlement will help to ensure that our neighbors' homes do not fall into the hands of predatory investors. With innovative programs like these, we can finally put the housing crisis behind us and work toward a stronger, more affordable New York," said Christie Peale, Executive Director of the Center for NYC Neighborhoods.

"Attorney General Schneiderman's use of these settlement dollars to investment in communities hardest hit by the foreclosure crisis, has significantly accelerated the recovery efforts of cities across New York who are still struggling to move past this crisis. Without these critical funds, our organization would not be able to make such broad revitalization impacts on such a short timeline," said Madeline Fletcher, Executive Director of Newburgh Land Bank.

This matter was led by Senior Enforcement Counsel for Economic Justice Steven Glassman and Assistant Attorney General Tanya Trakht. The Division of Economic Justice is led by Karla G. Sanchez.

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

**Skiing/Snowboarding at Holiday Mountain**  
 Sundays, January 3- March 6. To take advantage of these rates purchase a Town of Neversink Parks & Rec ID Card for \$7.

**Happy Days Westchester Broadway Dinner Theatre**  
 Thursday, May 5 - \$40 Neversink Residents and Tri Valley School Students/\$70 non-residents must be paid no later than Tuesday, February 9 this includes the show, lunch, dessert and transportation.

**Intrepid: Sea Air Space Museum Complex**  
 Saturday, June 4. \$28 Neversink Residents and Tri Valley School Students/\$50 non-residents must be paid no later than Tuesday, March 8.

**Pizza Hut Fundraiser** Thursday, June 23.

**Explore Fort Delaware, Narrowsburg, NY** July 8 \$2 Neversink Residents/Tri Valley School Students/\$5 non-residents must be paid by Tuesday, June 7.

**4th Annual Community Yard Sale, Craft & Vendor Fair** Saturday, July 9.



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

**2016 Town of Neversink Motor Vehicle Schedule**

January 14	July 14
February 11	August 11
March 10	September 5
April 14	October 13
May 12	November 10
June 16	December 15

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

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

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

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- 2/17/16 Neversink-Rondout Antique Machinery Assoc Meeting 7:30 pm
- 2/18/16 TVCS Board Meeting - 7 pm
- 2/18/16 Neversink Fire District Commissioners Meeting at 7 p.m.; Public Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
- 2/20/16 **Third Saturday Thrift Sale** Grahamsville UM Church 9-1
- 2/23/16 Town of Neversink Parks & Rec Meeting 7 pm
- 3/1/16 Town of Denning Board Meeting 6 pm - Denning Town Hall
- 3/2/16 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting 7 pm
- 3/5/16 Sundown United Methodist Church **Covered Dish Supper** - 5:30 pm
- 3/8/15 Town of Denning Business Meeting 6 pm
- 3/9/16 Claryville Fire Dept Commissioners Meeting 6:30 pm
- 3/9/16 Town of Neversink Town Board Meeting 7:30 pm
- 3/10/16 Dept of Motor Vehicles -Neversink Town Hall 10 am-2:30 pm
- 3/10/16 Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting 6 pm
- 3/15/16 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals 7:30 pm
- 3/19/16 **Third Saturday Thrift Sale** Grahamsville UM Church 9-1
- 3/20/16 **Become a Museum Docent** Time and the Valleys Museum 2 p.m.

**Save the Date**

Sat., May 7, 2016 **Tri-Valley Lions Journey for Sight Walk**  
 Neversink Parks & Rec **4th Annual Community Yard Sale, Craft & Vendor Fair** Saturday, July 9. at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds from 10 am to 3 pm \$15 per space.

**TRI-VALLEY AREA**

SUNDOWN CAMP & BAIT SHOP  
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 FROST VALLEY YMCA

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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.

**The Ellenville-Wawarsing 4th of July Committee Annual Spaghetti Dinner**

**Saturday, February 27, 2016 from 5:00-7:00pm**  
 at the Elks Lodge in Napanoch NY  
 (located on Route 55 )

Dinner includes salad, spaghetti with **Chef Verdino's secret sauce**, Italian bread, soft drinks, dessert and coffee/tea. Proceeds from the event will benefit the **4th of July Celebration including an historic parade and amazing fireworks on the 4th!**

The cost of the dinner is \$7.00 per person,  
 Children under age 5 eat free when attending with a parent.  
 There will be no cancellations for inclement weather.  
 For more information, please call 914 388-3665.

**SAVE THE DATE**

The **Noonday Club** has announced the date of the 2015 Citizen of the Year dinner will be held on May 24, 2016 at the White Wolf Restaurant in Napanoch, NY. The 2015 Citizens of the Year are long-time Ellenville residents Fran and Joe Wolfe. Details will follow.

**Classic Matinee Film Series** (From Pg. 2) The Three Stooges; TIME BOMB Chapter Three of The Adventures of Captain Marvel

**Saturday, April 16th** OF MICE AND MEN Burgess Meredith, Lon Chaney Jr.; WIMMIN HADN'T OUGHTA DRIVE Popeye cartoon ON THE WRONG TREK Charley Chase; DEATH TAKES THE WHEEL;L Chapter Four of The Adventures of Captain Marvel

"Matinee at The Shadowland" is sponsored by local Ellenville-Wawarsing businesses Aroma Thyme Bistro, TJ Briggs, Chelsea Rialto Studios, Collier & Berger, LLC, Gaby's Cafe, Gillette Creamery, Mary Ellen Flemming - Westwood Metes & Bounds Realty, Kalter, Kaplan, Zeiger & Forman, Dr. Arthur Lukoff, Matthews Pharmacy, Mimmy's, The Publik House, Carl and Nancy Rosenstock, The Sons of the Desert, Thornton Inc., and Tony & Nick's Italian Kitchen.

Admission is only \$10 for adults, \$7 for children, and tickets are available at the Shadowland box office at 157 Canal Street, Ellenville, NY. For more information or to reserve seats, call 845-647-5511. Trailers for each of the films can be seen at the Shadowland's website <http://www.shadowlandtheatre.org>



**Town of Neversink Parks & Rec 4th Annual Community Yard Sale**

**Saturday, July 9**  
**Grahamsville Fairgrounds**  
 from 10 am to 3 pm

**Super Saturday of Sales**

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**Something for Everyone!**  
**Free Parking and Admission!**

Crafters and Vendors wishing to sell their wares at the Yard Sale

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