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Removing a flood hazard in Shandaken



An aging Shandaken bridge that has been closed to traffic for decades will be removed with funding from the CWC's Flood Hazard Mitigation Implementation program. The CWC Board recently approved the low bid of \$44,500 from Brinier & Larios for engineering services required in advance of demolishing the Mt. Pleasant bridge over the Esopus Creek. (Contd. Pg. 6)

Local World War I Traveling Exhibit Available for Loan



[Grahamsville, N.Y.] - 100 years ago this year, at 11 a.m. on the 11th Month (November) on the 11th day, WWI came to an end. In this centennial year, the Time and the Valleys Museum in Grahamsville, Sullivan County is honoring the men who fought in the war and the women who supported the troops by offering a free traveling exhibit, A Rendezvous with Death: Local Sacrifice in the First World War.



The exhibition highlights Sullivan County residents who participated in WWI and includes photos, artifacts and little known facts and interesting information about the war and those who participated.

The exhibit, is available free of charge to all interested organizations, such as libraries, museums, civic meeting areas or town halls starting on Feb 1. It is very easily transported, easily installed and measuring 9 1/2' long and only 20" wide, it fits in most public areas.

For those organizations interested in borrowing the WWI exhibition for display, please call 845 985-7700, or email to: info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org or info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org for more information or to schedule. The exhibit is made possible by the Arts for Sullivan Decentralization Grants Program, a regrant program of the New York State Council on the Arts and administered by the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance, and a grant from the former VFW Post #8648 of Grahamsville.

About the Time and the Valleys Museum: Connecting Water, people and the Catskills, the Time and the Valleys Museum is open from Memorial Day to Labor Day, Thursday through Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. and weekends in September.

The Museum is located at 332 Main Street (St. Rt. 55) in Grahamsville Sullivan County. Adults admission is a suggested donation of \$5, Children under 16 \$2, and children under six are free. Town of Neversink and Town of Denning residents receive free admission every Thursday. As a Blue Star Museum, the Museum offers free admission to active duty military members and up to five family members. For more information call 845 985-7700.



info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org or visit www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org. Groups, camps and schools are always welcome - Guided tours are conducted for groups of 15 to 100 people throughout the year.

Temporarily Closure of Some Recreation Lands on the Northern Border of Ashokan Reservoir - Ulster County begins preliminary work on a new recreational trail



DEP announced that it will temporarily close some recreation lands on the northern border of Ashokan Reservoir, creating a safe work zone as Ulster County begins preliminary work on a new recreational trail. The temporary closure will begin this month, and DEP expects to reopen the lands early in the spring. Some areas may need to

be closed again periodically to allow for construction of the trail. Access to five recreation units will be restricted, and those using adjacent lands should pay close attention for red signs that will mark the closed areas.

The recreation units to be temporarily closed include Bushkill, Sand Hill, Ashokan North, Glenford, and the Ashokan Fishing Access Area.

The temporary closure is needed to establish a safe work zone as Ulster County begins preparatory work on the 11.5-mile rail trail that will run through lands along the northern border of Ashokan Reservoir. The first stages of work include the removal of many dead and dying trees, including ash trees that are in danger of falling because they were killed by the emerald ash borer, an invasive beetle.

More information about temporary closures on DEP land, can be found by visiting : <http://www.nyc.gov/dep/recreation>

Proposed in 2012 by County Executive Mike Hein, the Ashokan Rail Trail ("ART") will create a world-class public recreational trail running 11.5 miles along the northern edge of the Ashokan Reservoir between Basin Road in West Hurley and Route 28A in Boiceville.

Once completed, the ART will be open to the public dawn-to-dusk, year-round for non-motorized uses, including hiking, bicycling, running, nature observation, cross-country skiing, and snowshoeing. The ART will provide the first public access to the incredibly scenic northern shores of the Ashokan Reservoir without a special DEP permit in more than a century. The ART will also be a key component of a developing interconnected rail trail system linking the Walkway Over the Hudson to the Catskill Park. (Contd. Pg. 6)

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ON THE FRONT BURNER: Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God and receive from him anything we ask, because we keep his commands and do what pleases him. 1 John 3:21-22

OBITUARY

Michael E. "Mike" Jacob, of Grahamsville, passed away on Friday, January 5, 2018. He was 74.



He was the son of the late Henry and Edith Jacob, born on November 26, 1943 in Manhattan, NY.

Mike married the love of his life, Esta Komorsky, on August 5, 1973 and truly loved the life he had with her and their many "German Shepherd children,"

who were his pride and joy over the years. In addition another joy were his many close friends, some of which he's known since he was 12.

In his younger years, Mike was a choir boy at Our Lady of Good Council in NYC and earned a vocational degree from Samuel Gompers in the Bronx.

Mike proudly served our country in the US Army from 1963 until 1966, with basic training at Ft. Bragg. He was a medic for the 82nd Airborne Division where he had over 100 jumps. During his time in the military he served in the Dominican Crisis in Santo Domingo. He was finally honorably discharged and earned several medals including National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, a Medical Badge and PRCHT Medal.

He was truly a "jack of all trades" and a true master of all of them. Among his many hobbies were photography, he even had his own dark room, and loved to capture nature shots, his friends and his dogs. His photos decorate his home, plus the walls of many of his favorite doctors. Woodworking was another hobby, he had a Shopsmith and many machines for making photo frames, cutting boards, ornate shelves, coat racks and wishing wells. He even had a small wood mill in his basement workshop. From scratch with his own two hands, Mike built one of the most amazing train layouts in his basement with O-Gauge trains. The layout included 4 levels of trains, including a subway. He built every tree and mountain and painted the people and placed them in the trains. Anyone who saw the layout said it was the best and most intricate layout they ever saw. His mechanical talent did not stop with the trains, he could take a car or complex camera apart and rebuild it, all from memory. He continued to be mechanically inclined in his career working as a GMC A-parts counter person starting at Potamkin Cadillac in Manhattan and Moore Cadillac in Richmond, VA. And when he wasn't in a workshop he enjoyed spending his time outdoors, tending to his garden which included an array of plants, crops and flowers. He was also an avid coin collector. He was a loving and devoted husband, brother, uncle and friend to all who knew him. He will be deeply missed.

He is survived by his wife of 47 years Esta Jacob, at home; his German Shepherd, Lucy; sisters Rose Jacob of Kew Gardens, Queens and Julia (Susie) Mednick and her husband Greg of Woodbourne; brother-in-laws Glenn Komorsky and his wife Debbi of Woodbourne; Steve Komorsky of Liberty; Brian Rubenstein and his wife Stacie of Plantation, FL, several nieces and nephews including Gregory Mednick, Jr., and Racheland Rebecca Rubenstein; several great nieces and nephews; and his best friends Maryann and Tom Cosentino of Woodbourne, Danny and Marilyn Sheehan of Monroe and Grace and Joe Perisotti of Sussex, NJ.

He is predeceased by his parents Edith and Henry and his brothers John, Arthur and Eddie.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Mike's memory may be made to The American Lung Association at www.lung.org; American Cancer Society at www.cancer.org, or Sullivan County SPCA, Rock Hill, NY at www.sullivanspca.org.

A memorial visitation will be held at a later date.

Arrangements under the direction of Colonial Memorial Funeral Home, for further information call 845-434-7363 or visit www.colonialbryantfuneralhome.com

Eunice Grace Sheeley, of Grahamsville, passed away on Friday, January 5, 2018 at Catskill Regional Medical Center. She was 92. She was the daughter of the late John F. Scheuren and Eunice Race, born on June 26, 1925 in Monticello, NY.

After graduating from the Brooklyn Methodist School of Nursing, Eunice started her career as a nurse at Hamilton Avenue Hospital as well as working as a substitute nurse at Tri-Valley, until her retirement in 1962, then she went on to work for her family's home heating business as a manager. Eunice also proudly served our country in the U.S. Women Army Corps during World War II as a Cadet Nurse. She was a member of both the Grahamsville United Methodist Church and the Neversink Lions, staying very active in her community. She also enjoyed helping her husband, Horace, with all his endeavors. But her true love was being a mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, it was a position she held dear in her heart.

She is predeceased by her beloved husband Horace Sheeley whom she was married to for over 50 years.

Eunice is survived by her children, Jim Sheeley and his wife, Susan of Claryville and John E. Sheeley of West Des Moines, IA; six grandchildren: Mike Sheeley and his wife, Deanna of Grahamsville, Megan Bates and her husband, Jason of San Angelo, TX, Karyn Dirie and her husband, Mike of Youngsville, Luke, Benjamin and Nathaniel Sheeley, all of West Des Moines, IA; five great-grandchildren: Brea, Chase and Madelynn Sheeley and Aedea and Burke Bates.

Memorial donations in Eunice's name can be made to Grahamsville United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 86, Grahamsville, NY 12740.

A funeral service was held on Wednesday, January 10th at Grahamsville United Methodist Church. Rev. Peggy Ann Sauerhoff officiated. Burial followed at Grahamsville Rural Cemetery.

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Frederick Anthony "Freddie" Puglisi of Grahamsville peacefully passed away on Friday, January 5, 2018 at home, surrounded by his family. He was 81. He was the son of the late Rocco Puglisi and Angelina Paciello, born on December 27, 1936 in Brooklyn, NY.

Freddie worked as a carpenter and in maintenance for New York City Housing Authority. For many years you could find Freddie at Immaculate Conception Church in Woodbourne as a communicant and usher. In his free time Freddie also enjoyed working with his hands as a cabinet maker, painting or making stained glass, or being outdoors hunting and fishing. He was a loving husband to Emma for 59 blissful years. He was a father who was adored by his six children and their spouses, as well as a wonderful grandfather to all his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. During his lifetime he touched many people with his love and kindness. He will be greatly missed by all. May he be at peace in his Heavenly Home.

He is survived by his devoted wife, Emma; children: Deborah Terruso and her husband, Douglas of Pennsylvania, Carolyn DiFalco and her husband, Ralph of Staten Island, Frederick Puglisi Jr. of Louisiana, Anthony Puglisi, Marleen Santoro and her husband, Joseph of Port Jervis and Danielle Lane and her husband, Daniel of Pennsylvania; 11 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and his brother, Francis Puglisi and his wife, Janet of Brooklyn. He is predeceased by two brothers.

Donations in Freddie's name can be made to Hospice of Orange and Sullivan, 800 Stony Brook Ct., Newburgh, NY 12550 or to Immaculate Conception Church, P.O. Box 68, Woodbourne, NY 12788.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at on Tuesday, January 9th at Immaculate Conception Church. Father John Lynch officiated. Burial followed at Grahamsville Rural Cemetery.

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A Round About Tri-Valley
Carol Furman

It is with sadness that I report the deaths of four local residents at the start of 2018.

Sympathy to the family and friends of *Liba Campiglia* of Grahamsville. Liba passed away on January 4th at the age of 67.

Frederick Anthony Puglisi "Freddie" of Grahamsville, passed away on January 5th at the age of 81. Condolences to his family and friends.

Eunice Grace Sheeley, age 92, died at Catskill Regional Medical Center on January 5th. Eunice lived in "downtown" Grahamsville, and was the wife of the late Horace Sheeley. Sincere sympathy to her family and many friends.

Bruce W. Denman, who owned the Denman Insurance Agency in Grahamsville, before retiring and turning the Agency over to his son, Robert, passed away on January 7th. Bruce was very active in the community during his lifetime.

The weather during the first 12 days of January was extremely cold. The weatherman claimed that in the Catskills the wind-chill was -26 for several days.

If you watch TV, you may have seen "Lonnie" with his sleeves rolled up...a sure sign of severe weather! People, burning firewood in order to heat their homes, went through their wood piles quickly in order to stay warm. Several families had their water pipes freeze. Tri-Valley School was closed on January 4th and 5th due to slippery roads and the unusually cold temperatures. Children waiting for their school bus could have suffered frostbite in a matter of several minutes. Let's hope we won't have anymore temperatures that cold for the remainder of the winter.

When I went to the Neversink Town Hall on December 28th to pre-pay our January, 2018 taxes, I noticed that several folks were there to do the exact same thing. They say that "downstate", people had to wait in long lines to pre-pay their bills. That wasn't the case in Neversink as Lisa and Janis were able to serve each taxpayer quickly.

The beginning of each new year, folks make all kinds of new year resolutions. "I'm going to exercise more", or "I'm going to lose some weight", or "I'm going to spend less money". Of course, as the year progresses, we sometime lose sight of these resolutions. Recently, one of my grandchildren did a report on the lives of Wilbur and Orville Wright. The brothers persisted and toiled to reach some distant, elusive goal and were met with success. In 1903, after numerous experiments and failures, the first powered flight of 852 feet was accomplished. They never gave up, in spite of the fact that Simon Newcomb, an American scientist, had written an article shortly before the Wright's successful flight, saying that "human flight was impossible". This example demonstrates that nothing is impossible, if you really want to do it. So, stick with those new year resolutions!

Words of Wisdom: Hear the famous words of Benjamin Franklin: "One today is worth two tomorrows; never leave that 'til tomorrow which you can do today."

DAYS OF YORE....
Today's History

January 16, 1948 - In the bitter cold last Saturday evening, the Grahamsville Fire Department responded to an urgent call to the Harold Merritt farm to subdue a fire which had begun under the flooring of the barn. So difficult was the climb to the site that only two vehicles could make it. The fire truck successfully broke a track through snow drifts up to its hood and at the end of the steep climb, broke a rear axle. The fire was contained, the truck was able to return to the firehouse and on Sunday the axle was replaced.

Lawrence Cook of Monticello was re-elected Chairman of the Board of Supervisors by a vote of 8-0.

The boys' Junior High basketball team was defeated by Kerhonkson 38-13, but they show much improvement from the last game. They were accompanied by the newly organized cheering squad which includes Marilyn Mickelson, Valerie Zanetti, Mary Wall, Betty Foster, Rose Marie Singer, Joan Donahue and Agnes Porter. The girls were arrayed in smart blue skirts and white sweaters. The cheerleaders lent strong support to the Tri-Valley cause with their lusty cheering.

1958 - In an independent survey conducted throughout the state, the Tri-Valley School District was revealed to have the third lowest tax rate of the 87 school systems which responded to the survey. (Contd. Pg. 6)

COLLEGE NEWS:

Brianna Worden Named to Boston University's Wheelock College President's List

Brianna Worden of Grahamsville was named to Boston University's Wheelock College Fall 2017 President's List. Brianna maintained a 4.0 average during her first semester.

Boston University's Wheelock College offers undergraduate and graduate programs that focus on the Arts & Sciences, Education and Child Life, and Social Work and Family Studies to fulfill their mission of improving the lives of children and families

Area SUNY Potsdam Students Named to President's List

The State University of New York at Potsdam recently named 882 students to the President's List, in recognition of their academic excellence in the Fall 2017 semester. The SUNY Potsdam students were honored for earning top marks by President Kristin G. Esterberg.

The students included:

- Jade Balsler of Liberty, NY, whose major is Mathematics
- Emily Downs of Olivebridge, NY, whose major is Geology

To achieve the honor of being on the President's List, each student must have satisfactorily completed 12 numerically-graded semester hours, with a grade point average of 3.5 or higher. (Contd. Pg. 4)

November and December TV Lions News

We made donations to Claryville Reformed, Immaculate Conception, Grahamsville Reformed and Methodist Churches for their Food Pantries.

Several Lions attended the 200 District Convention in Fishkill.

Our two Centennial Projects are completed for 2017. They are a scoreboard for the Little League Field and the Milk House at the "Lost Farm" at the museum. These were done with funds from the Lions Club organization and greatly appreciated.

Our Christmas Party was held at Nardi's. We presented the Daniel Pierce Library representative with the proceeds from the Pumpkin Party Soda Booth.

Please continue saving your used eyeglasses and hearing aids in one of the boxes located in the Catskill Bank, Daniel Pierce Library, Grahamsville Deli, Post Office and Neversink General Store.

We hope all will enjoy a Happy and Healthy 2018.

Grahamsville Rod and Gun Club News

The Grahamsville Rod and Gun Club had to cancel it's January meeting. It will hold it's next meeting on March 8, 2018.

The Club is looking for youths between the ages of 11 to 13 and also between 14 to 17, that want to go to Camp DeBruce for a week this summer.

The Club will sponsor them and submit their names to the Federation of Sportsmens Club of Sullivan County and if their name is picked, the Federation will pay the expense to attend camp.. For information call Harold Buley at 985-2813.

The Club is looking for vendors for the September 15 & 16, 2018, Sportsmen's Flea Market. Now is the time to clean out your attics and basements of any sports related items, new and old, to sell to someone that may need them. For more information call Gary TerBush at 985-7628 or Harold Buley at 985-2813.

The Federation of Sportsmen Clubs of Sullivan County will be holding a Youth Ice Fishing Contest on January 27, 2018, at Crystal Lake, Ten Mile River Boy Scout Camp. Everything is Free for the Children. For more information call Harold Buley at 985-2813.

The Club has a large Supply of Schrade and Canal Street Knives for sale at anytime. Please call Gary TerBush at 985-7628 or Harold Buley at 985-2813. This is the way our Club raises money to support these activities and other activities.

Join us on Facebook at Grahamsville Rod and Gun Club Inc.

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, Joyce Lockhart and Jean Helthaler.

The Secret Life of a Snow Flea

What, snow has fleas? Where? Most of us have never noticed snow fleas, unique little creatures that are really very common, and right under our noses. Here's how to find them.



I haven't seen any snow fleas for the past few years. Maybe because we had so much snow last year, I didn't get outside to really look for them. With the warm weather last week, I was outside and not really looking for them, but they were there!

Here's how to find them. Should we get some more new snow and you get a chance to get outdoors, on a warm sunny day, look at the base of a tree where the snow may have melted down to expose some leaves, or where the snow is shallow or hollowed out just a bit. There you'll find a sprinkling of what looks like "pepper" or "ashes" on the surface of the snow. Each speck you see is a snow flea. Once you find them, watch closely and see what they're up to.

Snow fleas are actually tiny insects that come out on warm, sunny winter days to eat decayed plant material or sap oozing from the tree. They hop around acting like fleas and that's where they get their name, snow "fleas." These sturdy, wingless creatures are technically known as Hypogastrura nivicola, are members of a group of acrobatic arthropods called Collembola (kol-LEM-bo-la).

They're not fleas at all, and are also commonly called springtails. They measure about 1/8 inch long. They have a very unique catapult system to get around. Their two "tails" on their back end are tucked up underneath their belly, held in place by tiny "hooks." When the springtail wants to move, they just release the spring-loaded "tails," called furcula, which hit the snow and send them flying into the air.

Springing can be a superb way to evade predators, such as mites and beetles, but it does have one drawback: Collembola can't control their direction and frequently land in the same spot they jumped from.

Snow fleas are not just winter critters. You can find them any time of year in the forest living in the leaf litter stuck to the underside of leaves or on the surface of the soil, chomping on bits of rotting vegetation. They also live on the surface of ponds. You'd have to look very closely to see them here because they blend in well and are so tiny.

They sort of live undercover lives. While they appear to be semi-comatose - all of a sudden it's like Times Square. They come to life, and start pushing each other away like they're trying to escape.

Next time you're playing in the snow outside, or just going for a stroll, take a look and see if you can spy these incredible spring-loaded springtails, commonly called "snow fleas".

Snow fleas have quite a history, too. Collembola date back to well before dinosaurs, to the middle Paleozoic era, about 400 million years ago. During that time, the land began gradually reveal the presence of the first true plants.

The remains of Snow Fleas was discovered as fossilized nuclei in the late 1800s in a glassy rock called chert, near the town of Rhyndie in Scotland. The chert had hardened from marshy soils at the edge of a small lake, and with those first mysterious plant fossils was found the remains of a tiny animal -- the snow flea.

Household Hints

Erase ballpoint-pen marks

Has the budding young artist in your home just decorated a painted wall in your home with a ballpoint original? Don't lose your cool. Rather, dab some full-strength white vinegar on the "masterpiece" using a cloth or a sponge. Repeat until the marks are gone. Then go out and buy your child a nice big sketch pad.

Righteous

Mysterious Book Report No. 317

by John Dwaine McKenna



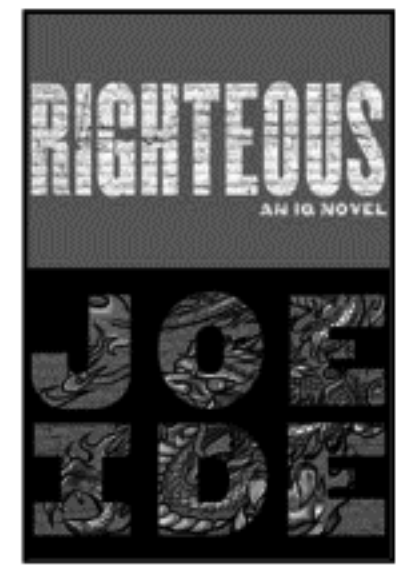
Isaiah Quintinabe – one of the most original sleuthhounds to ever grace the pages of mystery and crime fiction – is back in a second installment that's equally as good, or better than his Edgar-nominated first, which was entitled simply *IQ*.

Righteous, (Mulholland Books/Little Brown & Co, \$26.00, 326 pages, ISBN 978-0-316-26777-9) by Joe Ide, finds IQ on a mission. He's the high school dropout from East Long Beach, California with a shy mannerism and world-class intelligence. He's the neighborhood guy who solves cases that the cops can't or won't be bothered with. Ten years ago, his beloved older brother Marcus was killed by a hit and run driver. It's an unsolved case that broke his heart, keeps him awake at night and eats at his soul. Isaiah was determined to solve the mystery, but unable to do so, and it plunged him into despair, almost destroying his life. Now, his career is flourishing, he has a new dog and an elevated status in the community as a Private Eye. But, when a chance encounter reopens that old wound, Isaiah is compelled to start the hunt for his brother's killer all over again. Then, as if that's not enough, his brother's old girlfriend . . . whom Isaiah has a secret crush on . . . asks him to rescue her half-sister Janine, she's a beautiful DJ and degenerate gambler who, along with her deadbeat boyfriend, is being stalked by Chinese gangsters and a sinister, seven-foot tall loan shark in Las Vegas. It's a quest full of treachery, twists and terror from which he may not survive. Let's hope he does, because IQ is one of the most original and coolest characters to come down the literary pike since Sax Rohmer penned his first Dr. Fu Manchu novel. The MBR is all in for Joe Ide and Isaiah Quintinabe and can't wait for the next installment!

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OBITUARY

(From Pg. 2) **Bruce W. Denman, Jr.** of Parksville, NY, son of the late Bruce and Clara Denman died January 7th 2018. He is survived by his wife Mardell of 67 years, sons Robert and wife Kathy, and Jay and wife Joyce, and daughter Janice and husband Greg Vurckio, 8 grandchildren, and 12 great grandchildren. Plus his brothers Lee and Jack with several nieces and nephews.

Bruce attended the little one room school house in Unionville for 8 years, graduated Liberty High School and Rider College. After which he served 2 years in the U.S. Marines during the Korean conflict. Employed by the Sullivan County bank as an accountant for a brief period, he entered the insurance field as an agent and assistant manager for Metropolitan Life until starting the Denman Insurance Agency in 1960. With offices in Grahamsville and Shokan New York. After 50 years as principle of the agency he retired turning the business over to his son Robert with his wife Kathy.

Bruce served president of the Grahamsville Fire Dept., Chairman of the Town of Neversink Republican Party, as well as being a member of the Hayes Brook Hunting Club, Liberty Masonic Lodge, and Elks Lodge.

His hobbies were many and varied to hunting and fishing, golf, water dowsing, snowmobiling, reading, crossword puzzles, and for 18 years, harness horse racing throughout the Northeast with Harold VanAken. He also Co-owned and ran Old Mill Beach in Otisville New York for several years. In later years Bruce and Mardell enjoyed motor homing throughout the U.S. and Canada plus 2 trips to Alaska. They traveled to Mexico, Germany, Puerto Rico and Bahamas. And lastly spent 6 months a year at their Florida residence. We will always remember him saying "I have no bucket list" and he was loved by all and will be sadly missed.

Donations may be given to Grahamsville Reformed Church, PO Box 238, Grahamsville, NY 12740.

Graveside memorial given at a future date.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Harris Funeral Home, West St. at Buckley, Liberty, NY 845-292-0001 or 845-439-5200.

Heather M. Young, of Loch Sheldrake, passed away on Monday, January 8, 2018. She was 29. She was the daughter of Robert A Young and Rickie S. Craft, born on January 11, 1988 in Harris, NY.

Heather was a proud graduate of Fallsburg High School and Wyotech School of Automotive and was currently attending classes at Orange County BOCES to become a welding technician. Her passion was big trucks, engines and anything mechanical she made a career of it, most recently working for Thompson Sanitation as a Diesel Mechanic

She is survived by her son, Hunter; her mother Rickie Craft and her fiancé John Conklin; her father Robert "Bob" Young; sisters Robin, Megan and Casey Young, Amber Conklin; brother Paul Young; nephews Austin, Ayden and Iva Kern; as well as many aunts, uncles and cousins. She is predeceased by her significant other Jeffrey Schmidt.

Memorial contributions in Heather's name can be directed to the care of her son, Hunter, C/O Rickie Craft P.O. Box 596, Loch Sheldrake, NY 12759.

A celebration of Heather's was held on Saturday, January 13, 2018 at Colonial-Bryant Funeral Home.

Arrangements under the direction of Colonial-Bryant Funeral Homes, for further information call 845-439-4333 or visit www.colonialbryantfuneral-home.com

Marianne Armstrong Eidel, of Neversink, passed away peacefully on Saturday, December 16, 2017 at home with her husband by her side. She was 53.

She was the daughter of Florence Gregory and the late Frank Armstrong, born on September 29, 1964 in Monticello, NY.

Marianne grew up in Monticello and attended Monticello schools and then went on to continue her education at SUNY Delhi and SUNY Binghamton before beginning her career with Frontier Insurance. In 2013 Marianne pursued her dream of starting a pet care services business. She had a true love of animals, nature and the outdoors. Her loving husband John always encouraged her to pursue her hobbies which brought her great pleasure, and willingly participated in activities and travel adventures which allowed them to further explore all that Mother Nature has to offer. She also found great joy in hosting gatherings of family and friends, always eager to create lasting memories. She was a loving wife, daughter, sister and friend to all who knew her, she will be deeply missed.

She is survived by her devoted husband John; her siblings Jane Armstrong and her husband Jay Silverberg of Connecticut and Frank Armstrong and his wife Marguerite of Rockland County; her Godchildren Devon and Cavan Leaney-Levenson; as well as several nieces, nephews, many relatives and friends. She is predeceased by her sister Christine Hughes.

Donations in Marianne's name can be made to the First Church of Monticello Presbyterian, 11 Jones St., Monticello, NY 12701 or a charity of one's choice.

A funeral service was held on Wednesday, December 19th at First Church of Monticello, Presbyterian. Interment will take place at Hillside Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Arrangements under the direction of Colonial Memorial Funeral Home, for further information call 845-434-7363 or visit www.colonialbryantfuneral-home.com

COLLEGE NEWS: (From Pg. 3)

Alfred University names Grahamsville resident to Dean's List

ALFRED, NY - Nathaniel C. Bender, a resident of Grahamsville, NY, was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2017 semester at Alfred University (AU). He is a senior in the Inamori School of Engineering. Students must earn at least a 3.5 grade point average to qualify for Dean's List.

Bender is a Renewable Energy Engineering major at AU. The University has a 98% rate of students employed or in graduate school according to their annual destination survey. The top fields of employment for Alfred University graduates include Engineering, Science and Research; Education; Counseling and School Psychology; Accounting and Finance; and the Arts. The University has been named a "Best Buy" in the "Fiske Guide to Colleges Best Buys of 2017."

A graduate of Tri-Valley Central School, Bender is the son of Tim and Catherine Bender of Grahamsville, NY.

Founded in 1836, Alfred University is located in the village of Alfred, NY, a small, scenic, community nestled between the foothills of the Allegheny Mountains and the Finger Lakes. A striking feature of Alfred University is the fact that its diversity exists in a relatively small institution. Alfred serves approximately 1,700 undergraduate and nearly 400 graduate students. With more than 40 majors and concentrations to choose from, students can combine majors and minors across four colleges and schools, or complete a second degree.

Bernadette Rodriguez of Liberty Made the SUNY Canton Dean's List

Canton's deans recognize Bernadette Rodriguez of Liberty, NY, 12754, for outstanding academic achievement during the fall 2017 semester. Rodriguez is a SUNY Canton Emergency Management major.

Dean's List recognizes full-time students who have earned a GPA between 3.25 and 3.74. It serves as a mark of distinction and recognition of achievement. A complete list of academic honors for the semester will be available on www.canton.edu.

Kaleigh Gilliland Named to Fall 2017 Dean's List at Stonehill College

Kaleigh Gilliland, a member of the Class of 2018 from Olivebridge, has been named to the Fall 2017 Dean's List at Stonehill College.

Gilliland is majoring in Psychology and is a graduate of Rondout Valley High School.

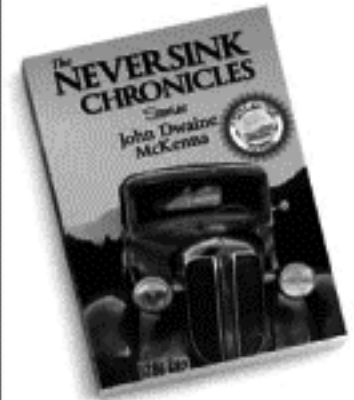
Be a Part of Making the O&W a Countywide Rail Trail

Monticello, NY - Whether you hike, bike, or just want a place to walk the dog, local rail trails offer incredibly scenic jaunts through the Catskills woods - and they're about to see a major expansion.

Join local residents and officials on Tuesday, January 30 (snow date: January 31) at 6 p.m. in the Hearing Room of the Sullivan County Government Center, 100 North Street, Monticello for a Community Meeting to discuss the plan to join the disconnected sections of trails in the County to create the O&W Rail Trail. With funding secured to develop a plan and make improvements, this is the perfect opportunity to find out more and get involved!

When complete, the O&W Rail Trail will traverse nearly the entire main line of the former New York, Ontario & Western (O&W) Railway, from Summitville to Livingston Manor, connecting to the D&H Canal and trail work being done in the Town of Mamakating. The project will also include a spur of the O&W that runs from Monticello south and could reach Port Jervis.

To RSVP and receive updates, please visit tinyurl.com/SullivanContactInfo.



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The Olive Jar - By Carol LaMonda

Weather or Not

I will be typing furiously as I listen to the howling wind and watch the swaying oak tree tops from the loft of my house in the woods. I am trying to beat the inevitable power outage that comes from a reversal of the digits in weather from 61 to 16 in a matter of hours. In the four hours I have been awake today, I have experienced rain, sleet, snow, sunshine and a temperature difference of at least fifty degrees from yesterday when Mother Nature, menopausal and cranky, threw off the blankets of winter and headed directly into late spring. Realizing her mistake, or sobering up, She plunged us back into the bone-chilling weather of January. Was yesterday the thaw we all herald that gets us through the winter that seems to stretch longer each year? What will we expect tomorrow? Snow, partly cloudy with a chance of meatballs and macaroons?

So many of our age friends and family have already headed south. My husband asks daily, "Tell me again why we live here in the winter." I remind him that he loves skiing, although the weather has been brutally cold to ski and now the rain has washed the snow away and left ice sculptures of the remaining patches. I now know why bears hibernate, or estivate, waking only to check the weather and nosh. I think I have become more ursine than human. I no longer make definite plans. I simply will do what the weather will allow. Occasionally I will forage for food at a local market, but I have accepted the challenge of creating meals from the chest freezer in the garage and the cramped pantry in the hall. It does make for some interesting culinary delights. Yesterday's spinach pasta with Carbonara/Alfredo sauce was a hit. My recipes are to take any four ingredients and do my own version of **Chopped**. I am still searching for a way to use plum chutney, canned oysters, Kalamata olives and chai seeds.

My outfits for the cold weather have also become a fashion version of **Chopped**. I pick one pair of tights, one pair of pants, three layers of shirts and sweatshirts and top it off with a vest. Since I rarely see another human, the color combinations are an optional quality to the outfit. Everything clashes with my Vermont Flannel Buffalo Plaid jacket anyway!

Removing a flood hazard in Shandaken

(From Pg. 1) In May, the Board approved an application from the bridge's owner, Ulster County, for \$900,000 to take down the bridge and stabilize the streambank. CWC agreed to manage the project, which first requires development of engineering plans to remove the decking, superstructure and concrete piers; and conduct environmental testing of the bridge material. The removal of the 1934 "Parker pony truss" bridge was recommended in the Local Flood Analysis of the Mt. Tremper area to allow construction of flood plain benches that would lower flood elevations and lessen inundation in nearby buildings. In addition, removal of the bridge will keep it from coming unmoored in the next flood and potentially damaging a State-owned bridge just downstream that carries NYS Route 28 over the Esopus Creek.

DAYS OF YORE....

Today's History (From Pg. 3)

In spite of being the third lowest in the tax rate scale, the Tri-Valley district was able to be rated fourth of 87 systems in per pupil expenditures.

In a letter to Mrs. Jennie Grossinger, the Mohawk Airlines warned of the possibility that unless actual plans for construction of an airport have been made by early summer of 1958, the Civil Aeronautics Board may not renew its certificate for an airport in Liberty.

1968- The Tri Valley Bears, back from their forced hibernation trounced Roscoe 81-62.

Various concepts of gun legislation were discussed at the regular monthly meeting of the Grahamsville Rod and Gun Club. One thing everyone was in favor of was having something to eliminate the sale of machine guns and bazookas by mail order houses.

An oil heater was installed in the Sundown Methodist Church this past week by Floyd VanWagner. Where it was chill around the edges, it is now warm - a hearty thanks.

1978 - During the holidays, several acts of expensive vandalism took place within the Town of Neversink. These acts are usually not written up and the owners pay the loss quietly. Most notable was the breaking, with beer bottles, of the illuminate Shell gas sign in Neversink and the deliberate breakage of seven large window in Bozo's Esso station in Curry. This damage was not insured.

Federal Government Sided With New York, Upholding State's Right to Protect Water

In a stunning victory for **Catskill Mountainkeeper** and all New Yorkers, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission today denied the Constitution Pipeline's efforts to proceed with construction. **Mountainkeeper** issued the following statement, attributable to Wes Gillingham, Associate Director.

"The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) affirmed what we all know-New York has the right and responsibility to protect our waterways. Last year Governor Cuomo and NYSDEC Commissioner Seggos effectively shut down the dirty and dangerous Constitution Pipeline, but the company tried to go over their heads. Today FERC sided with New York and put the ill-conceived project on the ropes. This has the potential to be the final round in our fight to put people over oil companies' profits. We'll see if Constitution tries to stagger off the mat to file an appeal-they've tried, and lost, every legal maneuver possible to date. We'll be standing alongside our friends at Earthjustice who have represented **Mountainkeeper** in the fight, ready for the next round, if need be."

Assemblymember Cahill Holds Public Hearing To Examine State Rules On Title Insurance: Efforts to Protect Consumer Costs While Allowing Insurers, Agents and Closers The Ability to Succeed And Grow Their Businesses Here In New York State

(Albany, NY) Today, the New York State Assembly's Insurance Committee, chaired by Assemblymember Cahill, engaged with stakeholders to review whether recent rules adopted by the Department of Financial Services (DFS) in October 2017 strike the balance necessary to protect homebuyers from exorbitant costs while providing a healthy and competitive marketplace for the Title Insurance industry. Assemblymember Cahill was joined by the Ranking Minority Member of the Assembly Insurance Committee William Barclay (R,C,I,Ref-Pulaski), and committee members Pamela Hunter (D-Syracuse), James Skoufis (D-Woodbury), and Phil Steck (D-Colonie) who took turns asking questions to a wide array of panelists relating to the final rules and their potential impact on consumers, insurers, agents, title closers and more.

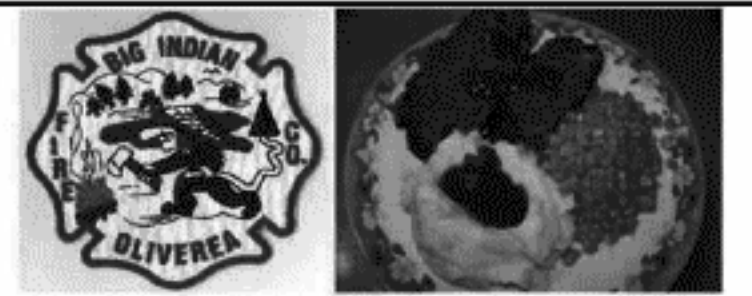
Representatives who testified at the hearing included Maria Vullo, Superintendent of DFS. The Consumer Protection panel included Kathy Wylde, Executive Director of the Partnership for New York City, Chuck Bell, Program Director of the Consumers Union and Russ Haven, General Counsel of the New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPIRG). Members of the Insurer panel included Randal Scott, Senior Vice President of the Eastern Region for First American, Steven Day, Senior Vice President with Fidelity National Title Group and John Frates, General Counsel with Stewart Title. An Agents and Independent Title Closer panel included Richard Estrella, President of New York State Land Title Association, Dennis Mastascusa, President of National Abstract, DeAnna Stancanelli, Vice President of National Granite Title Insurance Agency and Jim Hunter, an independent title closer and owner of Dolphin Closing Services, LLC. Madeline Nagy, the Executive Director and the Title Insurance Rate Service Association (TIRSA) represented the final panel.

When asked about the hearing's purpose, Assemblymember Cahill explained that "Title Insurance remains a widely unclear concept to many New Yorkers. While it is immensely important during a real estate transaction to have a clean title, many homebuyers are confused about the costs and risks associated with these services. Homebuyers may not know what they are actually paying for.

It proved tremendously helpful that the Committee heard directly from Superintendent Vullo who finalized the measures aimed at regulating the industry. Consumer protection advocates also shed light on their concerns and outlined previous actions by the Title Industry they believe were damaging to consumers. TIRSA explained its function as a statistical agent of DFS and how its work with the industry results in data being shared with DFS, who then approves or rejects changes to the rates.

On the other side of the issue, there are many members in the title insurance industry who argue that these rules have gone too far and will impede companies, especially small businesses, who already struggle to cover costs. The testimony brought by the insurers and agents provided real life experience as to how the industry operates. The Legislature benefited from hearing about particular costs and fees in light of how title searches are actually conducted and how closings take place. "The reality is that it won't do anyone any good if agents or independent title closers, who often work on a contract basis without a salary, cannot be paid a fair amount that covers their services," Assemblymember Cahill stated.

"I thank all of today's panelists who traveled to attend this hearing and share their thoughts on DFS' rules. In particular, I am grateful to Superintendent Vullo for offering great insight into how DFS is approaching the concerns and questions the Assemblymembers shared with her. As a result, the hearing allowed us to open this issue up and take a close look at all the moving parts involved.



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Ultimately, the Committee will review today's hearing to determine whether legislative intervention is needed on this topic. Today is by far not the end of this issue, instead, it guides us as we proceed to assure an affordable, reliable and stable title insurance industry," concluded Mr. Cahill.

Watershed Education Grant Deadline

The deadline for this annual funding round is February 1. Find guidelines and the application form here. Explore programs, resources and field trip opportunities here. Contact: 845-586-1400, ext. 306 (galusha@cwconline.org).

Septic reimbursement Homeowners in the New York City Catskill-Delaware Watershed who repaired or replaced their septic system in the past year but, because of distance from a watercourse, were not eligible for reimbursement at the time, may now apply. The CWC is accepting reimbursement applications for septic rehabilitation work completed through Dec. 31, 2017 whether or not those systems are located in an existing priority area. FMI: 845-586-1400.

Permanent residents are reimbursed 100 percent of eligible repair costs, while part-time residents can be reimbursed for 60 percent of eligible costs.

A total of 178 septic repairs were completed in 2017, and another 263 systems were pumped and inspected through the CWC's Septic Maintenance Program.

Temporarily Closure of Some Recreation Lands on the Northern Border of Ashokan Reservoir (From Pg. 1)

The ART will be developed on the County-owned Ulster & Delaware ("U&D") Railroad Corridor pursuant to Ulster County Legislative Resolution No. 488 of December 2015 and in cooperation with the New York City Department of Environmental Protection ("DEP"). The ART segment of the U&D has not been used for train service in 40 years and was delineated for conversion to a rail trail as part of the County's segmented "rail-with-trail" policy, which also allowed tourism rail operations in the Kingston and Mount Tremper segments of the U&D corridor.

Planning, preliminary engineering design, and environmental review for the ART began in June 2016, and a Public Information Meeting was held on December 1, 2016 to discuss preliminary design concepts and information on the corridor (videos and presentation available below.) The Project is slated to begin construction in late 2017 and will include removal of the rail and remaining ties, drainage improvements, re-grading of the former railbed, installation of signage and fencing, development of trail amenities, and connection to three major trailheads, which are being designed and constructed by the DEP. The construction will include replacement of the destroyed Boiceville Trestle and replacement of the failed major culvert at Butternut Creek as well as measures to protect water quality in the Ashokan Reservoir. The ART will also include interpretive signage regarding the history of the Ashokan Reservoir, Esopus Valley communities, U&D Railroad and Catskill Park.

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... in Greek means "Toward the Sun," was written 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 care-free 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 or barnesandnoble.com and type in *Prosilio* in the search to order your copy of *Prosilio*

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CWC Board approves additional septic reimbursement for 2017

Homeowners in the New York City Catskill-Delaware Watershed who repaired or replaced their septic system in the past year but, because of distance from a watercourse, were not eligible for funding through the Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC) at the time, may now apply for reimbursement. Because there were unexpended septic program funds at the end of the year, the CWC Board of Directors voted January 2 to accept reimbursement applications for septic rehabilitation completed through December 31, 2017 regardless of whether or not those systems are located in an existing priority area. The reimbursement form and more information on the residential repair program are available on the CWC website (Septic Program page), or call the CWC at 845-586-1400. At its January 2 meeting, the CWC Board authorized reimbursements to ten homeowners whose septic system repairs cost in excess of \$25,000. They were located in the Towns of Walton, Middletown, Bovina, Meredith, Hunter, Woodstock and Kortright. A total of 178 septic repairs were completed in 2017, and another 263 systems were pumped and inspected through the CWC's Septic Maintenance Program. Permanent residents are reimbursed 100 percent of eligible repair costs, while part-time residents can be reimbursed for 60 percent of eligible costs. Visit www.cwconline.org for more information on this and other environmental, economic development and education programs run by the CWC in the New York City West-of-Hudson Watershed.

DEC now accepting applications for E-waste assistance grants

DEC announces that funding from the State Environmental Protection Fund is available for grants to assist municipalities in New York with recent, unex-

pected costs of collection and recycling of eligible electronic wastes (e-waste). New York State consumers are required to recycle electronic waste, such as computers, keyboards, televisions and small electronic equipment, in an environmentally responsible manner. Municipalities can receive reimbursement of up to 50 percent of eligible e-waste recycling expenses incurred between April 1, 2017 and December 31, 2017.

Application materials, guidance documents and important information for Electronic Waste Assistance Grants. Applications for Household Hazardous Waste grants will be accepted from municipalities until January 31, 2018.

ECO Actions for Late December and Early January

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Environmental Conservation Police Officers (ECOs) enforce the 71 Chapters of NY Environmental Conservation Law, protecting fish and wildlife and preserving environmental quality across New York. In 2017, the 301 ECOs across the state responded to 23,276 calls and issued 27,428 tickets for crimes ranging from deer poaching to corporate toxic dumping and illegal mining, the black market pet trade, and excessive emissions violations. If you witness an environmental crime or believe a violation of environmental law occurred, please call the DEC Division of Law Enforcement hotline at 1-844-DEC-ECOS (1-844-332-3267). "From Montauk Point to Mount Marcy, from Brooklyn to Buffalo, the ECOs patrolling our state are the first line of defense in protecting New York's environment and our natural resources, ensuring that they exist for future generations of New Yorkers," said Commissioner Basil Seggos. "They work long and arduous hours, both deep in our remote wildernesses and in the tight confines of our urban landscapes. Although they don't receive much public fanfare, the work of our ECOs is critical to achieving DEC's mission to protect and enhance our environment." Recent missions carried out by ECOs include: On Dec. 27, Lt. Mike Buckley and ECO Tom Koepf wrapped up a timber theft investigation in Fallsburg. In November, the officers received a call from a landowner stating that six large ash trees had been cut on his property without his permission. The

landowner informed the ECOs that the most likely suspect was his neighbor. ECO Koepf interviewed several people in the area; one provided a written statement stating that he had observed the suspect removing trees from the complainant's land. The officer also checked with the local saw mill and obtained a copy of a receipt in their records, showing that the man had recently delivered ash logs to the mill for sale. The ECOs interviewed the suspect and issued a misdemeanor ticket for removing trees from lands of another (timber theft), returnable to the Town of Fallsburg Court. The subject faces fines of up to \$1,000 for the criminal offense, plus \$250 in restitution for each tree cut from the property.

Please Note: The starting date has changed to January 17.

Living Healthy, Living Well: Take Charge Managing Your Health

MONTICELLO, NY- Individuals living with conditions such as arthritis, diabetes, heart disease, lung disease, and asthma can learn to manage their own health in the new year. Living Healthy, Living Well, a free evidence-based program from the Self-Management Resource Center, developed by Stanford University, will be held on Wednesdays from **January 17, 2018 to February 21**. The series is held from 12:30 to 3:00 pm each day at Action Toward Independence (ATI) on 309 E Broadway in Monticello. Refreshments will be provided. Participants are highly encouraged to attend the series in its entirety. Graduates will receive the book, "Living a Healthy Life with Chronic Conditions," a science-informed resource for continued self-management of chronic conditions. Attendees will learn ways to reduce symptoms like pain and fatigue, get around more easily, and engage in the activities they enjoy, for an improved quality of life. Bonnie Lewis, RN of Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County (CCESC) and Shawn Comfort of ATI will present day-to-day techniques for self-management of multiple chronic health conditions and medical recommendations as well as complimentary enhancements to traditional clinical treatments. Can't make it? This program will be offered on Thursdays from March 1 to April 12 at Mamakating Public Library, and again at CCESC's Extension Education Center in Liberty on Thursdays from May 10 to June 14. Living Healthy, Living Well is free to the public. Registration is requested by January 5, by calling CCESC at 845-292-6180, emailing sullivan@cornell.edu, or visiting www.sullivanance.org. In the event of special needs, the public should contact the CCESC office. This publication was supported by Cooperative Agreement Number NU58DP003982, funded by the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention. Its contents are solely the responsibility of the authors and do not necessarily represent the official views of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention or the Department of Health and Human Services.

When anglers fished the Blue Hole - Ed Ostapczuk

The Ashokan-Pepacton Watershed Chapter of Trout Unlimited, (#559 P.O. Box 119, Phoenicia, NY 12464) first



An emerald green late winter Blue Hole

2018 meeting is scheduled for January 24th, 7 PM at the Boiceville Inn. This meeting promises to be a great kick-off to a new year. The guest speaker will be Morgan Lyle, author of *Simple Flies*. Morgan is a regular contributor to *Fly Tyer*, *American Angler*, and *Trout* magazines, plus he writes fly-fishing columns for *New York Outdoor News* and *The Daily Gazette* of Schenectady, NY along with his blog--- The Fly Line: <https://theflyline.wordpress.com/>

He also moonlights as the assistant director of public relations at the C.W. Post Campus of Long Island University. While Morgan enjoys fishing for striped bass and bluefish near his Long Island home, he's a trout fisher at heart with his Throgs Neck Bridge E-Z Pass statements to prove it. Plus Morgan is no stranger to the Esopus Creek. Ashokan-Pepacton Watershed Chapter of Trout Unlimited, #559 board of directors recently voted to request NYS DEC modify their 2016 Blue Hole Emergency Regulations and require a usage permit between Memorial Day and Labor Day for all parties of four or more people. Furthermore they asked that the permit be required from roughly one hundred yards upstream of the Blue Hole, downstream to the end of the NYS Forest Preserve Lands along the Rondout Creek. This is somewhat consistent with primitive camping requirements DEC now has in place. The chapter's letter noted, "The upper Rondout Creek is a natural treasure, a headwater wild brook trout stream flowing through a primitive setting, and a source of drinking water to millions of downstate New Yorkers. However, in recent years, via social media, the Blue Hole has become an attractive nuisance and now needs to be managed as such."

When anglers fished the Blue Hole: The following was taken from Edward Ringwood Hewitt's *Telling on Trout* (1926, pg. 114), "My old friend Mr. Dimmock lived in a camp on the Peekamoose stream, about fifteen miles from my camp on the Neversink. One afternoon a pleasant drive brought me over to tea. As I arose to leave at about five o'clock Mr. Dimmock asked me if I would do him a favor. He said that in the thirty years he had lived in this camp no one of his guests had ever taken a trout out of the Blue Hole in clear low water, and he would very much like to see if it could be done. I had my rod and boots in the car, as usual, and we walked up the stream. The Blue Hole is a round pool about seventy feet across and rather deep, perhaps ten or fifteen feet in the centre (sic). The water enters the pool between two large broken rocks at the top and flows out of the tail at the far corner, the lowest side of the pool being a bar of gravel and small stones. I had fished this place on several occasions previously, and knew perfectly well that no trout could be caught in the ordinary way in clear water, but had worked out a plan which had taken fish the last time I was there. We stopped about fifty feet from the bar at the lower end, and I explained to Mr. Dimmock that the trout would be frightened by any line and leader if cast in the centre (sic) of this clear pool. The plan was, therefore, to cast the line and leader across the bar and let them rest on stones, with the fly about a foot within the pool in the shallow water near the bar. When the fly had rested there a few seconds it was pulled a little to make it move live a live insect. A trout at once swam up out of the deep water and slowly took the fly. A little steady pull hauled him over the bar, and I unhooked him and threw him into the stream. In this way fifteen fish were taken in succession without alarming the others. They were not large fish, only eight to ten inches long, as there are very few large trout in this stream, probably owing to the very cold water and great freshets, but experience showed how such a pool might be fished under the most difficult conditions. A single cast in the centre (sic) of the pool ended the fishing by alarming all the trout, and they promptly went into hiding."

DVAA's Gift Shop in Narrowsburg Reopens

In December, Delaware Valley Arts Alliance debuted a brand-new look for its storefront gift shop, Signature Gifts at 37 Main Street in Narrowsburg, NY. The shop's mission is simple: to



spotlight and support local artists, artisans, and craftspeople, and share their beautiful functional works of art with the community. With its updated aesthetic and new offerings, Signature Gifts which DVAA first opened in 2005, will feature frequently rotating selection of offerings and special events including "Meet the Maker" receptions. The new shop will debut with jewelry by Jane Roth (Cochecton) and Judi Aronson (Lake Huntington), wool products by Buck Brook Alpacas (Roscoe), woodworking by Ted Waddell (Kenoza Lake), silk scarves by Jane Blake (Callicoon), custom hand-printed t-shirts and totes by Lucky Fish (Brooklyn), and ceramics by Bryan Cronk (Livingston Manor) - along with many other treasures by New York and Pennsylvania creators. (Contd. Pg. 11)

This makeover is the vision of DVAA board member and Narrowsburg proprietor Pam Mayer who was invited by DVAA's founder and former executive director Elaine Giguere in spring 2017 prior to her retirement to set the shop on a new path. Mayer worked closely with her architect husband Karl Wasner, who designed and built the store's modern, modular shelving system and DVAA's new Executive Director, Ariel Shanberg on Signature's new direction. About the re-visioned approach, Mayer notes "Being part of this artistic community you get a sense that there are magical makers and creators everywhere, locally and regionally. I wanted there to be a beautifully curated space to present these amazing artisans. I believe with everyone's generous help we've accomplished that. I look forward to discovering new talent and changing around the shop on a seasonal basis. I thank the staff, volunteers, fellow board members, Allison Ward, and especially my partner in life Karl Wasner."

Shanberg adds, "there is an exciting revitalization of Artisanal practice and growing appreciation for craft that originates from our region. DVAA's gift shop is well-poised to be the premiere place to discover the remarkable talents that live and work in our midst." Along with Mayer and Wasner, the re-visioned shop would not have been possible without the dedicated contributions of April Bidwell, Bruce Bidwell, Elaine Giguere, Sean Harrington, and Richard O'Brien - thank you! Signature Gifts is open during DVAA's regular gallery hours: Tuesday - Saturday, 9 am - 5 pm.

TOWNSMAN FORECAST

SUNRISE: 7:21 AM SUNSET: 4:51 PM

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Senator Bonacic - My view:

With the recent changes to federal tax laws, there has been a renewed focus on the impact of high property taxes in New York. We need to address this issue in three ways: making the tax cap permanent; reconsidering how we fund education and provide mandate relief; and tackling out-of-control tax exemptions and abuses.

The Senate has again passed legislation to make the tax cap permanent, which has to date saved taxpayers \$23 billion statewide. This bill passed overwhelmingly in 2015, 2016, and 2017* but has not been brought for a vote on the floor of the Assembly.

However, simply capping the rate of growth of property taxes is not enough - we must reduce the main driver of our high property taxes - school taxes. That is why I have reintroduced legislation to allow school districts, at voter option, to phase out school property taxes on primary residences over five years and replace the lost revenue with increased state aid**. This legislation has also previously passed the Senate and died in the Assembly.

Finally, we need to address the issue of out-of-control property tax exemptions. Based on year 2013 assessment rolls, \$826 billion in property value, nearly one-third of the value of all the property in New York, is exempt from taxation. In order to reform these property tax exemptions, I have long fought for a package of bills to reign in the abuses in the system***.

I look forward to working this session to bring real relief to the taxpayers of New York. Senator John J. Bonacic
New York State Senate District 42

*S.5597 of 2015-16, S.1207 of 2017-18

**S.7270 of 2018

***S.992, S.993, S.995-A, S.996 of 2017-18

Frost Valley YMCA's Outdoor Sporting Program Announces Upcoming Event Dates



The Outdoor Sporting Program at Frost Valley provides nature enthusiasts access to thousands of acres of forest, fields, lakeshore, riverbeds, and trails to experience the freedom of the outdoors. Dedicated to fostering the stewardship of the earth and our natural resources (water, wildlife, forest, and soil), this program invites participants to join Frost Valley in enjoying and protecting the land in our care. Recently, Frost Valley has announced several outdoor events for the spring and fall that allow our community members to enjoy and stay safe in the great outdoors. These events are open to all individuals and families, whether or not they are enrolled in Frost Valley's Outdoor Sporting Program.

Frost Valley's annual Maple Syrup Open House will take place from 10:00am to 4:00pm on March 17, 18, 24, and 25, 2018. Guests can attend any day of this event free of charge, with no advanced registration necessary. Join Frost Valley in the sap house to learn the entire tree-to-table process and of course - taste delicious samples!

A spring hunter safety course will take place at Frost Valley on April 21 and a bow hunter safety course April 22, 2018. For the fall, the hunter safety course will be October 27 with the bow hunter course on October 28. For these courses, registration is through NYS DEC and classes fill quickly. Those interested are welcome to register for one or both courses online at: www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/7860.html

Don't forget! Frost Valley's Spring Break Camp will be here before you know it! **NEW THIS YEAR:** a horseback riding camp, offered at Frost Valley's East Valley Ranch location. The program will allow for plenty of time with the horses as well as Frost Valley's signature values-based camp activities. Bussing for the horse program and the program at main camp is available. Register for either program by calling 845-985-2291. Learn more at: www.frostvalley.org

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Rondout / Neversink Stream Management News

We heard your 2018 resolution

Was it plant more native trees and shrubs along the river? Sullivan Co Soil & Water Conservation District's Annual Spring Sale list is here. Pickup days are April 20 & 21. To see if your property is eligible for a Catskills Streams Bufferproject, contact us.

Anglers Syposium podcast is here

Stream or download our November program in Clarvville on Soundcloud on our new media page. Includes preliminary results of our new 3-year fish population study by USGS; Ed Ostapczuk's Quest for Ed Sens, *Forgotten Catskills Fly Tyer*; a memoir of Bamboo Rods & Catskill Flies by Keiko Sono; and special guest Cathy Pedler of Adirondack Mountain Club leading a discussion about community engagement in the protection of fragile areas like Peekamoose Blue Hole.

Students release stream science film

In 2017, our Stream Management Implementa-tion Program



provided funding for *The Watershed Project*, a film by Tri Valley Central School students in Photography and Digital Storytelling classes including demonstrations of unique tools for stream science by high school Conservation class students. The film was screened at November's school board meeting and is now linked to our new media page.

Thank you to the dedicated staff, students and teachers for making it happen: Maureen Winter, Chris MacAssey, Russell Morey and Robert Hayes.

Hemlock helpers wanted

Hemlock trees occupy an outsized role in the Catskills history and today, an important presence along the Rondout Creek and the Neversink River. The unique ecosystem and beauty they create is under attack by the small, slow-moving but devastating Hemlock Woolly Adelgid (HWA).

Join the NY Hemlock Initiative by participating as a citizen scientist monitor of trees in your area. Helpers will look for signs of egg laying starting this winter.

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**Spice Cobra Scrambles
an Exhibition at CAS**

Catskill Art Society will present spice cobra scrambles an exhibition from Brooklyn-based artist Mark Cannariato at the CAS Art Center at 48 Main St. Livingston Manor, NY on Saturday, February 3. The exhibition will be on view Saturday, February 3 - Saturday, March 17, 2018.

Born and raised in southeastern Louisiana, Cannariato developed his process-based practice while living along the Gulf of Mexico. The artist stitches together painted canvases, sculpture and forms to produce ambiguous and seductive narratives on makeshift dioramas. Allured by the rawness of old western movies, history of the West Indies Caribbean history, and sci-fi comics, the artist uses these tropes to open the imagination of viewers. Working with a variety of motifs and genres, Cannariato depicts a crude cast of characters and mythical deities. Cannariato's sculpture and paintings create indefinite depictions of events, inviting audiences to impart their own ingenuity and thoughts to his art.

Saturday, February 3, 2017 - Artist Talk and Opening Reception

CAS will host an Artists Talk on at 1pm, followed immediately by a free Opening Reception from 2-4pm.

**Guillermo del Toro's *The Shape of Water* (R)
at Callicoon Theater**

Delaware Valley Arts Alliance and Callicoon Theater present "The Shape of Water" for two long weekends in January. This other-worldly fable is directed by master story teller Guillermo del Toro ("Pan's Labyrinth"), who just received the Golden Globe for best director. The film was called "one of the finest movies of the year" by Time magazine.

In the hidden high-security government laboratory where she works, lonely Elisa (Sally Hawkins) is trapped in a life of isolation. Elisa's life is changed forever when she and co-worker Zelda (Octavia Spencer) discover a secret classified experiment. Rounding out the cast are Michael Shannon, Richard Jenkins, Michael Stuhlbarg and Doug Jones.

"The Shape of Water" is rated R and will screen Friday, January 19 through Monday, January 22 and Friday, January 26 through Monday, January 29, nightly at 7:30 pm, with matinees at 2 pm on Saturday and Sunday.

The Callicoon Theater is located at 30 Upper Main St, Callicoon, NY. Admission is \$11 (\$9 admission on Mondays and matinees) and \$8 for children under 12 at all shows.

Additional films likely to screen in February as part of the CineArt series include "The Post," directed by Steven Spielberg and starring Meryl Streep and Tom Hanks; Golden Globe winner "Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri," directed by Martin McDonagh and starring Frances McDormand and Woody Harrelson; "Lady Bird," directed by Greta Gerwig and starring Saoirse Ronan; and "Phantom Thread," directed by Paul Thomas Anderson and starring Daniel Day Lewis. Check delawarevalleyartsalliance.org and callicoontheater.com for updates, or call (845) 887-4460.

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.

**Join the Breakout Game Crazy at
E.B. Crawford Public Library in Monticello**

Have you heard of the Escape Room craze sweeping the nation? Our breakout games for teens and kids have been such a hit that we have to do multiple sessions to keep up with the waitlist! An escape game consists of puzzles, clues, and other problem-solving exercises that kids will work together to solve before the clock runs out. Join us on Tuesday, September 23rd at 4:00pm our teen game (ages 12-18) called A Case of the Mondays. The kid's game will be held on January 30th in two sessions: 4:00pm & 5:00pm. You can register for either session.

Grab some friends and stop by for some fun at the library. Registration is required as space is limited. To register, or for more information, call 845-794-4660 ext. 5. To see a full list of library programs, visit ebcpl.org or follow us on Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter @ebcplibrary. The Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library is located at 479 Broadway in Monticello. All library programs are free and open to the public.

**Monthly Program
for Home School Families at
E.B. Crawford Public Library**

This month, our homeschool program will be hosting a book club! But this isn't your ordinary book club. Snacks and cocoa will be provided and student will discuss their favorite, or most recent read. We will all be talking about different books, so who knows, you might discover a new favorite book or genre. This program will take place on January 25th at 11:30 a.m. This program gives home schooled students a chance to share their work & ideas with their peers and community. All ages are invited to attend and participate at their own level.

This program is free but space is limited and registration is required. For more information or to register for the program call 845-794-4660 ext. 5. To see a full list of library programs, visit

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**Kids Construction Club at E.B.
Crawford Public Library**

Using only LEGO bricks and imagination kids ages 6-12 are invited to complete a monthly building challenge. Their sculptures will be displayed in the library until the next construction club program. Past challenges have included: boats that can float, bridges, flags, blindfolded challenges, single color builds, and so much more. This program always fills up, so register now to join us for the fun! Our Construction Club meets on the last Monday of each month at 4:30pm. The next meet up is January 29th.

This program is free but space and materials are limited, so registration is required. For more information or to register for the program call 845-794-4660 ext. 5. To see a full list of library programs, visit www.ebcpl.org or follow us on Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter @ebcplibrary. The Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library is located at 479 Broadway in Monticello. All library programs are free and open to the public.

**Winter Fun Day at at E.B.
Crawford**

Public Library in Monticello

Join us on Saturday, February 3rd at 12pm for another great event sponsored by the Friends of Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library. We will read stories about animals in winter, make pinecone bird feeders, drink cocoa and have snacks, and more! This will be a great family event and all are invited.

Grab some friends and stop by for some winter fun at the library. Registration is encouraged but not required. To register, or for more information, call 845-794-4660 ext. 5. To see a full list of library programs, visit ebcpl.org or follow us on Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter @ebcplibrary. The Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library is located at 479 Broadway in Monticello. All library programs are free and open to the public.

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Who in the world was Grant Rogers?

Cabin fever season is the perfect time to rediscover the "Catskill Mountain Songmaker," Grant Rogers.

A website: www.grantrogers.org/pages/index.php devoted to this musician and tunesmith, who documented in song the way of life of the western Catskills, includes audio clips of Grant (1907-79) performing several songs, as well as a video of

his appearance with a youthful Pete Seeger on Seeger's 1950s television show about folk music traditions. The site also features recordings of and interviews with contemporary musicians influenced by Grant Rogers, including Jay Ungar and Ira Mcintosh.

Rogers was among 1,000 people displaced by New York City's Cannonsville Reservoir. Listen to him sing the song he wrote about it.

The Grant Rogers Project, supported by Music on the Delaware and The William B. Ogden Free Library of Walton, was recognized with an Award of Merit from Delaware County Historical Association in November.

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A.G. Schneiderman announces Investigation into Possible Misconduct by Propane Suppliers Across NY

New York Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman announced an investigation into possible misconduct by propane suppliers across New York. The investigation follows dozens of complaints received by his office during the recent record cold front regarding major delays in delivery, possible price gouging, and other issues.

"No New Yorker should have to sit in a freezing home or office this winter. But in recent days, my office has been flooded with calls from New Yorkers across the state who've experienced extreme delivery delays and possible price gouging by their local propane supplier," said Attorney General Schneiderman. "New Yorkers depend on timely, affordable deliveries of gas or oil to heat their home. After my office stepped in, we were able to help a number of New Yorkers get their heat back on - but it's clear that there were systemic failures that left far too many New Yorkers sitting in the cold for far too long." "I will not allow any business to exploit a weather emergency and leave New Yorkers in the cold. That's why I'm launching an investigation into possible misconduct by propane suppliers across the state, and will not hesitate to take action on behalf of consumers when necessary," continued Attorney General Schneiderman. "Any New Yorker that believes they may have been the victim of price gouging or other misconduct by a propane provider should contact my office right away."

Over the last week, as temperatures hit record lows, the Attorney General's office received dozens of complaints from across the state regarding propane delivery and pricing.

Many New Yorkers complained that they called their propane company for days and couldn't get a timely response, or any response at all. Some people who received a weekend delivery, but had been calling since early in the week, were forced to pay a weekend delivery fee, upwards of \$150 or \$200. In other instances, companies refused to fill another company's tank and suggested that consumers buy a new tank from their company. New Yorkers also complained about high prices and sharp price increases.

New Yorkers can contact the Attorney General's hotline at 518-776-2000 or file a complaint online. The Attorney General is announcing this investigation publicly in order to encourage New Yorkers to file complaints - so that his office can continue to help resolve individual issues, and to aid in the ongoing investigation.

The Attorney General is also urging consumers to investigate the options they have for heating their homes during the cold winter months. Fuel oil and propane prices can vary significantly from supplier to supplier. Prices can also fluctuate dramatically throughout the heating season. Consumers considering entering into fuel oil and propane contracts for the season should make sure they understand all of the terms and conditions in the agreement, including any fees or charges for deliveries, minimum purchase requirements, or other conditions.

Unmanned Aerial System Program will be Used to Enhance Public Safety, Assist in Natural Disaster Response

Program Provides Significant Cost and Safety Advantages Compared to Manned State Police Aircraft in Certain Emergency Situations

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced the launch of the new State Police Unmanned Aerial System program, which will be used to support law enforcement missions, including disaster response and traffic safety. The first four State Police aerial drones will be put into service this month in Troop A, which serves eight counties in Western New York, Troop D, which serves seven counties in the Central New York region, Troop F, which serves five southern counties west of the Hudson River, and Troop G, which serves ten counties in the Capital Region. By April 2018, an additional 14 aerial drones will be deployed throughout the state.

"This state-of-the-art technology will improve emergency response, improve operational and cost efficiencies and increase Trooper safety," Governor Cuomo said. "We will continue to implement innovative technologies to improve our ability to protect New Yorkers across this great state."

The State Police will use Unmanned Aerial System technologies for law enforcement and public safety missions, taking advantage of the flexibility and efficiencies that aerial drones provide. Acquiring and operating the systems provide a significant cost savings over manned aircraft, and will be deployed in multiple locations across the state, reducing response times and making operations more efficient and cost-effective. The aerial drones can also be used in dangerous situations and environments, including natural disasters, keeping State Troopers out of harm's way.

The Unmanned Aerial System can document and

County Picks Up the Tab that Saves Town and City Taxpayers Over \$1 Million

3 Year Phase In of Election Costs Completed

Kingston, NY (January 9, 2018) - Ulster County made a commitment to the twenty towns and the City of Kingston to assume the cost of elections and phase it in over three years, with the entire expense being covered in 2017. Since 2015, the County underwrote one-third of the \$411,289.17 election expense in the first year, two-thirds of the \$696,301.53 election expense for 2016, and the entire \$445,721.87 expense for 2017. "The City of Kingston, like our neighboring towns and villages, benefits from the commitment of Ulster County to our shared constituents," said Mayor Steve Noble. "With the full implementation of the County's takeover of these costs, we have been able to focus on preserving and delivering high quality essential services to our local residents."

"Local budgets in need of any mandate relief they can find should see just a little more breathing room," said Comptroller Auerbach. "While it won't cure every budgetary concern out there, the savings of thousands - and in many cases tens of thousands - of dollars for each municipality is real and will allow them to redirect monies to other priorities."

The total cost of elections varied greatly over the three-year period. For example, 2016 costs were nearly 70% greater than 2015. Those same 2016 costs were well over 50% more than the full cost of 2017. The huge disparity was the result of holding four elections in 2016, including three primaries and a general election. The costs spiked because state and Federal governments were unwilling to alter their primary dates and consolidate to a single date. The 2015 and 2017 election cycle consisted of one primary and a general election.

The impetus behind the County implementing a multi-year effort to relieve the municipalities was a response to the financial burdens placed on local governments, and subsequently on local taxpayers. Additionally, meeting certain polling place requirements because of the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) would have stressed the already strained local budgets.

The complete report can be found at: <http://ulstercountyny.gov/comptroller/board-elections-cost-final-phase-report>

The mission of the Ulster County Comptroller's Office is to serve as an independent agency of the people and to protect the public interest by monitoring County government and to assess and report on the degree to which its operation is economical, efficient and its financial condition sound.

Municipality	2015 Direct Budget Savings	2016 Direct Budget Savings	2017 Direct Budget Savings	Total Savings Realized During Phase In
Denning	\$1,670.25	\$8,456.30	\$6,267.85	\$16,394.40
Olive	\$4,496.39	\$22,151.70	\$19,105.06	\$45,753.15
Gardiner	\$4,050.57	\$12,781.96	\$12,676.28	\$29,508.81
Hardenburgh	\$818.51	\$3,979.82	\$3,536.39	\$8,334.72
New Paltz	\$7,275.68	\$32,949.08	\$29,652.09	\$69,876.85
Shandaken	\$3,700.95	\$19,292.66	\$15,412.73	\$38,406.34
Shawangunk	\$6,171.94	\$23,197.96	\$21,048.45	\$50,418.35
Wawarsing	\$8,640.31	\$35,059.70	\$32,041.01	\$75,741.02

help reconstruct serious motor vehicle crashes in less time than with current methods, resulting in shorter road closures, lessening the impact on motorists. Investigators will also use the aerial drones to document and photograph crime scenes.

State Police members who will operate the Unmanned Aerial System will be FAA certified and undergo 32 hours of hands-on training with the systems.

State Police Superintendent George P. Beach II said, "The aerial drone systems we are deploying bring substantial benefits to our Troopers in the field, and are representative of our ongoing efforts to provide the tools they need to deliver outstanding service to the public. I want to thank Governor Cuomo and the Trooper Foundation for their continued support of the State Police."

The New York State Trooper Foundation is donating 16 of the aerial drone systems to the State Police. The Foundation was established to assist the State Police in its public service mission, by forging partnerships between the State Police and the private sector to advance training, safety education, special public and professional services and programs, in addition to police technology.

Senator Schumer and Gillibrand Introduce Legislation to Name Post Office in Honor of Maurice Hinchey

Washington, D.C. - U.S. Senate Minority Leader Charles E. Schumer and U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand today introduced legislation to rename the U.S. Post Office at 111 Market St, Saugerties, New York after former U.S. Representative Maurice Hinchey.

"Congressman Maurice Hinchey or 'Mighty Moe,' as I used to call him, deserves to be honored for his determination, endless energy, rare legislative skills, and his unwavering commitment to his constituents. During his 38 years of public service, Hinchey was a truly special figure in the Hudson Valley and Southern Tier, and was passionately devoted to a just society, the environment and to preserving the region's magnificent open and wild spaces," said Senator Schumer. "This designation will be a fitting tribute to this hometown hero who relentlessly fought to represent the citizens of the very community he cherished so greatly in the House of Representatives."

"Congressman Maurice Hinchey was a pillar in his community and a fierce advocate for our veterans and the environment," said Senator Gillibrand. "During his 38 years of public service, he showed passion and ded-

ication in representing his constituents. I was honored to serve alongside him in the House of Representatives, and this designation will be a fitting tribute to his life and service to his community in Saugerties and Ulster County."

"Maurice cared deeply about the people in his hometown of Saugerties, NY. Having the opportunity to name the Post Office in his honor is something our family will cherish for generations to come," said the Hinchey Family. "We thank Sen. Gillibrand, Sen. Schumer, Rep. Slaughter, Rep. Faso and everyone else involved in making this happen for such a lovely tribute to Maurice's legacy."

Hinchey served New Yorkers for 38 years across terms in the New York State Assembly (1974-1992) and the U.S. House of Representatives (1993-2013). Hinchey was known for being an advocate for the environment through his support of the Clean Air Act and the protection of the Hudson River. Hinchey served in the United States Navy from 1956-1959 and was deeply committed to serving his fellow veterans.

Hinchey's many years of public service earned him a reputation as a tireless champion for working people. He led the efforts to create the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area, and provided the first federal funding for the Walkway Over the Hudson. As a member of the House Appropriations Committee, he helped bring millions of dollars into the district to create jobs and grow the economy.

Faso Recommendations Formally Appointed to USDA Farm Service Agency State Committee

Local Agriculture Leaders Will Help Advise USDA on New York Issues

Washington D.C. - Secretary Sonny Perdue announced appointments to the New York State Farm Service Agency (FSA) State Committee. Three of those appointments were formally recommended for positions at FSA by Congressman Faso during the consideration process. Those individuals are Lawrence Eckhardt from Rensselaer County, Barbara Hanselman from Delaware County, and Michael Bittel from Washington County.

Members of the USDA Farm Service Agency State Committees advise the Secretary and the Department on issues that pertain to their respective states. (Contd. Pg. 15)



The Grahamsville United Methodist Church invites you to visit the Thrift Ministry in our recently improved building on the hill!

Clothing for men, women, and children, housewares, toys, shoes, purses, and linens can now be found under one roof.

"The Boutique" which offers new and gently used items is now located on the first floor of the thrift building.

Upcoming Saturday sales from 9:00 to noon:

January 20
February 17
March 17

The Grahamsville United Methodist Church
356 State Route 55,
Grahamsville
985-2283

*Grahamsville United Methodist Church
Pot Roast Dinner*



Saturday, January 27, 2018
4:00 - 7:00

Eat In or Take Out
Grahamsville United Methodist Church Hall

**Claryville Fire Dept.
All You Can Eat
Pancake Breakfast
Sunday, January 21**



Serving 7:00 until 12 Noon
Adults: \$9
Children Ages 5-11: \$5
Under 5 Yrs. Free

\$50 from the Breakfast Is Donated to the Claryville Reformed Church Food Pantry

Boy Scout Troop 97 Fish or Chicken and Chips Dinner

Neversink Fire House • April 7th from 4:30pm to 6:30pm

We will be serving fish or chicken and chips, coleslaw, drinks and a dessert.

Adults \$13.00 Children under 12 \$8.00

Please purchase your single serve meal tickets in advance from:

Boy Scout Neversink Troop 97 Neil Terwilliger at (845)-798-3328 or Chris Morgan at (845)-985 9952

**St. Mark's UM Church
68 Church St., Napanoch
YARD and CLOTHING SALE**

Every Friday: 10 am-2:00 pm
Comics, dolls, household items,
Christmas items, Children's
Clothes, Adult Clothing, vintage
items, much more.

**Join the Thrift Ministry Team
at Grahamsville United Methodist Church
Volunteers Needed!**

Please call the church (985-2283) for further information.

CrossWay Assembly of God

Service Times
Sunday Worship Service 10:30 am



Meet the new Pastor, **Camille Regolec**

Thursday Prayer 7 pm

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

Email: Crosswayag@jesusanswers.com

Sundown United Methodist Church

Peekamoose Rd., Sundown
Sunday Worship Service - 8:30 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study - 6:45 p.m.
Pastor: Rev. Peggy Ann Sauerhoff
845-985-2283
e-mail: 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

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.

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**Feb. 3, 2018
5:30 pm
Covered
Dish Supper**

*Sundown
United Methodist
Church Hall*



Grahamsville United Methodist Church

**January 20
THIRD SATURDAY
THRIFT SALE
9:00 a.m. - 12 noon**

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

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845-985-7480

LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES:

The annual Plot-Holders' meeting for the Grahamsville Rural Cemetery will be held on February 6, 2018 at the Daniel Pierce Library at 7:00 pm

1/18; 1/25

The Power of Candles

by Moshe Unger

Leah, a young mother of two in the year 1939 in Poland, is extremely frightened. The Nazis just invaded Poland and their intentions are quite apparent. Leah was a local grocer and had good relations with everyone in town. Since the start of the war, with the propaganda against the Jews, many locals evaded her store. She felt terrible about that, but there is nothing she can do. Oliwia, a woman who lived near her, was among the few who kept their loyalty to Leah, and Leah is extremely grateful.

When the Nazis invaded, Leah was thinking who would be willing to take in her two little children. She has a conversation with Oliwia, and yes, Oliwia agrees to care and foster her children as her own. When the situation becomes more intense, Leah transfers her children to Oliwia with lots of tears and kisses. Not long after, Leah is taken away.

Many miracles happen, and Leah is spared of the Nazis' death machine. When the war ends, the first thing Leah does is head back to her town to retrieve her children. Oliwia opens the door for her, but when the children see her, they don't recognize her. She tries speaking with them, to no avail. Leah left them when they were very young, and now it is five years since. Turns out that Oliwia didn't give over to them their origins; she just raised them as if they were her children. Now at this point, Oliwia felt that if they recognize their mother she won't object, but if not, she didn't see anything wrong to try to keep them as her own.

Leah sits down to play with her children and tries to remind them names of family members and places they went, but they vaguely remember. Leah is at a loss. Her own two children don't recognize her! Suddenly an idea comes to her. She starts talking about the holidays, the times they spent together, the rituals and Mitzvos they did. She asks them if they remember lighting the candles at the window, and lo and behold, that does it! The children start responding and filling in the details from their memory and they finally recognize their mother.

There are countless such stories after the Holocaust from very credible sources.

Candles have special significance and power, be it Hanukah candles or the Shabbat candles that are lit before sunset every Friday. Candles give a sense of a supernatural experience. The fire is flickering and is always yearning upward; it reminds us of the soul, which is a supernatural being flickering inside our bodies. We light candles when a baby is born, an auspicious time, an out-of-the-world event like a miracle, or when someone passes from this world.

We can learn a lot from candles too. Candles don't lose light when they give of their light to others. When our soul emphasizes with others, it makes our souls bigger. Candles are small but can light up a lot of darkness, a smile to a neighbor can do even more.

"The darkness of the entire world cannot swallow the glow of a candle." - Robert Altinger

Comments? Email: moshe@jaketv.tv

Moshe Unger is an entrepreneur, writer, and founder of Jake TV. His column runs every other Friday in the Democrat.

Help is Available for Owners of Older Buildings -**League Offers Free Workshop on Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credits**

LIBERTY, January 11, 2018 - Commercial property owners, real estate agents, contractors, and community leaders are invited to attend a meeting to find out how to save money while making repairs to older buildings.

The Preservation League of New York State and the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation will present a free workshop in Sullivan County to help people take advantage of New York's Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credits.

The workshop will be held Thursday, January 18 from 3-5 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, 170 North Main Street, Liberty. During the workshop, staff from the State Historic Preservation Office will review the basic guidelines of the program and answer questions on the application process.

The workshop is presented by the Preservation League of New York State, the New York State

Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation, and Dadrus Architects. Speakers include Frances Gubler, the League's Manager of Technical and Grant Programs; Julian Adams, Tax Credit Director, New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation; and Robert Dadrus, Architect, Dadrus Architects. Additional support is provided by the Sullivan County Division of Planning & Community Development, Town of Liberty, Sullivan Renaissance and New York State Senator John J. Bonacic.

"The federal and New York State Historic Tax Credit programs have emerged as signature economic development tools for the revitalization of vacant and underutilized historic buildings throughout the state," said Daniel Mackay, Deputy Commissioner of the NYS Division for Historic Preservation. "New York is now the national leader in the use of the credits, posting investments in the billions, with more than half of that coming from upstate. We are so pleased to administer this program that has played a significant role in the recent revitalization of many of our state's historic downtowns and Main Streets."

The NYS Historic Commercial Properties Tax Credit will cover up to 20% of qualified rehabilitation costs up to a credit value of \$5 million. The 20% Federal Historic Preservation Commercial Tax Credit can be combined with the NYS Historic Commercial Tax Credit to cover 40% of qualified rehabilitation expenditures.

"This is the perfect time to finally fix that leaking roof or replace an inefficient furnace," said Jay DiLorenzo, president of the Preservation League of New York State. "This tax credit can help commercial property owners protect their investment for years to come."

This program requires that the building be individually listed in the State or National Register of Historic Places, or a contributing building in a listed historic district. To find out if a property is eligible, please visit <http://nysparks.com/shpo/tax-credit-programs> or contact the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation at 518-237-8643. Eligibility information will also be available at the workshop.

"Local businesspeople should not miss this important and useful workshop," urged District 9 Legislator Alan Sorensen, who chairs the Sullivan County Legislature's Planning Committee. "This is a way to both preserve our valuable history and help a business thrive. And that makes our communities more attractive to residents and visitors."

To make a reservation for the workshop, visit the League's website at www.preservenys.org or contact Frances Gubler at 518-462-5658 x10 or orfubler@preservenys.org.

Sullivan Renaissance 2018 Grant Applications Released**Resources available for many projects**

Sullivan Renaissance continues to promote efforts to beautify public spaces, revitalize communities, and engage the diverse cultures of Sullivan County through grants to organizations, businesses, churches, schools and individuals to build beautiful, healthy and active communities. The Sullivan Renaissance 2018 grant season launched on January 1, and applications were released online at SullivanRenaissance.org.

Several grant opportunities are offered, ranging from mini grants for beginning efforts to community-wide beautification for more extensive and involved projects. Other grant categories include business assistance, technical assistance, healthy community initiatives and multicultural outreach.

Youth between the ages of 16 and 20 can explore potential summer employment opportunities by calling the office or viewing the intern application online in the grants section.

Those considering a new project such as installing new welcome or directional signs, planting street trees, creating a park or adding hanging baskets and containers to storefronts or Main Streets may consider talking with Sullivan Renaissance staff about their ideas. Staff are available to visit communities and organizations to help with project planning, garden design, and the application process.

Applications, along with required documentation, can be submitted via e-mail or mail by March 1, 2018. Information about all grant categories, applications and contact information can be found at SullivanRenaissance.org or by calling 845-295-2445.

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

Board of Education Agenda

Thursday, January 18, 2018
Tri-Valley Central School District Grahamsville,
New York 12740
Fiscal Year 2017-2018
Secondary School Library Upper Level -
Executive Session - 6:00 pm
Secondary School Library Lower Level -
Regular Meeting #10 - 7:00 pm

This agenda is for informational purpose only and is provided as a courtesy to the community. This agenda is subject to change.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR:**Helping Families and Seniors Afford to Stay and Thrive in New York**

Dear Editor:

Whether you are a New Yorker looking to begin a career, a young family working hard to make ends meet, or an older New Yorker looking to stay in your community, our state's high cost of living is forcing thousands of New Yorkers to flee to other parts of the country.

That is why my colleagues and I in the Senate Republican Conference are taking action to make our state more affordable by delivering \$4.2 billion in middle class income tax cuts this year, proposing hundreds of millions of dollars in new tax relief, and ensuring long-term fiscal responsibility in government.

Our Affordability Agenda focuses on broad-based tax relief for families and seniors, including:

- Lower Income Taxes;
- Lower Property Taxes;
- Lower Energy Taxes;
- Lower Taxes on Retirement Income; and
- Reforms to Control Spending and Prevent Tax Increases.

For more information on our Affordability Agenda, click here.

The Affordability Agenda is the first part of our three-pronged "Blueprint for a Stronger New York" that focuses on making the state less costly and more attractive for hardworking New Yorkers. When combined together, the Senate's Affordability, Opportunity, and Security Agendas comprise a powerful and comprehensive plan to give all New Yorkers the opportunity to succeed.

I believe that our Blueprint for a Stronger New York will provide a sensible approach to lowering taxes and creating better opportunities for all New Yorkers during the 2018 session and upcoming budget negotiations. I will be sure to keep you posted on my continued efforts.

Sincerely,
John J. Bonacic
State Senator

LIFE IS A STORY...**Make Yours a Best Seller**

SUNY Sullivan's 22nd
Annual Women's Conference
Saturday, April 21, 2018

Keynote Speaker: Marion Grodin started as a writer for network sitcoms "It's a Living" and "Princesses" and later went on to sell six screenplays. For the last decade, Marion has been one of the hottest comics in the country. She is a favorite at NYC's top clubs, including Standup NY and Gotham Comedy Club, where she regularly headlines. She is always willing to be as self-revealing as she is probing of the audience. Marion has toured with Linda Ronstadt and opened for Lewis Black, Judy Gold, and Robert Klein. She has shared the stage with Jerry Seinfeld, Dave Chappelle, Roseanne Barr and Robin Williams. Marion has been on NBC's "Late Night" with Conan O'Brien and ABC's "The View". In addition, she worked with her father on "The Charles Grodin Show" as his comedy producer. Marion knows that laughter is truly the best medicine, having survived breast cancer, divorce, and various addictions including an inappropriate relationship with Haagen Dazs.

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

2018 Upcoming Events

- Jan 7 - Mar 4 Sundays Discounted Passes Skiing & Snowboarding at Holiday Mt.
- 1/19 Free Snow tubing Trip to Holiday Mt.
- 2/9 Free Roller Skating Trip to Skaters World
- 2/10 Great American Outdoor Show
- 4/13 Free Animal Embassy Presentation
- 4/30 May 4 Screen Free Week
- 5/15 Tour of Bethel Woods Museum & Lunch
- 6/1 Sister Act Westchester Broadway Dinner Theatre
- 6/10 Wine, Food, Music Bounty of the Hudson
- 7/4 Decorated Bicycle Parade & Albi Concert
- 7/13 Free Water Fun at Grahamsville Fairgrounds
- 8/4 NY Renaissance Fair
- 9/15 Community Yard Sale, Craft & Vendor Fair
- 9/29 Garlic Festival
- 10/13 Jack O Lantern Blaze
- 10/27 Look for our Trunk at the PTO Trunk or Treat
- 11/3-11/4 Indoor Water Park Sleepover
- 12/1 Transportation to NYC
- 12/2 Elf Workshop & Tree Lighting
- 12/15 Disney on Ice



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.

2017 Town of Neversink Motor Vehicle Schedule
 10 am - 2:30 pm
 Dec 14

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 to play cards

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- 1/20/18 Third Saturday Thrift Sale - Grahamsville UMC 9 am - 12 Noon
- 1/20/19 **Homemade Meatloaf Comfort Food Dinner** 4:30-7:30 Big Indian/Oliveria Fire House
- 1/21/28 Claryville Fire Department **All You Can Eat Breakfast** - 7 am to Noon
- 1/22/18 Neversink Chamber of Commerce Meeting. 7 pm Daniel Pierce Library Community Room
- 2/3/18 **Covered Dish Supper** - Sundown Methodist Church Hall 5:30 pm
- 2/20/18 Grahamsville Fire District Meeting
- 1/27/18 Grahamsville United Methodist Church **Pot Roast Dinner** 4:00 - 7:00 Eat In or Take Out
- 2/21/18 Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Association Meeting

REMINDER: To all municipalities and local organizations, if you haven't already sent us a copy of your 2018 Calendar of Events to please send it as soon as possible to: *The Townsman*, P O Box 232, Grahamsville, NY 12740 or email it to: tvtownsman@yahoo.com
 We want to continue to post your meetings and events on our local calendar each week during the coming year.

SAVE THE DATE!

May 25-28, 2018 **Sundown Community 2nd Annual Miles & Miles of Yard Sale!**
 Apr 7 - **Boy Scout Troop 97 Fish or Chicken and Chips Dinner** 4:30pm to 6:30pm

Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman is available at the following places of business in Sullivan and Ulster Counties

TRI-VALLEY AREA
 SUNDOWN CAMP & BAIT SHOP
 GRAHAMSVILLE DELI
 NEVERSINK GENERAL STORE
 BLUE HILL LODGE
 ZANETTI'S SERVICE STATION
 3 GOLDEN'S CONVENIENCE STORE (Seasonal)

LOCH SHELDRAKE - VALERO MINI MALL • SC COMMUNITY COLLEGE LIBRARY
FALLSBURG - FALLSBURG TOWN HALL
WOODBOURNE - CITGO STATION • MO'S GAS STATION • P.D. SMITH ENTERPRISE
LIBERTY - LIBERTY FITNESS • CHARLIE'S PIZZA • AGWAY (Both Stores)
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 ELLENVILLE REG HOSPITAL
 PETER'S MARKET
 THORTON HARDWARE
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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.

Rally Point

By Chris Gibson

Reviewed by Charles Breiner

I first met Chris Gibson in 2012, when he was running for Congress in the new redistricted 20th Congressional District. I was immediately impressed with his knowledge of history, the issues integrity and his military service. It was an honor to serve as a volunteer in the last two of Chris' campaigns.

He illustrates the cost of war by writing of the death of two heroes, Staff Sergeant Zachary Wobler and Sergeant Chris Pusateri. He makes the point that Presidency over the years has accumulated too much war power at the expense of the Congressional power that is provided for under the *Constitution*. Chris Gibson concludes that a strong military is necessary to protect the nation and to achieve peace through strength and that preemptive strikes should be avoided.

The author concisely covers the political theorists of the Enlightenment and how they influenced the founders who wrote the *Constitution* creating a government by the consent of the people. At the time the *Constitution* was created people were subjects of kings and emperors who ruled by divine right. He explained the concept of the division of powers between the executive, congress and the courts to protect our rights granted to us from our Creator. He stresses the need to restore the founding principles including compromise.

Chris defines the "pursuit of happiness" as the opportunity to live a flourishing life through the dignity of work and service to our community. In his message to liberals Chris acknowledges that both liberals and conservatives want the same things for the people including "freedom, security, sustainability, equal opportunity and social justice." Liberals hope to achieve this by creating a strong centrist or statist government. This has been a failure to those who it intended to help. We need to return to the intentions of the founders of a limited Federal government and restoring the constitutional powers granted to peoples' representatives, the Congress.

Rally Point is both positive and inspirational and challenges all to improve our lives. It describes specific reforms needed to return to the principles of the nation's founders and insure that America's best days are ahead for us. These brief 231 pages are among the best and perhaps the most important that I have read in my fairly long lifetime.

Date Change

Denning Dems Meeting
 Saturday, January 27 at 11 a.m.
 at Grahamsville Library
 Community Room

Neversink Chamber of Commerce



Invites You to the
 Monday, January 22, 2018 Meeting
 at 7:00 pm at the
 Daniel Pierce Library
 Community Meeting Room
Members are encouraged to Bring a Guest

Faso Recommendations Formally Appointed to USDA Farm Service Agency State Committee

(From Pg. 12) "The three individuals appointed are exemplary candidates who will do a great job representing New York," said Faso. "I'm encouraged and confident that they will provide excellent counsel to the USDA on agriculture issues affecting upstate New York."

Mr. Eckhardt has forty years of experience in farm business management. His family farm operates on 1,100 acres of farmland and provides services to an additional 350 acres on neighboring farms. Mr. Eckhardt serves as the Town Supervisor of the Town of Stephentown.

Ms. Hanselman is a leader in the agriculture community of upstate New York. She is involved in numerous advising boards and organizations, including the National Milk Producers Federation, the National Dairy Promotion and Research Board, and the United Dairy Industry Association. Barbara grew up on a dairy farm is now a partner at Del-Rose Farm.

Mr. Bittel has twenty-seven years of business management experience. His leadership at King Arthur Flour Company moved the company from the seventh largest to the second largest flour brand in the United States. Mr. Bittel was also recommended by Rep. Elise Stefanik.

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