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## Fallsburg Provides Houses for Bluebirds of Happiness



As part of the collaboration between Fallsburg Central School District (FCSD) and Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) in Liberty, sixth graders at Benjamin Cosor Elementary School (BCES) assembled bluebird houses for the BCES Trail behind the school building. The bluebird is the state bird of New York State and in need of nesting cavities. Aggressive species such as house sparrows and starlings have been taking over nesting places. (Contd. Pg. 4)



## Junior FBLA Active Over the Holidays

by Celest Ibarra, Junior FBLA Reporter



*Junior FBLA members who participated in the luncheon*

On December 3, 2016 at the Daniel Pierce Library, the Tri-Valley Junior Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) set up a luncheon for local senior citizens. Over 30 seniors attended the luncheon and around 20 FBLA members were there to set up, serve, and clean up.



*Local senior citizen and Junior FBLA members visit with each other*

For the lunch, seniors were served salad, garlic rolls, beef goulash, apple crisp, and either coffee or tea to drink. During the lunch the Junior FBLA historian took pictures and any pictures that were taken will be sent to the seniors in the pictures. While the seniors ate, a few of our members sang holiday carols. (Contd. Pg. 8)

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## Maple Woods Farm Celebrates Another Record-breaking Year

With over 450 lessons taught, 40 day-end Championships and 18 year-end Championships, the riders at Maple Woods Farm celebrated another record breaking year in 2016. Between Horsemanship camps, parades, and educational presentations at local schools, riders and staff were busy sharing their experiences and kind horses with the community. (Contd. Pg. 9)



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**ON THE FRONT BURNER:**  
that shall tread down our enemies.

Through God we shall do valiantly; for he it is  
Psalm 60:12

**COLLEGE NEWS:**

**Charles Marsden of Hurleyville graduates from SUNY Oswego**

Charles W. Marsden of Hurleyville completed his baccalaureate studies in business administration in fall 2016 at SUNY Oswego and was recognized at the college's Commencement in December.

**News from SUNY Oneonta**

A total of 1,515 SUNY Oneonta students earned Dean's List honors for the fall 2016 semester. To qualify for the Dean's List, a student must earn a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher while carrying a course load of 12 hours or more.

The following area students were named to the fall 2016 SUNY Oneonta Dean's List:

Megan Porter of Napanoch, NY;

Meghan Robinette of Liberty, NY

**Clarkson University Early College Program Offers Scholarship to High School Students**

Clarkson School Offering \$60,000 Scholars Award The Clarkson School, Clarkson University's early college program, is once again proud to offer the \$60,000 -- or \$15,000 per year -- Clarkson School Scholars Award.

The award is based on a nomination from a student's high school administration and is available to students who are currently in their junior year, have excelled academically and are interested in starting college early. To receive consideration, students are encouraged to speak with their high school guidance department.

Since 1978, The Clarkson School (TCS) has provided academic high achievers, who have progressed beyond their high school curriculum, the opportunity to start college early. Students take a full first-year college course load and have the chance to participate in professor-led research, join athletic teams, and get involved in student clubs and organizations.

As opposed to the typical freshman experience, TCS students live in their own residence hall with a dedicated staff. The living environment and sense of community are as important to TCS year as the enriching academic experience.

The residence building is reserved for TCS students, with the administrative offices connected to the residence hall and easily accessible. Each of the floors has a common area for socializing, studying and meetings, as well as a house advisor living on each floor.

Simply put, TCS students have the best of both worlds: access to all the resources and amenities of a nationally-ranked University, while also living in separate residential facilities with a dedicated faculty and staff to assist in the transition to a college setting.

To learn more about the Clarkson School Scholars Award or TCS, visit [www.clarkson.edu/tcs](http://www.clarkson.edu/tcs) or call 800-574-4425.

**DAYS OF YORE....**

**Today's History**

**January 23, 1957** - Mr. and Mrs. Ransie Hamilton of Claryville, announce the engagement of their daughter, Frances, to Manuel Paul, son of Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Paul of Monticello. Miss Hamilton is a graduate of Liberty High School and the Hollywood Academy of Beauty Culture in New York City. She is employed in Monticello. Mr. Paul is a graduate of Monticello High School and is working as an electrician.

Mr. and Mrs. V.C. Shader of Pleasant Road are the parents of a daughter, born at Hamilton Ave. Hospital on January 4th. She has been named Valerie Gay and weighed 6 lbs. 4 oz.

**January 18, 1967** - Mrs. Alida Allison was installed as matron of Revonah Chapter, OES, and William Hill as patron, at ceremonies earlier this month in Masonic Hall, Liberty. Beverly Youmans and Richard Moore are associate matron and associate patron and other officers are Virginia Fuller, secretary; Elizabeth Roosa, treasurer; Helen Moore, associate conductress.

Reverend and Mrs. Donald W. Walter of Grahamsville wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Kathleen Ellen, to Robert M. Wood. He is the son of Mrs. Muriel Wood of Equinunk, Pa. and Mr. Merlyn Wood of Wellsboro, Pa. Miss Walter is a graduate of Hancock Central School and is now attending Sullivan County Community College. Her fiancé is also a graduate of Hancock Central School and is presently self-employed. A June wedding is planned.

**January 20, 1977** - Congressman Matthew F. McHugh announced his nominations for admission to the United States Service Academies. Mr. McHugh said his nominations were based on the applicant's high school records, three letters of recommendation, College Board scores, extracurricular activities and a personal interview. Nominated to the U.S. Naval Academy from Tri-Valley Central School are John Gallagher of South Hill Road and David Hill, Hastings Drive, Grahamsville.

**January 22, 1987** - Navy Seaman Recruit Bill J. Frear, son of Jay and Linda Zanetti of South Hill Road, Grahamsville has completed recruit training at Great Lakes Naval Station, Illinois. Frear's studies included seamanship, close order drill, naval history and first aid. Persons who complete this course of instruction are eligible for three hours of college credit. Bill is a 1986 graduate of Tri-Valley Central School.

**Friends of the Garden Sullivan County Program at the Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library present Growing Micro Greens for Fun**

Microgreens (micro greens) are a tiny form of young edible greens produced from various kinds of vegetables, herbs or other plants. It is between a sprout and a full grown plant. They range in size from 1" to 1 1/2" including the stem and leaves. The average crop-time for most microgreens is 7-14 days from seeding to harvest. Despite their small size, microgreens can have very strong flavors, and are packed with nutrients.

Microgreens are an ingredient used both as a visual and flavor component primarily in fine dining restaurants. Fine dining chefs use microgreens to enhance the beauty and freshness of their dishes with their delicate textures and distinctive flavors. Come to the class and taste a micro green salad, then plant your own micro-greens to take home, and place on the kitchen counter to grow.

Presenters: Friends of the Garden of Sullivan County Jakuin Saunders

Limited to the First 15 to Register (845)794-4660 x4

Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library is located at 479 Broadway, Monticello, NY 12701. The meeting is to be held in the Robert D. Norris Community Room



**A Round About Tri-Valley**

Carol Furman

Margaret Dolan is home out of the hospital and receiving therapy for her leg. Mike Mickelson continues to improve and feels better.

Sapping season on Glade Hill began on January 13th. I've seen the trucks drawing the sap going up and down the hill. These warmer days of January have also brought out raccoons. I happened to see two of these adaptable omnivorous creatures one evening last week. Coons usually eat well on garden corn or even from garbage cans. You name it; a coon will eat it. We had a couple of them visit our barn last spring and they became nightly callers, tearing open feed bags and enjoying the contents, until they were trapped. One soon learns to recognize the footprints of raccoon because they leave distinctive prints. They are "plantigrades" or sole-walkers, like humans and bears, and their track is easily identified.

Did you happen to hear on the news that the Ringling Bros. Circus is closing after 146 years? Declining attendance, high operating costs, along with battles with animal rights groups have contributed to the demise of the circus. I remember, many years ago when I was just a kid, I went to the circus in NYC. Prior to the main-ring attractions, everyone visited the sideshow, or as some called it, the "freak show". There we were able to see the fat lady, midgets, the man covered in tattoos, the bearded lady, a wild boy in a cage, a giant and other oddities. Of course sideshows haven't been a part of the circus for many, many years. The last time I went to a circus was when I took my grandchildren on a bus trip with Neversink Parks and Rec. several years ago. We enjoyed seeing the acrobats, the clowns, the tigers, the man being shot out of a cannon and the animal performances. It's really sad that the Ringling Bros. Circus will have it's final performance on May 21st. I also read that the Big Apple Circus, a one-ring circus which has a training facility in Walden, is also closing. This Circus, which started in 1977, has filed for bankruptcy and will be putting their assets up for auction.

**Words of Wisdom:** One of the oldest human needs is having someone to wonder where you are when you don't come home at night. (Margaret Mead) There is a difference between knowledge and wisdom. Knowledge is knowing that a tomato is a fruit not a vegetable. Wisdom is knowing not to include it in a fruit salad.

**Calico Geese Quilters News**

The Calico Geese Quilters of Sullivan County monthly meeting 7:00pm will be held at the Cornell Cooperative Extension Building (CCESC), 64 Ferndale Rd, Liberty. "Sewcial" gathering before the meeting @ 6:00 pm. Meetings are 2nd Monday every month.

The Calico Geese Quilters of Sullivan County, a unit of CCESC, recently held their election of officers for a new 2 year term which began September 2016 and will end August 2018. The officers are President, Sally Abrams, of Livingston Manor, Vice President, Cathy McGowan-Dawkins, of Wurtsboro, Recording Secretary, Kathy Hasbrouck, of Liberty, Corresponding Secretary, Peggy Morgans of Parksville, and Treasurer, Marie Harris of Monticello.

The drawing for the 2016 beautiful Pineapple Design Quilt was held at their October meeting. The winning ticket, drawn at random, was purchased by Donna Bury, previously of Youngsville. She was presented with the quilt by Cindy Babcock, of Cocheton, who is the outgoing Vice President. Ms. Bury has since relocated to the State of Montana.

Members of the Calico Geese Quilters would like to thank all those who bought raffle tickets and are very grateful for their support. The proceeds from the raffle is used to create our annual raffle quilt and quilts for babies, children, our veterans, CCESC, as well as, a donation to a charitable organization. This year a donation will be made to the Times Herald Record People to People Fund.

The 2017 Queen size Raffle quilt, Blue Diamonds, can be seen at venues in the county throughout the coming months. Raffle tickets will be available at those venues or at Cornell Cooperative Extension, Ferndale Road, Liberty, New York, or a member of the Calico Geese.

**Summer Jobs Available to Beautify Communities-Sullivan Renaissance Hiring Project Assistants**

Sullivan Renaissance, in partnership with the Sullivan County Center for Workforce Development, will hire several seasonal Project Assistants to work with community volunteers on Renaissance projects this summer. Formerly called "Interns", the Project Assistants will also participate in a series of youth development meetings and adopt a Day of Service Project. Salaries start at \$10.50 per hour.

Candidates must be between the ages of 16 and 20 by March 13th, the application deadline. Applications are available at <http://www.sullivanrenaissance.org> or by calling (845)295-2445.

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**Roscoe-Rockland Garden Club Announces Holiday Decoration Winners**

The Roscoe-Rockland Garden Club is pleased to congratulate the winners of their annual Holiday Decorations Awards. Three winners were chosen in both the Home and Business categories and received prizes of Roscoe Bucks from the Chamber of Commerce.

**Home:**

First place went to Faye Handrinos out on the Gulf Road for her dazzling, light-filled display, "Winter Wonderland."

Second place went to Perry and Laurie Kuehn on Rockland Road for their nostalgic "Christmas Peace."

Third place was awarded to Rodney Hardner and Tony Gray of Gruber Road in Cooks Falls for their cascading "Unique Falls."

**Business:**

In this category first place was awarded to the Roscoe-Rockland Firehouse's beautiful seasonal display.

Second place went to Northern Farmhouse Pasta on Rockland Road for their eye-catching play of lights.

Third place went to the tree and illuminations of the Pavilion Stage in Roscoe Town Center, part of Cabin Creek.

**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.

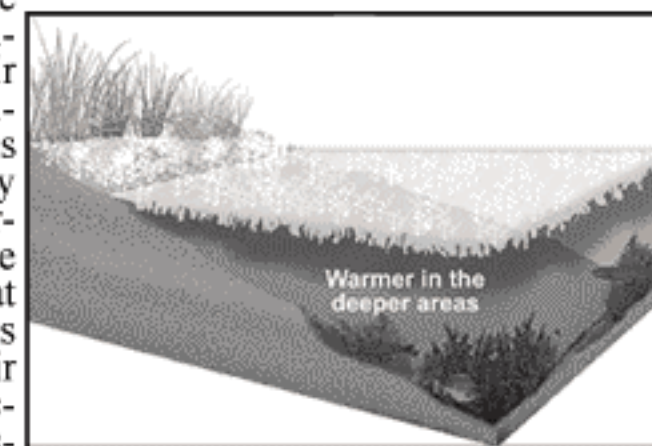
**What Happens to the Fish in the Pond During Winter?**

Did you ever wonder what was going on under the ice in a pond? Or wonder what are the fish up to this time of the year?

In short - they are not up to too much.

But pond fish not being up to too much is an interesting behavior all the same, considering how active they are throughout the rest of the year.

Pond fish are poikilothermic animals, meaning they are cold-blooded. Their body temperature is regulated by the temperature of the water that surrounds them. Their body functions respond to their environment and change according to the water temperature. During cold periods, their activity and metabolism is greatly reduced therefore, they do not feed during the cold winter.



During the extreme cold of winter, pond fish sit on the bottom of the pond where the warmest water is. During this time the behavior of pond fish is called the state of torpor, which is not full hibernation, but a time when body temperature is reduced, metabolism is slower, as well as a slower reaction time, reduced breathing rate and reduced primary body functions.

While a 6-9 foot deep pond does appear to be calm it also provides a calm environment for the fish. As cold temperatures slow the metabolisms of all living creatures, winter lakes and ponds exhibit reduced rates of photosynthesis and respiration. In temperate lakes covered by ice, water temperatures are about 39°F top to bottom except at the very top where ice forms at around 32°F. The unique properties of water molecules make ice less dense than water, so it floats on the top of the lake, allowing fish and other life to remain alive below. The temperature of the water determines what level it occupies in the pond. The cold water layer at 39 degrees is the heaviest and drops to the bottom taking a myriad of tiny organisms down to winter safely in the mud.

The warm water layer at the surface level freezes over, covering the pond with a blanket that keeps warmth from radiating out into the colder air above.

Enough winter sunlight filters through the ice allowing plants to continue to make their own green food (photosynthesis). These plant crops of one-cell algae and diatoms are harvested by small organisms which in turn feed the bigger frogs, turtles and fish.

There are thousands of transparent diatoms in one glass of water. These micro-plants reproduce by the millions to form half the staple food crop in pond water.

Completing the other half are millions of one-cell animals called protozoan. They convert into protein pond water gases like oxygen and dissolved chemicals like calcium.

So pond life, continues in winter - eat or be eaten, still goes on, but at a much slower pace. The oxygen level is maintained by the wonderful respiration exchanged between plants and animals. Plants breathe in carbon dioxide and expel oxygen while animals inhale oxygen and exhale carbon dioxide.

It won't be long and Spring will be here and the fish will start their usual warm-weather behavior that we are accustomed to.

At first we may get a chill thinking about the fish in that icy cold water under the ice, but then on second thought, it might not be so bad being in a state of torpor during the winter and waking up again when spring has sprung!

**Household Hints**

**Shine up your shower doors**

To leave your glass shower doors sparkling clean - and to remove all of those annoying water spots - wipe them down with a cloth dipped in a solution of 1/2 cup white vinegar, 1 cup ammonia, and 1/4 cup baking soda mixed in 1 gallon warm water.

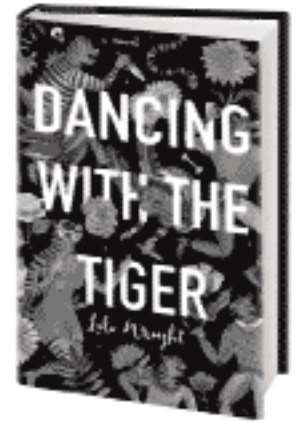




## Dancing With The Tiger

Special Mysterious Book Report No. 271

by John Dwaine McKenna



Today, in nearly every corner of the world, works of art are being stolen, forged or destroyed by persons of the criminal class. They are rapacious, greedy, ignorant and uncaring of the fact that their crimes are against all of humanity—for all time—because each piece of art is unique and cannot be replaced. And nowhere is this thievery more prevalent than in the vast unprotected parcels where previous civilizations existed — where rarities from cultures long gone might be obtained for nothing more than some trespassing and digging time. The pilfered treasure is sold to unscrupulous dealers or collectors who aren't concerned by the items' lack of provenance. It's the subject of a fascinating new novel, and the object of this week's Mysterious Book Report No. 271.

*Dancing With The Tiger*, (Miriam Wood/Putnam Penguin Random House, \$26.00, 453 pages, ISBN 978-0-399-17517-6) by Lili Wright is one of the most impressive debuts of the year—if not the last five or more—and that's a lotta lotta books folks! Ms. Wright, who teaches English at a Midwestern University, displays an intimate knowledge of Mexico, with a deep understanding of its history, and an affinity for its people, culture and language. She uses that background to take her readers on a noir thrill-ride through the highs and lows of the ways of life down there. And it all starts with a crime—When a meth-addicted looter-trying to find something of value to steal and sell in order to score drugs-digs up what's believed to be the funerary mask of the last Aztec emperor, it turns the art world on its head. The death mask of Montezuma has been lost for almost five hundred years — for so long in fact, that its very existence has been called into question. But now it causes a mad scramble to begin between competing collectors to possess what may be one of the world's most priceless treasures. The key to it all is authentication, which has to be done by a government official and international art expert. He is, of course, for sale to the highest bidder. That leaves a ruthless drug lord, an unscrupulous, wealthy collector and a thirty-ish American woman who's known for repeatedly making bad personal choices, locked in a life-and-death struggle to have the mask — which has disappeared once again, even as the contenders vie for it. Then there's the lovesick gardener. He's the married middle-aged man in love, and an adult relationship, with a sexually abused fifteen-year-old shop girl. Although he works for the collector by day, he works for Reyes the drug lord at night. He's the man in the tiger mask, and a *sicario*, an assassin, tasked with recovering the mask and killing the tweaker who dug it up.

Those are only the major players in this fascinating, propulsive and endearing first novel that teems with secondary characters, sights, sounds and descriptions so well written they vibrate right off the page and into the readers consciousness. *Dancing With The Tiger* marks the beginning of a powerful new talent in American fiction. Lili Wright has a lot to say and an authoritative voice to say it with. Personally, I can't wait to see what she says next!

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### Fallsburg Provides Houses for Bluebirds of Happiness (From Pg. 1)

The openings in the assembled birdhouses are suitable only for bluebirds.

CCE's SueAnn Boyd arranged for Brian Brustman, who is the District Manager for Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District, to provide materials for twenty-four nesting boxes.

An experienced carpenter and environmentalist, Mr. Brustman and CCE were pleased to donate the materials, labor and time to work with the children.

On January 12, second grade teacher Ms. Leah Exner welcomed Mrs. Boyd and Mr. Brustman to Mrs. Dawn McCarthy's classroom and twenty eager students. Ms. Exner administers the Sullivan Renaissance Healthy Initiatives Grant that supports the Trail project. The grant paid for most of the hammers and screwdrivers on hand.

Mr. Brustman and Mrs. Boyd began step by step details of assembling six pieces of pine, with pre-drilled screw holes and nail locations. They had spent many hours to get the houses ready for the children. Mr. Brustman called on a student to come up front with him to demonstrate the steps. Interestingly, he chose Nicholas Colombo, whose father owns a woodworking/carpentry shop! Nicholas finished his model easily, and he traveled the room enthusiastically assisting his classmates.

The classroom was atwitter with activity—a veritable Santa's Workshop with twenty elves busy at five tables. The adults in the room were moving from table to table to offer guidance and support, including using screw guns to help fasten the sides of the houses. Even Principal Mary Kate Stinehour joined in. The teamwork and good energy was wonderful to witness, each child holding pieces of wood for their tablemates and encouraging each other. At the end of the hour, all nesting boxes were complete and ready to receive student names.

In a few weeks the houses will line the BCES Trail. The nesting boxes and the newly opened trail are the perfect prescription to help the bluebird survive and thrive. Each spring they and their offspring will return to BCES just as the students, their siblings and their children will do as well. As Ms. Exner says, "We are so thankful to have resources such as these to guide the students of the district through hands on projects that will enhance the trail and help the creatures of the environment at the same time!"

### Fallsburg Central School District Welcomes Additional Volunteers

Since last fall and the beginning of its Volunteers in the Classroom (VIC) initiative, Fallsburg Central School District (FCSD) has received several application forms from members of the Fallsburg and Sullivan County community. FCSD Superintendent Dr. Ivan Katz, Assistant

Superintendent Dr. Matthew Evans and School Board Member Dr. Stephanie Phillips met with another group of interested volunteers on January 9, 2017 to thank them for their interest.

Dr. Katz stated, "The program is flexible and molded to meet the schedules and needs of the volunteers. We know in the end, it will make a difference to our kids having the contact with the people offering their time and effort." Interviews with candidates have begun. Principals in both school buildings are creating orientation meetings to welcome the volunteers. Soon volunteers will be paired with classroom teachers.

Dr. Evans presented an overview of the School District emphasizing demographics and areas that need support and attention. He stressed that the robust Extended Day Program offered many different opportunities to bring and share with the kids in the District. Dr. Phillips echoed the sentiments of the Assistant Superintendent. She sees the different cultures and varied experiences of professionals living in Fallsburg as a great benefit to the young people.

Three of the interested volunteers at the meeting shared what they saw was needed and how they can help. Parent and active participant in PTA Mrs. Andrea Hook thought it would be good for students to have more one-on-one contact with adults from the community. "As a parent, I want to be involved in the schools, and it is great to feel welcomed to come into the buildings," she added.

Parent Mrs. Heather Manor liked the idea of volunteers that could help "mentor" students. Dr. Katz told her that regular meetings with kids was a good idea and the school staff would be looking at matching specific skillsets of volunteers with student needs.

Recent college graduate and Fallsburg alumnus Jonathan Schlosser has been substitute teaching in the District and was excited to hear about the VIC program and attend the meeting. He wants to help inspire students and use his own story as an example of how education has guided him and made a big difference in his life.

If you are inspired to become a volunteer, please go to [www.fcscd.net](http://www.fcscd.net) and type into the search line at the top of the Home Page "Volunteer in the Classroom". All details and application forms with instructions are available and easy to submit. You may also communicate through a special email address [volunteer@fallsburgcsd.net](mailto:volunteer@fallsburgcsd.net) to get more information.

### Annual Free Pheasant Rearing Opportunity for Youth

LIBERTY, NY- Daily care is necessary to monitor the health of young pheasants and to ensure that there is adequate feed and water for the rapidly growing chicks. Youth interested in participating in the annual Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC)'s Day-Old Pheasant "Raise & Release" program have the unique opportunity to experience rearing pheasants and releasing them into the wild. Orders can be placed until Monday, March 20, 2017 through Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County (CCESC)'s 4-H Youth Development program, located at the Extension Education Center on 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road in Liberty.

The rearing and release of pheasants requires a great

deal of responsibility by youth and a substantial time commitment. The benefits of this program are as follows:

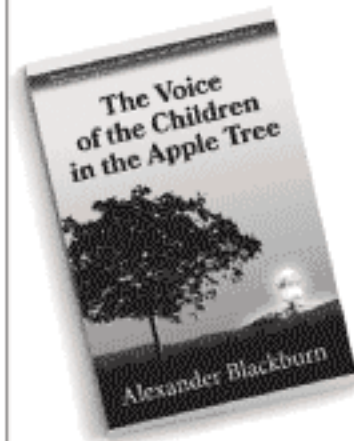
- Rearing pheasants is enjoyable, challenging, and teaches youth responsible behavior
- Released pheasants offer fall hunting opportunities
- People enjoy seeing and hearing pheasants

For more information on the Day-Old Pheasant Chick Program or to register for chicks, the public can contact Michelle Lipari, CCESC agriculture & 4-H educator at [mml249@cornell.edu](mailto:mml249@cornell.edu) or 845-292-6180. More information about this and other opportunities through 4-H can be found at [www.sullivanccce.org/4-h-youth-development](http://www.sullivanccce.org/4-h-youth-development).

When the program started in the early 1900s, pheasant eggs and chicks were distributed to farmers and rural youth. Today, day-old chicks are available at no cost to participants who are able to provide a brooding facility, a covered outdoor rearing pen, and an adequate release site. According to the DEC, wild populations of this introduced species have reached all-time lows. Without propagation and release programs by DEC and private entities, pheasant hunting opportunities would not exist in New York State.

The program is funded through the state Conservation Fund from license fees paid by hunters, trappers, and anglers. More information is available on the DEC website at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/7271.html>.

4-H empowers youth to reach their full potential, working and learning in partnership with caring adults. 4-H Members have opportunities to connect to Cornell University, learn through hands-on activities, lead, be inspired, inspire others, and "Make the Best Better". Anyone can join 4-H with thousands of other New York State members, volunteers, staff, and funders.



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## The Olive Jar - By Carol LaMonda

### Antonyms

This is the second column I wrote today. The first one was a catharsis to rid myself of the divisiveness of the campaign and election. It was written by a political activist. This second one is more of a philosophical grammar lesson from a retired English teacher. Antonyms are words that, according to the dictionary, are: "a word opposite in meaning to another (e.g., bad and good)." They are divisive little critters that draw walls and point arrows in meaning. Too many of the words used to rally people to a cause were antonyms: black/white, rich/poor, Democrat/Republican, gay/straight, Christian/non-Christian, Right Wing/Liberal, citizen/immigrant, male/female, old/young, working/unemployed, hawk/dove. The list of antonyms is endless: big/small, in/out, hot/cold. Much of our language can be separated into two opposing columns.

Synonyms, which are nouns that mean the same, however, are not as easy to categorize. I tried finding a suitable synonym for Love, for Justice, for Liberty. There are no two words that mean exactly the same. Their definitions involved more of an explanation than a single word synonym. These nouns that are abstract ideas have connotations, have nuances, and express subtle differences tempered by personal experience. There are probably as many definitions, let alone synonyms, for Democracy, which means "rule by the people" as there were voters in the last election.

So let me just leave you with this conundrum. When the campaign used the antonyms of WE and THEY, were they using antonyms or synonyms? Are we not one people? WE and THEY? I think the pronoun WE should encompass all Americans and all humans that share this fragile planet.

### Cuomo's Greenway Trail Proposal

A statement from Ulster County Executive Mike Hein, "In his State of the State Address, Governor Andrew Cuomo highlighted his commitment to a Greenway program that would result in a state-wide rail trail system second to none. This has the potential to further expedite Ulster County's goal of creating a world-class trail system right next door to over 22 million people in the metro New York area. I am pleased to see a state initiative align with the work being done in our area that will further boost our \$532 million tourism industry while also helping to provide an amazing quality of life to the great people of Ulster County."

### No Name-calling Week in Ulster County

*The Week Featured A Garden of Kindness Display Created By Area Youth*

*Which Will Hang In The Lobby Of The Ulster County Office Building*

Kingston, NY - County Executive Mike Hein proclaimed the week of January 16th No Name-Calling Week in Ulster County and was joined by Rob Conlon,



From left: County Executive Mike Hein; Jeff Rindler, Executive Director, Hudson Valley LGBTQ Community Center; Rob Conlon, Co-Chair GLSEN Hudson Valley; Heidi Kirschner, President & CEO, YMCA of Kingston and Ulster County

Co-Chair GLSEN Hudson Valley; Jeff Rindler, Executive Director, Hudson Valley LGBTQ Community Center; and Heidi Kirschner, Executive Director, YMCA of Kingston and Ulster County. No Name-Calling Week (NNCW) is a national bullying prevention campaign developed by the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network (GLSEN) and is co-sponsored by the Hudson Valley LGBTQ Community Center and the Safe Schools Round Table of the Hudson Valley. The focus is to "Celebrate Kindness" while working to create safe schools free from name-calling, bullying and bias. This is the 7th consecutive year that Ulster County is participating in No Name-Calling Week. To highlight No Name-Calling Week this year, the County Executive developed a bullying prevention resource section on the County website and collaborated with local youth from the YMCA 'School's Out' Program to create a Garden of Kindness consisting of paper flowers that include written various acts of kindness identified by the children.

#### Michael P. Hein, Ulster County Executive

"There are many different forms of bullying including verbal, physical and digital, and children should not have to worry about whether or not they will be bullied on or off school premises," said County Executive Mike Hein. "Unfortunately, bullying continues to be a very real problem which not only affects the students involved but their teachers and families as well. Statistics show that over 5.7 million children nationwide have experienced some kind of bullying. It is important for students, parents and teachers to know that they are not alone and that there are resources available in Ulster County which speak to bullying issues."

County Executive Hein continued, "I am pleased to once again participate in GLSEN's No Name-Calling Week in conjunction with the Hudson Valley LGBTQ Community Center and the Safe Schools Round Table of the Hudson Valley. In order to raise awareness and help provide information to the community, we have included a bullying prevention resource section on the County's website which we hope can be a useful tool for the community and can be viewed at <http://ulstercountyny.gov/executive/stop-bullying>. In addition, I want to thank the YMCA and their 'School's Out' Program who partnered with us to create a Garden of Kindness which will hang the lobby of the County Office Building."

#### Rob Conlon, Co-Chair, GLSEN Hudson Valley

"GLSEN Hudson Valley believes the core values of kindness, respect, and inclusion are at the heart of all learning. During No Name-Calling Week schools have a unique opportunity to put kindness into action by engaging students in activities that improve school climate for all students. Schools don't need to look any further than Ulster County Executive Mike Hein for an example of putting

kindness into action," said Rob Conlon, Co-Chair of GLSEN Hudson Valley. "His ongoing support of No Name-Calling Week demonstrates that eradicating bullying and harassment in our schools is the responsibility of the whole community and reaffirms that inclusive values are the foundation of healthy learning cultures."

#### Jeff Rindler, Executive Director, Hudson Valley LGBTQ Community Center

"The Hudson Valley LGBTQ Community Center is proud to stand with Ulster County Executive Mike Hein in his commitment in recognizing GLSEN's 'No Name-Calling Week' and encouraging students to practice kindness, compassion in their words and actions," said Jeff Rindler, Executive Director at the Hudson Valley LGBTQ Community Center. "This annual anti-bullying event, is even more important and relevant now, at a time when hate speech seems so prevalent in our culture. We all need to stand up to bullying, and protect and teach our children the values of tolerance, inclusion and acceptance."

#### Heidi Kirschner, President and CEO, YMCA of Kingston and Ulster County

"I am pleased that we were able to have some of our children from our 'School's Out' Program help with the Garden of Kindness for No Name-Calling Week. The children not only had a fun time creating the flowers but it offered a great opportunity to discuss how to handle bullying," said Heidi Kirschner, President and CEO, YMCA of Kingston and Ulster County. "I appreciate County Executive Hein's continued commitment to raising awareness about bullying and his efforts to provide another useful tool for the community by including bullying prevention resources on the County's website. I urge you to check out the County website as it includes videos and provides important telephone numbers of organizations that want to help."

#### According to BullyingStatistics.Org:

- Bullying can include various types of behavior from physical attacks, to destroying one's personal property or clothing, verbal abuse, starting rumors, and name-calling;
- One of four children will be bullied sometime throughout their adolescence; percent of students have admitted to being the victim of one form of bullying or another;
- Approximately 56 percent of all students have witnessed a bullying crime take place while at school;
- About 42 percent of students have been bullied while online;
- Over 25% of adolescents and teens have been bullied repeatedly through their cell phones or the internet; and
- There is a strong connection between bullying, being bullied and suicide, according to a study from the Yale School of Medicine. Suicide continues to be one of the leading causes of death among children under the age of 14 and "bullycide" is a term used to describe suicide as the result of bullying.

Ulster County's new bullying prevention resource section can be viewed at <http://ulstercountyny.gov/executive/stop-bullying>. To learn more about NNCW please visit <http://www.glsen.org/nonamecallingweek> or <http://lgbtqcenter.org/programs-services/dignity-for-all-students/>.

#### Anti-Bullying and Bullying Prevention Resources in Ulster County:

- The Ulster County Victims Assistance Hotline 845-340-3442
- The Family of Woodstock Hotline 845-338-2370 [www.FamilyofWoodstockinc.org](http://www.FamilyofWoodstockinc.org)
- Ulster County Mental Health Association 845-399-9090 [www.MHainUlster.com](http://www.MHainUlster.com)
- Hudson Valley LGBTQ Center 845-331-5300 [www.LGBTQcenter.org](http://www.LGBTQcenter.org)

In participation with GLSEN's NNCW, the Hudson Valley LGBTQ Community Center and the Safe Schools Round Table of the Hudson Valley will also be hosting its Student Creative Expression Exhibit at the Henry A. Wallace Center at the FDR Presidential Library with an opening reception on March 20, 2017 at 6:30 pm.

### Hiker Falls from Cliff at Sam's Point

Deputies and Detectives of the Ulster County Sheriff's Office are investigating an incident that occurred at the Sam's Point Preserve on Wednesday afternoon, January 18th, 2017 at approximately 5:05 p.m., Deputies responded to a 911 call reporting that a hiker had fallen from a cliff at the Sam's Point Preserve in the Town of Wawarsing. Deputies, Park Rangers and Fire/Rescue personnel extricated the victim from the location and the victim was transported to Orange Regional Medical Center. The victim remains in critical condition.

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**Nancy Buck Announces Receiving the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting**

Sullivan County Treasurer Nancy Buck has announced that a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting has been awarded to the County of Sullivan Treasurer's Department by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for its comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR) prepared in 2016, for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2015. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management. It is been awarded annually for the past several years to the Sullivan County Treasurer's Department, which is primarily responsible for preparing the award-winning financial report.

The CAFR has been judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program including demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the CAFR.

Treasurer Buck commended and thanked her co-workers Shannan Armbrust and Lucrezia Anderson, and the Accounting staff, for their hard work, dedication, professionalism and mutual cooperation in working together with the Budget and Management office, and all of the departments to manage and document the financial affairs of the County, which has

enabled the County to earn this prestigious award again. "There is a significant amount of daily work that county departments are required to perform and a professional financial management process that culminates in this annual achievement, and I thank and commend my staff and the other County fiscal employee's for this accomplishment, as duly noted by the GFOA", added Buck.

The GFOA is a nonprofit professional association serving approximately 17,500 government finance professionals with offices in Chicago, IL and Washington, D.C.

**Senator Bonacic Votes in Favor of Legislation That Protects First Responders and Their Families**

(Albany, NY)- State Senator John J. Bonacic (R/C/Mt. Hope) voted in favor of two pieces of legislation today designed to protect first responders who courageously serve their communities, and their families. The first bill, S. 1411, of which Senator Bonacic is a co-sponsor, would expand the existing presumption under the Volunteer Firefighters Benefit Law (VFBL) that cancer of the digestive, hematological, lymphatic, urinary, prostate, neurological, breast and reproductive systems is related to their service as a firefighter. Currently, these types of cancers are not covered under the VFBL.

The other bill, S. 1195, would establish that volunteer firefighter and volunteer ambulance worker death benefits be paid within 90 days of filing an application to receive such benefits. Over the years, there have been a number of instances in which payment of death benefits were delayed. It has been documented that in certain cases beneficiaries have waited over 6 months to receive payment of benefit. This

bill would ensure that no family endure the hardship of waiting for their benefits.

"These two pieces of legislation will protect our first responders who put their lives on the line every day, and provide piece of mind to families of these heroes," said Senator Bonacic. "I urge the Assembly to pass these bills immediately so we can protect those who protect us."

Both bills have been sent to the Assembly.

**WJFF Radio Catskill Presents "A Mid-Winter's Bash" Saturday, February 18 Community Radio Station Offers Cure for Cabin Fever at The Western Inn and Supper Club in Callicoon, NY**

(Jeffersonville, NY) WJFF Radio Catskill, the award winning public radio station serving the Catskills and Northeast Pennsylvania, announces "A Mid-Winter's Bash." The fundraising event will be held Saturday, February 18th at The Western Inn and Supper Club, 22 Upper Main Street, Callicoon, New York, from 7pm to 10pm.

"We thought we'd break up everyone's cabin fever and invite old and new friends out of the cold and into a birthday celebration," said Andrea Eddings, WJFF Radio Catskill Interim General Manager. "February marks 27 years that we are on the air. The party will be a great opportunity to beat the mid-winter blues and mingle with fellow public radio fans. Plus, our friends at The Western have prepared an exciting menu." Admission includes fresh, locally sourced and creatively prepared food offerings, in addition to one drink at the cash bar.

Several WJFF Radio Catskill show hosts will take turns spinning mood and dance tunes throughout the evening. The event will also include a raffle, featuring show-themed baskets prepared by volunteers.

Tickets are \$45 in advance and \$50 at the door and may be purchased online at [wjffradio.org](http://wjffradio.org) or by calling 845-482-4141 during regular business hours. All proceeds benefit WJFF Radio Catskill. Advance reservations are encouraged. A Snow Date is scheduled for Sunday, February 19 at 5 pm.



**Junior FBLA Active Over the Holidays** (From Pg. 1)



*Junior FBLA members sing holiday carols*

While the seniors ate, a few of our members sang holiday carols. This was definitely a success with the community. We would like to thank our advisors Matthew Haynes and Kim Patete. We would also like to give a big thank you to Mrs. Kathy Poppo for catering the lunch and to the Daniel Pierce Library for hosting the lunch. We look forward to doing more activities with our local community very soon!

**ERH Presents Paintings by Artist Phil Sigunick**

Phil Sigunick's paintings will be on solo exhibition at the Healing Arts Gallery at Ellenville Regional Hospital from February 6 - March 10. The show is free and open to the public, 8am-8pm daily. A reception is planned for February 13 from 5:00-7:00pm. Ellenville Regional Hospital is located at 10 Healthy Way in Ellenville. For more information about the Healing Arts exhibit or the Ellenville Regional Hospital, please contact (845) 210-3043.



In pursuing his art career, Sigunick attended the Boston Museum School of Fine Art, the Syracuse University College of Fine Art, the Education Alliance of NYC, the Brooklyn Museum Art School, and the School of Visual Arts, NYC.

Sigunick has been teacher, guest artist and/or guest lecturer at the Red Eft Gallery Wurtsboro, NY; Dutchess Community College, Poughkeepsie, NY; SUNY New Paltz, New Paltz, NY; Marist College, Poughkeepsie, NY; Cayuga County Community College, Auburn, NY; Indian Springs Camp, Walker Valley, NY; Bleakley Studios, Cragmoor, NY and the West Bronx Art League, NYC.

His extensive background includes selected group and solo exhibitions at KMOCA, Kingston, NY; Dorsky Museum, New Paltz, NY; WAAM, Woodstock, NY; Ulster County Community College, Muroff Kotler Gallery, Stone Ridge, NY; Red Eft Gallery Wurtsboro, NY; Ulster County Community College, Muroff Kotler Gallery, (juried) Stone Ridge, NY; Design Principles Gallery, Stone Ridge, NY; Art In The Windows of Ellenville, Ellenville, NY. (juried); Aroma Thyme Bistro and Gallery, Ellenville, NY. Deborah Davis, Hudson, NY. (invitational) VanBrunt Gallery, Beacon, NY (invitational); Rhinebeck Manor House, Rhinebeck, NY; Work of Art Gallery, Saugerties, NY; Anderson Gallery, Minneapolis, MN; Gallery of July and August, Woodstock, NY; Harbor Gallery, Santa Cruz, CA, the Terrain Gallery, NYC;

Fletcher Gallery, Woodstock, NY; Unison Center for the Arts, New Paltz, NY; Ulster County Council For The Arts, Kingston, NY; Cayuga County Community College, Auburn, NY and the Cragmoor 6th Annual Art Exhibition, Cragmoor, NY. Sigunick was represented by the Multiple Impression Gallery, NY, NY on an ongoing basis. Sigunick also served as the Art Director for the Red Eft Gallery in Wurtsboro, NY.

According to Sigunick, "I work from sketches, photos, and direct experience to produce a work that speaks of intimacy with the subject. This doesn't mean photographic accuracy. On the contrary. Distortion, alteration, and invention are all employed to reveal rather than reproduce... a form of lying to get at the truth. I tend toward understatement, so my work is sometimes mistaken for merely traditional, but don't be fooled... it is full of undercurrents, multiple meanings and illusions, with the intent of causing the viewer (you) to have the sense that there is something here to be thought about, and better understood."

Sigunick's work can be viewed at [www.philsigunick.com](http://www.philsigunick.com).

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

**CAS Film Club Presents Screening and Discussion of "Shakespeare in Love"**

LIVINGSTON MANOR, NY - The Catskill Art Society will present a screening of the film "Shakespeare in Love" (1998), featuring a talkback with programmer Bradley Diuguid, at 7:30pm on Saturday, February 11. Part of the CAS Film Club series of screenings, this event will take place at the Laundry King, 65 Main Street, Livingston Manor, NY.

A riff on the origins of "Romeo and Juliet" blending with rich real-life details with heart-warming fiction, "Shakespeare in Love" is the perfect fit for Valentine's Day weekend. A young William Shakespeare (Joseph Fiennes), out of ideas and short of cash, meets his ideal woman (Gwyneth Paltrow) and is inspired to write one of his most famous plays.



*Gwyneth Paltrow (left) and Ralph Fiennes (right) star in the film "Shakespeare in Love" (1998) in a screening and discussion at the Laundry King in Livingston Manor, NY.*

Noted classical stage and screen actors Geoffrey Rush, Tom Wilkinson, Antony Sher, and Simon Callow co-star. The film won seven Academy Awards, including Best Picture, Best Actress for Gwyneth Paltrow, and Best Supporting Actress for Judi Dench in her star turn as Queen Elizabeth I.

Runtime: 123 minutes. This film is rated R. Contains brief nudity and adult situations.


Presented as part of the "Year of Shakespeare" at CAS, a festival celebrating the 400th anniversary of William Shakespeare's life with a year-long slate of live performances, films, and discussions.

Tickets by \$5 suggested donation accepted at the door. Presented as part of the "CAS Film Club" series.

## Weather FORECAST


SUNRISE: 7:15 AM SUNSET: 5:01 PM  
AVERAGE HIGH: 28°F  
AVERAGE LOW: 13°F

THURSDAY




HIGH: 40°F LOW: 27°F

FRIDAY




HIGH: 35°F LOW: 23°F

SATURDAY




HIGH: 33°F LOW: 20°F

SUNDAY



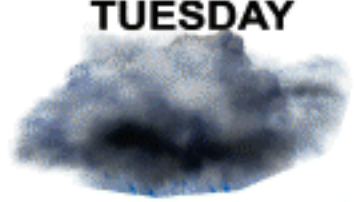
HIGH: 32°F LOW: 18°F

MONDAY



HIGH: 38°F LOW: 20°F

TUESDAY



HIGH: 37°F LOW: 23°F



**Frost Valley YMCA  
Hosts Maple Sugar Weekends**

Frost Valley YMCA's free annual Maple Sugaring Open House Weekends will take place March 18 & 19 and March 25 & 26 from 10 am-4 pm. During these family-friendly events, guests have the opportunity to learn about the entire tree-to-table process of how delicious Catskills maple syrup is made.



As part of the program, guests enjoy an educational walk along the nature trails by the Frost Valley Maple Sugar House. These trail walks are led by staff members from Frost Valley's Natural Resources department, who will teach participants about the tapping process and how to identify sugar maple trees, native to this area. Guests will also receive a guided tour of the Sugar House, where they'll learn about the evaporation method that boils sap into syrup. At the end of the tour, they'll receive a sample of Frost Valley's fresh maple syrup to taste. Bottles and small jugs of syrup are also available for purchase.

Frost Valley has been maple sugaring since the late 1970s, and what started as just a humble operation - gathering sap in just a few hundred buckets - has now grown into a full-fledged tradition and fun learning opportunity. Frost Valley uses about 1,200 taps in sugar maple trees attached to a tubing system that allows them to collect and store larger amounts of sap to be transformed into syrup.

Whether you attend or not, Frost Valley Maple Syrup will be available for purchase in person at the Frost Valley Store on Main Camp, or online at FrostValley.org (please contact them first to ensure the store is open and stocked). Learn more at FrostValley.org.

**Lack of Snow Doesn't Stop  
Nordic Ski Club Members**



Lack of snow doesn't stop these intrepid Catskill Nordic Ski Club members from enjoying the beautiful Sullivan County outdoors on an invigorating winter hike in South Fallsburg this past Saturday.

The next scheduled x-country ski (or winter hike) takes place on Saturday, January 21st at 1:30 PM at the Town of Thompson Park. Please call leader Pat at 794-1039 for information or to join.

**Maple Woods Farm Celebrates Another  
Record-breaking Year**



(From Pg. 1) Instructor Amy Barkley-Carey, was also promoted to lead Clinician with the Certified Horsemanship Association and welcomed by the American Paint Horse Association as a Professional Horseman. Maple

Woods Farm is located in Divine Corners and provides riding lessons, pony rides and trail rides by appointment.

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Recent recipient of the Green Latin American Forest Award Foundation Director Eric Horstman will take us for a walk through Cerro Blanco, a richly diverse and fascinating ecosystem, and one of the few remaining dry tropical forests in the world.

**Sunday, January 29, 2017 • 2:30 p.m.**

(Weather Permitting)

There is no charge for this event — Refreshments will be served

To register or for more information, please call the Daniel Pierce Library at (845) 985-7233





**WJFF Radio Catskill Posts National Search for New General Manager**

(Jeffersonville, NY) WJFF Radio Catskill, the award winning public radio station serving the Catskills and Northeast Pennsylvania, is accepting applications for the position of General Manager / Development Director. The position has been vacant since October 1, 2016. Andrea Eddings currently serves as Interim General Manager.

The WJFF Radio Catskill General Manager / Development Director is responsible for the day-to-day management of the station including fundraising and membership development. He or she reports to the Board of Trustees and manages all other staff and contract positions. The General Manager/Development Director is the point of contact for, and the station's representative to, our communities. He or she will be guided by the station's Mission Statement and implements the station's Mission Statement and other policies.

It is preferred that the General Manager / Development Director have a demonstrated background in community/public radio programming, government (FCC and CPB) compliance, technical operations (especially with computer systems), fundraising, writing grants, and managing staff. A degree or significant experience in broadcasting, community organization or a related field is desired. As WJFF Radio Catskill is a community radio station, the demonstrated ability to lead while working collegially and transparently with a wide range of diverse constituencies, including volunteer broadcasters, is essential.

WJFF Radio Catskill, located in Jeffersonville, NY, is a National Public Radio member station serving the Catskills, the Upper Delaware Valley and Mid-Hudson region of New York, as well as Northeast Pennsylvania.

For a full job description, visit [wjffradio.org/employment](http://wjffradio.org/employment). Resumes should be sent to <mailto:employment@wjffradio.org>. Deadline for application is February 10, 2017.

WJFF Radio Catskill is an equal-opportunity employer.

**About WJFF Radio Catskill**

WJFF Radio Catskill reaches nearly 100,000 listeners in the Catskills and Northeastern Pennsylvania with an eclectic mix of news, public affairs and music, all produced by community volunteers of all ages and backgrounds.

WJFF Radio Catskill is a non-commercial educational radio broadcaster whose mission is to make available to its community a broad range of ideas and ideals useful to a full and enlightened life. It also aims to involve the community in preserving and transmitting the community's cultural heritage and artistic expressions in addition to those of the global community and to promote understanding among people of diverse social and cultural backgrounds.

For more information about WJFF Radio Catskill and how to support public radio in the Catskills and Northeast Pennsylvania, please visit [www.wjffradio.org](http://www.wjffradio.org).

**Jazz Pianist Joe Vincent Tranchina at DVAA's Winter Salon Series**

On Saturday, January 28 at 2 pm, accomplished jazz pianist Joe Vincent Tranchina will perform a free solo concert at the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance. An audience Q&A and reception will follow.

This will be the first jazz concert played on DVAA's recently inaugurated 1913 Mason & Hamlin grand piano. The free event will take place in the Krause Recital Hall at the Delaware Arts Center, 37 Main Street, Narrowsburg.

Voted Hudson Valley 2010 Jazz Musician of the Year in *Times Herald-Record's* annual Best Of readers' poll, Tranchina has been seen in most of the major jazz and club venues throughout New York City and the surrounding area, including Dizzy's Club Coca-Cola (Jazz at Lincoln Center), Birdland, the Oak Room and the Blue Note. He has also performed at Alice Tully Hall at Lincoln Center, Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall, and has toured abroad in Germany, Switzerland, Greece and Japan.

The composer, and occasional lyricist, of over 1,000 compositions, Tranchina's work ranges from straight-ahead, fusion, and Brazilian jazz to new age, world beat, pop and classical. He has been recognized for the past 17 consecutive years with ASCAP awards for "creative contributions to American music" and performances of his original jazz compositions.

The performance at DVAA will include interpretations of standards like "Gee Baby Ain't I Good to You," "Like Someone in Love," and "Out of This World," along with a mashup of Paul McCartney's "Yesterday" and Jerome Kern and Otto Harbach's "Yesterdays." Tranchina will also play several of his original compositions: "Conundrum," "Entropy," and "Lilith."

The concert will take place in the Krause Recital Hall at the Delaware Arts Center, 37 Main Street, Narrowsburg. It is the second of six events in DVAA's winter Salon Series, fostering cultural events in an intimate setting followed by lively discussion. For more information, visit [www.delawarevalleyartsalliance.org](http://www.delawarevalleyartsalliance.org) or call 845-252-7576.

DVAA's Salon Series continues throughout the winter with "Off the Shelf" literary event (February 11), "Bring on the Thaw" poetry reading (February 25), "Shakespeare Songs" performance and talk (March 11), and the second annual Wikipedia Edit-a-Thon (March 18).

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**Forestburgh Playhouse Announces Local Auditions for Summer Season 2017!**

KIDS, TEENS AND ADULTS NEEDED!

WHAT: Auditions for 2017 Summer Productions at the Forestburgh Playhouse!

WHEN: Sunday, February 19th from 1pm-6pm

WHERE: Seelig Theater at SUNY Sullivan. 112 College Rd, Loch Sheldrake, NY 12759

WHO: KIDS! Seeking boys and girls, ages 6-13 to audition for: (a) ensemble in Dreamworks *Madagascar: a Musical Adventure*; (b) Flounder, and ensemble/sea creatures in Disney's *The Little Mermaid*; (c) ensemble and some featured roles in *Newsies!*; (d) Randolph in *Bye Bye Birdie*.

TEENS/HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ages 14-18 for: (a) ensemble/sea creatures in *The Little Mermaid*; (b) ensemble in *Newsies*; (c) ensemble and Teen Chorus plus some featured roles in *Bye Bye Birdie!*; and (d) ensemble in *Madagascar*.

ADULT MALE and FEMALE CHARACTER ACTORS: for the roles in: (a) *Funny Girl*: Florence Ziegfeld, Mrs. Strakosh, Mrs. Meeker, Mrs. O'Malley, Mr. Keeney, and Mr. Renaldi; (b) *Ensemble/Sailors* in Disney's *The Little Mermaid*; (c) in *Newsies*: The Mayor, Hannah, Seitz, Bunsen, Mr. Jacobi; (d) in *Bye Bye Birdie*: Mrs. Mae Peterson, The Mayor, The Mayor's Wife, Mrs. Merkle, Gloria Rasputin, ensemble; and in (d) *Crazy For You*: Everett Baker.

ADULT AND HIGH SCHOOL OR COLLEGE STUDENTS: Over the age of 16 who sing and move well for possible ensemble roles in all shows!

Producer, Franklin Trapp is thrilled to announce that the Forestburgh Playhouse will hold auditions on Sunday, February 19th from 1PM-6PM at the Seelig Theater located at SUNY Sullivan Community College in Loch Sheldrake for local children, teens, high school students and adults interested in performing in this summer's productions. "We have a huge number of opportunities this summer for local performers of all ages here at the Playhouse. This summer in particular, we are looking for a lot of teens to perform in our production of *Bye Bye Birdie*. We are also looking for younger performers for our productions of *The Little Mermaid*, *Madagascar*, and *Newsies!* Working at the Playhouse is an amazing opportunity for young performers to learn from professional actors in a professional environment. Trapp added, "there are a good deal of amazing character roles available for local adult/character actors too! For adults that enjoy acting, the Playhouse is a great place to get those creative juices flowing." All performers auditioning should prepare a musical selection and/or have a brief monologue ready. An accompanist will be provided. Additional information about the Forestburgh Playhouse summer 2017 season and other audition information are available online at [www.fbplayhouse.org/local-actors](http://www.fbplayhouse.org/local-actors).

Please Visit our Website at [www.fbplayhouse.org/local-actors](http://www.fbplayhouse.org/local-actors) or call 845.794.2005 For More Info

Theatrical Arts at Forestburgh, Inc. d/b/a The Forestburgh Playhouse is a 501(c)(3) non-for-profit corporation dedicated to promoting the arts in Sullivan County, NY. Federal ID #46-4432375 NYS Charities #44-50-97 NYS Tax Exempt #259887



### Senator Gillibrand Statement on the Presidential Inauguration

Washington, D.C. - U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand today issued the following statement on the inauguration of President Donald J. Trump:

"Regardless of how you felt about the election, today's ceremony was a stark reminder of the greatness of our democracy. As a public servant, I am humbled at the opportunity to work on behalf of all New Yorkers and will do my best to work with the incoming President on issues where we can find common ground."

### State Senator John J. Bonacic released the following statement on today's New York Racing Association

State Senator John J. Bonacic (R/C/I-Mt. Hope) released the following statement on today's New York Racing Association (NYRA) public hearing. The hearing took place before the Senate Racing, Gaming and Wagering Committee in Albany, and focused on the future of NYRA.

"Today's public hearing was a productive discussion on the future of NYRA and how it will move forward," said Senator Bonacic. "I am committed to working with the Governor to develop a positive and responsible plan that reflects the interests of all the stakeholders to privatize NYRA in a way that ensures a prosperous future. In addition, the Governor and the Legislature must do everything in its power to protect and enhance the racing industry. This industry creates 33,000 direct and indirect jobs and contributes \$4.2 billion to the local economy."

Those who testified at the hearing were; Jeffrey Cannizzo, Executive Director of the New York Thoroughbred Breeders, Inc.; Joe McMahon of McMahon Thoroughbreds; Richard Violette, Jr., President of the New York Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association; Todd Shimkus, President of the Saratoga Chamber of Commerce; and Cynthia Hollowood, Member of the Saratoga Race Course Community Advisory Board.

### Statement by A G Schneiderman on the Assembly's Passage of his Comprehensive Contraception Coverage Act

NEW YORK - Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman released the following statement upon Assembly passage of his Comprehensive Contraception Coverage Act:

"With Republicans in Congress and President-elect Trump looking to roll back the critical gains made under the Affordable Care Act, New York must take the lead and guarantee access to contraceptives."

I was proud to introduce the Comprehensive Contraception Coverage Act of 2017, which would protect and enhance New Yorkers' access to cost-free contraception, ensuring the continuation of vital coverage in the event that the ACA is repealed.

New Yorkers need to know that their basic right to comprehensive, cost-free birth control is protected, no matter what happens in Washington.

Today's vote in the Assembly marks an important step toward making this goal a reality, and I'm particularly grateful to Assemblymember Cahill for sponsoring this bill.

Now, the Senate must act, so that no New Yorker has to worry about losing the birth control access they rely on to stay healthy and plan for their future."

### The Comprehensive Contraception Coverage Act Sponsored by Assemblymember Cahill Passes

Albany, NY - Assemblymember Kevin Cahill (D-Ulster/Dutchess) joined Speaker Carl Heastie and other members of the Assembly to call for the swift passage by the State Senate of the Comprehensive Contraception Coverage Act (A.1378), which he sponsors in the New York State Assembly.

"With Congress preparing to alter the Affordable Care Act, many New Yorkers are faced with losing the affordable family planning coverage that they deserve," said Cahill. "Family planning is undoubtedly one of the most important decisions we face and should certainly not be dictated by economic status. This measure would ensure that no matter what becomes of the Affordable Care Act, New Yorkers will have access to cost-free contraceptives through their insurance. I congratulate Speaker Heastie and the Assembly Majority Conference for making these

matters a priority and I thank Attorney General Eric Schneiderman for his diligence in ensuring uniformity amongst the state insurers."

Federal Law currently requires that all 18 types of approved contraception are available and covered by insurance policies without additional fees or coinsurance charges. This measure brings New York fully in compliance.

Assemblymember Cahill explained the bill during spirited debate after which it passed the Assembly. The bill has not yet been introduced in the New York State Senate.

### DMV Will Strengthen Enforcement Measures and Suspend Vehicle Registrations For Failure to Pay Toll Violations - New Yorkers Are Encouraged to Sign Up for E-ZPass as Part of the State's Transition to Automatic Tolling at MTA.info/E-ZPass or Call 1-800-333-TOLL

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced a new regulation to take action against repeat toll violators and strengthen penalties against motorists for evading toll fees. Effective today, the regulation permits the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles to suspend the registration of motorists who fail to pay three or more toll violations within a five year period, or fail to pay \$200 or more in tolls within a five year period for commercial vehicles.

"Toll evaders flaunt the law and do so on the backs of hard working New Yorkers who play by the rules," Governor Cuomo said. "This action provides new tools to ensure these scofflaws pay their fair share, as well as support new automatic tolling initiatives that will decrease congestion and modernize New York's transportation system."

This new regulation, a direct result of the expansion of open-road, automatic tolling, will apply to all New York tolling authorities, including the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, the New York State Thruway Authority, the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, and the New York State Bridge Authority. Repeat toll violators will be required to pay outstanding tolls and fees in order to have charges dismissed, prevent the suspension of a vehicle registration, or have a suspended registration reinstated. Previously, DMV regulation only allowed for suspension of a vehicle's registration when a toll violator avoided five or more toll payments within an 18-month window. The new regulation further expands DMV's ability to pursue toll evaders by allowing for suspension after three toll violations or failure to pay \$200 or more in tolls for commercial vehicles with a five year lookback period.

Tolling authorities will send violators notices for each toll violation, advising them of the amount owed, how to pay, and how to dispute the alleged violation. If the violator fails to pay the tolls, fees or other charges, or have such tolls, fees or charges dismissed in response to the multiple notices, the tolling authority will refer the violator to DMV for further action.

Prior to a registration suspension, vehicle owners may request a hearing before a DMV administrative law judge. If the registrant requests a hearing, the suspension will not take effect, pending the conclusion of the hearing; if no hearing is requested, the suspension will take effect as declared in the notice, and the registration suspension will remain in effect until the tolling authority notifies DMV that the motorist has paid the outstanding tolls, fees, and other charges.

In December 2016, the Governor first announced a proposal to strengthen this regulation as part of a comprehensive plan to make open-road, cashless tolling a reality on toll bridges and tunnels by the end of 2017. This plan also includes new, state-of-the-art systems installed at each MTA facility that will read the license plate of every vehicle, and within seconds alert Troopers and MTA bridge and tunnel officers if a vehicle has a suspended registration. In addition, 150 State Troopers will be stationed at all major crossings, including MTA-owned bridges and tunnels to enhance security, bolster counter-terrorism efforts and hold toll violators accountable.

Earlier this month, high-speed tolling began at the Hugh L. Carey Tunnel and Queens Midtown Tunnel as part of the Governor's initiative to reimagine New York crossings for the 21st century. The schedule for all other bridges transitioning to open-road tolling is as follows:

- o Rockaway Bridges - Spring 2017
- o RFK Bridge - Summer 2017
- o Verrazano-Narrows Bridge - Summer 2017

o Throgs Neck Bridge - Fall 2017  
o Bronx-Whitestone Bridge - Fall 2017

Thruway customers can stop at a participating location and purchase a prepackaged E-ZPass On-The-Go tag for \$25. Once a customer registers their On-The-Go tag, the full \$25 is credited to their account, and the tag becomes active in 24 hours. E-ZPass customers save an additional five percent off the cash toll rate each time they travel the Thruway and may be eligible for additional toll discounts, depending on their travel, vehicle or residence.

For additional information on cashless tolling and E-ZPass, please visit [MTA.info/cashless](http://MTA.info/cashless) or call 1-800-333-TOLL (8655). For more information about DMV, visit [dmv.ny.gov](http://dmv.ny.gov).

### \$2 million Funding Available for Invasive Species Rapid Response and Control -Grant Applications Now Being Accepted Through March 24, 2017

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced \$2 million in funding available through the Invasive Species Rapid Response and Control Grant Program for municipalities, not-for-profits, and educational institutions across the state. The program will support projects that target both aquatic and terrestrial invasive species throughout New York.

"This funding is critical to bolstering New York's ability to control and remove invasive species that pose a threat to the health and wellbeing of our communities," Governor Cuomo said. "These grants will provide the resources needed to preserve and protect our diverse environment, while ensuring the safety of New Yorkers in every corner of the state."

The New York State Environmental Protection Fund is providing the \$2 million in funding for eligible projects. Grants range from a minimum of \$11,000 to \$100,000, with a required 50 percent match. The deadline for grant applications is March 24, 2017. For a full list of eligible and ineligible projects, please view the Request for Application in the Grants Gateway.

New York is particularly vulnerable to invasive species due to its rich biodiversity and the state's role as a center for international trade and travel. Once established, invasive species, such as emerald ash borer and zebra mussels, can spread rapidly through a region causing harm to the environment, human health, and the economy. Rapid response and control is a critical line of defense and helps to permanently remove invasive populations. Under Governor Cuomo's leadership, the 2016-17 state budget included an additional \$5.5 million in the EPF targeted specifically for invasive species control.

The highest scoring projects will emphasize early detection and rapid response, and provide measures to ensure long-term success. Grants will be awarded to applicants who clearly demonstrate the knowledge, skills, and track record to successfully complete the project. Priority will be given to projects that provide opportunities for public participation and are located on or in close proximity to public lands or waterbodies. Project sites must be located wholly within New York State.

DEC anticipates announcing grant awards in May 2017.

State Department of Environmental Conservation Commissioner Basil Seggos said, "In addition to New York State's already comprehensive prevention efforts, these grants will provide a strong line of defense against both aquatic and terrestrial invasive species."

Senator Tom O'Mara, Chair of the Senate Environmental Conservation Committee said, "The uncontrolled spread of aquatic invasive species threatens to devastate regional tourism economies and cost local communities hundreds of millions of dollars and thousands of jobs. We've appreciated the hard work of local leaders and concerned citizens throughout the Southern Tier and Finger Lakes regions, and statewide, to protect our waterways and secure their quality and economic potential for generations to come. We're hopeful that this stepped-up state assistance and investment, and other ongoing efforts, will continue to make a difference."

Assemblyman Steve Englebright said, "Once invasive species become established, it can be extraordinarily difficult and costly to control or eradicate them. That's why early detection and rapid response are essential to preventing the extensive ecological and economic damage that invasive species can bring. The grants from this new program will go far to help municipalities, not-for-profits, and higher educational institutions implement projects that will protect our land and waters from the spread of invasive species."



### Faso Acts to Improve Access to Maternity Care

Washington, D.C., January 10, 2017: The United States House of Representatives voted on H.R. 315, Improving Access to Maternity Care Act, which will increase the availability of maternity care services to populations in Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs). The bill passed by a vote of 405 to 0 (28 No Votes). Congressman John Faso (R-Kinderhook) issued the following statement:

"Access to quality maternity care is essential for the well-being of mother and baby. This legislation would provide a common-

sense solution to the current shortage we are seeing in certain areas around the country."

H.R. 315 will empower the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) to identify areas that are facing a shortage of maternity health care providers and deploy doctors, nurses or other medical professionals to these areas. These professionals will receive scholarships and repayment of their student loans for serving in these HPSAs.

### UC Executive Mike Hein Announces Availability of Funding for 2017 Youth Programs

Kingston, NY - Ulster County Executive Mike Hein and Youth Bureau Director Evelyn Clarke announce that the Ulster County Youth Bureau is accepting applications for the New York State Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) Youth Development grants. The Ulster County Youth Bureau administers the Youth Development Program (YDP) and Runaway & Homeless Shelter (RHYA) funding from OCFS and Ulster County to support youth programs.

Although New York State funding amounts for the 2017 calendar year have not yet been determined, agencies and municipalities interested in receiving

this funding are encouraged to apply. Eligible agencies must be not-for-profit or community based organizations with federal identification or charities registration numbers.

In awarding funds, all 2017 applications are considered new and competitive, including formerly "automatically eligible" towns and municipalities. All YDP applicants will be applying competitively for the same pool of funds.

Programs receiving YDP grants are funded up to 100 percent of approved expenses up to the allocated amount. The amount of funding will be subject to the availability of annual State and County appropriations, which have not yet been made.

Applications for these grants must be submitted online. Contact the Ulster County Youth Bureau at dzac@co.ulster.ny.us, to obtain the required forms and indicate "2017 Forms" in the subject line. Forms are also available from the Ulster County and OCFS websites at <http://ulstercountyny.gov/youth-bureau> and <http://ocfs.ny.gov/main/youth/default.asp>. Applications are due no later than Friday, February 17, 2017. For additional assistance or information please contact the Youth Bureau at (845) 334-5264.

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 Saturday, February 4, 2017  
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**Third Saturday Thrift Sale**  
 9 am- 1 pm  
 February 18

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**LEGALSPUBLIC NOTICE:**

The annual Plot-Holders' meeting for the Grahamsville Rural Cemetery will be held on February 15, 2017 at the Daniel Pierce Library at 7:00pm.

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**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:**

Does President Trump trust Communist Russia, but distrust our intelligence agencies? Will Trump stand up to Russia, an adversary of the US, a country that wants to spread its Communist totalitarianism to Europe, the Middle East and North America?

Trump might be hesitant to admit Russia hacked into Clinton's campaign because he does not want the public to think he won a tainted election. He won the election because of the ineptitude of Clinton's campaign staff, Clinton's private email server, and

the desire for change by a large segment of the electorate in key states unhappy with Obama's policies. Trump should wholeheartedly support the Congressional investigations into the possible hacking by the Russians.

Trump wants to have good relations with Russia so we can work together to jointly solve some of the world's problems, which might be a positive move by the President, and it could make both countries more secure. However, we cannot completely trust Putin and Russia, and we always have to be wary of their motives and be ready to respond to their threatening and hostile actions.

Hopefully, Russia does not have compromising personal and financial information on Trump which could be used against us.

We must support President Trump, because his success is our success.

Donald Moskowitz  
Londonderry, NH

**Open letter to the residents of the Claryville Fire District**

On Dec. 5th, 2016, we were made privy to and read a document that was being distributed to members of the public at the Town Dump by a Mr. Peter Donnolo. We were appalled by many of the inaccuracies in this "letter" and insulted by many of the comments that were made by this Claryville Fire Commissioner. It was clearly explained that Mr. Donnolo was finishing out an unexpired term and running to be elected into the 5 year term. It was made pretty clear in the letter that the comments made in Mr. Donnolo's letter were meant to sway the vote of the public in the upcoming fire commissioner's election. First of all, The Fire Commissioners and the members of the Claryville Fire Department are on the same team, so to speak. This letter is intentionally trying to create a disdain and distrust for the members of the Fire Dept. from the public. WHY would a Claryville Fire Commissioner want to create or build these feelings within our community???

It is stated in Mr. Donnolo's letter that "The election of Bill Leudemann, who was also running for the same 5 year term, would be a direct conflict of interest AND will mean that the Department will have a 3 person majority on the Board, able to pass any spending bill they want... and THEY do want to spend". The ELECTION of Bill Leudemann would not have been a direct conflict of interest. All that would mean is that the contract for the truck repair service would have to go back out to bid. This is only one of the many untruths, embellishments, and lies in this letter. And who are the "THEY" when it comes to wanting to spend?

The "spending" by the fire dept. has gone down over the last few years, but the budget has not decreased as much, because there are more contracted services that are now required to be performed annually due to the "anonymous" reports to the insurance company and to the PESH division of OSHA. Although we know who made these anonymous reports, it is not the issue here. Those contract services that we now must use, utilize thousands of dollars a year that were not previously needed. We can tell you that it is not the FIRE DEPT. that wanted to spend those dollars.

If this letter distributed by Mr. Donnolo (Fire Commissioner) is being masked as a method for educating the members of our public, then why not tell the truth?

There is a substantial amount of money in various reserve accounts. But then why not explain why that money is there? Let the public know that hundreds of thousands of dollars would be spent for replacement of radio equipment, future truck replacement, etc. WHY was that "education" topic left out of this letter? The comment made that our cost is \$6000 per call. That is not an accurate statement, and was just expressed to generate that negative feeling toward the Fire Department side of the District. Why not explain that those costs include the NOW mandated contract services, training, equipment, and all the other expenses that go into running a department REGARDLESS of the number of calls that happen throughout the year? The Claryville Fire Department and the Claryville Fire District are not one in the same. Same "LEGAL ENTITY". This is another big untruth that has been spread through this letter from Mr. Donnolo (Fire Commissioner). It is the Fire Company that is separate from the District. This letter has now created more confusion and distrust. Why would a Fire Commissioner intentionally do that?

And YES, being a commissioner is a volunteer position. And we respect that Mr. Donnolo "fights" for what he believes in. We hope that Mr. Donnolo understands that putting down the dozens of volunteer firefighters in the district that he represents, does not make him look any better. In fact, what it has actually done is shown dozens of his neighbors, members of the public, tax payers, and firefighters in his district, that he as a commissioner does not respect them as volunteers (many of them for multiple decades)... not just 5 years.

Mr. Donnolo also makes a statement that "None of the monies we raise at functions or from donations we receive goes toward anything related to fire fighting". That is an out right lie. The company has used these funds to build all the buildings on the Fire Department complex including the truck house that houses the District equipment. These funds now help us with the maintenance of these buildings, and help cover hands on training, mandatory classes and meetings for both the company and the District. The town of Denning has used the Warren Cole Memorial Hall for public meetings that do not fit in the town hall. The Fire Department has held CPR and defensive driving classes for the members and the public. These are just some of the other uses of our facility. Isn't this Firematically related????? The members gave their time to build this complex. TAXES were not used to pay for any of that. The District DOES NOT OWN IT the members do! We work together to keep it going! This is TEAM WORK, is that not FIREMATIC????? True rent is now paid by the district taxes for the use of the truck house, and that has been only in recent years, and that does not begin to cover expenses. The rent amount is only half of the cost of comparative buildings in this area. What would taxes be if the district had to build and maintain all of this???? This is how we work to save the tax payers money. Firefighters and members working for the good of the people of this district. Is that not FIREMATIC????? The Fire Fighters have applied for and gotten 6 FEMA grants over the years that have gotten a 2004 Pumper Rescue truck, Turn out gear, SCBA units, a breathing air system and a generator to provide electricity to our complex when the power goes off. This has enabled us to become a Red Cross Emergency Shelter. Is this also not FIREMATIC????? This has saved the tax payers in the District many thousands of dollars, all the work being done by the firefighters, NOT the District!!!!

The last thing that really upsets us besides the lies and mudslinging was Mr. Donnolo's presence at the polls on the night of the elections. This is illegal. A candidate may come and place his or her vote then must leave. They cannot stay and hang out and talk to the public coming in to vote. By law they must leave and can be no closer than 100 feet in any direction of the polling place while the election is in progress. We respect the democratic process in our country that produces our elected officials.

We wanted this opportunity to express our concerns and debunk some of the inaccuracies and untruths that were expressed in the letter distributed from Mr. Peter Donnolo as a Claryville Fire Commissioner. We feel that in all fairness to the residents of the Claryville Fire District, a re-election should be held because of the inaccuracies of Mr. Donnolo's letter and his electioneering at the polls, as the democratic process was not followed correctly. If a re-election is not held, it just goes to show that in Claryville one can make false statements and also break the law, and still become a Fire Commissioner!!!!

**Paid for by Friends of the Claryville Fire Department**

**Stay Informed Throughout the State Budget Process**

Dear Friends:

Governor Andrew Cuomo has just unveiled his Executive Budget proposal, marking the official start of the 2017-18 State Budget negotiation process.

As your Senator, I will be working tirelessly throughout the budget process to ensure that the final plan we adopt reflects the key priorities, goals and aspirations of families, senior citizens, young New Yorkers and small business owners throughout our community.

From helping to create new job opportunities, to reducing the tax burden on hardworking New Yorkers, to ensuring that we get our fair share of state school aid, I will be working to ensure that the final budget we enact will be a good budget for our community.

To help keep you well-informed on budget-related developments going forward, I have provided link to a State Budget informational web page. The page allows you to review specific details of the Governor's proposal, and will also keep you posted on new developments related to the budget review and negotiation process. It also allows you to share your views on the budget, and to let me know what issues are important to you, your family, and our local community. As always, I truly appreciate your input and feedback.

Go to: <https://www.nysenate.gov/newsroom/articles/2017-18-nys-executive-budget-get-facts> to view our 2017-18 State Budget informational web page

I look forward to speaking with and listening to all of my constituents about their needs, concerns and priorities as we review the Governor's plan and put together a final State Budget.

By working together, I am confident that we can develop and enact a soundly-balanced plan that helps to ensure a bright future for our community.

Sincerely,  
John J. Bonacic  
State Senator

**Cuomo Unveils Proposal to Clear the Way for Ride-hailing Apps**

Gov. Andrew Cuomo unveiled a proposal to clear the way for ride-hailing apps such as Uber and Lyft to expand statewide, according to the governor's office.

Cuomo's plan calls on the state to oversee and permit the popular ride-hailing companies, which currently operate in New York City under its taxi laws but have sought changes in state insurance law to expand to the rest of the state.

In a statement, Cuomo said expanding ride-hailing services upstate is "a top priority for me."

"It defies logic that ride-sharing isn't available to New Yorkers who live outside of New York City," Cuomo said. "My message is upstate New York matters and it's not right or fair that upstate doesn't have this new innovation that spurs the economy, can save money and save lives."

Companies such as Uber and Lyft allow users to hail a ride using a smartphone application, with the driver generally using his or her personal vehicle to complete the trip.

Uber has been engaged in a widespread lobbying effort across the state as it seeks to expand, rounding up support from local officials and business leaders in hopes of convincing Cuomo and the Legislature to act. Like previous proposals from state lawmakers, Cuomo's plan would require the state to regulate and permit ride-hailing companies rather than local governments, which oversee taxicabs.

The state would have the ability to audit the companies to make sure they're complying with any applicable laws and regulations, according to Cuomo's office.

Uber, Lyft and similar companies, meanwhile, would be required to take part in The Black Car Fund, a worker's compensation fund that tacks a 2.5 percent surcharge on fares to cover drivers if they're injured on the job.

In order to expand outside New York City, Uber and Lyft have been seeking a change in state law to allow "pooled" insurance coverage, which would allow them to take out a broad policy covering drivers' personal vehicles only when they are working for the company.

A coalition of upstate taxi companies and insurers, meanwhile, have been pushing for a measure that would require Uber and Lyft to put potential drivers through fingerprint background checks before hiring them, which the companies have pushed back against.

"Uber and Lyft already fingerprint drivers in New York City and there is no reason why upstate riders should not have the same protection," John Tomassi, president of the Upstate Transportation Association, said in a statement last week. "State lawmakers must require fingerprinting in any upstate ride-sharing expansion because anything less will put riders' lives at risk."





**Town of Neversink Parks & Rec 2017 Trips/Events**  
 Call for info: (845) 985-2262 extension 312  
[www.townofneversink.org](http://www.townofneversink.org)

**Holiday Mtn Skiing/Snowboarding**  
 Sundays Jan 1 to March 5  
 Get your discount pass for \$6

- Fri-Feb 10 -Roller Skating Skaters World
- Fri-Mar 17 Bowling Liberty Bowl
- Tue-Apr 11 Jonah Sight & Sound
- May 1 - May 5 Screen Free Week
- Sat-May 13 Maritime Aquarium/IMAX Movie
- Sat-June 3Country Living Fair Rhinebeck Fairgrounds
- Fri-June 9 Mamma Mia Westchester Broadway Dinner Theatre
- Fri-June 16 Transportation to NYC
- Fri-July 7 Swimming Beach Party Grahamsville Fairgrounds
- Sat-July 22 New York State Museum
- Sat-Aug 5 Zoom Flume
- Fri-Aug 25 Back to School Fun Night
- Fri-Oct 6 Annie Get Your Gun Westchester Broadway Dinner Theatre
- Nov 4-5 Wolf Lodge
- Sat-Dec 2 Transportation to NYC

Stop by the Parks & Rec office on Tuesdays between 3pm and 6 pm to drop off your permission slips and payment. It is never too early to sign up for trips! Secure your seats today!



**Daniel Pierce Library** hours of operation  
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 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**

Jan 12	July 13
Feb 16	Aug 10
Mar 16	Sept 14
Apr 13	Oct 12
May 11	Nov 16
June 15	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

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- 1/31/17 Town of Neversink Parks & Rec Meeting - 6 pm in Parks & Rec Office at Town Hall
- 2/1/17 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting 7 pm
- 2/2/17 Claryville Fire District Meeting - 6:30 pm
- 2/4/17 **Covered Dish Supper** - Sundown Methodist Church Hall 5:30 pm
- 2/7/17 Town of Denning Board Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall
- 2/8/17 Town of Neversink Board Meeting 7:30 pm
- 2/14/17 Town of Denning Board Business Meeting 7 pm Denning Town Hall
- 2/15/17 Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Association Meeting 7:30 pm
- 2/18/17 Grahamsville UMC **Third Saturday Thrift Sale** 9 am - 12 noon
- 2/20/17 Town of Neversink Holiday - **PRESIDENTS' DAY**
- 2/20/17 Grahamsville Fire District Meeting 7 pm Grahamsville Firehouse
- 2/21/17 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals - 7:30 pm

**REMINDER:** To all Tri-Valley municipalities, churches & community groups if you haven't sent in your 2017 Calendar of events, please send it so that we can continue to post your events and meetings on the calendar each week during the New Year.

**Save the Date!**

April 22, 2017 - Boy Scout Troop 97 **Fish & Chips/Chicken & Chips Dinner** - 4:30 to 6:30 pm at Neversink Fire House

May 6, 2017 **Tri-Valley Lions Journey for Sight Walk** 8:30-9:00 am Sign-in Grahamsville First Aid Building

June 7, 2017 **Rabies Clinic** 6-7:30 pm Grahamsville Fairgrounds - for pets 3 months or older

Please note that the agenda for the upcoming Tri-Valley Central School District Board of Education Meetings can be viewed at <http://www.boarddocs.com/ny/trivc/Board.nsf/Public>

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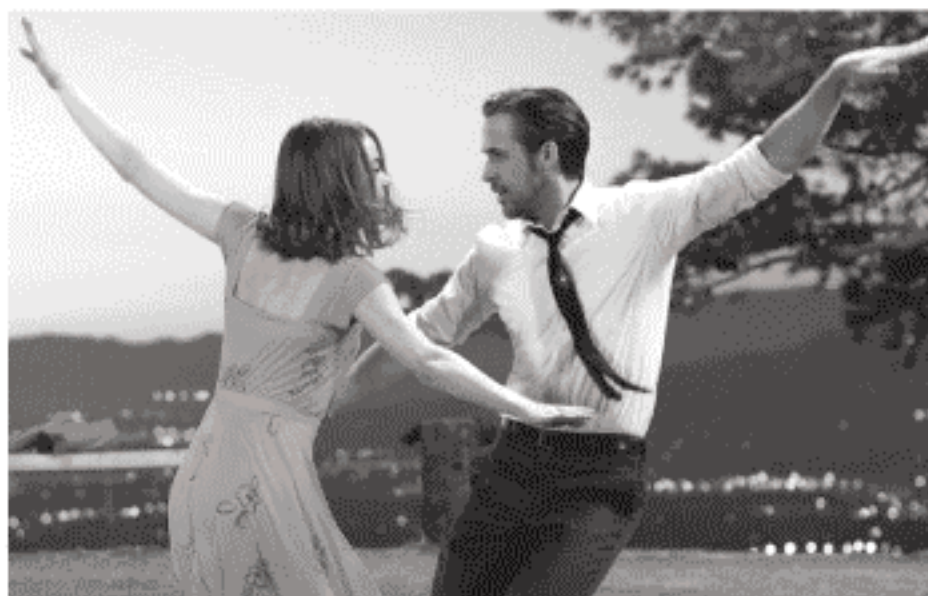
**TOWN OF OLIVE MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

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.

**Multiple Golden Globe Winner 'La La Land'**

*Starring Ryan Gosling and Emma Stone at Callicoon Theater*

Delaware Valley Arts Alliance and the Callicoon Theater present *La La Land*, (PG-13) directed by Damien Chazelle, and starring Ryan Gosling and Emma Stone. Both actors received Golden Globes for Best Performance, Chazelle won for Best Director and Best Screenplay, and the film won Best Motion Picture - Musical or Comedy.



Written and directed by Academy Award nominee Damien Chazelle, *La La Land* tells the story of Mia (Stone), an aspiring actress, and Sebastian (Gosling), a dedicated jazz musician, who are struggling to make ends meet in a city known for crushing hopes and breaking hearts. Set in modern day Los Angeles, this original musical about everyday life explores the joy and pain of pursuing your dreams.

Owen Gleiberman in Variety calls *La La Land* "The must-see movie of the season."

Manhola Dargis in the New York Times says the film "Makes musicals matter again."

"Soaring, romantic, extremely stylish and endlessly inventive" says Dave Karger in Time Out New York.

*La La Land* will screen Friday, January 27 through Monday, February 6, 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 \$7.50 for children under 12 at all shows.

Beginning February 10, *Manchester By The Sea* starring Casey Affleck and Michelle Williams.

**METS Live at SUNY Sullivan**

**Saturday, February 25, 2017 RUSALKA** (Start - 12:55 pm) Kristine Opolais stars in the role that helped launch her international career, the mythical Rusalka, who sings the haunting "Song to the Moon." Mary Zimmerman brings her wondrous theatrical imagination to Dvorak's fairytale of love and longing, rejection and redemption. Brandon Jovanovich, Jamie Barton, Katarina Dalayman, and Eric Owens complete the all-star cast, and Mark Elder conducts.

**Saturday, March 11, 2017 LA TRAVIATA** (Start - 12:55 pm) Sonya Yoncheva sings one of opera's most beloved heroines, the tragic courtesan Violetta, a role in which she triumphed on the Met stage in 2015, opposite Michael Fabiano as her lover, Alfredo, and Thomas Hampson as his father, Germont. Carmen Giannattasio sings later performances of the title role opposite Atalla Ayan, with the great Plácido Domingo as Germont. Nicola Luisotti conducts.

**Saturday, March 25, 2017 IDOMENEO** (Start - 12:55 pm) Mozart's first operatic masterpiece returns to the Met in the classic Jean-Pierre Ponnelle production, conducted by Music Director Emeritus James Levine. The superb ensemble includes Matthew Polenzani as the king torn by a rash vow; mezzo-soprano Alice Coote in the trouser role of his noble son Idamante; soprano Nadine Sierra as Ilia; and soprano Elza van den Heever as the volatile Elettra, who loves Idamante to the bounds of madness.

**Saturday, April 22, 2017 EUGENE ONEGIN** (Start - 12:55 pm) Tchaikovsky's setting of Pushkin's timeless verse novel is presented on the Met stage in Deborah Warner's moving production, starring Anna Netrebko and Dmitri Hvorostovsky as Tatiana and Onegin. Alexey Dolgov sings the role of Lenski, and Robin Ticciati conducts.

**Saturday, May 13, 2017 DER ROSENKAVALIER** (Start - 12:30 pm) The dream cast of Renée Fleming as the Marschallin and Elina Garanca as Octavian star in Strauss's grandest opera. In his new production, Robert Carsen, the director behind the Met's recent Falstaff, places the action at the end of the Habsburg Empire, underscoring the opera's subtext of class and conflict against a rich backdrop of gilt and red damask, in a staging that also stars Günther Groissböck as Baron Ochs. Sebastian Weigle conducts the sparkingly perfect score.

**Saturday, June 10, 2017 TRISTAN UND ISOLDE - ENCORE PRESENTATION** (Start - 12 noon) Tristan und Isolde opens the Met season in a new production by Mariusz Trelinski (the director responsible for the 2014-15 season's double bill of *Iolanta* and *Bluebeard's Castle*), and will be well served by a cast of outstanding Wagnerians: Nina Stemme as Isolde, Stuart Skelton as Tristan, Ekaterina Gubanova as Brangäne, and René Pape as King Marke, with Sir Simon Rattle conducting, in one of his rare appearances at the Met.

**Saturday, June 24, 2017 DON GIOVANNI - ENCORE PRESENTATION** (Start - 12 noon) Three charismatic singers, Simon Keenlyside, Ildar Abdrazakov, and Mariusz Kwiecien, share the role of the title hero, who goes to hell in a dazzling coup de théâtre. The ensemble of great Mozartean singers includes Angela Meade, Marina Rebeka, Isabel Leonard, Matthew Polenzani, Erwin Schrott, and Paul Appleby. Fabio Luisi and Plácido Domingo conduct.





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**Knarf's "Classic Movie Trivia"**

In the spirit of *Montreign Casino & Raceway*, coming soon to Sullivan County – for a look at construction progress go to: <https://montreign.com/>



*The Montreign Casino & Raceway* is a \$1 billion project being built in the Catskills by Empire Resorts. The resort will include a 1.2-million-square-foot casino and an 18-floor hotel with nearly 400 rooms. Construction is well underway. *Empire Resorts*, which is building the casino, plans to open in early spring 2018. Those interested in jobs, <https://montreign.com/careers>

*With this in mind we present Casino Films*, On TCM January 30, 2017 at 8:00 PM *Meet Me in Las Vegas* (Musical,1956); at 10:00 PM *The Las Vegas Story*, (Drama,1952) and at 11:45 PM *Viva Las Vegas* (Musical,1964),

**Ocean's Eleven**  
(Crime Comedy1960)

A group of friends plot to rob a Las Vegas casino. Directed by Lewis Milestone, and starring *Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Sammy Davis, Jr., Peter Lawford, Angie Dickinson, Richard Conte, Cesar Romero, Patrice Wymore, Joey Bishop, Akim Tamiroff, Henry Silva, Ilka Chase, Norman Fell*. Fanciful crime comedy about 11-man team headed by Danny Ocean (Sinatra) attempting to rob five Vegas casinos simultaneously. Entire Rat Pack's in it, but no one does much, including some surprise guests. There is a clever twist ending, though. Remade in 2001. Panavision. *See this film on TCM starting at 1:15 AM early Tuesday morning January 31, 2017, 127 min, Color, rated TV-14, CC*

With much more beautiful natural surroundings here in the Catskills, and much more to do, we are confident the vacation going public will surpass the fun of Vegas and come here to *The Montreign Casino & Raceway*

- Quiz:**
1. *In Viva Las Vegas* Who played Lucky Jackson?
  2. Who played Rusty Martin?

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**ANSWER TO KNARF'S MOVIE TRIVIA**

Answers:  
 1. Elvis Presley  
 2. Ann-Margret