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Annual Town Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony to be Held

On Sunday December 1, 2013 at 5:00 PM the Town of Neversink will hold its Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony in Bicentennial Square on Main Street in Grahamsville.

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

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

REMINDER: Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman will not be printed next week, November 28th, 2013 in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday. On behalf of the entire Townsman Staff, we wish you all a **Happy Thanksgiving!**

REMINDER: If you are planning on sending a Christmas Greeting to your friends and neighbors via Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman this year, please see page 8/9 for details. This year's greetings will be in color and appear in our centerfold on December 12, 2013, the last issue of the year.

The first issue of Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman for the new year will be January 9th, 2014.

Proposed Windmill in the Town of Denning

In the interest of supplying our readers with information regarding the proposed windmill in the Town of Denning, we are including two letters with opposing points of view. (Contd. Pg. 10)

Best Chili in Town!



Kevin Hopkins of Liberty FD, the winner of the chili cook off.

Kevin Hopkins of Liberty Fire Department was the official winner of the Grahamsville Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary First Annual Chili Cook Off. Mr. Hopkins was also voted People's Choice best chili as well. A big congratulations to Mr. Hopkins. And a huge Thank You to everyone who came out to participate as a contestant and taste tester!"

Second place winner was Donna Hans, and Third place was Joseph Barkley!"

Greater Liberty Chamber of Commerce Proudly Introduced Ideal Food Basket to Liberty



Ribbon Cutting Ceremony of the new Ideal Food Basket on Main Street in Liberty with company principals, co-owner, Frank Diaz (far right), CEO, Daniel Cabassa (right center center) and Store Operations Supervisor, Randy Phillips (left center) along with Liberty Village Mayor, Dan Ratner Sr., Liberty Chamber of Commerce President and newly elected Liberty Town Councilman, Russell Reeves and members of the Greater Liberty Chamber of Commerce and Liberty's business community. (Contd. Pg. 8)

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The Wawarsing Wassail

The Ellenville/Wawarsing Chamber of Commerce, in conjunction with a number of area organizations, is pleased to announce the Second Annual "Wawarsing Wassail". A Wassail is a traditional old world holiday celebration and will take place in the Town of Wawarsing on December 7th and 8th, 2013.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7TH

The Ellenville Cooperative Nursery School kicks off the celebration on December 7th with its' annual Breakfast with Santa from 8am - 11:30 am at the Ellenville United Methodist Church on Canal Street in Ellenville. Tickets for the breakfast will be available at the door - \$6 for adults and \$3 for children. (Contd. Pg. 4)

Veterans Remembered in Fallsburg

November 9, 2013 is a day that the hamlet of Woodbourne and Town of Fallsburg will remember with great pride. The Annual Veteran's Day Parade hosted by Woodbourne Fire Department Company No. 1 welcomed hundreds of citizens from the town and neighboring communities as it has for the past fifteen years.

This year's event had a very special feel to it in the way it honored Fallsburg veterans and connected to Fallsburg Central School District beginning with the singing of the National Anthem by Fallsburg High School Student Mekayla Perneszi. (Contd. Pg. 4)



County Legislator Gene Benson presented a throw blanket embroidered with different World War Two era planes to Bob Longo.

ERH Receives National Award



Ellenville Regional Hospital was one of only 5 hospitals in the country to receive an award for demonstrating excellence and innovation in the area of community engagement. Ellenville Regional Hospital is committed to engaging and communicating with patients, partners, and the communities they serve. The National Rural Health Resource Center (The Center) recognized this hospital for its demonstrated excellence and innovation in initiatives for improving population health with documented outcomes and for demonstrated excellence and innovation in CAH leadership engaging and communicating with patients, partners, and the community. (Contd. Pg. 15)



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ON THE FRONT BURNER: For the Lord giveth wisdom; out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding. Proverbs 2:6

THANK YOU NOTE

First, Thank God and thank you to the Grahamsville Fire Department, the Grahamsville First Aid Squad, the Mobile Medics and the helicopter team. Thank you for all the telephone calls, cards and prayers.

Thank you so much.

Sincerely,

Warren and Peggy Geyer

DAYS OF YORE....**Today's History****November 25, 1953**

- The engagement of Mrs. Grant Jocelyn of Grahamsville to Mr. Norman Misner of Woodbourne has been announced. The wedding will take place in January.

Mr. and Mrs. John Knight celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary on Wednesday with a dinner at Finch's with their guests. Mrs. Knight was presented with an orchid from granddaughter, June Smith and her brother Douglas. Mr. and Mrs. Knight were married November 18, 1903 at her home by the Rev. Newman Heroy. They lived all of their lives in this village. They have one daughter, Mrs. Theron Hasbrouck and two grandchildren, June and Douglas.

The Frazier-Davis building at the corner of Rts. 42 and 55, opposite the Post Office in Grahamsville, has been demolished. Landscaping is underway in that part of town with the newly planted grass already in evidence.

November 20, 1963

- Mr. and Mrs. Charles Irwin of Grahamsville are the parents of a daughter, born November 8, 1963 at Liberty Loomis Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Greenhall announce the birth of a son, Terence Joseph, on Wednesday, November 13th at Liberty Loomis Hospital. The baby weighed 8 lbs. 4 oz. Mr. and Mrs. James McGuire are the maternal grandparents and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Greenhall are the paternal grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Harris had their son, Walter Eugene Jr., christened Sunday morning at the Free Methodist Church in Liberty. The Rev. Howard Deatz officiated.

Anniversaries this month: Mr. and Mrs. Milton Botsford, 14 years on the 26th; Mr. and Mrs. Theron Hasbrouck, 34 years on the 27th; and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Knight, 23 years on the 30th.

December 12, 1973

William H. Rose, 84, of Woodbourne Road, Grahamsville, died Friday at Hamilton Avenue Hospital, Monticello after a short illness. Mr. Rose was a lifetime area resident and a retired farmer. He was born June 2, 1889 in Sundown to Peter and Cecile Mulford Rose. He was married to the late Effie M. Feltman. Surviving are a son, Albert and two granddaughters, Mrs. Janice Barringer and Mrs. Linda Buley, all of Grahamsville. Also surviving are five great-grandchildren.

December 1, 1983

This past weekend Missy Iatauro ran the Philadelphia Independence Marathon and placed 8th in the women's division. Her time was 2:49:32 qualifies her for the United States Olympic Trials to be held in Olympia, Washington on May 13, 1984.

Six young men from Boy Scout Troop #187 became Eagle Scouts on November 19, 1983 at Eagle Scout Court of Honor held at the Woodbourne Fire House. Those receiving the coveted Eagle Scout award were: James Bogart, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bogart Jr.; Dale Carlsen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Carlsen; Dean Hall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alton Hall; Vincent Lenox, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Matanis; James Schulte, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Schulte; and James Wynkoop, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wynkoop.

HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR AND LUNCHEON

The Grahamsville United Methodist Church will be hosting a Holiday Craft Fair and Luncheon on Saturday, December 7, 2013 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in their Fellowship Hall. Local artists and craftsmen will be selling their jewelry, original watercolors, pottery, handmade soaps and much more. A lunch of soup, sandwiches and desserts will be available. The church is located on Route 55 in Grahamsville. For more information, call 985-7427 or 985-2283.

Healthcare Navigator at the Federation Dec 12th

On December 12th at 1pm, the Sullivan County Federation for the Homeless will host a discussion on navigating the new healthcare system. Slated to take place at the Federation's 9 Monticello St location, this event will feature an opportunity for people to hear a presentation as well as participate in a Q&A session.

Dan Desmond from Hudson River HealthCare will speak about the Affordable Care Act, otherwise known as Obamacare. He will discuss how Exchanges, or Marketplaces are used to make health insurance more affordable to the more than 47 million Americans without it today.

Also, discussed will be who is eligible and who is not, what the "individual mandate" means and how "pre-existing conditions" no longer disqualify anyone for insurance. And how anyone can sign up even if they don't have a computer or know how to use the internet.

The Federation for the Homeless provides education, goods and services to those who are without resources. For more information, please call Kathy Kreiter at (845) 794-2604.

Pre-Tech Program Crafts Tables for Woodland Wildlings Garden at Catskill Regional Medical Center

LIBERTY - On November 6th, the Pre-Tech Class at the Career & Technical Education Center at Sullivan BOCES presented the Community Garden Club of Liberty with four picnic tables to be used at Catskill Regional Medical Center's Woodland Wildlings Garden.

The picnic tables are handicap accessible and will be used with the garden's existing memorial benches. The garden, as a whole, is made up of memorial plants, trees, and tables that have been donated over the years. The Community Garden Club of Liberty and the Roscoe-Rockland Garden Club maintain the Woodland Wildlings Garden.

"This is totally a win-win situation. We love the tables," said Christy Kuriger, President of the Community Garden Club of Liberty. "Having the students work with the hospital is a great match - we look forward to working with the students in the future," added Kuriger.

Catskill Regional's CEO & CMO Dr. Gerard Galameau also attended the presentation. "It is wonderful to have energized young people in support of the hospital. We are very happy with the tables and look forward to future projects," said Dr. Galameau.

The Pre-Tech Career Exploration Program is a unique program that offers motivating, project-based learning opportunities that allow students to remain on track towards earning a Regent's Diploma, while exploring careers, developing work ethic and improving applied academic skills. The half-day career component emphasizes core character education, positive work habits, life and communication skills, while giving students a glimpse of the vocational possibilities they may have at the Career and Technical Education Center as juniors and seniors. At the core of the Program is a student run business, which adds a wonderful learning experience to the curriculum and affords the students unique business skills and life lessons that they will be able to reflect on, as they become adults.

According to the students, this was a great project that they had a lot of fun doing. "It was nice to create something that people will be able to enjoy," said Brandi Fomasari, Liberty 10th grade student.

For more information on the programs available through the Career and Technical Education Center visit our website at www.scboces.org or call 295-4152.

Please Help the Poor Homeless Animals at the Sullivan County SPCA

They need food (wet and dry -cat and dog - the shelter uses Purina but will accept any), treats, old blankets and towels, toys, collars and leashes, bleach and non clumping cat litter (they say they are in real need of cat litter - the cheap non clumping kind). Donations will be collected until December 1st at Sundown Camp and Bait in Sundown, Travis Archery in Neversink or call Sherri Reynolds at 985-0013 to arrange for drop off at a different location or to arrange for us to pick up.
(See letter on page 10 from 3 Seventh Grade TVCS students who have spearheaded this local drive.)

A Round About Tri-Valley

-Carol Furman

Happy Birthday to Marie Dean, who will celebrate her 90th Birthday on November 21st.

Get well soon, Warren Geyer! Warren was helping at the Grahamsville Reformed Church Dinner on November 9th when he suddenly collapsed. He was air-lifted to a hospital and is now at home and doing well.

The 4-H Puppy Pals attended 4H Achievement Day and won the window display contest that was featured at the Grahamsville Post Office. The display had been moved to Cornell Cooperative Extension and will be displayed at the County Government Center in Monticello at a later date.

Three Boy Scouts from Troop 97 recently made rank advancements. Chris Morgan was promoted to 2nd class and Brett Bagley and Patrick Coombe were promoted to Life Scouts. Life Scout is the last rank prior to earning the Eagle Scout rank.

Tri-Valley's Ian Kurzrock was the highest place finisher among Sullivan County runners in the Boys State cross country championships held at Queensbury on November 9th. Way to go, Ian!

Did anyone happen to notice the new LOWS CORNERS sign on the right hand side of the Sundown Road just before City Field? The sign is located on land which, years ago, belonged to Abram and Hazel Low. Thank you to Paul Rush for seeing that the sign was erected.

Rebecca Coombe and her Mom, Karen, recently attend a National Rabbit Show in Harrisburg, PA where there were over 23,000 rabbits entered. The competition involved tests for knowledge and showmanship, as well as a written essay and an interview. Although Rebecca didn't place in the top 5, four of her Dutch rabbits placed in the top ten and one of them placed in the top 5.

Not to be out-done, Patrick Coombe and his Dad, Ric, recently took 5 Angus to a show in Cobleskill. Larry Bracken helped Patrick prep his cows for the show. Patrick came in 7th in Showmanship and 5th in the Herdsman test. Congratulation, Patrick!

How nice it was of the Junior FBLA and their advisor, Brenda Hay, to invite community senior citizens to the Tri-Valley School Cafeteria for a free turkey luncheon on November 21st.

As the Thanksgiving holiday approaches, let us be thankful for all of our blessings. We all have much to be thankful for. Happy Thanksgiving!

Words of Wisdom: To me, old age is always fifteen years older than I am. (Bernard M. Baruch)
Everything is funny as long as it is happening to somebody else. (Will Rogers)

NEVERSINK NEWS: - Hulda Vernooy

Happy Birthday to Karl Allison who will be 91 years old on December 1st.

Get well wishes to Laura Entenmann who is now home and recuperating well after surgery.

Happy Thanksgiving to all!

Tri Valley Lions September-October Newsletter

by Lion Fran Fuller Corresponding Secretary *respectfully revised by Lion Liza Salvemini Secretary*

The Lions Member meeting was held on September 3rd, 2013, at the Grahamsville Reformed Church Hall, with a catered event hosted by Lion Carol Furman. Our guest speakers were Ruth Phillips and Marylou Haag from the Grahamsville Methodist Church where our local food pantry is located.

Our guest speakers were Ruth Phillips and Marylou Haag from the Grahamsville Methodist Church where our local food pantry is located. They told how it was organized and how the food pantry operated to give out food and provisions to the needy in our area. Donations are always welcome, either food items or monetary to buy supplies as needed. Once a week the Bread Alone Bakery in Boiceville NY, donates a good supply of baked breads which is picked up and then distributed to those in need.

Our Soda Booth at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds was in business for the Youth Sportsman's Day on September 14th and also for the Rondout Antique Machinery show and swap meet on September 21st-22nd 2013.

Our Lions Club donated \$150.00 to the Sullivan County Sight and Hearing Group. Our next meeting we will be hosting at Nardi's Restaurant on November 18th, Monday Night at 7PM. It is also the date of our Tri-Valley Lions 36th Anniversary.

Our October 1st Meeting was held at Nardi's Restaurant with our guest speaker Zone Chair Ilene Wizwer. She gave a report of the International Lions Club Meeting held in Hamburg Germany that her and her husband Lion Stuart Wizwer attended. She gave a review on the new administration plans for the future of our Lions club.

A beautiful Saturday October 5th greeted the Pumpkin Party visitors and participants. Our Soda Booth was open and busy, Thank you for all who worked the event and who patronized our booth.

Donations were made to the Tri-Valley Teachers care project for Backpack supplies and also the Lions SEE

program.

Our District Convention is November 7th at the Fishkill Ramada INN and we will be represented by our President Lion Pauline Vetter-Staats 2nd VP Lion Carmen Salvemini, and Lions Liza Salvemini and Carol Clark.

We also wish everyone a safe and happy Thanksgiving joyous Holidays and a wonderful New Year. Thank you for your old glasses and frames, they are always welcomed.

DEP Expands Access to City-Owned Lands for Hunting, Trapping and Hiking

With the State's Regular Hunting Season Set to Begin on Saturday, an Additional 2,663 Acres Have Been Opened for Hunting and Low-Impact Recreation Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Commissioner Carter Strickland today encouraged sportsmen and sportswomen to use City-owned land across the upstate watersheds when the state's regular hunting season opens Nov. 16. DEP owns and manages some 84,730 acres in its upstate watersheds that are open for hunting, including 57,764 acres known as Public Access Areas that are open to outdoor enthusiasts, including trappers, without a permit. Many hunters have already enjoyed this expanded access during the early bow-hunting season, which began in October. City-owned tracts that are open for hunting are spread across 295 recreational units in Delaware, Dutchess, Greene, Putnam, Schoharie, Sullivan, Ulster, and Westchester counties. Large populations of certain animals, including deer, can degrade water quality by stunting the regeneration of forest lands that serve as an important natural filter for surface waters before they enter the reservoirs.

DEP is proud to support the watershed area's heritage of hunting, fishing, and trapping, which has been passed down from generation to generation and helps to protect the high quality drinking water relied upon by more than 9 million residents of New York State, Strickland said. We encourage our neighbors in the watershed to safely enjoy the expanded access as hunting season begins.

An additional 2,663 acres of watershed land has been opened this year in Delaware, Sullivan, and Ulster counties. That includes 1,485 acres across 13 new recreational units, and 1,178 acres that were added to existing recreational units. All state hunting regulations-including antler restrictions throughout much of the watershed region-apply on City-owned lands. Also, those using City lands for recreation and hunting should pay careful attention to posted signs that outline what type of hunting and other uses are allowed, as some areas remain open for bow hunting only throughout the regular season. In addition, access to several areas around reservoirs remains restricted due to ongoing forestry projects and entering areas marked as closed will be considered trespassing.

Additional information about hunting on City-owned property in the watersheds can be found by going to nyc.gov/dep and clicking on the Watershed Recreation link. A complete list of recreation units can be found by going to this link on the DEP website. Hunters should check what activities are allowed in each unit either on the DEP website or by calling (800) 575-LAND. Since 2003, DEP has more than doubled the amount of City-owned water supply lands that are open for recreation to 118,600 acres. Of those acres open to recreation, roughly 85,000 are land and 33,000 are water. Last year, DEP opened approximately 3,852 additional acres of land in the watersheds for low-impact recreation that included hiking, hunting, fishing, and snowshoeing. In 2013, DEP expects to open a total of 4,000 additional acres of watershed land for recreation, including areas in Schoharie, Sullivan, Ulster, Greene, and Delaware counties.

DEP manages New York City's water supply, providing more than one billion gallons of water each day to more than 9 million residents, including 8.3 million in New York City, and residents of Ulster, Orange, Putnam, and Westchester counties. This water comes from the Catskill, Delaware, and Croton watersheds that extend more than 125 miles from the City, and the system comprises 19 reservoirs, three controlled lakes, and numerous tunnels and aqueducts. DEP employs nearly 6,000 employees, including almost 1,000 scientists, engineers, surveyors, watershed maintainers and others professionals in the upstate watershed. In addition to its \$68 million payroll and \$157 million in annual taxes paid in upstate counties, DEP has invested more than \$1.5 billion in watershed protection programs-including partnership organizations such as the Catskill Watershed Corporation and the Watershed Agricultural Council-that support sustainable farming practices, environmentally sensitive economic development, and local economic opportunity. In addition, DEP has a robust capital program with over \$14 billion in investments planned over the next 10 years that will create up to 3,000 construction-related jobs per year. For more information, visit nyc.gov/dep, like us on Facebook at facebook.com/nycwater, or follow us on Twitter at twitter.com/nycwater.

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 and Polly Hill.

Some traditions are just too imbued in our souls to change. As such is Peggy's Annual Thanksgiving piece on the American Wild Turkey.



AMERICAN WILD TURKEY By Peggy DeWire

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

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

Two years ago when I was a small chick, my Mom moved me and my twelve brothers and sisters away from our nest on the ground hidden in the woods to the edge on an open field.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

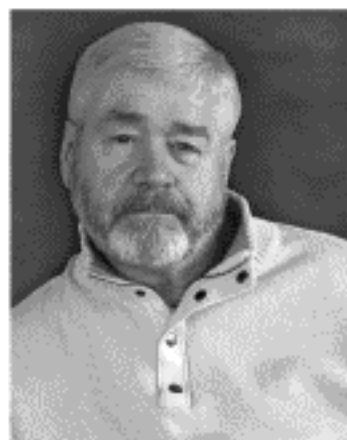
Household Hints

Vinegar to Clean Burned on Grease & Food

Remove burned-on grease and food stains from your stainless steel cookware by mixing 1 cup distilled vinegar in enough water to cover the stains (if they're near the top of a large pot, you may need to increase the vinegar). Let it boil for five minutes. The stains should come off with some mild scrubbing when you wash the utensil. To get that blackened, cooked-on grease off your broiler pan by softening it up with a solution of 1 cup apple cider vinegar and 2 tablespoons sugar. Apply the mixture while the pan is still hot, and let it sit for an hour or so. Then watch in amazement as the grime slides off with a light scrubbing.

Let It Burn

Mysterious Book Report No. 124 - by John Dwaine McKenna



One thing you may not have picked up from all the cops n' robbers shows we all watch nightly on the telly-as we have since we've had television, and the radio dramas before them, is this: all arresting and prosecuting officers of the law take a keen interest in the whereabouts of the miscreants they've put away. Let's face it. No one wants to get jumped by a criminal who's spent the last however many years rotting in jail, or gladiator school as some smart-alecs call it, plotting their revenge against the persons who put them there. And therefore a notification system exists, formal and informal as well, to notify certain police or lawyers when certain convicts are released from prison, which is how this week's MBR No. 124 begins. *Let It Burn*, (Minotaur Books, \$25.99, 276 pages, ISBN 978-0-312-64022-4) by Steve Hamilton, features his serial character named Alex McKnight, and this is his eleventh appearance in one of Mr. Hamilton's novels. McKnight is a medically retired, disabled Detroit policeman with a bullet still lodged in his chest, next to his heart. He lives 300 miles north of the city at the extreme end of the Upper Michigan peninsula in a tiny town called Paradise. It's just before Labor Day, when McKnight . . . who is closing down the tourist cabins he makes his living with in preparation for winter . . . gets a phone call. It's from his old desk sergeant, a retired cop named Grimaldi, who is advising McKnight of the imminent release of a murderer that McKnight identified, helped arrest and send to prison. It was a case that was closed just a couple of weeks before McKnight

was shot three times by an insane man with an Uzi submachine gun and his partner was killed by the same crazed individual. After a long convalescence, during which his marriage fell apart, McKnight left Detroit for the northern most part of Michigan. But, like an itch he can't reach to scratch, the old case keeps nagging him because another detective closed it out . . . and McKnight isn't one hundred percent certain that the kid who went to the Michigan State Penitentiary actually did the deed . . . which means that the real killer is still out there somewhere, still murdering other victims. The case takes new and bizarre turns in every chapter until the conclusion blasts the reader into the realization that *Hey this guy is a damn good writer! There's a reason he's won more writing awards than I can even count, including a pair of those treasured Edgars from the Mystery Writers of America!* Read him yourself and see! You'll not be disappointed.

Have you sampled the selections your local library has to offer? Read or surrender yourself to ignorance. It was true 4,500 years ago when Confucius said it, and it's still true today, so read on brothers and sisters, read on.

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Veterans Remembered in Fallsburg (From Pg. 1) Parade Marshall Brian Rogers left Fallsburg High School in 1967 to answer the call. Just short of graduation on his 17th birthday, he told fellow students, "There's a war on, and I am going to serve." He would receive his diploma in November of that year. He served in Vietnam with honor and distinction, earning a Silver Star for gallantry in action in 1969. On Saturday, when he was presented to the audience by Congressman Chris Gibson, Rogers began to acknowledge his children and grandchildren present with him, and then words would not flow. He was visibly moved by the ceremony and stepped away from the podium.

When School Superintendent Dr. Ivan Katz spoke to honor Rogers along with Loch Sheldrake's Christopher Sutowski, he recalled the very moving assemblies at the Fallsburg High School and Benjamin Cosor Elementary School (BCES) last Memorial Day. School Board President Joe Collura, also a combat veteran and active Navy reservist, organized these events with several veteran speakers from World War Two, Korea, Vietnam and the Gulf War. Dr. Katz recreated the palpable respect of the students, who listened attentively and quietly to every word. He said it was important that our schools pay proper honor to veterans who serve our country and maintain the freedom that allows our young people the opportunity to learn and get an education.

Just after the formal ceremony ended, County Legislator Gene Benson from the Fallsburg District and one of the speakers at the Memorial Day assembly presented a throw blanket embroidered with different World War Two era planes to Bob Longo. Bob was a speaker at the Memorial Day event as a veteran of the Army Air Corps from the 1940's and is a beloved retired art teacher in Fallsburg. The blanket was made by Karen Larson's sister. Karen, a teacher at BCES, was at that assembly in May and was very moved by Mr. Longo's story of ultimate sacrifice by a close friend during training in a new combat airplane. Her sister makes blankets and donates them to worthy groups, including one for each of Karen's students. She says that somehow every blanket finds a perfect owner. When Karen saw the blanket with the vintage airplanes, she knew that it "belonged" to Bob Longo. Gene had the privilege to give it to Bob Longo when they arrived at Woodbourne Fire House to celebrate with all the other veterans.

November 9, 2013 was truly a proud day for Woodbourne, for Fallsburg and for America.

Wawarsing Wassail (From Pg. 1) This is also your last chance to enter the Nursery School's drawing for the "Happy Holiday Hustle Peter's Market Shopping Spree". For information you can contact the school at 647-6405 or on line at E-mail: ellenvillenurseryschool@gmail.com.

From 11am - 1pm on December 7th, there will be free Cookie Decorating at Cohen's Bakery for children of all ages. Located on Center Street in Ellenville, this is a great activity at the area's favorite bakery.

The "Local Toy Drive and Christmas Party Sing-a-Long", hosted by the Napanoch Public Interest Group, will be held at Pioneer Engine Company #1, Norbury Hall, Center Street in Ellenville from Noon - 4pm on December 7th. New unwrapped toys will be accepted for later distribution to our local children. Free refreshments and entertainment will be provided. Featured entertainers are The Carl Richard's Band; Carmine; Josie Lou; Terri Hall; Pam Murphy and the HVC Pipers; Dan Greenberg of Side F/X; Mr. Phil and McBenzel and of course, Santa and Mrs. Claus.

Also on Saturday, December 7th from 1pm - 3pm, ArtsWave will host "A Passport Around the World" and holiday craft project. ArtsWave is located at 14 Market Street in Ellenville. For information E-mail class@artswave.org.

Saturday's festivities continue with "The Holiday Tree Lighting at Lippman Park" at 5:30 p.m. hosted by the Ellenville/Wawarsing Youth Commission. Enjoy free entertainment and refreshments at Lippman Park, Route 209, Wawarsing.

Saturday December 7th's events end with a Holiday Penny Social at the Napanoch Fire House. Doors open at 6pm and calling begins at 7:30pm.

THE WAWARSING WASSAIL continues on Sunday December 8th ... SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8TH


Start the day with Breakfast and Pictures with Santa. The Ladies Auxiliary of the Napanoch Fire Company is sponsoring this event which begins at 8am and ends at noon. Tickets may be purchased at the Firehouse - \$6 adults, \$5 Seniors, \$4 for 12 years and under with 2 and under free.

On Sunday, December 8th at 3pm the Vanaver Caravan and The Arm of the Sea Theater along with the Caravan Kids (Ellenville's Dance Group) will perform at the Shadowland Theatre on Canal Street in Ellenville. This event is presented by the Ellenville Public Library with tickets available at the door - \$8 for adults and \$6 for children under 12.

The Wawarsing Wassail ends following the Shadowland event with the Traditional Lighting of the Tree at Liberty Square on Canal Street in Ellenville. This will take place around 5:30pm and will be sponsored by the Ellenville/Wawarsing Youth Commission.

Come and enjoy this weekend of holiday celebration with your family, right here in The Town of Wawarsing.

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The Olive Jar - By Carol LaMonda Benefit for 28 Exchange



Disaster has struck twice to Eric Borjeson, owner of the 28 Exchange Auction in Shokan. He suffered a stroke at Olive Day, was hospitalized, and, no sooner home, the auction house burned on Monday, November 4. Both buildings were engulfed in flames, and fire also destroyed his box truck and van. An auction with many Odd Fellows Lodge collectibles was planned for November 9. Eric estimated the value of lost inventory to be auctioned to be around \$10,000 with many of his own antiques, which decorated the walls of the building, to be "in the thousands." To make matters worse, there is neither medical insurance or renters' insurance.

At this time of year as we are cognizant of our own blessings, we recognize the hard times of others. So, for that reason, a group of ladies has organized to create a

fundraiser for Eric Borjeson. On Saturday, November 30, which is Small Business Shopping Saturday, there will be a Penny Social/Silent auction held at the Boiceville Inn on Route 28 in Boiceville. Donations of money or items for the Penny Social/Auction can be brought to Marie Pantliano (657-2411), MaryAnn Shultis (657-3371) or Carol LaMonda(657-2467).



RESERVOIR MUSIC NOTES- Fred Perry-Owner of Reservoir Music Center -
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Fred is busy getting ready for the holiday rush and won't have a column until the Dec. 5th issue when he will have a super column. Be sure to stop in at his shop on Rt. 28 for those special people on your gift list this year.

Ulster County Sheriff Paul VanBlarcum and District Attorney D. Holley Carnright Urge Safety Precautions During the Holiday Shopping Season

As the holiday shopping season comes upon us, Ulster County Sheriff Paul J. VanBlarcum and Ulster County District Attorney D. Holley Carnright remind shoppers of holiday shopping safety tips. This is to make your holiday shopping experience safe and secure.

Make a plan ahead of time in case your children become separated from you. Have a timed meeting place designated before you shop.

If you are shopping after sundown, park closer to the stores. If possible, park near a light post so if you come out after dark, you are near a visible, well-lit area. Always park in well-lit areas.

Before you get out of your car, make sure you do not leave anything of value in sight. When you come back, peek inside your car to make sure no one is there.

Put purchased items and items of value in the trunk. If you have an SUV or van, take a blanket to cover up your items. Do not leave packages in your car and return to stores if possible. If you make a purchase of a valuable, go straight home.

Always be sure to have your key or key fob out and accessible. Reduce distractions, such as using a cell phone while walking to your car.

Travel light. When you go to the store, take only what you need, such as a driver's license, a credit card, and a minimal amount of cash. Limit the amount of valuables you carry to minimize potential loss.

If you insist on carrying a full size purse or bag, put it over your shoulder because that makes it a harder target for thieves. Keep it zipped or buttoned closed.

If you are heading to or from your car and you feel threatened, whatever you do, do not go back to your car. Get back to the store because safety is in numbers. Don't make the mistake that you think the car is the safe haven. Even with locked doors a car window can be broken out easily.

Always shop with a friend or friends. If you are going to make it an all day shopping trip and you come out to your car to unload your first armful of goodies, people are going to be out in the parking lot

watching for that. Take an opportunity and take little break from shopping. Drive around and maybe get some lunch. Or perhaps drive around to a different parking location altogether before going back in and refilling. Keep your packages covered or in the trunk.

While we know it is the season of giving, be wary of panhandlers or solicitors. The thing to remember is the vast majority of them, especially around holiday time, are scammers. If you feel compelled to donate, donate locally. But when you are dealing with these folks who are approaching you on the street, oftentimes they are working with accomplices. What they are waiting for is for you to pull out your wallet, open up and show how much cash you have making it easier for it to be snatched out of your hands. If you are accosted by a panhandler, notify the store or mall manager and call the police. You may be saving the next person from a being a victim.

It is best to limit your cash while shopping. More people want to use cash so they do not run up credit card bills. You can always cancel a debit or credit card if it is stolen. Unfortunately, you cannot stop payment on stolen cash. If you insist on using cash, try keeping it in a front pockets, separated into smaller amounts.

As always we remind you "IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING."

GIVING THANKS TOGETHER Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at Bethlehem Temple Church

[MONTICELLO] - An Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service will be held on Sunday, November 24 at 7:00 p.m. in the Bethlehem Temple Church on Fairground Road in Monticello. The service is sponsored by the Monticello Interfaith Council, which includes representatives of religious organizations in the Monticello area. All people of faith are invited and welcome to attend.

The celebration of Thanksgiving will be led by Bishop Mervin Armstead of Bethlehem Temple Church. Elder Ryan Tinsley of Kings Chapel Mission will give the sermon entitled "Giving Thanks." Minister Antonio Valle of Temple of Peace Holiness Church in Woodridge will sing a solo. The Bethlehem Temple Church Choir will be directed by

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

The Monticello Interfaith Council is a group of churches, congregations, organizations and people of faith. Meetings are held regularly on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at various locations in Monticello. For more information contact Sullivan Renaissance at 845-295-2445.

UC Exec Mike Hein Announces Availability of Funding for 2014 Youth Programs

Kingston, NY - Ulster County Executive Mike Hein and Youth Bureau Director Evelyn Clarke announce the Ulster County Youth Bureau is accepting Request for 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 2014 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 2014 applications are considered new and competitive. Formerly "automatically eligible" municipal applicants will be applying competitively for the first time, 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 aans@co.ulster.ny.us, to obtain the required forms and indicate "2014 Forms" in the subject line. Forms are also available from the Ulster County and OCFS websites. Applications are due no later than Friday, January 10, 2014. For additional assistance or information, contact the Youth Bureau at (845) 334-5264.

Habitat for Humanity Moves Closer to Finding the Next Family to Build Their New Home



District Six Legislator, Cora Edwards announced that on Friday evening, November 15, 2013 Reverend Norman Graves opened the Church Hall of the First Baptist Church to over thirty people to hear how they can apply for the next available "Habitat for Humanity" home.

Al Dumas, Monticello Firefighter and employee of the Village of Monticello Highway Department, shared his experiences of being the first "Habitat for Humanity" homeowner in Sullivan County in 2003. Al was born and raised in Monticello, and said that having his family own their home gave him "peace of mind." He said there was a lot of work involved and he was happy to do it. Another happy "Habitat for Humanity" homeowner, Zaida Chasi of Liberty, NY said that it was a "dream come true" for her family, and well worth the challenges. All participants and volunteers help with the actual construction of the house.

The Sullivan County Habitat for Humanity Chapter President, Peggy Richardson, organized the applications and paperwork so that interested families could take time to review the procedures and criteria involved. Habitat volunteer Anne Solinski explained the application process.

The local chapter reached out to Sullivan County Legislator Cora Edwards to help spread the word to reach as many potential applicants as possible. At the meeting, Cora Edwards said that the evening was a "true partnership" of the community coming together from many walks of life for a common goal. "It is a modern twist on a good old-fashioned barn-raising when everyone pitches in," she commented afterwards.

Larry Richardson, VP of HFH's Corp. Sponsor Yaun Company, told he prospective applicants that the house design is being donated by a local award winning architects, Buck Moorhead and Michael Chojnicki. The design of the "Passive House" will utilize heating and cooling strategies to minimize energy dependence along European standards of energy efficiencies. The house will be constructed on a parcel of land donated to the organization by Elizabeth Keybl, a former Sullivan County resident and a Habitat volunteer in Florida. The corner lot is just outside the hamlet of South Fallsburg in a quiet residential neighborhood. It is in the Fallsburg School District.

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SUNY Ulster Holds Prospective Student Day

High school students and their families will have the opportunity to experience SUNY Ulster at the college's Prospective Student Day on Dec. 7, from 10 a.m. to noon, at the College Lounge, Vanderlyn Hall.

Attendees will get information on the value of a community college education at the event that will cover a wide range of topics from admissions and scholarships to transferring after graduation. Guided tours of the campus will be offered and student tour guides will be available to share experiences about student life.

Contact the Admissions office to reserve a seat at (845) 687-5022 or reserve online at www.sunyulster.edu/Visit.

SUNY Ulster to Host Beacon Conference for Student Scholars at Two-Year Colleges

SUNY Ulster will host students and faculty from community colleges throughout the mid-Atlantic region at the 22nd annual Beacon Conference on June 6.

Established in 1993, the annual conference recognizes, celebrates and showcases the achievements of outstanding two-year college students in academic research and writing. The event is hosted annually by participating community colleges and was last held at SUNY Ulster in 2003.

Joseph Dunnigan of Plattekill was selected to present his research paper on the secret society of organized crime at the conference. He was mentored by Miho Iwazaki, Ph.D., Professor of Sociology and Criminology and Chair of SUNY Ulster's Department of Social Sciences, Education and Human Services.

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For more information, please contact the Greater Liberty Chamber of Commerce by phone at 845-292-9797 or email info@LibertyNYChamber.com. Find us online at www.LibertyNYChamber.com and Facebook at Greater Liberty Chamber of Commerce.

**First Deer Reported to the Townsman
First Deer for Emily!**



Emily Keesler, 17 years old, from Mt. Hope, NY has reason to smile. Emily shot this 9 -pointer on opening morning. It's Emily's first deer. Congratulations Emily!

Beverly Killbillies a Huge Success!!



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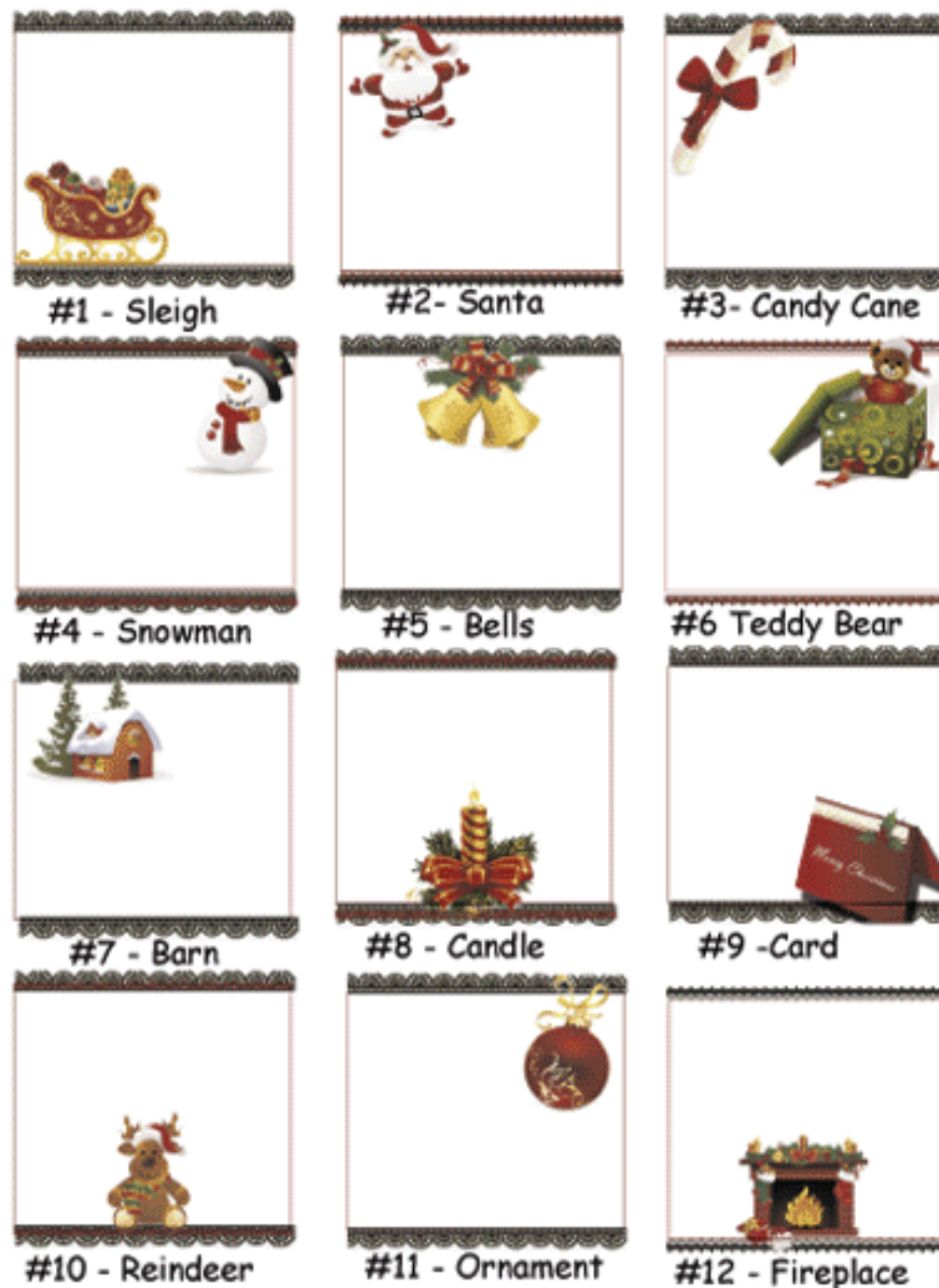
The Greater Liberty Chamber of Commerce proudly introduced AMERICA'S FOOD BASKET STORES newest store, IDEAL FOOD BASKET to Liberty. The Liberty Chamber welcomed their newest member with a ribbon cutting ceremony on November 8, 2013 at IDEAL FOOD BASKET'S new location, 261 North Main Street in liberty, the location of the former Great American.

Present at the ribbon cutting were company principals, co-owner, Frank Diaz, CEO, Daniel Cabassa and Store Operations Supervisor, Randy Phillips along with Liberty Village Mayor, Dan Ratner Sr., Liberty Chamber of Commerce President and newly elected Liberty Town Councilman, Russell Reeves and members of the Greater Liberty Chamber of Commerce and Liberty's business community.



SEND YOUR HOLIDAY GREETINGS BY WAY OF THE TOWNSMAN

Each year *Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman* publishes holiday greetings to your friends, neighbors and family. This year our Christmas holiday issue will be published on December 12th, our last issue of the year. The deadline for all Christmas holiday greetings is Friday, December 6th, 2010.



Actual size of each greeting will be 2 1/2" x 2 1/2".

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**Thank you and have a wonderful
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presented "The Beverly Killbillies" to another sold out performance! The Performers came together four years ago looking for ideas on how to raise money for their local Chamber of Commerce and came up with a Mystery Dinner Theatre. The idea flew! This is the fourth year that the Roscoe Players have come together and all four years they have had sold out performances thanks to all the support they receive from all over the county and their community. Our show includes Appetizers, entre', dessert, coffee/tea and the show. There is also a cash bar available. Next year we will be providing transportation to senior citizens along with discounted tickets. If you would like to join the SHOW ONLY e-mail list which we will send out once a year, please call Lilly at 607-498-5222 x-306 or Marge at 607-498-5464. You could also e-mail at lilly@elliott-pomeroy.com or mzanger@hvc.rr.com



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artist and educator, works with photography, artist's books and mixed media photo-encastic works. She has exhibited widely for more than 30 years, both nationally and internationally. Lovett's work has been recognized by significant grants and residencies. She earned her MFA from Tyler School of Art of Temple University and her bachelors in Studio Art at Skidmore College. Lovett is a Professor of Art at SUNY New Paltz, where she teaches photography. Hafeli's studio work has been shown in galleries and museums in New York, Michigan, Maryland, Iowa and Illinois. She frequently presents at national and international art and art education conferences, and her widely published research on the studio practices of artists and young people has been recognized with numerous awards. She holds a doctorate in education from Teachers College, Columbia University and a B.F.A. from the University of Michigan. She is currently Professor of Art and Art Education at Columbia University Teachers College.

"Residuum" Opens at SUNY Ulster Muroff Kotler Arts Gallery Featuring Local Artists Mary Hafeli and Ann Lovett

Ann Lovett and Mary Hafeli will present "Residuum" at SUNY's Ulster Muroff Kotler Arts Gallery. The opening reception will be held Nov. 22, from 5 to 7 p.m., and the exhibit runs through Dec. 13, at the gallery in Stone Ridge.

Inspired by a shared interest in ancient Roman and Egyptian glass, the artists have collaborated on works that

combine the technologies of macro photography, digital printing and encaustic painting. The resulting works suggest the passage of time and change on both the microcosmic and macrocosmic scale, calling to mind topographical maps, planetary surfaces or the cellular structure of living things.

"The residue of decay creates these beautiful surfaces, and with this decay comes impending loss," the artists said. "With both apprehension and wonder we investigate the inevitability of entropy and the expectation of collapse."

Lovett, a photographer, poet, book

The Muroff Kotler Visual Arts Gallery is open Mondays through Fridays, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., and by appointment. It is closed on college holidays. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, call (845) 687-5113.

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The exhibition celebrates the winter season and its impact on our lives. The unique natural beauty of the season, the joy of the holidays, and the various (often humorous) ways we cope with the cold are depicted in all media by CAS member artists.

All artwork is available for sale, with proceeds benefiting the artists and the nonprofit CAS Arts Center.

Gallery hours at the CAS Arts Center are Thursdays - Saturdays 11am-6pm, Sundays 11am-3pm, and Mondays 11am-6pm. The CAS Arts Center is wheelchair accessible.

CAS will be closed on Thursday, November 28 for Thanksgiving Day. For more information for visitors and upcoming exhibits, visit our website at www.catskillartsociety.org/exhibits.

November 23, 2013 2-4pm - Opening Reception

The Catskill Art Society will host a free opening reception for the CAS Winter Members Show on Saturday, November 23 from 2-4pm. All are welcome and light refreshments will be served.

CAS Member Shows are presented twice annually to showcase artwork made by current CAS members. CAS members also receive discounts on CAS classes, programming, and items from several participating local merchants. If you are interested in learning more about membership at CAS, contact Bradley Diuguid at bradley@catskillartsociety.org, call us at 845-436-4227, or visit our website at www.catskillartsociety.org.

"Touching the Surface"

Kimberly Sabatini will speak about her debut young adult novel "Touching the Surface," on December 5, 2013.



On December 5 at 6:30, Kimberly Sabatini will visit the Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library to talk about her debut young adult novel, "Touching the Surface." Sabatini will share her inspiration for the novel, and will talk about the writing and publishing processes. Sabatini will also sell and sign copies of the book.

"Touching the Surface" is about a young girl named Elliot and her experience in the afterlife. "When Elliot finds herself dead for the third time, she knows she must have messed up, big-time. She doesn't remember how she landed in the afterlife again, but she knows this is her last chance to get things right. Elliot just wants to move on, but first she will be forced to face her past and delve into the painful memories she'd rather keep buried. Memories of people she's hurt, people she's betrayed, and people she's killed."

"Touching the Surface" is available to check out at the E.B. Crawford Public Library. This is a free event. For more information, call the library at 845-794-4660 x 8.

Letters to the Editor:

Dear Editor,

I am a neighbor from Ashokan and appreciate the Town of Denning and its several Boards. I understand that the challenge of being a volunteer on the Boards of any Town is a thankless job and that none are given adequate credit for the difficulties. I recognize the attention given by the Town of Denning for a proposed privately owned small windmill has required additional effort. The several Boards have offered professional and suitable behavior, with integrity and adherence to proper protocol in a difficult situation and have requested reasonable inquiry. We can only hope that reasoned minds will prevail against the negativity of fear and emotional lack of reason cast out by the obstructive opposition.

We wish to bring to your attention that the life of this one small privately owned windmill will be the single reason that twelve railroad hopper cars loaded with coal will not be consumed. The fumes and air pollution of that increment of a thousand tons of coal will not blow downwind to us to pollute our rivers and lakes and air. We all pay through taxed subsidization of the many super-fund cleanup sites abandoned to the rest of us by big coal/oil/nuclear. No super-fund sites will result from wind energy.

Just imagine if many privately owned small windmills were broadly encouraged, which can happen only with state-wide protection from local zoning and from the the couriers of big-coal and big-oil interests. With all imaginable technical and safety issues exhaustively covered by the requirements of at least a dozen federal and state agencies and authorities, there is little left for local zoning - except to prevent or simply forbid windmills. The ultimate outcome of this current attention may be to gain momentum resulting in the statewide exemption from local zoning for the properly designed installation of small privately owned windmills. A favorable decision in the legislature will be needed.

The blessing of this experience is to expose those few agitators who, at no cost to themselves, can destroy a perfectly good project for renewable energy which is a benefit to everyone. The hypocrisy of obstructionist opposition with their inaccurate and baseless allegations include the myths cast upon us of:

To be "Green" and opposed to wind - WRONG - this is an oxymoron.

Windmills are noisy - WRONG - small windmills are typically inaudible at two hundred yards,

Visibility from everywhere - WRONG - this project can be seen easily only at the top end of Yagerville Rd and end of Spencer Rd. If a tree falls in the forest with no one to listen, is there sound? If no one is looking at a windmill, is there a visibility issue? How much time does one gaze in a particular direction anyway?

Peace and tranquility - WRONG - If the wind isn't blowing these windmills aren't turning. If they are turning then the wind is making more noise than the gentle whooshing of the blades. A similar installation of 28 years operation in the northern Catskills has provoked no complaints.

Flickering from blades - WRONG - shadows caused by the blades fall within private property and are there only during the time of day and portion of the year when the sun is casting a shadow.

Danger and safety issues - WRONG - our industry conforms to heavily regulated and certified designs and installation techniques.

Health impairment, headaches, and infra-sound vibration - WRONG - resoundingly discredited non-science found to be dependent upon psychotic

transferral of pre-existing conditions. Scientific studies in Europe, Canada and USA have debunked the niche market book "Wind Turbine Syndrome" written by Dr. Nina Pierpont which was "peer reviewed" by her husband.

Grave difficulties - WRONG - conventional construction methodology is used and the industry maintains safety as a paramount concern. Trees and power/lighting poles falling, and ice blowing off cars and trucks are a far greater threat to public safety.

Significant risks, fire, and mayhem - WRONG - none have been identified with objectivity.

Wildlife displacement, bat and bird kill - WRONG - these easily coexist and are compatible. House cats kill 10,000 birds compared to every single one killed by a windmill. All sentient beings should be protected - so de-claw cats, eliminate power lines and towers, don't drive, and remove windows from buildings.

Environmental degradation - WRONG - and what about coal, oil and nuclear?

Inefficiency - WRONG - Compared to the burdens on taxpayers for mining restoration and pollution cleanup for coal and nuclear, and waste disposal, and transportation of solid fuels to power plants, and medical expenses, etc., by what criteria is this "efficiency" evaluated, compared to the free flow of abundant, endless wind available to everyone?

Property devaluation - WRONG - dozens of investigations of real estate values for over a decade at 50,000 nearby properties in several countries belie this fear.

Electrical costs increase - WRONG - Iowa with a 20% penetration of wind energy and similar experiences in several European countries, they have enjoyed reduction of utility electrical costs because of the low cost competition. A decrease in electric costs has been experienced in those states and nations where intensive use of wind is enabled.

No benefit to others - WRONG - Less incremental pollution and lower cost electricity has been the fact. Why else would the utility companies and big coal/oil oppose us so vigorously? This is proof of our success.

Solar PV is better - WRONG - Photovoltaic does work here but depends primarily upon imports from China by exporting our capital and which faces its own very difficult environmental challenge from their production. Most components of small windmills, on the other hand, are domestically produced.

Impact on the landscape - OK - We concede that the height of these slender structures is a subjective issue upon which anyone can reasonably comment. If the appearance of beautifully mesmerizing ballerinas dancing gracefully on the ridge-line is offensive to you, it is not so to many others. Our industry acknowledges that a successful windmill must capture a lot of fuel and that the fuel must be high quality to operate well.

As a sidebar of interest, the Nation of Denmark with 4,600 very large windmills maintains data on complaints about the projects. Of all the complaints for the last two years, more than half of all complaints have been presented by only three households -- three from the entire Nation.

I regret that an incorrect quote has been attributed to me in the *New York Times* on November 16, page A-12, but I am not optimistic that NYT will print a correction. Also, since the *Kingston Daily Freeman* has refused to print my letter of clarification about this project, regardless of their front page coverage last Sunday, perhaps you will enable me to reach out to at least a few of their audience.

I look forward to the review of the Ulster County Planning Board on

December 3, then the next Town Zoning Board of Appeals meeting, and wish you all my best regards,

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Dear Editor:

It has come to my recent attention the Town of Denning Zoning Board of Appeals is currently reviewing a proposal for the installation of a 170 foot Wind Generator at Eve Eden Road. Although the board initially held a workshop on September 30th, it is obvious that few residents knew of its occurrence because there were only four audience members in attendance. On the contrary, when the Board held a subsequent hearing on October 30th there were over 20 members in attendance, the majority of whom objected to the project on the grounds that adequate independent research has not been done into the possible environmental, health and economic impacts of the generator. Unfortunately, the board has still scheduled a vote on the project despite the glaring lack of information.

It brings me, a resident of the town of Denning, great sadness to know that the board is so eager to vote on an issue that will transform the landscape of Denning and the surrounding towns as well as the lives of my neighbors and my family and forever, for the benefit of one individual.

Should the proposed variance be granted, my son will never know the still silence that descends just as a snow storm comes to a close without also hearing a constant "whoosh" of a turbine's blades spinning in the background, nor will he ever will ever look up at the blue sky and clouds above without also seeing the constant flicker of light as the turbine's blades cut through the rays of the sun. He will never again wake to only the crescendo of bird sounds when the forest comes to life on an early summer morning without also hearing the ever constant hum of the turbine's engine.

I know some people will guffaw when reading this and say, "there goes another one of those pesky environmentalists," but I would never call myself that. I don't always take the extra steps to the recycling can, I drive an SUV when I know there are more efficient cars available, I gave up vegetarianism when I realized how good bacon tasted. But I do love my family and the place we have made great sacrifices to call home. For some 200,000 dollars is play money to be spent on a whim, but for my family and I the same amount means everything.

I end this letter with an apology to my son. I never realized the immense responsibility I could feel for the happiness and safety of another human being - I want to prevent every scratch, pain and sorrow from entering your life. And although it is impossible to do so, I fear that we have made a grave mistake in deciding to invest everything in a place that I am now unsure is best for you. We are facing the imminent threat of having our quality of life permanently changed and there is nothing that I can do to protect you.

I hope that those in the government positions whose job it is to safeguard the landscape for all of our futures will also come to realize the magnitude of the decisions that they make and that they too have an immense responsibility to every single citizen living in our very special community and will make a decision in this matter that reflects a commitment to the best interest of all the citizens of Denning.

Sincerely,
Tiffany A. Gillman
Sundown, NY

To the Editor:

There will be an election for Fire Commissioner on Tuesday, December 10, 2013 at the Claryville Fire Department Social Hall. Registered voters who reside in the Claryville Fire District are entitled to vote between 6 p.m. and 9 p.m.

David Dice is running for re-election. He has been a fire fighter for 14 years and is an experienced Fire Commissioner, having served 10 years.

Mr. Dice and his family have lived in the area for generations and he has a deep concern for his community and its taxpayers.

It is very important to re-elect Dave Dice or the district will continue to be harnessed with ever increasing fire taxes, which are presently extreme and must be brought under control.

Dave has endeavored to hold taxes down, but he has been outnumbered on the board.

Dave Dice will always attempt to keep fire taxes at a reasonable level and still provide our fire fighters with the necessary equipment at reasonable cost to the taxpayers.

Vote, vote, vote for Dave Dice on Tuesday, December 10, 2013, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., Claryville Fire Hall.

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Dear Friends,

We are three 7th grade girls at Tri-Valley who decided to have a food and supply drive to benefit the poor, homeless animals at the Sullivan County SPCA in Rock Hill. We are looking for donations of food (wet and dry -cat and dog - the shelter uses purina but will accept any), treats, old blankets and towels, toys, collars and leashes, bleach and non clumping cat litter (they say they are in real need of cat litter - the cheap non clumping kind).

We will be collecting until December 1st. If you would like to donate you can drop off your donations at Sundown Camp and Bait in Sundown, Travis Archery in Neversink or call Sherri Reynolds at 985-0013 to arrange for drop off at a different location or to arrange for us to pick up.

Please help us to help all of these poor homeless animals! The animals thank you in advance!

Thank You,
Becca Reynolds
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Heather Foster

Looking ahead: Liberty Civil War Weekend

The 25th Annual Civil War Encampment and battle Reenactment will be held at Walnut Mountain Park (off Route 55 west, Directions are available on web site) in the town of Liberty, New York on Aug 2-3, 2014. Come View the Daily Routines of the Civil War soldier from the Union and Confederate Standpoints. Watch Full Scale Battles unfold as if on a huge outdoor theater screen. Re-enactors will entertain you with various scenarios that take place throughout the day. All this will be performed in a very authentic 19th Century Atmosphere. There is an on-site concession for food and drink as well as a modern day bathrooms. Bring light lawn chairs to view the battle.

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Governor Cuomo Signs Gunther Legislation Providing Mandate relief to fire districts

Albany, NY - Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther (D, I, WF -Forestburgh) today announced that Governor Andrew Cuomo has signed legislation she sponsored providing relief to fire districts and volunteer, fire-based emergency medical service (EMS) providers.

Currently, fire districts with an annual revenue exceeding \$200,000 are required by law to be audited by an independent certified public accountant. These audits can cost thousands of dollars - a cost that is passed on to taxpayers. The new law will raise the threshold to \$300,000 (A.1629/Chap. 470).

"The rising cost of providing fire protection has put an increasing number of districts over the revenue threshold," said Assemblywoman Gunther. "This small change will save taxpayers thousands of dollars in the long run."

The second bill signed by Governor Cuomo waives the registration fee for volunteer, fire-based EMS who perform blood glucose testing (A.6121/Chap.479). New York State Public Health Law requires EMS agencies providing this service to hold a limited service laboratory registration, at a cost of \$200 biennially.

"Volunteer, fire-based EMS providers, by law, cannot collect reimbursement from insurance companies or Medicare for any services they provide, including care and transportation," said Assemblywoman Gunther. "While this change only provides a small measure of relief, it's the right thing to do, and I'm grateful to Governor Cuomo for signing this into law."

"On behalf of all of our state's volunteer fire fighters, I would like to thank Assemblywoman Gunther for championing the glucometry fee exemption bill in the Assembly," said Firemen's Association of the State of New York President James Burns. "Especially in smaller and rural fire departments, unfunded mandates of this nature eat away at limited annual budget dollars. We are very grateful that Governor Cuomo has recognized our position that volunteer fire department-based ambulance services should be exempt from this biennial fee."

Congressman Gibson Submits Comments on Filtration Avoidance Determination

Washington, DC - Congressman Gibson submitted comments today to the New York State Department of Health regarding the draft midterm revisions to the New York City Filtration Avoidance Determination (FAD). As a result of work with his Watershed Advisory Group, the Congressman's submission represents an overview of concerns within the 19th Congressional District.

Congressman Gibson's submission is as follows:

After reviewing the FAD 5 Year Review issued by the NYS Department of Health, I would like to offer the following comments based on feedback from my Watershed Advisory Group and other concerned constituents.

The principles that guide our review are that we are continuing to look for effective flood mitigation strategies for Upstate communities, resolution to turbidity issues throughout the watershed, and equitable policies that balance the need for the conveyance of clean water to NYC with the economic viability and safety of communities in my district.

I am pleased to see this FAD Review makes improvements in some areas, including flood buyout funding, better agricultural land policies and programs, and increased flood mitigation funding for existing programs.

However, there are clearly some areas of concern within the FAD that need to be changed. This includes a shift in focus from land acquisition to stream mitigation, an effective plan for the Lower Esopus, and a comprehensive review and

adjustment to reservoir levels in the Watershed impacting constituents both above and below the dams.

I continue to be encouraged by the willingness of so many stakeholders to have substantive conversations on these issues. Notably, the Department of Environmental Protection has expressed a willingness to work together, and groups like the Catskill Watershed Corporation and the Coalition of Watershed Towns, along with town and county leadership and other stakeholder groups, have been critical partners in our effort to achieve the best possible outcome. I hope this collaboration continues, as both New York City and the Watershed Communities will be best served by an improved and more equitable partnership moving forward.

Here are my key comments regarding the FAD Review

I. Land Acquisition Plan: The current FAD plan for land solicitation and acquisition needs to be modified. Specifically, I am calling for a reduction in the amount of money designated for Land Acquisition over the next five years from \$50 million to \$20 million. Concurrently, we request a corresponding reduction in the number of acres to be solicited/acquired, from 250,000 to 100,000. Based on our conversations with the DEP, CWT, CWC, and other stakeholders, this is still a more than adequate amount of money for more acreage than is needed to protect the NY City water supply. The excessive amount of land acquisition that has not only already taken place but is proposed to continue at the same recent levels is unacceptable and is perceived by many residents as a threat to a flourishing Upstate economy. The \$30 million reduction should be reallocated for stream mitigation and infrastructure projects, both within and adjacent to the watershed.

II. Reservoir Levels: The level reservoirs are maintained at is a critical issue for many Watershed and surrounding communities, both above and below the dams. Though technically not part of the FAD review itself, we believe it is essential that reservoir management be a key component of any discussions involving how to best meet the drinking water needs of NYC, while also offering the best possible protection to the constituents impacted by watershed policies. Language should be added to the FAD that compels both the DEP and NY State to immediately engage in discussions on this issue. Reservoir levels should be maintained based on a scientific and technical review of NYC water needs, new infrastructure improvements, and an analysis of the risk facing Upstate communities. Contingency plans should also be put in place in the event of the potential of significant weather events.

III. Turbidity in the Lower Esopus: This issue is not adequately addressed in the FAD. We believe language should be added to the FAD that recognizes the negative impacts that are occurring along the Lower Esopus as a result of decisions made over operation of the NYC water supply. It is unacceptable that the FAD does not recognize these harmful impacts. Additionally, these impacts should be a legally required part of the FAD review, given that its exclusion is based on boundaries that were set decades ago that no longer fully represent the area of impact of the NYC watershed. I am hopeful that the Environmental Impact Statement review of the recently released DEC Consent Order will be able to address many of these problems, but it is incumbent on the FAD to recognize that by agreeing to defer NYC from building a filtration system, the results lead to harmful impacts on many fellow NYS residents. By adding language to the FAD that recognizes this truth, it will hopefully allow for mitigation measures to include the Lower Esopus area in addition to the defined West of Hudson Watershed area.

I appreciate the Department of Health's decision to extend the comment period for the FAD review, and I am hopeful that based on the feedback received, there will be changes made to the current FAD that reflect the concerns and experience that many of my constituents have taken the time and effort to submit. I stand ready to

assist at the Federal level with all of these issues, and I look forward to working with all stakeholders to insure the best possible outcomes for everyone involved.

Gov Cuomo Announces the Opening of Whiteface and Gore Mountains this Weekend-New York State Leads Nation with 50 Ski Areas

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo announced that Whiteface Mountain, in Wilmington and Gore Mountain in North Creek, opened this past weekend for the 2013-14 season. As Winter approaches, the Governor also encouraged ski enthusiasts to visit the new I SKI NY website (www.iskiny.com) to view snow reports, access ski deals, and learn more about the New York skiing experience.

"This weekend, we are opening Whiteface and Gore Mountains to kick off the ski season in New York where we have unmatched recreational opportunities for New Yorkers and out-of-state visitors looking to enjoy the slopes," Governor Cuomo said. "Whether you're a beginner or black diamond conqueror, New York's ski areas offer a vast range of experiences for all levels of skiers and snowboarders. As the State works to boost our tourism industry, our ski areas are an asset in attracting visitors to Upstate New York so that we can grow the local economy and support jobs in those communities. I encourage New Yorkers and visitors to dust off their skis and snowboards, plan their trip with 'I SKI NY' and hit one of our trails this winter."

According to a report issued by the National Ski Areas Association, of the 37 states with operating ski areas, New York leads with 50 areas in operation during the 2012-13 season, followed by Michigan's 42, Wisconsin's 32 and Pennsylvania with 28.

Whiteface Mountain opened Friday, Nov. 15, and Gore Mountain was slated to begin the 2013-14 season on Saturday, Nov. 16. Friday's first day marked the Olympic mountain's earliest ever opening, topping last year when the resort opened on Nov. 17, while this is the second earliest ever opening for Gore Mountain, dating back to the 1986-87 season when it opened on Nov. 15.

Five trails, from the summit to the base of Little Whiteface will be open this weekend. Excelsior, Summit Express, Upper Valley, Lower Valley and the Fox trails will all be ready for skiing and riding.

Whiteface Mountain general manager Aaron Kellett said, "The crew has been doing a great job getting the mountain ready, and we're very excited that we'll be open early for the second straight year. The new snowmaking guns have really allowed us to cover quite a bit of the mountain and we've been able to do this more efficiently than in years past."

At Gore, The Sunway Lift will take skiers and riders to the Jamboree Trail. The resort's terrain park, at the bottom of the arena, as well as the cafeteria and rental shop will also be in operation.

Gore's general manager Mike Pratt said, "Mother Nature has given us a window of opportunity. We're excited to be opening the 80th season of skiing and riding in North Creek."

Whiteface lift tickets this weekend are \$38 for adults, \$33 for teens and seniors and \$28 for juniors. Lift tickets at Gore are \$38. Skiers and riders who bring a non-perishable food item to Gore Mountain's "Gore Gives" program, benefiting local food banks, will receive a \$10 discount, up to two discounts per ticket.

Whiteface and Gore will re-open Friday, Nov. 22. In Highmount, N.Y., Belleayre Ski Resort is making snow in anticipation of a Friday, Nov. 29, opening.

Preseason pricing on season passes has been extended through Sunday, Nov. 17. Log onto www.whitefacelakeplacid.com for details.

Trails and lifts are subject to change this weekend. Please log on to www.whitefacelakeplacid.com before coming to either mountain for the latest conditions.

For additional information on upcoming openings of ski areas around the state go to www.iskiny.com and www.iloveny.com.

POLITICAL SLANT
By Frank Comando -Press Release
Governor Announces Home Energy Assistance Program Opening - Residents Outside of NYC Can Apply Online at myBenefits.ny.gov for the First Time

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo has announced that households across the state can begin applying for heating assistance this winter through New York's Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) on Monday, November 18. HEAP, which is overseen by the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA), is a federally-funded program that provides up to \$650 for eligible households to pay for energy costs in order to keep their homes warm during the winter.

For the first time, anyone living outside of New York City who is seeking a regular HEAP benefit, which assists households that pay a high proportion of household income for energy, will be able to submit applications online at myBenefits.ny.gov starting on November 18.

"As temperatures begin to drop, the State's Home Energy Assistance Program is available to help New Yorkers meet heating costs," Governor Cuomo said. "Beginning Monday, households across the state can begin applying and with the introduction of the online application, it is now easier than ever for people outside of New York City to apply for HEAP. Every winter season, this program is a critical resource for low-income families and senior citizens with fixed incomes in keeping their homes warm. I urge New Yorkers who need heating assistance in the coming months to apply this season."

For the 2013-14 HEAP heating season, the maximum regular benefit a household could receive is \$650. Eligibility for HEAP is based on income and household size:

Maximum Household Size	Gross Monthly Income
1	\$2,175
2	\$2,844
3	\$3,513
4	\$4,182
5	\$4,852
6	\$5,521
7	\$5,646
8	\$5,772
9	\$5,897
10	\$6,023
11	\$6,461
Each additional	Add \$503

For more information, go to: <http://otda.ny.gov/programs/heap/>.

Eligible households can receive one regular HEAP benefit per season, but could also be eligible for an emergency HEAP benefit if they are in danger of running out of heating fuel or having their utility service shut off. Applications for emergency HEAP benefits will be accepted beginning Thursday, January 2, 2014. Households in an energy emergency situation should call their local department of social services for assistance.

"As the cold weather sets in, energy consumption and the resulting utility bills rise, leaving many New Yorkers looking for help," said OTDA Commissioner Kristin M. Proud. "HEAP provides crucial energy assistance benefits that elderly and low-income households rely upon to help make ends meet."

In addition, the Heating Equipment Repair and Replacement Component of the Home Energy Assistance Program is available to help eligible low-income homeowners repair or replace furnaces, boilers and other direct heating components necessary to keep their home's primary heating source functional. Applications for this component must be made in person at the local department of social services.

New York residents can also check if they may be eligible for HEAP, and numerous other benefits, by answering a few questions online at myBenefits.ny.gov.

Last winter, more than 1.4 million households throughout New York State received HEAP benefits.

For more information about HEAP benefits, you may go to the OTDA website at www.otda.ny.gov, or go to www.myBenefits.ny.gov.

New Yorkers can find contact information for their local County Social Services District at <http://otda.ny.gov/programs/heap/HEAP->

To have your comments and/or questions published, space allowing, and townsman guidelines adhered to, as listed in the masthead, Email politicalslant@yahoo.com

ERH to Show Quilts Created by Mimi Davenport

Mimi Davenport's quilts will be on display in the Healing Arts Gallery at Ellenville Regional Hospital from November 18 through January 3. The show is free and open to the public, 8am-8pm daily. A reception is planned for Monday, November 25 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.

A Wyoming native, Davenport has called the Hudson Valley her home for over 30 years. She learned to sew from her mother when she was just nine years old, and is so grateful that her mother shared her gift. She began quilting in earnest about ten years ago and now cannot imagine a world without fabric. She loves to create big, breezy, colorful quilts to celebrate life's big events or to send some care and love to someone in need of healing. She believes that the warmth and love a quilt provides last indefinitely. She also works extensively honoring as well as experimenting with the Ukrainian folk art of Pysanky, a wax-resist process using dyes and real eggs. A natural tie in are her egg designs depicting quilt patterns; combining two of her most favorite endeavors.

Ellenville Regional Hospital is

located on Route 209 in Ellenville. For more information about the Healing Art exhibit or the Ellenville Regional Hospital, please contact (845) 647-6400.



Hanukkah starts on the Hebrew calendar date of 25 Kislev, and lasts for eight days. This year Hanukkah will be celebrated from November 27 through December 5.

Happy Hanukkah!

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Grahamsville Reformed Church
Roast Beef Dinner
December 7, 2013
Saturday, 4 pm to 7 pm

Menu: Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes, Carrots, Salad, Bread, Ice Cream with Sprinkles/Syrup, & Drinks

Adults: \$12.00, Child 5-10 \$5.00 under 5 free

Grahamsville Reformed Church Hall
For more information please call: 845 985 7480
Thank you for your support and God Bless You All!

Wawarsing Lodge Holiday
Penny Social
Saturday, November 23



Doors Open at 6:30pm
Drawing at 8:00pm

at the
Masonic Lodge
Canal Street, Ellenville

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Town of Denning
Town Clerk

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TIME & THE VALLEYS MUSEUM
GRAHAMSVILLE, NY

2013 Hours - Memorial Day to Labor Day
Thursday to Sunday, noon to 4 p.m.
September and October-Saturday and Sunday, noon to 4 p.m.
Other days and times by appointment.

2013 Admission Fees
Adults suggested donation: \$5
Children (6 to 17) suggested donation: \$2
Children under 6: FREE

Town of Neversink Residents: FREE every Thursday
Town of Denning Residents: FREE first Saturday of the month
Call: 985-7700

Time and the Valleys Museum has copies of every *Townsmen* printed since the beginning (1947) classified by year for anyone to research.
timeandthevalleymuseum.org

The Hurleyville and Woodridge United Methodist Churches
invite you to weekly worship:
9 am in Hurleyville,
10:30 am in Woodridge.
For more information, call
Pastor Susan Woodworth 845-794-6325

CrossWay Assembly of God

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

Ismael Berrios
Lead Pastor
P. O. Box 480
507 Hasbrouck Drive
Woodbourne, NY 12788
845-434-8263
Email: crosswayaog@aol.com
www.crosswayaog.com

ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL MISSION
The Little Church with the Big Heart
Sunday, 8:15 am Service of Holy Communion
Music by Susan and Fred Van Wagner
Coffee hour follows service
All are welcome!

5277 State Rt. 42
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www.standrewsepiscopalmission.org

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Sunday Worship Service • 8:30am

Grahamsville United Methodist Church
Sunday Worship Service
10:30am
985-2283

Claryville Reformed Church
Claryville Road
Claryville, NY 12725
845-985-2041

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

COVERED DISH SUPPER
SUNDOWN METHODIST CHURCH
Church Hall
Dec 7, 2013
Covered Dish Supper 5:30 p.m.

Grahamsville United Methodist Church
No Dec. Thrift Sale
Dec 7, 2013
10 am- 3 pm
Holiday Craft Sale & Luncheon
Fellowship Hall
Rt. 55, Grahamsville, NY

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CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
(embraces Fallsburg, Neversink, Sundown and Ulster Heights)
6317 Rte. 42, Woodbourne, NY

Weekend Mass schedule:
Saturday afternoon: 5:00.
Sunday morning: 9:00 am and 11:30 am

Holy days of obligation: as announced in church bulletin.

Daily Mass schedule:
Monday afternoon 5:45 (Holy Rosary at 5:30); Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday mornings: (includes Morning Prayer)- 8:30 am (starting Sept. 3 - 8:50 am.)
Saturday afternoon confessions: 4 to 4:45.

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

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

Loucks Funeral Home
Geoff and Heather Hazzard & Anthony Perito
79 North Main Street
Ellenville, New York
(845) 647-4343

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

PUBLIC NOTICES/LEGALS:

ESTOPPEL NOTICE

The resolution, a summary of which is published herewith, has been adopted on November 13, 2013 by the Town Board of the Town of Neversink, Sullivan County, New York. The validity of the obligations authorized by such resolution may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which the Town of Neversink is not authorized to expend money or if the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this notice were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty (20) days after the date of publication of this notice, or such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Lisa Garigliano, Town Clerk
Town of Neversink

**SUMMARY OF
BOND RESOLUTION**

Set forth below is a summary of said resolution adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Neversink (the "Town") on November 13, 2013.

1. The resolution is entitled "**BOND RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF NEVERSINK, SULLIVAN COUNTY, NEW YORK (THE "TOWN"), AUTHORIZING IMPROVEMENTS TO THE TOWN OF NEVERSINK ROUTE 42 PARK; STATING THE MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST THEREOF IS \$500,000; APPROPRIATING SAID AMOUNT THEREFOR; AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF UP TO \$500,000 IN SERIAL BONDS OF THE TOWN TO FINANCE SAID APPROPRIATION**".

2. The object or purpose for which the bonds are authorized: improvements to the Town of Neversink Route 42 Park consisting of the development of an approximately 16.7 acre parcel of land and the construction thereon of four (4) little league baseball fields, a gravel parking lot for approximately 100 cars, concession and bath facilities, a maintenance shed, fencing, backstops, draining systems and stormwater management facilities, including the construction of related site work improvements, the demolition and removal of existing improvements on such property, and the acquisition and installation of original furnishings, machinery and equipment and other costs incidental to the financing thereof.

3. The period of probable usefulness is five (5) years.

4. The amount of obligations authorized to be issued is \$500,000.

A complete copy of the bond resolution summarized above shall be available for public inspection during normal business hours at the office of the Town Clerk, Town Hall, 273 Main Street, Grahamsville, NY 12740. 11/21

HEARING NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a hearing will be held before the Town Board of the Town of Neversink on the 8th day of January, 2014 at 7:15 o'clock PM at the Town of Neversink Town Hall, 273 Main Street, Grahamsville, New York, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 20 of the Code of the Town of Neversink concerning a building(s) and/or structure(s) situate at 758 Thunder Hill Road, Town of Neversink, which building(s) and/or structure(s) has/have been deemed to be dangerous and unsafe to the public by the Town of Neversink Code Enforcement Officer. The above-described premises, also known as Town of Neversink, County of Sullivan tax map parcel Section 43, Block 1, Lot 13.1 is presently owned, according to the last preceding assessment roll of the Town of Neversink and by the record of the Office of the Clerk of Sullivan County by Robert and Beverly McIntosh, 11672 Old Stage Road, Petersburg, VA 23807.

At the aforementioned time and place the members of the Town Board of the Town of Neversink will hear all interested parties to consider evidence related to the Town of Neversink Code Enforcement Officer's determination as to the dangerous and/or unsafe condition of the aforementioned premises and whether the Town Board's order of 11/13/2013 to demolish said buildings(s) and/or structure(s) be affirmed, modified or vacated.

BY ORDER OF
THE TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF NEVERSINK
LISA GARIGLIANO, TOWN CLERK
DATED: NOVEMBER 15, 2013

11/21/13

**LEGAL NOTICE
Town of Neversink
Notice of Budget Adoption**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Town of Neversink Town Board, Sullivan County, New York has met and considered the Preliminary Budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2014 and conducted a public hearing thereon November 6, 2013 as required by Town Law, Section 108, and FURTHER NOTICE IS GIVEN, that the Preliminary Budget is hereby adopted as the Annual Budget of the Town of Neversink for the fiscal year beginning on January 1, 2014. Copies of said budget are available at the Office of the Town Clerk, 273 Main Street, Grahamsville, NY during normal business hours.

By order of the Town Board
Lisa Garigliano
Town Clerk
November 15, 2013 11/21

**ANNUAL ELECTION OF
GRAHAMSVILLE FIRE DISTRICT
DECEMBER 10, 2013**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Annual Election of the Grahamsville Fire District will take place on December 10, 2013 between the hours of 6:00 pm and 9:00 pm at the Grahamsville Firehouse located at 205 Main Street, Grahamsville, New York for the purpose of:
1) Electing one Commissioner for a

5-year term commencing on January 1, 2014 and ending on December 31, 2018.

Candidates for the District Office of Commissioner must submit their request in writing to the District Secretary at PO Box 343, Grahamsville, NY 12740 to be placed on the ballot no later than November 20, 2013.

All residents of the Fire District duly registered with the Sullivan County Board of Elections as of November 15, 2013 shall be eligible to vote.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS OF THE GRAHAMSVILLE FIRE DISTRICT.

Scott L. Raymond, District Secretary 11/21

SUGGESTED RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A CAPITAL RESERVE FUND FOR A TYPE OF EQUIPMENT OR IMPROVEMENT

RESOLUTION NO. 3

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 6-g of the General Municipal Law, as amended, the Grahamsville Fire District does hereby establish a Capital Reserve Fund to finance the cost of repair, replacement, expansion of a building and/or acquisition of real property.

The Fire District Treasurer is hereby directed to deposit moneys of this reserve fund in a separate bank to be known as the "Building Reserve Fund."

The Fire District Treasurer is authorized to invest, from time to time, the moneys of this fund pursuant to Section 6-f of the General Municipal Law.

No expenditure shall be made from this fund except upon authorization of the Board pursuant to a permissive referendum.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution is subject to the affirmative vote of a majority of the electors of the Grahamsville Fire District, qualified to vote at an annual election of the Fire District Officers, which vote will be held on Tuesday, December 10, 2013, between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. at the Grahamsville Fire House located at 205 Main St., Grahamsville, NY 12740.

Dated: October 21, 2013 11/21/13

SUGGESTED RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A CAPITAL RESERVE FUND FOR A SPECIFIC OBJECT OR PURPOSE

RESOLUTION NO. 6

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 6-g of the General Municipal Law, as amended, the Grahamsville Fire District does hereby establish a Capital Reserve Fund to finance the cost of acquisition of personal protective clothing (turn-out gear).

It is the intent of this Board to accumulate all of the cost of the personal protective clothing (turn-out gear) the maximum cost of which is estimated to be \$30,000.00.

The Fire District Treasurer is hereby directed to deposit moneys of this reserve fund in a separate bank to be known as the "Personal Protective Clothing Reserve Fund."

The Fire District Treasurer is authorized to invest, from time to time, the moneys of this fund pursuant to Section 6-f of the General Municipal Law.

No expenditure shall be made except upon authorization of the Board.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that this

resolution is subject to the affirmative vote of a majority of the electors of the Grahamsville Fire District, qualified to vote at an annual election of the Fire District Officers, which vote will be held on Tuesday, December 10, 2013, between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. at the Grahamsville Fire House located at 205 Main St., Grahamsville, NY 12740.

Dated: October 21, 2013 11/21/13

SUGGESTED RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A CAPITAL RESERVE FUND FOR A SPECIFIC OBJECT OR PURPOSE

RESOLUTION NO. 5

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 6-g of the General Municipal Law, as amended, the Grahamsville Fire District does hereby establish a Capital Reserve Fund to finance the cost of acquisition of communications equipment.

It is the intent of this Board to accumulate all of the cost of the communications equipment the maximum cost of which is estimated to be \$40,000.00.

The Fire District Treasurer is hereby directed to deposit moneys of this reserve fund in a separate bank to be known as the "Communications Equipment Reserve Fund."

The Fire District Treasurer is authorized to invest, from time to time, the moneys of this fund pursuant to Section 6-f of the General Municipal Law.

No expenditure shall be made except upon authorization of the Board.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution is subject to the affirmative vote of a majority of the electors of the Grahamsville Fire District, qualified to vote at an annual election of the Fire District Officers, which vote will be held on Tuesday, December 10, 2013, between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. at the Grahamsville Fire House located at 205 Main St., Grahamsville, NY 12740.

Dated: October 21, 2013 11/21/13

SUGGESTED RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A CAPITAL RESERVE FUND FOR A TYPE OF EQUIPMENT OR IMPROVEMENT

RESOLUTION NO. 4

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 6-g of the General Municipal Law, as amended, the Grahamsville Fire District does hereby establish a Capital Reserve Fund to finance the cost of acquisition of Firefighting Apparatus (trucks).

The Fire District Treasurer is hereby directed to deposit moneys of this reserve fund in a separate bank to be known as the "Truck Reserve Fund."

The Fire District Treasurer is authorized to invest, from time to time, the moneys of this fund pursuant to Section 6-f of the General Municipal Law.

No expenditure shall be made from this fund except upon authorization of the Board pursuant to a permissive referendum.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution is subject to the affirmative vote of a majority of the electors of the Grahamsville Fire District, qualified to vote at an annual election of the Fire District Officers, which vote will be held on Tuesday, December 10, 2013, between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. at the Grahamsville Fire House located at 205 Main St., Grahamsville, NY 12740.

Dated: October 21, 2013 11/21/13

Town of Neversink Parks & Recreation Department
for details and information:
www.townofneversink.org
(845) 985-2262 extension 312

Transportation to NYC Saturday, December 7.
Leave the Town Hall 8 am return approximately 8 pm. Get dropped off near Times Square. Spend the day as you wish. If you plan to attend \$21 residents/non-residents must be paid no later than Tuesday, November 5.

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



Daniel Pierce Library hours of operation beginning September 1, 2011.
Tuesday: 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Thursday: 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Friday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Sunday and Monday: Closed
If you have any questions, please call the library at 985-7233.
The Library Board of Trustees meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month. On occasion, a meeting date is changed. Please call ahead to confirm.

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

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

THE TRI-VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION
The next Regular Meeting for 2013-14 school year is scheduled for Thursday, November 21, 2013 at 7:00 PM in the Secondary School Library Lower Level.

Youth Snowmobile Safety Course Back at Extension
LIBERTY, NY- New York State Law requires that children ages 10 through 17 earn a Snowmobile Safe Operator's Certificate to operate a snowmobile independently. This certificate must be with the child at all times when operating a snowmobile without the supervision of an adult. A free Snowmobile Safe Operator's course for youth will take place on Saturday, December 7, 2013 from 9:00 am until 5:00 pm. Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County's 4-H Youth Development Program will be hosting this important training at its Gerald J. Skoda Extension Education Center on 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road in Liberty. To earn this certificate and gain valuable knowledge about the safe operation of motorized vehicles, the public must register in advance by calling 845-292-6180. This class is limited to 30 participants, ages 10 to 17, so early registration is

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- 11/23/13 Wawarsing Lodge **Penny Social** 6:30 - 8 pm (see ad on pg. 13)
- 11/28 & 29/13 Town of Neversink Holiday -**THANKSGIVING**
- 11/30/13 Claryville Fire Dept. **SPAGHETTI DINNER** 5- 8 PM
- 12/1/13 **Town of Neversink Annual Christmas Tree Lighting** - Bicentennial Parkin Grahamsville - 5 PM
- 12/3/13 Town of Denning Town Board Meeting - Denning Town Hall - 7 pm
- 12/4/13 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting- 7:00 pm
- 12/7/13 **Holiday Craft Fair & Luncheon** 10am-3 pm - Grahamsville UMC
- 12/7-8/13 **Wawarsing Wassail** - (See pg. 1 for details)
- 12/7/13 **Covered Dish Supper** - Sundown Methodist Church 5:30 pm
- 12/7/13 Grahamsville Reformed Church **Roast Beef Dinner** 4 - 7 pm
- 12/10/13 Town of Denning Planning Business Meeting 7 pm Town Hall
- 12/10/13 **Caregivers Resource Center's** Monthly Support Group 10 am in the **Eureka Café in Grahamsville - FREE**
- 12/11/13 Claryville Fire District Meeting 6:30 p.m. at the Claryville FD Community Hall
- 12/11/13 Town of Neversink Board Meeting - 7:30 pm
- 12/12/13 Dept. of Motor Vehicles Neversink Town Hall 10:00 am - 2:30 p.m.
- 12/12/13 Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting 7 pm Town Hall
- 12/16/13 Grahamsville Fire Dist. Board of Fire Commissioners - 7:00 pm
- 12/17/13 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals - 7:30 pm
- 12/17/13 Town of Neversink Parks & Rec 7:00 pm Neversink Town Hall
- 12/18/13 Neversink Fire District Meeting at 7:30 p.m.- Public Meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Save the Date!!

Dec. 1, 2013 Annual Christmas Tree Lighting - Bicentennial Square Grahamsville - 5 pm
Dec. 7, 2013 - Holiday Craft Sale & Luncheon -Grahamsville United Methodist Church 10 am - 3 pm
Cookie Walk/Breakfast - December 14, 2013 - Sundown Methodist Church Hall 7:30 am Breakfast • 9 am Cookie Walk
Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman is available at the following retail stores and restaurants:

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TOWN OF OLIVE MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Town of Olive Board Auditing Meeting every **second Monday of each month**. This meeting is open to the public and all bills being reviewed are available for the general public to see.
Town Board meets **every second Tuesday of each month**. Both meetings begin at 7:30 PM at the Town Hall on Bostock Road, Shokan, NY.
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.

advised. Youth must be 10 years of age as of the date of the class in order to enroll. There is no fee to participate in this course. A parent or guardian must sign a parental consent form for youth to participate. Each participant is expected to bring a bag lunch and a pencil.

SUNY Ulster Art Students Selected for SUNY Exhibition in Albany

The artwork of seven local students in SUNY Ulster's art and design program has been selected for display in the Fall 2013 SUNY Student Art Exhibition in Albany. The exhibit at the Plaza Gallery at SUNY Plaza features visual art works from programs throughout the SUNY system. Chosen to represent SUNY Ulster are: John Mattem, Pine Bush; Meghan Rapp, Malden on Hudson; Katarina Harvey, Ulster Park; Keldon Polacco, Kingston; Alex Pacheco, Port Ewen; Addison Cook, Kingston; and Layla Cummings, Highland. A reception with SUNY Chancellor Nancy Zimpher to recognize the students will be held on Dec. 3 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. The exhibit runs through Jan. 31.

SC RSVP Requests Donations for Annual Fundraiser

The Sullivan County Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) in our 41st year of existence in Sullivan County would like to make a donation request on behalf of our RSVP Annual Fundraising Event: Handmade Craft Sale, "White Elephant" and Homemade Luncheon: November 22nd 2013 9:30 am -3:00pm in the lobby of the Government Center 100 North street, Monticello. Please Join Us!

RSVP Seniors volunteered over 60,000+ hours of service time to Sullivan County during 2012-2013. The Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) Advisory Council would humbly make this request on their behalf.

If you are able to donate items that we could use for our "White Elephant" table (thrifty priced items for the holidays or inexpensive gift items) to our fund raising event in recognition of their volunteer service it would be greatly appreciated. The Sullivan County Community has always been so supportive in the past and we hope it will continue to support our programs and

the seniors in the community we serve. All donations are greatly appreciated thank you in advance for your generosity.

We appreciate your consideration and support for our RSVP program from our community members. Please remember that your generosity is matched only by that of the RSVP seniors who give so freely of themselves for our community every day.

If you have any questions regarding donations, pick-up or drop off please feel free to contact: Caryn Mathews, RSVP Project Director at 845-807-0251.

SUNY Ulster Presents Holiday Music Concerts - Five Shows Celebrating the Season in Stone Ridge

SUNY Ulster presents five concerts performed by students, visiting musicians, music educators, faculty, staff and audience participants this holiday season.

The festivities kick off with the annual winter concert by the SUNY Ulster Wind Ensemble, directed by Victor Izzo, Jr., on Dec. 3, at 7:30 p.m., in Quimby Theater. SUNY Ulster's Chorus and Guitar Ensemble will perform on Dec. 5, 7:30 p.m., in Quimby Theater. The concert will be directed by Janet Gehres, SUNY Ulster's choral director, with Edward Leavitt, as accompanist. The Guitar Ensemble is under the direction of Greg Dinger.

SUNY Ulster's Tuba Christmas will be held Dec. 7, at the Ulster Savings Bank Community Conference Center. The event is open to tuba and euphonium players of all ages who will perform traditional Christmas music from around the world. Participants register at noon, rehearse at 1 p.m., and perform at 3 p.m.

The String Ensemble concert will be presented on Dec. 9, at 7:30 p.m., in Quimby Theater, under the direction of Anastasia Solberg.

Completing the holiday performance will be the Community Band/Jazz Ensemble concert on Dec. 11, 7:30 p.m., at Quimby Theater, under the direction of Chris Earley and Izzo.

The concerts are free and open to the public. For information, contact (845) 687-5262.

ERH Receives National Award

(From Pg.1) The Critical Access Hospital Recognition award was established by The Center and the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy (ORHP) to recognize the excellent work in critical access hospitals (CAH)

throughout the country. The recognition promotes excellence and innovation and honors the achievements and results of CAHs while publicizing successful strategies.

There are 1,330 Critical Access Hospitals in the country. Only a tiny subset was nominated for recognition by their State Office of Rural Health. "This year's recipients embody both outstanding commitment to their communities and meaningful innovation," said Terry Hill, Executive Director of The Center. "They demonstrate that rural hospitals can lead the way in the rapidly changing health care industry."

Health care delivered in rural communities is affordable, high quality, and necessary to the good health of the entire community. "Engaging our patients, partners, providers and community members is crucial to understanding the needs of our patients and ensuring the continued success of our hospital," said Steven L. Kelley, FACHE, hospital President and CEO. "We are honored to be chosen as one of the five hospitals to receive this prestigious award, and the only one from the Northeast!"

This recognition was awarded to Ellenville Regional Hospital based on several of its community engagement initiatives such as:

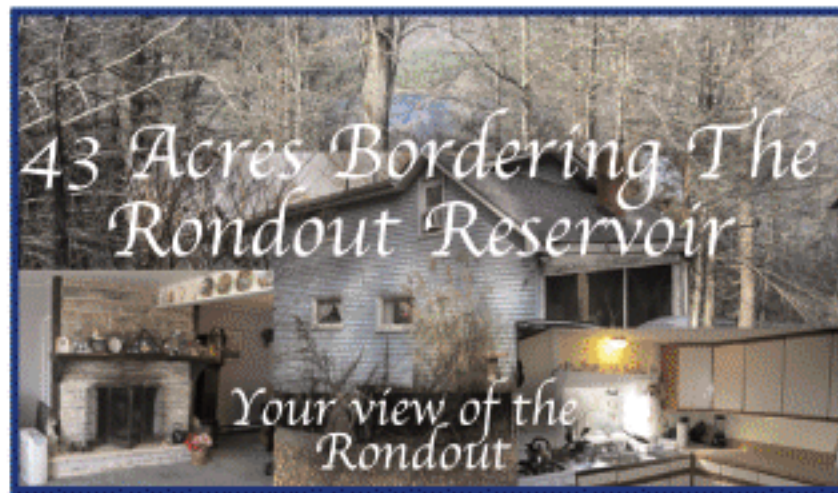
- o Patient Safety and Clinical Pharmacy Services Collaborative;
- o Emergency Department Average Length of Stay of under 100 minutes;
- o Affordable Senior Housing - first NY hospital to partner with a for-profit developer to build affordable senior housing on their campus; and
- o EpicCare Link Connection - first Emergency Department to have access to a patient's primary electronic health record (EPIC system) achieved in with collaboration The Institute for Family Health, New York's largest Federally Qualified Health Care Center.

"The best part about my job is working with people throughout New York who are committed to provide quality health care to their communities," said Karen A. Madden, Director, NY State Department of Health, Charles D. Cook Office of Rural Health. "The folks at Ellenville Regional Hospital exemplify that to the highest level and I am so thrilled that they have received this honor."

For more information or questions about Ellenville Regional Hospital, please contact 845 647-6400 or www.ellenvilleregional.org.



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

GRAHAMSVILLE

Grahamsville Methodist Church Holiday Craft Sale and Luncheon. Is it that time already? Yes, it is.. Don't miss it on December 7, 2013 from 10 am - 3 pm at Fellowship Hall at the Grahamsville Methodist Church.

NOVEMBER 30, PHOENICIA.

FREE TURKEY TROT

Saturday, November 30th -Third Annual Phoenicia Turkey Trot. Tee Shirts to the first 50 registered. 2.4-mile run, ramble, trot, walk or wobble to benefit the Pine Hill Community Center. Free Tot Trot 5 and under at 9:30am. Registration and sign in from 8-9:45am at the Parish Hall. (Across from the St Francis de Sales church, Main St, Phoenicia). Race starts at 10. For more information: www.phoeniciaturkeytrot.com

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Stay Safe and have a great week.
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Have a happy Thanksgiving!