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Left to right: BCES Literacy Coach Catrina Gladding, Literacy Specialists Ashley Toledo and Jaime Walsh, President Pi State Educational Foundation of Delta Kappa Gamma NYS, BCES Trail Administrator Leah Exner, former Frost Valley Program Staff Environmental Educator Russ Schreier, and Fallsburg CSD Superintendent Dr. Ivan Katz. Missing from the photo is BCES Literacy Specialist Heather Mady. (Story on Page 4)

February Music and History Jay Ganz on Pedal Steel Guitar When Jay Ganz's mom and grandparents moved to Hurleyville in 1945, they likely could not have imagined that Jay would one day

be performing a concert on the stage of the old Hurleyville school turned (Sullivan County) Museum. Jay's grandfather ran Lester's Market on Main Street in Hurleyville. The building is gone now, but can be seen in many old pictures from back then. Jay's maternal grandparents bought a farm in Divine Corners in 1921.

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Jay plays the pedal steel guitar, and for those who don't know - it is a console-type of guitar with pedals and levers added to allow for more varied and complex music. It was first used in Hawaii in the 19th century, and has the ability to play deep vibratos-characteristics similar to the human voice. Pedal steel is most commonly associated with American country music. (Contd. Pg. 3)

Tri-Valley Junior FBLA Has Been Busy! by Anna Streimer, Junior FBLA Reporter



Junior FBLA has been hard at work since the school year started, having fun times and making exciting memories. There has been planning and dedication involved from all the club members, but the payoff was definitely worthwhile. From planning and hosting a successful dance, to decorating our own tree at the park, to going on an exciting trip to a basketball game in the city, there is never a dull moment in Junior FBLA. (Contd. Pg. 3)



Maple Woods Farm Year End Horse Show



Any time children and horses come together and work in harmony, smiles and success are the result! The riders and families that support them recently gathered at Maple Woods Farm in Loch Sheldrake for their year end Horse Show. Six different groups of riders exhibited their skills in Showmanship, Equitation and Pleasure classes. Trophies and ribbons were awarded with Brooke Van Åken being named Most Improved Rider for 2018 (Contd. Pg. 8)

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ON THE FRONT BURNER: O give thanks unto the Lord; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the people. Psalm 105:1

COLLEGE NEWS:

More than 1,500 Students Named to Fall 2018 Dean's List

at SUNY Oneonta A total of 1,584 SUNY Oneonta students earned

Dean's List honors for the fall 2018 semester. To qualify for the Dean's List, a student must earn a gradepoint average of 3.5 or higher while carrying a course load of 12 hours or more.

Nicole Davidson of Liberty

Ryan Diehl of Napanoch Anna Hendrickson of Hurleyville Angela Ratner of Woodbourne

James S. Alongi of Woodbourne Named to **Clarkson University's Dean's List**

James S. Alongi of Woodbourne, N.Y., a computer engineering major, was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2018 semester at Clarkson University.

Dean's List students must achieve a minimum 3.25 grade-point average and also carry at least 14 credit hours.

Students Named Clarkson University Presidential Scholars

The following students have been named Presidential Scholars for the fall 2018 semester at Clarkson University.

Kiara L. Cruickshank of Big Indian, N.Y., a biomolecular science major

Allison A. Ryan of Shandaken, N.Y., a electrical engineering major

Allie Arpino Named to East Stroudsburg University Fall 2018 Dean's List

A total of 1,513 students have been named to the Dean's List at East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania (ESU) for the Fall 2018 semester of the 2018-2019 academic year, according to Joanne Bruno, J.D., provost and vice president for academic affairs. Allie Arpino of Liberty, NY was among those recongized for academic achievements.

News from SUNY Oneonta **Christopher Kovalcik Studies**, **Explores in Japan**

In early January, Christopher Kovalcik, of Ellenville, NY, traveled to Japan for the class, Biology 271 - Global Studies in Conservation and Sustainability, taught by Dr. Kiyoko Yokota. The goal of the two-and-a-half week course was to teach the students how they can meaningfully contribute to conservation and sustainability efforts around the world, according to Yokota, who accompanied the students along with professor Paul Lord.

Kovalcik is studying Biology at SUNY Oneonta. While in Japan, students visited Tokyo and the islands of Chichijima and Hahajima. The locals of Chichijima and Hahajima work with the Tokyo Metropolitan Government to remove invasive species and prevent the transfer of new invasive species onto the island. They also work to protect the populations of indigenous species like the Japanese wood pigeon and the Bonin flying fox.

Students' itineraries were packed full of activities. They participated in a New Year countdown, complete with a fireworks display; stayed one night with local families on Hahajima; learned about sustainable ecotourism during a lecture by a researcher from the Ogasawara Whale Watching Association and went on a whale/dolphin watching cruise in a glass-bottom boat; and participated in a lecture and service learning at the Ogasawara Marine Center, where they cleaned algae off of sea turtles' bodies and shells and learned about the challenges of protecting migratory animals. Students also went on a long hike (2.5 hours each way) through the forest to the pristine John Beach; went sea kayaking and snorkeling in coral reefs; toured historical sites that are strongly influenced by the Japanese environment; and completed service learning at Morimoto Organic Community Farm, a sustainable community-supported farming, nutrient cycling, closed-loop food production system, minimizing ecological footprint.

Days of Yore... Today's History

January 19, 1949

On January 15 at 2 pm on the Truman Wells farm on lower South Hill, a plane crashed into flames, killing the flyer, Arcangolo Addozio of East Boston, Massachusetts. Mr. Wells saw the plane flying at a very low altitude; turn three times in the air. The flyer, apparently lost, waved to him and almost immediately nosedived into the mountain on the Wells farm.

The Town of Neversink has extended the hard road from George Sheley's to the Neversink town line at Capella's.

Frank Yeager, whose ancestors settled our hamlet (Yeagerville) had a fall on the road last Saturday.

Charles Rose reports that while looking over his timber along Pigeon Brook on Samson Mt. last Tuesday he inadvertently awakened a bear from his slumber under the roods of an overturned tree as he climbed over some fallen trees.

January 21, 1959

It has been reported that on Monday, Jan. 6th at 6 am the temperature at Wildman Hill registered 24 degrees below zero.

Fifteen New York State Senators met on Tuesday, January 20, in the same room in the historic Senate House in Kingston where the first Senate convened in 1777, with the State's first governor, George Clinton, presiding. The meeting did officially launch New York State's Year of History and participation in the Hudson-Champlain Festival.

The Senate House, known as the oldest public building in America, was built in 1676 by Colonel Wessel Ten Broeck. A hundred and one years later, the Senate met there. It was burned by the British in October 1777. It was owned by Abraham Van Gassbeek and rebuilt in 1794. The building was purchased by the State in 1887 and is maintained as an historic shrine.

Winter's the time for heartier food -The "sticks-to-your-ribs" kind of meal... Sausage and cakes, pot roast or steaks Are dinners with "husband appeal"! KUM TO KRUM'S

January 22, 1969 Virginia, Sam and Don of the Anderson's wish to thank everyone for making Anderson's Business possi-ble for the last 21 years, 3 months, and 20 days. Happy Birthday to Vernon Stratton on January 25th, and to Thomas Henderson and Elyse Hornbeck, on the 26th

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on the 26th. Again, we say "Congratulations: to Prof. Manville Wakefield, whose painting of a Baltimore and Ohio twin-stacked simple articulated 2-8-8-0 locomotive, is located on the Cumberland Division of the B & O near Corinth, West Virginia. This painting made the January issue of "Trains Magazine". Samuel & Virginia Anderson would like to intro-duce Virginia & Joseph Levy, new owners of ANDER-SON'S STORE as of January 20, 1969.

January 18, 1979

Mike Mickelson, Tri-Valley senior, was recently named to the fourth team defense of the All State Football Team. This is a tremendous honor for Mike, since Tri-Valley is such a small school. Congratulations to a job well done. Mike!

Charlie Cross informs me that there will be snowmobile racing every Saturday at Accord Speedway, weather permitting. Races in all classes start at 12 Noon and Charlie will be the announcer for the events.

John and Ann Charity Johnson returned recently from a very interesting two-year stay in Nairobi, Kenya, Africa - where they both held teaching posi-tions. Ann Charity, who is the daughter of john and Ann Higgins of Sundown, and her husband, had many wonderful experiences while there. Mr. Al Zuckerman has been informed at its Dec.

Mr. Al Zuckerman has been informed at its Dec. meeting the Board of Geographic names has chosen KALONYMYS ESCARPMENT for that portion of the Catskill Mountains, north of the west end of the Rondout Reservoir - 11 miles northwest of Ellenville. Named for Sicilian Jew who in 982 saved the life of Otto II, Holy Roman Emperor, and was rewarded with lands along the Rhine River in Germany where he became famous as a merchant and for his philanthro-py to students in the centers of learning in Mainz, Germany. Notice of the acceptance of this name was received from Donald J. Orth.

A Round About Tri-Valley Carol Furman

I have very little news to report this week. I did hear that Tom Smith of Grahamsville, husband of June Smith, had hip surgery last week. I hope you are feeling better, Tom, and also hope you are able to get around without too much discomfort!

There was a very nice article in the *River Reporter* entitled "Legends of Section IX: Mary "Coach" Feusner", on January 9th. The article, written by Ted Waddell, spoke about Coach Feusner and her time-honored ways of doing things on the fields of athletic competition. Coach Feusner coached girls' varsity soccer at Tri-Valley for a total of 38 seasons, from 1978 and until she retired in 2014. She also coached girls' softball from 1978 until she retired in 2014. Now, even though retired from teaching for five years, Coach Feusner continues to coach at Tri-Valley and always stresses that "academics always come first" and the importance of teamwork and good sportsmanship.

What a nice article!

Sunday's January 6th through March 10th you can ski and/or snowboard at Holiday Mountain for only \$3.00, if you have a Town of Neversink Parks and Rec ID card. You also will receive discounted prices for a lift ticket and equipment rentals. Of course, if you have your own equipment, there is no need to pay additional rental fees.

The Tri-Valley Middle School Student Council will be sponsoring a "sneaker night" for middle school students on Friday, January 25th from 4:00 - 6:00 pm. Snacks will be available for purchase. Admission: \$1.00.

If you haven't been to the New Munson Diner in Liberty, you should go. The food is delicious and reasonably priced and the atmosphere is very friendly. It's a busy place and I always see someone from the Town of Neversink there each time I go.

I began teaching school in New Jersey in 1962 and retired from teaching in 2002. Besides being at school all day, my husband, Pete, who was always seemed to be busy on the farm, and I raised three children and really didn't have much time to relax. There were always meals to fix, laundry to do, a kid to transport to somewhere, grocery shopping and a house to keep in order. Now that I have been retired for some time and the children are grown, I have time to allocate to doing only what I want to do. I enjoy going out to lunch, reading, visiting with my friend and my grandchildren, watching netflix movies, gardening, doing jigsaw puzzles, and just sitting on the couch with my eyes closed doing absolutely nothing. This may sound stupid, but when you are working and raising children there never seems to be time to do "absolutely nothing"! Now, in my "old age", I am content to just let time fly by and I'm enjoying every minute of it! Sleeping Pill Prescription: by Albert Ostrow

A woman copywriter, whose overactive mind interfered with her sleep, once asked her doctor (as a last resort) to prescribe some sleeping pills. He pulled a prescription pad towards him, wrote something on it and handed her the slip. "Get one large, frisky dog," the prescription read, "and take him out on a leash an hour before retiring. Repeat nightly."

Words of Wisdom: Hats off to the past. Coats on for the present. Winter is still with us!

Tri-Valley Junior FBLA Has Been Busy!

(From Pg. 1) The Halloween dance was on Friday, October 26. I'd like to think it was more than a success, raking in both profits and smiling faces. The officers and the rest of the club put in a lot of hard work, planning decorations, flyers, and refreshments. The students' faces and the laughter throughout the gym and hallway showed all you needed to know about the overall accomplishment of the night. Plus, not only was it fun, but Junior FBLA donated \$350 to the Grahamsville Methodist Church to help out with all they do around the community.

On Saturday, December 1, Junior FBLA members set out to spread holiday cheer and decorate a Christmas tree at Bicentennial Park. The tree decorating was also overwhelmingly rewarding. After hanging ornaments and lights in the chilling weather, the club walked over to the Grahamsville Deli and were thawed out by the warm sensation of hot chocolate. We would like to give a big thank you to the Grahamsville Deli, who provided each of us with a complimentary hot chocolate.

The most recent Junior FBLA activity was a thrilling trip to the city, on Friday, December 7. The club received a tour of the Barclays Center in Brooklyn, took part in a talk from business professionals working at the arena, and then were able to watch the basketball players in action. The Brooklyn Nets defeated the Toronto Raptors in a thrilling overtime game! Overall, it was an amazing day and an unforgettable experience!

and an unforgettable experience! This year's Junior FBLA officers include President Collin Mentnech, Vice President Gavin Clarke, Treasurer Thomas Houghtaling, Historian Ethen Smith, Secretary Armaan Butler, Advisor Mr. Matthew Haynes, and yours truly, Reporter Anna Streimer. From our officer team and the entire Junior FBLA, we'd like to thank our community and Tri-Valley for allowing us to have such an amazing time this year.

February Music and History Jay Ganz on Pedal Steel Guitar



(From Pg. 1) "Jay Ganz is one of the finest pedal steel guitar players I have ever heard" says Carol Smith, who is organizing the Sullivan County Museum's first Sunday Music and History concerts. Around here, amongst musicians, he his legendary. He started playing in 1973, and has performed and recorded with multiple bands, including Nashville recording artist Mike Mizwinski (MiZ), and The Jason Casterlin Band. He also performs regularly with Little Sparrow, who will host the concert and perform a selection of folk and old time country music with Ganz, showcasing the pedal steels guitar's unique sound.

The concert is sponsored by the Sullivan County Historical Society, and will be held on Sunday, Feb.3rd at 2pm (snow date Feb. 10th) at the Sullivan County Museum, 265 Main Street, Hurleyville, NY.

The program is free, and is made possible with funds from the Decentralization Program, a regrant program of the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Legislature and administered by Delaware Valley Arts Alliance.Donations are welcome.

For more information call: 845 434-8044, or visit www.scnyhistory.org.

FREE Parkinson's Disease Non-Motor Symptoms Class with CEU Credits

LIBERTY, NY- The public is invited to "Parkinson's Disease Non-Motor Symptoms: What's New?", a FREE web seminar on Thursday, January 31, 2019 as part of the Expert Briefings Series, sponsored by the Parkinson's Foundation. Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County (CCESC)'s Caregiver Resource Center offers this program from 1:00 to 2:00 pm at its Extension Education Center on 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road in Liberty. This American Society on Aging (ASA) web seminar is approved for AoTA contact hours in addition to CEs approved for all ASA web seminars.

The program will focus on detection and effective treatment of non-motor symptoms beyond traditional Parkinson's Disease (PD) medications. Participants will be able to:

-Identify that non-motor symptoms, such as impaired olfaction, REM sleep behavior disorder, pain, constipation, and depression may be present before PD

-Identify that non-motor features become most troublesome features of PD

-Describe treatment other than traditional PD medications

This event is FREE to the public. Registration is requested in advance by visiting www.sullivancee.org, emailing sullivan@cornell.edu, or calling CCESC at 845-292-6180.

All attendees should arrive 15 minutes early to complete registration. Contact the CCESC office to request any special accommodations to attend this class, and to provide dietary restrictions.

This co-partnered program between Cornell Cooperative Extension and Office for the Aging of Sullivan County is supported by a grant from the NYS Office for the Aging's Caregiver Program. **Nature Column -** *Linda Comando* A tribute to the memory of all of the Townsman Ladies that we have lost and loved so much... Peggy DeWire, Avril Pappa, Joan Hall , Polly Hill, Joyce Lockhart, Jean Helthaler, Karen Curry and Barbara Slater.

This week's *Nature Column* is from two interesting articles we received from the NYS DEC.

White-Tailed Deer:

Winter Weaklings or Glacial Goliaths? As temperatures drop and snow deepens, you may notice a



group of white-tailed deer digging around in an open field or wandering through your yard in search of food. While you may be tempted to feed the deer, in reality, deer are well adapted to our winter conditions and, along with being illetually do more harm than good

gal, feeding deer may actually do more harm than good. White-tailed deer go through both physical and behav-

ioral changes that improve their survival odds during winter. Deer spend much of the fall season building up fat stores that will provide them with warmth and energy throughout winter. Externally, deer develop a thick winter coat of fur that helps them absorb more sunlight and traps in more body heat. They have special glands that secrete oils that make their hairs water repellent, keeping them warm and dry. Behaviorally, deer often move less during winter to reduce energy consumption. During periods with deep snow, deer may temporarily migrate to areas of dense conifer stands which provide thermal protection. This behavior is commonly known as 'yarding'.

Although providing deer with additional food in winter may seem like a good idea, there are negative consequences of doing so. The natural winter diet of a deer consists of leaves and twigs, but when deer are introduced to large amounts of grains (i.e. wheat, oats, rye) or corn, the influx of carbohydrates can result in acidosis, which can be fatal. Another concern is that by feeding deer in winter, you habituate them to your presence and make them less reliant on natural forage. Artificially congregating deer at feed sites can also increase disease transmission among deer or between deer and other animals, and it can quickly make deer become a nuisance.

The best way to help deer, or other wildlife, survive through tough winters is to make sure they have enough natural forage during all seasons. You can do this by keeping deer numbers in balance with the habitat and improving the quality of existing natural foods. See Winter Deer Foods (go to http://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/7195.html) and Cutting Browse for Deer Feeding (go to http://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/7205.html) for more information.

DEC Seeks Assistance to Locate Black Bear Dens

This winter, DEC wildlife biologists are seeking the public's help to learn about new black

public's help to learn about new black bear dens throughout New York. As part of DEC's ongoing monitoring of black bears in New York, wildlife biologists periodically check on black bears during the winter den season. The bears may be fitted with a radio collar to help biologists track the bears' activities throughout the rest of the year and to relocate dens in subsequent years for



monitoring cub production, condition and survival.

Bears may den in a rock crevice, tree cavity, or under heavy brush or fallen trees. Since female bears generally give birth in January or early February, a high-pitched squeal from the cubs may be audible if near a den. New York hikers and hunters typically cover countless miles of wooded terrain each year. DEC urges anyone who finds a bear den to not approach or disturb the den, but simply to note the location and move away from the den site.

DEC requests that anyone locating a bear den contact their local DEC Wildlife office with specifics about the den location, including GPS coordinates if possible. A list of regional wildlife offices is available on DEC's website.

More information about black bears in New York is available at DEC's Black Bear web page at http://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/6960.html

<u>Household Hints</u>

Vinegar for a Home Manicure

You can soften the cuticles on your fingers (and toes) undiluted white vinegar for five minutes. Your nail polish will have a longer life expectancy if you first dampen your nails with some vinegar on a cotton ball and let it dry before applying your favorite polish.

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The Man Who Came Uptown Mysterious Book Report No. 359

by John Dwaine McKenna

Everyone makes choices . . . and then has to live with the consequences of those choices. A fictional character in Washington, D.C. named Michael Hudson made a bad choice and it landed him in prison. That's where he got the reading habit, thanks to a librarian named Anna Kaplan, who takes special interest in him because he reads-and remembers-voraciously.

In The Man Who Came Uptown, (Mulholland, \$27.00, 263 pages, ISBN 978-0-316-47982-0) by George Pelecanos – his first new novel in five years – Michael Hudson is released from prison early when the main witness against him suddenly recants his testimony and the case is dismissed. Unknown to Michael, the witness withdrew because he was pressured, blackmailed in essence, by a sleazy private investigator named Phil Ornazian. Once he's free, Hudson is challenged by all the changes that have taken place while he's been incarcerated, but gets a job as a dishwasher in one of the trendy new restaurants that've popped up in D.C. while he's been away and does

incarcerated, but gets a job as a dishwasher in one of the trendy new restaurants that've popped up in D.C. while he's been away and does his best to go straight. But nothing in life is free. When Ornazian comes calling, he tries to pressure Hudson into returning to a life of crime ... using Michael's release from jail as leverage ... which leaves the beleaguered ex-convict with another hard choice to make. Return to a life of crime and risk going back to prison – or take the high road Anna Kaplan has shown him and live the honest life depicted by the protagonists he reads about in the novels of Elmore Leonard, "That Dude's real," Michael says, James Lee Burke, Tim O'Brien and John Steinbeck. It's a choice that will define his life and decide whether or not he remains *The Man Who Came Uptown*: street slang for out of prison, staying straight and earning a honest living.

The novel is fast-paced and well-plotted, with all of the spare dialogue and gritty characters the author is famous for, when he created the HBO hit shows, *The Wire* and his newest *The Deuce*. Pelecanos has been called "a national treasure," by Dennis Lehane. The MBR calls him one of our never-to-be-missed, favorite authors . . . because he's one of the alpha writer's working today. We can only hope that it won't take five more years before his next one!

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Pi State Educational Foundation Awards Grant to BCES Trail Project From Pg. 1)

The Pi State Educational Foundation of Delta Kappa Gamma NYS (PSEFDKG) has once again awarded a literacy and learning grant in the amount of \$1,000 to the BCES Trail in the Fallsburg Central School District. Educational Foundation President, Ginny Dudko, presented the check to the trail's coordinator, Leah Exner, on Friday, January 4th. Ms. Exner was eligible to apply for the grant as a member of Delta Kappa Gamma, which is an international Society for Key Women Educators. BCES reading literacy specialists, Heather Mady, Ashley Toledo, and Jaime Walsh labeled the literature seen in the cart in accordance with reading Lexile levels.

Ninety-three books from earlier PSEFDKG grant have been placed in a rolling cart (shown in the attached photo) that was paid through funds from an Empire State After-School Grant. The cart is used by staff who sign it out to use in the classroom or near the trail.

The new literacy grant will fund 18 tree identification name plates, 2 plant identification name plates, an outdoor free literature/ magazine holder, and an outdoor standing holder for the relics found in the wooded section of the trail. This section of the trail is now called History Highway to educate everyone who walks through the trail about the history of the area. Thanks go to Russ Scheirer, former staff member of Frost Valley YMCA Camp, who has identified the trees and plants along the trail that will receive the name plates and identification tags.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR and To the citizens of Sullivan County Legislative District 3 in the Towns of Liberty, Neversink and Rockland:

My name is Joseph Colón and I am excited to announce my candidacy for the Sullivan County Legislature for the 3rd District Seat. My family and I moved to Sullivan County in 2006 when my wife, Amy, was hired to teach history at SUNY Sullivan. We bought a home in Neversink and raised our son, Julius, here. He is now preparing to graduate from Tri-Valley Central High School.

In 2009, I was hired to work for the county's IT Department. In addition to working with the computer systems, I was tasked with programming all the county's electronic voting machines. This responsibility meant that I worked closely with the Board of Elections and became very familiar with county's election system, our local politicians and the overall democratic structure. It has been an honor to play a role in the democratic system by properly preparing the voting machines so citizens in our community can exercise their right to vote.

While working for the county, I also was involved with the Teamsters Union as a steward and served on the contract negotiation team several times. This experience helped me become familiar with many departments in our county government, and work with the county manager and chief negotiator.

My career in the county from 2009-2018 has also inspired me to be more directly involved in our community. In the fall of 2017, I decided to jump into civic service when I applied to fill a vacant seat on the Tri-Valley Central School District School Board. I was pleased to be appointed to the vacancy. In May of 2018, I was elected to continue my service on the school board. My involvement on the school board has been very rewarding. Since my tenure on the school board began, we have made many important decisions to help improve our school district, including choosing a new school superintendent. Last spring, I left my position in Sullivan County to take a new opportunity with a software developer in Red Hook, NY. This company develops permitting and licensing management software for municipalities, so I am still involved with local government, just in a different capacity. All my years working in the Sullivan County government and my current position working with many government municipalities, has inspired me to make a difference at the county-wide level. This is the reason I decided to run for the Sullivan County Legislature in 2019.

If elected to the county's legislature I have a couple immediate goals: First, make a lasting impact by enabling all the citizens of Sullivan County to have the easiest most accessible ability to participate in all elections. Second, work with local officials to bring businesses and jobs to Sullivan County while also working closely with local unions to ensure that those who are employed locally are protected and earn a wage that is competitive with surrounding counties. In addition, I will work closely with the town and village officials of Rockland, Liberty and Neversink to ensure that the needs of our residents are addressed aggressively.

I hope you will support my candidacy so I can do my best to serve the people of our wonderful community in the Catskill Mountains.

Thank you, Joe Colón

Neversink, NY

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SC Legislature Chairman Alvarez Issues Statement on Early Voting Enactment

Monticello, NY - Sullivan County Legislature Chairman Luis Alvarez responded today to the New York State Legislature's passage of voting reform measures, including the immediate implementation of early voting:

"State legislators - and soon, Governor Cuomo - have taken a historic step forward in ensuring the rights of voters are not curtailed by the limitations of their work and family obligations. For many counties, this legislation will make an important and lasting difference in elections. Like our State leaders, I want as many voters coming to the polls as possible. However, Sullivan County's budget does not include additional funds for the significant costs of these new initiatives, like early voting. I ask that the State provide that funding, so that local taxpayers are not burdened further."

Sullivan County Welfare Fraud Task Force Makes Arrest

In a continuing investigation into the misuse of Medicaid transportation services, the Sullivan County Welfare Fraud Task Force has arrested Carl M. Wolkoff, age 57, of Monticello. Wolkoff was charged Thursday (1/17/19) with the Felony of Offering a False Instrument for Filing and the Misdemeanor of Theft of Services.

for Filing and the Misdemeanor of Theft of Services. It is alleged that Mr. Wolkoff used Medicaid transportation over the last five years as a personal taxi service instead of for its intended use to make doctor visits. Law enforcement believes that Wolkoff racked up approximately \$10,000 in fraudulent Medicaid charges.

Task force members were waiting for Wolkoff at his residence at about 3:00 PM on Thursday when he pulled up in a Medicaid taxi. He was apparently returning from a

local Laundromat with a bag of freshly washed clothes. Carl Wolkoff was arraigned before Town of Liberty Judge

Kirk Orseck and sent to the Sullivan County Jail without bail. He is due back in court Wednesday January 23rd at 2:00 pm.

Undersheriff Eric Chaboty said that the Task Force is actively auditing all Medicaid taxi rides in Sullivan County. "We expect more arrests", said the Undersheriff.

Plastic Bag Ban Commitment Nearly Perfect, Bottle Bill Expansion Spot-On

Catskill Mountainkeeper Supports Governor Cuomo's Call for a Ban on Single Use Plastic Bags, Calls for Fees

on Other Single Use Bags LIVINGSTON MANOR, NY - Sunday afternoon, Governor Cuomo announced his commitment to a ban on single use plastic bags in the executive budget as well as a pledge to expand the state's bottle deposit laws.

Catskill Mountainkeeper issued the following response, attributable to Katherine Nadeau, Deputy Director:

Plastic pollution poisons our environment. Governor Cuomo's commitment to banning plastic bags and expanding the Bottle Bill puts our state on the path to protect wildlife and water quality while addressing an ongoing litter issue. But if New York bans single use plastic bags without putting a fee on other single use bags, we'd be bunting when we need a grand slam.

Catskill Mountainkeeper conducts roadside cleanups, and the bulk of litter we gather is plastic. Thin-film plastic bags are abundant, and they never decompose or biodegrade. Banning most single-use bags is exactly what New York needs to do. But if we do so without placing a fee on other single-use bags, we're trading one problem for another. While Governor Cuomo didn't mention a fee in his press statement, we're counting on him to propose one in his executive budget.

Further, while drink bottles without a five-cent deposit litter our roadways and hiking trails, we rarely find redeemable bottles. Applying the five-cent deposit to additional beverages will help prevent litter, and is exactly what the Catskiills need. We applaud Governor Cuomo's commitment to expanding our bottle redemption laws.



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The Olive Jar- By Carol LaMonda

Snowmageddon

Well, Harper, the super snowstorm that is marching across the country leaving feet of snow in its wake, is getting lots of media hype as it approaches New York. Warnings started a week ago, and people have had plenty of prior heed. Since this is the first predicted storm, there is a hubbub of excitement as shovels, staples, bottled water, and such fly off the shelves. There is a child-like expectation of fun and danger all rolled into the necessary, adult dealings to remove a chunk of snow and ice from sidewalks, driveways and roads. Funny what we humans do to prepare for a snowstorm. I had to check to see if I had hot chocolate mix and marshmallows. I don't think I had such a craving since last winter's blizzard. Next, on the checklist was to see if I had the makings of a hearty pot of chili. Just in case the power goes out, as predicted, I can picture the chili simmering away on the woodstove. Speaking of the woodstove, Bruce has every wood rack chuck full of firewood and we are expecting a delivery of oil in the morning. I, however, filled the wine rack. Priorities! Cars have their tanks topped off, and candles and flashlights stand ready.

I have a good book loaned to me by JoAnne Grazier, and there are some snacking goodies leftover from the holidays. We are set. No place to go and all weekend to relax. I know many "snowbirds" read this column, and you can feel like you "dodged a bullet." However, you are missing the snow removal tedium, but you are also missing that feeling you had as a child when snow meant hot chocolate, a cozy fire, sledding, and rolling snowballs to make a snowman/woman. My lab, Hudson, becomes that "child" in the snow, leaping for snowballs and following the snowblower back and forth.

Hunker in; be safe, and be a child again in the snow.

Aqueduct Leak Studied

The NYC Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is working with the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) on a multi-year study to examine suspected leaks from a portion of the Catskill Aqueduct that runs several hundred feet below the Rondout Creek in Ulster County. DEP has been gathering information on this portion of the aqueduct, known as the Rondout Pressure Tunnel, for several years. Scientific data and interviews with area homeowners will supplement information collected in 2016 in an inspection by a remote-operated submersible vehicle. Monitoring wells may be installed to help scientists understand it, and by how much, groundwater levels are affected by the leaks.

DEP expects to begin designing repairs in the early 2020s. Construction is anticipated sometime after completion of the Delaware Aqueduct Bypass Tunnel under the Hudson River, which was necessitated because of a leak in the Delaware Aqueduct.

The two major aqueducts carry the blended waters of six reservoirs in the Catskill-Delaware Region to consumers in New York City and to many municipalities along the aqueduct routes. DEP is also currently upgrading and cleaning the inside of the Catskill Aqueduct, work that will require a series of 10-week shutdowns annually in 2018, 2019 and 2020.

Protection Programs Under Review

The CWC on December 13 welcomed a three-person committee reviewing the CWC's environmental quality programs as part of a wider examination of New York City Watershed protection efforts.



Stormwater Programs coordinator Kim Ackerley, right, explained the programs to Dr. Anita Millman and Dr. Paul K. Barten (center), faculty members in the Department of Environmental Conservation at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, and Dr. Kenneth H. Reckhow, professor emeritus of water resources in the Nicholas School of the Environment at Duke University. They are members of an ad hoc committee of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine which is evaluating the DEP's watershed protection efforts to determine whether the current suite of programs is appropriate and adequate to comply with federal mandates into the future.

DEC Statewide Forest Ranger Highlights Town of Shandaken – Ulster County

Wilderness Rescue: On the afternoon of Jan. 13, two hikers in the Slide Mountain Wilderness Area reported to 911 that they needed assistance descending Slide Mountain. A subsequent call indicated both hikers were cold and one had suffered a hip injury. Later that day, another hiker reported to 911 that the injured hiker was now unconscious. Thirteen Forest Rangers responded to the scene in an attempt to rescue the group that evening or prepare for a helicopter evacuation at first light. By 8:30 p.m., Rangers reached the injured hiker and found three additional hikers who needed immediate evacuation due to the onset of hypothermia. As these hikers were led off the mountain, the injured hiker was treated for mild hypothermia and secured in cold weather gear. By 10:30 p.m., the three mobile hikers were safely out of the woods and returned to their vehicles. At first light on Jan. 14, Rangers determined the injured hiker could hike out with their assistance, and a helicopter rescue was no longer needed. By 9 a.m., the 23-year-old New Jersey man was off the mountain, evaluated by emergency medical technicians, and released to his own care.

Assemblymember Cahill Comments on 2019 Budget Priorities

Today Assemblymember Kevin Cahill (D-Kingston) issued the following statement in response to Governor Andrew Cuomo's 2019 State of the State and Executive Budget presentation, a \$175 billion proposal which outlines several goals for the first one-hundred days and beyond:

"I welcome the Governor in joining my colleagues and me in support of a progressive vision for New York. Appropriately juxtaposing the State against the agenda of a broken national government, he rightfully advocated for middle-class and property tax relief, increasing funding for our schools, securing health care and reproductive health care rights into State law and legalizing adult-use marijuana. The Governor is finally following the lead of the Legislature. The Assembly repeatedly passed many of the proposals included in today's speech and much more.

For example, tax relief that does not include drastic measures to reduce local real property taxes falls short of what we owe the people in New York. The time has passed when relying on gimmicks, like tax caps, without new state funding could pass as reforms.

Though review and deliberation lies before us, today's address by Governor Cuomo is an important step in moving forward with a sound and meaningful budget that benefits all New Yorkers," concluded Mr. Cahill.

UC Executive Mike Hein and UC Office of Employment and Training Invite Women to Attend a Special Invormational Session – Sisters In The Brotherhood -

Pre-Apprenticeship Program For Carpentry

Kingston, NY - County Executive Mike Hein together with Ulster County's Office of Employment and Training and Workforce Development Board are holding an informational session on Tuesday, January 29, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. for Sisters In the Brotherhood, a pre-apprenticeship program that allows women to find out if carpentry is a career path for them. Women between the ages of 18 to 25 who are searching for a career and are interested in learning new skills, like to work with their hands, and are looking for excellent pay are encouraged to attend. The session will be held at the Ulster County Career Center, 521 Boices Lane, Kingston NY 12401.

Michael P. Hein, Ulster County Executive

"This informational session is an excellent opportunity for women to learn about a career in carpentry and what it means to be part of a union of skilled workers," said County Executive Mike Hein. "Not only can a career in union construction provide a good salary along with health and pension benefits; it also provides

All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast



Sunday, February 3, 2019 8:00am – 11:00 am Big Indian – Oliverea Fire House •Scrambled Eggs • Sausage • Hash Browns • Coffee • Orange Juice Adults \$9.00 Children (5 to 12) \$5.00 Our Distinguished Veterans and Seniors \$8.00 Little Tykes (4 and under) Free Call for Take Outs (9845)254-9962

paid technical education; opportunities for advancement and a lifelong skilled trade with no student loans. I deeply appreciate Jim Malcolm and the New England Regional Council of Carpenters' efforts in sponsoring this important program. I am also pleased that Sisters in the Brotherhood, an organization within the Carpenters Union that supports and celebrates women in the trades, has chosen to recruit here in Ulster County and I encourage women who may be interested to attend on January 29th."

Lisa Berger, Director, Office of Employment and Training and Workforce Development Board

"We are happy to be able to broaden opportunities for populations that are traditionally underserved," said Lisa Berger, Director of Ulster County's Office of Employment and Training and Workforce Development Board. "Union membership in a skilled trade can provide a career pathway with plenty of room for future advancement."

Candidates should have a high school diploma or High School Equivalency; be physically able to perform work (stand, lift, bend); and have a driver's license and reliable transportation to and from jobsites and school. Veterans are encouraged to attend. Please call, 845-340-3170 or email Lisa Synder at lsyn@co.ulster.ny.us to attend.

Attention Artists! Call for Entries

Announcing an open call for artists in all mediums for presentation on The Great Wall of Honesdale 2019. The Wall is entering its 4th year and has become a landmark in Wayne County, PA. More than 100,000 cars a week pass by The Wall and see the 11' x 17' foot panels. The 2019 edition will premiere in May and remain on display for a year. Each artist is permanently featured on The Wall's website, which includes a link to their personal website.

For detailed entry information go to www.thegreatwallofhonesdale.com THE TOWNSMAN



bounce back and forth, the past and present are analyzed; this process creates a visual recording and evidence of decision making. Working with paintings of considerably large and small scale, Hackett mixes her own paint with with diatomaceous earth, actual fossilized remains of diatoms - a type of hard-shelled algae. Within a diverse body of work, on each, the surface becomes a form of weathering an articulation of memor

Saturday, February 2 - Artist Talk and Opening Reception

CAS will host an Artists Talk on at 3pm, followed immediately by a free Opening Reception from 4-5pm.

DEC Reminds Anglers to Put Safety First When Ice Fishing Minimum of Four Inches of Clear Ice **Usually Safe for Anglers on Foot**

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos reminded anglers to be cautious when ice fishing

"This past week's cold spell has improved conditions for ice fishing across New York State, "Commissioner Seggos said. "Still, anglers should keep safety in mind and test the ice before venturing out to enjoy some hard-water fishing.

Four inches of solid ice is usually safe for anglers on foot. However, ice thickness can vary on waterbodies and even on the same waterbody. Anglers should be particularly wary of areas of moving water and around boat docks and houses where bubblers may be installed to reduce ice buildup. The presence of snowmobile tracks or footprints on the ice is not evidence of safe ice conditions. Individuals are strongly encouraged to check ice conditions and avoid situations that appear to present even a remote risk. Testing the thickness of ice can easily be done with an auger or ice spud at various spots.

Ice fishing continues to increase in popularity in New York State. Unlike the open-water season, when an angler usually needs a boat to access good fishing locations, boats are not required to access these same locations once a waterbody is covered with safe ice. It's also a great sport for families, as they can mix in skating, snowshoeing, cross country skiing, or other activities during ice fishing trips to keep everyone interested and happy.

As part of Governor Cuomo's NY Open for Fishing and Hunting initiative, Feb.16-17, has been designated as a free fishing weekend. The requirement for a fishing license is waived during this period. This free fishing weekend is a great opportunity to try ice fishing for the first time or for experienced anglers to take their friends ice fishing. Beginning ice anglers are encouraged to download the new I FISH NY Guide to Ice Fishing (PDF). Additional valuable information, including where to fish recommendations, can be found on the DEC ice fishing web page and the Ice Fishing Chapter (PDF) of the DEC's I FISH NY Beginner's Guide to Freshwater Fishing.

The use of fish for bait is popular when ice fishing and bait fish may be used in most but not all waters that are open to ice fishing.

Anglers should take these important steps when using baitfish while ice fishing:

Review and follow the DEC baitfish regulations; Make sure that the use of baitfish is permitted in the waterbody by checking thespecial regulations by county section of the Freshwater Fishing Regulations Guide:

o Use only certified disease-free bait fish purchased at a local tackle store or use only personally collected bait fish for use in the same water body in which they were caught;

o Do not reuse baitfish in another waterbody if the water the baitfish were purchased in has been replaced; and

Dump unused baitfish and water in an appropriate location on dry land.

DEC reminds anglers to make sure that they have valid fishing license before heading out on the ice. Fishing licenses are now valid for 365 days from the date of purchase.



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NY Catskill Art Society will Present a Group Exhibition

LIVINGSTON MANOR, NY Catskill Art Society will present a group exhibition with artists Mermer Blakeslee, Dale Emmart, Theresa Hackett, and Margot McLean at the CAS Art Center at 48 Main St. Livingston Manor, NY on Saturday, February 2. The exhibition will be on view Saturday, February 2 - Saturday, March 9, 2019.

Mermer Blakeslee and Margot McLean: Negotiating the Gnarly is a collaboration of McLean's ink drawings beside Blakeslee's poetry, from which the drawings' title is derived. Poems, paintings, prose excerpts, drawings, letters, sculptural word creatures each inhabit the space, landing where the verbal and visual meet. In doing so, the words and the image were both transformed by the force field of the other.

Dale Emmart: The series 'Nocturne for 17-18' has been informed by observations of plumes of industrial smoke, exhaust, and the tendrils of smoke rising from rural burn barrels. Her small-scale paintings are a collision of plein air landscape work, and painterly abstraction. The series is a prolonged meditation on environmental risk and political dismay with such evocative imagery. Smoke obliterates, smothers, cleanses, carries portent and metaphor, pollutes, and transforms.

Theresa Hackett: Hackett thinks of her paintings as problems constructed for herself and to try to solve through exploration and experimentation. The artist's formal decisions

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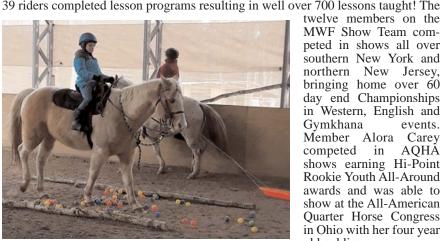
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The Tri-Valley FFA Horse Judging team, all members of MWF, won the NYS Judging competition in Syracuse in August affording them the opportunity to trav-el to Indianapolis for the National event. There, the team of Emily & Alora Carey, Gail McAndrew and Cathy Flores placed Silver overall with team Captain, Emily Carey earning Gold status and a Championship jacket.

2019 has already been busy at Maple Woods Farm. This past weekend saw a packed arena for an Obstacle Clinic led by Donna Putnam of the Ulster County Horse Council. Clinics for Clicker training, Centered Riding Dressage, Showing, Jumping Courses and Mounted Shooting are planned and filling quickly!

For more information on the Clinics and lesson programs offered at MWF by Certified Instructor Amy Barkley-Carey, call 845 796 8753 or find Maple Woods Farm on Facebook.

twelve members on the MWF Show Team competed in shows all over southern New York and northern New Jersey, bringing home over 60day end Championships in Western, English and Gymkhana events. Member Alora Carey competed in AQHA AQHÅ shows earning Hi-Point Rookie Youth All-Around awards and was able to show at the All-American **Ouarter Horse Congress** in Ohio with her four year old gelding.

BCES and TCFD Committed to Healthy Exercise for All



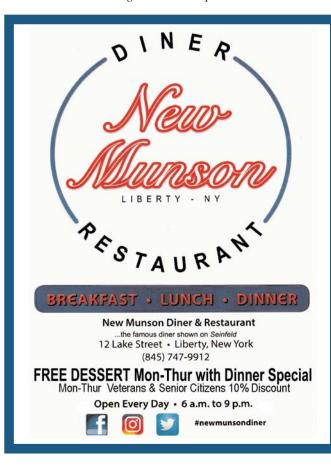
Left to right FCSD Superintendent of Schools Dr. Ivan Katz, BCES teacher Leah Exner, Hurleyville Resident Antwain, Member of Media Studio at TCFD John Conway, Hurleyville Resident Brian, and Director of TCFD Integrated Arts Department Jim Casten.

bringing the dream of this project to fruition.

Community and the well-being of its citizens. An element of The Integrated Arts Department program is recreation, exploring and learning about the outdoors. An important part of the BCES Trail is to make it universally accessible to all residents of Fallsburg and beyond. Research from TCFD and further collaboration will make the

Earlier in the project, TCFD made a financial contribution that helped pay for educational materials, signage and other critically needed items. The check presentation was directly across the street from "The Hurleyville Sentinel". John Conway, Editor-in-Chief of the newspaper and a Member of the Media Studio at TCFD, was on hand for ceremony. He has followed the BCES Trail Project from

day one and has consulted about the historical relics found during the construction in his role of Sullivan County Historian. The partnership between FCSD and TCFD will continue to thrive.



CWC New Featured Art Display



Alan McKnight of Woodstock is the featured artist at CWC through February 28. His exhibit, "Wet and Dry," includes 34 watercolors reveling in lush, waterrich locales in the Catskills and Adirondacks, and the parched beauty of the desert Southwest.

The public is welcome to view the exhibit in the Board room weekdays from 8 to 4:30, except January 21 and February 18. It's best to call ahead to make sure there are no meetings in the exhibit space. 905 Main St., Margaretville, 12455. Call 845-586-1400



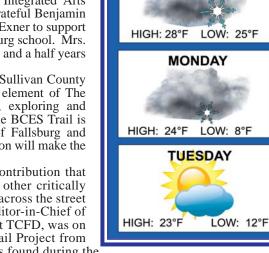
A group of Olive residents and consultants exploring flood mitigation measures for Boiceville visited the Olive Fire Department three years ago while compiling the town's Local Flood Analysis. The LFA recommended that the fire

hall be moved out of the flood plain.

The CWC Board of Directors on January 3 approved funding for the Olive Fire Department to purchase a parcel of land to move its Boiceville fire house out of the flood plain. The Board approved a grant of \$155,000 under the Flood Mitigation Implementation Program to purchase two acres of land along NYS Route 28 where the fire department will build a new structure outside the 100-year flood plain. (Contd. Pg. 11)

On January 4, 2019 The Center for Discovery Integrated Arts Department (TCFD) presented a \$2,000 check to a grateful Benjamin Cosor Elementary School (BCES) teacher Mrs. Leah Exner to support the Hiking Trail recently completed behind the Fallsburg school. Mrs. Exner is the Trail Administrator and spent the last two and a half years

TCFD's donation reflects their commitment to the Sullivan County Trail's universal accessibility a reality.



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Frost Valley YMCA Announces Spots Available in Little Rainbows Daycare CLARYVILLE - In response to the community's need for more options for quality, affordable daycare, Frost Valley YMCA recently opened Little Rainbows Daycare to serve Frost Valley staff members and their families, and the local community. Little Rainbows is a fully licensed daycare through the New York State Office of



Children and Family serving Services. infants through pre-K. There are currently only a few spots remaining. Located in Frost

Valley's newly renovated cottage on Frost Valley Road in Claryville, Little Rainbows is open from 7:30 a.m. -5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Three- and fivethrough day programs are available with rates starting as low as \$117 for three days a week. Healthy meals and snacks are included in the tuition.

Little Rainbows' staff members have college degrees in early childhood development. Little Rainbows provides a developmentally appropriate, edu-

cational, and values-driven curriculum for children of varying ages and skill levels. The daycare staff is M.A.T. Certified to administer both over-the-counter and prescription medications with physician's instructions. There is also medical staff on site. The health and safety of the children are a priority at Little Rainbows daycare.

For more information visit frostvalley.org/daycare, call Angel Morton, Little Rainbows Child Care Administrator at (845) 985-7343, or email amorton@frostvalley.org. Interested parents are urged to register right away since there are only a few spots remaining.

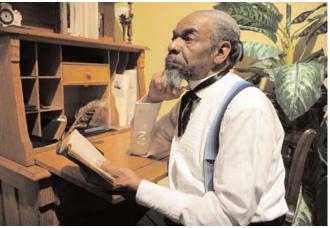
For parents in need of afterschool childcare, several spots have recently opened up in School-age Child Care at Tri-Valley Élementary School. The program, which is also offered by Frost Valley YMCA and its expert staff, is held in the elementary school immediately following dismissal until 5:45 p.m. Busing is available for a small fee. Families who are interested in registering their child for the Frost Valley School-age Child Care Program at Tri-Valley Elementary School are strongly encouraged to call 845-985-2291 right away to ensure their child's spot.

Film Screening Hosted at the Restorative Justice and Community **Empowerment Center** On Thursday, January 17,



2019 Salon Series Features Free Events in February and March The Delaware Valley Arts Alliance is excited to announce its 2019 winter Salon Series, featuring free

arts events on Saturday afternoons



throughout the winter.

Film

The series kicks off at 2pm on February 9 with the documentary "More Art Upstairs." The film follows four artists who venture outside Manhattan's art world to Grand Rapids, Michigan where they vie for critical recognition and to win over the public, who vote on which art wins half of the \$500,000 prize money. ArtPrize, the most highly attended art show in the world, awards cash prizes larger than all other competitions combined.

On Saturday, February 23 at 2pm, the series will continue with noted actor Oliver King bringing to life the words of the renowned abolitionist,

poet, and statesman Frederick Douglass. "Frederick Douglass was a catalyst. He had a prophetic nature about him, always questioning his state of being, 'Why am I a slave in this country? Why are we chained and treated like animals?" says Oliver King. "He was determined to escape bondage and never die a slave. He knew that one day he would be free. (Contd. Pg. 11)

DEP Provides Update on \$400 Million Program to Upgrade Infrastructure at Schoharie Reservoir

CALL Angel Morton (845) 985–7343 EMAIL amorton@frostvalley.org

The New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) today provid-ed an update to the Schoharie County Board of Supervisors on the \$400 million pro-



gram to upgrade water supply infrastructure at Schoharie Reservoir. The program includes a number of projects that strengthened have infrastructure and will improve operational flexibility at Schoharie Reservoir, which annually supplies about 15 percent of New York City's drinking water. Work on those projects began in 2005 and is expected to be finished in 2022.

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The upgrades at Schoharie Reservoir include three central projects. The first major project, a full-scale rehabilitation of Gilboa Dam, was completed in 2014. The \$138 million rehabilitation included the addition of approximately 234 million pounds of concrete, molded and dyed to resemble the original bluestone face of the dam, along with more than 500 massive spillway slabs and upgrades to the abutment walls that support the dam. The work at Gilboa Dam was recognized with several state and national awards for engineering excellence.

DEP is currently working on the other two largest components of the program at Schoharie Reservoir. Workers continue to build a low-level outlet that will be capable of releasing water downstream from Schoharie Reservoir into the Schoharie C Īreek. DEP is also making steady progress on a full rehabilitation of the Shandaken Tunnel Intake Chamber, which conveys drinking water from the reservoir into an 18-mile tunnel on its way to Ashokan Reservoir in Ulster County.

Progress on the Schoharie Reservoir release works

DEP has made substantial progress on the \$142 million project to build release works at Schoharie Reservoir. The release, also known as a low-level outlet, will give DEP the ability to release water downstream of the reservoir into Schoharie Creek to facilitate dam maintenance, respond to potential emergencies, mitigate flood risk for downstream communities, and enhance downstream habitat for fish and wildlife.

Tunneling for the new release works is nearly complete. Tunneling began after workers built a 182-foot-deep gate shaft to serve as the starting point for both legs of the tunnel. A 9.5-foot-diameter micro-tunnel boring machine began to excavate the new release tunnel in 2017. The micro-tunnel boring machine is unmanned and operated by remote control from the surface, where experts track its progress and performance by watching it on monitors inside a control room. Workers only entered the tunnel when the machine needed maintenance. (Contd. Pg. 14)



Welcome Back!

Blue Hill

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The Scene Too By Jane Harrison

I had a rather long conversation with a good friend who was a member of the pop group the OHIO EXPRESS back in the day who was surprised that my moving to this location was not predicated on the proximity to the original site of Woodstock.

That's what he called to talk about, this upcoming 50th anniversary. He was there in 1969 and was one of the persons who broke through the snow fence making it a 'free You can see him on the movie/documentary concert'. shown in Bethel's museum. He was also there on the 40th anniversary, and if you were there and had gone to the monument, you would have seen and heard he and his musical buddy Eddie playing there....for 9 hours.

He had heard that all the hotel rooms in the area had been sold out for months but he was still toying with the idea of coming up from his home in New Jersey. So we talked.

As little as 3 weeks ago, an insider at Bethel told me that this anniversary would be lectures, a museum pass (although it was not clear whether this would be included in the ticket price, discounted, or full price)...and 'retro techno' (whatever that is) music along with some 'local bands'. Now granted, this is 50 years later, many of the greats that were there in 1969 are now gone. Still. THIS is what will be offered to commemorate the most iconic festival in my and many other's lifetimes? My brain went into the 'Seriously?' mode.

For months now, another friend along with others have been scouting for Michael Lang, one of the original producers of the 1969 festival. He owns the name WOOD-STOCK (festival). Last I had heard, he was coming close to making a decision.

And then Michael Lang announced his 50th anniversary of Woodstock would be held in Watkins Glen. Around the same time, suddenly, there an announcement is made that Santana will be playing the 50th in Bethel. All political? Maybe. Or maybe, Bethel, it has been rumored, didn't want to pay for names to appear on this stage for this event, was forced to scramble because, who knows what musicians or groups Michael Lang has up his sleeve.

I will be watching and waiting. As will my friend Bob, referenced in the first paragraph. As will be the forty or so people planning to travel with him. Let the battle of the 50th BEGIN!

"Locals"

A Community Project

If you haven't seen it yet, stop by the Neversink General Store to view "Locals", a new community proj-ect that promotes getting to know each other better. The project, developed and produced by world renown local artist and photographer, Les Stone is the talk of the town.

Les has been busy, donating his time, taking portrait photos of people from our local community and documenting them at the Neversink General Store where the collection is on exhibit. Stop by and see how many of your family, friends and neighbors you can recognize during the showing of this composition. "Locals" - it is free and it is fun! Have your picture

added to the growing collection for posterity of family and community.

Stop by the Neversink General Store and set up a portrait sitting with Les for yourself, family or group of friends and become part of the presentation of this unique montage of human spirit that makes up our community.

Moving to Higher Ground(From Pg. 8)

The move was recommended in Olive's Local Flood Analysis (LFA), and received the support of the Olive Town Board in November 2018. The parcel, just east of Boiceville, is in the process of getting subdivision approval to separate the two acres from a larger, 29-acre property owned by Clarke Ulmer.

Boiceville Fire Company #5 is considered a critical community facility and thus is eligible for CWC relocation assistance. It becomes inaccessible during larger flood events. During Tropical Storm Irene (August 2011), the fire house was inundated with four to five feet of water, resulting not only in the loss of service during the disaster, but also accounting for approximately \$45,000 in damages. For more information on how to protect your property in the next flood, contact John Mathiesen at 845-586-1400.

Film Screening Hosted at the Restorative **Justice and Community Empowerment** Center

(From Pg. 9) "The Restorative Justice and Community Empowerment Center was built to change lives and provide opportunity before there was none" said Ulster County xecutive Mike Hein. "The screening of Circles is an excellent example of that, it is an event that can help show the realities of the restorative justice process.

Circles follows the personal and professional journey of Eric Butler, a Hurricane Katrina survivor and pioneer of the restorative justice movement, over two years as he relocates to Oakland, California and begins working with vulnerable Black and Latino teenagers in one of the city's most underresourced neighborhoods. Butler's restorative justice program endeavors to nurture and mentor troubled youth and disrupt the school-to-prison pipeline by keeping them in school and providing teachers with an alternative to suspensions and expulsions. With incredible ccess, Circles is an inspirational portrait of a father desperate to provide his son with the leadership and compassion he never received from his own.

"We can't afford to turn our backs on our kids," said Eric Butler, the founder of the Talking Peace model for restorative justice. "Suspensions and other forms of punishment serve the punisher more than they support the person who has been harmed, or harmed another; they don't actually solve the 'problem' at hand.'

Circles is directed and produced by Cassidy Friedman, who has also directed the documentary short Unstill Life, an Official Selection of the 2014 Long Island International Film Expo and The SoCal Creative & Innovative Film Festival. He has also directed the feature-length documentary Soledad with producers Van Jones and Glen Zipper. Cassidy is a Film Independent Fast Track fellow, Film Independent Docs Lab fellow, and Points North fellow. Cassidy has also written for the Times-News and received the Idaho Governor's Award for Excellence in Journalism, in 2009.

"Circles shows us how to make room for peace in the midst of chaos," said Cassidy Friedman, Director of Circles. "We see the power of conversations and the impact of putting relationships at the center of solutions to harm"

2019 Salon Series

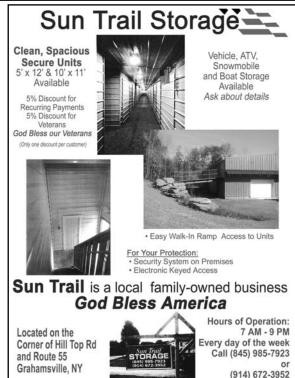
Features Free Events in February and March (From Pg. 9) If not for him, we would not have Martin Luther King, Oprah Winfrey, or President Barack and Michelle Obama.

King will perform Douglass's legendary speech "What to the American Slave is the Fourth of July?," which Douglass first presented at Corinthian Hall in Rochester, NY on July 5, 1852, more than a decade before Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863

The Salon Series continues on Saturday, March 2 with an old-school salon-style event, featuring an artist talk with DVAA's 2019 Artist_Fellowship Recipient in Painting and a reading by the 2019 Artist Fellowship Recipient in Literature - Fiction. Each will give a public talk about their work followed by a moderated conversation.

Following on Saturday, March 16 will be a performance of Natalia Zukerman's 'The Women Who Rode Away." Featuring original music and projected paintings by Zukerman. This intimate performance recounts the artist's journey of finding her own voice through the stories of the women in her life that paved the way.

2019's Salon Series wraps up on Saturday, March 23, with a family friendly show that welcomes audience partici-pation. "Roald Dahl's Villains on Trial" moderated by One Grand Books founder Aaron Hicklin asks the question, "who



is the most villainous villain of all?" An interactive theater performance in the format of a panel debate will feature The Twits, the Grand High Witch, The Giants

and Miss Trunchbull. Who will get your vote? DVAA is located at 37 Main Street, Narrowsburg, NY, and the events will take place at 2pm on the second floor in the intimate Krause Recital Hall.

Admission is free, and donations are appreciated. Seating is limited and available on a first-come, firstserve basis. Schedule is subject to change due to weather and circumstances beyond our control. Please call ahead to confirm each event. More information is available by calling 845-252-7576 or visting DVAA's

website, delawarevalleyartsalliance.org. The activities of the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance are made possible in part by a grant from the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Legislature,

NY Sending Out February SNAP **Benefits Early Due To Shutdown**

Most New Yorkers Receiving SNAP Will Get Full February Benefits by January 17

The New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance today announced that most recipients of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits will receive their full February benefits early, due to the ongoing federal government shutdown. Current SNAP recipients may receive their February benefits by Thursday, January 17.

Most recipients will receive their entire February benefit early, so it is important for SNAP recipients to budget accordingly considering the uncertainty caused by the federal shutdown.

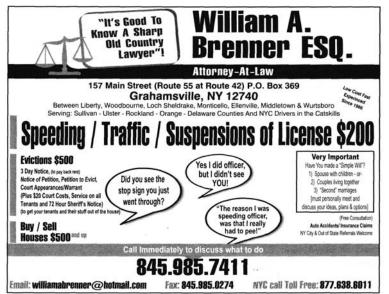
'New Yorkers receiving their February SNAP benefits early need to carefully plan their food budgets as this will need to last through the entire month," said Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance Commissioner Samuel D. Roberts. "We will continue to work closely with our local partners to ensure that all SNAP recipients get their February benefits.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has instructed states to issue full February benefits early. This not an 'extra" or "bonus" benefit and households will not receive a second benefit for the month of February.

Current SNAP recipients, due to receive February benefits, who do not receive their benefits as part of the early issuance and who live outside of New York City, will receive them on February 1.

Current SNAP recipients, due to receive February benefits, who do not receive their benefits as part of the early issuance and who live in New York City, will receive them on their regularly scheduled February benefit issuance date.

OTDA has not yet received any information from the federal government about March SNAP benefits. We will continue to work closely with the federal government during the shutdown and will provide updates on our website at www.otda.ny.gov and through social media (links are available at the bottom of OTDA's home page) as it becomes available.



Governor Cuomo Directs Flags to Half-Staff in Honor of Navy Chief Petty Officer Shannon Kent

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today directed that flags on State government buildings be flown at half-staff in honor of Navy Chief Cryptologic Technician (Interpretive) Shannon M. Kent, who was killed in Syria on Jan. 16. Chief Petty Officer Kent lived in Maryland and grew up in Pine Plains, New York. Flags will be lowered from today until interment.

"The family of New York mourns the loss of Chief Petty Officer Shannon Kent, a courageous sailor who was killed in Syria earlier this week," Governor Cuomo said. "Chief Petty Officer Kent stepped up to serve her country and dedicated herself to a life of service, following in the footsteps of her father Colonel Stephen J. Smith of the State Police. We owe her our eternal gratitude for her selfless dedication and sacrifice. On behalf of all New Yorkers, I extend my deepest sympathies to her family and loved ones."

Governor Cuomo has directed that the flags on all State buildings be lowered to half-staff in honor of and in tribute to New York service members and those stationed in New York who are killed in action or die in a combat zone.

REP. DELGADO'S WEEK IN WASHINGTON

Rep. Delgado Delivers First Speech on Floor of House of Representatives, Honoring Major James M. Brophy

WASHINGTON, DC -- Representative Antonio Delgado (NY-19) delivered his first speech on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives, honoring Major James M. Brophy from Staatsburg, who lost his life while serving our country. He was laid to rest in Poughkeepsie on Friday.



"Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor Major James M. Brophy, a Marine from Staatsburg, who lost his life while serving our country and was laid to rest this past Friday."

"Major Brophy was a decorated combat veteran who served in Afghanistan, as well as Japan. He dedicated his life to our nation and he was a devoted father, husband, and son."

"This is a tremendous loss to not only his family but to the entire Dutchess County community, and he serves as an example to all of us.

"My thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends, and I want to offer my sympathy, support, and gratitude for his selfless service to our country."

Maj. James Brophy's life was celebrated by hundreds on Friday, more than a month after his death in a military plane crash off the coast of Japan. Expanding Rights of Americans with Disabilities Is Focus of Delgado-Backed Bill Bipartisan legislation introduced today with Delgado's support helps those seeking in-home care

Washington, D.C. - Rep. Antonio Delgado (D-NY) joined Rep. Jim Sensenbrenner (R-WI) and additional members of the U.S. House of Representatives to introduce a bipartisan bill that would support Americans with disabilities by increasing their options for independent, in-home care.

"Americans with disabilities have a Constitutional right to live independently, but too often, those who can live on their own with accommodations are pushed to nursing homes or other institutions when that is not necessary or preferred," said Rep. Delgado. "I'm glad to join my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to expand the groundbreaking Americans with Disabilities Act so we can better support folks with disabilities in Upstate New York and across the country." The bipartisan Disability Integration Act expands

The bipartisan Disability Integration Act expands upon the 1990 Americans with Disabilities Act by making clear that every individual eligible for long term services and support (LTSS) has the right to choose how they receive support and assure that the states and other LTSS funders provide services in ways that allow beneficiaries to live as independently as possible.

Among other things, the bill establishes a comprehensive state planning requirement comparable to the transition planning processes required under the ADA and would require them to address the need for affordable and accessible integrated housing, as well as establish targeted enforcement measures.

Rep. Delgado to Serve on Agriculture, Transportation & Infrastructure Committees

WASHINGTON, DC -- In the 116th Congress, Representative Antonio Delgado (NY-19) will serve on the Agriculture Committee and the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.

"From Day One I've said I want to focus on the priorities of our district, and these committee assignments will give me the ability to do that every day in Congress," said Delgado. "As a member of these committees, I can advocate for key issues ranging from supporting our farmers to expanding rural broadband to improving our water infrastructure. I look forward to working with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to make advancements that will have a real impact on families, farmers, and businesses in Upstate New York."

As a member of the Agriculture and Transportation and Infrastructure Committees, Delgado will analyze, amend, and pass key pieces of legislation that directly impact family farms in Upstate New York, water infrastructure in Hoosick Falls, rural broadband for families and local businesses, and implementation of the new Farm Bill, including its important programs for dairy farmers.

The Transportation and Infrastructure Committee has jurisdiction over all transportation, including highways and bridges, and national infrastructure including water infrastructure and rural economic development. The Agriculture Committee has jurisdiction over a breadth of issues affecting farms and the environment, including crop insurance, rural agriculture development, and food assistance programs.

Letter from Governor Cuomo - 2019 Justice Agenda - The Time is Now

Dear Fellow New Yorker,

Today I took great pride in delivering my annual State of the State Address, laying out my priorities for the year ahead.

Our plan, the 2019 Justice Agenda, is an ambitious and far-reaching set of proposals to advance social and economic progress for all New Yorkers. The Time Is Now.

While the federal government can't keep the lights on and the shutdown persists, New York will continue to show the nation what responsible progressive government can achieve and deliver.

The 2019 Justice Agenda includes actions to:

o End our unjust and discriminatory cash bail system

o Advance reproductive justice and women's equality by passing RHA and a constitutional amendment to codify Roe v. Wade into state law, passing ERA, increasing protections against sexual harassment in the workplace, modernizing pay equity law, reducing maternal mortality and morbidity and racial disparities, and more

o Strengthen our gun laws by passing a Red Flag Law and extending the background check waiting period to 10 days

o Protect LGBTQ rights by passing the Gender Identity and Expression Non-Discrimination Act and banning conversion therapy once and for all

o Remove corporate money from politics by closing the LLC loophole and banning corporate campaign contributions

o Make voting easier with universal vote by mail, statewide early voting, same-day voter registration, making election day a state holiday, and more

o Pass the DREAM Act and open the doors of higher education to thousands of New Yorkers

o Invest an additional \$150 billion into our state's nationleading infrastructure program

o Launch the Green New Deal - a nation-leading clean energy and jobs agenda that will combat climate change and put the state on a path to carbon neutrality

Expand protections for public-sector union members
Codify key ACA provisions into law, including coverage for pre-existing conditions

o Invest an additional \$2.5 billion in clean water infrastructure to ensure the quality of our drinking water for generations to come

o Legalize the adult use (21+) of marijuana and reduce the impacts of criminalization that affect communities of color

o Achieve economic justice by continuing the phase-in of middle class tax cuts, extending the millionaire's tax, and making the highly successful property tax cap permanent

For a full list of this year's proposals, see the 2019 State of the State book at https://www.us15.list-manage.com/track/click?u=6c617bf6530d32b310190793d &id=ea73f8815c&e=13f976f567.

While extreme conservatives in Washington govern by division and dysfunction, New York State will raise the beacon of progress and take action to make a real difference in people's lives.

We will deliver on the most progressive and productive agenda in our state's history.

Ever Upward,

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo

State Senator Jen Metzger Announces Committee Assignments Committees include Areas of Long Time Advocacy and Involvement

(Albany, NY) State Senator Jen Metzger (District 42) announced her Senate committee assignments today. In addition to chairing the Senate Agriculture Committee, she will serve on the Environmental Conservation, Education, Health, Energy and Telecommunications, and Local Government Committees.

"I am so pleased to have the opportunity to help shape policy on issues that I care deeply about, and that are of such vital importance to the well-being of our communities," said Senator Metzger.

Senator Metzger will bring a long record of experience to her committee work. Prior to being elected to the State Senate, Metzger served in local government for more than a decade in her hometown of Rosendale, where she chaired the Rosendale Environmental Commission for many years, and served on the Town Council and as Deputy Town Supervisor. She was also the co-founder and Director of Citizens for Local Power, a non-profit organization and utility watchdog working to transform energy policy and help communities shift to a clean energy economy. She holds a Ph.D. in political science from Rutgers University.

"As a longtime local elected official, I understand first-hand the challenges that our towns face, and I look forward to addressing those challenges," Metzger explained. "I have also worked for years toward fully and fairly funded schools, affordable healthcare for all, and building a locally-based clean energy economy. This is why I was elected, and these committee assignments will allow me to continue that work in the Senate."

The 42nd District also faces significant challenges with access to broadband and cell phone coverage with large parts of the district completely devoid of high-speed broadband services. Metzger has underscored the economic, educational, and safety consequences of such a lack of modern communications infrastructure and looks forward to working with her colleagues to find solutions.

Jen Metzger represents the 42nd Senate District, which includes all of Sullivan County and parts of Delaware, Orange, and Ulster Counties. She serves as Chair of the Agriculture Committee and sits on the Environmental Conservation, Education, Health, Energy and Telecommunications, and Local Government Committees.

UC Executive Mike Hein Proclaims the Week of January 21st as No Name-Calling in Ulster County

Kingston, NY - Ulster County Executive Mike Hein proclaims the week of January 21st No Name-Calling Weekin Ulster County. No Name-Calling Week (NNCW) is a national bullying prevention campaign developed by the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network (GLSEN) and is co-sponsored locally by the Hudson Valley LGBTQ Community Center. The week is rooted in the idea of #KindnessInAction, recognizing the importance of kindness and actively adding kindness into every action to create safe schools free from name-calling, bullying and bias. This is the 9th consecutive year that Ulster County is highlighting No Name-Calling Week.

Michael P. Hein, Ulster County Executive

"I am pleased to once again highlight GLSEN's No Name-Calling Week in partnership with the Hudson Valley LGBTQ Community Center to address the serious issue of bullying," said County Executive Mike Hein. "Unfortunately, statistics show that those students who are affected by bullying and name-calling often experience a negative impact on their academic achievement, education aspirations and psychological well-being. No Name-Calling Week provides an opportunity to celebrate kindness while reminding our youth that bullying and name-calling have no place in our schools. To help address cyberbullying in Ulster County, we recently partnered with the LGBTQ Community Center to launch an important social media campaign utiliz-

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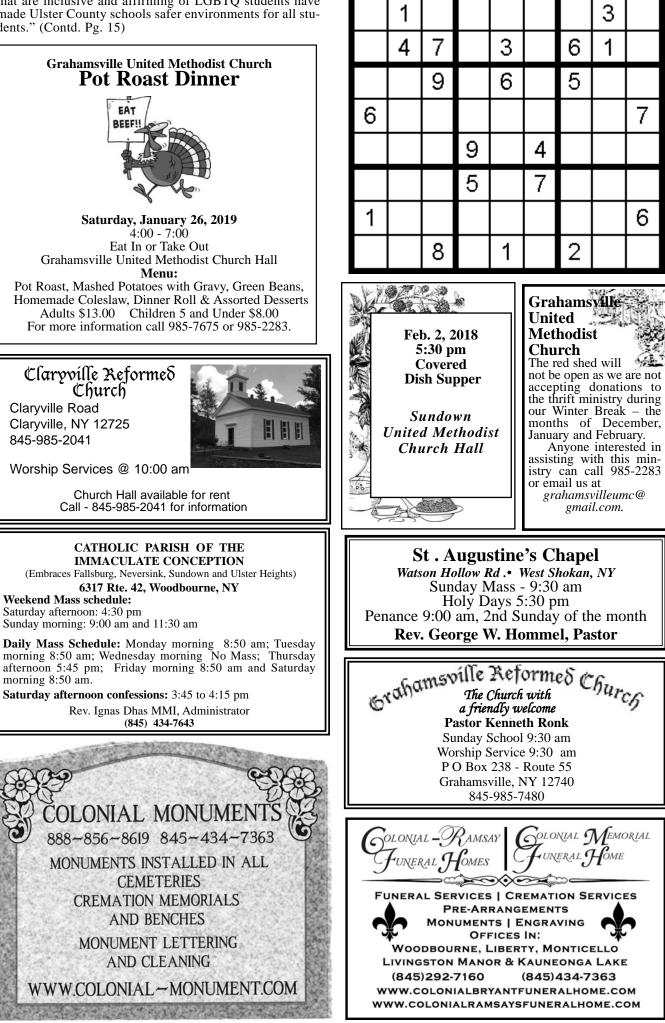
Archdiocesan Confession Day The annual pre-Christmas Reconciliation Monday, conducted throughout the Archdiocese with extended confession hours, is this year on Monday, December 17th, here from 4:00 - 5:00 pm and 7:00 - 8:00 pm.

EN? ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL MISSION The Little Church with the Big Heart Sunday, 8 am Service of Holy Communion, except: Second Saturday of each month, 12:00 noon Music by Fred VanWagner Coffee hour follows service All are welcome! 5277 State Rt. 42• South Fallsburg 845-436-7539 www.standrewsepiscopalmission.org Sundown United Methodist Church Peekamoose Rd., Sundown Sunday Worship Service - 8:30 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study - 6:45 p.m. Pastor: Rev. Seung Jin Hong e-mail: Sundownumc@gmail.com Grahamsville United Methodist Church Rte. 55, Grahamsville Sunday Worship Service - 10:30 a.m. Sunday School for grades k-7 - 10:30a.m. Mid-week Bible Study opportunities available! For information contact Rev. Seung Jin Hong. 845-985-2283 e-mail: Grahamsvilleumc@gmail.com Loucks Funeral Home

Geoff and Heather Hazzard "Celebrating Life, One Family at a Time" 79 North Main Street Ellenville, New York (845) 647-4343 ing Snapchat and Instagram platforms to educate the community and help protect our youth from cyberbullying."

Rob Conlon, Co-Chair, GLSEN Hudson Valley

"GLSEN's recently released 2017 National School Climate research makes clear that many LGBTQ students in New York continue to face hostile environments even with the Dignity for All Students Act (DASA) designed to protect them from bullying and harassment in school," Rob Conlon, Co-Chair, GLSEN Hudson Valley. "GLSEN Hudson Valley is fortunate to have Ulster County Executive Mike Hein as a partner in improving school climate in Ulster County. Every year, he has encouraged school and community leaders to participate in No Name-Calling Week, which highlights the power of kindness in action. His efforts to ensure schools implement practices that are inclusive and affirming of LGBTQ students have made Ulster County schools safer environments for all students." (Contd. Pg. 15)



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LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES:

DEP Provides Update on \$400 Million Program to Upgrade Infrastructure at Schoharie Reservoir

(From Pg. 9) The tunneling work included the construction of approximately 2,118 linear feet of tunnel running as deep as 185 feet below the surface.

Last May, DEP announced that it finished the land leg of the new release tunnel, which ran 1,188 feet from the gate shaft near Route 990V to the location of a future valve chamber on the eastern bank of Schoharie Creek.

In October, excavation began on the water leg of the tunnel, which stretches approximately 930 feet from the gate shaft to an intake structure at the bottom of Schoharie Reservoir, several hundred feet south of the dam. DEP expects the water leg to be finished as early as this weekend. Once workers bore into the bottom of the reservoir, a specialized dive team will remove the micro-tunnel boring machine from the 135-foot-deep water and install the remaining parts of the intake structure. Some of that work, including the removal of the micro-tunnel boring machine, will likely wait until spring when the reservoir is free of ice.

As the tunnel was constructed, workers also made progress on the low-level outlet valve chamber, which will regulate the flow of water into Schoharie Creek. It will include two valves capable of releasing about 65 million to 1,550 million gallons of water each day. A third, smaller valve will be capable of smaller releases up to 65 million gallons per day.

Over the past year, DEP has made substantial progress on the foundation of the future valve chamber, which included pouring a thick concrete slab and anchoring it to the bedrock below. Workers also installed pipes that will eventually be connected to the valves that regulate flow. In 2019, DEP plans to continue building the remaining portions of the valve chamber, install the valves, and finish the channel that will convey that water into Schoharie Creek.

DEP is continuing to work with experts from the state Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) to finalize a plan for how the release works will be used to support the ecological health of Schoharie Creek and mitigate flood risk for downstream communities. This analysis will likely include the installation of a high-level outlet at Gilboa Dam. A high-level outlet would allow DEP to release water from higher elevations in the reservoir during much of the year, thereby preserving the cold water at the bottom for diversion through the Shandaken Tunnel to support the Esopus Creek's trout fishery. Additional details on these downstream releases are pending coordination with and review by the state DEC.

Progress on the Shandaken Tunnel Intake Chamber

DEP has also made considerable progress on the \$47 million rehabilitation of the Shandaken Tunnel Intake Chamber (STIC). That facility controls the flow of drinking water from Schoharie Reservoir into the Shandaken Tunnel, which travels 18 miles through the Catskills. The tunnel discharges water into the Esopus Creek, in which the water travels another 11 miles to help refill Ashokan Reservoir throughout the year.

The STIC rehabilitation project includes replacing eight sluice gates that control the flow of water into the Shandaken Tunnel by opening and closing large waterways. The gates within the intake structure were installed during the 1920s when the reservoir was built. Three of the gates are currently stuck because they broke off their lifting mechanisms and became wedged in place. Last year, skilled divers descended about 130 feet into the gate shaft and used sonar equipment to take precise measurements of the gates and the grooves that guide them. Those measurements are being used to fabricate new gates, lifting mechanisms and other infrastructure to restore the full function of the intake chamber.

Work on that effort will continue in 2019. The Shandaken Tunnel will be shut down from March 1 - April 30 this year while workers install a plug and bypass system within the intake structure. The approximately 8-foot-diameter plug will block the flow of water into the Shandaken Tunnel and prevent divers from being pulled into the tunnel while they remove and replace the old gates. The bypass system - which includes a pipe that runs through the plug - will allow DEP to safely move up to 100 million gallons of water each day into the tunnel without harming the divers or their work.

DEP will replace the sluice gates once the plug is installed. That work will take approximately two years, from 2019-2021. DEP's ability to move water from Schoharie Reservoir into the Esopus Creek will be limited during that time. While the gravityfed bypass pipe can convey up to 100 million gallons of water each day, its capacity at any given time will depend upon reservoir elevation.

A portion of the limited-capacity bypass system will be left in place and modified after the rehabilitation of the Shandaken Tunnel Intake Chamber is finished. The pipe will be connected to an articulating arm, which can pivot 45 feet up and down, giving DEP the ability to draw water from multiple depths within

Schoharie Reservoir for the first time. The current intake structure only draws water from the bottom of the reservoir. In the future, this intake will help DEP convey higher quality water from Schoharie Reservoir and extend the life of its cold-water bank that supports the trout fishery on the Esopus Creek. Workers last year cored a 5-foot-diameter cylinder through the outer wall of the intake chamber in preparation for the bypass pipe. Additional cores will be drilled through the shaft wall this year to allow for the installation of the bypass pipe, its control valves and other components.

In 2018, DEP also began work to improve the exterior and interior of the chamber. Approximately 4,200 slate shingles were installed on the roof of the chamber, along with new copper gutters. The bluestone structure was cleaned using a special micro-abrasion method to restore its original luster. All the lead paint inside the chamber was also successfully removed. Work on the building this year will include the installation of new energy-efficient windows and insulation. The inside of the building will be refurbished to include offices for approximately 12 DEP employees who work at Schoharie Reservoir and its watershed.

Future work at Schoharie Reservoir

Once construction is completed on the three central projects, DEP will also work to restore the worksite to resemble its original condition. Grass and trees will be restored to areas that were taken up by construction equipment and work trailers.

In addition, DEP will build a new public overlook on the eastern side of Gilboa Dam, along Route 990V. The new overlook will include benches and a scenic vista of Schoharie Reservoir and Gilboa Dam. A decorative-stone wall will include information displays about the New York City water supply, the history of Gilboa, and watershed recreation opportunities. Several of the 380-million-year-old Gilboa fossils - remnants of the oldest forest in the world - will also be displayed for people to enjoy at the new overlook.

About Schoharie Reservoir

Schoharie Reservoir, the northernmost reservoir in New York City's water supply system, was built from 1919 to 1927. It was formed by the construction of Gilboa Dam, 2024 feet long and 182 feet high, which impounded the waters of Schoharie Creek. Schoharie Reservoir can store up to 19.6 bil-

lion gallons of water, and it accounts for nearly 15 percent of the drinking water delivered to New York City each day. Schoharie Reservoir collects water from a 314-square-mile watershed. It diverts that water through the 18-mile Shandaken Tunnel, which discharges into the Esopus Creek where it travels another 11 miles before entering Ashokan Reservoir. From Ashokan Reservoir, the water flows south through the 92-milelong Catskill Aqueduct to New York City.

DEP manages New York City's water supply, providing more than 1 billion gallons of high-quality water each day to more than 9.6 million New Yorkers. This includes more than 70 upstate communities and institutions in Ulster, Orange, Putnam and Westchester counties who consume an average of 110 million total gallons of drinking water daily from New York City's water supply system. This water Catskill, comes from the Delaware, and Croton watersheds that extend more than 125 miles from the City, and the system comprises 19 reservoirs, three controlled lakes, and numerous tunnels and aqueducts. DEP has nearly 6,000 employees, including almost 1,000 scientists, engineers, surveyors, watershed maintainers and other professionals in the watershed. In addition to its \$70 million payroll and \$168.9 million in annual taxes paid in upstate counties, DEP has invest-ed more than \$1.7 billion in watershed protection programsincluding partnership organizations such as the Čatskill Watershed Corporation and the Watershed Agricultural Councilthat support sustainable farming

Anticipated Opening Tri-Valley Central School

Director of Pupil Personnel Services

The Tri-Valley CSD is seeking a Director of Pupil Personnel Services. Candidates should possess specific leadership, programming, personnel and fiscal oversight success. This position will work collaboratively with the district administrative team to provide direction and oversight for leadership and coordination of all aspects of pupil personnel services: medical and health services, psychological and social work services, speech/hearing/assistive technology and special education.

NYS SDA or SDL certification with teaching exp. and a min. of (3) years administrative exp.

Forward letters of interest by Feb. 15th To: recruitment@scboces.org or mail it to: Sullivan County BOCES Recruitment Service, 6 Wierk Avenue, Liberty, NY 12754 Attn: Tri-Valley Search EOE

practices, environmentally sensitive economic development, and local economic opportunity. In addition, DEP has a robust capital program with \$19.4 billion in investments planned over the next decade 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.



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"Bullying in all forms is a major public health challenge and one that demands the attention of all stakeholders including parents, educators, community leaders and citizens from every walk of life," said Dr. Carol Smith, Commissioner of Health and Mental Health. "No Name-Calling Week, ´ and County Executive Mike Hein's leadership in shining a bright light on the issue, will help increase general awareness and

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name-calling-week. To highlight GLSEN's NNCW, GLSEN Hudson Valley and the Hudson Valley LGBTQ Community Center will be hosting its Student Creative Expression Exhibit at the Henry A. Wallace Center at the FDR Presidential Library in Hyde Park, New York March 18-March 22, 2019.

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Part-time Help needed for Special Events at the beautiful Claryville Event Center. Experience in restaurant service helpful. Ideal for teachers or college students. Call 845-985-0247.

Pizza Chef at Blue Hill Lodge & Cafe. For interview call 845-985-0247 and leave a message. We will get back to you.

Grahamsville Deli - Help Wanted -Full time/Part time. Please call 845-985-0107 for an appointment to come for a personal interview.





Met Opera: Live in HED Presents "Samson et Dalila" at SUNY Sullivan

(Loch Sheldrake, NY) The Metropolitan Opera: Live in HD presents Samson et Dalila at SUNY Sullivan's Seelig Theatre on Saturday, October 20. Start time is 12:55 pm. Mezzo-soprano El_na Garan_a and tenor Roberto Alagna join forces for the title roles. Darko Tresnjak, who won a Tony Award for Best Direction of a Musical in 2014 for A Gentleman's Guide to Love & Murder, makes his Met debut directing a vivid, seductive staging, featuring a monumental setting for the last-act Temple of Dagon, where the hero crushes his Philistine enemies. Sir Mark Elder conducts the first new Met production of the work in 20 years.

Ticket pricing: \$20.00 (Adults); \$10.00 (Children 13 & Under); \$10.00 (Students with valid ID). Patrons can purchase tickets at Seelig Theater the day of the performance. For more information, contact 845-434-5750, ext. 4377.

SCHEDULE OF MET OPERA:

LIVE IN HD PERFORMANCES AT THE SEELIG THEATER CARMEN (Bizet Saturday, February 2, 2019 Start:12:55 pm ~ Run time: 3 hours 21 minutes/1 intermission

LA FILLE DU RÉGIMENT (Donizetti) Saturday, March 2, 2019 Start:12:55 pm ~ Run time: 2 hours 25 minutes/1 intermission

DIE WALKÜRE (Wagner) Saturday, March 30, 2019 Start:12 noon ~ Run time: 4 hours 55 minutes/2 intermissions

DIALOGUES DES CARMÉLITES (Poulenc) Saturday, May 11, 201 Start: 12 noon ~ Run time: 3 hours 9 m utes/1 intermission.

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"Knarf's Classic Movie Trivia"

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 30, 2019 STARTING AT 3:00 PM

3:00 PM HUSH HUSH, SWEET CHARLOTTE (Horror, 1964) A wealthy southern spinster fights to keep her family's secrets hidden. Dir: Robert Aldrich – Cast: Bette Davis, Olivia De Havilland, Joseph Cotten: 5:30

Bette Davis, Olivia De Havilland, Joseph Cotten; 5:30 PM WHAT EVER HAPPENED TO BABY JANE? (Horror, 1962) A crazed, aging star torments her sister in a decaying Hollywood mansion. Dir: Robert Aldrich – Cast: Bette Davis, Joan Crawford, Victor Buono; 8:00 PM MCLINTOCK! (Western, 1963) A cattle baron fights to tame the West and his estranged wife. Dir: Andrew V. McLaglen -John Wayne, Maureen O'Hara, Patrick Wayne; 10:15 PM THE QUIET MAN, (Romantic Comedy, 1952) An Irish ex-boxer retires to Ireland and searches for the proper wife. Dir: John Ford – Cast: John Wayne, Maureen O'Hara, Barry Fitzgerald, Victor McLaglen, Mildred Natwick, Arthur Shields, Ward Bond, Ken Curtis, Mae Marsh, Jack MacGowran, Sean McClory, anf Francis Ford. American boxer (Wayne) returns to his native Ireland and falls in love with a spirited lass (O'Hara) - but has to deal with local customs (including the payed lass (O'Hara) – but has to dear with local customs (menduing the pay ment of a dowry) and the young woman's bullheaded brother (McLaglen). Boisterous blarney, with beautiful Technicolor scenery, and equally beau-tiful music by Victor Young. This film was clearly a labor of love for Ford and his Irish-American stars. Maurice Walsh's story was scripted by Frank Nugent. Oscar winner for Best Director and Cinematography (Winton C. Hoch and Archie Stout); 12:45 AM **THE BLACK SWAN**, (Adventure, 1942) When he's named governor of Jamaica, a former pirate sets out to clean up the Caribbean **Dir: Henry King – Cast:Tyrone Power**, Maureen O'Hara, Laird Cregar, Thomas Mitchell, George Sanders, Anthony Quinn, George Zucco. Power is at his dashing best in this liveswashbuckler from the Rafael Sabatini novel about rival pirate gangs in the Caribbean. Sanders seems to be having fun cast against type as a scurrilous brigand. Enhanced by Alfred Newman's music and Leon Shamroy's Oscar-winning Technicolor cinematography

Quiz: In the "THE QUIET MAN"

1. Who played Michaeleen "O" Flynn?

2. Who played "Red" Will Danaher?

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<u>SUNDOWN</u>

Feb. 2, 2019 **Covered Dish Supper** - Sundown Methodist Church Hall 5:30 pm

CLARYVILLE

Due to the weather last Sunday, the Claryville Fire Dept. All you Can Eat Pancake Breakfast will be held on Jan 27, 2019 7 - 12 Noon

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January 26, 2019 4:00 - 7:00 Grahamsville United Methodist Church **Pot Roast Dinner** • Eat In or Take Out • Grahamsville United Methodist Church Hall

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