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Storm damages bridge project

By ANYA TIKKA

POND EDDY, NY — Following the sudden violent storm that blew over the region on February 25, part of the rock platform D.A. Collins Construction company had built on the New York side of the future new Pond Eddy Bridge was washed away in the strong flooding caused by the storm.

Steve Franchak, Pennsylvania Department of Transportation's state inspector in charge, explained that the company had taken note of the weather forecast, and relocated all movable equipment to higher ground the day before the storm was slated to hit.

"They more or less knew it was coming over," he said. "They had everything out that they could possibly have out of there."

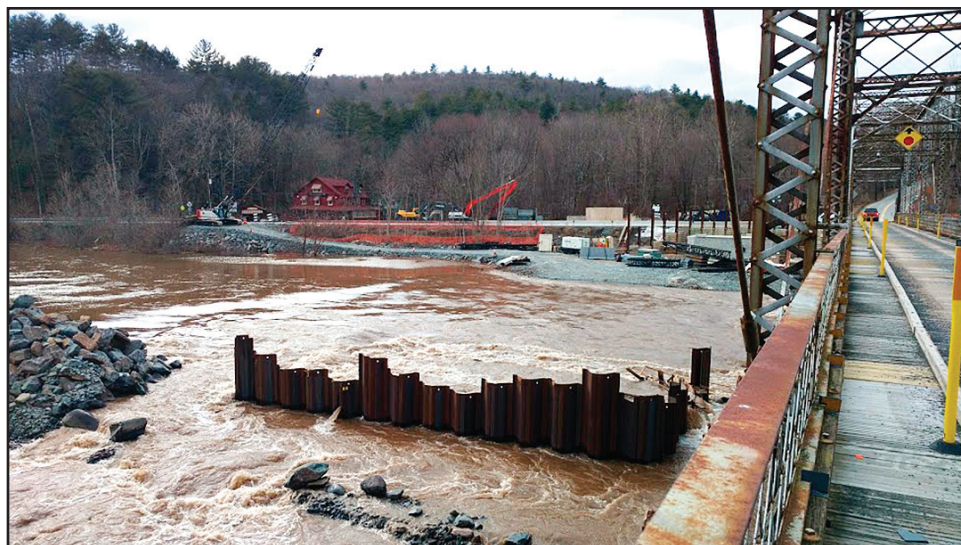
They were here Saturday taking everything out."

The crews were planning on pouring concrete on the footer on Thursday, but "That's not going to happen now," Franchak continued.

The rocks stayed in the river, but some of them were washed away with the strength of the storm. The construction crews are trying to retrieve as many of them as they can to continue with the construction.

It will take about a week to catch up on the project.

The whole bridge construction project is on schedule, and slated to open in late 2018, Franchak concluded. He said D.A. Collins is a good company, working on weekends to keep up with the planned schedule.



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Part of the rock causeway created to facilitate building the new Pond Eddy Bridge washed away after a storm.



TRR photo by David Hulse

Beware the lion after the lamb

HONESDALE, PA — In these parts, February 23 ordinarily is not a day to relax outdoors with a book. But with the noon time thermometer flirting with 65°, a bench in Honesdale's Central Park provided a fine spot to crack a book for Emma Holmes of Scranton.

Weather.com reported that prior to our past week of warmth, from February 17 to 24, some 2,900 daily warm records (record highs, and record-warm lows) were set across the U.S. Additionally, over 250 record high temperatures for any February day were also set, according to National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Centers for Environmental Information. A high of 70° was forecast locally for March 1.

The USA National Phenology Network (NPN) says that spring has already sprung in the southern states and is now showing up in places like southern Illinois and southern Ohio, and it's arriving on average about three weeks earlier than it did in the early 20th century.

A new set of maps and study (tinyurl.

com/z6ox3lf) show spring arriving at various locations and says that these warm early days may be pleasant, but they come at a cost. The report says, "For example, changes in the timing of spring can affect human health, bringing early-season disease-carriers such as ticks and mosquitoes, and an earlier, longer and more vigorous pollen season. And while a longer growing season can result in increased yields for some crops, it is risky because of the higher likelihood of plant damage caused by late frosts or summer drought."

"Even something as seemingly simple and beautiful as flowers blooming earlier can disrupt the critically important link between wildflowers and the arrival of birds, bees and butterflies that feed on and pollinate the flowers. Such changes may prove beneficial to some plants and animals, including some harmful invasive ones, but may be detrimental to others. Changes in seasons can affect economically and culturally important outdoor recreation activities, including... hunting and fishing seasons."



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Cardiac rehab week in Wayne

By DAVID HULSE

HONESDALE, PA — Delayed by a snowstorm in early February and their meeting cancelled, the Wayne County Commissioners finally got around to proclaiming Cardiac Rehabilitation Week last week.

The importance of the annual recognition week is related to the statistics. Coronary heart disease is the nation's leading cause of death, and Wayne County ranks sixth among counties in the Commonwealth in the number of coronary heart disease deaths.

Wayne Memorial Hospital Cardiac Rehab Unit Coordinator Nadine Greco reported that she now has 184 persons in the Honesdale health maintenance unit including "a lot of younger people."

The reasons include growing numbers of instances of obesity, diabetes and sedentary lifestyles. "I used to see women in their 60s. Now I'm seeing women in their 40s and men in their 50s."

Cigarette smoking remains a major contributor, and 55% of the population is overweight or obese. Lifestyles often don't provide any daily activity, she said.

Commissioner Brian Smith was surprised, since he said he sees so many people exercising these days.

Greco said problems often start with childhood obesity, which can easily lead to diabetes. Putting activity into a lifestyle should be a matter of habit. Ten minutes of vigorous activity three times a day will make a difference. The rehab program provides for the formation of the habit.

Rehab client Peter Wynne said he's been in the program for four years after suffering a heart attack. "After my last blood work, they told me I was younger than I was last year."

Client and Honesdale attorney Nicholas Barna said that he was lucky, having scheduled rehab immediately after a bypass operation 11 years ago, "It's a well-kept secret, and it shouldn't be."

In other business, the commissioners ratified a letter of commitment for the Wayne Economic Development Corp. (WEDCO) application for an Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) grant for technical assistance in developing an agriculture plan involving the county's "Wayne Tomorrow" plan and acceptance of a \$28,450 sub-grant for the use of the Ohio Risk Assessment System (ORAS) in the Wayne County Probation Strategic Plan.

They recognized the resignation of Paupack Township supervisor and Lake Wallenpaupack Watershed Management District (LWWMD) representative Tom Oakley and the appointment of James Martin to fill the LWWMD vacancy; and approved the March 27 promotion of Jamie Knecht as Wayne County Conservation District Manager, replacing Robert Muller, who is retiring.



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Wayne Commissioners Wendell Kay, left, Brian Smith and Joseph Adams are pictured with Wayne Memorial Hospital Cardiac Rehab Unit Coordinator Nadine Greco, seated center, and rehab clients Peter Wynne, right, and attorney Nick Barna.

IN BRIEF

NY Republicans propose free tuition

ALBANY, NY — Gov. Andrew Cuomo has proposed making tuition free at all SUNY and CUNY colleges to students who come from families that earn less than \$125,000 per year. This week the minority Republicans in the Assembly proposed making tuition free also for students in private colleges and universities who come from families earning less than \$125,000.

They would do that by expanding the existing tuition assistance program (TAP), which provides students with aid that ranges from \$500 to \$5,165 depending on the student's financial situation. The threshold for TAP assistance is for families that earn \$80,000 per year.

Under the Republican plan, that threshold would be raised to \$125,000. Republicans have said it's not fair to help only students who are going to public colleges as Cuomo's plan would do.

Cuomo's free college tuition proposal is supported by most New York voters, according to a recent Siena College poll that found that more than 60% of New York voters support Cuomo's plan.

Peifer named chair of PHEAA Board

HARRISBURG, PA — On Thursday February 23, Rep. Mike Peifer was elected as chairman of the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA) Board of Directors. Peifer said, "It is an honor to be asked to serve Pennsylvania's college-bound students and families as chairman of the PHEAA Board—especially considering the difficult challenges that many families must deal with when planning for a post-secondary education. I look forward to working alongside my colleagues to help ensure that higher education is affordable and accessible for every student who has the desire to work hard and achieve their goals."

PHEAA was created by the Pennsylvania General Assembly in 1963 and has since evolved into one of the nation's leading student aid organizations. The agency's earnings are used to support its public service mission for the commonwealth and to pay its operating costs, including administration of the Pennsylvania State Grant Program and other student aid programs and services. According to Peifer, this saves taxpayers millions of dollars each year while ensuring that every dollar that is appropriated to a student aid program goes directly to support Pennsylvania students.

Women of Distinction nominations sought

ALBANY, NY — New York State Sen. John J. Bonacic invited local residents from the 42nd Senate District to nominate colleagues, friends and neighborhood leaders whose exceptional work on the behalf of their communities make them deserving of special recognition as a New York "Woman of Distinction" by the New York State Senate.

"There are incredible women in New York State who devote a great deal of time, energy, and patience into making their communities stronger. The annual Women of Distinction Program provides the opportunity to recognize the success of these valuable women at the local level and celebrate their achievements at the state level. This program also provides a special occasion to thank women for their notable impact on the lives of others," said Bonacic.

To nominate a woman who lives in the 42nd district, send an email to Bonacic's office at tdowns@nysenate.gov or call 845/344-3311. Nominations must include a brief biography of approximately 300 words detailing the reason the nominee should be selected. Nominations must be received by March 24.

Bill would expand welfare fraud staff

HARRISBURG, PA — Three senators are advocating for additional investigators within the Pennsylvania Office of Inspector General with a sole purpose of finding welfare waste, fraud, abuse and misuse.

Senators David G. Argall, Ryan Aument and Mike Regan, all Republicans, introduced Senate Bill 425, which would require the Office of Inspector General to hire at least 50% additional staff dedicated to finding fraud within public assistance programs administered by the state's Department of Human Services and Department of Health.

Each welfare fraud investigator is able to identify over \$1.2 million on overpayments or fraudulent activity. The senators say that is a reason why this is a commonsense approach to saving valuable tax dollars.

"This measure will pay for itself again and again," Argall said. "We believe this proposal will maintain the integrity of our public assistance programs and keep a watchful eye over taxpayer dollars. Taxpayers are rightfully frustrated when they read reports of welfare fraud—we are saying enough is enough with those who swindle the public assistance programs."

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Constituents hold town hall without Faso

By FRITZ MAYER

KINGSTON, NY — Like hundreds of other representatives across the U.S., Congressman John Faso has decided not to hold any town hall meetings in this time of political turmoil. Not satisfied with that decision, residents of the New York 19th Congressional District held a town hall meeting without the congressman on February 24 at the George Washington Elementary School in Kingston.

More than 700 people turned out to the event, which was organized by the Hudson Valley Chapter of Citizen Action of New York, and another 200 remained outside because of the standing-room-only crowd. Among those in attendance was Kathie Aberman, a retired school teacher from Liberty.

She wrote that three panelists addressed the crowd. One was Kate Breslin, president of the Schuyler Center for Advocacy and Analysis, who spoke about the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and how Republican plans to repeal and replace it would negatively impact people, including those on Medicaid.

A second panelist, Emma Kreyche of the Workers' Justice Center, talked about how the Trump administration has expanded the number of immigrants now subject to deportation.

A third panelist, Roger Down, conservation director of the Sierra Club, talked about the Trump administration's effort to weaken or abolish the Environmental Protection Agency.

Faso has said that he will meet with people in small

groups of six to eight individuals. Asked what benefit there would be for Faso to meet with a much larger group with the media in attendance, Aberman said that when Faso deflects or doesn't directly answer a question in a large group, he will be challenged and the media will record that, and other residents of the district will have the benefit of that information.

She said, for example, that Faso has indicated that one of the changes to the Affordable Care Act (ACA) may be that the Medicaid portion of the ACA would be changed to a block grant program. In a large crowd, someone would point out that would very likely mean that over time Medicaid recipients would get less funding for health insurance.

Aberman also said Faso's attitude toward town hall meetings was very disrespectful to his constituents, and people would become more angered the longer Faso maintains that position.

In addressing why she went to the meeting, Aberman wrote, "I have worked for many years for civil rights—my parents were on the right side of history when there was a controversy about integration in the neighborhood where I lived as a child. The deepest lesson they taught me was that you don't 'put people in boxes'—of religion, race, nationality, ethnicity, sexual identity (and that was in the '50s)—and I have worked toward that ideal all my life. I am proud of the progress that we have made in this country, although there is still much to be done.

"I am dismayed at the attacks on women's reproductive freedom, especially in other parts of the country, horrified at the verbal and physical attacks on ethnic and sexual minorities, and angry that the environmental



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Protestors at a town hall meeting hold a sign calling for single-payer health care at a citizens' meeting in Kingston.

protections we have worked so hard for are being overturned, seemingly in the blink of an eye. As the daughter of an old-fashioned 'family' doctor who just took care of his patients, whether they had money or not, I am deeply concerned about millions of people losing their health care—and that includes people all over the country as well as my own children. I am watching John Faso vote in lockstep (87% of the time) with the Republican 'deconstruction of the administrative state agenda,' and I am angry that he has refused to hold an open public hearing to listen to his constituents and be challenged on his positions, that he only meets people in very closely controlled and monitored situations. I think that is cowardly."

[See editorial and letters to the editor on pages 6 and 7.]

Marino, Toomey constituents call for town hall

By FRITZ MAYER

HAMLIN, PA — Like many Republican members of Congress, constituents of Rep. Tom Marino are asking him to hold a town hall meeting. So far, he has not done so, and there are no plans to hold one soon.

On February 27, a group of about 30 constituents stood outside his Wayne County office to demand a town hall meeting. They didn't get one but they were able to meet—five at a time—with David Weber, Marino's district director and deputy chief of staff.

In the small meetings, which the media were barred from attending, the discus-

sion centered around the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Many people have expressed concern that while Marino has indicated a desire to repeal the ACA, he has not outlined his vision of what type of program would replace it.

At one point Marino's spokesperson Ryan Barton issued a statement about town halls and said Marino had hosted "many town hall meetings throughout our 15-county district" and he also hosted a number of telephone town halls that keep him connected to constituents.

It's not clear when or if Marino plans to hold another town hall meeting. The plan by protest groups is to continue them in "Marino Mondays" events.

Senator getting the same treatment

Sen. Pat Toomey is getting the same demand statewide from his constituents in "Toomey Tuesday" actions. Voters in Pennsylvania want him to hold in-person town hall events, not meetings over the phone, where critics say he has the ability to cherry-pick the questions that are asked.

Two groups of activist voters invited him to attend a town hall event that they organized at a church in Allentown on February 21, but he declined to attend. They held it anyway, and there was a large turnout.

In Philadelphia, Pittsburg, Scranton and other cities in PA, protesters have organized weekly "Tuesday with Toomey" events, which highlight a specific issue each week. A post on the group's Facebook page says, "We join together every Tuesday to ask Senator Toomey to listen and address the needs of all PA constituents."

On Tuesday, February 21, Toomey invited five picketers in front of his Harrisburg office in for a discussion. Then two days later at his Pittsburg office he met with a small group of protesters who had been picketing that office weekly. One of the protest organizers said the meeting resulted in a "respectful exchange."

Firefighters rescue man from icy pond

By FRITZ MAYER

MONTICELLO, NY — The relatively warm weather over the past couple of months has left many ponds and lakes in the region with thin ice. For this reason, the number of people and snowmobiles that have fallen through the ice this winter is higher than usual, according to numerous reports from media outlets.

The phenomenon came to Sullivan County on February 25, when a man fell through the ice at Stackhouse Pond in the Town of Thompson at the intersection of Anawana Lake Road and Lahan Road.

The Monticello Fire Department got a call about the incident at 3:32 p.m. and arrived on the scene just three minutes later, according to a press release from the department.

The press release said, "Rescue 22-61 arrived on scene reporting a victim through the ice approximately 50 feet from shore. Firefighters extended a ladder onto the ice and threw a rescue rope to the victim, who was dragged to the shoreline and safe within five minutes.

"The incident is being investigated by Monticello Fire Dept. and Sullivan County Sheriff's Deputies. Monticello Police were on scene and Mobilemedic EMS responded and interviewed the individual at the scene. He declined treatment."



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A man is pulled out of an icy pond on February 25.

Toronto 'bathing beach' hearing

By FRITZ MAYER

MONTICELLO, NY — The question of whether the Toronto East Access Area is a bathing beach or not was the question at the center of a public hearing at the government center in Monticello on February 21.

After being pressed to take action on the matter by the developer of the Chapin Estate, Steve Dubrovsky, and property owner Marc Bushell, the New York State Department of Health (DOH) determined that it is a bathing beach. But the company that owns the reservoir, Eagle Creek,

and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) say it's not a bathing beach, and therefore not impacted by DOH regulations that would require such amenities as a lifeguard and bathrooms.

Christine Westerman, the acting director of the Monticello DOH office, was on the stand for most of the session. Her determination that the access is a bathing beach was based on a 2015 letter from Brian Miner, director of the Bureau of Community Environmental Health and Food Protection, to Robert Gates, senior vice president of Eagle Creek. The letter said, "The department has surveyed the area on several occasions and has deter-

mined, based on the accessibility of the bathing area, the number of patrons and degree of control able to be exercised [by Eagle Creek] that the bathing area meets the definition of bathing beach as defined by Subpart 6-2 of Part 10 of the New York State Code Rules and Regulations...."

The attorney representing Eagle Creek, however, noted that there is no mention of any of those measurements in the code; therefore any determination made about how many patrons make a bathing beach, or how readily accessible it is, or how much control the owner might have over it, would be arbitrary.

The attorney also noted that property

owners in the Chapin Estate do not own the 50 feet of property from the lakeshore inland, and that the land around the entirety of the reservoir is not only owned by Eagle Creek, but also has an easement that allows for public use.

Nino Nannarone, co-chair of the group Friends of the Toronto Reservoir, which has waged a 15-year battle to keep the access open to the public, said he thought the hearing went in a direction that would result in a favorable outcome for his group.

The hearing will continue at an as yet unidentified date.

Byway reports Route 97 improvements

By DAVID HULSE

ELDRED, NY — Some four miles of narrow and crumbling shoulders of Route 97, and perhaps more, will be replaced between the Roebling Bridge and Barryville, Upper Delaware Scenic Byway (UDSB) Chair Glenn Pontier reported to the Highland Town Board on February 14.

Noting that regular maintenance funding was "irregular and not as good as it should be," Pontier said the Region 9 New York Department of Transportation (DOT) office acquired grant funding for this shoulder project. "If we're going to invite people here, it would be nice to have a road for them to travel on," he added parenthetically.

DOT's response was that repair funding is fixed, based on usage. "Other areas have more trucks and heavier traffic. We're not a priority," Pontier said.

However, he said shoulder funding is available. DOT suggested either the Roebling Bridge to Barryville section or the considerably longer Barryville to Mongaup section, saying they may not have money enough for both. DOT left it open to suggestion, and the UDSB consensus was the Highland section. "It's a perfect

grade and has poor shoulders."

Pontier said UDSB has "encouraged" DOT to widen the roadway for safety. Route 97 is also designated as NYS Bicycle Route 17. Because of narrow and deteriorated shoulders, the mixed-use highway "is not safe in some areas," he said, adding that the road needs 10 to 15 feet of widening wherever possible, as well as bicycle passing zones and rest areas. He said DOT has been slow to respond, noting that last year, "They spent six months replacing the [Route 97] bridge at Cedar Rapids, and there is no bike lane."

As far as the grant project is concerned, he said, "We will see improvements and maybe more if the money stretches."

Pontier also reported that UDSB requested and has been allocated \$20,000 in the Sullivan County budget. He said that money would go to brush clearance to reopen river views, administrative and promotional costs.

He also asked the town board for and was granted \$1,000 in annual town UDSB funding.

In other town business, Supervisor Jeff Haas reported that year-end 2016 figures showed a budget surplus of more than \$200,000. Haas also reported one of the ongoing zoning task force meetings he



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Highland Chief Constable Mike Walton, left, Councilman Jim Hanson and Supervisor Jeff Haas are pictured in the Eldred fire station, where Hanson and Councilman Fred Bosch have taken on the removal of the former sheriff's sub-station office. The office will be moved to the rear of the interior space, where it will replace the constables' office, currently located in the town court in Barryville. The move will allow indoor, out-of-the-weather parking for two patrol vehicles and expanded office space for the constables.

attended, saying "They've done a tremendous amount of work. I'm very impressed."

The board reported receipt of \$2,850 in county funding for Highland's two summer youth programs. They accepted the resignation of maintenance worker Paul Tully and agreed to advertise for candidates for the position. They authorized Awinita Stasilli, who is a member of the

Venturing Scout program, to erect two "welcome" signs, one on Route 97 at the Tusten border, and one on County Route 32 at the Lumberland border. As part of continuing work on a state sustainable energy grant, the board adopted energy benchmarking policy requirements for all municipal buildings based on 2014 energy usage.

Adult day care center opens

By FRITZ MAYER

HAWLEY, PA — The Wayne County Commissioners and the Wayne and Pike Area Agencies on Aging were on hand for the ribbon cutting of the Wayne County Adult Day Services Center on February 24 in Hawley. The center is being operated by Telespond Senior Services care for the most vulnerable.

PA Secretary of Aging Teresa Osborne called the work of the center important, "but it must be imbedded in reality. Our senior citizens expect and deserve real action to give them access to the support they need to live safely and well in their community."

The need for such a facility was validated by a community needs survey, and it will serve older adults with dementia or intellectual disabilities.

Warren Watkins, a board member of the Telespond non-profit company, said it is starting out small in Hawley, but he expects the program to grow as it has at similar facilities in Lackawanna County.

"The opening of the Wayne County Adult Day Services Center is vital to improving the lives of older Pennsylvanians and their caregivers in this largely rural area," Osborne said.



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PA Secretary of Aging Teresa Osborne addressed the crowd at the ribbon cutting for the Wayne County Adult Day Services Center in Hawley on February 24.

Wayne plans for agriculture's future

By DAVID HULSE

HONESDALE, PA — Though dairy may be in decline lately, Wayne County still has a major investment in agriculture, and agriculture covers a lot of ground in Wayne, both literally and figuratively.

Once a statewide leader in dairy production, between the two agriculture censuses of 2002 and 2012, Wayne County's number of dairy farms dipped from 157 to 92.

But farming of all kinds has increased 18% according to that same 2012 census. The number increased from 603 to 711 farms, covering just under one quarter of the county's 738 square miles (472,497

acres). Farming contributes some \$7 million annually to the local economy.

Portions of those farms are also among Wayne's 333,114 forested acres, some 70% of the county. The Penn State Extension values the county's standing forests at more than \$350 million, and the industry contributes more than \$2.25 million to the economy each year.

The county commissioners want agriculture to grow and diversify. They emphasized that in the "Wayne Tomorrow" segment of the county's most recent master plan update. They are seeking grants with the Wayne Economic Development Corporation (WEDCO). Earlier in February they approved an application for Appalachian Regional Commission, and

last week they approved a PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) application seeking \$27,500 for agricultural planning.

"We're hedging our bets. Anything we can get," Commissioners Chair Brian Smith said. Wayne Tomorrow has an active group that is planning expansion and inclusion of different production. These could vary as widely as hops and micro-breweries to a regional slaughterhouse, he said.

At least one area school district is working to put agriculture back in its curriculum and with it rekindle an interest in Future Farmers of America (FFA). "We want the kids to get an opportunity to get agriculture in the schools. Maybe [the future] won't be dairy, maybe grapes and

wine; maybe potatoes. We have the farms and the fields."

Smith said that in order to make their case, the ideas need to be documented in studies they hope to fund with these grants. "We have to do the background work to appeal to different people with different interests."

They have been pitching their ideas to PA Secretary of Agriculture Russell Redding, who has agreed to speak at the upcoming annual WEDCO dinner. "The secretary recognizes that we've got a good thing going on here," Smith said.

"The need for diversity is something we all acknowledge. It took a long time to realize that ag wasn't just dairy. We're trying to achieve something new."

School tax reform provokes alarm

By DAVID HULSE

WESTFALL, PA — Amid other business discussed at the school board meeting last month, Delaware Valley (DV) Superintendent Dr. John Bell hinted at the impacts of school tax reform; last week he rang the fire bell.

Using a ream of data provided by the seven major statewide associations representing public school boards, intermediate units, administrators, financial officers and teachers, Bell laid out a PowerPoint scenario in which the twice-failed reform bill, Senate Bill 76, could be revived and result in local economic as well as statewide educational chaos.

SB76 lost by a single vote the last time out in 2015, when Lt. Gov. Mike Stack (D), who presides over the state Senate, broke a tie with his negative vote.

Bell said the bill has not yet been re-introduced, that proponents had planned to quietly marshal their votes and "ram it through." But when the scheme leaked, the education lobby responded. Legislators have not been readily available to talk to school officials since then. "Last time Sen. [Lisa] Baker voted for it, but we don't know if she was supporting it, or already knew it would fail and was voting to stay in line with Republican leadership," Bell said.

In brief, the reform bill would replace \$14 billion in statewide school taxes by a 1.88% (to 4.95%) increase in

the income tax and a 1% increase (to 7%) in the sales tax. Items such as groceries, clothing, beer, liquor, non-prescriptive drugs and financial, funeral and salon services would become taxable.

School property taxes would cover only remaining debt and be replaced by quarterly payments based on the last tax levy, with guaranteed annual cost-of-living-adjustment (COLA) increases. New debt and budget increases beyond the COLA would require public referenda. "Just how receptive do you believe the public will be after the increases they will be getting in their income and sales taxes?" Bell asked.

Bell argued that income and sales taxes are cyclical and fall off in a recession, as they did between 2007 and 2010, a combined 15% according to Bell's presentation. "How would the state make that up to keep its guarantee? I don't believe it," he said.

If the bill should become law by June 30, DV would be on the hook for the cost of the recently approved \$10 million bonding of the Career Tech Education addition. "They're changing the rules in the middle of the game. We're not sure it would count as existing debt. It could require payment from our operations budget," Bell said.

Pike has many second and vacation homes, and the presentation represented the reform as a windfall for their out-of-state owners, to be made whole by Pennsylvania taxpayers.

The presentation also showed a windfall for the IRS, which would collect an additional \$600 million annually



TRR photo by David Hulse
Delaware Valley Superintendent Dr. John Bell is pictured concluding Senate Bill 76 PowerPoint program at the February 16 meeting of the Delaware Valley Board of School Directors meeting.

with the elimination of the property tax exemption.

Then there is the local economy. How will the many chain stores gathered on PA side of the New York and New Jersey border fare when the sale of groceries, over-the-counter drugs, beer and liquor prices all become taxable? Exemptions vary, but groceries and many of these items are not taxable in neighboring states.

Bell's presentation covered numerous details and concerns that will be posted on the district website. The presentation also directed residents to visit the PA School Boards Association site at www.pasbo.org/propertytax.

Bell strongly recommended contacting legislators and the governor and informing others in the community.

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■ EDITORIAL

‘Have some courage; face your constituents’

The calls across the country for elected members of Congress to hold town hall meetings have spread across the country, and the congressman for the New York 19th Congressional District, John Faso, as was noted in this space two weeks ago, has joined many of his colleagues in refusing to hold a town meeting.

He has said he prefers to meet with people one on one, or in small groups of six to eight people. It should be noted, however, that when it comes to meeting with larger groups for the purpose of raising money for his next campaign, it's a different story. He attended a fundraiser in Albany on February 22, where the donation for a dinner was \$2,700. Outside, about 150 protestors had gathered to demand a town hall meeting—an optic which is perfect to reflect our current political situation.

There are about 711,000 people in each of the country's 435 congressional districts. Let's say for argument's sake that because of concerns over healthcare, the environment and the Trump Administration's suspected ties to Russia, 1% of Faso's constituents wanted to speak to him directly. If Faso were to meet with eight people at a time, he would need 8,875 meetings to meet all of them. That is simply not possible in a two-year congressional term. If, on the other hand, he were to hold town hall meetings with, say, 200 people each, that would only require about 35 meetings, a much more attainable goal.

Faso, of course, is not the only congressman refusing to hold town hall meetings. Republican Rep. Louie Gohmert recently said in a statement on February 21, “the House Sergeant at Arms advised us after former Congresswoman Gabby Giffords was shot at a public appearance, that civilian attendees at Congressional public events stand the most chance of being harmed or killed—just as happened there.”

Giffords, readers may remember, was shot in the head by a crazed gunman at a public event—which was not a

town hall meeting—in 2011. So Gohmert used that isolated incident as a reason to avoid holding a town hall meeting.

Giffords, who struggled to regain the ability to speak and walk, issued a press release that said, “To the politicians who have abandoned their civic obligations, I say this: Have some courage. Face your constituents. Hold town halls.”

There was a time in the early days of the United States when every member of the House of Representatives represented about 40,000 people. Through the 19th century, as the population grew, the number of representatives also grew. Then in 1929, the Congress decided that 435 representatives were as many as would ever be needed. And so, while the population has soared, the number of representatives has not. Now each represents about 711,000 people.

That ratio of lawmakers to citizens is already nearing the zone of taxation-without-representation, and any further policies that erect barriers between the citizens and those who make the laws by which they must live are not acceptable.

Of course, not all lawmakers have abandoned the idea of holding town hall meetings, and the meetings that have taken place have provided lots of gripping footage for cable news programs.

One of the most dramatic moments came at a town hall meeting hosted by Sen. Tom Cotton (R-Arkansas), when a woman who feared that her husband would lose his health insurance shouted at him, “My husband is dying.... And you want to stand there, with him at home, [and] expect us to be calm, cool and collected? Well, what kind of insurance do you have?”

Faso has said he does not believe that town hall meetings with hundreds of people are productive. While it may be uncomfortable to witness that woman openly and very publicly share her plight with her fellow citizens, to suggest it has no productivity or value is to entirely miss the point of town hall meetings.

When that constituent's words prompted an instantaneous standing ovation from her countrymen, it sent a message to the senator, everyone in that audience and to the country and the world that there is now a consensus in the United States that healthcare is not a privilege available to only those who can afford it, but a basic human right.

So, have some courage Congressman Faso, hold a town hall meeting.

■ QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“To listen well is as powerful a means of communication and influence as to talk well.”

— John Marshall

■ LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Constituent disappointed at Faso no-show

I was disappointed with Congressman Faso's no-show at the Friday night meeting in Kingston, NY. There were 700 or 800 of us who wanted to share with Mr. Faso our concerns—and we do have concerns to the point of fear and anxiety. You are our representative in the House not just for some of us in the 19th District, but for all of us. You had another commitment, sure you did. You don't like town-hall formats, which originated right at the beginning of our immigrating to this land. You say the meetings are all heat and no light. There was plenty of heat and light Friday night. I wish we had elected somebody with enough guts to help us ward off the Trump invasion.

Tim Shera
Liberty, NY

One but not the other

Great coverage of the Women's March.

Disappointed no coverage of Pro Life march the following week.

Sad.

Frank Giabia
Lackawaxen, PA

[The River Reporter sometimes covers events outside the Upper Delaware Valley region when widespread attendance by locals residents is planned and readers tell us they will attend the event and provide us with pictures and/or information about it. Send any information about events you think might be of such interest to editor@riverreporter.com.]

Can't judge a book...

Talking with friends recently, the conversation came to the subject, “You can't judge a book by its cover.”

I said, “My dog is a perfect example of that!”

He's about three times stronger than he looks, about three inches shorter than a German shepherd. When I first got him, at 11 months old, he lunged and pulled me down. As I held the leash, he literally dragged me on my stomach through a field, across a stream and up the other side. I was over 200 pounds; he was about 60. Who'd a thunk it?

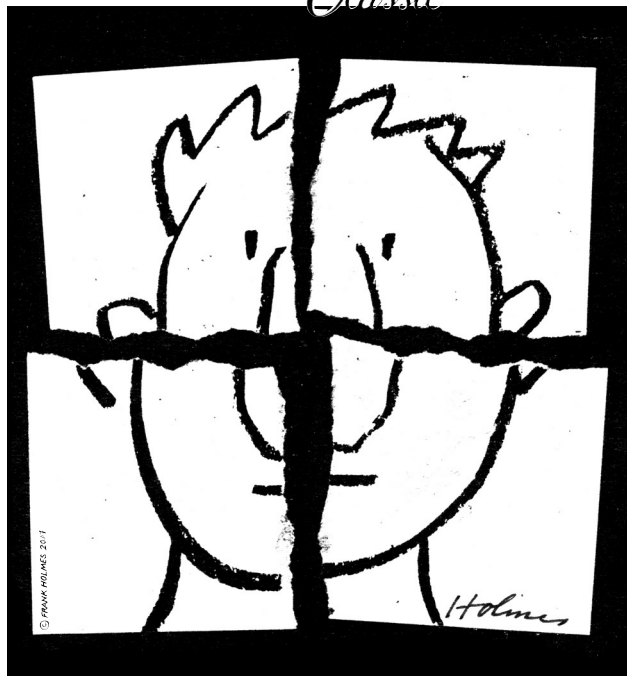
One night he got between me and a black bear, both snarling, growling, barking at each other. He didn't give an inch, and the bear left.

Once he was attacked by a pit bull and walked away without a scratch.

He came to my rescue when a St. Bernard tried to eat me. Though more than twice his size and weight, the St.

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DR. PUNNYBONE Classic



Drawn and Quartered

[THE RIVER REPORTER welcomes letters on all subjects from its readers. They must be signed and include the correspondent's phone number. The correspondent's name and town will appear at the bottom of each letter; titles and affiliations will not, unless the correspondent is writing on behalf of a group.

Letters are printed at the discretion of the editor. It is requested they be limited to 300 words; longer letters may not be printed, or may be edited down to the appropriate length. No letters or My Views in excess of 600 words will be printed. Deadline is 1:00 p.m. on Monday.]

LETTERS

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Bernard was no match for him. He was a blur of speed, strength, stamina and agility. Again, who'd a thunk it?

More input on the subject:
When I was training for a black belt, I found that the hardest one to fight in the dojo was the smallest one.

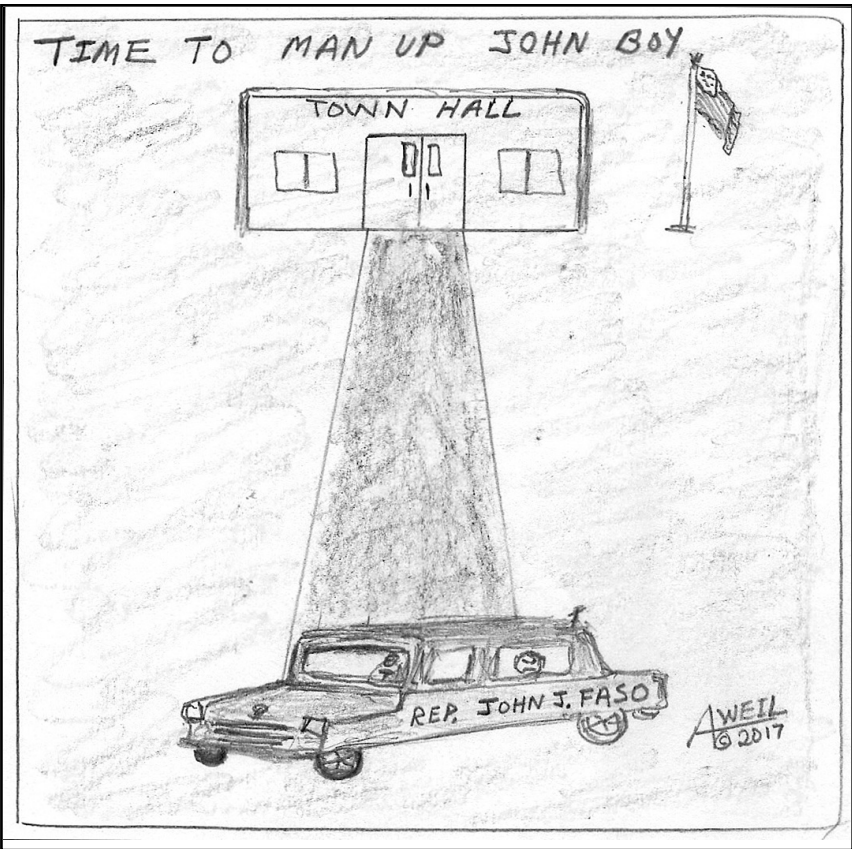
Mark Gastineau (a BIG football player) reportedly was beaten arm wrestling by a little guy—front page news years ago after Gastineau was charged with assault in the barroom brawl the event precipitated.

If you weren't familiar with Mike Tyson, but only heard him talk, you might fall over laughing if someone told you he was the heavyweight boxing champ.

A fellow I worked with years ago, nicknamed "Goody Two Shoes," got fed up with his bully. Pow, bam, poof, the bully lay unconscious on the floor.

Who'd a thunk it? You just can't judge a book by its cover!

Phil Yacino
Narrowsburg, NY



Andy Weil lives in Summitville, NY

Cartoon by Andy Weil



RIVER MUSE
By Cass Collins

A block of wood

Carved from a solid block of wood, oblong like an island and with a small hole in its middle that made it easy to grasp, it had an undulating form and a smooth surface that darkened with age and handling. In my world it had existed before me and it followed us from home to home, apartment to loft. It was neither signed nor dated and never had a name. It just was. Its smoothness and shape was always comforting to me.

At some point, I became aware that my mother had made it in a time before me, when she studied with Laszlo Moholy-Nagy at the School of Design in Chicago. Moholy, as she called him, was an art god in our family. My mother had been smitten with him, I realized sometime in my 20s, when I felt the same way about some poet or other.

During the best times, my mother would take my brother and me to the Museum of Modern Art and the Whitney Museum to see the works of Alexander Calder and Paul Klee and Pablo Picasso. I knew strange words like Gyorgy Kepes and the Bauhaus before I knew much else. But by the time she was taking us to museums, my mother had forsaken any hope of an artist's life. Even before my brother and I were born, she had been called back from Chicago to Pittsburgh to care for her two younger siblings by her own depressed mother. Later, she found work in advertising and made do as a single mother with two children in New York City. Art was only a dream then, and by the time she could have made it her life, her life was nearly over.

She passed her passion about art to us, and her creative talents were evident in everything from her style of dress to her home and career. But she also passed on a kind of fear of the artist's unsettled life. The idea of living without a steady paycheck was anathema to her and for good reason. She had only herself to depend on for much of her life.

As an early loft tenant in Soho, she used her creative eye to capture the rough and decaying city textures of that old manufacturing district with photography. She had a few gallery shows in the '70s, but abandoned even that when her third husband died suddenly at age 50.

I think it was the central tragedy of her life that she never fully explored her artist self. I have taken many lessons from her life, mostly what not to do, and this one has served me well. Although I have never supported myself or anyone else with earnings from my writing or performing, I have fed my inner artist with self-expression.

My mother spent her last years in a nursing home, having lost her mind along with her once-vibrant life. I tried to make her comfortable there, although I know she never was. One day, I brought the piece of sculpture to her, thinking it would comfort her. I imagined her holding it in her once-elegant hands, now knobby with arthritis, and turning it over, feeling its smooth turns and valleys, maybe even enjoying memories of her days in Chicago with Moholy.

Foolishly, I left the sculpture on her bedside table, within easy reach I thought. The next time I visited, it was gone. Other things went missing too, her wedding ring and a smoky topaz ring her last husband gave her. It's only the sculpture I miss now, and her, of course.

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■ COMMUNITY CURRICULUM

Get your computer questions answered at The Hub

PORT JERVIS, NY — Facilitator Ken Herbig will lead two free Internet-related sessions at The Hub at the Port Jervis Free Library over the coming week. On Monday, March 6 from 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. will be “Answer Hour—All About Computers.” This will be an open dialogue format, so you will not only be able to get your questions answered, but learn from the answers to other questions as well.

On Wednesday, March 8 from 10:15 a.m. to 12 p.m. will be “All About Google.” Google is an American multinational technology company specializing in In-

ternet-related services and products that include online advertising technologies, search, cloud computing, software and hardware. The class is designed not only to improve your searching skills (Google It), but also expose you to many of their other products and tools, such as services designed for work and productivity (Google Docs, Sheets and Slides), scheduling and time management (Google Calendar), cloud storage (Google Drive), social networking (Google+), language translation (Google Translate) and more.

A perspective on South Africa

BEACH LAKE, PA — Sheila Vaswani, award-winning retired teacher and noted Asian studies specialist, who is a frequent lecturer, will give a presentation entitled “South Africa 2016: Today, Yesterday and Tomorrow” at a service of the Upper Delaware Unitarian Universalist fellowship on Sunday, March 5 at 10:15 a.m.

Yoga 4 Classrooms workshop

LIBERTY, NY — School educators, teachers’ aides, youth leaders and community members are invited to a Yoga 4 Classrooms workshop on Friday, March 17 at Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County’s (CCESC) Extension Education Center on 64 Ferndale-Loomis Rd. Participants are advised to wear comfortable clothing and footwear and bring a bag lunch. No yoga experience or equipment necessary.

Jill Holland, Yoga 4 Classrooms implementation leader, will present this six-hour interactive, professional development workshop. Participants will, among other things, learn how to understand the neuroscience of stress, the symptoms, and how it affects learning and behavior; integrate 67 simple, classroom-friendly

The presenter will look at South Africa through a lens that reflects the culture, racial history, role of economics and geography in the development of the country. The service will be at the Berlin Township Community Center; refreshments and a social time will follow. For more information visit www.uduuf.org.

yoga and mindfulness techniques into a class day and with individual students to support self-awareness, self-regulation, social and emotional learning and resilience; and facilitate learning readiness.

Participants will receive a downloadable manual, note-taking guide and certificate of completion. Additional purchases for activity cards can be made at www.yoga4classrooms.com/activity-card-deck.

Cost is \$60 per non-school staff person. Registration with non-refundable payment is required in advance. School administrators should contact SueAnn Boyd at srb46@cornell.edu to register staff. Call 845/292-6180, email sullivan@cornell.edu, or visit www.sullivanccce.org.



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Chinese New Year at Cooke

MONTICELLO, NY — George L. Cooke Elementary School students celebrate Chinese New Year on February 15. Here, Ryan Speer’s fourth-grade students Claudia Corcos, Yuki Kwok and Ivon Diaz are seen watching a Chinese New Year PowerPoint presentation, part of the event.

■ BUSINESS BRIEFS



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A team of top producing realtors poses at Chant Realtors agents’ recognition luncheon.

Chant Realtors honors top producers

TAFTON, PA — Davis Chant, founder and chairman of the board of Davis R. Chant Realtors, applauded his sales force at the agents recognition luncheon at The Dock at Silver Birches on February 15. The company’s top producers as well as the entire Chant team were praised for another banner year, with sales volume in excess of \$239,000,000.

Top honored associates included William Clauss, Diane Gravel, the George Irish Team, Bill and MaryAnn Gilpin Team, Connie Petraitis, Stephanie Matolyak, Phil Arasimowicz, Bridget Gelderman, Burma Pedranti and Susan Lepore

Team, Kristee Thornton, Patti Steimling and Karen Rice.

Opening the luncheon was Darryl Davis, the renowned speaker, life coach and creator of the nationally-recognized term Next Level®. Unveiled at the event was the company’s 2017 theme, High-Tech Sales Marketing, High-Touch Customer Experience, and Global Reach with Leading Real Estate Companies of World®.

Davis R. Chant Realtors has five offices, in Honesdale, Lake Wallenpaupack, Milford, Hemlock Farms and Rileyville. For more information visit www.ChantRE.com.

JHA moves an office

MOOSIC, PA — JHA Companies moved its Wyoming County office from Tunkhannock to Moosic, PA, located on the western edge of Lackawanna County.

JHA Companies, with its headquarters in Montrose, PA, has five offices to serve their clients, including one in Honesdale. It employs a highly-qualified team of land surveyors, civil and structural en-

gineers, environmental scientists, building code officials, sewage plant operators, sewage enforcement officers and GIS mappers. JHA’s mission is to provide clients with exceptional services to achieve their project objectives, while fulfilling their regulatory obligations. Visit www.jhacompanies.com.

■ DEATH NOTICES

Douglas Earl Davis

Douglas Earl Davis of Milanville, PA died unexpectedly on Saturday, February 18, 2017 at his home. He was 64.

Cremation will be held at Maple Hill at Salem Crematory.

His family received friends on Friday, February 24 at Hessling Funeral Home, Inc., 428 Main St. Honesdale.

Interment will be in Calkins Cemetery at the convenience of his family.

Bertha B. Eagle

Bertha B. Eagle (VanValkenburgh) of Hortonville, NY passed suddenly on Saturday, February 18, 2017 at Catskill Regional Medical Center’s Grover Hermann Division in Callicoon, with family members by her side. She was 72.

There will be no services at this time.

Family members would like to thank Diana Duffy and Connor Duffy of the Upper Delaware Ambulance Corps, the nurses and doctors of the Grover Hermann Memorial Hospital in Callicoon, the Hortonville Volunteer Fire Department, and Pastor Ginny Bossley for their heartfelt compassion and care.

Arthur “Art” H. Holmes

Arthur “Art” H. Holmes of Narrowsburg, NY passed away February 19, 2017 after a vigorous battle with cancer. He was 93.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Saturday, February 25, 2017 at St. Francis Xavier Church, 151 Bridge St., Narrowsburg, NY 12764.

Burial took place at St. Francis Cemetery, Narrowsburg, NY.

Donations can be made to Dessin Animal Shelter, 138 Miller Dr. Honesdale, PA 18431.

LOOKING BACK

By Ann O'Hara



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Elvira Kennedy Brownscombe was born in 1809 to David and Rhoda Stearns Kennedy in Mt. Pleasant Township, Wayne County. David Kennedy's father, David Sr., and wife Rhoda (Tingley) had emigrated from Tolland County, CT in 1794, among the very earliest settlers in the area. Elvira Kennedy was married in 1849 to William Brownscombe, born 1793 in Devonshire, England, and they settled on a farm near Honesdale. William died in 1868, leaving Elvira and her 18-year-old daughter, Jennie Augusta Brownscombe, who became a teacher, to help support her mother and herself.

Jennie's story is well known. After two years of teaching, she managed to develop her artistic skills in New York City and became one of the best artists of her day. Jennie made her headquarters in New York, with frequent trips to Honesdale and abroad. Jennie Brownscombe was very proud of her maternal heritage, joining the DAR and the Mayflower Society through Elvira, who was a descendant of both Joseph Stearns, a Revolutionary soldier from Massachusetts, and Elder William Brewster of the Mayflower. Elvira Brownscombe died in 1891 and is buried in Glen Dyberry Cemetery, Honesdale, with her husband and daughter.

From the collection of the Wayne County Historical Society, 810 Main St., Honesdale. The museum and research library are open Friday and Saturday, 10 a. m.-4 p. m.

NARROWSBURG NEWS

By Jane Luchsinger

With temperatures reaching close to 60° in February as they did last week, it is difficult to deny the effects of climate change. Over three years ago, the Tusten Town Board voted to take the New York State Climate Smart Community (CSC) pledge, thereby making a commitment to take action on climate change. The CSC Program recognizes and rewards towns in New York for reducing greenhouse gases and implementing clean energy practices.

Tusten officials have taken this pledge seriously. The Tusten Energy Committee was appointed and the work began. Here are the accomplishments:

- The first step was an energy audit. As a result, our town hall lighting has been

upgraded for more efficiency, therefore reducing our greenhouse gasses.

- We are the first municipality in Sullivan County to have a solar array that supplies the energy to power our municipal buildings and facilities.

- We have received grant funding to upgrade additional areas needing improvement as noted in the audit.

Currently we are in the process of gaining New York State Climate Smart Communities Certification. The certification program is supported by The New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) and will enable us to compete for funding to further develop additional clean energy projects.

Nearly one half of Tusten electric use

is for streetlights. Because of streetlight restrictions imposed by NYSEG, the power company that owns the streetlights, the Tusten Energy Committee has recommended we replace streetlights with LED lights owned by the town. This will require coordination with NYSEG and funding. Funding opportunities will be available as a result of our Climate Smart Certification.

We owe a great deal of thanks to our Tusten Energy Committee—Brandi Merolla, Star Hesse, Carol Wingert and Naomi Holoch—for their dedication in making Tusten a clean-energy town. Watch as we continue to make even more sustainable energy changes.

ORGANIZATIONAL NEWS

Cooperage inviting applicants for market series

HONESDALE, PA — Stourbridge Pie: A Market Gathering Place is a new event series at The Cooperage that strives to provide the greater Honesdale community with access to superb local agricultural products, artisanal goods, locally produced art and live entertainment. The Cooperage Project Market Committee is working to ensure that the market is a positive experience for both vendors and customers. The goal of this event series is to highlight the makers, entertainers and growers of our region and bring together for the community to celebrate them.

Farms/businesses who produce, grow or make the products they sell are encouraged to apply. It is encouraged that vendors to apply who are within a 60-mile radius of Honesdale. The market will be held the second Thursday of the month May through October from 4 to 7 p.m.

Vendors who wish to apply should visit thecooperageproject.org/markets/stourbridgepie and fill out the application by March 15. It should be mailed to The Cooperage Project, 1030 Main Street Honesdale, PA 18431. For more information email info@thecooperageproject.org or call 570/253-2020. If you are interested in being part of the live entertainment for Stourbridge Pie, contact Ryanne Jennings at info@thecooperageproject.org.

All-county concert kicks off music month

GRAHAMSVILLE, NY — To kick off Music in Our Schools Month, the Sullivan County Music Educators Association (SCMEA) will hold its All-County Music Festival on March 3 and 4 at Tri-Valley Central School. This festival showcases top student musicians from all eight school districts in the county. This will be the event's 63rd year.

The concerts will take place at 3 and

Lenten services announced

HONESDALE, PA — The Honesdale Area Ministerium invites the community to the annual Lenten Services series to be held Sunday afternoons at 4 p.m. starting on March 5. This year's theme is "The Body of Christ." Each Sunday afternoon during the season of Lent, various churches and preachers will offer the annual program followed by a free soup supper.

On March 5, the Reverend Edward Erb of Grace Episcopal Church will preach on the "feet" of Jesus at St. John's Lutheran Church at the corner of Church and Seventh streets in Honesdale. Subsequent sites and preachers are: March 12, Pastor Richard Mowery of St. John's Lutheran Church will preach at White Mills United Methodist Church; March 19, Pastor Michael Lyle will host and preach at First Presbyterian Church; March 26, Pastor Marge Allgeier of White Mills United Methodist Church will preach at St. John's Lutheran Church; and April 2, Pastor Rob Kazinski of Central United Methodist Church will preach at Grace Episcopal Church.

A free-will offering is accepted at each service, which maintains the work of the Ministerium to help members of the community in need. For more information call Grace Episcopal Church at 570/253-2760.

5 p.m. on Saturday, March 4 in the Tri-Valley Bernstein Theatre. The first will feature the junior high string orchestra, elementary chorus and middle school band. The second concert will feature the senior high jazz band, senior high women's chorus, senior high mixed chorus and junior high band. Admission costs \$6 per person and tickets can be purchased at the door.

Local students to compete at Odyssey of the Mind

POCONO SUMMIT, PA — About 700 local students will put their creativity to the test at the Northeast Pennsylvania Odyssey of the Mind regional tournament at Pocono Mountain West High School. Over 100 teams from 40 area K-12 schools will go head to head on March 11.

Odyssey of the Mind is an international creative problem-solving program. Teams of up to seven students receive a long-term problem at the beginning of the school year that they must solve in an eight-minute performance within a small budget.

"It's a fantastic program that pushes children to think outside the box while exercising skills across every academic and artistic discipline," said Ryan Balton, tournament official and regional public relations director. "The acting, writing, engineering, scenery, costumes—all aspects of the solution are completely original creations of the students. It's exciting to see what they come up with."

This year's long-term problems range from creating a robot that learns from others to imagining how time traveling could have inspired important works of art.

Winners at the regional tournament will advance to state finals in Moon, just outside of Pittsburgh, in April. Those state finalists will compete to advance to World Finals at Michigan State University in May. Eight teams from Northeast Pennsylvania advanced to World Finals last year.

Among the local schools competing are Delaware Valley Elementary School, Delaware Valley High School, Delaware Valley Middle School, Dingman-Delaware Elementary School, Dingman-Delaware Middle School and the Preston Area School. For more information visit www.nepaootm.com or www.facebook.com/nepaootm.



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■ YOU AND YOUR HEALTH

By James D. Lomax, MD

Managing family members with dementia

The Alzheimer's Association estimates that worldwide, nearly 44 million people have Alzheimer's or a related dementia. Dementia is most common in Western Europe and North America. In the United States, one in nine individuals over the age of 65 have a chronic dementia condition. Unfortunately, only one in four people with Alzheimer's disease have been diagnosed, making it hard to measure the actual impact on families and our health care system. The cost of caring for Alzheimer's patients in the U.S. is estimated to be \$236 billion in 2016. For diagnosed dementia cases in 2014, Medicare paid out \$113 billion, Medicaid \$41 billion, out-of-pocket \$44 billion and other payment sources \$29 billion.

In the United States, it is estimated that at any one time over 40% or more of individuals with dementia are cared for by family members, with nursing homes and assisted-care settings caring for the rest. This article will focus on home management suggestions for families caring for a dementia victim.

Aggression

Aggression may be verbal (shouting or name calling) or physical (striking, pushing, etc.). There is often no clear trigger that causes this behavior. Suggestions about management offered by the Alzheimer's Association:

- Rule out pain as a cause and try to identify the immediate cause.
- Focus on the feeling communicated by the behavior, not what happened.
- Try not to act upset if directed at you.
- Limit distractions in the environment. Loud noises, television and other people shouting should be avoided.
- Use music, massage, or exercise to soothe the person.
- Speak calmly and clearly.
- Make sure you and the person are safe. This may mean that if the person cannot calm down, seek assistance from others, call EMTs, or 911.

Anxiety & agitation

- Anxiety and agitation can occur for many reasons for a person with dementia. It is important for the caregivers to identify triggers that will set off this behavior. These triggers may be found in the person's surroundings, time of day, pain, hunger, need for sleep, or sudden changes in the environment.
- Check for pain and sources of discomfort. For an individual who cannot verbalize his/her discomfort, agitation may come from

uncomfortable environmental factors (i.e., too cold, too warm), unrecognized injury, medication, or internal body discomfort such as a urinary tract infection.

- If the person is demonstrating or verbalizing frustration, try to identify the cause.
- Provide reassurance that you are there and want to provide help.
- Engage the person in art, music and other activity to distract them.
- Decrease noise and distraction or relocate the person to a quieter place.
- Find outlets for restlessness such as taking a walk or car ride

Wandering & getting lost

This is probably one of the most distressing behaviors for a caregiver or family. It is also one of the most common behaviors for an Alzheimer's/dementia individual. Six in 10 patients will wander and/or get lost at any stage of their illness. They may be trying to find their way home when they are already there, or trying to duplicate a familiar route they have taken in their life such as going to work or school. The demented wandering patient is at extremely high risk for injury, environmental exposure and death.

- Encourage activities to discourage anxiety and restlessness. Involve the person in household activities such as doing dishes, folding laundry and assisting in preparing meals; or in supervised outside activities such as taking walks and gardening.
- Make sure that friends, neighbors and local law enforcement know that the person may be at risk of wandering.
- Make the home safer by installing deadbolts, slide locks and alarm systems on exterior doors, and limit access to potentially danger areas in the home (e.g., basement stairs).
- Consider enrollment in location-management services such as MedicAlert or Alzheimer's Association Comfort Zone. These services either assist local law enforcement to locate a lost or wandering person when reported or web-based services to help families locate the individual.
- Limit access to car keys in all settings with individuals who have wandered and gotten lost. If at home, never leave keys on counters, in the car ignition or where they can be easily found.

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DEMENTIA

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What are signs and symptoms of dementia?

The Alzheimer's Association lists 10 common signs of Alzheimer's disease, which also pertain to other forms of dementia:

1. Memory loss that disrupts daily life
2. Challenges in planning or solving problems
3. Difficulty completing familiar tasks at home, at work, or at leisure
4. Confusion with time or place
5. Trouble understanding visual images and spatial relationships
6. New problems with words in speaking or writing
7. Misplacing things and losing the ability to retrace steps
8. Decreased or poor judgment
9. Withdrawal from work or social activities
10. Changes in mood and personality

Dementia-related behaviors

- Identity problems
- Aggression
- Anxiety or agitation
- Confusion
- Repetition
- Suspicion
- Wandering and getting lost
- Trouble with sleep



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Crystal Run raises funds for Go Red campaign

MIDDLETOWN, NY — Crystal Run Healthcare, led by its cardiology team, hosted a fundraiser to benefit the American Heart Association's National Wear Red Day. On Friday, February 3, providers and staff at Crystal Run Healthcare's nearly 25 locations, some of them seen here, personally donated money and wore red to help raise funds and bring attention to the staggering facts around heart disease and stroke, encouraging women to take action to live longer, healthier lives. Heart disease is the leading cause of death for women in the U.S. and nearly 60% of stroke deaths are in women. They raised \$1,801 which was donated to the American Heart Association.

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Simple FARE

By LAURIE STUART

One of the challenges of our hectic lives is preparation of family meals that are quick and relatively inexpensive. With that in mind, pasta with white clam sauce is one of my go-to recipes.

I use canned clams, because they are easy and they are a consistent product.

Using canned clams, either a 10-oz. can of baby clams or two 6-oz. cans of minced clams, the sauce goes together quickly by sautéing onions and garlic in butter or olive oil, adding the clams, complete with the broth and a little bit of white wine and chopped parsley. The whole sauce goes together in about 15 minutes. So, if you start to boil your water when you start to chop the onions and mince the garlic, your meal is ready in under 30 minutes.

I find meal preparation relaxing. It is a time in my day when I feel there is nothing else that is more important for me to be doing then cooking a meal that will nourish my family. It's a creative endeavor. I like to imagine what the ingredients will taste like, and I like experimenting with using things that I have in my refrigerator.

For instance, with this white clam sauce, it would be easy to chop up some broccoli and add it as you sauté the onions and garlic. You could also easily add a bit of chopped spinach. I wonder how the sauce might be if you added a bit of chopped fennel? If you want a bit of brightness and zip, add a little lemon juice and half a teaspoon of grated lemon zest.

In my book, cooking is an opportunity to be creative. One word of advice: I often do just a bit of research on the web, if I'm unsure of the basic components of a particular dish that I want to make. Then I can adjust a basic recipe to the ingredients that I have on hand.

Linguine with white clam sauce

Serves 3-4 people depending on whether you're pairing your meal with bread and/or salad.

1 large onion, diced \$0.50 (on sale 3 2-lb bags for \$4 at Peck's and Pete's)

4 cloves of garlic, minced \$0.53

2 6.5-oz. cans of minced clams with juice (\$3.33, on sale 3/\$5 at Peck's and Pete's), or one 10-oz. can of baby clams with juice (\$2.29)

3 Tbsp. butter or olive oil \$0.38

Linguine with white clam sauce



TRR photo by Laurie Stuart

Husband Stephen and I eat most of our meals out of hand-built bowls by the late Cecily Fortesque. They are such a wonderful shape and feel—which adds comfort to the meal.

2 Tbsp. chopped fresh parley, or 1 teas. dried parsley, \$0.13

½ cup white wine or broth (Broth is a staple in my frig, as I routinely save vegetable scraps and boil in water for about 30 minutes. The broth keeps well in the fridge for several weeks.) \$0.25 Swanson's, on sale at Peck's and Pete's

1 lb. linguine or pasta of your choice. \$1.19

TOTAL for 3: \$4.74-\$5.78

Per serving: \$1.58-\$1.92 (depending on whole or minced clams)

Place oil in heavy-bottomed saucepan (I use a 10-inch cast iron skillet.) Heat oil until shimmering and add onions and garlic. Sauté over medium heat for about 6 minutes or so until tender and translucent. (I heard recently from Christopher Kimball, formerly from **Cooks Illustrated** now from **Milk Street Magazine**, report that if you add your minced garlic to cold oil, and then heat, the garlic flavor will be milder. I have not tried that yet.) Add clams in their juice, the wine or broth and parsley. Cover, turn heat down and simmer for 10-12 minutes.

Cook your pasta as directed on the package; reserve ½ cup of the water in case the sauce needs more liquid.

Put pasta in bowls and ladle sauce on top.

Variations:

Add a 10-oz. package of frozen spinach when you add clams and juice.

Add 1 Tablespoon lemon juice and ½ teas. lemon zest.

Add ½ teaspoon dried pepper flakes.

Add 1 to 2 cups cooked chopped broccoli when you add the clams and juice.

As you can see, you can add and subtract any number of ingredients to this easy and fast white clam sauce. I'd love to hear about ways that you made this your own and how you are making food memories with your family. Join the conversation at www.facebook.com/trrsimplefare.

Healthy lifestyles webinar sponsored by AMSkier

HONESDALE, PA — AMSkier Insurance will host “Eat, Sleep, Play,” a webinar focused on maintaining your health in a fast-paced world, on Wednesday, March 8 at 2 p.m.. Nutrition, appropriate sleep, exercise and enjoying moments of play are all important ingredients to your overall wellness and quality of life. “Many of our clients are also parents and lead active lives in their communities. It’s great to be on the go, but it’s a mistake to allow your health to fall low on your priority list. We know it’s challenging to fit everything in a 24-hour day, so this webinar aims to address this concern,” says Martha Spreen, one of AMSkier’s insurance professionals and co-organizer of the webinar.

Panelists include dietitian and nutritionist Erin Tiffany and registered polysomnographic technologist Linda Vose. Lisa Champeau, Wayne Memorial Health System’s public relations manager will moderate the panel. The event will be broadcast from WVIA’s studios.

Donations are accepted and will benefit Wayne Memorial Hospital’s Community Health Education programs, such as Together for Health School Program for seventh- and ninth-graders, Rachel’s Challenge and the In-School Winter Walking Program.

Register at www.amskier.com/eat-sleep-play or email jillc@amskier.com for more information.

■ NEW ARRIVALS

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Catskill Regional Medical Center announces the following births:

Marilyn Rene Miles-Lloyd was born on January 23, 2017 to Mary Heller and Miles Lloyd of Callicoon, NY.

Mikaia Rose Chaiet was born on February 2, 2017 to Rachel and Max Chaiet of Mongaup Valley, NY.



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A love affair with India bears fruit

Local artist's portraits chosen to honor women's day

By JANE BOLLINGER

“Women are the glue of India,” Doug Hilson reflects, standing in his Callicoon Center, NY studio in front of a wall of his photographs. Soon, these revealing personal portraits of Indian women and candid shots capturing them in everyday life, mostly in rural villages, will be whisked away to New York City. There they will be exhibited on March 8 at a private reception at the Indian Consulate in celebration of International Women's Day.

Hilson has retired full-time to the Upper Delaware River Valley, one of the countless talented artists who happily reside here. Born-and-bred a Mid-westerner, this accomplished painter has lived and worked in New York City, where he was drawn to pursue his professional dream, since 1979.

Nowadays his upcoming photographic exhibit occupies his attention. What arrests the eye first in his wall of pictures are the strikingly brilliant colors of the clothes the women wear, but on second look you realize that Hilson has captured in these faces not only their beauty, but also a suggestion of the inner strength of his subjects, “the glue of India,” as he calls them.

“Women,” Hilson emphasizes, “are incredibly intelligent, but in many cultures, they [men] will not let them be recognized.”

Hilson calls this “lack of empowerment of women a total waste of resources, [because] they bring a different kind of thinking.”

Hilson's upcoming photographic exhibition will be as much a celebration of India itself as it is of its women.

Along with his wife, Danielle, he has been to India more



Photos by Doug Hilson

than half a dozen times. “We'd always heard a lot about India from our friends Blair and Julia Kling; he was a professor and scholar of Indian history.” And so in 1992, the Hilsons joined their friends, traveling to the sub-continent for the first time.

“Coming from a bland Midwest background, India is the most exotic place on earth,” he opines. “India really got to us: the smells, the music, the people... We love the people.” Hilson confesses that he has about 12,000 photos of people in India, including 5,000 likenesses of children. His dream, he says, is to exhibit a portraiture show featuring the children of India. He will call it “Face to Face.” His own face lights up as he speaks of the children he has met and photographed there.

He shares a story of how he once took photographs of dozens of children in a remote desert village in Rajasthan. Years later, he returned with a book containing 40 prints of those children. “We drove into the village, and I got out of the car



with my little book of prints. Suddenly there were children all around. I don't speak Hindi, so I just put the book down and let them look. Fifteen minutes later, the word had gotten out, and most of the village turned out to see.” Amazingly, that day they found 38 of the 40 children he had photographed.

Hilson is not new to portraiture, though in a different medium. He has had a long and successful career as a fine art painter, including an earlier period when he focused mostly on portraits. The longer view of his career, however, reveals widely varied work, from realism to the abstract, to imagined and complicated cityscapes to a period when he was influenced by Italian opera.

His paintings have been exhibited in galleries across the country since the 1970s. In addition, he taught and encouraged countless art and painting students over several decades as a fine arts professor, before retiring from teaching in 2013 after 26 years at Long Island's Hofstra University.

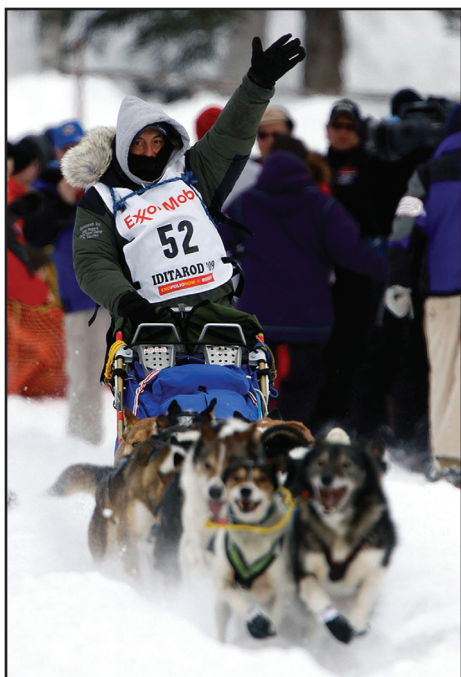
Not one to rest on his laurels, however, he took up photography in 2011 and discovered its joys and its challenges, not least of which is his compromised eyesight—a detached retina in one eye and macular degeneration in the other. His experience as a fine artist stood him in good stead, however.

“As a painter, I already knew color, composition, detail and emotion,” he observes. Still, behind the camera, he is self-taught and considers that he is still learning his new medium. He may modestly call himself an amateur photographer, yet one can hardly wait to see what this ever-evolving artist discovers through the lens of his Nikon next time. The Hilsons' next trip to India will be in 2018.

For those who want to see where his works on canvas have taken him over his lifetime, the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance will show a collection of his large-scale paintings in May.



ENTERTAINMENT BRIEFS



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Musher Kim Darst is seen at the 2009 Iditarod.

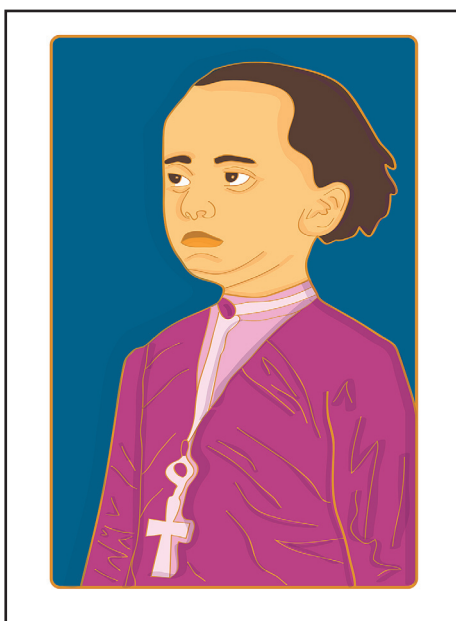
Iditarod Fever on Main Street

LIVINGSTON MANOR, NY — The Livingston Manor Library and Morgan Outdoors are celebrating Alaska's 1,000 mile dogsled race, the 2017 Iditarod. On Sunday, March 5, 72 dogsled teams will cross the starting line in Anchorage and race across Alaska to the finish line in Nome, concluding on March 11.

To mark the occasion, the film "Toughest Race on Earth: Iditarod" will be shown at Morgan Outdoors, 46 Main St., at 1 p.m. on March 5. The 45-minute documentary film takes a look behind the scenes of this amazing dogsled race. You'll get to know several of the top racers, their dog teams and the race route. Unique Iditarod-themed refreshments will be featured. Space is limited, so reservations are required for the free event; call the library at 845/439-5540.

The Livingston Manor Free Library, at 92 Main St., will have an Iditarod display including a map of the race route. There will be a special story time reading of "Cotton's Tale: A True Iditarod Story" by Herb Brawley, and children can bring their favorite stuffed animal to add to the "library sled team." Stationery will be available at the front desk to write to the mushers (or their dogs!).

All events are free and open to the public. For more information call the library or Morgan Outdoors (845/439-5507).



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Rohan Patrick, "Lij Tafari," 2016, digital painting.

'iTraits of (H.I.M) Haile Selassie I' at Laundry King

LIVINGSTON MANOR, NY — The Catskill Art Society (CAS) will present "iTraits of (H.I.M.) Haile Sleassie I," a multi-media exhibition by Rohan Patrick (www.rohanpatrickstudio.blogspot.com) that combines video, digital audio production and digital imagery, from March 4 through March 26. The exhibition will be at the Laundry King, 65 Main St. CAS will host a free opening reception on Saturday, March 4 from 3 to 5 p.m. Light refreshments will be served.

Patrick's work is about combining the new and the old, merging technology with decades of old photos. The subject of his most recent exhibition is Haile Selassie I, aka Lij Tafari Makonnen, Ethiopia's regent from 1916 to 1930 and emperor from 1930 to 1974. He was a member of the Solomonic Dynasty, whose members claim patrilineal descent from King Solomon of Israel and the Queen of Sheba. The Rastafari movement revered Haile Selassie as the returned messiah of the Bible. Rohan Patrick explores his subject through video, audio and in his digital imagery on paper, through the use of line and color.

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The cast of "Hidden Figures"

'Hidden Figures' in Callicoon

CALLICOON, NY — The Delaware Valley Arts Alliance (DVAA) and the Callicoon Theater present "Hidden Figures," the story of a team of African-American women mathematicians who served a vital role in NASA during the early years of the U.S. space program, starting Friday, March 3. The film stars Taraji P. Henson, Octavia Spencer and Janelle Monáe and co-stars Kevin Costner, Kirsten Dunst and Jim Parsens.

As the United States raced against Russia to put a man in space, NASA found untapped talent in a group of African-American female mathematicians who served as the brains behind one of the greatest operations in U.S. history.

"This splashy, feel-good period piece is every bit as enjoyable as a best picture Oscar-nominated blockbuster could hope to

be," wrote Simran Hans of the **Observer** (UK).

The film will screen Friday, March 3 through Monday, March 6, nightly at 7:30 p.m., with matinees at 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. The Callicoon Theater is located at 30 Upper Main St. Admission costs \$11 (\$9 admission on Mondays and matinees) and \$7.50 for children under 12 at all shows.

CineArt is a partnership between DVAA and the Callicoon Theater that promotes and screens independent, foreign and art films. A percentage of the profits and \$1 per person from ticket sales benefit the programs and services of the DVAA. For more information, call 845/887-4460 or visit www.DelawareValleyArtsAlliance.org.

Get your garden going at Time and the Valleys

GRAHAMSVILLE, NY — Time and the Valleys Museum at 332 Main St. will offer a couple of classes for gardeners in March. On Sunday, March 12 at 2 p.m. there will be a basic seed-starting class. The Bearfoot Gardener Russel Scheirer will share seed-starting techniques and the steps that follow. Participants will also learn vocabulary to help choose seeds, including annual, perennial, heirloom, organic, open pollinated, hybrid and GMO. This is a hands-on program for all ages. Refreshments are included. The course is free for members, and costs \$3 for non-members.

On Sunday, March 26 at 2 p.m. will be "Propagating Heirloom Perennials." It is a presentation on propagating heirloom and deer resistant perennials by John Story, who received his B.S. from Cornell University and has extensive experience and knowledge in many areas of horti-



Russel Scheirer

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culture. Refreshments are included. The course is free for members, and costs \$3 for non-members.

For more information call 845/985-7700 or visit www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org.

Women's History Month at the Artists' Market

SHOHOLA, PA — The Barryville Area Arts Association has curated an exhibit of framed prints that traces the history of Women in Art. It is running concurrently throughout the month of March—Women's History Month—alongside the work of contemporary female artists. An opening reception, including complimentary refreshments, a brief presentation and examples of art stolen by or misattributed to men will be held on March 4 at the Artists' Market Community Center, 114 Richardson Ave., from 4 to 6 p.m.

Every year, we discover more artwork created by women that was falsely claimed by a man. You'll learn, for example, how and why the Louvre showcased "The Happy Couple" as the work of Frans Hals until 1893, when they discovered it was really the work of Judith Leyster. And learn about Caroline Louisa Daly, whose work hung for almost 50 years in a Canadian gallery attributed to a male merchant and politician who never even painted. For more information visit www.barryvilleareaarts.org.

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"The Happy Couple," once attributed to Frans Hals, was later discovered to be the work of Judith Leyster.

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By Jonathan Charles Fox

‘Aside from that, Mrs. Lincoln, how did you enjoy the play?’

There are many of us who still wince upon hearing those words that most would agree were written in poor taste, and others who will literally guffaw in response to the expression that has been bandied about for an undetermined number of years. I’ve seen it in print, heard it spoken aloud, and even said it myself, understanding that it’s not exactly “politically correct.” Some would say that “time heals all wounds,” and while I’m unsure that this is true, I’d like to think that since one of America’s most influential Presidents, Abraham Lincoln, was assassinated in 1865, enough time has passed for a little “sick” humor to make its way into the public lexicon, which this particular phrase has.

That said, I didn’t write it (don’t shoot the messenger!), and following an exhaustive search to determine who did, I came up empty-handed. Comedian Bob Newhart, musician Tom Lehrer and an unnamed **New Yorker** cartoonist all popped up in my quest to identify the author, but no definitive answer was supplied. The best I could come up with was a reference to a contest sponsored by **The New Statesman**, a weekly British newspaper, which was intended to “allow its readers to flash their creativity and sharp satirical wits” (www.thestraightdope.com). The “Mrs. Lincoln” remark (allegedly) was the result of a competition in which entrants were invited to suggest “especially tactless remarks with an historical bent.”

Undoubtedly, a circuitous route to explain why that phrase recently emerged from the dark recesses of what my mother often called a “sick and twisted mind,” but it made sense (to me) as I packed up the dog and headed to Monticello, NY (www.ebcrawfordlibrary.org) to hear

playwright Gregory Giblin and actors Oliver King and Regina Yeager-Drouse read excerpts from Giblin’s work-in-progress play titled “The Lion of Anacostia,” which revolves around the life of famed 19th century orator and abolitionist Frederick Douglass and his relationship with women’s rights activist Susan B. Anthony and (cue the comment) Abraham Lincoln.

Since 1976 every U.S. president has officially designated the month of February as Black History Month, “an annual celebration of achievements by black Americans for recognizing the central role of African Americans in U.S. history” (www.history.com), and Giblin’s play was presented at the library in conjunction. It gave folks like me an opportunity to become better informed regarding a man about whom I knew very little.

Acknowledging that many of the words the audience was about to hear were direct quotes from both Douglass and Anthony, Giblin further explained that the play centers on an “imagined” interview between the very real reporter Tom O’Brien and Douglass, whose words were brought to life with great insight, tremendous passion (IMHO) and incredible thoughtfulness by King, who is no stranger to the work of Frederick Douglass.

“I’ve often heard of [famous] actors portraying historical figures,” King shared with me following the performance. “For years I’ve done excerpts of Douglass’ speeches [in honor of Black History Month], but always felt somehow shortchanged having to shrink a man of such enormous human and historical dimensions to a few mere moments. With this play, I’m blessed to have the opportunity to explore his unbridled compassion and



TRR photos by Jonathan Charles Fox

As work continues on developing “The Lion of Anacostia,” public readings like the one I heard at the Ethelbert B. Crawford library in Monticello provide playwright Gregory Giblin, center, an opportunity to hear the words spoken aloud and gauge audience response.

greatest fears, for in my opinion Douglass is the single most important and influential luminary of the African American race since the 17th century.”

Playwright Giblin’s original script, which explores the often combative friendship that developed between Susan B. Anthony and Douglass is well written and insightful, and actress Regina Yeager-Drouse had clearly done her homework as well. “In preparation for the role,” she said, “I turned to Lynn Sherr’s biographical work ‘Failure is Impossible,’ and was surprised to discover that most friends knew Anthony as ‘that woman who was on the dollar coin.’” That spoke volumes to her about how little most knew about Anthony’s role as a spokesperson for women’s rights and her fight alongside Elizabeth Cady Stanton to achieve equality for women and their right to vote. “It’s been an honor to learn more and play opposite the wonderful Oliver King,” Regina concluded, “and I look forward to the continued exploration of this incredible woman, who was so much more than a face on a coin.”

As a general rule, I’m not overly fond of a writer portraying his own characters, but Giblin’s interpretation of O’Brien and his fictional conversations with Douglass were thought-provoking and fascinating.

“My takeaway from writing this play is that the world should know much more about these people who were considered giants of their time,” Giblin told me. “It also gave me insight into the machinations of slavery and Douglass’ role in shaping decisions made by Lincoln during the Civil War.”

Although I learned a lot during the play reading, it left me with more questions than answers, and I was thrilled to hear that Giblin is far from finished, with his work being fleshed out into a full length play. We all know that there is nothing funny about the subject (regardless of this column title), but I did “enjoy the play” and relish the opportunity to learn more about Douglass, Lincoln and Anthony as Giblin’s play continues to take on a life of its own. Stay tuned.

Portraying reporter Tom O’Brien during the public reading of his new play “The Lion of Anacostia,” playwright Gregory Giblin, left, was “thrilled to see his words come to life” in the (IMHO) more than capable hands of actors Oliver King and Regina Yeager-Drouse.



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A musical First Friday at Calder House

EQUINUNK, PA — The next First Friday at the Calder House will take place on Friday, March 3. The winter musical evening has attracted numerous local musicians during its run, and in its first year has become a warm and friendly place to go when the wind was roaring and snow threatened. Doors open at 6:30 and music starts at around 7:15 p.m.

New performers should contact Pat at 570/224-0223 to secure a spot on the program. Acoustic music only. Light refreshments are available for a nominal charge. The Calder House is located at the junction of Route 191 (the Hancock Highway) and Pine Mill Road.

There will be only one more chance to catch a First Friday, on April 5. After that, the room will be reset to its usual purpose, welcoming groups to the Equinunk Historical Society's summer programs. For more information call 570/224-8500.

National poetry slam champion at SUNY Sullivan

LOCH SHELDRAKE, NY — National Poetry Slam Champion G Yamazawa will perform at SUNY Sullivan on Wednesday, March 8 at 11:30 a.m. in the Seelig Theater. The performance will be followed by a reception and is sponsored by SUNY Sullivan's Grover M. Hermann Memorial Library and the college's office of student activities. The event is free and open to the public.

George Masao Yamazawa, Jr., or "G," is widely considered one of the top young spoken-word artists in the country. He is a National Poetry Slam Champion, an Individual World Poetry Slam Finalist, Southern Fried Champion and has toured 150 universities including Princeton, University of Guam, and NYU-Abu Dhabi. G's poetry has been published in **Beltway Quarterly**, **Asian Fortune Magazine**, and **27 Views of Durham**. G also has extensive experience as a teaching artist, facilitating writing and performance workshops for inner city youth in the Washington, D.C. public school system.



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Upper Delaware Council meeting

NARROWSBURG — The Upper Delaware Council (UDC) holds its monthly meeting at the UDC office, 211 Bridge St., 7pm. Staff from the New York State Museum will report on the Geologic Resource Mapping Inventory being conducted in the river region. 845/252-3022 or visit www.upperdelawarecouncil.org.

Fri., Mar. 3

Entertainment at Cove Haven

LAKEVILLE — Entertainment with DJ Marc Anthony at Cove Haven Resort, 8pm. Free.

Fabulous First Fridays

MILFORD — TriVersity Center for Gender & Sexual Diversity's Fabulous First Fridays at the WaterWheel Cafe, 8pm. Featuring Virago. Cover charge: \$5. Email admin@udglbt.org.

'Hidden Figures' at Callicoon

CALLICOON — Oscar nominee film "Hidden Figures" plays at the Callicoon Movie Theatre Friday, March 3 through Monday, March 6, nightly at 7:30pm, with matinees at 2pm on Saturday and Sunday. Admission is \$11 (\$9 admission on Mondays and matinees) and \$7.50 for children under 12 at all shows. Call 845/887-4460 or visit www.DelawareValleyArtsAlliance.org.

Open mic for teens

HONESDALE — Open mic for teens Sounds like Teen Spirit in collaboration with the Honesdale High School's Keep on Rockin' Club at The Cooperage, 7-9pm. School-aged students share their performing art on stage. All ages are invited to come, watch and enjoy, but only the area's youth will be invited to step up on stage. 570/253-2020.

Sat., Mar. 4

Art exhibit: 'The Dog of Art'

LIVINGSTON MANOR — The Catskill Art Society presents "The Dog of Art," an exhibition of paintings by Albert Kresch, in the Elevator Gallery at the CAS Arts Center, 48 Main St., from March 4 through April 9. Opening reception, 3-5pm.

The Cooperage farmers' market

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'Elements' art exhibit

CALLICOON — Artist group show "Elements" opening reception at Gallery EVA, 5-9pm. 845/887-3202.

Entertainment at Cove Haven

LAKEVILLE — Entertainment with the band Somethin' Else, DJ Marc Anthony and comic Wali Collins at Cove Haven Resort, 8pm. Free.

Family Bingo

LACKAWAXEN — Lackawaxen EMS Family Bingo at Masthope Mountain Community, 196 Karl Hope Blvd. 7:30pm. Open to the public.

Group exhibition at CAS

LIVINGSTON MANOR — The Catskill Art Society presents "Three Dimensions," a group exhibition featuring artwork by MaryKate Maher, Elizabeth Riggie and Paula Elliot, at the CAS Art Center at 48 Main St., March 4 through April 9. Artist talk, 2pm, followed immediately by a free opening reception from 3-5pm. All are welcome and light refreshments will be served.

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Rohan Patrick exhibition

LIVINGSTON MANOR — The Catskill Art Society presents "Traits of (H.I.M.) Haile Sleassie I," a multi-media exhibition by Rohan Patrick that combines video, digital audio production and digital imagery. The exhibition will be at the Laundry King, 65 Main St., from March 4 through March 26. Opening reception, 3-5pm.

Women in Art exhibit

SHOHOLA — A curated show of framed prints that trace the history of women in art, hosted by the Barryville Area Arts Association. This show runs concurrently throughout March—Women's History Month—alongside the work of contemporary female artists. An opening reception with complimentary refreshments, a brief presentation and examples of art stolen by and misattributed to men, held at the Artists' Market Community Center, 114 Richardson Ave., 4-6pm.

Sun., Mar. 5

Book reading

MONTICELLO — Book reading and signing "Makers of the Telegraph: Samuel Morse, Ezra Cornell and Joseph Henry" by Kenneth B. Lifshitz at Defilippis Bakery on Broadway, 2:30pm.

Connor Garvey

HONESDALE — RiverFolk Concerts presents Connor Garvey with special guests The Well Bottomers at The Cooperage, 3pm. Doors open 2:30pm. Suggested donation \$15 reserved, \$20 at the door. Reservations, 845/252-6783.

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Iditarod in Livingston Manor

LIVINGSTON MANOR — "Toughest Race on Earth: Iditarod," a documentary screening at Morgan Outdoors, 1pm. This 45-minute film looks behind the scenes of the famed Alaskan dog sled race. Space is limited, reservations required. 845/439-5540. In conjunction, the Livingston Manor Free Library, 92 Main St., will have an Iditarod display including a map of the race route. Children can learn more about this event through activities at the library. There will be a special story time reading of "Cotton's Tale: A True Iditarod Story" by Herb Brawley.

Parasites & FAMACHA workshop

LIBERTY — Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County will host a FAMACHA Certification Workshop on goats and sheep, designed to help producers develop integrated parasite management (IPM) programs for their farms, at the Extension Education Center, 64 Ferndale-Loomis Rd., 11am-4pm. Lunch is included. Cost: \$20. 845/292-6180.

Watercolor Society exhibit

MIDDLETOWN — Opening reception for North East Watercolor Society 2017 Members' Exhibit, 1-4:15pm, in Orange Hall Gallery and Loft at SUNY Orange/Middletown campus. Pianist Geoff Hamburg plays jazz and classical standards starting 1pm; at 2:30pm, award-winning watercolorist and exhibit judge Lana Privitera gives a demonstration, "Texture Effects in Realistic Watercolors." Exhibit runs through March 22, with 58 artists showing 102 watercolor paintings. Visit www.northeastws.com or sunyorange.edu/culturalaffairs.

Mon., Mar. 6

Computer help at the library

PORT JERVIS — Hub trainer Ken Herbig answers any questions you have related to your computer at the Port Jervis Library, 10:15-11:15am. This will be an open dialogue format, so you can ask questions. Free; registration required. 845/856-7313 ext. 5, or send an email to thehub@portjervislibrary.org.

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Tues., Mar. 7

Alzheimer's Association caregiver support group

LIBERTY — Alzheimer's Association caregiver support group at Achieve Rehab & Nursing Facility, 170 Lake St., 6-7:30pm. Open to caregivers/family members of people with Alzheimer's disease or related dementias. Provides an opportunity to meet and develop a mutual support system. Refreshments served. 845/866-3247.

Parents of LGBT individuals support gathering

MILFORD — Parents of LGBT Individuals Support Gathering with facilitator Susan Keller at TriVersity Center, 201 W. Harford St., 7pm. First Tuesday each month. Email admin@udglbt.org to confirm attendance.

Wed., Mar. 8

Lenten soup lunch

PORT JERVIS — Soup lunch on Wednesdays during Lent at Drew United Methodist Church, 12 noon. Menu: soup, bread, beverage and dessert. Cost: \$3. Different guest speaker each week. 845/856-3423.

Slam poetry performance

LOCH SHELDRAKE — National Poetry Slam Champion, G Yamazawa performs at SUNY Sullivan in the Seelig Theater, 11:30am, followed by a reception. This event is free and open to the public. George Masao Yamazawa, Jr., aka "G," is widely considered one of the top young spoken-word artists in the country. 845/434-5750, ext. 4208.

Thurs., Mar. 9

Human Rights Commission meeting

MONTICELLO — Human Rights Commission of Sullivan County meeting in Legislative Chamber in the Government Center, 5:30pm. Held the second Thursday of every month. 845/807-0189.

Fri., Mar. 10

Entertainment at Cove Haven

LAKEVILLE — Entertainment with MC's Mark DeMayo, Tom McTiernan, Kevin Downey Jr., and DJ Mike Philips at Cove Haven Resort, 8pm. Free.

Networking breakfast

LIBERTY — Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce Second Friday Networking Breakfast at Ideal Snacks Corporation, 89 Mill St., 7:45-9am. Catered by Community Bistro, New Hope Community, Inc. Networking, breakfast, 50/50 raffle and more. Cost: Advance \$15 members, day of \$20 members, \$25 non-members. RSVP by 12 noon on March 9. Call 845/791-4200 or email office@catskills.com.

Sat., Mar. 11

Glass blowing demonstrations

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Hike on Lake Wallenpaupack

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'Shakespeare Songs'

NARROWSBURG — "Shakespeare Songs" at the Delaware Arts Center, Krause Recital Hall, 2pm. Broadway actor, violinist, composer Alex Sovronsky presents an educational musical performance and talk, followed by an audience Q&A and reception. 845/252-7576.

Rock Hill St. Patrick's Day Parade

ROCK HILL — Rock Hill Business and Community Association and the Rock Hill Fire Department hold the 7th annual Rock Hill St. Patrick's Day Parade, 2pm. The day's activities kick off at 1pm with a special kids' section and activities including face painting, crafts and ac-

tivities for kids by the Y.M.C.A. of Sullivan County. This year's parade will feature bagpipers, the a Pipe and Drum Band, the Walker Valley Marching Band, local fire departments, community marchers, antique cars, horses, veterans and more. Email rhbca12775@gmail.com or call 845/866-3783.



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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS Professional Accounting Services Please take notice that the Board of Education of the Sullivan West Central School District, Towns of Hancock, Bethel, Callicoon, Cocheton, Delaware, Fremont, Liberty, Tusten, Counties of Delaware and Sullivan, New York, is seeking proposals for Professional Accounting Services for the purpose of auditing the District's financial records. **Submit proposals to the Sullivan West Central School District Office, ATTN: Margaret Luty, District Clerk, 33 Schoolhouse Road, PO Box 308, Jeffersonville, NY, on or before 2:30 P.M. on THURSDAY, March 23, 2017.** Proposals must be clearly marked on the outside of the envelope "Proposal for Professional Accounting Services". Proposal information and specifications may be obtained from the District Clerk at the District Offices, 33 Schoolhouse Road, PO Box 308, Jeffersonville, NY 12748. All proposals must be submitted in accordance with the District's specifications. Any proposal received after the designated time and date will not be considered. Contact Lorraine Poston, Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services, 845-482-4610, ext. 3005, for further information. Margaret L. Luty, District Clerk February 23, 2017

INVITATION TO BID SURPLUS ITEMS

Sternvent Dust Collector System (excess) Agway 8 HP 27" Dual Stage Snowthrower (excess) White Snow Boss 850 26" 8 HP Snowthrower (excess) Landscape Structures Single Post Swing Frame (excess) Sole Treadmill F80 (junk) Sole Stepper (junk) Please take notice that the Board of Education of the Sullivan West Central School District, Towns of Hancock, Bethel, Callicoon, Cocheton, Delaware, Fremont, Liberty, Tusten, Counties of Delaware and Sullivan, New York, is seeking bids for **Surplus Items**. Sealed proposals will be received in the **District Office, ATTN: Margaret Luty, District Clerk, 33 Schoolhouse Rd., Jeffersonville, NY 12748 on or before 2:00 P.M. on March 10, 2017**, at which time they will be publicly opened. All bids must be clearly marked on the outside of the envelope "Surplus Items" and note

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the item being bid. Each item must be separately bid and enclosed in a separate envelope. Bid forms and item descriptions may be obtained at the District Office, 33 Schoolhouse Road, Jeffersonville, NY 12748. Any bid received after the designated time and date will not be considered. All bids will be reviewed and a recommendation for award will be made at the regular meeting of the Board of Education in March. The Board of Education reserves the right to waive any informality in any bid and to accept or reject any bid or group of bids, if deemed in the best interest of the Sullivan West Central School District. DATED: February 23, 2017

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the County Legislature of the County of Sullivan at a regular meeting thereof, held on the 16th of February 2017 duly adopted on said day, a Local Law of 2017 a true and correct copy of the original thereof, and of the whole thereof as follows: **Local Law of the year 2017 A local law authorizing the County of Sullivan, notwithstanding Section 215 of the County Law of the State of New York, to enter into a lease of County owned real property for a specific project for a term of up to 7 years.**

SECTION 1. Purpose
The County of Sullivan seeks to authorize a lease agreement with the Sullivan County Child Care Council, Inc., for an initial term of seven years and two additional optional terms of five years each.

SECTION 2. Legal Authority
New York State County Law Section 215 provides that after determining that County owned property is no longer needed for public use, a County may sell the property or lease the property for a term not to exceed five years.

New York State Comptroller Opinion 68-857 provides that a municipality may enter into leases for a term in excess of five years if the municipality authorizes such leases by local law. New York State Municipal Home Rule Law Section 24 provides that any local law that changes a provision of law relating to leasing of real property is subject to referendum on petition (permissive referendum). **SECTION 3. Applicability** The County

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The DVAA is a nonprofit membership organization that supports artists and arts organizations in the Upper Delaware Valley and Sullivan County, NY. Start Date: June 1, 2017

The incoming DVAA Executive Director will have an extensive background in, and understanding of multiple arts disciplines, and will share the DVAA community's passion for arts access and community-based arts. The ED will demonstrate strong leadership and proven skills in cultural development, community engagement, financial and fundraising development.

Position description can be found at:
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of Sullivan is authorized, notwithstanding Section 215 of the County Law of the State of New York, to enter into a lease of County owned real property for a specific project for a term of up to 7 years. This Local Law is applicable to a specific project with the Sullivan County Child Care Council, Inc. SECTION 4. Effective Date This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing in the Office of the Secretary of State. **Dated: February 21, 2017 AnnMarie Martin, Clerk Sullivan County Legislature**

COUNTY OF SULLIVAN
NOTICE OF PUBLIC
HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that there has been duly presented and introduced at a meeting of the Legislature of the County of Sullivan, New York, held on February 16, 2017, a proposed Local Law to Raise the Legal Age for Purchase of Tobacco Products in Sullivan County to 21. A Local Law to implement effective measures to reduce the number of tobacco retail outlets, regulate the location of tobacco retail outlets, stop the sale of tobacco products to youth, prevent the sale or distribution of contraband tobacco products, and facilitate the enforcement of tax laws and other applicable laws relating to tobacco products, all within the County of Sullivan. NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Legislature of the County of Sullivan will conduct a public hearing on the aforesaid proposed Local Law at the Legislature's Meeting Room, County Government Center, Monticello, New York, 12701, on March 16, 2017 at 1:40 p.m. at which time all persons interested will be heard.

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DATED: February 16, 2017 Monticello, New York ANNMARIE MARTIN Clerk of the Legislature County of Sullivan, New York

NOTICE CONCERNING THE EXAMINATION OF ASSESSMENT INVENTORY AND VALUATION DATA (Pursuant to Section 501 of the Real Property Tax Law) Notice is hereby given that assessment inventory and valuation data is available for examination and review. This data is the information which will be used to establish the assessment of each parcel which will appear on the Tentative Assessment Roll of the Town of Tusten which will be filed on May 1, 2016. The information may be reviewed, by appointment, in the Assessor's Office at Tusten Town Hall 210 Bridge Street Narrowsburg, New York 12764 on April 21, 2017 between the hours of 3:00 PM and 5:00 PM and on April 24, 2017 between the hours of 7:30 PM and 9:30 PM. An appointment to review the assessment information may be made by telephoning the assessor at 845 252 7146 Ext 6. Dated the First Day of March 2017 Ken Baim Sole Assessor

NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC) Notice of Formation of 4920 SR52 LLC. Arts of Org. filed with New York Secy of State (SSNY) on 2/22/17. Office location: Sullivan County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 44 W 10 St, Ste 7A, NY, NY 10011. Purpose: any lawful activity.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC) Name Fairchild Lake LLC. Filed 12/6/16. Office: Sullivan Co. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: Po Box 720, Monticello, NY 12701. Purpose: General.

NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC) Name: 573 Meeker Avenue Investors LLC. Arts of Org. filed with New York Secy of State (SSNY) on 2/13/17. Office location: Sullivan County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 270 Madison Ave, Ste 1203, NY, NY 10016. Purpose: any lawful activity.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC) Name: New York Elite Development LLC. Filed 4/9/13. Office: Sullivan Co. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: Bob Zhang, 136 Bowery # 9, New York, NY 10013. Purpose: General.

NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC) Name: APHEX GROUP, LLC. Art. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/16/17. Office: Sullivan County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 15 Miles and Marguerite Lane, Mountindale, NY 12763. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC) Name: 301 Beach 92nd Street, HOA, LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/22/16. Cty: Sullivan. SSNY desig as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to 85 Main St., Bloomingburg, NY 12721. General Purpose.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC) Name Coleman Investor Partners LLC. Filed 1/9/17. Office: Sullivan Co. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 11 Flower St, South Fallsburg, NY 12779. Purpose: General.

NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC) Name: Byarch USA LLC. Filed 12/1/15. Office: Sullivan Co. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: Bob Xiao Bo Zhang, 558 Court St, Brooklyn, NY 11231. Purpose: General.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC) Name: SML Designs, LLC. Filed 8/23/16. Office: Sullivan Co. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: C/O Shawn Michael Lang, 9 Beechwoods Rd, Hortonville, NY 12745. Purpose: General.



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- Moneybags
- Certain crustaceans
- 1972 US/USSR missile pact
- Morrison and Braxton
- Island chain?
- _____ buco
- Gallery on the Thames
- See 17-Across
- Barbecue piece
- Both, in Bolivia
- Ger. neighbor
- Dart game locale
- English channel?
- Suddenly, to Tony Soprano
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- Jewish youth org.
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- Costner's "Tin Cup" costar
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- Rightmost pedal
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- Strong hand cleaner
- National Soccer Hall of Fame city
- More spirited
- Yankee nickname since 2004
- Mount Olympus chief
- Blacken
- Best Picture of 1964
- _____ Office
- "_____ up!"
- Cut into
- Spanish "a"
- Unwavering
- Rocky calls
- "Get my point?"
- Stock symbol used by Steinway Musical Instruments to honor a classical composer
- _____Cat
- NFL tiebreakers
- Like some wrestling
- Garage stain
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- "Pow!"
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- Make better
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LEGAL NOTICE
COUNTY OF SULLIVAN
 Sealed bids for the following will be received by the Director of the Department of Purchasing and Central Services at the Sullivan County Government Center, 100 North Street, Monticello, New York 12701, (845) 807-0515, until 1:00 P.M. on Friday, March 17, 2017 at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read.
 1. Slip-On Fuel Testing Unit (B-17-08)
 2. Slope Mower with Cab (B-17-09)
 3. Vending Machine Concession (B-17-10)
 Bid Forms, including specifications, may be obtained from the Director at the above address, and all bids are subject to the terms and conditions therein set forth.
 Dated: March 3, 2017

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COUNTY OF SULLIVAN
 Sale of Recyclable Commodities (cardboard, newsprint, mixed paper), from the Sullivan County Landfill. Those interested are to contact the Purchasing & Central Services Department @ 845-807-0515, Attn: Allyson Lewis
 Dated: March 3, 2017

A tale of two halves

By TED WADDELL

LAKE HUNTINGTON, NY — It was like watching two different games.

In the first half of the girls' non-league varsity game of hoops on February 16, the home team Lady Bulldogs of Sullivan West went on a 17-4 rampage against the Lady Eagles of Onteora.

But the second half was a reversal of fortunes, as the visitors almost pulled off a miracle win in the closing minutes.

Sullivan West led 6-4 at the close of the first period, and then posted an unanswered 11 points in the second frame to take a commanding 13-point halftime lead into the locker room.

At the start of the third period, the Lady Eagles showed they were back in the game, as each squad racked up eight points.

In the final frame, Onteora dominated the boards as they outgunned the Lady Bulldogs 12-3.

But at the final buzzer, the home team squeaked out a narrow four-point win (28-24).

At the :34.7 mark, Onteora's Juliette Patterson stepped up to the free-throw line to pull her team within a bucket of tying it up.

In an example of "charity" beginning at home, in the final seconds Sullivan West's Josephine Martinez and Danielle Brockner picked up back-to-back fouls, thus earning trips to the free-throw line.

Each went one-for-two, and those points aced the game for the home team, as the clock ticked down to zero.

Mike Groeters, coach of the Lady Eagles (4-15), said the game was "picture perfect," in that while they struggle offensively early on with "aggressiveness," they tend to finish strong in the closing minutes.

"I have a positive outlook going forward," he said. "You saw in the fourth quarter what the team is capable of."

Pat Donovan, coach of the Lady Bulldogs (5-8), summed it up.

"We played a great first half... [but] the second half was a completely different game... We couldn't rebound in the second half, left too many good opportunities on the glass."

Putting a positive spin on the ball, Donovan added, "We did what we needed to do the win, so that's good."

Onteora's big gun was Grace Hallinan, with a total of eight points, while Kiley Klene and Monroe Maki each posted a three.

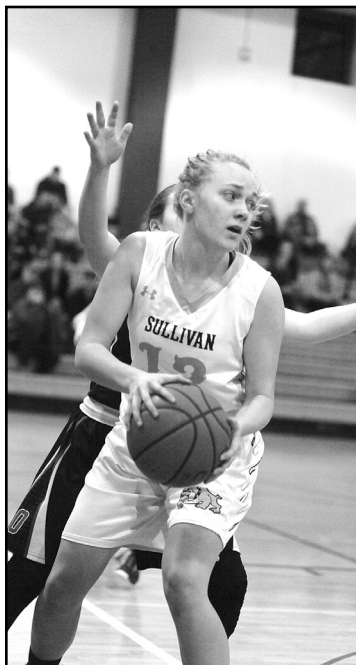
Sullivan West: Sabrina Martinez (11 points including a three), and Josephine Martinez (7).

Stats from the FTL: Sullivan West 5/13 (38%); Onteora 2/12 (17%).

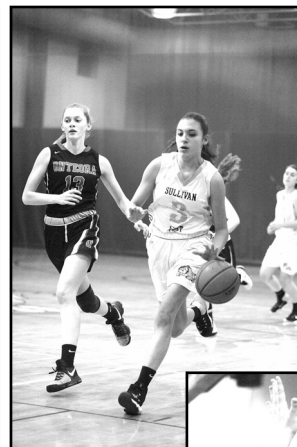
Juliette Patterson is a 15-year-old sophomore forward at Onteora. Proving she is a master of the art of understatement, Patterson said, "I think we had a strong fourth quarter."



TRR photos by Ted Waddell
Looking ahead: Sullivan West's Anissa Baurenfiend sets up a pass as Onteora's Grace Hallinan defends.



Under pressure: Sullivan West's McKinley Bernitt eludes an Onteora defender.



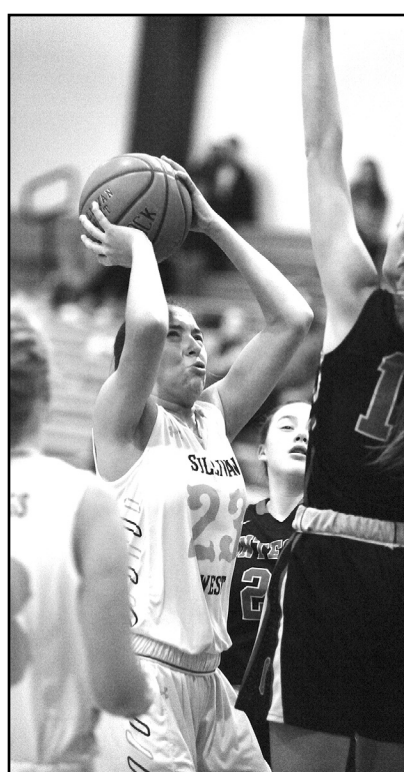
Off to the races: Sullivan West's Josephine Martinez heads up-court pursued by Onteora's Juliette Patterson.



"Never look back, as something may be gaining on you": Sullivan West's Josephine Martinez



Reaching for it: Onteora's Grace Hallinan and Sullivan's West's Josephine Martinez



Concentration plus: Sullivan West's center Sabrina Martinez sets up a shot.



Closing in: Sullivan West's Bridget Hart in motion

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- For kindergarten your child needs to be 5-years old by December 1, 2017;
- For pre-kindergarten your child need to be 4-years old by September 5, 2017;
- Child's name;
- Date of birth;
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After the appointment is made, a packet of information will be mailed to you to complete and return at registration time.

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National recognition for local conservancy

HAWLEY, PA — The Delaware Highlands Conservancy (DHC) has renewed its land trust accreditation, maintaining its position as part of a network of only 372 accredited land trusts across the nation,

“Renewing our accreditation demonstrates the Delaware Highlands Conservancy’s ongoing commitment to permanent land conservation in the Upper Delaware River region,” said executive director Diane Rosencrance. “We are a stronger organization than ever for having gone through the rigorous accreditation renewal process. This evolution of the conservancy means the special places of our region—the forests, farms and clean waters—will be protected forever, ensuring our wonderful quality of life is protected for us and for future generations.”

DHC provided extensive documentation and underwent a comprehensive review as part of its accreditation renewal. The Land Trust Accreditation Commission awarded the renewed accreditation, signifying its confidence that DHC’s lands will be protected forever.

Accredited land trusts must renew every five years, confirming their compliance with national quality standards and



Photo by David B. Soete

providing continued assurance to donors and landowners of their commitment to forever steward their land and easements. Almost 20 million acres of farms, forests and natural areas vital to healthy communities are now permanently conserved by an accredited land trust.

The Delaware Highlands Conservancy has protected nearly 15,000 acres of working farms and forests, clean waters and wildlife habitat to date in Pennsylvania and New York, and offers year-round educational programming to connect people to nature and cultivate stewardship of regional lands.

For more information on the Conservancy, call 570/226-3164 or 845/583-1010, or visit www.DelawareHighlands.org.

DEP internships open

REGION — The New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) will offer 15 summer internships at offices throughout the NYC watershed. These paid internships are in fields related to science and engineering. Those accepted into the summer internship program will have the chance to work alongside DEP scientists, engineers, planners and other professionals who operate, maintain and protect the largest municipal water supply in the United States.

College students from the watershed and surrounding regions may apply for these learning opportunities. The intern posi-

tions include summer work associated with upstate water quality laboratories, water quality field operations, engineering, community water connections, water system modeling, natural resources and science and research. The internships are located at DEP’s offices in Delaware, Sullivan, Ulster and Westchester counties. In addition to the watershed opportunities, DEP also offers summer internships at its offices in New York City.

For more information visit www.nyc.gov/html/dep/html/job_opportunities/icims_internships.shtml. Candidates must submit applications by April 7.

SOUNDINGS

Reservoir levels

February 28, 2017

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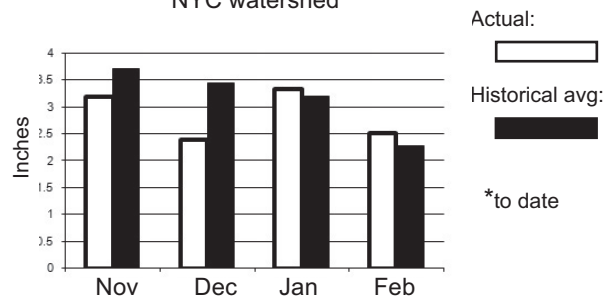
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RIVER TALK

By Scott Rando

The plight of the bats

During the cold months of winter, the average person doesn't think about bats; there are none to be seen outdoors or in the attic, where they may roost during the day in the summer. Now is the season when bats in our region are literally fighting for their lives, as they attempt to survive the winter hibernation period. The problem in recent years has been white-nose syndrome (WNS). This is a fungal pathogen that irritates infected bats and causes them to rouse and expend energy too quickly as they hibernate. It was found that bats suffered 100% mortality in some hibernacula.

White-nose syndrome has been the focus of investigation by multiple state and federal agencies in the Northeast over the past several years. Closing critical hibernacula to foot traffic was tried first, and over the years, surveys and treatment experiments have been performed in various locations in an effort to halt the decline in bat populations. To that end, the PA Fish and Game Commission (PGC) has been performing some work in the field, and published a report during July of last year outlining findings of Indiana bat hibernacula surveys.



Some of the preliminary findings suggest that the arousal patterns of little brown bat WNS survivors (whose infection was confirmed by UV light, but had survived a hibernation period) returned to pre-WNS observations. Also, juvenile bats were found to suffer much greater WNS mortality than adults in hibernacula. It should be mentioned that even though the target of the survey was the Indiana bat, the PGC found multiple species of bats in many caves surveyed, and they recorded data from the other species found.

Perhaps the most significant finding is the treatment experiment performed us-

ing PEG 8000. PEG 8000 is a high molecular-weight form of polyethylene glycol used in lab and pharmaceutical applications. Preliminary data has shown that while applying PEG 8000 directly to bats does not prevent infection, application of PEG 8000 to roost structure is effective. PEG 8000's mechanism of control appears to be to inhibit the germination of spores of the fungus that causes WNS. The annual job report for this project brings to light several more aspects of survey results of bat hibernacula. It's on the PGC site at <https://tinyurl.com/zt32tfn>.

TRR photo by Scott Rando

This summer roost of little brown bats was found in an abandoned building in 2014. During daylight hours in spring, summer and fall bats rest in attics, belfries, or even openings in tree trunks. Two years later, this same building was surveyed again during the same timeframe, and there were about one third of the bats that were counted during 2014.



Photo by Al Hicks, NYSDEC

This long-eared bat is in its winter hibernacula in a cave during a New York State Department of Environmental Conservation survey. This is when bats are most susceptible to succumbing to white-nose syndrome. This is the typical resting or hibernating posture of a bat: upside-down.

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