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## VC dilemma: state aid still withheld

By JORDAN WILKINSON jwilkinson@tcnewspapers.com

With state aid figures still a mystery to New York's school districts, Valley Central's Board of Education (BOE) is beginning to prepare for the worst. With phrases like "if the governor doesn't release his figures soon" peppered throughout presentations and beginning more and more budget talks, the district is seeming to prepare itself for a possible two-year freeze on their state aid figures.

The uncertainty has certainly proved a challenge for district officials, especially their new Assistant Superintendent for Business, Lisa Raymond, who has been employed with the district for approximately six weeks, according to District Superintendent Richard Hooley.

Despite the hold on figures from Gov. Andrew Cuomo, who said he will only release them dependent on the passage of new legislation, Raymond continued with the fifth installment of her budget pre-

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#### **SWEET CENTENNIAL**



Kelli Palinkas

Julia Muller (r) of Walker Valley celebrated her 100th birthday recently at the Montgomery Nursing Home. She is shown with her friend Julia Paolini at the nursing home. Story on page 32.

## Montgomery mayoral race approaches finish line

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The Village of Montgomery's mayoral race has come down between two vastly different candidates, a veteran mayor who has held his position since 1990, and a local business owner with ideas as big as her desire for the mayoral title.

Montgomery voters will decide March 18 between incumbent L. Stephen Brescia and Maria Beltrametti, owner of Recycled Style on 109 Ward St. The two were scheduled to debate Tuesday night, too late to report in this week's paper.

#### L. Stephen Brescia

Not only is Brescia the current mayor of the Village of Montgomery, he has solidified his position as "one of the most tenured mayors in New York State" for the past 25 years, since his first term began in 1990.

Running for his eighth term, Brescia boasts a long list of infrastructure achievements. Several departmental buildings received remodeling and renovations, including the village's Police Department and Department of Public Works (DPW), which welcomed a new garage addition and building during Brescia's most recent term.

Brescia also listed involvement in several new projects of which he is particularly proud. Two-thirds of the Village Hall's windows were replaced, a new

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#### **PUBLIC AGENDA**

THURSDAY, MARCH 12

Montgomery Town Board Audit/Work Session, 7 p.m., Town Government Center, 110 Bracken Road, Montgomery. Wallkill Board of Education, 7 p.m., Wallkill Senior High School Library Media Center. Special meeting to discuss proposed 2015-16 school budget.

MONDAY, MARCH 16 Town of Montgomery Zoning Board of Appeals, 7 p.m., Town Hall, 110 Bracken Road, Montgomery.

TUESDAY, MARCH 17
Walden Village Board of Trustees, 6:30
p.m., Village Hall, I Municipal Square.
Montgomery Village Board, 7:30 p.m.,
Village Hall, 133 Clinton Street.

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#### Cardinal Egan remembered

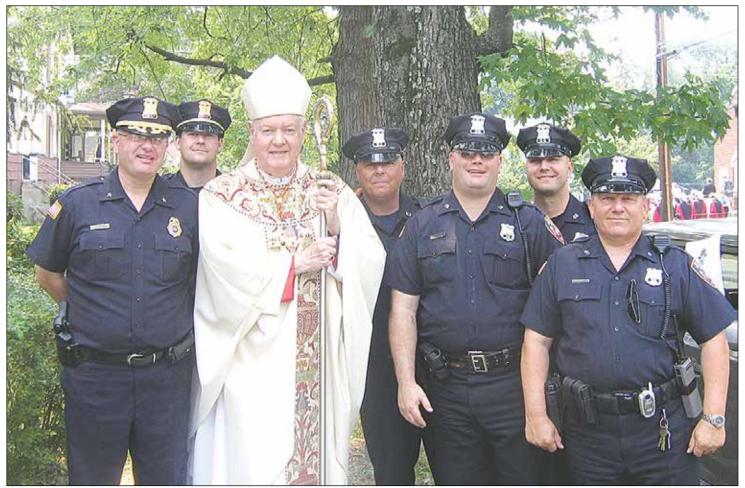


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Cardinal Edward Egan, former archbishop of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of New York who died last week, visited Walden in June 2007 and posed with members of the Walden Police Dept. after Mass at the Church of the Most Precious Blood. Police Chief Jeffry Holmes (far left) writes: "Although I am not Catholic I had a great relationship with Fr. Kenneth Loughman of MPB Church, through our mutual military service, he introduced me to Cardinal Egan on one of his Hudson Valley visits. Cardinal Egan always had a soft spot and was very supportive to emergency service first responders. I remember how he really was an important and calming voice during the 911 tragedy of events." Pictured: (I - r) Chief Holmes, Sgt. Metzger, Cardinal Egan, and Officers DiPiero, Treco, Montanaro, and Pettine.

### Valley Central at budget standstill, state aid still withheld

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sentation to board members on Monday, focusing on Instructional Components and Revenues.

While most items remained relatively constant, the overall Regular School program component line is budgeted for \$28.6 million for 2015 to 2016, up from \$26.3 million. The raise, explained Raymond, comes from staff hiring.

The Contractual Expenses line for Students with Disabilities also sees a jump from \$161,160 in 2014 to 2015, to \$311,250 for 2015 to 2016, so that the district can hire job coaches, translators, psychologists and also pay for services for the deaf and student insurance.

Raymond was able to find several areas of savings, including energy efficiency savings, employee health insurance, next year's employee and teacher retirement system (ERS and TRS) rates and efficiencies in special education classes. She cited adjustments made to TRS rates as a significant area of savings.

Revenues will also see an increase for the 2015 to 2016 academic year, particularly in Tuition and Youth Services and Payments in Lieu of Taxes, which will rise from \$83,000 to \$130,525 and \$1.5 million to \$1.6 million respectively.

Total revenues are expected to see a 1.3 percent increase, rising from \$92.4 million in 2014 to 2015, to \$93.6 million budgeted for 2015 to 2016.

Raymond also said that she expects a 1.73 percent tax levy growth, amounting to \$975,056. The numbers, she reiterated, are still tentative.

Raymond concluded the presentation

by listing the district's current state aid figure, which stands at just over \$32 million. For the rest of the BOE members, the concern now lies in the public budget presentations that are scheduled for the week. Members were concerned that without up-to-date figures, residents will be left with vague figures for next year's school budget.

"Up or down, people are going to latch onto 1.73 and wonder why we haven't had those discussions on that," said Rod Freeman, board member.

Valley Central residents are invited to choose between one of six budget presentations, which began on Tuesday, March 10 at East Coldenham Elementary School. Each presentation is the same and the full list is available at the district's website.

# Library taxes focus of Shawangunk debate

By RACHEL COLEMAN

The Shawangunk Town Board has called upon state representatives to enact new legislation for the Wallkill Public Library after concluding at their meeting last week that the original law creating the district was flawed and possibly unconstitutional.

The library serves the Wallkill Central School District, which includes portions of the towns of Shawangunk, Gardiner, Plattekill, Newburgh and Montgomery. The library board of trustees can have members from anywhere in the district; however, only Shawangunk residents pay the taxes for the library.

"Bottom line, I believe only people who share the tax consequences of a budget should be charged with drafting and voting on that budget," said Camille Reid, a former Wallkill Public Library trustee.

The debate began with a letter to the Shawangunk Town Board in early December, signed by six former library trustees, including Reid. The letter stated that three of the board's members, including its president, did not pay taxes to support the library because they lived outside its taxing district.

"Since the board is responsible for the budget and the allocation of the tax dollars collected, board members should live within the library district," said the letter. "Trustees living outside the district bear no consequences for the tax burden they create, cannot sign their own petitions, nor can they vote for themselves in the election."

Reid said it was not their intention to disparage the librarian, who has accomplished a lot for the library, but to address the issue of who is making the financial decisions.

"We have a passionate librarian who is very progressive, which is good, but we need checks and balances," said Reid.

In a January letter, the library board pointed out that their members are elected, and their budget is also put to a public vote.

"We have less power than your group of former trustees is giving us credit for, and that's how it should be," Lynne Diener, corresponding secretary for the Wallkill Public Library, said in the letter. "We serve to be responsible stewards of this wonderful institution, regardless of what plot of land our individual homes rest on."

Diener was present at the meeting on Thursday, saying she was upset as she felt they were being painted as some sort of secretive group, plotting bad things.

"We're not the ones making decisions financially," said Diener. "The public votes on it."

Members of the Town Board countered that the budget is crafted and presented, at least in part, by individuals outside the taxing district who decide where to spend the library's money. Councilman Matthew Watkins noted that according to reported 2013 figures from the Ramapo Catskill Library System, the Wallkill Library had \$442,855 in unrestricted funds.

Even so, last fall they decided to override the tax cap. Watkins said a homeowner assessed at \$250,000 would have a Wallkill library tax of \$201.94 for this year, while in neighboring Pine Bush, which has more than twice the population, the bill would be \$45.

"The goal is not to raise money, it's to serve the public," said Watkins. "If that much money is left over, should [they] be increasing the levy?"

Mary Lou Carolan, librarian for the Wallkill Public Library, said that a portion of that figure is in a building fund for a future expansion or new building. She pointed out that at least half of the former trustees who penned the letter to the town (and lived within the tax district) were on the board when the last budget was prepared, whereas the new members who live outside the district have not yet prepared a budget. They were elected in September and only took office this year.

Carolan pointed out that at least half of those who signed the letter to the board also signed the petitions for the new members to run for election and she questioned the motivations behind the initial letter.

Meanwhile, Merle Bercow, another former library board member who signed that letter, told the board that the dialogue had deteriorated to the point that she had received a "hate letter."

Regardless of any underlying motives, the Town Board noted that a question had been raised that they felt needed to be addressed. Town Supervisor John Valk said there was no animosity on their part--they simply needed to address the legality of the issue now that it had come

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bandstand was built, as well as construction of a new water tower, which Brescia said will likely be completed in April.

"I'd like to see us finish up Village Hall once we can afford it. I'd also like to see the water works building completed," Brescia said on future projects if re elected. "I'm running again because I love the village. I love doing things, getting things adjusted and the quality of life here.'

While getting things done in the village, Brescia cited two major drainage projects, one on River Street and a second on Pleasant Avenue, as well as the installation of a new water line on Weaver Street.

Everything's good in the Village of Montgomery, Brescia said. It's something he'd like to see continue for another term.

#### Maria Beltrametti

For Beltrametti, a newcomer to politics, her inexperience serves as nothing more than a force behind her desire to bring her ideas to life in the village she has been connected to for 40 years.

Running on her self-created Clean House Montgomery ticket, the Recycled Style owner is focused on small business advocacy and keeping shopping close to home, and revenues even closer.

Along with the promotion of local buying and connec-







L. Stephen Brescia

tivity between existing businesses, one of Beltrametti's development plans for the village is to challenge developers to sponsor local farmers, while building a local grocery store. The store, she said, would be the first part of a planned community, which would also include the development of the "Montgomery Food Hub," opposite of the Chandler Lane Community.

The hub, she explained, would "re-imagine the traditional wholesale market as a hybrid, serving wholesale, retail, cooperative and subscription customers, meal programs, food banks and to serve as a venue for community programs and events."

As part of Beltrametti's vision for the village, she has also proposed the creation of "Montgomery Marketplace," a retail and residential complex for local artisans and shopkeepers to live and work. She said that the close proximity between home and work would make a substantial difference for the personal economic growth of local entrepreneurs.

Beltrametti has also proposed building a solar farm on land off of Route 17K, next to Chamber Tractors. Called "Chamber Barns," the vision is a "unique and functional party space," that can serve as either a large event venue, or intimate gathering space. She said that the village would own the location, ensuring future revenue.

The mayoral hopeful's big ideas come from small and well-intentioned beginnings, when she started bagging dog waste on the village's streets. The walkability benefits matched the tidier aesthetics, inspiring her campaign.

"The mayor of any community should be the person who cares the most and I think I'm that person," Beltrametti said. "I pledge to you a village government that serves, first, the taxpayer and the village employees that get the job done. I will put my passion for and commitment to Montgomery to work every day."

Mayoral and board of trustee elections for the Village of Montgomery will take place from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, March 18.

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## Walden officials excluded from IDA discussions

By JORDAN WILKINSON jwilkinson@tcnewspapers.com

Ever the industrious team of officials, the Village of Walden Board of Trustees braved what was hopefully the last of this winter's snow storms for their regular meeting last Tuesday. Amid their regular agenda items, board members also held a long discussion pertaining to recent activity held by the Town of Montgomery's Industrial Development Agency (IDA), according to Village Manager John Revella.

The IDA met Thursday, Feb. 19 to discuss a to-be-formed affiliate, Walden Preservation, LP. During their meeting, members announced plans to renovate two existing apartment complexes in the Village of Walden on both Cliff Street and Main Street, comprising a total of 89 units, according to Town Supervisor, Mike Hayes.

The final projects, IDA members explained, are intended to become income based dwellings, with federally regulated rent figures that have yet to be decided.

According to Revella, the only notification that Walden officials received on the matter was a notification of a public hearing scheduled for March 16. Along with the IDA's initial meeting on Feb. 19, agency members also met on March 9 to continue their discussions. Both meetings were scheduled without discussing agenda items with Walden officials, according to Revella.

"The purpose of the IDA is to create

jobs," Revella said. "I don't know how you're going to create jobs with preexisting apartments."

Revella said that he intends to attend the public hearing. Until then, he and Village Attorney Dave Donovan will follow up for additional reports from the IDA

During his village manager's report, Revella gave a brief update on the recently formed water and sewer rate committee for the village, saying that verbalized updates should be available at the next board meeting.

The committee was formed in January, after Village Treasurer Peter Sullivan urged the board to work on a solution to problems with the village's water and sewer rates, stating that they would "be negative with the sewer fund next year if we don't do anything."

The committee has been meeting regularly since, and Revella said that their work and discussions "have been very productive so far."

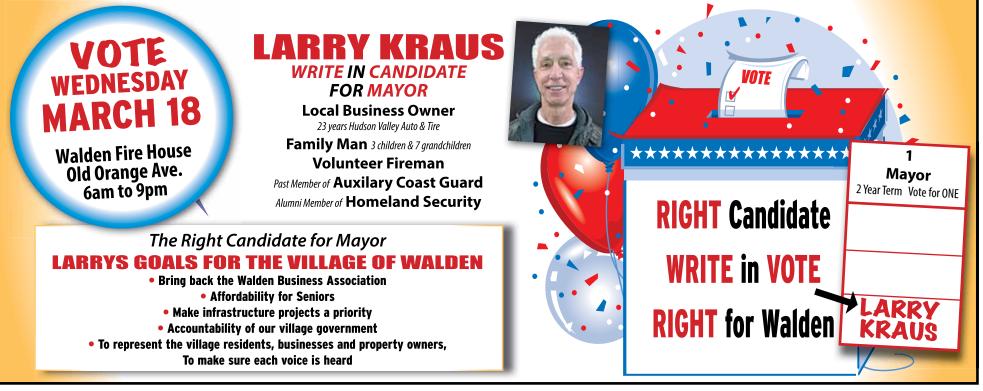
The board also approved a slew of new events and village matters, including the installation of a Little Free Library box from the Montgomery Montessori School and scheduling of a Little League parade on April 11, beginning at 9 a.m.

The receipt of funding from New York State for the village's Stop DWI Resolution was also passed, with the village collecting more than \$6,000 in grant funding for the initiative last year. That number, explained Revella, was able to grow from an initial amount of \$2,631.

The board also tabled an auditor's report presentation by representatives from Vanacore, DeBenedictus,

DiGiovanni and Weddell, a Hudson Valley CPA firm, pending the receipt of finalized documentation.





## Complaints against humane society gain 600+ supporters

#### By JANE ANDERSON

The president and former vice president of the Walden Humane Society board of directors disagree over claims that some staff members at the humane society have purposely left kennel doors open overnight, letting in dangerously cold air, during this frigid winter. Meanwhile, a petition - begun by the former vice president - to look further into the allegations has garnered more than 600 signatures.

Dennis Wayne Pennenga became a board member of the Humane Society of Walden about 18 months ago, a short while after starting to volunteer at the shelter. He became vice president in January, but is resigning March 18

"One issue that is reoccurring is causing unnecessary suffering and stress on the dogs that live in the inside kennel area," Pellenga said in a statement. "Certain staff are purposefully leaving overhead garage doors and several guillotine doors open all night in these frigid temperatures. This allows the cold air to penetrate into where the dogs sleep. To make matters even worse, the dogs are denied adequate bedding because, 'They just tear them up.'"

He said he first noticed the doors being left open last winter. This winter, he said, he'd had enough. Around Feb. 28, Pellenga brought his charges to social media, posting his allegations on the society's Facebook page. Then he met with board President Jean Buckley.

"I met with our president, Jean Buckley, on Saturday, Feb. 28th, for one final attempt to address this issue and create a policy regarding this," Pellenga said. "Again, I could not get a commitment from her. Instead, she asked for my keys and credit cards to the shelter."

Buckley said she doesn't understand why Pellenga, as a board member, didn't come to her or the rest of the board to address his concerns instead of making his accusations via social media.

"Our procedure is that everything gets discussed as a group," Buckley said. "Everyone was surprised when the comments came out the way they did."

Although she really didn't want to address the issue

in the same venue that Pellenga used, Buckley said, the board decided to respond via social media as well, on the 28th: "Recently there have been some pretty negative comments posted on our FB (Facebook) page about the shelter," the board's posting on the Humane Society's Facebook page read. "We would not discuss those on a social network. What we do, and always have done, is to invite everyone to visit the shelter, meet the staff and volunteers who are there everyday, spend time with the dogs and cats and form your own opinions. We are open every day from noon until 4. You are welcome and encouraged to spend as long as you like with us."

Dissatisfied, Pellenga took his concerns a step further and created an online petition on Change.org. The petition, titled "Close The Overhead Garage Doors In Frigid Temperatures So The Dogs Can Stay Warm", had 636 signatures as of March 10.

Tracey Carvell, shelter manager, took a reporter on a tour of the shelter on March 9.

"Animals are our first priority here," Carvell said. "We care more for the animals than we do for some humans."

It was a warm day compared to most this winter, with temperatures hovering in the mid-40s. Two of three overhead garage doors leading to the outdoor part of the dog kennels were open - "the other is frozen shut," Carvell said - but none of the dogs inside the kennels seemed distressed.

Inside the building, more than a dozen dogs roamed around, each inside its own large cage. Most of the dogs had either blankets on the floor or Kuranda beds, made of tightly woven mesh, raised above the floor on legs. All the dogs made a ruckus when the visitors entered, barking, jumping and wagging their tails. One dog in particular, however, didn't seem too friendly - and that was the dog around which Pellenga's charges most likely revolve. Carvell said.

Ecko is a large, tan mastiff/bull terrier mix. He leaped at his cage door, snarling and baring his teeth. A blanket lay in tatters at his feet, while the "guillotine door" - a dog-size metal door so named because it is raised and lowered via a cable on top - was open to the outside.

Ecko appears, to put it simply, claustrophobic, Buckley and Carvell said. If the guillotine door is closed, the dog is frantic, throwing himself against the walls almost to the point of injury, they said. When that door is open, Ecko is relatively calm, they added.

"It makes all the difference in the world to him, so we're going to keep that door open," Buckley said.

The forced-air heat combined with circulating ceiling fans in the kennels provide much warmth for the dogs, Buckley said, enough to compensate for the open door. Shelter staff has tried to provide Kuranda beds for Ecko and certain other dogs, but the dogs have jumped on them, broken them and ripped them to shreds, she said.

"If there's a danger that something could splinter and be ingested, it's our responsibility to remove anything that's ultimately going to be a danger to them (the dogs)," Buckley said. "With the forced-air heat, the floors do stay warm. It may not be the most appealing surface to sleep on, but it is the safest for those particular dogs."



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# **Opinion**

# Teachers point fingers at Cuomo

eachers from across New York State took aim at Gov. Andrew Cuomo last week, voicing outrage over ongoing cuts to education funding and policies they claim hurt students and teachers.

As the New York State United Teachers held a huge fair education funding rally in Albany last Monday, other groups met throughout the state, including about 200 teachers, students and administrators who stood on the steps of Newburgh Free Academy and called upon the governor to reverse the cycle of funding cuts in education.

"Stop blaming teachers and districts and work with them," said Newburgh Teachers' Association President Art Plichta. "Give more aid to the neediest of school districts, not less."

Plichta said half of all districts have less funding now than they had in 2008, in spite of a current state surplus of \$5.4 million.

Among the other speakers at the rally was Brian Maher, mayor of Walden and an aide to State Sen. Bill Larkin. Maher said Larkin supports an end to the Gap Elimination Adjustment (GEA) that was put into place in 2010 to close a \$10 million budget deficit. The GEA and its ensuing budget cuts remain in place today, despite the state budget surplus. The Newburgh Enlarged City School District reports a loss of \$49,832,686 in state aid due to the GEA in the last five years.

It is clear that the state budget measures have had the strongest impact on the poorest of school districts in the state. It also serves to magnify the disparity in school funding between high and low wealth districts across the state. The National Report Card study on school funding ranks New York as among the nation's unfair when it comes to funding public education. New York's performance shows that, while well-to-do suburbs in Westchester County and Long Island have some of the highest funding levels in the nation, lower wealth cities and rural areas receive dramatically lower school funding despite often having to address much higher levels of student need.

The education system needs a complete overhaul that includes fair funding, less testing and more learning. Students in the Hudson Valley should not be denied an education comparable to their counterparts in upscale communities.

We need to fix this problem.

#### Yesteryear



Wallkill High School, 1912. Postcard courtesy Elizabeth Werlau.

#### **LETTERS**

#### Cuomo's faulty logic on education

Knowing that Gov. Cuomo had to study logic and inductive/deductive reasoning at law school, I find it curious that he came up with an erroneous conclusion BEFORE he had the facts to prove it. His conclusion, the one he has been espousing since he started running for governor, is that "New York State schools are failing and the fault is the state's ineffective teachers!"

Now that the FACTS are in, based on the evaluation system he demanded be put in place, and overwhelmingly prove his illogical conclusion WRONG, that 85-95% of all public school teachers are either effective or highly effective, he wants to change the evaluation system!!

No, Gov. Cuomo, you cannot keep changing the instrument (the evaluation system) because it does not support

or prove the conclusion you want or believe to be true.

Just maybe it is your view of public education that needs re-evaluation!

First of all the majority of school districts in NYS are very effective and produce (graduate) students who are able to succeed after high school, despite that the state's funding for education has been stuck in a 2008 twilight zone. School districts are doing more with less, a true miracle, which is gratefully acknowledged and appreciated by the overwhelming number of passed school budgets each year (over 90%).

Therefore NOT all NYS schools are failing or ineffective!

Second of all the reason why some schools are "fail-

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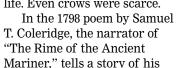
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## The bird-banding box

#### Part Three: Birds of Prey

n the 1950's, the number of large birds of prey inhabiting the valley was nil-to-none, as they had all been shot. During the 1930's -- The Great Depression

-- everything was cleaned out: there were no deer, no turkeys, no Canada geese and, as a corollary to this survival hunting, as target practice, all the large birds of prey had been shot by farmers, farmer's boys, and by weekend recreational shooters. From time to time, a lone sparrow hawk could be seen sitting on a telephone wire, scanning the hayfields for signs of critter life. Even crows were scarce.



seafaring days when the ship he was sailing became entrapped in ice until "At length did cross an Albatross, / Through the fog it came: ... / It ate the food it ne'er had eat, / And round and round it flew. / The ice did split with thunder-fit; / The helmsman steered us through!" So the ship was being saved by this mysterious bird until, "'God save thee, ancient mariner! / From the fiends, that plague thee thus! -- / Why look'st thou so?" – With my crossbow / I shot the ALBATROSS."

Why did the mariner shoot the albatross? We are never told. The consequential misfortune and the eventually death of all his shipmates is directly related to his wanton act: "And I had done a hellish thing, / And it would work'em woe: / For all averred, I had killed the bird / That made the breeze blow."

As a naturalist, my father fought hard against



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Natural Essays

this country boy attitude and slowly won the minds of young hunters by taking injured birds of prey to elementary school rooms and Scout meetings. When young people see the suffering of injured birds, they are less likely to shoot them, his theory went.

In his bird banding box is a small black book. (See photo.) In this book my father kept a record of rescued birds of prey. A typical entry reads: "*Great Horned Owl – acquired – Dec 1 – 75, / shot near Wallkill, / treated by Dr O'connors, /Holding --.*"

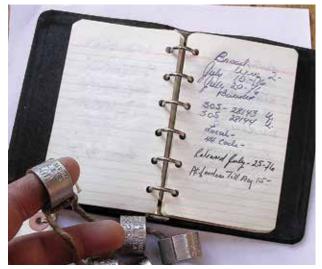
Or this: "Redtailed hawk, (symbol for male), juvenile. / Acquired Jan. 3 –76 –/ treated for gunshot wounds by Dr Oconnors/ Died – Jan 13 –76—/ Holding"

You don't catch birds of prey in mist nets and generally speaking their nests are beyond the reach of an everyday human, so it came to pass that banding these birds of a higher realm was limited to the specimens which fell into his hands. Not all the cases were of gunshot wounds. "Great Horned Owl/damaged eye-/tangled with skunk/died same day --/5-20-82"

Some damaged birds were treated, banded and, in time, released as in: "Nov.10 – 83/ Bard owl/ shot/ treated + released/ Dec – 15 -83/ (band number 637 – 73207".

One of the most exciting entries in the Black Book is about a bird he was unable to band because it was not covered by his banding permit: "Bald Eagle -/ Immature - shot/Jan - 1-75/obtained Jan 4 - 75/ Released Feb 18 - 75/ to John Cross/ Biologist/ -- Kathy - The interesting thing about this entry is that I think it turned out to be a golden eagle (an immature bald eagle would look like a golden eagle) and that a big stink was raised by this bird because Pop didn't have a Federal or State permit to have an eagle and there was hell to pay and it was passed on to the Feds and good riddance because eagles are one damned big bird up close and occupying your woodshed!

Some hawks came to him after spectacular aerial battles with other hawks: "Broadwing hawk/ Sam's Point-/ Band # 815 -90019/ Fight with hawk/ damaged



Naturalist Sam B Phelps's Black Book of birds of prey and bird bands for large birds

Rt eye/ 9-30-79/ Release date-"

Since his one-man effort to reverse the decline in our local birds of prey, hawks now occupy our valley: red-tails nest here on the farm, broad-wings glide across the fields below the community garden at Benedict Farm Park and bald eagles have been seen nesting along the Wallkill. Above all his other passions, birds were naturalist Sam B. Phelps's principal delight, and his greatest distress, as he felt compelled to tell his compatriots his own Rime of the Ancient Mariner.

The entries in the Black Book end with the year "1984" written on the top of a page. Obviously, he had plans to continue. In February of 1984, the Phelps barn burned to the ground, and with it, in rehab, all birds of prey not yet returned to the wild. He made no subsequent notes.

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ing" their students can be blamed or shown by looking at a few very politically charged reasons, none of which can be placed at the feet of their teachers. There are socio-economic reasons that hinder the educational success of students even before they first enter the door of a public school: one-parent households, the lack of educational success for single parents, little or no economic opportunities in urban areas (where most of these statistics occur), little to no pre-natal care, lack of a strong male presence in the home, the lack of a positive family life, homelessness, the appeal of gangs and gang membership....and this list can go on and on.

Unfortunately Gov. Cuomo is not focusing on these issues as this might just offend his voting base: NYC and the other urban areas in NYS with their diverse constituencies, which he overwhelmingly carried in November. Also there is his on-going rivalry with the mayor of NYC. It is just so easy to always pick on public education, the

teachers, NYSUT, and all those who toil in the trenches of the state's educational system.

Lastly, let us not forget, that parents are a child's first teachers, advocates, and supporters. Parents are the most important factor in the ultimate success of any child.

Maybe the state should evaluate a student's whole 24-hour period, not just the 5-6 hours a day spent in public schools.

#### ELIZABETH BLASHKA

retired teacher and school board member Montgomery

#### Iran Deal

After 9/11/01 the United Kingdom gave a bust of Winton Churchill to the U.S. and it was displayed in the Oval Office; when Obama became President he returned

it. There has been speculation as to why. Watching his negotiations with Iran it seems clear he's channeling Neville Chamberlain who gave Hitler what he wanted at Munich and Obama is prepared to accept a nuclear Iran in 10 years.

The International Atomic Energy Agency just reported that Iran is already failing to cooperate with existing agreements; what would make you think they'll abide by stricter rules? It appears that like Chamberlain at Munich President Obama will give up anything to get a treaty. While Munich led to WW2 and the Holocaust, a nuclear Iran will be even worse. If you don't believe they're determined to go nuclear, why would they continue to test Intercontinental Ballistic missiles, which could reach the U.S. and are only used for nuclear bombs? Churchill once described a political opponent as a "sheep in sheep's clothing." I think this description fits Obama

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perfectly.

When Obama became President in 2009 we had a treaty with Poland and the Czech Republic to install anti-ballistic missiles in their countries. Russian President Vladimir Putin objected and as a goodwill gesture President Obama cancelled the deal, in return we got nothing. Then we had the famous "reset button" fiasco with Secretary of State Clinton and the Russian Foreign Secretary. Then just prior to his reelection in 2012 President Obama was heard on an open mike saying to the Russian Premier to tell Vlad that after the election he could be much more flexible. This turned out to be one of the more accurate statements President Obama has made: in return for all this, Russia showed its gratitude by seizing the Crimea and invading Eastern Ukraine in of spite of treaty signed when the Soviet Union broke apart in the 1990s that if the Ukrain gave up the nuclear weapons in their possession, her borders would be guaranteed. Isn't it strange how similar this sounds to Hitler guaranteeing Czech sovereignty if Chamberlain would give him the Sudatenland?

When the Syrian civil war started, President Obama said President Assad must go, but gave no aid to the rebels. Then we had his famous "red line": if Assad used chemical weapons there would be consequences. Assad used chemical weapons, we did nothing, and in return for the favors Obama did him, Putin has supplied weapons to Assad which has kept him in power and allowed him to kill about 250,000 civilians. Given his history I'm sure Iran has no concern President Obama will do anything as they continue to obtain ICBMs and nuclear weapons. Remember Iran doesn't need ICBMs to reach Israel. President Netanyahu is right, a nuclear Iran is a threat to the U.S. President Obama's position --that the only choices are a bad treaty or war-- is wrong, there are tighter sanctions and doing things to bring down the price of oil hurting their economy while helping ours. The real and perceived weakness of President Obama has made the world a much more dangerous place. One thing is certain: in foreign policy President Obama has reached his level of incompetence.

JOHN HABERSBERGER

New Paltz

#### Food for thought

The Valley Central school board has reduced the number of polling places for school district voting to just one location, the high school gymnasium. This was done as an obvious cost-saving measure and to better provide student safety when voting takes place. The school board reasons the level of control and security is far greater when public voting is in one building as opposed to five buildings. Compared to the elementary schools the high school has more teachers and administrators who, by their very numbers, would be better able to manage a security breach and/or student exposure to risk when voting occurs. Also the gymnasium, as the voting area, is located a good distance from the student population.

No doubt the board's rationale has merit. However, there is a downside to having just one polling place:namely, the substantial reduction in voting access. Such a restriction could potentially lead to low voter turnout at the polls. Previously district residents, especially senior citizens, were accustomed to conveniently voting in their respective local polling places; the distances to drive there were relatively short. Now with the high school location the travel distance is longer for many district residents. The longer distances could prove to be a barrier to voting especially in inclement weather. Recently a \$19.875 million dollar bond proposal was put to a public referendum and I believe only 762 residents voted. This is unquestionably a dismal voter turnout especially in light of the bond's price tag. The bond passed but not with any mandate.

Voting is a major component of our democratic participatory process. We cherish electoral democracy; it should be free of constraint. Maybe the bond vote tally was an anomaly due to the cold weather, not to voting access constraint. If that's the case we should expect greater public participation in future voting on school district matters.

It appears we are faced with a possible trade-off situation with cost savings established and student safety precautions taken but at the expense of voter turnout at

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the polls. What are your priorities? Can the effectiveness of the safety precautions for students be questioned and subject to argument? If so, how much weight should be given to each in the possible trade-off? Should cost savings take precedence over voting access? You probably have your own ranking.

The trade-off at this point is supposition. Only future school district voting will determine if indeed this trade-off is for real. I just brought this topic up for you to think about. Postscript: Obviously student safety is always the number one priority in any situation. However are the interests of student safety effectively served with just the one polling place at the high school? I'll let you be the judge.

JOHN LOWN

Maybrook

#### For Sue Rumbold

I have been a resident of the Village of Walden since the day I was born and the owner of Flowers by Anita for thirty years.

The welfare of our village and its residents has always been of utmost importance to me and my husband, Roy Wynkoop, who served on the Board of Trustees and as Deputy Mayor for an extended period of time. During that time, he served with Sue Rumbold, a current Trustee and Deputy Mayor. Roy always admired Sue for being a free thinker and not a person to agree on important issues that concerned the people of Walden just because it may have been the popular thing to do. I totally agree with him.

There are other reasons I endorse Sue. She has a small business in Walden and is always one of the first to donate and participate in village events. I can still see her letting children decorate cupcakes in front of Sweet Sensations by Sue on Discover Walden Day. Her generous spirit is evident in everything she does personally and professionally for the betterment of our community. She has attended every event when the Mayor has not been able to, in spite of her personal and work obligations...full-time employment in another business in the village and her own small business. Sue's attendance at the board meetings is exemplary as is her dedication to listening to the concerns of the residents of Walden. Therefore, it is with profound admiration, respect and trust that I endorse Sue Rumbold for Mayor of the Village of Walden and ask you to also support her on Wed,, March 18th (6am-9am -Walden Firehouse).

ANITA WYNKOOP
Walden

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## Office for the Aging opens satellite office in Newburgh

By SHANTAL PARRIS RILEY sriley@tcnewspaper.com

The Orange County Office for the Aging has opened a new office at the Newburgh Armory Unity Center. The satellite office will offer services to seniors unable to travel to the agency's Middletown location.

"The City of Newburgh didn't really have the senior services it needs," said Mayor Judy Kennedy. "I can't tell you what a blessing this is... Thank you, thank you and thank you."

The mayor spoke this week at a ribbon–cutting ceremony for the new office, now open for business at the Newburgh Armory. It offers information and referral services. Additional services such as care giving, health insurance counseling and personal assistance will be offered through the AgeLink program.

The program is funded through the state and the Orange County Department of Social Services, and offered by way of collaboration between the county Office for the Aging, Mount Saint Mary College and the Newburgh Armory.

Site staff will include undergraduate, MSMC student volunteers trained in aging services. Bilingual staff will also be on-hand.

"For some time, we've recognized that we've been under-serving residents," said county Office for the Aging Director Ann Marie Maglione, specifically those unable to travel.

Seniors have trouble getting to the Middletown office for several reasons, she said, including lack of transportation, lack of money and limited understanding of English. "Rather than them coming to us, we have come to them," Maglione said.

The site will eventually offer programs and workshops through partnering agencies such as Cornell Cooperative Extension of Orange County, said Maglione.

"All of us have a heart for the aging," said Anne

## ATTENTION



#### WALLKILL

Parents in the Wallkill School District seeking transportation for their children who will attend a private or parochial school for the 2015-2016 school year, must submit written notice of their intent no later than April 1, 2015.

Forms are available at www.wallkillcsd.k12.ny.us
For further information, call Mr. Devincenzi,
Assistant Superintendent for Support Services
at 895-7102.



Photo: Courtesy of Mount Saint Mary Colleg

A ribbon-cutting ceremony marked the opening of a satellite office of the county Office for the Aging at the Newburgh Armory Unity Center in Newburgh Tuesday.

Carson Daly, Mount Saint Mary College president. "We want to give people... who are getting older in the community as much support as we can."

Armory Director James DelViscio waxed enthusiastic about "grant opportunities" supporting programs to connect seniors and children at the armory. "The idea of having grandparents and kids together in a reading program... is something that's really important for us," he said

Lawrence Force, director of the college's Center on Aging and Policy, described the program as a "home run" for both the college and the community. "Aging is not about ...decline, it's about adapting," he said.

Force thanked Unity Center founder Bill Kaplan for his help opening the Newburgh office. "Without this man, we would not be here," he said.
When working with Kapl

When working with Kaplan there are two speeds, he said, "now and right now." True to form, Kaplan took the podium and offered assistance for needed programs and services. "If you have the need for space... make sure you take a look at the facility," he said. "We're expanding."

Speaking to the audience, Kaplan said, "We are so honored to have an organization like this come here."

Kaplan, who chairs the armory's board of directors, said he hoped to make contact with organizations such as the Alzheimer's Association on possible ways to collaborate on long-range plans.

The AgeLink office is open from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The Newburgh Armory Unity Center is located at 321 South William St. in the City of Newburgh.

For more information about the services of the Orange County Office for the Aging, call 615-3700 or visit Orangecountygov.com/ofa. To learn more about the Newburgh Armory Unity Center, call 245-4035 or visit Newburgharmory.org.





## Neuhaus: IDA's Cadillac dealership tax break sets unfair precedent Town of Newburgh twice objected to PILOT approved by IDA on March 9

Orange County Executive Steve Neuhaus Tuesday exercised his power as chief executive officer to oppose a PILOT (payment in lieu of taxes) the Orange County Industrial Development Agency (IDA) approved for a car dealership on March 9. The Town of Newburgh board voted unanimously twice to oppose the tax break.

The IDA has asked for Neuhaus' support of the PILOT, explaining that this "confirming approval" is needed because any retail project must satisfy at least one of three criteria to qualify for a PILOT. One criterion describes the Barton Birks Cadillac dealership as a "tourism destination." The IDA argues the dealership qualifies as a tourism destination because it is likely to attract a significant number of visitors from outside the economic development region. The second way the IDA argues the Cadillac dealership qualifies for the PILOT is that it would be a "unique facility." According to the IDA, this means the dealership sells cars - Cadillacs - not otherwise reasonably accessible to Orange County's residents. When an IDA makes this "unique facility" finding, as Orange County's has in this case, the law requires that it confirm the county executive's approval of that finding.

"Tax breaks need to be given out carefully. In my opinion, car dealerships locate where their customers are. That's the nature of their business. To give a tax break to a car dealership sets a dangerous precedent in



Orange County Executive Steve Neuhaus

Orange County. More importantly, the local community has come out against these breaks. This is an issue of fundamental fairness to local elected officials and our taxpayers," said Neuhaus.

As then-Chester Town Supervisor, Neuhaus was so

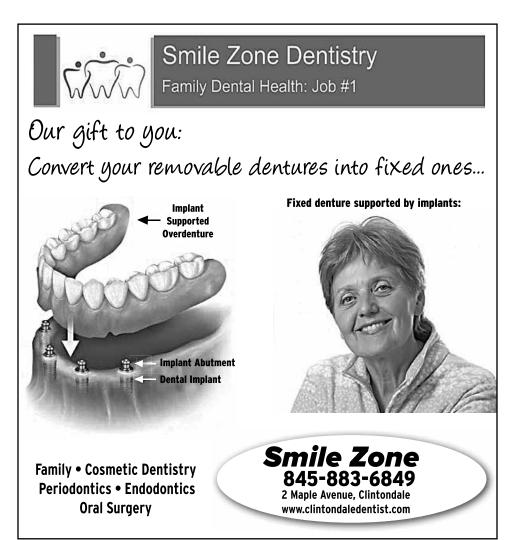
outraged that a company in his town which was already well under construction received an "enhanced" PILOT from the Orange County IDA that he went to court over it.

"PILOTs are a useful economic development tool, but they should be used sparingly. Using them for retail, particularly high-end retail, just doesn't seem fair to me, and I cannot support it," said Neuhaus.

"Our town board objected unanimously, twice, to the IDA's tax break because we believe a dealership, as a retail business, does not qualify for PILOTs. As Town Supervisor, I am very disappointed that the IDA's members have taken this position. Newburgh stands to lose property tax revenues for our town as well as our schools as a result of this short-sighted tax break," said Town of Newburgh Supervisor Gil Piaquadio.

"Barton Birks treats their customers well and gives good service according to satisfied customers that I have spoken to. That service and the demand for their product will drive decisions for future site locations and expansions," said Neuhaus.

Neuhaus said he hoped Barton Birks advances their plan without a PILOT and that he would be contacting General Motors to urge, if Barton Birks could not go forward with its expansion, that the automobile company permit other car dealers to establish a Cadillac franchise in Orange County.



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#### THURSDAY 💠 12

#### For Kids

#### Thursday Tales at Ten: Story Time. 10

a.m. Mohonk Preserve Visitor's Center. Hear about napping animals, hungry birds, or icy tracks and celebrate the snowy season while we wait for spring. This program is for children ages 2-5 with their parents or quardians. 255-0919.

**Storytime with Crafts.** 10:30 a.m. Plattekill Public Library, Route 32, Modena. With Miss Barbara.

#### Instruction

**Kathak Workshop.** 1:15-2:15 p.m. SUNY Ulster College Lounge, 491 Cottekill Road, Stone Ridge. SUNY Ulster's spring visiting artist, Janaki Patrik, artistic director of the Kathak Ensemble, will lead a workshop on Kathak, the classical dance of Northern India. The session will unravel the creative process for dances in the Ensemble's March 20th performance at the college. Free. 687-5262.

**Zumba Fitness.** 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Lobby at the Ritz, 111 Broadway, Newburgh. Dance yourself into shape with Maritza C. Zumba fitness and toning instructor! \$5. 561-4061 ext. 266.

#### **Organizations**

**Adult Book Club.** 2 p.m. Newburgh Jewish Community Center, 290 North Street, Newburgh. 561-6602.

**Hudson Valley Garden Association.** 7 p.m. Shawangunk Town Hall, Community Room, 14 Central Ave, Wallkill. HVGA.org or call (845) 418-3640.

**Drawing Club.** 6 - 8 p.m. ArtsWAVE Center, 12 Market St., Ellenville. Adults bring your pencils, pens, paper and any material for an evening of relaxed drawing and camaraderie. \$2 suggested donation. 210-4416.

**T.O.P.S.** 6 - 7 p.m. Hudson River HealthCare, 75 Orange Ave, Walden. 778-2700.

**T.O.P.S.** 6 p.m. Town of Newburgh Recreation Center. Come join us and lose those extra pounds. 564-7815.

Bereavement support group. 6:30 p.m.

## 'Matilda' premieres on Walden stage

he Hudson Valley Conservatory presents the story of a young girl who loves to read and allow the written word to shape her imagination.

"Matilda" is a new contemporary ballet directed and choreographed by Dee Tabitha Wright based on Roald Dahl's beloved book. The story follows Matilda Wormwood, a bright little girl who immerses herself in books. Matilda is discarded and belittled by

her dimwitted parents. Her father harps on her "stupidity" for preferring reading

**WHAT:** Matilda, a contemporary ballet

when: March 13-15th and 20-22nd, Fridays at 7:30 p.m., Saturdays at 3 and 7 p.m., Sundays at 3 p.m. where: The New Rose Theatre,

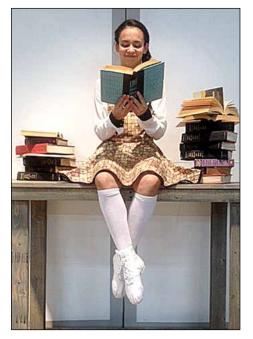
35 East Main St., Walden.

COST: \$20 adults, \$15 seniors and students.

to watch- **INFO:** 778-2478

ing "the telly" and she incurs the wrath of her hostile headmistress, the outrageous and wicked Miss Trunchbull.

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Karly Gomez has the lead role as Matilda in a new contemporary ballet at Walden's New Rose Theatre.

imagination and sharp mind, and with

a caring protector in her teacher Miss Honey, Matilda dreams of a better life, daring to take a stand against unjust forces and to grasp her destiny in her own, tiny hands. Matilda soon learns it is never too late to rewrite your own story or to be a bit naughty!

Karly Gomez has the lead role as Matilda, while Keely Wright plays the wicked headmistress. Rounding out the cast are Zachary Kiernan and Reagan Gordon as her parents; Tricia O'Brien as Michaela Wormwood, her older sister; Brianna Blair as Miss Phelps the Librarian; Ben Carter as Bruce Bogtrotter; Maeve Harkin as Lavender; Sara Butler and Brianna Rojas as FBI agents; an ensemble of 26 students.

Matilda will be presented at the New Rose Theatre, 35 East Main St., Walden on March 13-15 and again on March 20-22. Showtime is 7:30 p.m. on Fridays, 3 and 7 p.m. on Saturdays and a Sunday matinee at 3 p.m. Admission is \$20 for adults and \$15 for students and seniors.

Call 778-2478 for more information.

HOSPICE, 800 Stony Brook Court, Newburgh. 561-5604. ext 117.

**Bereavement Group.** 7 - 8 p.m. Coldwell Banker, 127 Route 302, Pine Bush. For parents who have lost a child. 800-4875.

#### **Events**

**Bridge Game.** 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Powelton Club, Balmville Rd., Newburgh. Lunch served and beverage avail. Open, sanctioned game with points awarded. Proper dress required. \$12.561-7548, 541-0748 or 561-4151.

**Scramble for Scrabble Night.** 6 - 8 p.m. Josephine-Louise Public Library, Municipal Square, Walden. Bring your boards or join in a game. 778-7621.

#### **Theater**

Grace Street and Rising from the
Ashes: An Evening of Arts-based Research
Performance. 8 p.m. Parker Theatre, SUNY
New Paltz. \$8. \$6, \$3 at the door. Grace Street
depicts four composite characters through
individual monologues and music. The second
performance, Rising from the Ashes, is a cycle of

songs created by Dr. Michael Viega that depicts the developmental challenges of adolescents who identify with Hip Hop culture and who have experienced trauma. Audience members will have the opportunity to evaluate these performances through an anonymous survey at the performance. 257-2700.

#### FRIDAY **4** 13

#### For Kids

**Teen scene.** 3:30 - 5 p.m. Plattekill Public Library, 2047 Route 32, Modena. 883-7286

Video games and snacks for teens ages 12 and up. 4:30 pm. Plattekill Public Library, 2047 Route 32, Modena. 883-7286.

#### Instruction

**African Drumming.** 6-8 p.m. The Cornerstone Residence, 111 Broadway, Newburgh.

Classes are led by master drummer, Kazi Oliver, an expert in authentic African rhythms and culture. 561-4061 x266.

#### Organizations Cornwall Senior Citizen Club, 1 p.m.

Munger Cottage, Cornwall.

**Walker Valley Sportsman's Club,** 7 p.m. 34 Sportsmans Lane (off Oregon Trail), Walker Valley.

#### **Events**

**Take Out Lenten Dinner.** 5-7 p.m. Fr. Sullivan Hall, Most Precious Blood Church, Walden. Menu: Breaded Shrimp, mashed potatoes, 3 bean salad, biscuit and cookies. \$6. Call 566-7822 by Thursday to place your order.

**Longaberger Basket Bingo.** 5:30 p.m Valley Central Middle School. 16 games of bingo, tricky tray, door prizes and raffles, sponsored by the Valley Central Education Foundation and the V. C. Interact Club. \$20/\$25. 778-3756.

**Fish Fry.** 6 p.m. New Paltz Elks Lodge.290 Route 32 South, New Paltz. Fried Cod in our own special batter or fried shrimp, home made cole-

slaw, and your choice of potato, french-fries or baked (limited quantities). Take out and delivery is available. \$13/\$12, 255-1633.

**Bingo.** 6:45 p.m. Middletown Elks Lodge. 48 Prospect St., Middletown. Doors open at 6 p.m. 343-1097.

#### Theater

Matilda. 7:30 p.m. New Rose Theatre, 35 East Main St., Walden. A new contemporary ballet based on Roald Dahl's beloved book. Choreographed by Dee Tabitha Wright. \$20 adults: \$15 students/seniors. 778-2478.

La Cage Aux Folles. 8 p.m. The Center for Performing Arts, Route 308, Rhinebeck, Tony Award-winning Broadway musical by Jerry Herman and Harvey Fierstein presented by Up In One Productions \$27/\$25. 876-3080. centerforperformingarts.org.

#### SATURDAY **\*** 14

#### For Kids

BLT Club for Kids. 10 - 11 a.m. Newburgh Free Library story hour room, 124 Grand St., Newburgh. Children 6 and older will Build and Learn Together with a LEGO project. Parents welcome. 563-3616.

Princess Masquerade Ball. 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 - 4 p.m. New Windsor Community Center. \$81 for one child and adult, \$25 for each additional child. 1-888-492-4415.

Computer Guts! 11 a.m. Gardiner Library, 133 Farmer's Turnpike. Children will have a chance to see what's inside a computer and how it all works. Technologist Alan Macaluso will guide children in this hands-on program exploring the guts of a computer. Ages 5-8. 255-1255. Gardinerlibrary.org.

American Girl Doll Club. 1 p.m. Grinnell

Library, 2642 East Main St., Wappingers Falls. Participants get to do fun crafts and different activities each month. This next session, they will learn how to embroider! A fun craft and a great gift to give your best friends! Preregistration required. 297-3428.

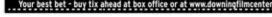
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Meet the Animals. 1 p.m. & 2:30 p.m.





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Wildlife Education Center at Hudson Highlands Nature Museum, Cornwall-on-Hudson. Join museum staff to meet the animal of the week, then visit all the animals. 534-5506, Ext. 204.

#### Instruction

**Babysitter Training Program.** 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. SUNY Orange Newburgh campus. This course certifies teens and young adults in what they need to know about becoming a successful and skilled babysitter. virginiadiorio@gmail.com.

Quilting at the Arboretum. 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Ottaway Education Building at Orange County Arboretum, Montgomery. Quilters will be on hand to demonstrate and discuss various techniques, tools and fabrics used in quilting from the past to the present. The quilters will also have examples of their work displayed. Admission is \$5 per person and participants are free to come and go during any portion of the three-hour program. Offered by The Friends of Orange County Arboretum. 615-3828, 615-3830, orangecountyarboretum.org.

**Kirtan or Devotional Chanting** 7 - 9 p.m. Shanti Mandir Ashram. 51 Muktananda Marg-off Route 208, Walden. 778-1008. shantimandir.com.

#### **Organizations**

**Walden Chess Club.** 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Josephine-Louise Public Library, second floor, Municipal Square, Walden. Everyone is invited to participate in non-ranked, non-competitive games. Free. 778-7621.

#### **Outdoor Activities**

Maple Sugaring Tours. 10:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Hudson Highlands Nature Museum Outdoor Discovery Center, on Muser Drive, across from 174 Angola Road, Cornwall. The sugar bush walking tour experience lasts approximately 60-minutes and ends at the Museum's farmhouse for the "taste test challenge" and where maple syrup and gifts can be purchased. Tours start every half-hour and run from 10:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. with adapted tours, that may be preferable for those with young children or people who have trouble walking long distances on uneven ground, at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Dress warmly and wear boots for snow and mud. \$10/\$7. 534-5506 or hhnm.org.

#### **Events**

Yard Sale. 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Walden Humane Society, 2489 Albany Post Road. 778-5115

**Ladies Tea.** 9:30 a.m. Harmony Baptist Church, 1790 Rt. 211, Montgomery.

**Women's tea.** 10 a.m. - 12 noon. Maybrook United Methodist Church, Homestead Ave.

**New Paltz Winter Sun Farms Market:** 10 a.m.-3 p.m. New Paltz Community Center, Veteran Drive (off Rt. 32 behind Town Hall), New Paltz. 347-721-7386; WinterSunFarms.com.

**Coupon Exchange.** 11 a.m. Plattekill Public Library, 2047 State Route 32, Modena. Exchange coupons and receive some mentoring from local coupon diva, Patty. 883-7286.

**Second Saturday Beacon.** Noon - 9 p.m. Various locations, Beacon. Art studios, antique

## Chamber ensemble to perform in Montgomery

he All Seasons Chamber Players, one of New Jersey's most popular and active chamber music ensembles, will perform a concert of chamber music on Sunday, March 15 at 3 p.m.. at the Montgomery Senior Center, 36 Bridge Street, Montgomery.

The program, entitled Spring Mix, will feature cellist E. Zoe Hassman performing a group pieces ranging from classical to jazz and the dramatic Trio No. 2 by the renowned French composer Cecile Chaminade. It will also include the tuneful Trio in G by Friedrich Kuhlau and a short, lovely Nocturne for Flute, Violin, Cello and Piano by Albert Franz Doppler. Robert Lawrence, Co-Director for Programs, will introduce each piece to the audience with entertaining and informative spoken program notes.

Performers will include violinist Bob Lawrence of NYC; cellist E. Zoe Hassman of NYC; pianists Jean Strickholm of Demarest and Jacqueline Schiller-Audi of Paramus and Guest Artist flutist Lisa Hansen of Leonia.

Now in its 34th season, the All Seasons Chamber Players has performed over 725 live concerts in the metropolitan area. In addition, thousands of people have heard the ensemble on Cablevision's MetroArts/13 pro-



The All Seasons Chamber Players will perform Sunday at the Montgomery Senior Center, 36 Bridge Street, Montgomery.

grams, COMCAST, WTT-35 and other local cable TV stations. Winner of the Award for Artistic Excellence from the Bergen County Division of Cultural and Historic Affairs, the ensemble has received grants from several corporate and private sources. Performers are professional musicians who also play

with major area orchestras, Broadway shows and summer music festivals.

Admission to the concert is free and area residents are invited to come. For information call Howard Garrett at 457-9867.

stores, historic sites, restaurants and more. 838-

**Roast Pork Dinner.** 4:30 - 6 p.m. Bullville United Methodist Church, Route 17K, Bullville. \$12. 361-3809.

Corned Beef and Cabbage "family style" Dinner. 5-7 p.m. Brick Reformed Church, Route 17K, Montgomery. \$12/\$6.

**Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner.** 5 p.m. Wallkill Firehouse. Live music 6-10 p.m. by The Diamondhead Band. \$10 234-0646 or 645-1392.

**Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner.** 5:30 p.m. - 8 p.m., Fr. Sullivan Hall, Most Precious Blood Church, 57 Walnut Street, Walden. Hot Dogs available for the kids. Live music. \$12/\$10. \$20.

**St. Patrick's Day Dinner/Dance** 6-10:30 p.m. Maybrook VFW Post, Main St. Corned beef and cabbage, veggies, salad, Irish soda bread and dessert. Music by DJ Karl Heller. 427-5881.

#### Live Music

Hands across the Pond. 8 p.m. Sugar Loaf Performing Arts Center. This high-powered Irish-American folk-rock band tells the story of Irish music from its roots in Ireland to where it's evolved in America today. 610-5900. sugarloafpac.org.

#### Theater

*Film: Vertigo.* 11:30 a.m. Paramount Theatre, 17 South St., Middletown. Hitchcock Classic starring James Stewart. 346-4195.

**Matilda.** 3 & 7 p.m. New Rose Theatre, 35 East Main St., Walden. A new contemporary ballet based on Roald Dahl's beloved book. Choreographed by Dee Tabitha Wright.\$20 adults; \$15 students/seniors. 778-2478.

**La Cage Aux Folles.** 8 p.m. The Center for Performing Arts, Route 308, Rhinebeck. Tony Award-winning Broadway musical by Jerry Herman and Harvey Fierstein presented by Up In One Productions \$27/\$25. 876-3080. centerforperformingarts.org.

#### SUNDAY ❖ 15

#### For Kids

Meet the Animals. 1 p.m. & 2:30 p.m.
Wildlife Education Center at Hudson Highlands
Nature Museum. Cornwall-on-Hudson. Join muse-

um staff to meet the animal of the week, then visit all the animals. 534-5506, Ext. 204.

#### Instruction Satsang with Gurudev Swami Nityananda

10 a.m. - Noon. Includes spiritual discourse, singing of bhajans and kirtan. Prasad (vegetarian lunch) follows. Satsang is preceded by the Guru Gita chant. 9 -10 a.m. Free. Shanti Mandir Ashram. 51 Muktananda Marg-off Route 208, Walden. 778-1008. shantimandir.com.

Organizations
Mended Hearts Support Group. 1:30 p.m.
St. Luke's Cornwall Hospital, Cornwall Campus conference room B, 15 Laurel Ave., Cornwall. A support group for heart disease patients, their families and caregivers. 255-0637.

#### **Outdoor Activities**

**Maple Sugaring Tours.** 10:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Hudson Highlands Nature Museum Outdoor Discovery Center, on Muser Drive, across from 174 Angola Road, Cornwall. The sugar bush walking tour experience lasts approximately 60-min-

utes and ends at the Museum's farmhouse for the "taste test challenge" and where maple syrup and gifts can be purchased. Tours start every half-hour and run from 10:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. with adapted tours, that may be preferable for those with young children or people who have trouble walking long distances on uneven ground, at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Dress warmly and wear boots for snow and mud. \$10/\$7. 534-5506 or hhnm.org.

#### Events

Bowling Fundraiser. 12-3 p.m. Walden Lanes, Route 52. \$15. Benefits Relay for Life.

39th annual Mid-Hudson St. Patrick's **Day Parade.** 2 p.m. Steps off at the Orange County Government Center in Goshen.

The Grand Montgomery Chamber Music Series presents The All Season Chamber Players. 3 p.m. Senior Center, 36 Bridge Street, Montgomery. Free. 457-9867.

**Book discussion: Being Mortal: Medicine** and What Matters in the End by Atul Gawande. 4-5:30 p.m. Gardiner Library, 133 Farmer's Turnpike. Maggie Carpenter, MD will lead the discussion "Planning Ahead for the End of Life," which include elder care, medical interventions, hospice and palliative care as presented in the book. 255-1255 gardinerlibrary.org.

St. Patrick's Dinner Dance. 5-10 p.m. Anthony's Pier 9, New Windsor. Hiosted by St. Patrick's and Our Lady of the Lake Parish. \$65. 561-0885.

#### Live Music

Unplugged Acoustic Open Mic. 3:30 p.m. sign up; 4 - 6 p.m. performance. Unison Arts & Learning Center, 68 Mountain Rest Rd., New Paltz. Folk, blues, country, jazz, classical, and poetry welcome. \$5 members; \$6 non-members. 255-1559.

#### Theater

The Little Farm Show. 2 p.m. Great Room of Kaplan Hall on the Newburgh campus of SUNY Orange. High-spirited family performance with live original music about farming, food and the environment. \$5. 341-4891.

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#### MONDAY ❖ 16

#### Instruction

Tech-Savvy Computer Training. 11 a.m. Plattekill Public Library, 2047 State Route 32, Modena. Basic computer skills, navigating the internet, and setting up and using email. Call 883-7286 to register.

**Zumba Fitness.** 7-8 p.m. Lobby at the Ritz, 111 Broadway, Newburgh. Dance yourself into shape with Maritza C., Zumba fitness and toning instructor! \$5. 561-4061 ext. 266.

#### **Organizations**

Walden Chess Club. 6 - 8 p.m. Josephine-Louise Public Library, Municipal Square, Walden. Everyone is invited to participate in non-ranked, non-competitive games. 778-7621.

**New Single Parents Support Group.** 6:30 p.m. YMCA Middletown. The group will address the challenges of being a single parent. Childcare will be provided for children ages 3-16 and light dinner will be served. \$5 per family.

Crazy Crafters Club - 6:30 - 8 p.m., Sarah Hull Hallock Free Library in Milton, Adults and teens. Bring your ideas and projects.

Cornwall Camera Club. 7 p.m. Munger Cottage, 183 Main St., Cornwall. Novice as well as seasoned photographers are welcome. Participants are encouraged to bring samples of their work. 534-4440.

Women's Prayer Meeting. 7 p.m. Mount Triumphant Church of God, 1377 Route 44/55, Clintondale. 883-6196.

#### **Events**

Potluck Dinner. 6 p.m. Deyo Hall, 16 Broadhead Ave., New Paltz. Hosted by New Paltz Garden Club. Dress in green to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Bring a dish to share and your own table setting (plate, bowl, cup, utensils). For more info call Helen at 687-7122. newpaltzgardenclub.ora.

**Evenings of Reflection on the Lenten Sunday scripture readings.** 7 p.m. Mt. St. Joseph Administration Center, 84 Presentation Way (off Jackson Avenue) in New Windsor. Hosted by The Sisters of the Presentation. 401-8531.

#### TUESDAY ❖ 17

#### For Kids

**Bouncing Babies Story Time.** 9:30 - 10 a.m. Gardiner Library, 133 Farmer's Turnpike, Gardiner. Lap time stories and finger plays. Birth to 18 months old. Free. 255-1255.

**Community Play Space.** 10 - 10:45 a.m. Gardiner Library, 133 Farmer's Turnpike, Gardiner. Space features books, toys and stuffed animals for children to play with and socialize with other kids. 255-1255.

#### Terrific Twos and Threes Story Time.

10 - 10:45 a.m. Gardiner Library, 133 Farmer's Turnpike, Gardiner. Books, action rhymes, music and crafts. 255-1255.

Book Buddies for ages 4-5. 10:30 a.m. Wallkill Public Library, 7 Bona Ventura Ave., Wallkill. Children enjoy stories and crafts independently. Parent remains in the library. 895-

#### Instruction

Zumba Fitness. 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Lobby at the Ritz, 111 Broadway, Newburgh. Dance yourself into shape with Maritza C., Zumba fitness and toning instructor! \$5. 561-4061 ext. 266.

Meditation in the Temple 6:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m. Shanti Mandir Ashram. 51 Muktananda Marg-off Route 208, Walden. 45 minutes of silent meditation with the Shanti Mandir community, in the sacred space of the Temple. The meditation is preceded by the chanting of Sri Ram Jai Ram: 5:30 p.m., with Arati at 6 p.m. Free. 778-1008. shantimandir.com.

#### **Organizations**

Hudson Valley Leads Exchange. 7:15 a.m. Neptune Diner, Route 17K, Newburgh. We are a networking group who has served the Orange County area for the past 19 years. Come and join us for your free breakfast and a chance to check out how we can help you increase your business. 283-6307.

Knitting Club for Cancer Patients. 10 a.m. Conference Room B, St. Luke's Cornwall Hospital, 19 Laurel Ave., Cornwall. Yarn and knitting needles will be provided. Various pattern levels and designs also will be available, and a group leader from The Cornwall Yarn Shop, LTD, will be on hand to support beginners. 458-4544.

**Parkinson's Support Group of Orange** County. 2 p.m. Marasco Senior Center, 555 Union Ave. New Windsor. 561-9135.

Life's New Beginning's Widow & Widower's Club. 2 - 4 p.m. Newburgh Recreation Center, 311 Route 32, Newburgh. 564-

Pine Bush Chess Club. 2 p.m. Pine Bush

Chess Club. 6 p.m. Coldenham Reformed Presbyterian Church, 469 Coldenham Road, Walden. Casual play with instruction available. Bring your own chess set and board. 926-0804.

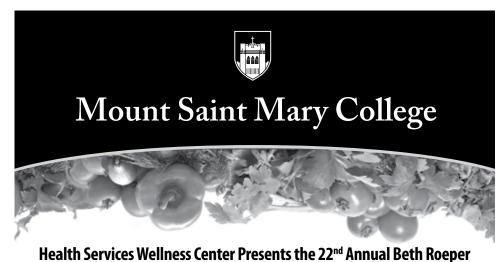
Knitting and Crocheting Club. 6:30 - 8:30p.m. Town of Newburgh Recreation Center, Route 300 and 32. 562-6623.

A Friend Through Christ Ministry. 7 p.m. Chapel Hill Bible Church, 49 Bingham Road, Marlboro. A Christian support group for divorced/separated persons. 236-7144.

Hudson Valley AMVETS Post 826. 7 p.m. Hudson Heritage Federal Credit Union, 2 Corwin Court, Newburgh. An AMVETS Post is a veteran support community organization. Veterans from Orange and surrounding counties are encouraged to join. 522-0658.

**Bereaved Parents Support Group.** 7:30 p.m. Meets at Elant Nursing home, Goshen. Call 561-2837 for more info.

Song of the Valley Chorus, Sweet Adelines International. 7:15 - 9:30 p.m. 142 Stage Road, Monroe. A woman's a cappella 4-part barbershop harmony. Women of all ages, join the chorus. For more information, call 928-6879.



## **HEALTH & WELLNESS FAIR**

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#### **Events**

Irish Breakfast. 8 - 11 a.m. New Paltz Elks Lodge, 290 Route 32 South, New Paltz. Cooked to order breakfast, choice of pancakes, frenchtoast, bacon, or sausage, home-fries, and eggs.

**Immunization Clinic.** 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. Orange County Health Dept., 124 Main St., Goshen. Must bring immunization record. 291-2369.

Immunization Clinic. 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Orange County Health Dept., 141 Broadway,
Newburgh. Must bring immunization record. 2912369.

**Irish Lunch.** 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. New Paltz Elks Lodge, 290 Route 32 South, New Paltz. Corn Beef and Cabbage Plate or Corned Beef Sandwich. Music by Irish bag pipers.

#### WEDNESDAY ❖ 18

#### For Kids

**Storytime with Crafts.** 10:30 a.m. Plattekill Public Library, Route 32, Modena. With Miss Barhara

**Toddler Story Time for ages 2-3.** 10 and 11:15 a.m. Wallkill Public Library, 7 Bona Ventura Ave., Wallkill. Child and parent enjoy stories, songs, crafts and fun. 895-3707.

**Tiny Tots Storytime.** 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Sarah Hull Hallock Free Library, Milton. Ages 2 and 3 with an adult. Get your little one started reading and learning with Miss Barbara. With stories, songs, finger plays, games and crafts. Free. 795-2200.

**Community Play Space.** 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Gardiner Library, 133 Farmer's Turnpike, Gardiner. Space features books, toys and stuffed animals for children to play with and socialize with other kids. 255-1255.

**Knitting Group -** 3 -5 p.m., Sarah Hull Hallock Free Library in Milton, Adults and teens, Knitters work on their own items or join in on group projects. Free lessons on all techniques.

**Kids Club.** 7 p.m. Chapel Hill Bible Church, 49 Bingham Road, Marlboro. A Christian-based, fun-filled evening for children 5-12. Crafts, games and song. 236-7144.

#### Instruction

**Zumba Fitness.** 7-8 p.m. Lobby at the Ritz, 111 Broadway, Newburgh. Dance yourself into shape with Maritza C. Zumba fitness and toning instructor! \$5. 561-4061 ext. 266.

**Gentle Yoga with Kelly** 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. (arrive a few min. early). Designed for gentle exploration of different asanas (postures) linked by the breath. Shanti Mandir Ashram. 51 Muktananda Marg-off Route 208, Walden. Namaste' Building. 778-1008. shantimandir.com.

#### Organizations Wings for Life Sexual Peer Support

**Group.** 5 p.m. 280 Broadway, 4th Floor, Newburgh. 342-2400, ext 267.

Community Garden Club of Pine Bush.

6:30 p.m. Cultural Center, Main Street, Pine Bush. 744-3691

Sweet Talk – Juvenile Diabetes Support Group. 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Orange Regional Medical Center's Community Health Education Center, Room C,110 Crystal Run Rd., Middletown. This support group is for the parents of children with diabetes. Children are welcome to attend. 333-

**Hudson Valley Writers Workshop.** 7:30 p.m. New Hackensack Reformed Church, 1580 Route 376, Wappingers Falls. Read selected section of your fiction, non-fiction, prose or poetry in a caring, supportive environment and be critiqued by fellow members. Also includes group writing exercises designed to sharpen creative and communication skills. 677-9537.

#### Outdoor Activities Mohonk Preserve Bob Babb Wednesday

**Walk** 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Mohonk Preserve, New Paltz. Adults of all ages and levels of ability are welcome. Moderate five-mile hike. 255-0919.

#### **Events**

**Bingo.** 5 p.m. doors and kitchen open, 6 p.m. selling starts, 7 p.m. calling starts and kitchen closes. Wallkill Firehouse, 18 Central Ave., Wallkill.

#### Live Music

**Sharing your Lenten Journey.** 12:30 p.m. Grace United Methodist Church, Broadway, Newburgh. Ecumenical service sponsored by the Newburgh Ministerial Association. Light lunch, at nominal charge, follows service. 561-0176.

Poughkeepsie Newyorkers Barbershop

**Chorus.** 7:30 p.m. St. Andrews Church, 110 Overlook Rd., Poughkeepsie. Male a cappella group that sings in the uniquely American "Barbershop Style" of close four-part harmony. newyorkerschorus.org.

#### ONGOING �

#### Galleries

**BAU: Beacon Artist Union.** 506 Main St., Beacon.. Gallery One: Pintings by Ted Walsh. In the Beacon Room - "From Small to Large" work by Lori Adams. February 14 through March 8. Saturday and Sunday noon - 6 p.m. and by appointment. 440-7584.

Beacon Institute for Rivers and Estuaries Gallery. 199 Main St., Beacon. Following Rivers, a photo exhibit by Alison M. Jones. A compelling collection of giclee photographs, tells a visual story of people and the critical water issues they face, the result of simply living their lives. Opening exhibit March 14, 5-7 p.m. Gallery, bookstore and gift shop hours: Monday - Thursday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Friday 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., Saturday 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. (second Saturday until 8 p.m.), Sunday noon - 5 p.m. Free. 838-1600.

**Crawford Gallery.** Crawford Town Hall, Second floor, Route 302, Pine Bush Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Anything But Winter! Feb. 23 - March 18. Reception March 14, 5-7 p.m. 744-5418, 744-2075.

**Desmond Campus, Mount Saint Mary College,** 6 Albany Post Road, Newburgh. Esther McHenry's "Spring Forward" Art Show. Esther McHenry graduated from Pratt with a degree in art teacher education, and has continued studies with masters in NY & NJ. She taught in New York City schools and in New Jersey before coming to Putnam Valley NY. She now teaches at the Mount Saint Mary Desmond Campus. Her paintings are in private, institutional and corporate collections in the U.S. and Canada. Hours by appointment: 565-2076.

**Dia: Beacon.** 3 Beekman Street, Beacon. Adjacent to Beacon Train Station. 440-0100. Hours: Friday - Monday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**DM Weil Gallery,** 208 Bruynswick Road, Gardiner. 255-3336.

**Gallery Schubes.** 50 Front Street,
Newburgh. The Gallery Schubes, at 50 Front
Street, on the Newburgh waterfront presents
a sampling of 40 years of Burnett's acclaimed
photographic work. The show includes Burnett's
sports and Olympic work, his Presidential coverage from Kennedy to Obama as well as historical
news events (the Vietnam War, the Iranian
Revolution, etc) and a special collection from
the time he spent with music icon Bob Marley.
The Gallery will be open each weekend from 11
a.m. to 4 p.m., and by appointment. IrisTBT@
gmail.com or at 703-623-1376.

Garrison Art Center. 23 Depot Square, Garrison's Landing. Rooted: Forest Portraits mixed media works by Julie Anne Mann and Ladder to the Sun paintings by Gabe Brown. The Exhibition runs through March 15. Hours: Tuesday-Sunday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. 424-3960.

**G. Steve Jordan Gallery.** Water St. Market, 10 Main St., New Paltz. Open Wednesday - Monday, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. 255-6800. gstevejordan. com.

**Hudson Beach Glass.** 2nd Floor Gallery, 162 Main St., Beacon. 440-0068. Gallery Hours: Daily, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., Sunday 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Hudson Highland Nature Museum Wildlife Education Center, 25 Boulevard, Cornwall-on-Hudson. Come explore the fascinating world of moths. Visitors can view gorgeous moth photos from Jim des Rivieres and learn about the moth life cycle, anatomy and how moths differ from butterflies. Saturdays and Sundays, 10 a.m. until 4 p.m., 534-5506, ext. 204.

Karpeles Manuscript Library Museum. 94 Broadway, Newburgh One of the best-known photographers in the region, Richard Hirschman returns to the Karpeles Museum after a highly praised exhibition of his work in 2006. His powerful images represent a wide range of subject matter including natural landscapes, human and animal figures and dramatic urban images, often incorporating poignant emotional subtexts in his composition. On display Thursday-Sunday, February 5-March 29. Free admission. 569-4997. karpeles.com.

**Lycian Center Galleries.** Sugar Loaf. Hours: Tuesday - Saturday 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. and during show times. 469-2287.

Mindy Ross Gallery in Kaplan Hall at

**SUNY Orange,** corner of Grand and First Streets, Newburgh. Martha Zola's new series of paintings is on view March 6 - May 21. Artists of Excellence highlighting artists of Newburgh. View the exquisite works of sculptors, Brenda Scott Harburger and Margaret Drake which vary from abstract to realistic. On display Monday-Friday, February 17-May 30. Gallery hours: Mon-Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. 341-9386. sunyorange.edu.

Orange Hall Gallery. Orange County Community College, Middletown. Loft: The North East Watercolor Society 2015 Members' Show has 60 artists displaying transparent and semi-transparent watercolor works. View 112 works of varying sizes and styles of still lifes, land and seascapes, portraits, genre paintings and semi-abstracts. An added feature this year is the solo watercolor exhibit on the Orange Hall Gallery Fringe wall by Dorrie Rifkin Monday-Friday, February 9-March 25. Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. - 8 p.m., and during performances in the Orange Hall Theatre. 341-4891.

**RiverWinds Gallery.** 172 Main St., Beacon. "Color of Light" Oil Paintings by Linda Puiatti. These strong bold paintings of light, atmosphere and mood give a strong emotion and a sense of connection with nature. The show runs through March 8. Hours: Wednesday - Monday, noon - 6 p.m.; Beacon Second Saturday, open until 9 p.m. Free. 838-2880.

Samuel Dorsky Museum of Art, 1 Hawk Drive, SUNY New Paltz campus. Geometries of Difference: New Approaches to Ornament and Abstraction January 21 - April 12, Alice and Horace Chandler and North Galleries. Seven contemporary artists--Derrick Adams, Kamrooz Aram, Rana Begum, Jeffrey Gibson, Jason Middlebrook, Kanishka Raja, and Seher Shahcreate vibrant new art that draws from Western abstraction and other aesthetic traditions more accepting of ornament. "Videofreex: The Art of Guerrilla Television Exhibition." February 7-July 12. Videotapes, photographs, slides, prints, ephemera, more. Hours: Wednesday - Sunday, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Suggested Donation \$5. 257-3844.

Unitarian Universalist Congregation. 9
Vance Road, off Rt. 207, New Windsor. Always
Searching features- Michael Byro, Janet HowardFatta, Billie Robson and Craig Wettstein. Byro's
work is inspired by Neolithic cave paintings.
The titles of Billie Robson's works: "Serenity",
"Beyond", and "Promise of Tomorrow" point to
some of the questions she is trying to answer
through her "out-of-the box" unusual and stirring pieces. Show runs through August 2015 with
new works by these artists rotating throughout
the year. Hours: Sundays from noon to 1, and by
appointment throughout the year.

Wallkill River Art Gallery. Patchett House, intersection of 17K and Factory Street, Montgomery. Live demonstrations, 5-7 p.m. every Saturday in March. Judy Byrne in the Emerging Artist gallery. Reception March 7 from 5-7 p.m. wallkillriverschool.com Hours: Monday-Saturday 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. 457-ARTS.

**Wurtsboro Art Alliance.** 73 Sullivan St., Wurtsboro. A wide assortment of original works of art made by local artists will be for sale. Saturdays and Sundays noon - 4 p.m. 888-4440.

## Dyson Foundation aids SUNY Orange Foundation initiative

Supported by a board capacity-building grant from the Dyson Foundation, the SUNY Orange Foundation in February embarked upon a year-long board diversity and inclusion education and strategic planning initiative.

This effort focuses on enhancing the Foundation's engagement with community leaders who represent the diverse communities served by the College. The project is a priority embedded in the SUNY Orange Foundation 2014-2017 Strategic Plan.

A Diversity Task Force, comprising Foundation Board members and chaired by Helen Ullrich, developed the diversity and inclusion initiative and will continue working with the board's Executive Committee to coordinate the process. Funding from the Dyson Foundation grant will assist the SUNY Orange Foundation in underwriting the cost of retaining Vincent Berkeley Jr., a North Carolinabased consultant, to plan and facilitate a series of board retreats. The Foundation held the first two of a series of half-day

meetings in February. Upcoming sessions are scheduled for March and June.

"It is important that we, as a Board, are more representative of the College's student body. Our work in the community, on behalf of the College, puts us in a position to significantly impact the lives of our students in many positive ways," says Rich Rowley, Chair of the SUNY Orange Foundation Board of Directors. "A more diverse board will allow us to engage a broader array of partners and ensure that our decision-making reflects all segments of the students and communities that the College serves."

The Board expects this initiative will allow it to expand support of the Foundation and College as it engages a broader span of constituents who represent the changing demographics of the community. In addition, the Board hopes to engage individuals who represent diverse communities to help it more fully understand how best to employ scholarships and College programs to attract and retain students from various com-

munities.

The Foundation anticipates the project will serve as a model of inclusivity and diversity for non-profit board leadership. Ultimately, the initiative may lead to a demographic profile of the Board of Directors that more accurately reflects

the makeup of the SUNY Orange student population and the community the College serves.

For more information, contact Vinnie Cazzetta, executive director of the SUNY Orange Foundation, at 341-4726.

### SUNY hygiene clinic seeks new patients

Community members are invited to take advantage of the Dental Hygiene Clinic at SUNY Orange. The clinic, which accommodates approximately 1,700 patient visits per year, is operated by the College as a learning/training facility for students in the College's Dental Hygiene degree program and provides a low-cost dental hygiene option for cleanings and x-rays.

Patients can visit the clinic, located in the Bio-Tech Building on the College's Middletown campus, to learn about good oral health practices, have their teeth cleaned or dental x-rays taken for a nominal fee. In addition to cleanings and x-rays, the clinic provides polishing restorations, sealants, custom fluoride trays, custom athletic mouth guards, nutritional counseling, and health history screenings. Dental treatment such as fillings, extractions, and dentures are not part of the services offered at the clinic.

Hours of operation during the Spring semester are: Monday, 9 a.m. to Noon; Tuesday, 1 to 5 p.m.; Wednesday, 9 a.m. to Noon and 1 to 4 p.m.; Thursday, 1 to 5 p.m.; and Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 to 5 p.m.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, please call 341-4315.

## Children's Theatre coming to SUNY Orange Kaplan Theatre

The Little Farm Show is coming to Newburgh, at SUNY Orange's Kaplan Hall in the Orange County Trust Company Great Room at 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 15. The performance is an original play designed for family entertainment created by the North American Cultural Laboratory's (NACL) artistic director Tannis Kowalchuk and writer-performer Brett Keyser.

A fun-filled show with lots of comedy and laughs, this is wonderful children's theatre with education as its basis. Using shadow-puppet dinosaurs, a clothesline, flamboyant hats, hip-hop beats, banners, songs, and instruments—including guitar, kazoo, accordion, and spoons—Kowalchuk and Keyser present a brief history of the universe and farming in high-spirited fashion. With its original lyrics about farming, food, and the environment set to familiar tunes, the production gives audiences a whirlwind tour of "The Greatest Show on Dirt!" and poses the question, "Where does your Food come from?"

NACL is artist-run, and defines itself as a laboratory theatre. In tandem with its theatre-creation work, the company has developed a performer training technique. The company's repertory of 16 original theatre pieces has toured across Canada, the USA, and to England, Italy, Serbia, Bulgaria, Romania, and Mexico. Head-quartered in Highland Lake, NY, NACL offers Deep Space, a performance residency program for artists and groups who make devised, original, or ensemble performance. Kowalchuk and Brad Krumholz co-founded the NACL Theatre.

Kowalchuk is a graduate of the University of Winnipeg theatre department and was a core member of Primus Theatre, a prominent experimental theatre troupe based in Canada from 1990-97. Along with her husband Greg Swartz, she runs Willow Wisp Organic Farm, Abrahamsville, PA. Keyser studied at Winnipeg's Primus Theatre, Odin Teatret in Denmark, and the San Francisco School of Circus Arts. He has a degree in Folklore and Folklife Studies from the University of Pennsylvania. Keyser is also the proprietor of Nightjar Apothecary, designing and performing original, science-themed theatrical works and installations for museums, theatres.

and public thoroughfares.

General seating tickets will be available at the box office only, starting at 1 p.m. the afternoon of the performance. Admission is \$5 for children/students, adults, senior citizens, faculty, staff, alumni; SUNY Orange credit students with ID will be admitted free. Kaplan Hall is located at the corner of Grand & First Streets, Newburgh. Free, secure parking is available in the Kaplan Hall underground parking garage accessible via First Street. Questions may be directed to Cultural Affairs: 341-4891 and cultural@sunyorange.edu and check out website: sunyorange.edu/culturalaffairs.





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## Chamber's Home Show reminds visitors that spring is coming

#### By JANE ANDERSON

The coffee was perking and people were mingling on Sunday, March 8 at the Pine Bush Area Chamber of Commerce Home Show.

Businesses of all sorts assembled in the Pine Bush Fire Department social hall on Route 52, offering the public a chance to see what they had to offer. Despite cold temperatures to the contrary, spring will eventually be here, and the Home Show allowed visitors to spend time with the business owners, asking questions and getting details on how to begin those spring projects.

Barbara Grey of the Pine Bush House Bed & Breakfast greeted visitors at the



Keith Murray, a local carpenter, has recently expanded into furniture-making.

door with a smile. She handed out a flier listing each of the nearly 40 exhibitors. People who visited each booth - and had each exhibitor sign their flier - could hand in the completed flier as they left for a chance to win a big basket filled with about \$2,000 worth of gifts and merchandise.

Chamber President Ellen Quimby was busily snapping photos as the expo got into gear. She explained that this was the first time in the show's three-year history that it was held on a Sunday. The chamber hoped to drum up more interest by having it on a Sunday, rather than a Saturday, Quimby said. Although the morning was a bit slower than in previous years, she expected business to pick up after people left worship services, and after lunchtime as well.

For those who didn't want to wait until after lunch, the Pine Bush Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary was selling lunch, pastries, other baked goods and fruit. Their free coffee was a hit as well.

The experience of the exhibitors ran the gamut from brand-new to well-seasoned.

Keith Murray, a carpenter for the past 20 years, displayed tables, a wall hook and other items he's handcrafted from local reclaimed wood. After dabbling in furniture-making for quite a while, he decided to pursue it seriously about six months ago, he said. He was taking the opportunity, at the Home Show, to familiarize people with his new furniture venture.

Krystal Zanetti and Michelle Rose



Rolland Peacock III talks business with Rachel Petrone. Both represented Wallkill Valley Federal Savings and Loan at the Home Show.



The Pine Bush Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary served up delicious food and drinks at the Home Show.

staffed a table for The Zanetti Insurance Agency. Zanetti explained that the agency is a third-generation family business that began in Bloomingburg and expanded more than 20 years ago into Pine Bush as well.

Nancy and Brian Monahan kept busy at their booth, discussing their residential oil-tank specialist business, Tank Masters Environmental. Behind them, photos on a tall display board showed examples of their work.

If there were a vote for the cutest booth, Dog Guard would have won. An extralarge stuffed dog sat atop a table, modeling the electronic collar used in the invisible-fencing business. Chris Arndt, who manned the table with his son, Spencer (who seemed a bit undecided about whether he'd take over the business



Krystal Zanetti and Michelle Rose of The Zanetti Agency.

when he grew up), said home shows give him the opportunity to meet people with dogs and swap stories - including many stories about dogs running away. Arndt explained how, instead of just handing over a training DVD, his company personally trains "the humans first, and then the dogs." The business even goes "off-label" now and then: Arndt said he's installed underground fencing for cat owners, too.

Chamber members seemed to enjoy the time to visit each booth and chat with fellow business owners. After a while Brittany Vasquez walked into the social hall, leading the Chamber's mascot "Butterbear" - a human-size yellow costumed bear, with butterfly wings - by the arm: a sure sign of spring.

#### **Exhibitors:**

Blue Haven Family-Type Adult Home, Corv's Landscaping, DeWitt Funeral Home, Dog Guard of Hudson Valley LLC, Back to the Essentials with DoTerra Essential Oils, Edward Jones, Fitness Works, Flanagan Chiropractic, Frontier Communications, Hudson Heritage FCU, Hudson Valley Kitchens, Hudson Solar, Hudson Valley Neurofeedback, IWireless Zone, JK Tec Inc., Juckas Stables, Keith Murray, MacGregor Excavating, Miracles Day Spa, Napolitano Construction, Newburgh Envelope, Peace of Mind Home Inspection Services, Pete's Pump, ProFence Supply, Real Estate Solutions. Realty Promotions Inc., Rich Plumbing, Rusty Plough Farm and Rondout Valley Organics, SERVPRO, Shaklee, TKC Landscaping, Tank Masters, Veridian, Verizon Wireless, Walden Savings Bank, Wallkill Valley Federal Savings & Loan, William A. Smith & Son, Zanetti Agency

## Aaron Brentnall completes basic training

Army Pvt. Aaron A. Brentnall has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map

reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system and field training exercises.

Brentnall is the son of Diana Jennings of Anchorage, Alaska, and grandson of Vince Corigliano of Walden.

#### Police Blotter

#### Town of Montgomery

Ronald DeGroot, 28, Walden was arrested on Feb. 8 and charged with Assault in the 3rd.

Joseph R. Dimartino, 21, Walden was arrested on Feb. 8 and charged with Assault in the 3rd.

Tyler Meres, 20, Montgomery was arrested on Feb. 9 and charged with Vehicular Assault in the 2nd and two counts of Unregistered Snow Mobile.

John T. Nolan, 45, Montgomery was arrested on Feb. 12 and charged with Criminal Mischief in the 4th.

Thomas P. O'Reilly, 58, Newburgh was arrested on Feb. 15 and charged with Ability Impaired by Drugs and Improper Lane Use.

Robert A. Ramirez, 26, Middletown was arrested on Feb. 18 on a bench warrant.

Allan J. Herzekow, 64, Montgomery was arrested on Feb. 19 and charged with Forcible Touching.

Jacob Allen Wilson, 23, Walden was arrested on March 3 and charged with Suspended Registration and Aggravated Unlicensed Operation.

Thomas E. Morgan, 53, Pine Bush was arrested on March 3 and charged with Driving While Intoxicated and Aggravated DWI.

Andrew J. Pacini, 25, Wappingers Falls was arrested on March 4 and charged with Endangering the Welfare of a Child and Aggravated Unlicensed Operation in the 3rd.

Edward M. Hagerty, 41, Walden was arrested on March 5 and charged with Assault in the 3rd and Aggravated Harassment in the 2nd.

Jessica L. Hagerty, 26, Walden was arrested on March 5 and charged with Criminal Mischief in the 4th.

Khyan W. Powell, 35, N.J. was arrested on March 7 and charged with Aggravated Unlicensed Operation in the 3rd.

Stephen A. Culhane, 36, Maybrook was arrested on March 7 and charged with Menacing and Disorderly Conduct.

Kyle J. Booth, 40, Gardiner was arrested on March 8 and charged with Aggravated Unlicensed Operation in the 2nd.

Samuel A. Marino, 26, Campbell Hall was arrested on March 9 and charged with Attempted Assault and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 4th.

#### Town of Shawangunk

Jason R. Walch, 38, Pine Bush was arrested on March 3 and charged with Aggravated Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle and No Front Plate. He was released on tickets and will appear in Shawangunk Justice Court on March 17.

Ellen Herrera, 32, Colorado Springs, Colo., was arrested on March 4 and charged with Aggravated Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle and Obstructed View. She was released and will appear in Shawangunk Justice Court on March 17.

Michael C. Nicoli Jr., 26, Montgomery was arrested on March 7 and charged with Unlawful Possession of Marijuana, Aggravated Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle, Operating Out of Class and an Equipment Violation. He was released and will appear in Shawangunk Justice Court on March 17.

#### Town of Crawford

Samantha Sullivan, 26, Wallkill was arrested on March 2 and charged with Petit Larceny, Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance and Criminal Possession of a Stolen Property in the 5th. She will appear in Town Court on April 6.

Kevin Grant, 26, Pine Bush was arrested on March 6 and charged with Robbery in the 1st, Assault in the 2nd and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 4th. He was arraigned in Town of Crawford Court and remanded to Orange County Jail on no bail, with a return court date set for March 11.

Jody Doster, 50, Montgomery was arrested on March 8 and charged with Aggravated Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle. He was released and will appear in Town Court on April 6.

#### Village of Walden

Julian Aviles, 19, Walden was arrested on Feb. 16 on an arrest warrant out of the Orange County Supreme Court. He was turned over to the Orange County Sheriff's Department.

John George, 26, Washingtonville was arrested on Feb. 20 and charged with Aggravated Unlicensed Operation in the 3rd. He will appear in Village Court on April 18.

Edward Howey, 46, Wallkill was arrested on Feb. 23 and charged with Petit Larceny. He will appear in Village Court on March 25.

Carlos Fajardo, 39, Peekskill was arrested on Feb. 25 on a bench warrant out of the Village of Walden. He was arraigned in Village Court.

Kelli Ramsey, 35, Newburgh was arrested on Feb. 25 and charged with Criminal Possession of Stolen Property in the 5th. She will appear in Village Court on March 25.

Nigel Norman, 50, Newburgh was arrested on Feb. 27 and charged with Aggravated Unlicensed Operation in the 3rd. He will appear in Village Court on March 25.

Thomas Penn, 28, Wurtsboro was arrested on March 1 on a bench warrant out of Orange County. He was turned over to the Orange County Sheriff's Department.

Stephanie Smith, 41, Newburgh was arrested on March 2 and charged with Criminal Trespass in the 2nd. She will appear in Village Court on March 25.

Brandon Olmstead, 24, Lake Worth, Fla. was arrested on March 2 on a bench warrant out of the Village of Walden. He was turned over to the Orange County Sheriff's Department.

A 17-year-old female from Walden was arrested on March 2 and charged with Attempted Assault in the 3rd. She was arraigned, remanded to Orange County Jail and will appear in Village Court on March 11.

Raymond Caston, 35, Walden was arrested on March 3 and charged with Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 3rd and Menacing in the 2nd. He will appear in Village Court on March 9.

#### Village of Maybrook

Katherine Lally, 34, Montgomery was arrested on Feb. 20 and charged with Driving While Ability Impaired by Drugs, Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance and Criminal Possession of a Hypodermic Instrument.

Steven Ellis, 22, Maybrook was arrested on March 1 and charged with Aggravated Harassment in the 2nd.

Colleen Brad, 19, Maybrook was arrested on March 1 and charged with Aggravated Harassment in the 2nd.

Bryan Underwood, 26, New Windsor was arrested on March 9 and charged with Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle.

#### Village of Montgomery

Mohammad Kheiralla, 47, Andover, N.J. was arrested on March 6 and charged with Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle in the 3rd.

Sarah Knapp, 21, Montgomery was arrested on March 8 and charged with Suspended Registration.

#### **Ulster County Sheriff**

Deputies from the Ulster County Sheriff's Office report the arrest of Salvatore J. Mantione, 32, of Middletown

Mantione was charged with the Misdemeanors of Unlawful Possession of Noxious Matter and Obstructing Governmental Administration in the Second Degree and the Violation of Unlawful Possession of Marijuana.

On March 6, at approximately 11:30 p.m., Deputies were handling a car vs. deer accident on Bruynswick Road in the Town of Gardiner when a vehicle passed the deputy at an extremely high rate of speed, almost striking the deputy. The vehicle was located at the intersection of Bruynswick Road and Route 44/55 crashed into a snowbank. One male was immediately detained and another male, later identified as Mantione, fled on foot. Mantione was located a short time later attempting to hide on a nearby property and taken into custody. Deputies allege that Mr. Mantione was found to be in possession of marijuana, as well as a spray canister containing tear gas.

Mantione was arraigned in the Town of Gardiner Court and released on his own recognizance to reappear at a later date.

#### **SCHOOL NEWS**

## East Coldenham celebrates community leaders at Founders' Night

#### By KAITLYN BENNETT

Founders' Night is an evening recognizing community leaders who exemplify the founders of the national PTA organization in their dedication to community and justice for children and educators. This year, the East Coldenham PTA awarded two community members for excellence and six students for their participation in the Reflections contest.

For the Reflections contest, students submitted art and photography projects. The PTA reviews the submissions and awards students for their representation of the annual theme. This year the theme was "The world would be a better place if..." Ryan McGuirk, Colin McGuirk, Jonna Jurgens, Hannah LaPierre and Sarah LaPierre each won awards for their artwork embodying visions of a more beautiful world. Next year students will be encouraged to submit works with the theme of "Let your imagination fly."

"We only had six submissions this year. We are trying to revive it and bring it back," said Heather Jurgens, PTA member and Founders' Night coordinator.

The PTA also awarded the Distinguished Service Award to James Presutti. The recipients of the Distinguished Service Awards are past recipients of the NYS Honorary Life Member Award. They continue to participate in the East Coldenham

community to leave a positive impact on students through volunteerism.

Presutti, an arborist, has left an especially unique impact on the East Coldenham student body. They recognize him for his work beautifying the grounds, restoring the memorial garden, and working to teach students about caring for plants and trees around the school.

During a speech from Founders' honoree and past school principal, Mr. Gregory Heidemann, Presutti was acknowledged for more than his green thumb. Heidemann recognized his dedication to his family and community through a creative speech that placed Presutti on the stand to face the charges of "being an outstanding parent" and "a positive role model for children in our community." Presutti accepted all of the charges with a grin and received his award and a new plant to add to his collection.

After acknowledging several past recipients with white carnations, the PTA awarded Nancy Burgos with the NYS Honorary Life Member Award (Founders' Award). Burgos was recognized by about ten different community members, including past coworkers, teachers, and parents, who did their best to describe Burgos and her incredible dedication to the countless students who passed through the doors of East Coldenham for more than two decades. Whether she



Six East Coldenham students received the Reflections Award for outstanding visual art and photography.

was working in a classroom or opening the front door for a visitor, Burgos left her mark on the entire East Coldenham community.

"Nancy may not be flexible in some ways, but indeed she is constant in other ways: her incomparable work ethic, and even more important than that, her effervescent loving and caring way, a steadfast friend to one and all, a shining light to one and all who opens the door to this building," said Ruthanne Giattino, former East

Coldenham teacher, during her recognition speech to her longtime teaching aide and friend.

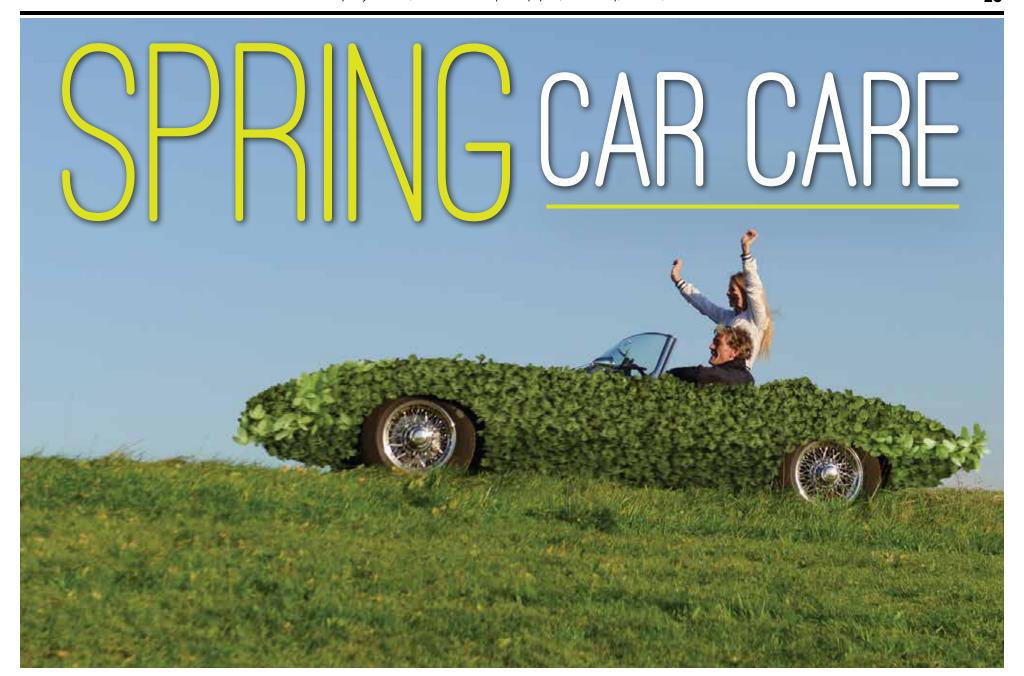
Everyone in attendance enjoyed two inspirational songs performed by the East Coldenham Select Chorus and refreshments provided by the East Coldenham PTA. Anyone interested in participating in the PTA or submitting student art for the Reflections Award next year should contact Heather Jurgens at bnhjurgens@hotmail.com.



James Presutti recieved the Distinguished Service Award for his continued volunteer efforts at East Coldenham.



Nancy Burgos, recipient of the Founders' Day award, was excited to celebrate the evening with her family.



# Wash off these harmful substances promptly to reduce the chances of damage to your car's paint job

ost people purchase a car for its looks and performance. However, unless the auto is kept in a garage and never driven, it is impossible to keep it in pristine condition. In many cases, damage to the clear coat or enamel paint on the car is something vehicle owners expect.

A car owner who decides he or she wants the car to remain in the best shape possible will have to take an active role in maintenence and damage prevention. One of the key things to remember is to never allow any substance to remain on the paint for too long; otherwise the risk for damage increases. Also, it may be very difficult to clean if the offender is allowed to sit on the paint. Here are some other factors to consider.

• UV light: Just as UV light can affect skin, hair and other parts of the body, it also can affect the paint on a car. UV rays oxidize the paint and cause a white, powdery film to form on the car. Washing the car frequently enough and

applying the best quality wax will help keep UV rays from penetrating through the paint.

- Over sprays: Life does not stop to allow cars to drive through, particularly when it comes to construction zones. It's possible for a car to be doused in paint spray, tar, concrete, and other chemicals that are routinely used in construction. Do not allow these substances to harden on the car. Rinse promptly with automotive soap. Try to avoid construction zones whenever possible.
- Rain: Both acid rain and regular rainwater (and other sources of water) can dissolve paint over time. The U.S. Geological Survey has said that water is a universal solvent because it can dissolve more substances than any other liquid. Whenever the car becomes wet, it should be dried with a towel or chamois and not allowed to air dry.
- Natural substances: Tree sap, bird droppings and splattered insects contain compounds that can erode the paint on a car. Avoid parking under large trees where

sap and bird droppings may be prevalent. In terms of bug splatter, try to wash it off as soon as possible to alleviate damage.

- Eggs: Oftentimes, rambunctious children think it is funny to egg a car. However, the enzymes and sulfur content in eggs can cause paint and clear coat to dissolve, leaving white spots in the wake of the egg. Because egg can be sticky and very hard to remove once dried, it is helpful to wash it off as soon as possible. It takes only a few hours for the damage to be permanent.
- Bleach: Although a bleach-and-water solution is often heralded for its ability to clean many things, it should not be used on a car. Bleach is an oxidizer and it will pit metal and discolor paint. Be careful with pool chemicals as well, as chlorinator is usually regular household bleach.

There are many things that can damage a car paint job. Although it's impossible to shield the car from everything, these are precautions that can be taken.

## Safe driving in slick weather conditions

ainy weather can arrive any time of year. While an afternoon spent indoors watching the drops fall can be relaxing, driving in the rain is anything but. It requires extra concentration and improved reaction time. Many accidents situations are largely preventable among drivers who adapt to the weather and roadway conditions. Here are some things to consider.

- Reduced visibility occurs from wiper blades, glare (particularly at night) and heavy downpours. When you are unable to see the road ahead, including other vehicles, reduce your speed. If the rain is coming down in torrents, pull over to the side of the road and wait for a respite. Turn on your lights to ensure you are visible to other cars on the road.
- Recognize that rain can cause slick conditions. A film of water develops on the roadways, and that can affect the performance of your vehicle's tires. Less traction means the car can slip and slide. Hydroplaning, or coasting on the surface of the water, is common. Another, lesser-known condition is slickness caused by grease and oil in the asphalt. During a long dry spell, these substances build up on the roads. When it rains, the oil and



water doesn't mix, bringing the oils to the surface and exacerbating slick conditions. The first few hours of a rainstorm can be quite dangerous until heavier rains wash the oils away.

• Water spraying up onto tires and brakes can compromise braking ability. That means it could take longer to stop under wet conditions. Do not tailgate and leave extra room between vehicles. If you drive through a puddle of water, pump the brakes and test them out to be sure you can stop. Brake earlier so that other drivers

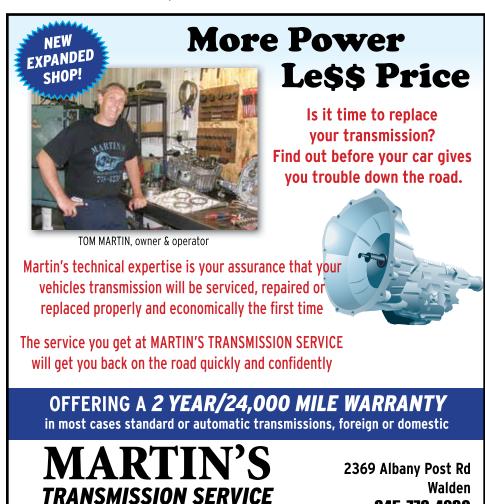
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understand your intentions and can react accordingly.

- Avoid extremely large puddles. First of all, you cannot judge the depth of the puddle and you may end up getting stuck, especially in the event of roadway flooding. Water splashing into the engine compartment may damage electrical components. Steer around puddles to be on the safe side.
- Use extra care watching out for pedestrians. A normally observant person may be distracted by the rain, puddles and

wrangling an umbrella and veer into the path of cars. Be mindful of the side of the roads and where pedestrians may be, such as around parked cars.

- Change wiper blades twice per year. You do not want to be caught with shoddy wiper blades in poor conditions. Without an effective wiper blade, rain cannot be cleared effectively from the windshield.
- Limit distractions inside of the car to focus even more of your attention on the road. While some have become accustomed to answering phone calls or fielding questions from the backseat while driving, avoid such distractions when driving in the rain. Turn down the radio if you must and encourage passengers to remain quiet until safely home.
- Leave extra time to get to your destination. Rain causes slowing down of traffic. Rushing may increase your risk of being in an accident, so always leave extra travel time when driving in wet conditions.
- Make way for emergency personnel. Accidents and bad weather are common. Slow down or pull over to allow emergency vehicles to pass by. If there are flashing lights on the side of the road, move into the left lane to give a wide girth around first responders.



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## What you need to know about your teens first car

any parents contribute money toward the purchase of their teenagers' first car. But even those who don't help kids finance the purchase of their first vehicle may still want to offer some advice as their teens start to look for the car they will no doubt remember for the rest of their lives.

Different drivers need different things out of their vehicles, so a car that might be perfect for adults will not necessarily be the best fit for teen drivers without much experience traversing the nation's roadways. The following are a few factors to consider when helping teens find their

Teenagers have little to no experience behind the wheel, so it's best that they not drive cars that are especially small or large right away. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, young drivers between the ages of 16 and 17 are significantly overrepresented in fatal crashes. The NHTSA suggests such drivers' immaturity and inexperience plays a significant role in that over representation. So parents likely do not want their children in the smallest car possible, as such vehicles may not protect teens as adequately as



slightly larger vehicles in the case of an accident. In addition, very large cars, such as pickup trucks or SUVs, can be difficult to control and are best suited to older drivers who already have years of driving experience under their belts. A mid-size sedan is big enough to protect teens and their passengers in the case of an accident, and such vehicles are small enough to handle easily.

Another factor to consider when shop-

ping for cars for teenagers is passenger capacity. The more seats there are in a car, the more friends teens can pack into their vehicles. Numerous teenagers in a car at once can prove distracting to the driver, and that distraction can pave the way for an auto accident. Steer clear of minivans, SUVs or other vehicles that feature a third row of seats, as teens may be unable to stay focused on the road with so many passengers in tow.

Few teens would not light up at the sight of a muscle car awaiting them in the driveway. But cars that accelerate quickly and those with substantial horsepower and high-performance engines may tempt teens to speed or spark the development of poor driving habits. Look for a vehicle with modest acceleration instead of an imported sports car that teens may be too immature and inexperienced to handle.

Teens' first cars are often preowned vehicles, and may have significant wear and tear on important safety features. Wear and tear may not be a reason to avoid purchasing a preowned vehicle, but parents may want to replace the brake pads and tires on preowned vehicles. Brake pads in strong condition may prove the difference between avoiding an accident or getting into one. In addition, poorly inflated or worn down tires pose a safety risk to teens and their passengers. If such features seem to be worn down, replace them before letting teens hit the open road on their own.

Teens will remember their first cars for the rest of their lives. Parents can ensure those memories are positive by finding a car that teens can handle comfortably and operate safely.

#### Simple tips for garage efficiency

- · Screw a sheet of plywood to the studs of your garage to hold yard and auto tools vertically and out of the way.
- Save time when looking for the right wrench by using tape to color code the tools you always reach for first.
- Mark nuts and bolts with a paint pen once they're in place to ensure they haven't moved or become loose.
- · Share: Have your own DIY tips for the garage? Don't keep them to yourself. Valvoline, the producer of automotive products, is spotlighting the creative "hacks" DIYers around the country are using to make life easier in the garage.

Submit your best ideas, tips and tricks that demonstrate how to improvise and boost efficiency, using the #GarageHacks hashtag at www.Facebook.com/Valvoline, www. Twitter.com/Valvoline and www.Instagram.com/Valvoline.

Check out more Garage Hacks at http://bit.ly/GarageHacks for inspiration.

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## Warning: that tire could be about to go flat

Flat tires range from the inconvenient flats, to more dangerous blowouts, which can compromise the safety of drivers, their passengers and anyone else on the road when the tire gives out.

Blowouts can be prevented more often than not. Tires often produce warning signs that a flat or blowout is about to emerge.

Varying wear: Tires should exhibit the same type of wear. The wear on front tires and back tires may differ, but one front tire should have the same amount of wear as the other and the same goes for the back tires. Uneven tread on tires indicates that the tire with more wear could be about to go out.

Worn tread: Even drivers who know little about cars can typically recognize when tire tread has worn down to the point where the tire is a safety risk. But drivers who are unsure can employ the quarter test. Insert a quarter into the tread of the tire,

with George Washington's head upright. If you can see the hairline of the United States' first president, then you need to replace the tire. Perform this test on each of your vehicle's four tires.

Low pressure: Drivers who do not routinely check their tire pressure are more likely to endure a flat or blowout than those who regularly make sure

> their tires are at the manufacturer-recommended

pressure, which can be found in a vehicle

owner's manual or by calling the tire manufacturer or visiting their website. An underinflated tire is under stress that can cause the tire to blowout. In addition, poorly inflated tires force engines to work harder, which negatively affects a car's fuel efficiency.

**Vibration:** A car that vibrates excessively may do so because tires are damaged. Poor suspension is another cause of excessive vibration. Whatever is behind a car that is vibrating, drivers should

immediately take the car to their mechanic for an inspection.

**Physical tire damage:** Sometimes tires exhibit physical damage like bulges

or cuts, and such signs could mean a flat tire or blowout is just around the corner. Tires that exhibit such physical damage need to be replaced immediately.

## Technology hits the road

Technology has changed the way we communicate, how we watch television and listen to music and even how we keep abreast of the latest happenings in our communities and abroad.

Technology is changing the way we drive and, in many ways, making today's highways more safe. While automotive gadgets like built-in WiFi or backup cameras may be the first amenities to grab our attention, new developments in lighting technology are enhancing driver visibility- making it safer on the open road.

Many auto manufacturers still use standard incandescent bulbs in their vehicles. But advanced lighting that's more befitting of today's technological standards can make it easier for drivers to see and be seen by fellow motorists. Vision LED Lights from leading automotive lighting

manufacturer Philips employ cutting edge LED technology to deliver better and more dynamic lighting for applications such as brake and taillights, back up lights, side markers, fog lights, and license plate lights. Guaranteed for up to 12 years, Philips Vision LED Lights are highly resistant to heat and vibration, meaning drivers are very likely to replace their vehicle long before they ever need to worry about replacing their LED lights.

The right lighting can vastly improve driver visibility and safety and prove a wise investment for drivers who want to see the road better while making themselves more visible to other motorists. In addition to upgrading their vehicles' lighting, drivers can take the following steps to ensure they're seeing the road ahead of them as clearly as possible.





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#### WHAT KIDS SAY

### If you could be friends with someone in history, who would it be and why?



"Abraham Lincoln because he stood up for slavery and he thought people were equal."

- Cassie Brundage, fourth grade



"Babe Ruth because I love baseball, and he hit a bunch of records in baseball."

 Riley Burke, fourth grade



"Walt Disney because he created some amazing things, and I actually did a big project about it."

- Lily Glembocki, fourth grade



"Martin Luther King, Jr. because he did the 'Dream' speech. He was a really nice guy."

 Callie Jones, fourth grade



"Abraham Lincoln because he was an honest person."

- Jordan Marwin, fourth grade



"Maybe George Washington because he was a great president and a good man."

- Zlata Shmarina, fourth grade



"I would like to be friends with Albert Einstein, because I want to be a biological engineer to help save lives. I want to invent machines that can actually help save lives."

Jack Simon, fourth grade

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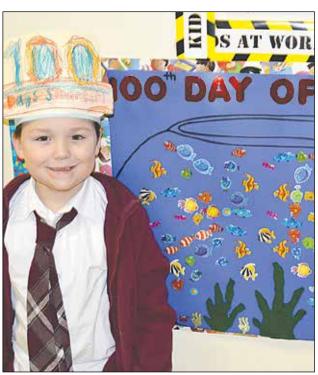
### Asked of students at Leptondale Elementary School

# MPB celebrates 100th day of school

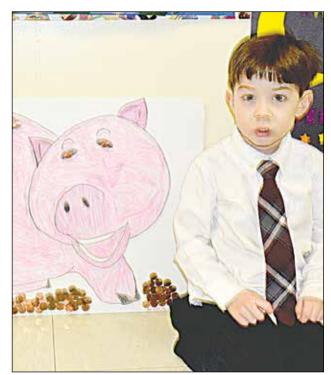
Most Precious Blood School celebrated the 100th Day of School on Tuesday, Feb. 24th! The kindergarten class made projects to show their counting of the 100 days.



Sean Maher



Jonathan VanVlack



Giovanni Morgano

#### WALDEN

## MPB to serve corned beef and cabbage dinner

Belated birthday wishes from Walden Rotary members to Al Valk who celebrated his special day on March 1. Happy Birthday Al and thank you for all you do for this special organization!

Walden Rotary Club members sent Wedding Anniversary wishes to fellow member John Revella and his wife **Perla** on March 8. Congratulations to this very

special couple!

As you begin your Spring cleaning consider donating vour unwanted items to the Friends of Walden Youth. This organization is preparing to hold their 10th Annual Indoor Yard Sale at the John Howland Youth Center on Sunday, April 12. All proceeds from the sale will be used for youth activities.

To donate merchandise, reserve a vendor spot or information, contact Brenda (778-4028); Anita (778-7772); or Becky (527-1221), Help Walden's youth by making this event a success!

Don't miss out on getting a Lenten Dinner from Knights of Columbus Council 9254 on Friday, March 13. Call to reserve your order no later than Thursday for Friday pick up. All meals are \$6 - take out only. Dinners can be picked up at Most Precious Blood Church, Fr. Sullivan Hall between 5 – 7 p.m. on Fridays.

On the menu for March 13 - breaded shrimp, mashed potatoes, 3-bean salad, biscuit and cookies. Call 566-7822 to reserve your meal.

The Village of Walden Board of Trustees will host the Walden Community Council meeting in the 3rd floor Bradley Assembly Room, Walden Municipal Building tonight, March 11, 7

Everyone is welcome to attend. Join in and be a part of this organization comprised of committees working together to create a positive attitude in our Village. Visit waldencommunitycouncil.org

Team Union House is hosting their

St. Baldrick's Spaghetti Dinner on Wednesday, March 11, 5-7 p.m. at the Walden Baptist Church, 38 Bank St. Come out and enjoy homemade sauce and meatballs complete with salad, bread, beverage and assorted desserts -\$10. Take out available. For information

20 Pine St., Walden is busy preparing for their Shabbat Across America dinner planned for Friday, March 13, 6 p.m. to be held at the Synagogue. Reservations are required for this event. Contact Joan Garry at 820-0130 to make your reserva-

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**Enterprise Steamer** Co. #2 of the Walden Fire Department will hold their Sixth annual Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner on Saturday, March 14, 4 p.m.- 7 p.m. at

Congregation Beth Hillel,

the Walden Fire House Social Hall. Old Orange Avenue. \$15 per person at the door; \$12 Pre-paid; \$10 for seniors; \$5 for children under 12. For tickets - call Ken Northrip at 778-1341.

M.P.B. Knights of Columbus, Council 9254 will hold a St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef & Cabbage dinner on Saturday, March 14, 5:30 p.m. – 8 p.m. at Fr. Sullivan Hall, Most Precious Blood Church, 57 Walnut Street, Walden. Enjoy corned beef, cabbage, carrots, potatoes, Irish soda bread, dessert and beverage. Hot Dogs available for the kids. Also, great live music with an Irish flair!

Adults – \$12; Seniors – \$10; children under 10 years – \$5: Families of 6 or more – \$50. Take out available.

The Walden Humane Society, 2489 Albany Post Road will hold yard sales on Saturday, March 14, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. and Wednesday, March 25, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Stop in and see the variety of items for sale. While there visit the shelter animals that will benefit from the proceeds of the sale! Call 778-5115 for information.

March is "Youth Art Month". At the

Walden Woman's Club March 16 meeting scheduled to be held at 7 p.m., 3rd Floor Col. Bradley Assembly Hall, V.C. High School students' art will be displayed. Barbara Heitz is Art Chairperson. Care and Share for March is TOM Food Pantry.

2015 Village of Walden Election Day is Wednesday, March 18 from 6 a.m. - 9 p.m. at the Walden Firehouse, 230 Old Orange Avenue. Susan M. Rumbold is on the ballot running for Mayor for a term of two years and Willie Carley; Gerald Mishk, Jr.: Edmond Leonard and **Brian B. Sebring** are running to fill three trustee spots for a term of two years. (Larry Kraus is not on the ballot for mayor, but has declared himself to be a write-in candidate.)

The Village of Walden Recreation and Parks Department will hold their Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 28, 10 a.m. at James W. Olley Park. Bring vour basket and meet the Easer Bunny! Participants will be split into the following age groups: 0-4 years; 5-7 years and 8-11 years. Prizes for the two children in each age group who find the GOLDEN

Will Spay Pets, Inc. will hold an Indoor Yard sale at the Montgomery Fire House,136 Ward St. on Saturday, March 28, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. No early birds. Lots of old and new treasures. All proceeds benefit Will Spay/Neuter Program. For information call 764-0487.

The Josephine-Louise Public Library sends the following news:

The Lego Club will meet today, 4:30 p.m. for grades K-5.

Thursday, March 12, 6:30 p.m. Storyteller Eileen Stellies will present Irish tales about mermaids, leprechauns, and more from the Emerald Isle that will be sure to captivate us.

On Tuesday, March 17, 6:30 p.m., the Family Book Club will meet for"A Bad Case of Stripes" by David Shannon. Books are available at the Children's desk for check out.

Meet Author Patricia Polacco on Monday, March 23, 11 a.m. at the Library. Space is limited, so please make sure to register for this program.

#### **Community Events**

**THURSDAY** 

**Walking Club.** 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. Hudson River HealthCare, 75 Orange Ave, Walden.

**T.O.P.S.** 6 - 7 p.m. Hudson River HealthCare, 75 Orange Ave, Walden. 778-

**Scramble for Scrabble Night**. 6 - 8 p.m. Josephine-Louise Public Library, Municipal Square, Walden. Bring your boards or join in a game. 778-7621.

#### SATURDAY

Walden Chess Club. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Josephine-Louise Public Library, Walden. 778-7621.

**Community Dinner.** 6:30 p.m. Fox Hill Community, 80 Coleman Road, Walden. Reservations: 778-7561.

#### MONDAY

Walden Rotary Club. 12:15 p.m. Luncheon meeting at Spruce Lodge, Route 17K. Coldenham. 778-3698.

Walden Chess Club. 6 - 8 p.m. Josephine-Louise Public Library, Municipal Square, Walden. 778-7621.

Josephine-Louise Public Library **Board of Trustees Meeting.** 7:30 p.m. Josephine-Louise Public Library, Walden

#### TUFSDAY

Walden Senior Citizens. 11:30 a.m. Walden Fire House, Old Orange Avenue, **Walking Club.** 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Hudson River HealthCare, 75 Orange Ave, Walden. 778-2700.

#### WEDNESDAY

The Humane Society of Walden. 7 p.m. Walden Savings Bank, 3rd Floor, Scotts Corners. Meeting. New members welcome. 778-2070.

Walden Volunteer Ambulance **Auxiliary.** 7:30 p.m. Ambulance Building. 22 South Montgomery St., Walden.

#### Francisco earns Ph.D.

On Dec. 19, 2014, Brian Francisco graduat-

ed from the University of Colorado with a doctorate degree in Mechanical Engineering.

Brian, Wallkill Class of 2005, is the son of Susan Francisco of Walden, and Stephen Francisco of Coldenham.

He is the grandson of Janet Francisco and the late Robert Francisco of Bullville, NY. At the present time he resides in Boulder, Colorado.

#### **M**AYBROOK

## Scout band readies for St. Patrick's Day

Spring had better be here! And, if it is, that means it's almost time for the "Wearin' of the Green" as we approach St. Patrick's Day! It also means that our famous Troop 236 Boy Scout Band will be marching in a number of St. Patrick's parades in the area. The band has already done us proud in parades this past weekend in Wappingers Falls and Mahopac. Never seen our band march? You're in for a real treat and can view

them in the Scranton, Pa., parade on Sat., Mar. 14; in the Goshen parade on Sun., Mar. 15; in the Village of Montgomery parade on Sat., Mar. 21; and in the hamlet of Wallkill parade on Sun., Mar. 22. Hope it's warm and sunny for our marchers!



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Of course, the Troop 236 Band will again march in New York City on Tues., Mar. 17, in the 254th St. Patrick's Day Parade, the oldest parade in America! The band is usually in some position of honor in the parade and I'm sure this year will be no different!

"If you get the opportunity," says bandmaster **Jim Barnett**, "come out and cheer on our Scouts in one or more of these parades as they play their Irish tunes and proudly represent the Village of Maybrook, our Town of Montgomery and Orange County. I know the band will bring a smile to your face, especially after the winter we've had!"

Easter Sunday is April 5 this year, the first Sunday of the month. Because of the holiday, the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 2064 will NOT have its regular monthly pancake breakfast. You'll just have to wait till May to enjoy one of its delicious breakfasts!

But you CAN enjoy some great VFW cooking at this weekend's annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner/Dance 6-10:30 p.m., Sat., Mar. 14, at the Post at the foot of Main St. Dinner will be corned beef and



Charles Gabrus (I.), a 91-year-old World War II veteran from Montgomery, received a surprise welcome at Stewart Airport recently as he returned from a Hudson Valley Honor Flight to see the World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C. Mr. Gabrus was welcomed home by a contingent of supporters that included members of the Maybrook Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 2064. (Honor Flights fly World War II veterans for free to see the memorial.) Here, Mr. Gabrus is flanked on the right by Maybrook VFW Commander John Luffman. It was Mr. Gabrus' first time on an airplane since he served as a gunner in World War II on a B-24 Pandemonium. Gabrus was part of the 8th Air Force of the 489th Bomber Group that was stationed in Halesworth. England.

cabbage, veggies, salad, real Irish soda bread and an amazing dessert. D.J. Karl Heller will keep everyone moving! Cost is \$20 at the door; \$15 in advance. Sign up early and reserve your tables. It fills up fast! You can reserve over the phone (427-5881) with a credit card; Mastercard and Visa are accepted.

Great news from our Maybrook Library! Manager Jenny-Ann Lally reports that the library has updated its system and is working towards making it patron-accessible from home! What a great idea! In the meantime, the library will host a number of events in preparation for spring and Easter. There will be a St. Patrick's Day party today (Mar. 11). Next Wed., Mar. 18, Horizon Medical will sponsor Storytime at the library with a book and healthy snack. The 2nd annual Easter Egg Hunt and Party for kids aged 18 months-second grade is set for Wed., Apr. 1. Everyone is welcome to any of these events. Just call the library, 427-2914, to sign up so staff can make sure they have enough crafts and goodies for all the age groups.

Over at the Maybrook United Methodist Church, the "soup kitchen" has been cancelled, but the women's tea, hosted by congregant Debbie Thompson. The tea will be held at the church 10 a.m.-12 noon, Sat., Mar. 14.

We all know that many of our kids go to Montgomery Elementary now (the rest go to Berea). Maybrookite Linda

#### **Community Events**

MONDAY

Hamptonburgh Leisure Senior Citizens Club. 1:30 p.m. Hamptonburgh Town Hall, Campbell Hall.

WEDNESDAY

#### Golden Links Senior Citizens Club.

12:30 p.m. Maybrook Seniors Center, Homestead Avenue.

Gibbons is excited about the upcoming pancake breakfast that will benefit the Montgomery 5th grade class and will be held right here in Maybrook, at the VFW Post at the foot of Main St. The breakfast (with all proceeds to go to the class year-end picnic and for school t-shirts) will be held Sun., Apr. 12, 8 a.m.-12 noon. Cost is \$7 for adults, \$5 for children ten and under. There will be a 50/50 and several basket raffles.

Donations are most welcome if you'd like to create a basket for the event. Monetary donations as well as food donations for the breakfast are also very welcome (and tax deductible). For more info or for donation pick-up, you can call Linda, 551-1524 (cell) or 427-7724 (home). You can also contact Heidi O'Connell, 507-1303. Monetary donations can be made payable to Montgomery Elementary PTA and please note "5th grade class" on the memo line so the breakfast organizers will get the credit.

If you're interested in helping our active servicemen/women and veterans, you can join the VFW Ladies Auxiliary. You just need to be the wife, daughter, sister, granddaughter or mother of a war vet. More information, as well as good fellowship, will be available at the Auxiliary's "Adult Make Your Own Sundae/Membership Drive" to be held 2-4 p.m., Sat., Mar. 21, at the Maybrook Senior Center in the park. The next regular Ladies Auxiliary meeting is 7 p.m., Tues., Mar. 24.

The VFW Ladies Auxiliary will hold a penny social Sun., Apr. 26 (doors open at 12 noon; calling at 2 p.m.) but is now accepting donations for the event. Any and all donations would be greatly appreciated. Funds raised at the social will be used to help all veterans and active duty servicemen and women. The Auxiliary has always helped our vets in many ways, including monetary donations to groups such as American VetDogs, Castle Point Veterans Hospital, Fisher House and Trees for Troops. If you can help, call the Post, 427-5881.

Have a great week!

#### PINE BUSH

## New exhibit opens at Crawford Library

The Little Lambs Nursery School is having a Roast Pork Dinner on Saturday, March 14 from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at the Bullville United Methodist Church located on Route 17 K. Bullville. The cost is \$12.Advance tickets only.

For tickets, call **Kevin** Holland, 361-3809 or Agnes Youngs, 361-2721. Benefit dinner for Miss Kelly as she is awaiting a heart transplant. She helps at Little Lambs Nursery School, Wallkill Little League and at Pine Bush High School.

Pine Bush Relay For Life "Lucy Loves Subway" team is having a Texas Hold'em on March 21 at 7 p.m. at the Catholic War Veteran's Hall, 16 Center Street. \$100 buy in. Food will be available.

A Car Wash will be held on Saturday, April 25 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Pine Bush Equipment on Route 302.

\$5 per car. Then on May 17 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Subway they will have a "Lucy Loves Subway" Brunch. The cost is \$7 per person for this full service brunch. The Orange County Strummers Ukulele

Club of Orange County will be performing.

All proceeds from these three fundraisers go to the American Cancer Society. Contact Joyce at 978-6505 or Kim at 401-1793.

The Crawford Gallery of Fine Art has a new exhibit. titled, "Contemporary Art and its ISMS (Not Always So Nice, but Ever Exciting)," which runs through April 1 at 65 Main St. in Pine Bush. This exhibit will include works that can be identified in various categories, such as Impressionism,

Veterinarian

Expressionism, Modernism, Constructionism, Realism,

"My School Color Run" is once again coming to Pine Bush High School!!! Some new exciting additions this year

Transavantgardism, Abstractism and

about 230 more. 845-744-8634 cgfa@hvc.

rr.com or crawfordgalleryoffineart.com.

will be an academy showcase featuring what we do here at Pine Bush High School from our academy students! A "festival" featuring our academies, local businesses and vendors!

We have a fantastic DJ, concession stand, performance from Mitchell Performing Arts Center and more. So please come out and join us for this really fun day. Bring the family and have some fun! Pre-registration will take place through April 1 so act now and reserve your spot for this great community event!!! They are on Facebook at My School Color Run 2015 at Pine Bush High School. You can now register online at pinebushmscr.eventbrite.com as well.

If you need any additional information please contact Tracy Buckridge, Brian Lynn, or Melissa Hopmayer at 744-2031 Ext. 3602 or Ext. 3609.

Save the date for the new library programs coming in March. March is Women's History Month. A program on "Local Women in History" will be given by the Town of Crawford historian. Joanne Keillor. We have some very notable women right here in our very own community.

Come out to the Community Center on Maple Avenue on Friday, March 27 at 3 p.m. and find out who they are.

On March 17th, there will be a St. Patrick's Day Tea at the library from 1:30 to 4 p.m. Come join us for some Irish tea and traditional Irish entertainment by Terry Chiesa (poetry and storytelling), Aranka (our town singer) and others.

Come to a training program at the library on what you need to know when a disaster strikes. On Thursday, March 26th, at 6:30 we are presenting Red Cross Emergency Preparedness: How to Prepare, Respond, and Recover when there is an emergency.

The AARP tax counseling program is held each Friday until to April 11th. Appointments can be made by calling 744-4265. This is a free e-filing service. The next AARP Smart Driver program. is on April 8.

Call 744-3375 to reserve a seat.

#### **Community Events**

THURSDAY

Friends of the Pine Bush Area **Library**. 2 p.m. Pine Bush Area Library Annex, 277 Maple Ave., Pine Bush. New members welcome, 744-3375.

**TUESDAY** 

Ladies Bible Study Group. 10 a.m. Grace Reform Baptist Church, Pine Bush. Nursery provided. Info: 744-3904.

Pine Bush Senior Citizens Club 1 p.m. Town of Crawford Town Hall. Open to all Town of Crawford Seniors, aged 60 and

Be sure to stop in and see the new artists Ellen Quimby and Mary Williams' exhibit at the library. They will be on display for the month of March. A reception date will be announced.

Pick up a copy of our newsletter for the ongoing programs. There is much going on. Be sure to check out our new book releases on the shelf. Downloadable e-books and periodicals are available online as well as reserving a book at the library. You only need your free library card from one of the 47 libraries.

Keep the Date Friday. May 15th for the Annual Spring Fling Dinner Dance to be held at the Pine Bush Firehouse.

Happy 14th Birthday to Jonathan Smith who celebrates on March 11.

Congratulations to Cassie Stap as she was recognized by USA Today and Phi Theta Kappa as a member of a New York State All-Academic Team. The ceremony was held on March 9 at the New York State Museum.

#### Planning ahead

The Gardiner Library will hold a discussion based on the ideas presented in the book "Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End" by Atul Gawande on Sunday. March 15 from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Reading of the book before the talk is not required, but is encouraged. Maggie Carpenter, MD will lead the discussion "Planning Ahead for the End of Life," which will include elder care, medical interventions, hospice and palliative care as presented in the book.

The library is located at 133 Farmer's Turnpike in Gardiner. For directions or further information call 255-1255 or visit gardinerlibrary.org.



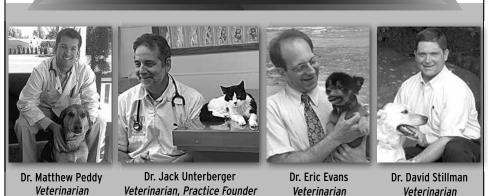
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#### **MONTGOMERY**

## Montgomery welcomes two new businesses

The Montgomery Book Exchange will have its grand opening on Saturday, March 14, 2015 from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. at their location at 13 Union St., Montgomery. There will be a ribbon cutting, a kids story hour, and acoustic music by local band "Roar", Also, there will be poetry readings, classic games & puzzles, a trivia challenge, free WiFi, free coffee and snacks.

A percentage of all sales this day will be donated to the Friends of the Montgomery Library. Bring in your books for donation or store credit. Call Walt Pahucki with any questions at 764-1787 or visit montgomerybookexchange.com.

The Pi Master Chapter ladies finally had their meeting and lunch at Daxxon Restaurant in Walden.

They celebrated Valentine's Day and member **Dianne Moore** gave each a Valentine mug filled with chocolate kisses. They also celebrated the Chinese New Year. The arrangements were made



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by member Nancy Petrolo. Evelyn Balogh won the door prize that Nancy gave.

All enjoyed the lunch and conversation, but they are looking forward to the snow disappearing and the warmer weather.

A Longaberger Basket Bingo fundraiser will be held on Friday, March 13 at the Valley Central Middle School. It is sponsored by the Valley Central Education Foundation and the Valley Central Interact Club. There will be 16 games of bingo included

with admission. Additionally there will be a tricky tray, door prizes and raffles. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., and calling begins at 6:30 p.m.

Ticket donation is \$20 in advance or \$25 on the night of the event. Extra cards, bingo daubers and light refreshments will be available for purchase.

For any questions please call Diane or Chris Ann at 778-3756.

The Brick Reformed Church, located at 1582 Rt. 17K, Montgomery, will be having a corned beef and cabbage "family style" dinner. It will be on Saturday, March 14 from 5 to 7 p.m. Adults are \$12, children under age 10 are \$6, and seniors are \$10.

Call 457-5582 for more on this.

The St. Pat's Ramble Committee announces the Grand Marshal for this year's event is Marion Wild. There will be an Installation celebration on Thursday, March 12 from 5 to 7 p.m. Tickets are \$20 and there will be hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar.

Please call Devitt Management at 457-9666 or email events@villageofmontgomery.org.

The Harmony Baptist Church, located at 1790 Rt. 211, between Montgomery and Middletown announces that on March 14 at 9:30 a.m. there will be a Ladies Tea and the speaker will be Robin Kettering.

There will be an Indoor Garage Sale at the Montgomery Firehouse on Saturday,

March 28th. It will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 100 percent of all proceeds will go to benefit Will Spay Pets.

They are seeking donations of gently used and new items, donations are tax deductible. Call 764-0467.

The Town of Montgomery Chamber of Commerce is hosting a Grand Opening at Valley Cabinets located at 23 Factory St. in Montgomery on March 25, from 5:30-7 p.m.

The Town of Montgomery
Conservation Advisory Council (CAC)
will be sponsoring two Rain Barrel
workshops this Spring. Pre-registration
is required as there is a 15 participant
limit per workshop. The fee is \$34.00
cash only and sign up is at the Town
of Montgomery Clerk's office. The
workshop will be held on March 21st,
Saturday, 11 a.m.-noon & April 11th,
Saturday, 11 a.m.-noon at Benedict Farm
Park barn, Rt. 17K, Montgomery.

For more information: call 457-2660 or 778-0214.

#### BLOOMINGBURG - BURLINGHAM

## Life has its curveballs - but prayer can do wonders

Two local women are in need of your

prayers and your help let's do all we can.

**Kelly** Krzyzak of Fair Oaks is better known as "Miss Kelly" from Little Lambs Nursery School in Bullville. Her bright smile and contagious laugh have endeared her to dozens of people, not only from the



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school but also in the Town of Wallkill



Noah, Ashlyn, Kelly and Donovan Krzyzak. Kelly, better known as "Miss Kelly" from Little Lambs Christian Nursery School, is awaiting a heart transplant at Westchester Medical Center after suffering a heart attack Feb. 5.

Little League and the Pine Bush School District.

On Feb. 5, Kelly suffered a heart attack. Since then, she has been in

Westchester Medical Center, awaiting a heart transplant. She and her husband, Donovan, have raised two beautiful children, Ashlyn and Noah, and they could

#### **Community Events**

FRIDAY

**Mamakating Rotary Club**. 7:30 a.m. Quickway Diner, Bloomingburg, 888-1832.

use a helping hand. Friends are setting up meal schedules and otherwise helping out as best they can.

At 5 p.m. today former and current Little Lamb students and their families are invited to the school to make cards for Kelly and to take a group picture to show her how much she is loved.

A roast pork dinner benefit is planned for this Saturday, March 14, to help out the family as well. The dinner will be held from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Bullville United Methodist Church (the home of Little Lambs) on Route 17K, just off of Route 302 in Bullville. Tickets are \$12 each, purchased in advance only. Take-out dinners will be available. For tickets, call **Kevin Holland** at 361-3809

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#### WALKER VALLEY

# Happy 100th birthday Julia!

Longtime Walker Valley Seniors secretary Julia Muller turned 100 years old on Feb. 24 and there was a party! Julia, currently a resident at the Montgomery Nursing Home, was treated to a day of fun and tons of attention to celebrate her big day. Julia's room was filled with flowers, gifts, and cards; her wheelchair was decorated with balloons and signs,

and she was decked out in purple birthday frills, complete with a crown. After gathering everyone into the party room, activities director Noreen Colletti began the festivities with an introduction.



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At 100 years old Julia, Noreen explained,

does the morning announcements every day at the Nursing Home. She proofreads the activities calendar and she leads the exercise class. She is the president of the resident council and she has a better memory than most of the staff. Noreen concluded that the staff and residents of Montgomery Nursing Home are "truly blessed" to have Julia with them. With that Chris Durante started singing and there was a whole lotta wheelchair dancing going on. Staff member Debi Gilbert-Mann got just about everybody going including a special dance with Dottie Gillespie. Julia's special friends including: Julia Paolini, Edith Leeser, Anna Vana, Lois Grossi, Doug and Ann Marie Rockwell, Ruth Durvea, and Arline Kurtz ioined her at the head table for some yummy birthday cake and volunteer Don MacMillan, dressed as Julia's long-lost sister, danced around the room to a symphony of laughter.

Noreen Colletti added her voice with a special song in Julia's honor. Kelsey Kober, Marian Flynn, Julie Carroll also joined in the fun. As a grand finale to a long day of partying and fun Bernadette Gill and the Not Just Country Line Dancers including, Sue Compa, Jim Compa, Joy Hudson, Fish Hudson, Karynn Hatch, Amy Babicz, Sue Wiand, Raea Kober, and Jan Barrus came to



Julia Muller is surrounded by friends and well-wishers on her 100th birthday.

perform for Julia. The Not Just Country Line Dancers are always great. (They make it look so easy!)

In addition to her party, Julia received well more than 250 birthday cards! The community members joined forces to celebrate Julia's life. Crispell Middle School staff and students responded in force. Over one hundred and fifty birthday cards were gathered by Crispell's Beverly Brownsell and picked up by Nursing Home employee Dyanne Dickson to bring to Julia. Genean DeJong and the gang at First Student all signed a great big card for Julia, which they sent along with a gift. Alexis Eggleton of The Boys & Girls Clubs of Town of Wallkill and Pine Bush also got her kids going. Arlene Pagano sent word to the Walker Valley Marching Band. Everyone told someone, who sent a card then told someone else, who sent a card, until Julia's room was just filled with love. Happy Birthday Julia.

The Walker Valley Fire Company will be celebrating their 100th anniversary on July 11 with a block party with music, refreshments, and fireworks and everyone is invited, so mark your calendar and get lots of sleep the night before. It's going to be a party! On July 18 the department will hold a parade in Walker Valley.

The department will be putting together a bound booklet for the parade with highlights of their first 100 years.

Personal ads are available at minimal cost. Express your love or gratitude to your special WV Firefighter or to the whole department. Call Gregston Greer V at 744-3055 for details.

Also in WVFD news, the Walker Valley Fire Co. Ladies Auxiliary will be holding their Spring Tricky Tray Penny Social on Sat. March 28 at The Walker Valley Firehouse. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the calling will be promptly at 7:30 p.m. There will be holiday raffles, a lottery tree, a grocery basket, a tricky tray and (of course) the penny social tables, as well as delicious refreshments. Join the ladies for a night of family fun. Questions or additional information please contact Regina Onesty at 283-4718.

Co-chairing the penny social with auxiliary member, Susanne May, Regina, the Auxiliary's current secretary, has much to be proud of. Community service and helping others has been passed on to her children, "I taught my kids at a young age to help others. I was on the ambulance corps back in 1994-2001, so my children were exposed to my community service. I would always stop to assist an elderly person in or out of their car etc... Today my children both will stop and ask if someone needs help. One time my son Michael and I were at the dentist. When we parked the car there was a man in the car next to us that had his head on the steering wheel. We did not know if he was ok or not, but Michael knocked on his window to check on him.

#### **Community Events**

WEDNESDAY

Walker Valley Senior Citizens Club. 1 p.m. Old Schoolhouse. Walker Valley.

**Bible Study**. 7:15 p.m. at Walker Valley United Methodist Church, Rt. 52. All wel-

My children would see me giving their old clothes a way to a family in need, so they would give them the toys they really didn't play with as well. They did this without me asking them. To me, my children both learned the most important thing: compassion and empathy for others." Regina's son, Michael Onesty, is an active member of the WVFD and her 15-year-old daughter, Sara Onesty, has been a member of the WV Marching Band for five years.

Cool Cliff is also a proud parent. Probably because of Marty's influence and upbringing, Kevin Upright's designs have secured an APSE award. Kevin explains, "Among the awards that newspapers have is the APSE (Associated Press Sports Editors) awards. The Florida Times-Union got top 10 in the country for Sunday sports section. The categories are based on circulation and the Times-Union is in the highest circulation category, meaning we are in with some of the more well known newspapers in the country. I design the front page and most of the inside pages in the Sunday section." Congratulations Kevin! Marty and Cool Cliff celebrated Kevin's birthday with him in Florida.

The Mountain View United Methodist Church's Youth Group, also known as YOC or Youth of Christ, children grades 1 through 5 meet on Monday evenings in WV from 6 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. Teens, grades 6 through 12, meet at the church from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. On March 16 teen YOC participants will discuss the progress of their current fundraising activites and their upcoming thirty-hour famine. Donations towards the famine fund will be greatly appreciated. Checks can be written to Mountain View UMC as we have to send in one check from the church with all donations. Mail to: YOC c/o Joyce Horton 33 Greer Rd. Apt. 1 Pine Bush, NY 12566. The famine will begin on Friday, March 20 at 12:30 and will continue for thirty hours. The purpose of the famine, according to YOC leader Joyce Horton, "is to to help us learn about and understand how poverty and hunger affects so many people and what we can do to ease that pain. Just

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#### WALLKILL

## WFD to host St Pat's celebration

On Sunday, March 8, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts in the Wallkill community participated in Scout Sunday at Wallkill Reformed Church. The Scouts rang the bells, acted as greeters, handed out programs, did readings and collected the offering.

After the service, there was a special Pot Luck Lunch with a Scout Sunday

cake and displays of Scout memorabilia including uniforms, badges, photo albums and other items from the 1960's-present. There were also displays of Bronze. Silver and Gold Award projects the Scouts have worked on. A couple of the girls wore vintage uniforms,

as well.



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The Ulster County Mobile Department of Motor Vehicles Bus will be at the Shawangunk Town Hall in Wallkill this Friday, March 13, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and again from 2 to 3:30 p.m.

If you need to renew your license, get a learner's permit, surrender your license plates, change your name or address on your license or any other business with the Department of Motor Vehicles, this is the place to come. It is quick and convenient!

Ostrander Elementary School in collaboration with the Wallkill Public Library will be holding their sixth annual Parent Academy from 6:00-7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 24 in the Ostrander library. The academy will feature workshops that parents can attend around the theme of helping children become independent learners. Parents will choose 4 fifteen-minute workshops to attend based on their interests.

For more information contact Debbie Reese at dreese@wallkillcsd.k12.ny.us.

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Just a reminder that the Reformed



The Wallkill Reformed Church celebrated Scout Sunday

Church of Shawangunk will be sponsoring their Sixth Women's Conference from 11:15 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 14. It will be held at their church hall at 1166 Hoagerburgh Road in Wallkill.

The topic will be "How Do You Fill Your Pitcher? Lessons from the Bible for Women." Their guest speaker will be Jarene Pagliarulo and music by Gentle Whisper.

Lunch will be provided and there will be an opportunity to make a Love Offering.

For reservation, call the church office at 895-2952.

The annual St. Patrick's Day Celebration Fundraiser will be held on Saturday, March 14, at the Wallkill Firehouse. A traditional Irish Corned Beef & Cabbage dinner will be served beginning at 5 p.m., at a cost of \$10 each.

Live music will be provided by Wallkill's Own Diamondhead Band, from 6 until 10 p.m.

For advance tickets, call Craig 234-0646, Devin 645-1392, Dave (914) 497-1698, or the firehouse at 895-9708. Limited tickets available at the door.

The fourth Sunday in The Wallkill Valley Lenten Series will be held on March 15 at The First Reformed Church in Walden. Rev. Brian Randazzo will be preaching. Join them for soup and salad at 5 p.m., and worship at 6 p.m.

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Alzheimer's disease is not a normal part of aging. If you or someone you know is affected by Alzheimer's disease or dementia, it's time to learn the facts.

An education program by the Alzheimer's Association will be held at The Wallkill Public Library on Wednesday, March 18, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Space is limited, so please register in advance. RSVP at the library or call 895-3707

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Please donate blood; people can't live without it! The Wallkill High School Annual Spring Blood Drive is scheduled for Thursday, March 19, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the High School Auditorium.

The Wallkill High School Student Health Awareness Committee/Students Against Destructive Decisions (SHAC/ SADD), along with Hudson Valley Blood Services is coordinating this event, but they need your help.

There is a continuous need for blood and blood products in our area. Approximately 300-350 units of blood are needed each day by patients in the area hospitals served by Hudson Valley Blood Services.

Donors are asked to allow about one hour for the blood donation process. All

#### **Community Events**

MONDAY

**T.O.P.S.** 6 p.m. Behind the Wallkill Reformed Church in the food pantry building, Bridge St., Wallkill. 895-2208.

WEDNESDAY

Wallkill Senior Citizens 1 p.m.

Community Room, Shawangunk Town Hall, Central Avenue, Wallkill.

donors must show ID and know their Social Security number. They need to be between the ages of 16 and 76, weight 110 pounds or more, and be in general good health. Donors are reminded to eat prior to their blood donation.

If you are able to donate or have any other questions concerning the blood drive, please contact the nurses at the Wallkill High School Health Office at 895-7155. They hope to make this another successful year!

The Wallkill Nursery School is hosting an Open House on Wednesday, March 25, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., at 45 Bridge St. (behind the Wallkill Reformed Church).

They have programs for 3 and 4- yearolds. You can have a tour, meet the teachers, and register that evening. Potential students are welcome to attend as well. Refreshments will be served.

For more information, call 542-2546 or log on to: wallkillnursery.webs.com.

The AARP Ulster County Chapter 975 had to cancel their March meeting due to bad weather. So their first meeting for the 2015 year will be held on Monday, April 6, at St. Charles Church Hall, Rt. 44/55 in Gardiner. Please bring a non-perishable item for the food pantry.

Refreshments at noon and the meeting at 1 p.m. Dues for the new year will be due at that time.

The AARP Smart Driver Course for 2015 will begin on Wednesday, April 8, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at St. Charles Church Hall, Rt. 44/55 in Gardiner.

The price of this all-day class is \$20 for AARP members and \$25 for non-members. You must have a valid New York State Driver's license and your AARP membership card number.

For more information and to register, call Jean LeRose at 564-1153.

God Bless and have a safe and happy week!

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or Agnes Youngs at 361-2721.

A "GoFundMe" page also has been set up online for those who would like to donate money to help with Kelly's medical expenses. If you can help, visit gofundme.com/lv7048, or just share the link on Twitter or Facebook to get the word out.

Another local resident needs your prayers, even though she insists there are others who have it worse off than she does. Everyone who happens to visit Circleville Elementary School's main office, or has had to call the office, no doubt has met Dina Piscitelli. Since

being diagnosed with HER-2 positive breast cancer in September 2010, Dina has also been a hard worker at Pine Bush's Relay for Life, along with her husband Dominick and her girls Briana and Juliana. Her cancer journey has been anything but easy, as complications arose nearly immediately that prevented her from undergoing standard treatments and reconstructive surgery. Despite that, Dina's attitude has always been positive. Because of her low-key yet positive demeanor, you would never know what she's been through.

About a month ago, Dina found out the breast cancer returned (metastasized) in her brain, bones, lungs and

liver. Metastatic breast cancer is not curable, but it is treatable. She has begun brain radiation and chemotherapy, which she will have to undergo for the rest of her life. To make things worse, the chemo has given her life-threatening nosebleeds that resulted in a recent hospital stay. But, true to her character, Dina was back at her secretarial job as soon as she was able. She's posted her thoughts on the "Angels Among Us" Facebook page, which recently raised money to buy her a reclining chair for home: "If it (chemo and radiation) keeps me alive and with my family, I will gladly do it with no complaints. My motto for life is 'things could always be worse'.

Always remember that there are other people out there suffering worse than you might be."

Becky Edwards and Candace Goin, who started the Angels Among Us page to help support and raise money for those affected by cancer, wanted to plan a fundraising dinner for Dina and her family. Not surprisingly, Dina told them not to do that, but instead to encourage everyone to be kind to anyone in need and "pay it forward."

We need good, kind people like these two on this earth. Please pray for Kelly, Dina, and their families, and let them know we are fighting alongside them and that we always will be at their side.

#### WALKER VALLEY

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like the story of David and Goliath; we may be a small group, but with God on our side we can accomplish great and seemingly impossible things!"

If enthusiasm is what it takes to be successful then Joyce has what it takes. YOC participants will meet at the Walker Valley church on March 20 at 5 p.m., where they will participate in a thirty hour famine and thirty hours of fun. The famine ends on Saturday evening at 6:30 p.m. (I'm hoping with lots of food, but Joyce didn't

say.) On March 22 YOC participants will share their famine experience with church members at the 10 a.m. service.

On Saturday YOCers will get together at the church hall in Pine Bush from 9a.m. until 1p.m. to make palm crosses, which they will be selling as a fundraiser to help fund camp tuition and other church youth activities. All community members are encouraged to come and to bring a friend.

Contact Joyce at 800-4725 for information on YOC, to make a donation to the famine fund, or to purchase a palm cross.

Also in Church news, the Church of the Infant Saviour welcomes Father Niranjan Rodrigo. New at the church, Father Rodrigo is from Sri Lanka. He has been in the US for about 11 years. He will be holding a Lenten Parish Mission on March 15, 16, and 17 from 6:15p.m. to 8 p.m. The presenter would be a Franciscan Friar, Father Romano Stephen Almagno, OFM, Member of Mt. Alvernia in Wappingers Falls and Professor Emeritus University of Pittsburgh. The topics will be Following Christ in 2015: The Call to Discipleship (Sunday), The Challenges of Discipleship (Monday) and The Joy of Discipleship (Wednesday). Call 744-2391 for more information.

At the NY State qualifying track meet at West Point On February 26, **Christopher Ebbrell** triple jumped 43.11 to qualify for the States breaking the Pine Bush High School Junior triple jump record for the second time this year.

Christopher wants to thank all of his coaches. He feels that without their guidance, his success wouldn't have been possible. (I'm thinking that Christopher is obviously modest) Christopher is thrilled to be representing PBHS, along with fellow teammates **Pat Dempsey, Chris Biondi,** and **Curai White**.

**Stephanie Jansen,** Walker Valley's current secretary, is currently displaying a few of her photographs at the Crawford Gallery of Fine Arts ISMA contemporary art exhibition. The exhibit runs until April 1. For more

information contact 744-8634.

Twenty-one members attended this week's WV Seniors meeting, where corned beef sandwiches were ordered for their St. Patrick's Day celebration on March 18. Volunteers to make salads are needed. The Seniors send get well wishes to **Fran Errico** and to **Edith Leeser**.

Prayers to Mickie MacMillan, who is battling cancer. Get well wishes to Patsy Starr King, Sara Onesty, Mike Bulluss, to Domenic Crisafulli, and to Joyce Horton, who hurt her knee.

Condolences to the family and friends of Steven Linderman and to the family of John Scott. John currently holds the position of President of the Walker Valley Seniors. He also holds the title of "2012 Outstanding Contribution by a Senior Award" presented by the Ulster County Office for the Aging (OFA). At the time of the award, Deputy Deborah Prusack from the Ulster County Sheriff's Office Security Unit – DSS, explained it, "This title is awarded to a dedicated senior who through one or many acts has made a contribution to the well-being of their community." Prusack also described John's accomplishments, "John's great community spirit is committed to the Walker Valley Seniors!

Born in the "1776 Inn" in a small hamlet of Dwaarkill in 1941, he was a lifetime resident of the Town of Shawangunk where he has been Town Supervisor from 1986 to 1989. After retiring from IBM, John started the Walker Valley Senior Group and has volunteered endless hours on a weekly basis to keep their group going. He excels in planning and preparing for parties, events and special trips. His contribution to the community during the floods of Hurricane Irene and tropical storm Lee is something to be recognized and rewarded.

Seems like enough you say? Not quite! He also visited nursing homes and hospitals, helping seniors return to their own homes and get back on their feet. John's outreach to the sick has been his passion!" John will surely be missed.

Happy anniversary to **Wendy** and **Will Nicholson** on March 11.

Happy birthday to **Victoria Carlisi** on March 11. Line dance aficionado **Bernadette Gill** blows out the candles on March 15.



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## Library taxes focus of Shawangunk debate

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to the surface.

Roger Rascoe, a supporter of the original legislation that created the district in 1996, spoke at last week's Town Board meeting, stating that had he known it would allow people outside the taxing district to serve on the board of trustees, he never would have supported it.

He explained that as a veteran, he could not ignore the question of taxation without representation, one of the basic principles for which many American soldiers fought and gave their lives.

The library board currently has eight members, three residing outside the taxing district.

Councilman Robert Miller noted that while it is only three members now, in 50 years, all of the library board members could be outside the taxed area.

"It's an issue," said Miller. "Let's get it straightened out now, make sure people on the library board actually pay the taxes, so they have the responsibility."

The Town Board voted unanimously to send a letter to state representatives, calling for legislation that would restrict eligibility to serve on the Wallkill Library Board of Trustees to residents within the taxing district in Shawangunk.

"It is our strong belief that the original enabling legislation and bylaws and rules of the Wallkill Public Library Special District violate the basic foundation and clauses found within our country's Declaration of Independence, Constitution and Bill of Rights, and should be amended," the board stated in the letter.

After the meeting, Carolan said she found the whole issue "frankly insulting" to the professional people who volunteer their time to serve on the library's board of trustees and "absolutely take the job seriously."

Carolan has served as Wallkill's librarian for 11 years. She stated that the original legislation called for 11 board members, which was extremely difficult to fulfill.

"We would spend the entire year trying to get board members." said Carolan.

A couple years ago they were successful in getting the requirement revised so they could have as few as seven board members. Carolan said at that time they asked the NYS Division of Library Development if they should change the residency requirements, but were told no, it was not an issue.

Carolan noted that the library also had a full audit in November and "passed with flying colors."

She explained that they operate out of an 80-year-old building with one bathroom. They maintain the building themselves and deal with issues from broken boilers to flooding from hurricanes to electrical upgrades.

Overcoming the obstacles of an aging building and changing world, the Wallkill Public Library has still managed to triple its membership in the last few years.

"In this digital age, we're happy to have people come in

our door and we make them feel welcome," said Carolan.

Carolan said the library has been internationally recognized for its innovative programming and she has fielded calls from as far away as Amsterdam on how to recreate what the Wallkill Public Library is doing.

According to Carolan, the library's budget is about \$325,000 and includes the upkeep of the building, salaries, and their many programs.

"I think we're doing great things with a small amount of money," said Carolan.

Carolan said the conflict regarding where board members reside however, is hurting the library and has already cost them a board member. She said a recently appointed member with three master's degrees elected to step down as she didn't want to be involved in the "negativity."

"This kind of negativity just depletes the enthusiasm and energy of the staff and board," said Carolan.

A petition is now being circulated by the library, seeking the public's support to keep the legislation in place. The petition can be found on the library's website, wallkillpubliclibrary.org. As of Monday, it had garnered 48 signatures.

In other business, the Town Board also voted to approve the town's first local law of 2015 which will allow used car lots within the town. Supervisor Valk noted that this is the first local law passed in the town in two years.



#### Felix Correa Jr.

Felix Correa Jr. passed away peacefully on March 3, 2015 at Orange Regional Medical Center. He was born on November 12, 1934 to Felix Sr. and Antonia Velazquez Correa. He was 80.

A family statement reads: Our dad would have said his children

and grandchildren were what made his life the happiest. We, his children, know that we had been given the greater gift in having him as our dad. There are no words to express what we felt for him. A loving, kind and humble man, everyone in his presence felt his warmth. A part of hearts went with you dad. We will forever be with you. All of our love, always!! He survived by his wife Dorothy



Correa of Montgomery; sons, Steven Correa (Joyce) of New Windsor; Christopher Correa (Veronica) of Montgomery, David Correa (Mary) of Pine Bush; daughters, Christine Correa (Isaac) of Newburgh, Angela Every of Pottstown, PA., Jennifer Correa of Newburgh; honorary son, John Hannon; brother, Everett Correa of FL; grandchildren, Aisha, Robert "RJ", Natalie, Nicole, Samantha,

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Jonathan, Liam, Reese; great-grandchildren, Justin and Nana; many nieces and nephews.

Felix was predeceased by his brother Gilbert Correa.

Graveside Services were held on Monday, March 9, 2015 at Wallkill Valley Cemetery, Walden.

Contributions may be made to the charity of one's choice Arrangements are by the Gridley-Horan Funeral Home, Inc., Walden.

#### William J. Gihr

William J. Gihr of Pine Bush, passed away on Tuesday March 3, 2015 at Orange Regional Medical Center after a short illness. He was 91.

The son of the late Karl R. Gihr and Cecelia O. LeMaire Gihr, of Pine Bush, Bill was born on October 15, 1923 in Pine Bush. Bill dropped out of high school at the age of 17 to enlist in the Navy and serve his country as a Tailgunner in WWII where he was stationed in the Pacific.

Following the war he honored his promise to his mother and graduated from Pine Bush High School. He met and married Helen Holterman on January 9, 1949 and together they raised their three daughters. Bill was a partner in Bements's Market in Pine Bush until 1980 at which time he went to work in the produce department at the Thruway Market in Walden until his retirement. After retiring he continued to enjoy traveling, reading, working around the home, gathering for family dinners and holidays where he continued to carve the main course up until this past

Christmas and attending seniors meetings.

One of the highlights of Bill's retirement years was going on the inaugural Hudson Valley Honor Flight with several other WWII veterans to Washington DC. Bill was a member of the American Legion and also a past commander. Survivors include his wife of 66 years, Helen at home, his daughters; Dawn Sears and her husband Max of Texas, Jean Dolan of Walden, and Constance (Connie) Gihr and her fiancé. John Nelson of Pine Bush. 1 granddaughter. Shawna Dolan of Walden, as well as several cousins, nieces, nephews, and great-nieces and great-nephews. In addition to his parents, Bill was predeceased by his siblings, Cecelia Brown, Karl A. Gihr, Kenneth Gihr, Evelyn Saracino, Fran Terwilliger, Ella Kelly, and his son-in-law Mark Dolan.

Funeral services were offered on Monday March 9, at the Church of the Infant Saviour with Fr. Niranjan Rodrigo officiating. Burial will take place in New Prospect Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Hudson Valley Honor Flight. Att: Donations, PO Box 375, Walden NY 12586. Arrangements entrusted to the William M. Gagan Funeral Home.

#### **Barbara Ann Horton**

Barbara Ann Horton passed away peacefully on March 4, 2015 at Park Manor Nursing Home in Middletown. She was 79. She was born on July 5, 1935 to the late Charles and Marion Siegman Horton in Montgomery.

Barbara is survived by several cousins. She was predeceased by her parents.

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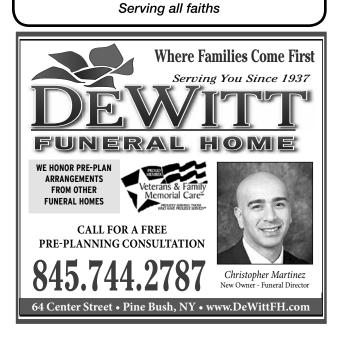


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Burial of ashes will be in Wallkill Valley Cemetery, Walden. Contributions may be made to the Wallkill Valley Cemetery Association in Barbara's memory.

Arrangements are by the Gridley-Horan Funeral Home, Inc.

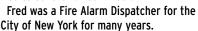
#### Frederick H. Kratz

Frederick H. Kratz passed away on March 8, 2015 at St. Luke's Hospital in Newburgh, NY. He was 69.

He was born on December 30, 1945 to Frederick G. and Grace Van

Horn Kratz in Staten Island, NY. He was mar-

ried to Sandra L. Bush Kratz.



He proudly served his country in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. Fred was the Quarter Master for the Dusenberry-Flannery Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2064. He was a member of the American Legion. Fred was also a member of the Church of the Holy Name of Mary, Montgomery, NY. He

was very active in many veteran related events. He will be dearly missed by his family and friends

Fred is survived by; father, Frederick G. Kratz (Yvonne) of Mt. Upton, NY; wife, Sandy L. Kratz at home; brother, Thomas Kratz (Angela) of Staten Island; step-brothers, William Pair (Roseann) of Staten Island, Thomas "Tommy" Pair of Brielle, NJ; step-sisters Susan Vierno of Sherburne, NY, Janet Chzanowski (John) of Sommers, NJ; several nieces and nephews; and his beloved dog

He was predeceased by his mother Grace Kratz.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday March 11, from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. at the Gridley-Horan Funeral Home, 39 Orchard St., Walden. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Thursday March 12. 2015 at 10 a.m. at Holy Name of Mary Church, 89 Union St., Montgomery.

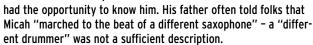
Burial will follow in Orange County Veterans Cemetery, Goshen. In lieu of flowers friends may make contributions to the Dusenberry-Flannery Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2064. Maybrook NY 209 Main St Maybrook, NY 12543.

### Micah J. Lennon

Micah J. Lennon entered eternity on February 27, 2015, far too soon. He was 32. Micah is survived by his parents Jerry and Carol Lennon, of Walden; his older brother David with wife Faith and beloved nephews Connor and Grayson of Franklin, MA; his young-

er brother Joshua, of Philadelphia, PA; grandmother Pauline Griffin, of Walden; and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins locally and in Virginia, North Carolina, and Missouri.

Micah was born at St. Luke's Hospital in Newburgh during a lunar eclipse, a fact that bemused him later in life. He possessed great intellect, unusual insight, and a rather challenging sense of humor; he left an undeniable impression on all who



Micah lived and worked in Carlisle, PA. Always tinkering with technology, he became a Quality Assurance Specialist for CenturyLink, Inc. He graduated from Chapel Field High School in Pine Bush in 2001, and attended Messiah College, obtaining his BA in Humanities concentrating in Philosophy and Bible in 2007. During this period, his passion for creating music flourished; he sang in choirs, worship teams and bands, and wrote songs reflecting his unique understanding of the world.

Micah suffered from bipolar disorder from his early teens and,

at age twenty, was diagnosed with psoriatic arthritis. Keeping his sense of humor despite his illnesses, he would sarcastically remark that he had "won the genetic lottery", but he persisted living the life he wanted.

Most importantly, Micah was a loving son, a warmhearted brother, and a caring uncle. Above all else, he will be remembered for his love and sensitivity to others. There were no more joyous times in the Lennon household than when the three boys were together talking, laughing, and sharing things that often went over Mom's and Dad's heads. His smile lit up our world!

Burial was conducted in a private service at Wallkill Valley Cemetery. Visitation will be held at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church on Route 208 in Walden, Thursday, March 12 starting at 5 p.m. followed by a memorial service. Memorial contributions may be made to the International Society for Bipolar Disorders (www. isbd.org) or Heifer International (heifer.org).

#### Steven A. Linderman

Steven A. Linderman, a retired Correction Officer at Eastern Correctional Facility in Napanoch and longtime resident of the area, passed away on Tuesday March 3, 2015 at Orange Regional Medical Center in Middletown. He was 58.

The son of the late Frederick G. Linderman and Evelyn E. Veraldo he was born on October 25, 1956 in Nyack, NY.

Steven was a member of the Warwarsing Rod and Gun Club, The Power Squadron Boat Club, Olde Newburgh Model Railroad Club, Oath Keepers, Orange County Ham Radio Club, NRA, NY Rifle and Pistol Association, Northeast Blacksmith Association and the New England BladeSmith Guild. Survivors include his wife Yvonne at home, 2 sons, Patrick Linderman and his wife Ashley of Walker Valley, Brian Linderman and his wife Restilina of the Town of Mamakating, grandson Levi, brother Karl Linderman and his wife Nancy of Florida. He was predeceased by his brother Fred Jr. And his sister Evelyn.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, March 7, at the William M. Gagan Funeral Home Inc. with Pastor Robert B. Hewitt officiating. Burial will take place in Bloomingburg Cemetery.

Arrangements entrusted to the William M. Gagan Funeral Home.

### August M. Pobjecky

August M. "Gus" Pobjecky of Montgomery, a retired Insurance



Sales Executive for Prudential Insurance, in Smithtown, NY and a 12-year resident of the area, passed away peacefully with his family at his side on Thursday March 5, 2015, at home in Montgomery. He was 92.

The son of the late August Pobjecky, Sr. and Margaret Kolarovich, he was born October 14, 1922 in Lansford, Pennsylvania. He served in the Army Air Corps during World War II at Cherbourg and Normandy, having attained the rank of Staff Sergeant.

Gus served in the Civilian Conservation Corps. He was a member of the VFW #2064 in Maybrook. He also volunteered at the Catskill Fly Fishing Museum in Roscoe.

Gus undertook every task and hobby with passion and always strived for perfection. He especially enjoyed precision model making and gourmet cooking, and excelled in fly fishing and fly tying. Survivors include his wife, Linda, at home; son, John Pobjecky and his wife Matty of Laguna Hills, CA; son, Michael Pobjecky and his wife Shari of Clermont, FL; daughter, Donna Maneksha and her husband, Farrokh of East Setauket, NY; daughter, Nadine Hayduchok and her husband George of Westampton, NJ; sister-in-law Ann Tudino of Orange, CT; 14 grandchildren: Kristen, Robert, Christopher, Bill, Stephanie, Jennifer, Megan, Amanda, Danielle, Laura, Emily, Chance, James & Mateo; three great-grandchildren: Kira, Kelly, & Jenna and many nieces and nephews He was predeceased by his first wife, Mildred Janicek Pobjecky

and 2 brothers; Joseph & William.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, March 11, 10 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church, Clinton St., Montgomery. Reverend James Van Houten will officiate. Burial will be in Brick Church Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Orange, 800 Stony Brook Ct., Newburgh, NY 12550 in Gus's memory. HospiceofOrange.com.

Arrangements were made by Millspaugh Funeral Directors.

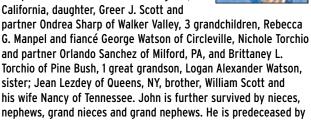
#### John W. Scott

John W. Scott, a retired Business Manager for IBM and lifelong resident of the area, passed away in the comfort of his home with family and loved ones by his side on Friday March 6, 2015. He was 73.

The son of the late Lloyd W. Scott and H. Catherine Trzaska Scott, he was born on June 5, 1941 in Pine Bush.

John was a 43-year member of Elks Lodge 171 in Ellenville, President of the Walker Valley Seniors for the past 12 years, former member of the Walker Valley Fire Department, and former Town Supervisor for the Town of Shawangunk.

Survivors include his companion Lillian Ross, daughter, Lori G. Torchio and husband Adam of Pine Bush, son John L. Scott and partner Pierre Pham of Los Angeles, California, daughter, Greer J. Scott and



Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 10, at the William M. Gagan Funeral Home Inc., Pine Bush with Pastor Robert B. Hewitt officiating. Cremation will be private.

his sister, Catherine Brundage and brother Ross Heiny.

In lieu of flowers please make a donation to the Walker Valley Fire Department, PO Box 370, Walker Valley NY 12588 or to the Pine Bush Volunteer Ambulance Corps, PO Box 407, Pine Bush, NY 12566.

### Valere H. "Bill" Upchurch

Valere H. "Bill" Upchurch, a longtime resident of Walden, passed away on Friday March 6, 2015 at Elant at Newburgh. The son of Edward F. and Garnet Haldeman Upchurch, he was born on January 3, 1925 in Phelps, NY. He was married to the late Janet Goldsworthy Upchurch. He was 90.

Bill proudly served his country in the Army Air Corps during WWII. He was a technician and manager for the National Cash Register Co. for many years in Newburgh. He also worked for many years at the former CRS Cash Register Systems Co. in Newburah.

Bill is survived by; sons, Jeffrey Upchurch and his wife, Kathy of Stratham, NH, and Jay Upchurch and his wife, Jill of Montgomery; daughters, Wendy Upchurch and her husband Arturo Aviles of Venice, FL, Valerie Cartwright and her husband, Jonathan of Walden, and Tracy Upchurch Kohler of Walden; eight grandchildren, Jason, Jayme, Joshua, Jonathan, Michael, Samantha, Lars and Cassandra; great-grandson, Jack; nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his wife Janet; son, John L. Upchurch and his brothers and sisters.

Funeral services were held Sunday, March 8th at the Gridley-Horan Funeral Home, Walden. Burial will be private in the Wallkill Valley Cemetery, Walden.

Memorial contributions may be made to the John L. Upchurch Memorial Fund at the Valley Central High School, Montgomery.



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1063 Route 17M LLC Arts of Org. filed NY Secy of State (SSNY) 1/29/15. Office: Orange Co. SSNY design. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served and shall mail copy to 8 Kahan Dr. #111 Monroe, NY 10950. Purpose: any lawful activity. #81107

Articles of Organization Of PDMD LLC Under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law

First: The name of the limited liability company is: PDMD LLC.

Second: The County, within this state, in which the office of the limited liability company is to be located is ORANGE.

Third: The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served. The address within or without this state to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the limited liability company served upon him or her is: Dominick Prozzillo, P.O.B. 711, Highland Mills, NY 10930.

Fourth: The existence of the limited liability company shall begin upon filing of these Articles of Organization with the Department of State.

Fifth: Purpose: Any lawful activity. #81246

BLACK HAWK FIRE SUPPRESSION, LLC. Articles of Organization of Limited Liability Company (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/11/15. Office location: Orange County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any such process served to the LLC at The LLC, 38 Cedar Court, Newburgh, NY 12550. Purpose: To engage in all things that the company may legally engage in under the Laws of the State of New York. Organizer: Jacobowitz & Gubits, LLP, 158 Orange Avenue, Walden, New York 12586 #81347

Color Me Crazy 80 LLC Arts of Org. filed NY Secy of State (SSNY) 12/23/14. Office: Orange Co. SSNY design. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served and shall mail copy to princ. address/RA Lindsay Santini 32 Holbrook St. Port Jervis, NY 12771. Purpose: any lawful activity. #81028

COLOR ME KRAZY LLC. Art. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/09/14. Office: Orange 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, 321 Main Street, Cornwall, NY 12518. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

DIMATTEO REALTY, LLC. Art. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/08/15. Office: Orange 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, 98 Rolling Meadows Road, Middletown, NY 10940. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. #81034

Emergent Medicine, LLC Arts of Org. filed NY Secy of State (SSNY) 2/27/15. Office: Orange Co. SSNY design. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served and shall mail copy to 438 W. 49th St. #5A New York, NY 10019. Purpose: any lawful activity. #81358

EPDR & ASSOCIATES LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/22/2014. Office loc: Orange County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 314 Route 94 South, Warwick, NY 10990. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose. #81039

JAA Management LLC Arts of Org. filed NY Secy of State (SSNY) 1/28/15. Office: Orange Co. SSNY design. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served and shall mail copy to C/O Kent Companies Inc. Po Box 503 615 Route 32 Highland Mills, NY 10930. Purpose: any lawful activity. #81103

JAY S SAUNDERS MD PLLC, a domestic PLLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/29/14. Office location: Orange County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the PLLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The PLLC, 5177 Rte. 9W, Newburgh, NY 12550-1414. Purpose: Medicine. #81037

Kippah Cotton LLC Arts of Org. filed SSNY 2/9/15. Office: Orange Co. SSNY

design. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served and shall mail copy to POB 517 2 Pine Hill Rd. Sugar Loaf, NY 10981. Purpose: any lawful activity. #81158

Notice is hereby given that a license, serial number 2199051 for an on premises liquor license has been applied for by the undersigned to sell liquor at retail in a restaurant under the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law at 34 Plank Road, Newburgh, NY 12550 for on premises consumption.

V & V Steakhouse LLC d/b/a V & V Steakhouse #81304

Notice of Formation of WARREN SCOTT LLC, a domestic limited liability company (LLC). Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 01/26/2015. The LLC is located in Orange County. The SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to the office location: 18 NORTH FOSTERTOWN RD, NEWBURGH, NY 12550. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity.

NOTICE OF FORMATION of Hand in Hand Marketing, LLC Art. of Org filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 1/27/15. Office location: Orange Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 14 Tina Dr, Newburgh, NY 12550. Purpose: any lawful activities. #81066

Notice of Formation of Boundless Development, LLC. Art. of Org. filed with Sec. of State 1/15/15. Off. loc. in Orange Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: 419 Roman Way, Newburgh, NY 12550. Purpose: any lawful business. #81095

Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company (LLC). The name of the domestic limited liability company is: Dirty Boots Farm LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) office on: December 15, 2014. The County in which the Office is to be located: Orange. The SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is: Dirty Boots Farm LLC, 399 14th Street, Brooklyn, New York, 11215. Purpose: Any lawful activity. #81083

Notice of Formation of CHAFFEE PROP-ERTIES, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Seo, of State of NY (SSNY) on 02/02/15. Office location: Orange County. Princ. office of LLC: 2758 Rt. 207, Campbell Hall, NY 10916. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Bloom & Bloom P.C., 530 Blooming Grove Tnpk., P.O. Box 4323, New Windsor, NY 12553, regd. agent upon whom and at which process may be served. Purpose: Any lawful activity. #81114

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF 8787 94th Street, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/06/2015. Office location: Orange County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. The Post Office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him is The Limited Liability Company. 326 Berea Road. Walden. NEW

YORK, 12586 Purpose of LLC: To engage in any lawful act or activity #81153

Notice of formation of a domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC). 106-10 Atlantic Avenue, LLC, with its principal business location at 2 Farview Lane, Campbell Hall, Orange County, New York, filed Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State of New York on February 5, 2015. The Secretary of State of New York has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The LLC address to which the Secretary of State of New York shall mail process is 2 Farview Lane, Campbell Hall, NY 10916. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be formed. #81165

Notice of Formation of Harriman Partners, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State on 2/4/15. Office location: Orange County. Principal business address: 50 Cummings Center, Suite 6550, Beverly, MA 01915. Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: c/o CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, regd. agent upon whom process may be served. Purpose: all lawful purposes. #81211

Notice of Formation OF SLRR, LLC Art. of Org. filed with Sec. of State 02/04/2015. Off. loc.in ORANGE CO. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: 331 Route 211 E, Middletown, NY 10940. PURPOSE: Any lawful business. #81233

Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company (LLC). The name of the domestic Limited Liability Company is: Fevam Holding, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) office on: March 4, 2014. The County in which the Office is to be located: Orange. The SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is: 111 Pompano Drive, Madison, AL 35758. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of WCP Development, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State on 1/14/15. Office location: Orange County. Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, regd. agent upon whom process may be served. Purpose: all lawful purposes.

Notice of Formation of WCP Management, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State on 1/14/15. Office location: Orange County. Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, regd. agent upon whom process may be served. Purpose: all lawful purposes.

Notice of Formation of WCP Trading, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State on 1/14/15. Office location: Orange County. Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, regd. agent upon whom process may be served. Purpose: all lawful purposes. #81250

Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company JC HOEFFNER FARMS LLC. The original Articles of Organization filed with the NYS Department of State on February 10, 2015. The New York office location: Orange County. The New York State Secretary of State is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The Secretary of State shall mail a copy of the process to the LLC, 405 Goodwill Road, Montgomery, New York 12549. Purposes: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company (LLC). The name of the domestic Limited Liability Company is: Brain Thrust, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) office on: 01/30/2015. The County in which the Office is to be located: Orange. Bruce L Zigler is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is: 60 E. 42nd ST, Suite 1760, New York, NY 10165. Purpose: Any lawful activity. #81305

Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company (LLC). The name of the domestic Limited Liability Company is: JP Standards, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) office on: December 16, 2014. The County in which the Office is to be located: Ulster. The SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is: 85 Old Hoagerburgh Road, Wallkill NY 12589. Purpose: Any lawful activity. #81306

Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company (LLC). The name of the domestic Limited Liability Company is: ALL ACROSS ACCESS TRANSPORTATION LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) office on: 01/02/2015. The County in which the Office is to be located: Orange. The SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is: 3476 Route 6, Unit 526, Middletown, NY 10940. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company (LLC). Name: 35 CERONE PLACE LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on February 20, 2015. Office location: Orange County, NY. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The LLC address to which SSNY shall mail process is 99 Clinton Street, 2nd Floor, Montgomery, New York 12549. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. #81350

Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company (LLC). Name: KIN GROUP LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on February 20, 2015. Office location: Orange County, NY. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The LLC address to which SSNY shall mail process is 99 Clinton Street, 2nd Floor, Montgomery, New York 12549. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. #81351

Notice of Formation OF MC AMERICA ONLINE LLC Art. of Org. filed with Sec. of State 02/03/2015. Off. loc.in ORANGE CO. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: 10 Butternilk Drive,

New Windsor NY 12553. PURPOSE: Any lawful business. #81353

Notice of Formation of PRESTIGE OF MIDDLETOWN, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 02/25/15. Office location: Orange County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 50 Williams Dr., Ramsey, NJ 07446. Purpose: Any lawful activity. #81364

Notice of Formation of 1332 TAYLOR AVENUE LLC, a domestic limited liability company (LLC). Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 3/05/2015. The LLC is located in Orange County. The SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to the office location: 71 Balm-ville Road, Newburgh, New York 12550. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. #81386

Notice of Formation of 81 HOLWAY STREET, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 03/03/15. Office of location: Orange County. Princ. office of LLC: 2934 Rt. 9W, New Windsor, NY 12553. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 333 E. 30th St., Apt. 20L, NY, NY 10016. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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OF PALMERONE REALTY HOLDINGS

The Articles of Organization of Palmerone Realty Holdings LLC were filed on February 18, 2015 with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY). This Limited Liability Company (LLC) has an office in Orange County, New York. The SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The SSNY shall mail a copy of the process to 70 Taylor's Way, Newburgh, New York 12550. In addition to the events of dissolution set forth in Section 701 of the Limited Liability Company Law (LLCL), the company does not have a specific date of dissolution. The purpose of the company is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which an LLC may be organized under the LLCL. The Articles of Organization were subscribed to by Gary J. Gogerty. Esg., Organizer, Drake Loeb PLLC, 555 Hudson Valley Avenue, Suite 100, New Windsor, New York 12553. #81251

Notice per sec 206 LLC

1) Name of Limited Liability Company. National Alliance of Food Service Purchasing Groups, LLC; 2) Articles of Organization filed 1/26/15 with NY Sec. of State; 3) LLC office is in Orange County, NY: 3(a) The street address of its principal business location is 5023 Route 9W, Newburgh, NY 12550; 4) NY Sec. of State is designated agent of LLC for service of process and is to mail a copy cot the LLC to 5023 Route 9W, Newburgh, NY 12550; The purpose of the LLC is to conduct any lawful business activity. #81145

OUSSUK LLC

Notice of Formation of Oussuk LLC (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 2/3/15. Office Location: Orange County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: PO. Box 10935, Newburgh, NY 12552-0935.

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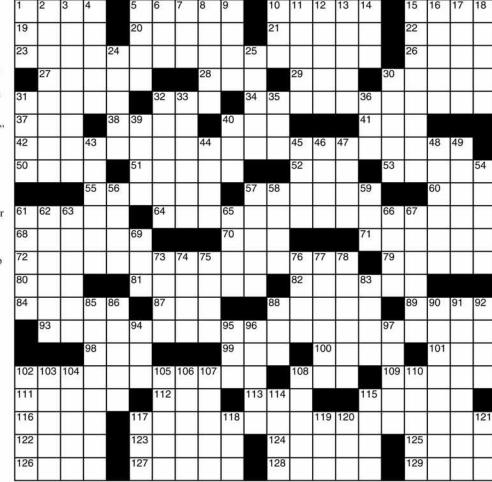
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PALMER'S ARK, LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 1/9/15. Office in Orange Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 361 Finchville Tpke., Otisville, NY 10963, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Q4 Solutions LLC Arts of Org. filed NY Secy of State (SSNY) 1/28/15. Office: Orange Co. SSNY design. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served and shall mail copy to 577 Route 17M Monroe, NY 10950. Purpose: any lawful activity.

SM Fullerton Ave LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 1/26/15. Off. Loc.: Orange Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 50 Cronomer Heights Drive, Newburgh, NY 12550. Purpose: all lawful activities.

SPEARING AVIATION LLC. Art. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/20/15. Latest date to dissolve: 12/31/2045. Office: Orange 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, 2323 Route 207, Campbell Hall, NY 10916. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF OBJECT OF ACTION SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF ORANGE ACTION TO FORECLOSE A MORTGAGE INDEX NO. 10800/09 BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P., Plaintiff, vs. VASILE I. MURESAN, AND ALL THE HEIRS AT LAW, NEXT OF KIN. DISTRIBUTEES. DEVISEES. GRANTEES, TRUSTEES, LIENORS, CREDI-TORS, ASSIGNEES AND SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST OF ANY OF THE AFORESAID DEFENDANTS, NEXT OF KIN, DISTRIB-UTEES, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, TRUSTEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, ASSIGNEES AND SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST OF ANY OF THE AFORESAID CLASSES OF PERSON, IF THEY OR ANY OF THEM BE DEAD, AND THEIR RESPECTIVE HUSBANDS, WIVES OR WIDOWS, IF ANY, AND ALL OF WHOM AND WHOSE NAMES AND PLACES OF RESIDENCE ARE UNKNOWN TO PLAINTIFF, EXCEPT AS HEREIN STATED, COUNTRY-WIDE MORTGAGE VENTURES, LLC, MORT-GAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYS-TEMS, INC., PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ACTING THROUGH THE IRS, JOHN DOE (being fictitious, the names unknown to

person or corporations having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the property described in the complaint or their heirs at law, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, guardians, assignees, creditors or successors.), Defendant(s). MORTGAGED PREMIS-ES: 49 Hillcrest Trail, Monroe, NY 10950 SECTION 29, BLOCK 1, LOT 1 TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT: You are hereby summoned to answer the Complaint in this action, and to serve a copy of your answer, or if the Complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the Plaintiff(s) attorney(s) within twenty days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York). In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. The Attorney for Plaintiff has an office for business in the County of Erie. Trial to be held in the County of Orange. The basis of the venue designated above is the location of the Mortgaged Premises. Dated this 4th day of March, 2015, Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney(s) for Plaintiff(s), 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100, Williamsville, NY 14221 TO: VASILE I. MURESAN, Defendant(s) In this Action. The foregoing Summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an order of HON. ELAINE SLO-BOD of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, dated the 5TH day of January, 2015 and filed with the Complaint in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Orange, in the City of Goshen. The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage upon the premises described below, executed by Vasile I. Muresan dated the 6th day of January, 2006, to secure the sum of \$33,000.00 and recorded at Book 12121 of Mortgages at Page 1043 in the Office of the Orange County Clerk, on the 5th day of April, 2006; which mortgage was assigned by an assignment executed August 4, 2009, and recorded on September 29. 2009, in the Office of the Orange County Clerk at Book 12904, Page 1136. The property in question is described as follows: 49 HILLCREST TRAIL, MONROE, NY 10950 SEE FOLLOWING DESCRIPTION ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of Blooming Grove, County of Orange, State of New York, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the Southerly side of Hillcrest Trail and at the Northwesterly comer of Lot Number 1480 as shown on map of lots owned by the Mountain Lodge Corporation, made by Blake and Woodhull, Engineers and Surveyors of Newburgh, New

Plaintiff intended to be tenants, occupants,

### LAST WEEK



York, dated September 20, 1928. additions and amendments March 1, 1930 and which map is filed in the Office of the Clerk of Orange County, New York, in plan file of Maps, Pocket 32, Folder 44; RUNNING THENCE in a Southerly direction along the Westerly side of said Lot Number 1480 a distance of 40 feet to a point; THENCE in a Westerly direction and at right angles to the Westerly side of said Lot Number 1480 a distance of 93 feet, more or less, to the Easterly side of Sunset Trail, 20 feet wide as laid out; THENCE in a Northerly direction along the Easterly side of said Sunset Trail, 20 feet wide as laid out, a distance of 40 feet to the Southerly side of the aforesaid Hillcrest Trail as extended Westerly; THENCE in an Easterly direction along the Southerly side of said Hillcrest Trail, as extended Westerly, a distance of 93 feet, more or less, to the point or place of BEGINNING, ALSO, ALL that certain plot. piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of Blooming Grove. Orange County, New York, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the Southwesterly corner of Lot No. 1480 as shown on map of lots owned by the Mountain Lodge Corporation made by Blake and Woodhull, Engineers and Surveyors of Newburgh, New York, dated September 20, 1928, additions and amendments March 1, 1930 and which map is filed in the Office of the Clerk of Orange County in plan file of Maps, Pocket 12, Folder 44; RUNNING THENCE in an Easterly direction along the Southerly end of said Lot No. 1480 a distance of 20 feet to the Southeasterly corner of said Lot No. 1480; THENCE in a Southerly direction along the Westerly side of Lot No. 1579 as shown on the aforesaid map, a distance of 20 feet to a point: THENCE in a Westerly direction and at right angles to the Westerly side of the aforesaid Lot No. 1579, a distance of 108 feet, more or less to the Easterly side of Sunset Trail. 20 feet wide as laid out: THENCE in a Northerly direction along the Easterly side of said Sunset Trail, 20 feet wide as laid out, a distance of 80 feet to a point; THENCE in an Easterly direction a distance of 93 feet, more or less, to a point on the West erly side of the aforementioned Lot No. 1480, said point being 40 feet Southerly from the Southerly side of Hillcrest Trail, as shown on the aforesaid map, as measured along the Westerly side of said Lot No. 1480: THENCE in a Southerly direction along the Westerly side of said Lot No. 1480, a distance of 60 feet, to the point or place of BEGINNING. HELP FOR HOMEOWNERS IN FORECLOS-URE NEW YORK STATE LAW REQUIRES THAT WE SEND YOU THIS NOTICE ABOUT THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOS-ING YOUR HOME. IF YOU FAIL TO RESPOND TO THE SUMMONS AND COM-PLAINT IN THIS FORECLOSURE ACTION YOU MAY LOSE YOUR HOME. PLEASE READ THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT CAREFULLY. YOU SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CONTACT AN ATTORNEY OR YOUR LOCAL LEGAL AID OFFICE TO ORTAIN ADVICE ON HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF. SOURCES OF INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE The state encourages you to become informed about your options in foreclosure. In addition to seeking assistance from an attorney or legal aid office, there are government agencies and non-profit organizations that you may contact for information about possible options, including trying to work with your lender during this process. To locate an entity near you, you may call the toll-free helpline maintained by the New York State Department of Financial Services at 1-800-342-3736 or the Foreclosure Relief Hotline 1-800-269-0990 or visit the department's website at WWW.DFS.NY.GOV. FORECLOS-URE RESCUE SCAMS Be careful of people who approach you with offers to "save" your home. There are individuals who watch for notices of foreclosure actions in order to unfairly profit from a homeowner's distress You should be extremely careful about any such promises and any suggestions that you pay them a fee or sign over your deed. State law requires anyone offering such services

for profit to enter into a contract which fully describes the services they will perform and fees they will charge, and which prohibits them from taking any money from you until they have completed all such promised services. Section 1303 NOTICE NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME IT you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who has filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT DATED: March 4, 2015 Gross Polowy, LLC, Attorney(s) for Plaintiff(s) 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100, Williamsville, NY 14221. The law firm of Gross Polowy, LLC and the attorneys whom it employs are debt collectors who are attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained by them will be used for that purpose, 300831 #81363

Sun Sprout Farm LLC Arts of Org. filed SSNY 1/15/15. Office: Orange Co. SSNY design. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served and shall mail copy to 168 Meadow Ave Chester, NY 10918. Purpose: any lawful activity. #81160

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK — COUNTY OF ORANGE INDEX# 6314/2014

SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS AND NOTICE

Plaintiff designates ORANGE County as the place of trial. Venue is based upon the County in which the mortgage premise is situated. DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR ARGENT SECURITIES. INC. ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-M1, Plaintiff(s), LATOYA PARKER; if living, and if she be dead, any and all persons unknown to plaintiff, claiming, or who may claim to have an interest in, or generally or specific lien upon the real property described in this action; such unknown persons being herein generally described and intended to be included in the following designation, namely the wife, widow, husband, widower, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors, and assignees of such deceased, any and all persons deriving interest in or lien upon, or title to said real property by, through or under them, or either of them, and their respective wives, widows, husbands, widowers, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors, and assigns, all of whom and whose names, except as stated, are unknown to plaintiff; PATRICK RODGERS; ARGENT MORTGAGE COMPANY, LLC; AUTOVEST, L.L.C; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK and JOHN DOE and JANE DOE #1 through #7 the last seven (7) names being fictitious and unknown to Plaintiff, the persons or parties intended being tenants, occupants, persons or parties, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the mortgaged premises described in the Complaint, Defendant(s) YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the complaint is not serviced with this summons, to serve a notice of appearance on the Plaintiff's attor ney within 20 days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York); The United States of America, if designated as a Defendant in this action, may appear within (60) days of service thereof and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment

will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint. To the above named Defendants: The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an order of the Supreme Court of the State of New York and filed along with the supporting papers in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Orange on 1/08/2015. This is an action to foreclose on a mortgage. ALL that certain parcel of land situate in the Town of Blooming Grove, County of Orange and State of New York (Section 55 Block 1 Lot 33). Said premises known as 504 Bull Mill Road, Blooming Grove, NY 10914. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING AN ANSWER WITH THE COURT. Clarfield, Okon, Salomone, & Pincus, P.L. 425 RXR Plaza, 4th Floor, Suite 400, UNION-#81162

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF

NEW YORK COUNTY OF ORANGE Index No.

9457/2013 SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS

WITH NOTICE BANK OF AMERICA N.A.

SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BAC HOME

LOANS SERVICING, LP FKA COUNTRY-WIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING LP Plaintiff, against DELANO GRAVESANDE, if he be living and if he be dead, the respective heirsat-law, next-of-kin, distributes, executors, administrators, trustees, devisees, legatees, assignees, lienors, creditors and successors in interest and generally all persons having or claiming under, by or through said defendant who may be deceased, by purchase, inheritance, lien or inheritance, lien or otherwise any right, title or interest in or to the real property described in the complaint, INES GRAVESANDE, BOARD OF MANAGERS OF LAWRENCE FARMS HOMEOWNERS ASSO-CIATION LEGAL SERVICING LLC ASSET ACCEPTANCE LLC. NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND SEAN MCPHAIL, Defendants, To the above named defendants: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the amended complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the amended complaint is not served with this supplemental summons, to serve a notice of appearance on the plaintiff's attorneys within 20 days after the service of this supplemental summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York); and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT The foregoing supplemental summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an Order of the Honorable Jeffrey G. Berry, Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, Orange County, dated the 23rd day of October, 2014 and duly entered in the office of the Clerk of the County of Orange, State of New York. NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIFF SOLIGHT. The object of the above captioned action is to foreclose a First Mortgage to secure \$301,800.00 and interest, recorded in the Office of the County Clerk of Orange County on January 8, 2004 in Liber 11340, Page 819, which mortgage was assigned to American Home Mortgage by assignment of mortgage dated May 11, 2005 which was recorded in the Office of the County Clerk of Orange County on July

19 2005 in Liber 11897 Page 255; and a Second Mortgage to secure \$44,311.15 and interest, recorded in the Office of the County Clerk of Orange County on July 19, 2005 in Liber 11897, Page 258; which mortgages were consolidated by Consolidation. Extension and Modification Agreement recorded in the Office of the County Clerk of Orange County on July 19, 2005 in Liber 11897 Page 280, consolidating the First Mortgage and the Second Mortgage to form a single lien in the amount of \$340,000.00 (the Consolidated Mortgage), which mortgage was assigned to Countrywide Bank, N.A by assignment of mortgage dated March 9 2006 which was recorded in the Office of the County Clerk of Orange County on September 13, 2006 in Liber 12254, Page 668 and which mortgage was further assigned to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP FKA Countrywide Home Loans Servicing, LP by assignment of mortgage dated June 1, 2009 which was recorded in the Office of the County Clerk of Orange County on September 11, 2009 in Liber 12896, Page 395, covering premises known as 3 WESLEY COURT, NEWBURGH COUNTY OF ORANGE, STATE OF NEW YORK (SECTION 119, BLOCK 1, LOT 87) To the above named defendants the forgoing summons is served upon you buy publication pursuant to an order by the Hon: Jeffrey G, Berry. Premises lying and being in the Town of Newburgh. BEGINNING at a point on the southerly bounds of Westerly Court, being the northeasterly corner of Lot No 120; being a plot 104.90 feet by 75.25 feet by 110.97 feet by 75.00 feet

The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above. The Plaintiff also seeks a deficiency judgment against the Defendants

DELANO GRAVESANDE AND INES GRAVESANDE, for any debt secured by said Mortgage which is not satisfied by the proceeds of the sale of said premises, unless discharged in bankruptcy. Section, 119, Block 1, Lot 87 Dated: Rego Park, New York February 9, 2015 SWEENEY, GALLO, REICH & BOLZ, LLP. By: Rosemarie A. Klie, Esq. Attorneys for Plaintiff

95-25 Queens Boulevard, 11th Floor, Rego Park, New York 11374 (718) 459-9000 #81167

The Keepers Of The Fire Consulting, LLC Arts of Org. filed NY Secy of State (SSNY) 1/21/15. Office: Orange Co. SSNY design. agent of LLC upon whom process may served and shall mail copy to 8 Ironworks Rd. Monroe, NY 10950. Purpose: any lawful activity. #81109

The name of the domestic Limited Liability Company is: JAMAKEN LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) office on: 2/25/2015. The County in which the Office is to be located: Orange. The SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is: 36 Lake Street, Apt 2A, Highland Falls, NY 10928. The limited liability company is to be managed by: one or more members. Purpose: Any lawful activity. #81355

WILD&WES, LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 2/6/15. Office in Orange Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to c/o Roger Wildenstein Contracting, Inc., 43 Muddykill Ln., Montgomery, NY 12549, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

### Montgomery Free Library

Montgomery Free Library Notice of Annual Meeting Notice is hereby given that an annual meeting of the members of Montgomery Free Library will be held at the library rooms at #133 Clinton Street, Montgomery, NY on Tuesday, March 24, 2015 at 3:30 PM for the following purposes, to wit:

 The elections of trustees for a term of five years each.

2. The approval of the budget.

The transaction of such other lawful business as may be brought before said meeting.

Susanne W. Wasson, Secretary Dated March 1, 2015 #81391

#### Town of Marlborough

NOTICE TO BIDDERS — Sealed bids for One (1)- 40 Square Foot Portable Box Screener for the Town of Marlborough Highway Department will be accepted until March 19, 2015 at 2:00PM at the Town Clerk's Office, 21 Milton Turnpike, Suite 200, Milton, New York 12547 at which time they will be opened and read aloud.

Bid forms and specifications can be obtained at the Town Clerks Office, 21 Milton Turnpike, Milton, New York 12547 between 8:00AM and 4:00PM, M-F. Signed statements of non-collusion must accompany all bids. Bids must be submitted in and envelope bearing the name and address of the bidder and must be labeled "Screener Bid"

The contract for the purchase of the above item will be awarded by the Town Board to the lowest bidder. In the case of identical bids as to the price, the Town may award the bid to either of such bidders. The Town of Marlborough reserves the right to reject any or all bids and re-advertise for new bids at its discretion.

Colleen Corcoran Town Clerk

K #81345

### Orange County LEGAL NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Orange County will hold a Public Hearing in order that the public may discuss and make comments on the following:

FY-2014 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER).

The Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, March 24, 2015 at 3:00 P.M. at the Office of Community Development, 18 Seward Ave., 1st Floor, Middletown, New York 10940.

Citizens unable to attend the Public Hearing may address written comments to Richard Mayfield, Director, Office of Community Development. In order to be considered, written comments must be received no later than the close of business, Tuesday, March 24, 2015. Copies of the report are available to the public at no charge at the Orange County Office of Community Development, 18 Seward Ave., 1st Floor, Middletown, New York 10940, or by calling (845) 615-3820 during regular business hours. The draft report can also be reviewed at the Community Development webpage, County of Orange website, www.orangecountygov.com.

The FY-2014 Final Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report will include all comments received and will be submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, New York Regional Office, on or about March 27, 2015.

By: Richard Mayfield, Director Orange County Office of Community Development Wednesday, March 11, 2015 #81357

#### NOTICE These resolutions, summarized of which

are published herewith, have been adopted by the County Legislature on the 5th day of March, 2015, and the validity of the obligations authorized by such resolution may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which the County of Orange, New York, is not authorized to expend money or if the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this Notice were not substantially complied with,

and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the publication of this Notice, or such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Jean Ramppen, Clerk of the Legislature

RESOLUTION NO. 28 OF 2015 BOND RESOLUTION DATED MARCH 5. 2015

BOND RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF ORANGE, NEW YORK, AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF BUILDING EQUIPMENT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, STATING THE ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST THEREOF IS \$100,000; APPROPRIATING SAID AMOUNT THEREFOR; AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$100,000 BONDS OF THE COUNTY TO FINANCE SAID APPROPRIATION.

object or purpose: the acquisition of building equipment, all as more particularly described in the County's 2015 Capital Plan, as amended.

period of probable usefulness:

five (5) years

amount of obligations to be issued: \$100,000

> RESOLUTION NO. 29 OF 2015 BOND RESOLUTION DATED MARCH

BOND RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF ORANGE, NEW YORK, AUTHORIZING PARTIAL RECONSTRUCTION OF VARIOUS COUNTY ROADS, STATING THE ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST THEREOF IS \$1,300,000, APPROPRIATING SAID AMOUNT THEREFOR, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,300,000 BONDS OF THE COUNTY TO PAY THE COST THEREOF.

object or purpose: partial reconstruction of various County roads, including strength paving, all as more particularly described in the County's 2015 proposed Capital Plan, as amended.

period of probable usefulness:

fifteen (15) years

amount of obligations to be issued: \$1,300,000

RESOLUTION NO. 30 OF 2015 BOND RESOLUTION DATED MARCH

BOND RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF ORANGE, NEW YORK, AUTHORIZING CULVERT REPLACEMENT COUNTYWIDE, STATING THE ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST THEREOF IS \$200,000; APPROPRIATING SAID AMOUNT THEREFOR; AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$200,000 BONDS OF THE COUNTY TO FINANCE SAID APPROPRIATION.

object or purpose: the replacement of culverts countywide, all as more particularly described in the County's 2015 proposed Capital Plan, as amended.

period of probable usefulness:

twenty (20) years amount of obligations to be issued: \$200,000

RESOLUTION NO. 31 OF 2015 BOND RESOLUTION DATED MARCH

BOND RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF ORANGE, NEW YORK, AUTHORIZING PAVING OF VARIOUS COUNTY PARK FACILITIES, STATING THE ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST THEREOF IS \$150,000, APPROPRIATING SAID AMOUNT THEREFOR, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$150,000 BONDS OF THE COUNTY TO PAY THE COST THEREOF

object or purpose: paving of various County park facilities including the Orange County Arboretum and various locations of the Heritage Trail, all as more particularly described in the County's 2015 proposed Canital Plan as amended

period of probable usefulness:

ifteen (15) years

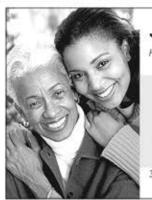
amount of obligations to be issued: \$150,000

RESOLUTION NO. 38 OF 2015



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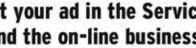
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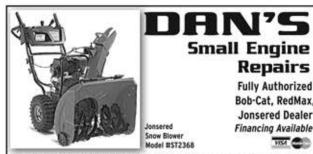


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BOND RESOLUTION DATED MARCH 5.2015

BOND RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF ORANGE, NEW YORK, AUTHORIZING ACQUISITION AND INSTALLATION OF COMPLITER HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, STATING THE ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST THEREOF IS \$1,600,000; APPROPRIATING SAID AMOUNT THERE-FOR; AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,600,000 BONDS OF THE COUNTY TO FINANCE SAID APPROPRIATION.

object or purpose: acquisition and installation of computer hardware and software, all as more particularly described in the County's 2015 proposed Capital Plan, as amended. period of probable usefulness:

five (5) years

amount of obligations to be issued: \$1,600,000

RESOLUTION NO. 39 OF 2015 BOND RESOLUTION DATED MARCH

BOND RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF ORANGE, NEW YORK, AUTHORIZING ACQUISITION OF EQUIPMENT FOR THE DIVISION OF EMERGENCY COMMUNICA-TION, STATING THE ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST THEREOF IS \$1,500,000; APPRO-PRIATING SAID AMOUNT THEREFOR; AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,500,000 BONDS OF THE COUNTY TO FINANCE SAID APPROPRIATION.

object or purpose: acquisition of automatic numbering identification/automatic location identification controller equipment all as more particularly described in the County's 2015 proposed Capital Plan, as amended.

period of probable usefulness: ten (10) years

amount of obligations to be issued: \$1,500,000

A complete copy of these Bond Resolutions summarized above shall be available for public inspection during normal business hours at the office of the Clerk of the Orange County Legislature, in Goshen, New York. Dated: March 11, 2015

Goshen, New York

NOTICE TO BIDDERS Department of General Services COUNTY OF ORANGE

Sealed proposals for providing Expanded In-Home Services to the Elderly (EISEP) and Community Services for the Elderly (CSE) RFP-OFA01-15 to the County of Orange will be received at PO Box 218, 15 Matthews Street Suite 101, Goshen, New York 10924, until 4:00 PM on Wednesday, March 18, 2015. Orange County will be accepting applications for funding under Title III-B of the Older Americans Act Incorporated organizations and minority and women owned business with new or innovative programs for Older Americans (60+) are encourage to apply. The awarding of funds is based on a competitive process. Proposal forms, including specifications, may be obtained from the Department of General Services at the above address or on the Internet at www. orangecountygov.com

James P Burpoe Commissioner of General Services County of Orange February 13, 2015 #81390

### Town of Shawangunk

TOWN OF SHAWANGUNE NOTICE OF ADOPTION LOCAL LAW #1 OF 2015

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that on March 5, 2015 the Town Board of the Town of Shawangunk duly enacted a local

"AMENDING THE ZONING LAW OF THE TOWN OF SHAWANGUNK"

In summary, this Local Law amends the existing Zoning Law to clarify the SEQRA requirements for applications within the Critical Environmental Areas of the Town and to establish motor vehicle sales as a specially permitted use in the SB (Small Scale Business) zonina district.

Complete copies of this Local Law #1 of 2015 are available for inspection and/or reproduction at the Office of the Town Clerk, Town Hall Central Avenue Wallkill New York anytime during normal business hours. Additionally, the Local Law is available for inspection on the Town of Shawangunk website at www.shawangunk.org. Dated: March 5, 2015

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF SHAWANGUNK JANE P RASCOF TOWN CLERK

TOWN OF SHAWANGUNK NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Town Board of the Town of Shawangunk will receive bids for mowing of Town properties until 2 p.m. on March 31, 2015. Specifications are available at the Town

Clerk's Office, 14 Central Avenue, Wallkill, NY. For information call 845-895-2611.

Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope to the Town Clerk's Office with the bidders name and address on the outside. The Town of Shawangunk does not offer or supply anyone the list of people that have obtained a copy of these bid specifications or cost estimates prior to the opening of the hid. No exceptions are made to this policy The Town Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Jane P. Rascoe

Town Clerk #81388

Town of Shawangunk The Zoning Board of Appeals meeting scheduled for March 18, 2015 has been can-

Chairman

#81383

### **Town of Newburgh**

Notice of Hearing

Town of Newburgh Planning Board PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Planning Board of the Town of Newburgh, Orange County, New York will hold a Public Hearing pursuant to Municipal Code of the Town of Newburgh Chapter 168-16, Section (A) on the Application of:

Capital Telecom Acquisition, LLC (2014-25)

For a site plan and special use permit for a new 130 +/- foot tall wireless communication facility (tower), a 60x60 fenced compound and associated ground based equipment shelters on premises 17-19 Orr

Avenue in the Town of Newburgh, designated on Town Tax Maps as Section 95. Block 1. Lot 40, located in the IB Zone and Airport Overlay Zone.

Said hearing will be held on the 2nd Day of April, 2015 at the Town Hall Meeting Room, 1496 Route 300, Newburgh, New York at 7:00 PM, at which time, all interested persons will be given an opportunity to be

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN OF NEWBURGH PLANNING BOARD JOHN P. EWASUTYN, Chairman Planning Roard Town of Newburgh Dated: March 6, 2015 #81389

> RECEIVER OF TAXES TOWN OF NEWBURGH Deborah A Smith

TAKE NOTICE, that I, Deborah A. Smith, the undersigned Receiver of Taxes, of the Town of Newburgh, County of Orange, State of New York, have duly received the tax roll and warrant for the collection of taxes within the Town of Newburgh for the year of 2015. I will attend at 1496 Route 300, in the said Town of Newburgh from January 1, 2015 to March 31, 2015 from 8:30 o'clock in the forenoon to 4:30 in the afternoon on each day, excepting Saturdays, Sundays, and Holidays for the purpose of receiving the taxes listed on the said roll. The tax office will be open on Saturday, January 31, 2015 from 9 o' clock in the forenoon to 1 pm.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that taxes may be paid on or before January 31, 2015 without charge of interest. On all taxes received after such date, there shall be added interest of a one per centum for the first month. (for February 1, 2015 to February 28, 2015) and an additional one per centum for each additional month until paid; All unpaid taxes as of March 13, 2015 will receive a reminder notice and be charged an additional \$1.00 in compliance with State Law.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that pursuant to the provisions of law, the tax roll, of the Town of Newburgh will be returned to the Commissioner of Finance of the County of Orange on the 9th day of April 2015.

DEBORAH A. SMITH Receiver of Taxes and Assessments Town of Newburgh #80706

### Town of Crawford

COUNTY OF ORANGE STATE OF NEW YORK

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Town of Crawford regular Town Board meeting scheduled for Thursday March 19, 2014 will start at 6:00 p.m. The purpose of this meeting is to conduct a Highway Budget Work Session and at 7:00 p.m. regular monthly

> BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD TOWN OF CRAWFORD Jolene Roy, Town Clerk #81410



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# Pine Bush's Longaberger Basket Bingo a big hit

### By JANE ANDERSON

The cafeteria of Pine Bush High School reverberated Friday night, March 6, with the calls of "Bingo!" during the school's Longaberger basket fundraiser.

The event - which benefits the school's All Night Graduation party at the end of the school year - grows bigger each year, and this year was no exception. The room was filled with hundreds of eager players hoping for a shot at winning one of 23 beautifully filled Longaberger baskets. Two long tables on the side held another 80 tricky-tray gifts and baskets for people to examine and bid upon.

The admission price of \$25 (\$20 in advance) included a thick pack of regular bingo sheets, a pack of three other sheets for three special games, and a chance at

the door prize: a "sweetheart bouquet basket." Doors opened at 6, but people were lining up before then to take advantage of the tricky tray and several raffles. A grand prize drawing attracted lots of ticket-buyers, since that prize included a 32-inch flat-screen television, a comfy blanket, other goodies and a \$300 gift certificate toward teeth-whitening. As if that weren't enough, there was also a 50/50 raffle that earned the winner a whopping \$930. Students sold popcorn, snacks, pizza and various other snacks and beverages for hungry players.

Families of soon-to-be graduates, along with some school staff members, paid to "sponsor" a basket for the bingo games. The contents of each basket were also sponsored. Each sponsor was listed, round by round, in the program handed



(L-R) Peg Bennett, Jan Sweet, Jamie Bennett and Nicole Porter of Circleville Elementary School wait with daubers poised for Bingo.



(L-R) Kim Conti, Jean Swan and Beth Frank sold raffle tickets for a grand prize basket that included a television, blanket and tooth-whitening gift certificate.



The Longaberger Basket Bingo fundraiser for the Pine Bush All Night Graduation Party really attracts a crowd.

out with the bingo sheets. Bingo Chair Gretchen Meier explained that this was the first time since the event was first held that there were more sponsors than there were baskets.

Gretchen's husband, Fritz, spun the round cage of balls and called out numbers. Student volunteers kept track of the numbers by writing them on a chalk-



(L-R) Allison Blazeski and Donna Boncek coordinated the Tricky Tray.



Dee Valentino celebrates her luck at winning three bingo baskets.

board. One by one, the games were played. Some were amazingly short; in others, it almost seemed like no one had the correct numbers. But with the bingo, the tricky tray, and the raffles - not to mention the laughter and camaraderie - four hours zoomed by and before anyone knew it, it was time to say goodbye until next year. The crowd filed out, some a little lighter in the wallet, others toting their winning baskets, and all wearing happy smiles.

The Bingo committee would like to thank the following for their generous donations: Cheryl Shaskan; Iris Nail Salon; Jeanette Rodriguez; Jean Marie Swan; Neighborhood Pharmacy; Antonia's Pizza; Hair We Are; Casey's Beverage; Renegades Baseball; Sir Grout; Cup and Saucer; Subway of Pine Bush; True Value; Lisa Hallinan; Curves of Pine Bush; Masci and Hale Advanced Aesthetic & Restorative Dentistry; Hearts and Flowers Florist; Mountain View Restaurant; Reflections Hair Salon; Cartech; Palate Café; Lloydz Motorworkz; Tractor Supply; Alayne Eisloeffel; and Donna Boncek.



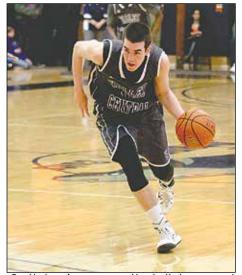
(L-R) Lois Grossi and her daughter, Judy Parsells.

# Vikings fall to Middies in Class AA finals

By BOND BRUNGARD sports@tcnewspapers.com

Valley Central's boys' basketball team came into the Section 9, Class AA title Saturday at SUNY Orange as the tournament's two-seed, and faced top-seeded Middletown, a team that beat the Vikings by 15 points during the regular season.

The Vikings stopped Monroe-Woodbury in the quarterfinals before trouncing Pine



Brett Jennings moves the ball down court for Valley Central. He finished the game with four points.

Bush in the semis in front of an overflowing home crowd Thursday, Thursday, March 5.

In the final against Middletown, the Vikings led 16-11 at the end of the first quarter. But the Middles took the game over in the second quarter, leading 33-23 at the half, before running away to beat the Vikings 75-50 for the title.

"We knew they would be athletic, and we'd have to limit our turnovers," said Eric Bartle, Valley Central's coach, "and in the first quarter we did that."

Isaiah Boissard scored five points in the first quarter and led the team with 20 points, scoring a trio of threes, and Kenny Gray scored 14 points in the final with a quartet of threes.

But the Vikings, while fighting for baskets, could not contain Middletown's speed and their ability to capitalize on turnovers.

"We just didn't take care of the basketball the way we needed to to win," said Bartle.

The loss, though, ended one of the best seasons in years for the Vikings, a team that finished 17-4 and entered the tournament as a top-seeded team.

"I'm just proud of the way my guys played all year. We had a great year," said Bartle. "They never quit. They played to the end."



Isaiah Boissard led the Vikings with 20 points.

### **SPORTLIGHT**

# Basketball is Rachel Simon's favorite thing

By BOND BRUNGARD sports@tcnewspapers.com

wo weeks ago Wallkill's girls' basketball team won its third straight MHAL girls title, and Rachel Simon scored her 1,000th point on a three-point

shot in the fourth quarter during the semis against Marlboro.

It was her fifth and final three of the night as she led her team with 23 points to defeat Marlboro. Two nights later at SUNY Ulster, Simon scored 18 points – with four threes in the second quarter – when the Panthers beat Spackenkill in the final.



Rachel Simon

"Easily. It's the love of my life. It's my favorite thing to do," said Simon, a senior, of basketball. "Whenever I'm in a bad mood, I just grab a ball, and I'm happy." Simon started playing basketball in seventh grade and also plays varsity soccer and softball for Wallkill, but as stated above, basketball is her passion.

And when watching her down a three, as she did for her 1,000th point, the focus becomes automatic with her actions, as she stops, locks in on the target, and shoots - before the ball drops in diagonally with the soft, familiar swish.

"Throw it up," she said, of what she's thinking before she shoots. "I always throw it up."

But her three just doesn't come from momentary instinct, and Simon hasn't rolled up more than a thousand points for Wallkill by just showing off during a game with what seems to come so easily to her.

"It's practice. You are not born with it," she said. "I shoot in the gym all the time. It's something I love to do."

Basketball is also a mental game, a game played best when there's the right balance of not overthinking and applying the right touch at the foul line, with a jump shot or with enough zip to drop a three without much effort.

When A.J. Higby, Wallkill's coach, urged Simon earlier this season to get her 1,000th point as the team

kept rolling to defend the 2014 sectional crown, things broke down a little bit.

"As soon as I started talking about it, she went in the tank. She couldn't make anything," he said.

So he backed down on his urgency, put the focus back on the team, and Simon went back to scoring and helping the team as she had been doing.

"Then she started playing great," he said. "All we were going to do was worry about winning, and it took the weight off."

And getting Simon to stop shooting at will – probably doesn't make much sense.

"She's just a natural," said Higby. "She's got to shoot. She does it so well it's amazing."

As opposing defenses are on constant worry of Simon getting open outside the three-point line and getting burned by her talent there, opposing point guards are face to face with her as she tries to stop their penetration up court.

"She's my best stopper," said Higby, of Simon on defense. "She's just blossoming as a basketball player."

Next year Simon will play basketball at Caldwell University in New Jersey and study physical therapy.





Wednesday, March 11, 2015

# History in the making

# Wallkill's Lady Panthers win third straight Section 9, Class A title

By BOND BRUNGARD sports@tcnewspapers.com

They won their third straight MHAL title 10 days earlier, and when Wallkill's girls' basketball team faced Cornwall to three-peat as Section 9, Class A champs Sunday at SUNY New Paltz, the game's start did not go easy against the seemingly very physical Green Dragons.

Cornwall tied it 9-9 with two minutes left in the first quarter. But Wallkill led 13-11 at the end of the first quarter before taking off in the second quarter, leading 20-11 a minute into the period, and then routing Cornwall 68-24 to three-peat as the Section 9, Class A champions.

"We knew that's exactly what they were going to do," said A.J. Higby, Wallkill's coach, of his team's rough start. "But they managed to settle down and play



Jenna Lee scores here for Wallkill. She finished the game with 17 points.



Photos by Bond Brungard

Rachel Simon, left, Chelsea Murphy, center, and Heather Kiczek, right, senior captains, celebrate their three-peat.

basketball. That was the issue."

Rachel Simon, a senior, led Wallkill with 21 points, downing a trio of threes. Simon seemed to drop the long shots with

ease as she always does, but she also created plenty of uneasiness for Cornwall when she would make it inside for a pass and a score.

"It's the best feeling in the world. Three times in a row, it doesn't get any better," said Simon, of winning another sectional title. "It's bittersweet because I know I'm not going to be back next year."

And if Simon was a constant threat for Wallkill, Jenna Lee and Heather Kiczek, the Panther big girls, were also a source of anxiety underneath. Lee, at five-feet, 11 inches, with 17 points, and Kiczek, at six-feet, two inches, with 12 points, were frequently under the basket, taking passes, and putting the ball through the rim.

As the offense rolled for Wallkill, the defense also did its job and limited Cornwall to just seven points in the second half.

"They didn't have the size to stay with us," said Higby, of Cornwall. "The next team will."

But one of the those teams won't be Maine-Endwell from Section 4. Maine-Endwell has been a source of misery for Wallkill during their recent three-year run, but the Panthers will face either Vestal from Section 4 or Albertus Magnus, from Section 1, Saturday, March 14 at 2 p.m. at SUNY New Paltz, after those teams face-off mid-week at SUNY Purchase during the regional semis.

Wallkill has a bye into the regional finals, and they'll have more time to prepare for their opponents. Wallkill improved to 19-3 with their sectional championship, but one of those losses came to Albertus Magnus at home earlier this season.

"We're really lucky. We have to play here, and that's a huge advantage for us," said Simon, of Wallkill's next game.

And before they play Saturday, Simon expects that she and her teammates will spend the week working very hard to get ready for that game.

"It will be the hardest week of our lives. We'll work our butts off for sure," she said