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Passion over the Pledge

Arabic rendition of Pledge of Allegiance ignites uproar in Pine Bush

By SHANTAL PARRIS RILEY
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A firestorm of controversy ignited after the Pledge of Allegiance was recited in Arabic at Pine Bush High School last week. The reading took place during morning announcements Wednesday, in honor of National Foreign Language Week.

The gesture, meant to celebrate cul-

tural diversity, angered many students, and some reportedly jeered and booed while hearing it. High School Principal Aaron Hopmayer made an announcement to apologize to students that same day.

The Pine Bush Central School District posted a statement to the district website on Thursday:

“To honor National Foreign Language week and in an effort to celebrate the many races, cultures and religions that

make up this great country and our school district, the foreign language department planned many activities, including reading the Pledge of Allegiance and morning announcements in different languages this week. The intention was to promote the fact that those who speak a language other than English still pledge to salute this great country.”

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Wallkill Center takes a step forward

By RACHEL COLEMAN

After seven years on the drawing board, a proposal to redevelop the hamlet of Wallkill is taking a step forward.

The project, Wallkill Center Properties, entails senior housing and multiple commercial and residential buildings on about 6.35 acres in the hamlet.

This past Thursday, the Shawangunk Town Board meeting included members of the town's Planning Board, as well as the applicant, in an effort to reach a consensus on a direction for the project.

The applicant's proposal has undergone a number of revisions since its inception, taking into account the need to 'swap' small sections of land with the town, the opening and closing of town roadways, stormwater mitigation measures and incentives.

“The Planning Board is kind of at a [standstill],” said Planning Board Chairman Mark Watkins. “We really can't move forward until a decision is made.”

Supervisor John Valk noted that the Town Board had agreed that they wanted the version that kept Railroad Avenue closed and Park Avenue open, but had not come to a conclusion on the incentives or selling of town property.

Andrew Fetherston, of Maser Consulting, presented the applicant's most recent plan, which he described as a “reduced density” design, meaning less buildings, retail space and residential units. It included a through road at Bridge Street toward Viola Street, a large flood mitigation basin and other storm-

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MARION MOHR WILD, AN IRISH BLESSING



Tom Bushey

Marion Wild, Village of Montgomery historian and grand marshal of the 2015 Montgomery Saint Patrick's Ramble, waves to the crowd during Saturday's parade. More photos on page 5.

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PUBLIC AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25

Village of Montgomery Planning Board,
7:30 p.m., Village Hall, 133 Clinton Street.

THURSDAY, MARCH 26

Wallkill Town Board, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall,
99 Tower Drive, Middletown.

MONDAY, MARCH 30

Town of Montgomery Planning Board,
7:30 p.m., Town Hall, 110 Bracken Road,
Montgomery.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1

Crawford Zoning Board of Appeals, 7:30
p.m., Crawford Town Hall, 121 State Rt 302,
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Pledge of Allegiance ignites uproar in Pine Bush

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"We sincerely apologize to any students, staff or community members who found this activity disrespectful. In our school district the Pledge of Allegiance will only be recited in English as recommended by the Commissioner of Education."

It wasn't enough of an apology for students, parents and others who took to phones, email and social media to vent their anger at the district.

"The Pledge of Allegiance should never be said in any other language but English," read one Twitter post Friday. Another tweeter quipped, "One nation under Allah."

Some tweeters called for tolerance: "It's sad to live in a country where a language is controversial. My beloved Orange County NY needs to embrace diversity," read another post.

Veterans expressed dismay over what they described as an insult to a sacred, American rite at a meeting held at the American Legion Post 1308 in Pine Bush last Thursday.

"The Pledge of Allegiance and the national anthem should always and only be recited in English," said Steve Nicoli, founder of Hudson Valley Honor Flight and commander of American Legion Post 158 in Walden. "The Pledge of Allegiance is sacred. The national anthem is sacred."

Jim Scali, first vice commander of American Legion Post 1181, spoke next. "America is where we celebrate all the cultures of the world that make us the melting pot we have become," he said. "We don't fly a different flag to celebrate the different cultures of the world, we fly Old Glory first and always... We pledge our allegiance to the flag of the greatest nation on the face of the Earth in English, the language of America."

Nancy Longerbeam, a veteran of the Persian Gulf War, expressed a different opinion. "The Pledge of Allegiance is not devalued, it is not lessened if it is spoken in another language," she said.

Other vets said they found the gesture "disrespectful." Still others chided high school and district staff for not having "the decency" to attend the meeting.

Orange County American Legion Commander Paul E. Oser Sr. said students were growing up and learning in "a different era." He criticized the school for allowing a student to recite the Pledge in a foreign language. "They're forgetting to teach the etiquette of the Pledge of Allegiance," he said.

Pine Bush American Legion Commander Andrew Brew said he places blame squarely on the teacher or teachers responsible for what happened.



Pine Bush American Legion Commander Andrew Brew said he blames the teacher or teachers responsible for allowing a student to recite the Pledge of Allegiance in any language other than English.

Brew expressed concern that the student who recited the Pledge faced scorn as a result of a poor decision by high school staff. "Who do I blame? I blame that teacher," he said.

Brew said he met with high school administrators earlier that day. "They said, 'We made a mistake,'" Brew said, noting the principal and vice principal initially planned to attend the meeting but later changed plans.

District Superintendent Joan Carbone would not say who was directly responsible, but said the activity was planned by the high school's foreign language department and she was unaware that the Pledge Allegiance would be read in Arabic.

"This was a planned activity to demonstrate that even people who speak a language other than English can salute this great country," said Carbone. "The intention was positive, especially since we have a diverse student population."

The Pledge was supposed to be read in a different language each day that week, said Carbone, including Spanish and Japanese. As it happened, it wasn't recited until Wednesday, she said.

"Students who were supposed to read in Spanish on Monday and Japanese on Tuesday did not feel comfortable with their language fluency," said Carbone.

Had the Pledge been recited according to plan in several languages, the reaction might not have been so negative, said Joyce Waschitz, executive director of the Jewish Federation of Greater Orange County.

"I understand what they were trying to do," said Waschitz. "If everything went as planned, I'm sure we wouldn't have heard

about it."

She added, "I think this is something the district will recover from as soon as everyone understands there were no bad intentions involved."

Phone calls seeking comments from the Islamic Learning Center of Orange County in the City of Newburgh and the Middletown Islamic Center were not returned this week.

The controversy further blackens the eye of a district that already faces intense scrutiny due to a years-long lawsuit involving claims of anti-Semitic harassment of students. According to a New York Times article in November last year, one student claimed to have been beaten up on a bus after being asked if he was Jewish.

Since then, the district has stepped up efforts to educate students on cultural and ethnic diversity. "We've been proud of our work to promote understanding of diversity and celebrate our many cultures," said Carbone. "Our foreign language department's intention was to promote cultural awareness and acceptance."

Carbone noted that the Pledge of Allegiance has been recited in other languages before. And, except for a recommendation by the state Board of Education, she said, "my understanding is that there is nothing written that says it has to be read in English."

The New York State Education Department does not recommend the Pledge be recited in English specifically, but does provide the wording of the Pledge for guidance, written in English.

When asked if precautions were being taken to protect the student who recited the Pledge from possible bullying and harassment, Carbone said, "Yes."

"We are very careful to make sure that all our students are safe," she said. "We always take the safety of our students seriously."

Senior Class President Andrew Zink, who normally recites the Pledge in the mornings, was interviewed by the LA Times last week, explaining he has even received death threats.

On his Twitter page over the weekend, Zink made an effort to remain positive. "We now need to ask ourselves how our Pledge can evolve to include all American(s) citizens, regardless of where they come from," he tweeted.

The Board of Education planned to address the issue at its board meeting last Tuesday night, where members of the public would have the opportunity to speak.

Brescia, Rumbold win local mayoral elections

By JORDAN WILKINSON
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At the end of their campaign trails, mayoral hopefuls in the villages of Montgomery and Walden spent their St. Patrick's Day anticipating Wednesday, the day their neighbors, friends and fellow residents would vote.

As final votes were cast, each village announced their results on Wednesday evening. Susan Rumbold will take over current Village of Walden Mayor Brian Maher's seat, while incumbent L. Stephen Brescia will continue serving as the mayor of the Village of Montgomery.

Rumbold totaled 221 votes, beating the 185 write-in votes for her opponent, Larry Kraus. Brescia defeated his opponent, Maria Beltrametti, 354-140.

"I'm very pleased that the people in the community put their faith in me to continue serving them in the capacity as mayor," Rumbold said.

Moving up from her seat as deputy mayor of the village, Rumbold said that her first intention as mayor is to meet with each of the village's department heads to start a dialogue about the future plans for each department.

She said that she also intends to meet with Board of Trustees members to discuss each of their roles, as well as hers as the new mayor.

"We're starting the budget process very soon and I'm looking forward to that and creating the financial plan for the next fiscal year," she said. "We'll formulate a plan for the village moving forward."

Rumbold will make her mayoral debut at the village's next board meeting at 6:30 p.m. on April 7.

"I'm a little disappointed in the final tally," said Kraus, owner of Hudson Valley Auto and Tire Center, Inc.

On the day of the election, Kraus said that he sat at the entrance of the voting location for 13 hours. During that time, he said he saw a slew of his customers and supporters, which he said "really got to me."

"It is what it is," he said. "Good for her and the best person bolted it out."

Kraus said that he might possibly run for the position again in two years so that he can represent his village.

In other races, Walden will welcome Brian Sebring to their Board of Trustees for the upcoming term.

With 265 votes, Sebring came in with the highest tally from voters on Election Day.

With the submission of the village's budget on the horizon, the current Planning Board member said that his first goal as a trustee is to get a comprehensive look at the village's current budget so that he may become familiar with its inner workings.

With the win, Sebring will replace current trustee Gerald Mishk and be joined by incumbents Ed Leonard and Willie Carley.

Montgomery

The Village of Montgomery will continue seeing longtime mayor, Brescia, who has served in his position since 1990.

"I'm very happy. It's reassuring when you get almost 72 percent of the votes," he said. "We have a fantastic team in place and residents want us to continue what we're doing."

For Brescia, infrastructure work in the village is first on his list of plans for his new term. Along with general work in the village, he said he'd like to finish replacing the remaining 18 Village Hall windows and also replace the building's roof. He is also hoping to finish the village's Water Works building to eventually rent out the space, while adding more park trails for resident use.

"I'm just proud and happy to be mayor of the best village around," Brescia said.

For Beltrametti, it was the low voter turnout that proved more disappointing than the results.

"If we had gotten a bigger turnout, I would have been much happier," she said. "I never had any illusions that I would win this race but I did want to shine a light on certain issues and I think I did that."

Beltrametti, who ran on her self-created "Clean House Montgomery" ticket, focused on future developments for the village, proposing ideas such as live/work town homes for local business owners and developing the Chandler Lane property to accommodate events.

The owner of Recycled Style on Ward Street said that along her campaign trail, she came across like-minded people who shared her visions for the village's future development. Despite the loss, she said she intends to run for the village's Board of Trustees in the next election.

Also re-elected were village trustees JoAnn Scheels and Darlene Andolsek, who both ran unopposed.

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Walkill Center takes a step forward

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water mitigation measures.

Without any exchange of land, Fetherston said the project would have 10,000 square feet of commercial space and 36 residential units. The full project with Park Avenue open would see 27,350 square feet of commercial space and 72 units. The reduced density version presented at the meeting cut 8,750 square feet of commercial space and 12 units.

Councilman Matthew Watkins said he had "significant issues" with the project's possible impact on traffic, parking and maintenance.

Fetherston explained that the board's preferred version of the project includes 60 parking spaces over the required amount of parking and maintenance requirements can be plugged into the Homeowner's Association agreement.

Councilman Robert Miller said that if he came by and saw that every parking space was filled, presumably by customers at the stores, he would think it was great. He expressed support for the commercial component to the project, adding that if they restricted the commercial space, he felt they could be shooting themselves in the foot.

Fetherston reviewed selected portions of the town's comprehensive plan with the board, concluding that the document was clearly in favor of business and a "walkable" downtown.

Valk said he remembered that shortly after the town had approved its comprehensive plan, the Walkill Center

Properties project arrived on their doorstep.

"It was very exciting," said Valk. "We wrote this comprehensive plan and had someone who wanted to accomplish it."

The Town Board agreed that they should move forward with the necessary steps to making the needed town-owned lands available for purchase, which means setting it up to go to permissive referendum.

Miller said he felt the town was not really "losing anything" in the decision to sell the small portions of land as the town could not do anything with them.

The applicant and Planning Board members were advised to continue the review of the project under the reduced density proposal that would keep Park Avenue open (and Railroad Avenue closed).

"I'd like to see this approved before I leave office someday," said Valk.




In other business, Town Councilman Brian Amthor proposed a full working traffic light at the intersection of Route 300 and Plains Road, where he stated there have been many accidents and fatalities, even a recent accident that sent a vehicle into a house.

Amthor asked for, and received, support from the rest of the Town Board for a resolution requesting the traffic light. The resolution will be sent to Ulster County, NYS DOT and state officials.

Supervisor Valk also advised the board that the towns are being required to submit a savings plan over the next three years that shows at least 1 percent savings.

He said that may be tough for the towns, specifically Shawangunk, after cutting away repeatedly over the past three years to meet the tax cap.

"We may be backed against the wall," said Valk. "It may come to a point where we can't do it."

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VILLAGE OF WALDEN

Anastasia Sinclair, 24, Newburgh was arrested on March 10 and charged with Grand Larceny 4th. She will appear in Village Court on April 8.

Matthew Treglia, 30, Walden was arrested on March 16 and charged with Driving While Intoxicated. He will appear in Village Court on April 22.

Stephanie Smith, 41, Newburgh was arrested on March 17 and charged with Criminal Trespass 2nd. She will appear in Village Court on March 25.

Jeremiah Hochteil, 30, Walden was arrested on March 18 and charged with Criminal Contempt in the 2nd. He is scheduled to appear in Village Court on April 8.

Thomas Bosko, 34, Walden was arrested on March 18 and charged with Aggravated Unlicensed Operation in the 3rd, Expired Insurance and Operating an Unregistered Motor Vehicle. He will appear in Village Court on April 22.

Desmond Ellard, 50, Walden was arrested on March 18 and charged with Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 3rd, Menacing in the 2nd and Harassment in the 2nd. He was to appear in Village Court on March 24.

Daniel Mangino, 41, Staten Island was arrested on March 18 and charged with Aggravated Unlicensed Operation in the 3rd. He will appear in Village Court on May 27.

Robert Bailey, 23, Walden was arrested on March 19 on a bench warrant out of the Village of Walden. He will appear in Village Court on March 25.

Andrew Carbia, 27, Bullville was arrested on March 20 and charged with Petit Larceny. He will appear in Village Court on April 8.

TOWN OF CRAWFORD

Tracey Crawford, 52, Bullville was arrested on March 15 and charged with Driving While Intoxicated, Criminally Using Drug Paraphernalia in the 2nd and Unlawful Possession of Marijuana. He will appear in Town Court on April 6.

Jamie Engels, 30, Pine Bush was arrested on March 16 and charged with Resisting Arrest. He was released to Middletown Police and will appear in Town Court on April 7.

Samantha Sullivan, 26, Newburgh was arrested on March 19 and charged with Criminal Trespass in the 2nd and Criminal Mischief in the 4th. She will appear in Town Court on April 6.

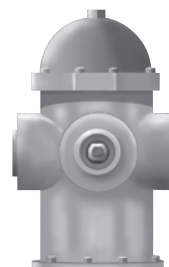
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Tom Bushey

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Bond Brungard

Montgomery Nursery School students were ferried by a tractor along the parade route.



Bond Brungard

Boy Scouts and firefighters marched in the parade.



Bond Brungard

Crowds lined the street for the parade, which started at 1 p.m.

Wallkill board gets taste of student skills

By TED REMSNYDER

In the midst of the political wrangling between Gov. Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Legislature that has held up the arrival of the state's education budget, a vibrant example of education money being put to use was on display at the Wallkill Board of Education meeting last Thursday at Ostrander Elementary School.

A group of fourth- and fifth-grade students showed off a varied menu of food they had prepared as part of an After School Cooking Club program the district has started in conjunction with the Wallkill Public Library. The academic intervention services program taught 11 elementary students how to better their math skills through the preparation of food, which they made as a team in the Ostrander kitchen and served to their

parents. The kids showed off their wares at the March board meeting, passing out pizza, crudites and frozen banana pops to the board members. Kai Raymo, 11, loved being part of the program. "It was fun working together and making the food for people and then serving it," he said. "I honestly learned how to cook food and work together."

The seeds were planted for the program last summer: Wallkill Superintendent Kevin Castle was looking for ways to boost the district's after-school programs when he noticed a slate of activities scheduled for the library while flipping through the library's newsletter. He then reached out to Wallkill Public Library director Mary Lou Carolan about starting up new initiatives.

"I asked Mary Lou, 'why don't we do something similar to what you're doing in the summer after school?'" Castle said.



A group of students showed off a varied menu of food they had prepared as part of an After School Cooking Club program.

"We offered to house that activity and she was enthusiastic about it. Mary Lou has a tremendous amount of energy and passion, so she is great to work with."

The library was eager to do its part in assisting the community, and Carolan

worked alongside fourth-grade teacher Deborah Reese, who dreamed up the idea for the program and eventually ran it. "Mr. Castle and I spoke over the summer about how the library and the school could collaborate," Carolan said. "Mrs.

Most Precious Blood Church St. Benedict's Chapel Holy Week Schedule



Holy Thursday—April 2:

9:00 a.m. Morning Mass
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Followed by Procession to Fr. Sullivan Hall and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Good Friday—April 3:

1:00 p.m. Children's Stations of the Cross outside at MPB School
3:00 p.m. Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday—April 4:

9:00 a.m. Laudes (Morning Prayer)
Fr. Sullivan Hall followed by blessing of Food Baskets

Easter Sunday Mass Schedule:

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Reese was instrumental in that because we've worked with her before in various programs, so this idea of an interactive after-school program came up. The elementary schools don't have library media specialists, so we sent over our Children's Program Coordinator Carolyn Thorenz and she conducted a popular after-school program based on the Magic Treehouse series. So that was the first program, then Mrs. Reese came up with this idea of teaching math through cooking. So this was an opportunity to reach out to another group of kids and provide this hands-on learning."

The after-school sessions started as a way to help students improve their knowledge of mathematics through the precise measurements needed when cooking food. The project also teaches students how to use teamwork to accomplish a greater goal and provides early career skills. "It's so cool because when we first started we had a focus on math and measurements, but the thing that came out of it that I didn't expect was the collaboration with the parents," Reese said. "If you could have seen the parents at that first session taking pictures of their children, they were so proud. They were putting their phones away and spending that time, and that was when I realized what a gold mine this program is."

Rob Malatesta from Rob's Pizza also stopped by the program to give the students an expert class in how to make a pie, including a demonstration of how to flip pizza dough in the air like a professional. The program has only been running for three weeks so far, but will continue on into the summer with a program utilizing community gardens to teach the kids about germinating seeds and actually growing the food they eat. Reese believes that it's vital for students to keep their minds sharp and engaged in the summer months when they're not in class.

"By collaborating with the library, this could be a safety net in the summer if they're involved in the programs," she said. "They can still be reading and learning. Having the parents being so supportive is huge. The whole idea is having families, the school, and the library working together to really make huge changes."

Castle expressed a desire to continue partnering with the library on this program and similar initiatives while

Carolan hopes the cooking sessions can continue as well.

"This is a collaboration with the schools that we'll continue," she said.

The board meeting featured a relatively light agenda, but it was a big day for the dozen individuals who were awarded tenure by the district. Nicholas Pantaleone, Voleile Derisse, Vically DeVos, Jessica Hutter, Nicholas Malgieri, Nicole Pluchino, Brittney Rossi, Ashley Sanchez, Jennifer Shimaitis, Jamie Smith, Christopher Valencia and Amber Williams were the 12 teacher and staff members who had their tenure approved at the meeting. In addition, board member Vincent Petrocelli was nominated on Thursday to represent Wallkill on the Ulster County Board of Education. The slot was vacated

by Wallkill board member Dennis O'Mara, though it's not guaranteed that Petrocelli will get the BOCES seat.


"Now what has to happen is all the component school districts have to vote," Castle said. "You may have another school district that nominates a person. It's an at-large position, meaning anyone from the component school districts can get the position. So the school boards still have to vote."

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Opinion

Freedom of speech, in any language

It seems that the folks who run the Pine Bush School District can't catch a break. They are still trying to undo the damage of a New York Times article in 2013 that painted - with very deep brush strokes - the entire community as anti-Semitic. This came in the face of community opposition to a proposed Hasidic community in Bloomingburg.

The timing of the article, detailing a lawsuit filed by a number of parents in the district detailing allegations of anti-Semitism in the district, seemed hardly a coincidence to Pine Bush residents.

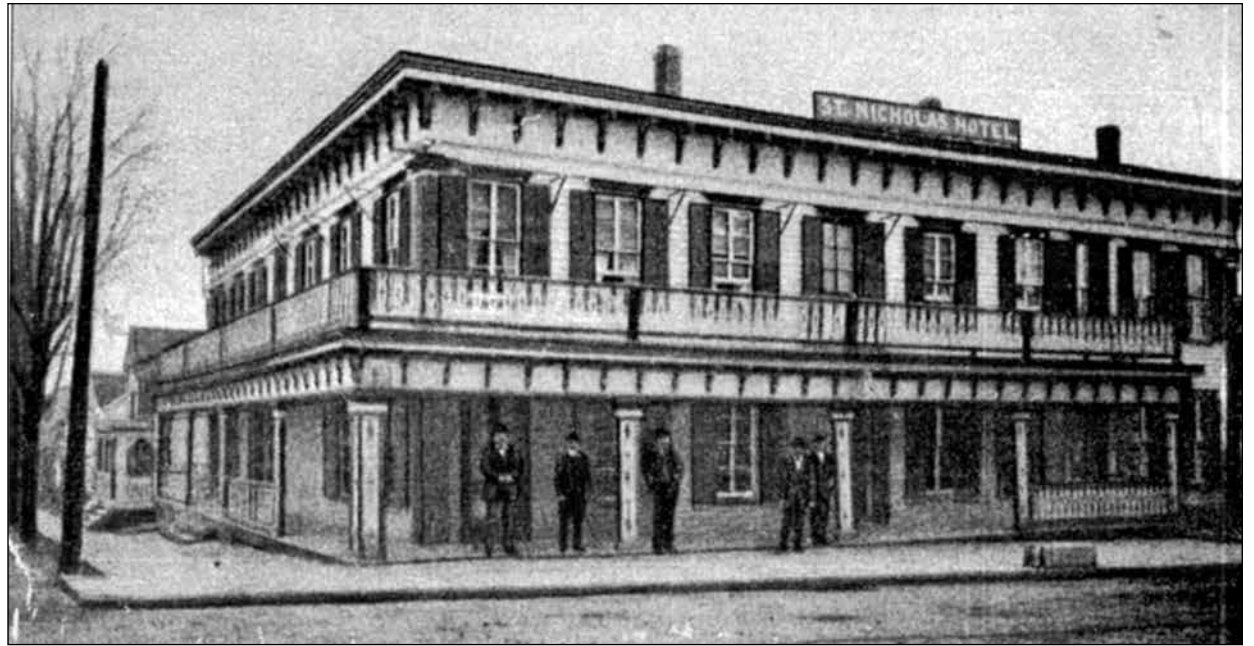
School officials, to their credit, have worked hard to counter that image of intolerance, by answering the lawsuit in court (a judge ruled in November that it will move forward) and by cooperating with the investigation requested by Gov. Andrew Cuomo into the allegations highlighted in the New York Times article. They have also invited a Holocaust survivor into their classrooms, and recently heard one of their own - Pine Bush Elementary School Principal Eric Winter - grab a guitar and microphone to take the stage and sing songs intended to highlight diversity in American music.

Pine Bush appeared to be on the fast track to becoming a model for diversity and tolerance, until an incident last week again pushed Pine Bush into the national spotlight. In observance of National Foreign Language Week, students were to take turns reciting the Pledge of Allegiance in foreign languages. It began last Wednesday,

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There are far worse things that one could do in the name of free speech than to recite the Pledge of Allegiance in Arabic, or in any other language for that matter.

Yesteryear



Saint Nicholas Hotel, Walden, on the site of the present-day Hometown Bank.

LETTERS

Thank you for your support

Thank you to the village residents who turned out to support Clean House Montgomery on March 18th. My campaign for Mayor captured 30% of the vote but it is disappointing that voter turn-out was only 19% of eligible voters. Such a low turn-out speaks volumes about a 24-year incumbent and presents a continued opportunity for my still-nascent movement.

During the next four years, my efforts to make Montgomery cleaner, safer and more prosperous as well as my mission to seek accountability and transparency from our village government will continue. I urge like-minded residents to contact me at my business, Recycled Style (845-769-7000) to get involved.

MARIA BELTRAMETTI
Montgomery

The Way of Peace

I am a Jew and I am an Arab - and I am a parent and taxpayer in Pine Bush Central School District. I am

stunned and furious at the ignorance displayed by the PBCSD in apologizing for the reading of the Pledge of Allegiance in Arabic.

Instead of using this opportunity to educate those children whose objections to the reading were at the very best, a misunderstanding of language and culture - at the worst an expression of latent xenophobia, the PBCSD chose to join the uneducated who would equate all speakers of a language or followers of a religion with the worst of their culture. Had they been doing their job, they would have taught our children of the dangers in these characterizations, and the history of where that may lead us. On behalf of our children: How dare they not take this opportunity to teach our children that neither languages or culture should divide us from fighting the injustices of all. As educators, they did much worse than drop the ball - they encouraged ignorant behavior.

We are Everywoman and Everyman - and we must all teach our children: our future - the Way of Peace. We must take responsibility for all who have let misguided

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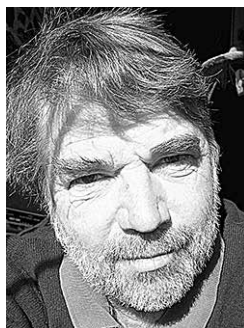
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With a spring in his step

It is Spring and it is snowing and the birds are fierce at the feeder and two wild turkeys have come and scratched a bit by the discarded Christmas tree, and gone, into the woods of falling white snow, their heads bright-red with the flush of hormones -- mating season. The new dog-puppy is sleeping on the big dog pillow near the vanquished dragon toy, her vaccinations complete.

Yet, even with this storm, the equinox is bridged, sap's boiling on the stove, and there is --within the farming world -- an urgency afoot, a spring in the step. The tin chimneys of our local plastic greenhouses have smoke coming out. The sunlight is real. Seeds are being potted, inventory counted, machines checked. The march of seasons does not wait for the perfect day.



RICHARD L. PHELPS

Natural Essays

But beekeepers do. Over the weekend, with the sun out and the temperature over 45, many beekeepers popped open their hives for a quick survey. Initial reports are not good. One keeper on Wallkill Road lost five out of nine hives. A friend in High Falls lost both her top-bar hives. Buddy Tom, lost over half. So far, I feel fortunate: nine out of twelve hives are ALIVE! Knock on wood.

But the notorious Presbyterian throwback beekeeper with the contrarian Darwinian streak, Ed Weber, says, "It's not like the '50's when the war was over and the Nazi defeated and beekeeping was good, today all kinds of things can go wrong with bees. Back then life was simple. But I won't check my bees until May! Who has time for all that? Don't get me wrong, it's good people are interested in bees but it's like people are raising designer bees!"

One of my hives (see photo) suffered an inexplica-

ble die-out. In this case, the bees died in a cluster near the top of the frames of the upper brood box. They lived into February and then died. This is not Colony Collapse Disorder (CCD). In CCD there would be NO bees in the hive. These bees did not die of mites, nor lack of food. They may have gotten just too cold, or have been too damp and cold. The hive was insulated and wrapped like the other, surviving, hives. This is one of the mysteries of beekeeping. I am not an experienced beekeeper, but long-time beekeepers are saying the species as a whole is becoming less and less hardy, and many of the big bee operations are fearing they may go out of business because it is too hard to keep bees alive and in a strengthened state.

Not really a beekeeper and not really a farmer, I, nonetheless, make my preparations as determined and hopeful as if I were. Before the new growth of garlic is out of the ground (and a few warm days might just push it up by the end of next week), I have sent off the Growers' Contracts to the big garlic festivals and paid the entry fees.

Having sold out of honey by the end of last sum-



In preparation of expanding the apiary: newly constructed, primed, and painted honey beehive boxes. Each box is painted on the inside with propolis and new frames with wired-wax foundations have been assembled and installed.



Dead beehive cluster, March 2015.

mer, I have spent the last few months working on expanding my apiary and have built, primed, and painted new hive bodies and honey supers. (See photo.) Each new box is painted on the inside with propolis, to make the wood more acceptable to the bees. I have ordered a few replacement packages of bees, in case of the worst. The packages (each containing three pounds of bees and a queen) will arrive on April 10 and with any luck, by then, we should have some pussy willows and forsythia blooming. I have more work building bottom boards and outer covers. I should be able to double my honey production. My goal is one ton. Seeking Ed's success with bees he said, "They just want to be warm and they want to be fed, just like humans, and you can quote me on that!" And so I have!

It still seems like winter, but it is not. Two red-winged blackbirds, back from the south, inched onto the edge of my birdfeeder. They did not stay. At noon, a pair of geese were standing on the ice of the pond looking over the island for a nesting site. Darcy, the new dog, was excited by their appearance. A long term struggle, running many years into the future, began with her running to the dock and barking at them until they flew to the far side of the ice and then flew away. They will be back tomorrow. And it will be warm. And the bees will be out...the ones that have lived.

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prejudices provoke destruction and set our children on a path towards the work of peace and justice.

LIANA HOODES
Walker Valley

Wallkill Library

As the winter snows melt there is a storm brewing in the Town of Shawangunk regarding library legislation. The Shawangunk Town Board meeting of March 5, 2015 opened a lot of issues regarding the library legislation, most importantly a question of taxation without representation.

The Wallkill Public Library is not breaking any laws or rules--in fact, town law enacted over nineteen years ago states all that is required be on the Wallkill Public

Library Board of Trustees is to live within the Wallkill Central School District. This sounds reasonable with the exception that the Wallkill Library's tax district does not correlate to the Wallkill Central School District. If the library's tax district does not collect taxes from everyone within the Wallkill Central School District, why does everyone in the Wallkill Central School District get the opportunity to sit on the library's board of trustees? More importantly, why isn't the public or the library questioning this after the fact came to light? The library's response has only been that they are not breaking any laws and that they cannot find "skilled" people within the taxing district with the "expertise" that the library board needs willing to run for board of trustee positions. As a taxpayer within the Wallkill Library Tax District I am offended. Has there been an outreach to the taxpayers to fill the positions? The elected library board trustees will be making up the budget for 2016 and

determining what the tax levy will be. Yes, the budget is voted on but last year's vote garnered less than 50 votes and a third voted no to this years levy. How can someone who does not pay taxes to a district be expected in good conscience to help formulate the budget of that district?

I am not sure how this will all play out but my hope is that residents start to pay attention to what is happening in their own backyards and ask questions. The library has started a very nice online petition to save the current legislation. My guess is most of the people who have signed do not understand what is at stake. Why would having tax-paying residents serving on the board of trustees jeopardize the library? It is very easy to become complacent and not rock the boat, especially when living in a small town. Small towns are famous for personal connections and it is what encourages many of the res-

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idents of small towns to live there in the first place. We may not have a huge impact on Washington, D.C., or Albany but our voices should be heard (and responded to) in our own towns and local taxing districts. I urge everyone reading this to become involved in your own part of the world, ask questions and don't be afraid of being disliked for standing up to what you believe is fair and just. If a law enacted years ago doesn't make sense, then change it so that it does.

PATRICIA TURNER
Wallkill

Education held hostage

I would want, as most New York State citizens, our governor to be a man or woman of fairness and reason. In this case our governor is Andrew Cuomo. However I see very little evidence of these attributes exercised in several education sections of his executive proposed budget for 2015-16. His spending plan calls for a \$1.1B (4.8%) increase in state aid to our public schools, but it is linked to the legislative enactment of his education reforms. His reforms include an overhaul of the teacher evaluation process, more stringent tenure requirements, funding to expand preschool programs, lifting the cap on charter schools and a new turnaround process for the state's lowest performing schools. If the reforms fail to materialize, then the state aid hike is reduced to only \$377M (1.7%).

Here is where fairness and reason leave the Executive Mansion in Albany. The governor is adamantly withholding the release of state aid estimates to the public school districts until those education reforms meet the legislature's approval. There is even language in the governor's proposed budget that denies school districts state aid hikes for the next two years if his education reforms are rejected. Time is running out and deadlines are drawing

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when a student recited the pledge in Arabic. Some students complained. Some responded with catcalls. Complaints also came from Jewish parents, veterans, and other residents. Several complained that it was offensive to those who lost relatives in combat in Afghanistan. (It's worth noting that Dari and Pashto are the main languages in Afghanistan; neither is similar to Arabic.)

The school district offered an apology. It need not have. The simple explanation offered that "the intention was to promote the fact that those who speak a language other than English still pledge to salute this great country." should have sufficed.

It should have been the end of the matter. The school district was working hard to promote the ethnic and cultural diversity that Americans embrace. What followed in the ensuing outcry were more examples of intolerance and downright bigotry. There are times when we need to remind ourselves that some of those who speak Arabic and embrace the Muslim faith are loyal Americans. Not all who speak the language of our enemies are indeed our enemies.

Many of us are descendants of Europeans who passed through The Golden Door at Ellis Island and

faced intolerance in the New World. Many of our fathers and grandfathers were the children of Italian and German immigrants who fought against German and Italy in World War II and fought to liberate their former country from tyranny. And when we think of the immigrants who arrived at our door, we think of the Statue of Liberty. We might also think of a tree that guards a wooded trail in Chadwick Lake in the Town of Newburgh. It is dedicated to First Lieutenant Moshin A. Naqvi, an American soldier who joined the Army reserves on Sept. 12, 2001. He served a tour of duty in Iraq, and another in Afghanistan. It was in the latter tour - Operation Enduring Freedom - that he was killed in action on Sept. 17, 2008.

After his death, his father, Nazaar Naqvi, recalled that his son was first an American, then a Muslim. He had moved here from Pakistan with his family at the age of 8 and became a U.S. citizen at 16. He took an oath of loyalty to this country and sacrificed his life for it.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by an American, who was undoubtedly proud and honored to have done so. There are far worse things that one could do in the name of free speech than to recite the Pledge of Allegiance in Arabic, or in any other language for that matter.

near to finalize school district budgets. Without those revenue projections from Albany, school districts can not appropriately and accurately construct their respective budgets for 2015-16. Sadly the public schools are left in the dark with their hands tied and are obliged to do the best they can in this difficult situation.


Gov. Cuomo unfortunately has politicized public education. I find it reprehensible the governor is holding hostage student education by using it as a bargaining

chip in his budget negotiations with the legislature over his reform agenda. Granted, some of his reforms have merit but they do require a thorough discussion with stakeholder collaboration over an adequate timetable; a discussion of policy issues separate and apart from executive budget negotiations. Instead the governor has adopted a quid pro quo strategy (state aid numbers for education reforms) that is tantamount to governance by extortion. Such governance is anathema to effective leadership.

Governor, you've held out for far too long. It's time to do your job and release the state aid figures so school districts can do their respective budget-construction jobs. Postscript: Governor, it is also time to get rid of the Gap Elimination Adjustment or GEA. This is the mechanism through which the state has diverted promised school funding over the last five years to meet other budget priorities. In that time, schools have lost more than \$9.52B cumulatively to the GEA and they are still owed \$1.04B. This is the most opportune time to rescind the GEA in light of Albany's \$5B-plus dollars surplus from legal settlements with some banks.

JOHN LOWN
Maybrook


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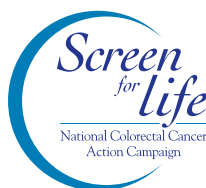
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THURSDAY ❖ 26

For Kids

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

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.

Organizations

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.

Cancer survivors and families. 6 p.m. Homewood Suites, 180 Breunig Road, New Windsor. 568-2322.

Bereavement support group. 6:30 p.m. HOSPICE, 800 Stony Brook Court, Newburgh. 561-5604, ext 117.

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.

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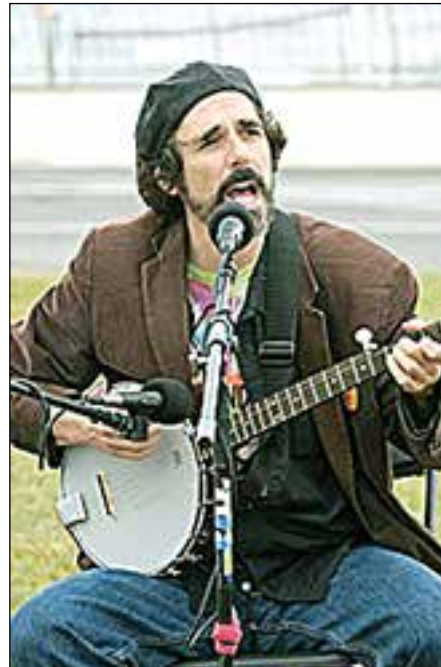
Donna Lewis. 8 p.m. The Falcon. 1348 Route 9W, Marlboro. 236-7970.

Theater

Film: "Popeye," starring Robin Williams. 6:30 p.m. Josephine-Louise Public Library, Walden.

America's story in folk music

A concert by Spook Handy entitled, "America's Story through Folk Songs" will be held on Saturday, March 28 at 7:30 p.m., at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation at Rock Tavern. Spook will share the story of America over the past 85 years through the songs of Woody Guthrie, Pete Seeger, Peter Paul & Mary and Spook Handy. Songs inspired by the Dust Bowl, Great Depression, Civil Rights Movement and the 60's and 70's are interwoven with new songs about the world we live in today. Spook has toured throughout North America, playing more than 3,000 concerts in 47 U.S. states and 2 Canadian provinces, facilitated scores of workshops and presented lecture/concerts on the Power of Song at colleges and universities. He performed dozens of times with Pete Seeger and has shared the stage with the likes of Peter Yarrow and Donovan.



Spook Handy will perform Saturday at the UUC in Rock Tavern

Audiences can't help but participate in Spook's concerts. They laugh at his stories, sing along with his songs and can't wait to chat with him after the show. In concert halls and people's living rooms, Spook shares the pearls of everyday life and extraordinary experiences through songs that come from both the giants of folk music and his own ample supply of original compositions.

Tickets for the March 28 concert are \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door, and can be purchased online through the UUCRT website, uucrt.org. To learn more about Spook and listen to some of his music, go to his website at spookhandy.com.

The Unitarian Universalist Congregation at Rock Tavern is located in the Town of New Windsor at 9 Vance Road, Rock Tavern, off Route 207, 3.4 miles west of Rte. 747.

For more information call: 978-5620.

FRIDAY ❖ 27

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 p.m. 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

Temple Hill Detachment 249 of the Marine Corps League of New Windsor. 8 a.m. Denny's Restaurant, Route 300, Newburgh. All Honorably Discharged Marines and Navy Corpsmen are welcome. 534-8296.

Cornwall Senior Citizen Club, 1 p.m. Munger Cottage, Cornwall.

Ham Radio Enthusiasts. 8 p.m. Munger Cottage in Cornwall. For info: 564-0688, 986-8027.

Outdoor Activities

O.C. Audubon Society Field Trip. 7 p.m. Highland Lake State Park, Tamms Road, Middletown. Hear woodcocks and maybe see them. Bring a flashlight and wear sturdy shoes. 744-6047. orangecountynyaudubon.com.

Events

Fish Fry. 5-7 p.m. Gallo Hall, Sacred Heart Parish, Ann Street, Newburgh. Fried or baked fish, French fries or baked potatoes, coleslaw, soda or bottled water. \$7.50

Fish Fry Friday. 5-7 p.m. Holy Name of Mary Church Hall, Boyd Street, Montgomery. Sponsored by Knights of Columbus.

Take Out Lenten Dinner. 5-7 p.m. Fr. Sullivan Hall, Most Precious Blood Church, Walden. Menu- Parmesan Tilapia, tater tots, vegetable, biscuit and cookies. \$6. Call 566-7822 by Thursday to place your order.

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, homemade coleslaw, 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.

Live Music

Alexis P. Suter Band. 8 p.m. The Falcon. 1348 Route 9W, Marlboro. 236-7970.

Susan Werner 8 p.m. Unison Learning Center, 68 Mountain Rest Road, New Paltz. \$20/\$22.

Theater

Comedy night to benefit Big Brothers Big Sisters of Orange County. 7 p.m. Temple Hill Tavern and Catering, 171 Temple Hill Rd, Vails Gate. Featuring Davin Rosenblatt of Comedy Central/Sirius XM Radio and Joe Currie of "The Opie & Anthony Radio Show" \$50 per person includes dinner - Cash Bar. iris.winchestervega@gmail.com or 562-9816 x8.

SATURDAY ❖ 28

For Kids

Easter Egg Hunt & Visit with Mr. Bunny. 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Grinnell Library, 2642 East Main

St., Wappingers Falls. 297-3248.

Community Easter Crafts. 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. First Presbyterian Church of Marlboro, West & DuBois Streets. A fun-filled morning of making Easter crafts. For children age 3-12. Light brunch will be served. Please bring non-perishable food items. 236-4130.

Easter Egg Hunt. 10 a.m. James W. Olley Park, Walden. Bring your basket and meet the Easter 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 Egg!

Tail Waggin' Tutors. 11:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. Gardiner Library, 133 Farmer's Turnpike. Each reader signs up for a 15 minute session of reading to a trained dog, certified by Therapy Dogs International. 255-1255. gardinerlibrary.org.

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

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

Trout Weekend 12-4 p.m. Hudson Highlands Nature Museum. Wildlife Education Center, 25 Boulevard, Cornwall-on-Hudson. Special "Meet the Brook Trout Hatchlings and Adults" at 1 p.m. and 2:30 p.m., Brookie feeding time at 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. Visitors can use microscopes to view aquatic invertebrates from a local stream plus enjoy crafts and activities 534-5506, ext. 204.

Events

Indoor Yard Sale. 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Montgomery Fire House, 136 Ward St/Route 17K. Lots of old and new treasures. All proceeds benefit Will Spay Pets Spay/Neuter Program.

Last Saturdays, Newburgh 12-8 p.m. A celebration of art, music, poetry and local shopping flavor. Stroll the neighborhood, see what's new, stay awhile! The last Saturday of every month, varied venues including shops, galleries, studios and restaurants will stay open until 8 p.m. and sometimes later on Liberty Street, Grand Street, Ann Street, Broadway, SUNY Orange and other venues. 520-609-1866, Facebook.com/Newburgh Last Saturdays.

Orange County Firefighters Museum. 1 - 4 p.m. 141 Clinton St., Montgomery. View the collection of antique fire equipment and memorabilia. 457-9654.

Texas Hold'em. 4 p.m. registration, 5 p.m. game. Pine Bush Catholic War Veterans Hall, 161 Center St., Pine Bush.

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

Spoken Word Café. 7 p.m. 67 S. Randolph

Ave., Poughkeepsie. Those who love words and stories are welcome to share a favorite work at open mic. \$5 includes refreshments. 473-1324.

Live Music

Greater Newburgh Symphony Orchestra Side-by-Side with Newburgh Free Academy. 3-5 p.m. Newburgh Free Academy Auditorium. The youth orchestras, under the direction of John Bjorkman, play side-by-side with the Greater Newburgh Symphony Orchestra. Free event. 913-7157, newburghsymphony.org.

Pete Seeger: The Storm King. 4 p.m. The Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum, 4079 Albany Post Road, Hyde Park. An audiovisual presentation of Pete Seeger's spoken words -- in his own recorded voice -- set to live music and video. With Jeff Haynes. Call 486-7745 to register.

Women In Jazz Mixer. 6 p.m. Amos and Sara Holden Home, 85 Grand St., Newburgh. Featuring music by the Essence Quintet. \$40. 225-366-2442 FerryGodmother.com.

Indradeep Ghosh. 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. Shanti Mandir, 51 Muktananda Marg, Walden. Listen to live Indian classical music in a traditional setting. Indradeep Ghosh, one of the most talented young violinists of India, was initiated in the art of playing violin at the tender age of six. He will be accompanied on Tabla by Shri Gourishankar. Admission. 778-1008, shantimandir.com.

America's Story through Folk Songs. 7:30 p.m. Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 9 Vance Road, Rock Tavern. Featuring Spook Handy with songs inspired by the Dust Bowl, Great Depression, Civil Rights Movement and the 60's

and 70's are interwoven with new songs about the world we live in today. \$12/\$15 at the door. 978-5620.

Catherine Russell. 7 p.m. The Falcon. 1348 Route 9W, Marlboro. 236-7970.

SUNDAY ❖ 29

For Kids

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

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

Overeaters Anonymous. 2 - 3 p.m. Orange Regional Medical Center's Community Health Education Center, 110 Crystal Run Rd., Room C, Middletown. Overeaters Anonymous is a fellowship of individuals who, through shared experience, strength and hope, are recovering from compulsive overeating. No dues, no fees,

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Outdoor Activities

10th Annual Lt. Mark Dooley Memorial 5K. Walkers at 8, runners at 9. Thomas Felton Park in Modena. \$17 preregister. \$20 day of race. southernulsterrotary.org.

Trout Weekend 12-4 p.m. Hudson Highlands Nature Museum. Wildlife Education Center, 25 Boulevard, Cornwall-on-Hudson. Special "Meet the Brook Trout Hatchlings and Adults" at 1 p.m. and 2:30 p.m., Brookie feeding time at 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. Visitors can use microscopes to view aquatic invertebrates from a local stream plus enjoy crafts and activities 534-5506, ext. 204.

Events

Palm Sunday Breakfast. 8 - 11:30 a.m. Middlehope Firehouse, 11 Lattintown Road. \$8/\$6. Donations will be made to Hudson Valley Honor Flight, with proceeds. 562-0285.

Palm Sunday Buffet Breakfast. 8 - 11:30 a.m. Modena Fire House. French Toast, scrambled eggs, home fries, bacon, sausage, coffee & tea and orange juice. \$7/\$6. 883-0465.

Used Book Sale. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Hunt Memorial Building, Liberty Square, Ellenville. Benefits the restoration of the historic Hunt building. 647-6943.

Ziti Dinner. 12-4 p.m. First United Methodist Church, 57 Vineyard Ave., Highland. \$12/\$14. 691-2284.

Penny Social. 12:30 p.m. doors open, 1:30 p.m. calling starts. Elks Lodge, Route 32 South, New Paltz. Special tables, food raffle table, door prizes and the kitchen will be open for refreshments. Sponsored by Vineyard Rebekah Lodge #572. 453-6141.

Live Music

Kairos: A Consort of Singers. 4 p.m. Holy Cross Monastery, Route 9W (1615 Broadway), West Park. Lessons and Hymns Tenebrae Service. 256-9114.

EJ Strickland Quintet "The Undying Spirit" CD Release Event. 7 p.m. The Falcon. 1348 Route 9W, Marlboro. Opening act: Akie Bermiss. 236-7970.

MONDAY ♦ 30

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.

Bloggng and Online Presentation for Creative Endeavors: How to Market Yourself as a Working Artist. 6 p.m. Sandra and Alan Gerry Forum of the Rowley Center at SUNY Orange. Learn how to present yourself digitally in a professional way and how to be seen in the crowd.

'Empress of the Unexpected' at Unison

Unison Arts Center will kick off its Spring 2015 season on Saturday, March 28 at 8 p.m. with the woman dubbed the "Empress of the Unexpected" by NPR: singer/songwriter Susan Werner. Werner will serenade audiences with songs from three of her concept albums: "I Can't Be New," "The Gospel Truth" and "Hayseed."

Werner made her mark in the folk world, before switching genres for her sixth album, "I Can't Be New" (2004), a collection of original songs written in the style of Cole Porter and George Gershwin. "The Gospel Truth," released in 2007, addressed religion from an agnostic's point of view (Werner's description of the album is "hymns for agnostics.") "Hayseed" (2013) is the fourth in a series of concept albums and takes and focuses on farms, farmers and the people who love them. "I like concept albums because they give the audience and the artist a place to meet, something



Susan Werner will kick off the 2015 season at Unison Learning Center.

in common to talk about, right from the word 'go,'" says Werner. "And it seems everybody—from the First Lady to Dodge Trucks—has something to say about food, farms and farmers these days."

Werner made her music debut at

age five, playing guitar and singing at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Manchester, Iowa; she learned both piano and guitar by ear. After earning her degree in voice from the University of Iowa, she attended Temple University in Philadelphia, performing in numerous recitals and operas while completing her graduate studies. She decided to forgo a career as an opera singer, dedicating herself to songwriting instead, building a reputation at jazz clubs, coffeehouses and folk festivals up and down the Eastern Seaboard. The Chicago Tribune has called her "one of the most innovative songwriters writing today."

Tickets to this event are \$20 for members (advance) and \$24 for non-members (advance). Door prices are \$22 and \$26. Students are half price with a valid ID. Order tickets online at unisonarts.org or by calling 255-1559.

Unison is a not-for-profit multi-arts center located at 68 Mountain Rest Road in New Paltz.

Presented by Samantha Seeley. 341-4891.

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.

Events

Book to Film. 7 p.m. Sarah Hull Hallock Library, Milton. Great books make great movies. Read the group-selected title, watch the film version, then gather in the library community room to share your thoughts over a cup of coffee or tea with other adults who enjoy books, film and lively conversation. 795-2200.

TUESDAY ♦ 31

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.

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

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. 895-3707.

Christian Service Brigade and Explorer Girls. 6:45 - 8:30 p.m. Leptondale Bible Church, 1771 Route 300, Newburgh. For boys and girls ages 8-18. Bible studies, crafts, achievements, games, leadership and other activities. 566-1113. (through the school year).

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. residents welcome. 564-7819.

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

Life's New Beginning's Widow & Widower's Club. 2 - 4 p.m. Newburgh Recreation Center, 311 Route 32, Newburgh. 564-7819.

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

Walking Club. 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Hudson River HealthCare, 75 Orange Ave, Walden. 778-2700.

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

Southern Ulster Rotary Club. 6:30 p.m. Golden Fox Restaurant, Route 208, Gardiner. Open to anyone interested in Rotary International.

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.

Events

Drop in and Paint. 10 a.m. - noon. Wallkill Arts School, Route 17K, Montgomery. Bring your own paints, any media. \$10, seniors 60+ free. 457-ARTS.

Lecture: John Roebing's Delaware Aqueduct. 7 p.m. Rowley Center for Science and Engineering, SUNY Orange, Middletown. Speaker: Susie Kaspar is a Park Ranger with the National Park Service at Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River. Free. 341-4891.

Live Music

Violin and Piano. 8 p.m. McKenna Theatre, SUNY New Paltz. Dr. Carole Cowan and Assistant Professor Alex Peh present "Classically Modern" with music of Mozart, Stravinsky and Bartok. \$8, \$6, \$3 at the door. 257-2700. newpaltz.edu/music.

WEDNESDAY ❖ 1

For Kids

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

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.

Chess Club 6 p.m. Wallkill Public Library. Kids ages 10 plus are invited to join teen volunteer Nick for Chess. Bring a board, if you have one. 895-3707.

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

Mid-Hudson Area Retired Teachers

Association. Noon. The Barnsider, Kings Highway, Sugar Loaf. 856-3437.

Community Garden Club of Marlborough-on-Hudson. 1 p.m. Union Presbyterian Church, Balmville Road, Newburgh. Call for topic, 787-5220.

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.

Wings for Life Sexual Peer Support Group. 5 p.m. 280 Broadway, 4th Floor, Newburgh. 342-2400, ext 267.

The Multiple Sclerosis Support Group. 6:30 - 8 p.m. St. Luke's Cornwall Hospital's Cornwall Campus, Conference Room B. Free. 568-2561.

Historical Society of Shawangunk and Gardiner. 7 p.m. Community room, Town of Shawangunk Town Hall, 14 Central Ave., Wallkill. Topic: One-Room School Houses in Shawangunk. Elaine Weed will present a PowerPoint Presentation on her book "One-Room Schools" People who have attended the one-room schools will be invited to share their memories. 895-3321.

Orange County Audubon Society Meeting. 7:30 p.m. First Presbyterian Church, 33 Park Place, Goshen. Brian Barker will bring his Orange County herps (snakes and turtles and other animals). Suitable for all ages. 744-6047.

Hudson Valley Writers Workshop. 7:30 p.m. New Hackensack Reformed Church, 1580 Route 376, Wappingers Falls. Read selected sec-

tion 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.

Knights of Columbus Council #9254. 7:30 p.m. Father Sullivan Hall, Most Precious Blood Church, 42 Walnut St., Walden. This is a business meeting. 778-5701.

Hudson Highlands Chapter #537 of Vietnam Veterans of America. 8 p.m. Motorcyclopedia Museum, 250 Lake St., Newburgh. In rear of building. 720-7908.

Outdoor Activities

Mohonk Preserve Bob Babb Wednesday Walk. 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Mohonk Preserve. 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

Poughkeepsie New Yorkers 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.



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Schools challenge Cuomo on school aid

By **JORDAN WILKINSON**
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While Gov. Andrew Cuomo continues to withhold state aid figures from frustrated school districts, Assemblyman James Skoufis and Jim McGee, a staff member of State Sen. Bill Larkin, visited Berea Elementary School on Friday for a press conference and to discuss their offices' respective One-House Budget Proposals.

The two were met with representatives from the Valley Central, Middletown, Newburgh, Monroe-Woodbury and Pine Bush school districts, as well as members of the Hudson Valley Area Labor Federation.

"The last several years have been very difficult for Valley Central and honestly for every other school district in our county and throughout the state. A lack of support from Albany, combined with punitive gap elimination formulas, has decimated student programs such as kindergarten, music and art and library," said Tim Brown, president of the Valley Central Teachers Association.

Like the rest of New York State's school districts,

Valley Central faces the threat of having their current state aid figures frozen where they currently stand at just over \$32 million for the next two academic school years.

"Over the last five to eight years, development of the school budget has become increasingly confounded by a number of factors," began Richard Hooley, superintendent of the Valley Central School District. "The board must approve the budget by April 20 for the May election. That drop-dead date is less than 18 school days away. The governor has hijacked our ability to be clear and honest with our community."

The figures are currently being withheld by Gov. Cuomo, who has refused to release them until the passage of several of his education reform policies, which were introduced during his State of the State address in January. These include the state takeover of deemed "struggling schools," restructuring teacher evaluations so that 50 percent of their scores are contingent on their students' Common Core results, as well as charter school expansion in New York State.

During his initial address, McGee offered details on the Senate's One-House Budget, which calls for a \$1.9 billion

increase for school state aid.

"The Senate One-House Budget calls for the complete elimination of the gap elimination adjustment, a rejection of the governor's plan to tie state education aid to the approval of his state education reform agenda, and the senator has asked for the immediate release of the school aid numbers," McGee said. "How do you budget without those numbers?"

McGee's remarks were echoed by Skoufis, who began his address by thanking the state's educators and adding that he believes "it is truly unacceptable that money is being tied to policy proposal."

According to Skoufis, the Assembly One-House Budget proposes a \$1.8 billion increase in state aid for schools. He continued by offering a detailed rundown of Gov. Cuomo's education policy proposals, which he said were each rejected by members of the Assembly.

Among his comments on the policies, Skoufis said that tying teacher evaluations to Common Core scores is "incomprehensible," adding that the tests themselves "are widely viewed as deeply flawed."

Skoufis, who attended the Monroe-Woodbury School District, devoted a large portion of his address to discussing Gov. Cuomo's charter school proposal.

During his State of the State address, Gov. Cuomo



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praised the charter school system, before proposing a 100-slot expansion to the state's charter school cap, which currently stands at a 460 maximum.

Skoufis said that the issue is not one solely specific to New York City, citing charter schools he's seen seeded within the same buildings as public schools, with new technology and small class sizes just a floor away from crowded classrooms with aging infrastructure and teaching materials.

"You literally have to win a lottery to go to one of these

schools," he said. "Who are we as a society if we let that happen?"

Along with public criticisms from both McGee and Skoufis, as well as backlash from the state's education representatives, Brown presented attendees with stacks of bumper stickers with slogans like, "My teacher is awesome but my governor is ineffective" and "Governor Cuomo, You talk about teachers -- Try listening to them!" printed next to the Governor's photo. At Brown's feet sat several boxes, each filled with more than 2,400 letters of

need from local teachers.

"New York State has always been the envy of these other states in terms of what we've done. Our Regents were the envy of all these other states, but if you really pay attention to the data and the years, we've only lost a little bit of ground under Gov. Cuomo," said Brown. "There's a correlation there between where we're at now and when this governor took over. I don't think he has a clue."



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Neuhaus delivers State of the County address

By SHANTAL PARRIS RILEY
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Orange County Executive Steve Neuhaus gave his second State of the County address at the Emergency Services Center in Goshen last week. Topics ranged from transportation and infrastructure to tourism and economic development.

"The county taxes are down in more than half of the towns in Orange County," he said. "Every other town is below the tax cap. Our tax base is expanding for the first time since 2008."

At this time last year, Neuhaus reported the tax base had shrunk 25 percent since 2008. "We're finally starting to turn the corner on that and head in a positive direction," he said. "It's a sign of a healthy, growing economy."

The 2015 county budget cut \$30 million in spending, said Neuhaus. But, he didn't want to sugar coat the facts, he said. "We still have budget issues," said the county executive.

That includes a \$9 million budget gap for 2015. "Closing the budget gap going

forward for this year... I'm going to propose a second round of early retirement incentives (and) renegotiate county leases. The county leases properties all over the place. I want to get out of these leases, and the leases that we're forced to stay in ... renegotiate them or renegotiate them at a better rate."

He added, "I want to get us out of the real estate business."

Last year, Neuhaus said he instructed the offices of real property and planning to put together a report on all county-owned properties and ask, "What do we need to keep? ...What can we get rid of and put back on the tax roll?"

A new contract evaluation review team, with members including Deputy County Executive Wayne Booth, will renegotiate contracts and "sharpen the pencil on existing contracts going forward," he said.

Buildings with various structural issues are being renovated, including the county Board of Elections building on Court Lane and the 1841 Goshen Courthouse, Neuhaus said. "We need to restore and reuse the buildings that we

own instead of renting all over the place," he said.

The Government Center restoration project in Goshen is also under way.

Neuhaus detailed more than \$700 million in economic development over the last year. New projects and businesses arriving to the county include Angry Orchard, makers of hard cider in Montgomery, the Loop Hudson Valley shopping center in the Town of Newburgh, and Crystal Run Healthcare, currently constructing a 65,000-square-foot facility in the Town of Newburgh.

Neuhaus said the healthcare facility would generate 225 new jobs in healthcare, "jobs we would be proud for our kids to have," he said.

"What can we do to help economic development?" he asked. One thing, he explained, is to pay county vendors in a timely fashion. When he took over as county executive, it took approximately 120 days for the county to pay vendors, Neuhaus said. "Since January... we've narrowed it down to 30 days," he said.

Another area where the county hopes to stimulate more economic growth is

tourism. "We spend less on tourism than other counties," said Neuhaus, pointing to spending of \$642,000 for tourism promotion in the 2015 budget.

"I'm proposing to increase this significantly in the 2016 budget. I think the Legislature will be happy to see this. Every dollar that we put into tourism comes back many folds."

Neuhaus highlighted the fact that more film and television productions are coming to the county. "This is a positive industry," he said, and film productions coming to the county in the past year – including a television production starring Kevin Bacon, which recently filmed in Wallkill – have generated more than \$70 million in capital investment.

Though Orange County was unable to get a casino, the nearby casino being planned for construction in Sullivan County will "have a significant regional impact," said the county executive.

"Orange County is leading the way to hire minorities, women and veterans to work at this facility," he said, and Charlie Degliomini, vice president of Empire Resorts, "has rolled out the red carpet to

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Orange County to provide our residents with jobs at the facility.”

Discussions are under way with Coach USA to provide transportation for workers traveling to the casino, he said.

Neuhaus said a negative crime trend was reversing in the City of Newburgh, citing an 80 percent reduction of homicides, 15 percent reduction in rapes, 17 percent reduction in robberies, 10 percent reduction in burglaries, 14 percent reduction in larcenies and a 10 percent reduction in auto thefts in the past year.

Neuhaus thanked Acting City of Newburgh Police Chief Dan Cameron, who, he said, had “probably one of the toughest jobs in law enforcement in the area.” Cameron became acting police chief in January when longtime city police Chief Michael Ferrara retired.

Last year, he said, the county formed its own narcotics task force and five narcotics sweeps produced seizures of more than \$400 million worth of narcotics, “much of that from heroin,” said Neuhaus. The sweeps also produced a 142-percent increase in illegal drug prosecutions, he said.

However, Neuhaus noted, “We want to make sure people don’t just go to jail, we want to make sure they get treated.” So the county is working closely with agencies such as the county Department of Mental Health to ensure that people receive the treatment they need for drug addiction. “We care about these individuals,” he said. “It’s not just about locking them up.”

On a similar note, the county is going to expand a pilot program to divert at-risk juveniles away from serving jail time and toward community service. Seventy-five percent of the families involved in the program participated willingly, he said, and “not one juvenile has been

rearrested” since the program started last year.

Neuhaus also spoke about transit: “We need to establish and produce a modern, public transportation system.”

The county executive highlighted the recent Newburgh Area Transit Service expansion. “This doubled the amount of buses and cut wait times in half,” he said.

The county plans to form a transportation task force - made up of community leaders, transportation experts and members of the public - to “tell us how we can better change the system to make sure it’s better utilized,” said Neuhaus.

He next spoke about the Newburgh Armory Unity Center, where the county Office for the Aging is opening a satellite office manned by volunteers from Mount Saint Mary College. “This opens up another door for our county seniors to have access to the benefits we have to offer,” Neuhaus explained.

An outreach program has already begun to inform county seniors about various services through programs

relating to nutrition, healthcare and veterans’ services, etc. There are approximately 23,000 veterans living in the county, said Neuhaus.

“2015 will be the most ambitious infrastructure project schedule that we’ve had, I think, in the last 10 years in Orange County,” said Neuhaus, adding the county owns about 150 bridges and repaired approximately one bridge per year in the last decade.

“We should’ve been fixing two bridges a year to keep (up) maintenance,” he said. “Now, we have a lot of work to get caught up on.”

Currently, Forge Hill Road Bridge in New Windsor and Scotchtown Avenue bridge spanning the Wallkill River are under construction.

A county press release covering the address also outlines an additional \$300,000 in county funding to feed hungry children and families, among other expenditures.

To view a summary of the State of the County address, visit the Orange County government website at Orangecountygov.com.



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SCHOOL NEWS

PBE principal helps showcase diversity in American music

On Feb. 27, students at Pine Bush Elementary School (PBE) were treated to a special performance by their very own principal, Eric Winter. The students stirred with excitement as Mr. Winter came on stage during an assembly to announce that he and his visiting band mates would be playing songs that highlighted diversity in American music.

Before each song, Mr. Winter took time to explain what style of music was about to be played and where and how that style originated. Because of that, students were able to learn how European and classical music influenced folk, bluegrass, and country genres, how styles like salsa, merengue, and tango were brought over from Latin American countries, and how everything from soul, blues, and jazz to hip-hop, rock and roll, and R&B, all evolved from African music.

Mr. Winter also shared information about each instrument he played, including the banjo and the bass. Accompanying him during the show was Chris Raabe on guitar, Chris Reddan on drums, Keith Slatery on keyboard, and Lindsey Webster

on vocals. Together, the band covered a handful of different artists; favorites among the audience being their versions of "Oye Como Va," by Tito Puente, "Crossroads," by Cream, and "Respect," by Aretha Franklin, which got many students on their feet and dancing.

Another highlight came when students were invited to sing along to the modern-day hit "Home," by Phillip Phillips. Much to the delight of his audience, Mr. Winter changed the lyrics of the popular song from "make this place your home," to "make PBE your home."

This unique musical assembly capped off PBE's celebration of Diversity Week, which took place from Feb. 23 – 27. Organized by the school's Building Leadership Team, Diversity Week comprised programs and activities that focused on the importance of respecting others and their differences. Fittingly, Mr. Winter chose to close out the show with his performance of "Respect."

"Respect is something we've talked a lot about during Diversity Week," he reminded the students while introducing the



Pine Bush Elementary School (PBE) Principal Eric Winter (center) plays the banjo during a performance of the bluegrass song "Blackberry Blossom." Accompanying him are PBE teacher Thomas Richardson on bass (left) and Chris Raabe on guitar (right).

Aretha Franklin classic. "This song was written during the Civil Rights movement and I want you to think about the words and how you can apply them in your daily lives."

This isn't the first time that Mr. Winter

has performed for his students and if their enthusiastic reaction is any indication, it certainly won't be the last.

"It is very rewarding to see the students and staff enjoy the music and learn something in the process," he said.

WHAT KIDS SAY

What do you love about your family?



"Because they rub my back at night even though I'm really old."

- Aaron Barbanel,
first grade



"Because they're sweet."

- Grace Gibson,
second grade



"I love that they're helpful and how athletic my family is and how much time we like to spend together, and on holidays, we always like to do karaoke and just spend time together--we love each other."

- Darius Long,
fifth grade



"They love me, and whenever I get sad, they're always there to help me...They take me places, and when they go places without me, they always bring me something back."

- Kiera Masci,
fourth grade



"They're really nice to me, and on holy days, I love to spend time with them. And, sometimes I give stuff to them when I make stuff in art class."

- Bryce Sloley,
third grade



"That they're kind."

- Lizet Villanueva,
Kindergarten

Asked of students at Circleville Elementary School

Photos by Kaitlyn Bennett

Student talent takes the stage at Pine Bush High School

Despite the sub-freezing temperature outside, hundreds of community members filled the Pine Bush High School (PBHS) auditorium on Friday, Feb. 20 to experience the sights and sounds of the school's annual Talent Show. Twenty-four separate acts, made up of groups, duos, and individual performers, took to the stage to sing, dance, and play their instruments for an appreciative crowd and a good cause.

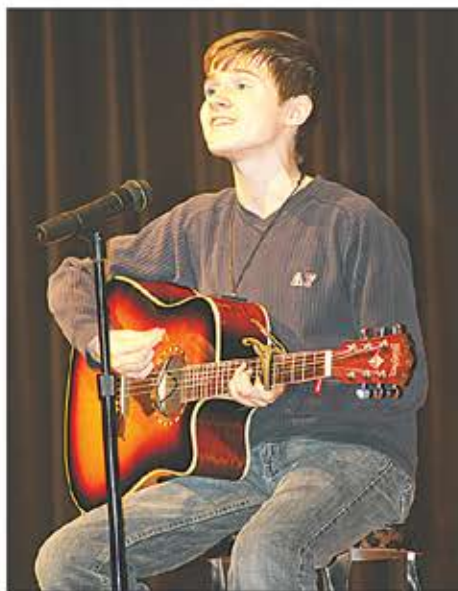
"These talented students have all auditioned for the opportunity to perform tonight for their fellow students, family members, and friends," explained PBHS

Music Director and Talent Show coordinator Brian Flint. "This event once again helps to showcase the talents of a diverse group of PBHS students, some of whom may not take part in our formal music program."

Prizes were awarded to several of the performers at the conclusion of the show, with judging done by a committee of PBHS students. The all-guy dance trio of juniors Collin Hagerty, Chris Anderson, and Ben Hamel took the third place prize for their imaginative routine. Second place went to sophomore Adam Bush and his cousin Jared Theodore for their sing-



Dominique Ragone, a Grade 11 student, sings the Emeli Sandé song "Read All About It" during the PBHS Talent Show on Feb. 20.



Matthew Gillespie, a Grade 10 student, performs his original song "Shine Through" during the PBHS Talent Show on Feb. 20.



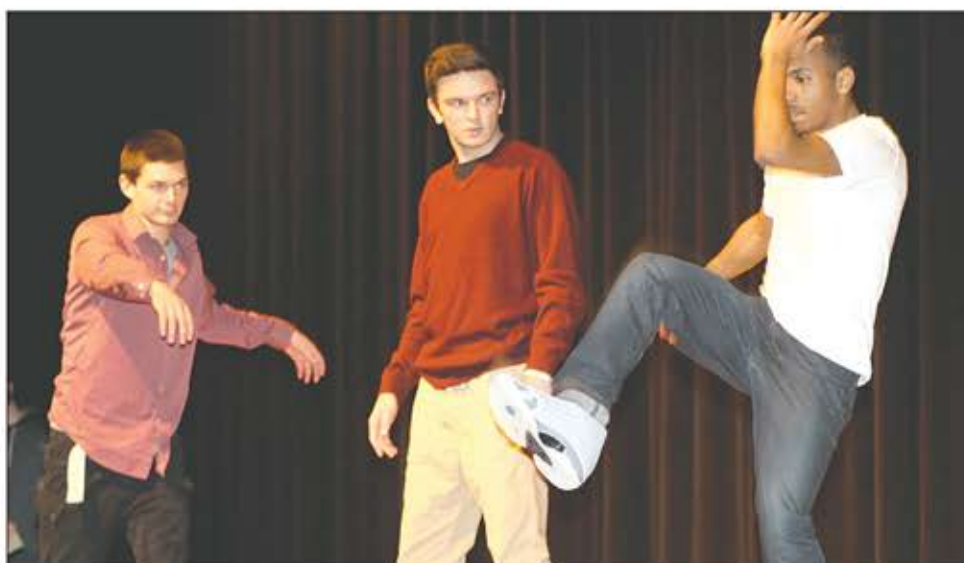
Grade 10 student Adam Bush performs a hip-hop routine along with his cousin Jared Theodore during the PBHS Talent Show on Feb. 20. The duo took second-place honors in the competition.

ing and impressive hip-hop dance moves. And Grade 10 students Chaliece Dillon and Amber Martir captured the first place prize after wowing the crowd with their harmony-infused vocal mash-up of "Thinking Out Loud," by Ed Sheeran and "I'm Not the Only One," by Sam Smith.

"It was amazing and so unexpected," said Chaliece of her achievement in the duet with Amber, both of whom perform in the school's chorus groups. Amber admitted to a bit of stage fright as they

began their performance. "I was a little scared, but once I started singing, I got pretty comfortable," she said. And of winning the first place prize, Amber shared, "I've never been so happy!"

According to Mr. Flint, the funds raised by ticket sales for the Talent Show will help defray the cost of competition trips for several of the school's musical groups. "This is definitely a case of students helping students through their considerable talents," he said.



Grade 11 students Collin Hagerty, Ben Hamel, and Chris Anderson won third place for their imaginative dance routine at the PBHS Talent Show on Feb. 20.



Chaliece Dillon (left) and Amber Martir, both Grade 10 students at PBHS, sang a mash-up of "Thinking Out Loud" by Ed Sheeran and "I'm Not the Only One" by Sam Smith to garner the first place award at the high school Talent Show on Feb. 20.

Wallkill celebrates 30th annual St. Patrick's Day Parade

By RACHEL COLEMAN

The sun was shining brightly in the hamlet of Wallkill on Sunday as families began to gather along the main thoroughfare for the 30th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade. Despite the official kickoff of spring just days before, winter had yet to release its grip.

Dozens of families huddled together against the low temperatures and a bone-chilling wind, neither of which seemed to dampen their spirits.

"The cold won't stop us," said Kelly Lowery, of Wallkill, who attended with her two children.

Lowery said this was her 20th year attending the event and she wouldn't have missed it.

"I loved it because there was a lot of



Hudson Highlands Pipe Band of Cold Spring.



It was all smiles from the Wallkill Parade Committee.



Joe Eggan donned his best leprechaun costume.



Everyone wore their best "green" for the parade.



animals,” sad Olivia Lowery, age 10.

The parade featured four-legged friends ranging from dogs to goats, calves and horses.

“The puppies were so cute,” chimed in her brother Alex, age 7.

The approximately hour-long parade

featured many local fire departments and emergency responders as well as businesses, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, churches, sports teams and many others.

The die-hard fans lining the street were rewarded with ample candy, Mardi Gras beads and even some free T-shirts.



Fans of the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade in Walkill were undeterred by the cold weather.



The Coldenham Fife and Drum Corps.



The Ancient Order of Hibernians of Ulster County.



The smallest representative of the Walkill Fire Department prepares to throw some candy.



WALDEN

Harvest Fest committee to meet

Congratulations to newly elected Walden Mayor, **Susan Rumbold** and Trustees, **Willie Carley**; **Edmond Leonard** and **Brian Sebring**. The Village reorganization meeting will take place on Tuesday, April 7, 6:30 p.m. in the Col. Bradley Assembly Room. 2015-2016 budget sessions are scheduled for Wednesday, April 8; Monday, April 13; Tuesday, April 14 and Wednesday, April 15. All sessions begin at 6 p.m. All are encouraged to attend.

John Graham, member of MPB Knights of Columbus celebrated a very special birthday on March 13. Still time to wish John all life's best.



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Happy Birthday to our Editor and Chief of the Wallkill Valley Times, **Carl Aiello!** Today, March 25 is his special day. We all wish him the best day ever!

Don't hesitate to sign up now to participate in the Friends of Walden Youth 10th Annual Indoor Yard Sale at the John Howland Youth Center on April 12. There are only a few spots left. When you begin your Spring cleaning, consider donating your unwanted items to the sale. 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 participating!

St. Andrew's Church woman's group will host a "Vendor Blender" on Saturday, April 18 from, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. in the Parish Hall, 15 Walnut St., Walden.

Vendors of home-based businesses (such as Mary Kay, Pampered Chef, etc.) will participate and sell their products on that day. \$25 is the cost to "rent" a table.

The final Lenten Dinner from Knights



Pat Glass and Sandy Magill fill 5,000 Easter Eggs in preparation for the Walden Recreation and Parks Departments' Annual Easter Egg Hunt scheduled for March 28.

of Columbus Council 9254 will be available on Friday, March 27. Call to reserve your order no later than Thursday for Friday pick up. The price is \$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 is - Parmesan Tilapia, tater tots, vegetable, biscuit and cookies. Call 566-7822 to reserve your meal.

Victory Church of God, 4 Scofield St., will host their free monthly community dinner tonight, at 6 p.m.

The Walden Humane Society, 2489 Albany Post Road will hold a yard sale today, 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.

The Town of Montgomery Advisory Council is sponsoring a "Build Your Own Rain Barrel Workshop" on April 11 from 11 a.m. - noon at Benedict Farm Park barn. Pre-registration is required - 15-participant limit per workshop - \$34 (cash only). Sign up at the Town of Montgomery Clerk's Office. All equipment and tools will be provided for making and taking home your own rain

barrel. For information call 778-0214 or 457-2660.

Debbie Robb, Chairperson of the Walden Harvest Fest committee, needs your help with the Harvest Fest. You are invited to attend their meeting tonight, March 25 at 6:30 p.m. at the Walden V.F.W., 4 Oak St. Join Debbie and her committee in planning this special event!

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 your 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 EGG!

Walden Sunshine Society members will meet on Tuesday, April 7, 1 p.m. in the Community Room of the Walden Municipal Building. One of the most valued contributions this organization does is to loan out medical equipment to residents in the Town of Montgomery, free of charge, to those in need. Call 778-7772 for information.

Community Events

THURSDAY

Walking Club. 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. Hudson River HealthCare, 75 Orange Ave, Walden. 778-2700.

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

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.

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.

TUESDAY

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.

Please join the Town of Montgomery Senior Independence Project (TOMSIP) as they celebrate all of their dedicated volunteers at their annual Appreciation Dinner on Wednesday, April 15, 6 - 8 p.m. at the Maybrook Senior Center.

A sit-down dinner (turkey or vegetarian) catered by Ceil Rutkowski and musical entertainment by Side-by-Side will honor 2015 volunteers of the year, Frank and Ann Marie Sollazzo of Walden and business/vendor of the year- Montgomery Walgreens Pharmacy. Corporate Sponsor is Jacobowitz & Gubits LLC. Please respond by April 1 to TOMSIP, 110 Bracken Road, Montgomery, N. Y. 12549. Tickets are \$20 per person.

For more information call 457-4138. **Joan Buck Smith** is Dinner Chairperson.

The Josephine-Louise Public Library sends the following news: Thursday Night at the Movies: "Popeye!" (Rated PG), March 26, 6 p. m. Snacks provided!

Hop into Spring! Make a Spring Roll cake with our resident baker Mary Boylan, Wednesday, April 1, 6:30 p.m.

New time change for the Mahjong Club: every Monday, 9 a.m. - noon.

MAYBROOK

Easter Egg hunt postponed

The Village of Maybrook Easter Egg Hunt scheduled for March 22 was cancelled due to the muddy conditions of the field at the David Weiss Memorial Park. A new date will be announced via Code Red and posted on the website. Hope you're signed up for Code Red! If not, go to the village website for instructions: villageofmaybrook.com.

Next Wednesday is April 1! Don't get suckered into an April Fool's joke!

April 1 is also the day that the Maybrook Library will offer its 2nd annual Toddler Time Easter Party for kids aged 18 months-second grade. Time is 11 a.m.-1 p.m. It is free, but please sign up at the library, 427-2914, so enough goodies are available.

With the coming of April comes the season's opening of our wonderful Maybrook Railroad Museum on Saturday, Apr. 4. Housed on the left side of the Village Government Center at the

bottom of Schipp's Lane, the museum honors the memory of the greatest railway yard of the Northeast. You will enjoy videos, books, photos and other memorabilia there that tells the important story of our village's history. There is even a train layout in the ceiling that will thrill your children! The museum will be open 1-4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays through October. For more info or directions to the museum, call Robert, 778-7016.



AUDEEN

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I was in Stewart's the other day and who do I run into? **Connie Griffin!** Popular and well loved, Connie was the school nurse at our now-closed Maybrook Elementary School. She says she is doing

well but misses our Maybrook little ones! She is now school nurse at Valley Central Middle School, so at least she gets to see our older kids!

Deputy Mayor **Noreen Reynolds** reported recently that she visited former

Mayor **Joe Dineen** and wife **Linda** down south and the Dineens say hello to all their friends and former neighbors here in Maybrook!

With Easter coming up, just an FYI that, now that our Church of the Assumption has "merged" with the Holy Name of Mary Church (St. Mary's) in Montgomery, limited Masses and Sacraments are still offered at Assumption on Homestead Ave. Assumption's Deacon Ed Grosso is now religious education director at St. Mary's.

The VFW Ladies Auxiliary will hold a penny social Sunday, Apr. 26 (doors open at 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,

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.

Fisher House and Trees for Troops. If you can help, call the Post, 427-5881.

Save the date! The Maybrook Wind Ensemble will follow up its impressive opening this past Christmas with a spring concert at 7 p.m., Friday, Apr. 24, at the Maybrook Senior Center. The ensemble is an intergenerational community wind orchestra, newly formed and under the direction of Kevin Scott. The woodwind, brass and percussion musicians rehearse 7-9 p.m. on Thursday evenings at the Maybrook Senior Center. For more information, contact Kevin Scott at 078-0617 or email maybrookwindensemble@gmail.com.

Have a good week and hope to talk to you soon!

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RESERVATIONS BEGIN

APRIL 2015 SCHEDULE

- Wednesday, April 1 - Target / Galleria Mall, Middletown
- Monday, April 6 - Stop+Shop Plaza, Newburgh
- Wednesday, April 8 - Walmart / Kohl's, Newburgh
- Thursday, April 9 - Medical Run*
- Wednesday, April 15 - K-Mart Plaza, New Windsor
- Monday, April 20 - Denny's lunch/Michael's/Adam's, Nwbgh
- Wednesday, April 22 - Price Chopper/Mid Valley Mall, Nwbgh
- Thursday, April 23 - Medical Run*
- Wednesday, April 29 - Playtogs Plaza, Middletown

*The Medical Run pick up will begin at 8am. We travel to Middletown stopping at any medical facility on Crystal Run Road, Middletown Medical, Orange Radiology and Horton Hospital.

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PINE BUSH

Library celebrates Women's History

The Kenneth vonRonn Scholarship Memorial 5K Walk/Run will take place on Saturday, April 25. Start times: walkers 8:30 a.m., runners 8:45 a.m. For more information and applications call Debbie 629-7332, Samantha 699-6240, Courtney 381-4249 or Gina 800-6389.

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The Pine Bush Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary will be having their Annual Easter Flower Sale on Friday, April 3 and Saturday, April 4 from 9 a.m. - 23 p.m. at the firehouse.

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The Pine Bush School District will be closed from Monday, March 30 through Friday, April 3 for Spring Recess. School will reopen on Monday, April 6.

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Pine Bush Relay For Life "Lucy Loves Subway" team is having a Car Wash 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 Ukelele 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.

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The Pine Bush Little League is now accepting registrations for the 2015 season. All registrations are being done online through the league website at pinebushlittleleague.org, and there are no walk-in registration dates planned. Also, new residency rules allow anyone who attends PBE, EJR, Crispell Middle School or PBHS to register and play with the Pine Bush Little League, regardless of your home address. For more information, please visit the website or contact Jeff Winsper at 313-2127 or jeffwinsper@gmail.com.

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The next AARP Smart Driver class is set for April 8 from 9 to 4 p.m. at the Pine Bush Area Library. Call 744-3375 to reserve a seat.

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The library is celebrating Women's History month by inviting the Town Historian, **Joanne Keillor**, to tell us about some notable women in our area.



JUDY

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The Bullville Methodist Church Thrift Shop will be closed until the first Wednesday in April due to ice and cold weather. If needed before then phone 361-2721 and they can make arrangements to meet at the shop.

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BLOOMINGBURG - BURLINGHAM

Democracy in action in Sullivan County

Absentee ballots to be opened today could change the outcome of last Wednesday's Bloomingburg Village Board election - or not.

A total of 18 absentee ballots were scheduled to be opened at the offices of the Sullivan County Board of Elections. According to unofficial results from the election on Wednesday, March 18, Village Board trustee Katherine Roemer was defeated by challenger Aaron Rabiner by two votes: Rabiner had 75 votes to Roemer's 73.

The additional 18 votes mean the election could still go to either candidate; what could complicate things, though, are the 23 affidavit votes cast by people whose names didn't appear in the poll book.

A lot of things have been said about



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the use of affidavit votes. They were welcomed in Bloomingburg's March 2014 election, when there were accusations of voter fraud. Affidavit votes were also cast in September during the village's dissolution referendum. The Board of Elections has deemed invalid the registrations of many of those voters, more than once. Yet, even after those determinations, the people whose registrations were proven invalid have never been prosecuted. Believe me, that sore spot has a lot of people talking.

One town resident got tired of just talking and simply took action. Wurtsboro's Edward "Teddy" Brebbia walked into Village Hall last Wednesday, asked for an affidavit ballot, and cast a vote. He is not a village resident, he said later. But he wanted to vote. If officials decide to prosecute him

for voting fraudulently, Brebbia said, he hopes that whoever else has been deemed ineligible to vote will be prosecuted along with him.

The process went smoothly - he was one of the last two people that night to cast a vote. The only touchy moment came when Brebbia was asked to turn off the GoPro camera strapped to his

Community Events

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 older.

Be sure to come on March 27 at 3 p.m. to the library Community Center.

On Thursday, March 26 at 6:30 p.m., there will be a Red Cross Emergency Preparedness class.

There are games for the seniors; Monday is Pinochle, Tuesdays is Scrabble and Thursdays is Bridge. All games begin at 10 a.m. in the Library Community Center.

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Happy Birthday to **Louise Polizzi** who celebrates on March 25.

Deepest sympathies are extended to the family of **Jason Walsh**.

Have a safe and happy week, and God Bless!

Community Events

FRIDAY

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

chest. He did, because the election inspector said it made her uncomfortable. It wasn't hard to see, however, that quite a few other people were recording the scene inside Village Hall - on their cellphones.

Gardiner Library to host preschool dance party

The Gardiner Library will hold its monthly Preschool Dance Party from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 25. There is a suggested donation of \$5. Children aged 2 to 5 years old are invited to come show off their dance skills to hip tunes. Certified dance instructor Jen Wait will teach fun dance moves. Parents are welcome to bring a treat

to share.

The fun will take place in the library community room, 133 Farmer's Turnpike in Gardiner. A future party will be held on Wednesday, April 29, also from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. For directions or further information call 255-1255 or visit gardinerlibrary.org.

MONTGOMERY

K of C to host blood drive

Fish Fry Friday is back. It will be held at the Holy Name of Mary Church hall in Montgomery on Friday, March 27 from 5 to 7 p.m. It is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

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There will be an Indoor Garage Sale at the Montgomery Firehouse on Saturday, March 28. 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.

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Montgomery Montessori School students will present Disney's 101 Dalmatians KIDS on March 28 at 1 p.m. at Montgomery Senior Center, 36 Bridge St., Montgomery.

Tickets may be purchased by going to mmsprogram.info/.



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Based on the classic animated film, Disney's 101 Dalmatians KIDS is a fur-raising adventure featuring the Cruella De Vil, and 101 of the most adorable heroes to set their paws onstage. The musical is based on the screenplay and the novel "The Hundred and One Dalmatians."

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There will be a Good Friday Blood Drive on April 3. The Knights of Columbus in conjunction with the New York Blood Center will be hosting a Blood Drive in the Holy Name of Mary Church hall located at 89 Union St., Montgomery, from 2 to 8 p.m.

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The Montgomery Free Library

announces that starting April 20th they will have new hours: Monday to Friday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. There will be two Spring Storytimes coming up:

Celia Hough will conduct, read and do a craft on Saturday's sessions. They will be held at 10:30 a.m. on March 28 and April 4, 11, 18 and 25. It is for 3-to-6-year-old children. Tara O'Connor will have Storytime on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. on April 8, 15, 22 and 29. There will be a story and craft at that one also. Please call 457-5616 or stop by the library to sign up.

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The Town of Montgomery Conservation Advisory Council (CAC) will be sponsoring a Rain Barrel workshop. Pre-registration is required as there is a 15-participant limit per workshop. The fee is \$34 (cash only) and sign up is at the Town of Montgomery Clerk's office. The next workshop will be held from 11 a.m. to noon on Saturday, April 11 at Benedict Farm Park barn, Rt. 17K,

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

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The Easter Bunny will be putting on his boots to participate in this year's Easter Egg Hunt at the Circleville Park. It will be on Saturday, April 4 at 10 a.m. It is family fun for everyone!

There will be a Easter Bonnet Parade, a Guess the # of Jelly Beans in the jar, and raffles. Participation will be by group ages: infant-2, 3-5, 6-8, 9-12 and children with disabilities. Sponsors for this year's event are: the American Soldiers Statue Committee, the Town of Walkkill Police Dept., the Town of Walkkill Community Events Committee, Maddy's Diner, M & H Tractor, Price Chopper of Schutt Rd., Short Stop Deli, Zoila's Cafe and Boy Scout Troop #169.

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The Town of Montgomery Chamber is hosting a networking mixer on April 15, from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Crossroads Restaurant in Montgomery.

The mixer is being sponsored by Hudson Valley Federal Credit Union and it is \$20 per person. RSVP: townofmontgomerychamber.net.

WALKER VALLEY

Sunday School kids play Bible Old Man

Through the diligence of Ulster County Legislator Craig Lopez and Minority Leader Ken Ronk, a \$10,000 Legislative Program allocation has been

secured for the Walker Valley Fire District burn tower. "Our first responders are a priceless commodity to Ulster County," said Legislator Craig Lopez. "It is important the men and women that volunteer and put their lives on the line

for the safety of our community are provided with the resources needed for proper training." Currently Walker Valley Chemical Engine No. 1 is the only



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Lucy Bojsiuk's class at Walker Valley's Sunday School.

department in Ulster County with a facility that provides "live burn" training for its members and neighboring fire departments in Cragmoor, Napanoch, Ellenville and Shawangunk Valley.

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Sunday schoolers in Lucy Bojsiuk's class in Walker Valley played Bible Old Man after their Bible lesson-- Bible Old Man is the Biblical version of Old Maid and it seems to be just as much fun. Bella Hewitt, David McCarthy, Zachary Allen, Benjamin Hewitt, Megan

McCarthy, Brian Lee, Emma Halpen, Kayden Griffin, and J.T. Halpen all joined in. The church is inviting the community to come out and help as they do a little spring cleaning from 9 a.m.-1p.m. on March 28. The Mountain View will be celebrating Maundy Thursday on April 2 at 7 p.m. and Good Friday on April 3 at 7 p.m. with services in Walker Valley. Easter will be celebrated at a sunrise service at the big cross on Gillespie Street at 6:15, which will be followed by a community breakfast at 7 a.m.

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Thirty-five members attended this week's WV Seniors meeting under the leadership of Vice President Doug Rockwell. The Seniors enjoyed corned beef sandwiches from Hannaford and salads brought in by some of the members. Stephanie Jansen is back (Stephanie recently deserted us in the cold while she enjoyed herself in sunny Florida) and is looking into a WV Senior trip to Billy Joe's Ribworks in Newburgh in July.

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Happy birthday to **Alice Gabriel** on March 21 and to **Rose Ann Hudson, Kathy Ebbrell, Margs Russo, and Kellie Myers** on March 22. Kellie has been my daughter Sydney's best friend since they were in high school. They've known each other since elementary school when Kellie refused to talk to her on the bus. WVFD members **Frank Basel** and **Pat Onesty** celebrate their birthdays on March 23. Debra Saft blows out the candles on March 28. Birthday wishes to **Sandy Scarano** on March 29, and to **Felicia Dempsey** on March 30. YOC's Joyce Horton turns another year older on March 31.

WALLKILL

Barbarie patent on display at library

The Wallkill Seniors celebrated St. Patrick's Day on March 11 with decorations, cake, cupcakes and cookies. Their treasurer, Flo Warren, baked 15 loaves of Irish Soda Bread that were raffled to the members. They would like to thank her for her kindness and effort.

On March 25, they will be having a speaker from Access Physical Therapy to discuss

healthy shoulders. Also, every Wednesday, they have exercise class from 11 a.m. to noon. These classes are given by Access Physical Therapy. Everyone is welcomed to attend.

Seniors 55 years and older are welcome to come and join them. They are always looking for new members.



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Library Archivist Matthew Thorenz researched and transcribed the Barbarie Patent and prepared it for public display. Original transcription of the document and other pertinent local history documents may be found on the library's website under research tools: wallkill-publiclibrary.org.

ferred to the Ulster County Archives in Kingston in 2013.

The patent has been in the possession of the Wallkill Public Library since the mid-1930's, and was briefly on display in the custom frame built by J. Percy Handford of Newburgh, NY in 1948.

In 1709, Peter Barbarie was granted a 2,000 acre parcel by Queen Anne of England in exchange for "all such fir trees and pine trees....as shall be fit to make masts for the use of our Royal Navy."

This document is now on display in the bank lobby along with a number of historical photographs and memorabilia pertaining to the hamlet. For the hours of the bank, please call 895-2051.

The Wallkill Public Library will be hosting a free adult event, Pinterest-ing: Art for Adults (Papier Mache Eggs) on Friday, March 27, at 11 a.m.

Join Christine as she takes you step by step through the simple and satisfying process of making decorative papier mache eggs. These are great as gifts or decorating for any holiday. Adults only please!

Then on Monday, March 30, they will be holding Egg & Stand Craft event, at 1 p.m., for ages 5 plus.

The Ulster County Mobile Motor Vehicles Bus will be at the Shawangunk Town Hall this Friday, March 27, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 to 3:30 p.m.

If you need to renew your license, get a learner's permit, surrender your license plates or do any other business with the Department of Motor Vehicles, this is the place to come!

Wallkill Public Library and the Wallkill Valley Federal Savings and Loan have partnered to place a significant part of Wallkill history on display in the bank lobby.

It is a beautiful, framed reproduction of The Barbarie Land Patent, photographed by Mark Fink. The original dates back to 1709 and is essentially the "birth certificate" for the Town of Shawangunk, hamlet of Wallkill. The original patent was written on animal hide in iron gall ink with a wax seal depicting the Queen on one side and a kneeling Native American on the other. When this digital copy was made for display purposes, the original was trans-

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.

For more information, call 895-2011.

Also, the Lions Club will be hosting the annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 4, at 9 a.m., on the library lawn.

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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 wallkillcsd.k12.ny.us.

For more information, call Mr. Devincenzi, Assistant Superintendent for Support Services at 895-7102.

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Design a decorative egg and create the perfect perch to display your work of art. Registration is required for these programs.

To register, call 895-3707 or register online at wallkillpubliclibrary.org.

Kids ages 10-plus are invited to join teen volunteer Nick, at the library, for Chess Club, from 6 to 7 p.m. on the first and last Wednesday of each month.

Bring a board, if you have one, and be prepared for a challenge. Beginners are welcome!

For more information, call 895-3707.

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The sixth Sunday in Wallkill Valley Lenten Series will be held on March 29, at New Prospect Reformed Church in Pine Bush, with Rev. Kenneth Tenckinck.

Join them for soup and salad at 5 p.m. and worship at 6 p.m.

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Help support the Wallkill Lions Club! Chocolate Easter Bunnies are now on sale until Easter, at the Key Bank, 16 Wallkill Ave. in Wallkill.

The price is \$3 for a small bunny and \$5 for a large. The proceeds from the sale will benefit local community projects.

The AARP Smart Driver Course for 2015 will be held on Wednesday, April 8, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. This is an all-day class held at St. Charles Church Hall, Rt. 44/55 in Gardiner.

The cost 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, contact Jean LeRose at 564-1153.

For your information - "Move Over" law required drivers to move over when they are coming up on the flashing lights of police cars, fire trucks, ambulances and tow trucks parked along the road. This traffic violation carries a fine of up to \$275, plus state surcharges, and three points on your driver's license.

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My family and I would like to wish George Patterson a very happy birthday. He will celebrate his 69th birthday on March 25. We wish him many more years of good health and happiness for the years to come. Happy birthday, George. We love you!

God Bless and have a safe and happy week!

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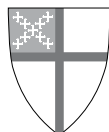
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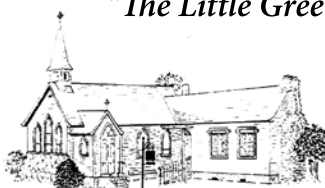
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Articles of Organization Of PDMD LLC Under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law

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

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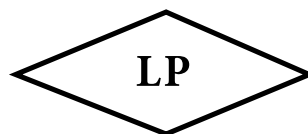
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Drive Sports USA LLC
Notice of Formation of Drive Sports USA LLC (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 02/27/15. Office Location: Orange County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: the LLC, 33 Heritage Crossing, Circleville, New York 10919. Purpose: any lawful activity. #81420

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

JIMENEZ CONSULTING SERVICES, LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/06/2015. Office loc: Orange County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 1 Brook Drive, Apt. 21, Washingtonville, NY 10992. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose. #81478

JOHN FAZIO BARBECUE LLC
Notice of Formation of JOHN FAZIO BARBECUE LLC, a domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC). Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on March 19, 2015. Office location: Ulster County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to: 140 Hasbrouck Rd, New Paltz, NY 12561. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. #81537

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

LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company (LLC). Name: PSARAETOS REALTY, LLC. Articles of Organization filed by the Department of State of New York on: 02/19/2015. Office location: County of Orange. Purpose: any and all lawful activities. Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: 4 Hudson Valley Professional Plaza, Newburgh, NY 12550 #81518

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: 500 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. #81245

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. #81248

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.

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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 HOFFNER 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. #81269

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 Ziegler 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. #81315

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 Buttermilk 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 Balmville 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 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. #81405

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Name of limited liability company (LLC): 74 Lander Street, LLC. Date of filing articles of organization with secretary of state: March 11, 2015. County in which office of LLC is to be located: Orange. Address of principal place of business of LLC: 1147 Broadway, 3rd Floor, New York, NY 10001. The secretary of state has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the secretary of state shall mail a copy of any process against it served upon him or her is: 74 Lander Street, LLC c/o Jeffrey McKean, 1147 Broadway, 3rd Floor, New York, NY 10001. Purpose of business of LLC: any lawful purpose. The term of the LLC is perpetual. #81421

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Notice of Formation of FIVETHIRTY TECHNOLOGY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 03/13/15. Office location: Orange County, Princ. office of LLC: 8 Summit View, Goshen, NY 10924. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC at the addr. of its princ. office. Purpose: Any lawful activity. #81480

Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company (LLC). The name of the domestic Limited Liability Company is: Alex & Bros Enterprise LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) office on: 1-8-2015. 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: 633 Gidney Ave. Ste. 3, Newburgh, NY 12550. Purpose: Any lawful activity. #81519

Notice of formation of Limited Liability Company (LLC). Name: FINO FARMS, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on January 21, 2015. Office Location: Ulster County. The SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to the LLC at: 1390 Route 9W—PO Box 727, Marlboro, New York 12542. Purpose: Any and all activities for which a limited liability company may be lawfully engaged in under the laws of the State of New York. The LLC was formed by Rusk, Wadlin, Heppner & Martuscello, LLP, PO Box 727, Marlboro, New York. #81541

Notice of formation of Limited Liability Company (LLC). Name: PASSANTE FARMS APARTMENTS, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on March 13, 2015. Office Location: Ulster County. The SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to the LLC at: 9 Thoms Lane, Highland, New York 12528. Purpose: Any and all activities for which a limited liability company may be lawfully engaged in under the laws of the State of New York. The LLC was formed by Rusk, Wadlin, Heppner

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Notice of Formation of YO! SUSHI NEW YORK, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 03/19/15. Office location: Orange County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207-2543. Purpose: Any lawful activity. #81553

Notice of Formation of ASHTON RESIDENTIAL, LLC a domestic limited liability company (LLC). Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 3/18/2015. 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: 1964 STATE RTE 32, NEW WINDSOR, NY 12553. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. #81555

NOTICE OF SUBSTANCE OF PALMERONE REALTY HOLDINGS LLC 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, Esq., Organizer, Drake Loeb PLLC, 555 Hudson Valley Avenue, Suite 100, New Windsor, New York 12553. #81251

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: P.O. Box 10935, Newburgh, NY 12552-0935. Purpose: any lawful activity #81163

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received at PO Box 218, 15 Matthews Street Suite 101, Goshen, New York 10924, until 3:00 PM on Tuesday, April 21, 2015 when the same will be publicly opened and read. Bid 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
March 25, 2015 #81548

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The County of Orange is seeking Bids for RFB-DPW-005-2015, Asphalt Pavement Reclamation by Cold In-Place Method. Bids will be received by the Acting Commissioner of the Department of Public Works, at PO Box 509, 2455-2459 Route 17M, Goshen NY 10924, up to and including April 23, 2015 at 2:30 P.M., prevailing time.

Copies of the Request for Bids may be obtained beginning March 26, 2015 at that office between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., Monday through Friday.

March 16, 2015
Christopher Viebrock, P.E.
Acting Commissioner
Department of Public Works
#81514

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The County of Orange is seeking Bids for RFB-DPW-004-2015, Furnishing and Placing Hot Mix Asphalt and Hot Mix Asphalt Resurfacing on Various Non-Highway Projects as Necessary by Zone. Bids will be received by the Acting Commissioner of the Department of Public Works, at PO Box 509, 2455-2459 Route 17M, Goshen NY 10924, up to and including April 23, 2015 at 2:00 P.M., prevailing time.

Copies of the Request for Bids may be obtained beginning March 26, 2015 at that office between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., Monday through Friday.

March 16, 2015
Christopher Viebrock, P.E.
Acting Commissioner
Department of Public Works
#81515

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The County of Orange is seeking Bids for RFB-DPW-003-2015, Furnishing and Placing Hot Mix Asphalt and Hot Mix Asphalt Resurfacing on Various County Roads and at Other Locations as Necessary by Zone. Bids will be received by the Acting Commissioner of the Department of Public Works, at PO Box 509, 2455-2459 Route 17M, Goshen NY 10924, up to and including April 23, 2015 at 1:30 P.M., prevailing time.

Copies of the Request for Bids may be obtained beginning March 26, 2015 at that office between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., Monday through Friday.

March 16, 2015
Christopher Viebrock, P.E.
Acting Commissioner
Department of Public Works
#81516

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The County of Orange is seeking Bids for RFB-DPW-006-2015, Asphalt Pavement Removal by Cold Planing Method. Bids will be received by the Acting Commissioner of the Department of Public Works, at PO Box 509, 2455-2459 Route 17M, Goshen NY 10924, up to and including April 23, 2015 at 3:00 P.M., prevailing time.

Copies of the Request for Bids may be obtained beginning March 26, 2015 at that

office between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., Monday through Friday.

March 16, 2015
Christopher Viebrock, P.E.
Acting Commissioner
Department of Public Works
#81517

Plattekill Fire District

SPECIAL ELECTION OF THE PLATTEKILL FIRE DISTRICT
On April 28, 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Special Election of the Plattekill Fire District will take place on April 28, 2015, between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. at the Plattekill Fire House located on Firehouse Road, Plattekill New York for the purpose of: (1) Voting on the following proposition: " the resolution of the Plattekill Fire District, adopted on the 10th day of March, 2015, authorizing the establishment of a Capital Reserve Fund to finance the cost of capital improvements, including the acquisition of real property, buildings and improvements thereon, be approved?" All registered voters of the Plattekill Fire District at least thirty (30) days prior to the election shall be eligible to vote. Only registered voters of the Plattekill Fire District will be eligible to vote at the special district election.

March 11, 2015
Nancy Papo, Secretary
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
PLATTEKILL FIRE DISTRICT
50 Firehouse Road
Plattekill, New York #81538

Town of Shawangunk

Re-notice Continued
Public Hearing:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to section 274(a)(b) and section 276 of the Town Law and the Zoning Law of the Town of Shawangunk, as amended, Public Hearings will be held by the Planning Board of the Town of Shawangunk, County of Ulster, State of New York on Tuesday, April 7, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. or soon thereafter as the matter can be heard at the Town Office Building, 14 Central Avenue, Walkkill, New York, for the purpose of considering the following applications for approval and for the conducting of any other business that may come before the Board:

Public Hearing: There are no new hearings.

Continued Public Hearings:
Lott Ventures, LLC (contract purchaser) / owner Walkill Valley Federal Savings & Loan — Rolling Hills Estates Section II located off Ralph Brach Drive / Birch Road in RAG-4 District and WCSD.

The application and plans will be available at the Planning Board Office at the Town Office Building during working hours Monday — Friday 12:00 — 4:00pm ten days prior to the Public Hearing. Any interested person may file with the Planning Board a written statement in lieu of or in addition to any remarks to be presented at the hearing. Such statements shall be signed and presented to the Planning Board Secretary prior to or at the hearing at Town Office Building, 14 Central Avenue, Walkkill, New York. All parties and citizens in interest will be given an opportunity to be heard in respect to the proposed applications but the Planning Board reserves the right to limit time for presentation to a maximum of five minutes.

Any town updates on the website will be unavailable starting 1/1/15. If you have any questions, please contact the Planning Board office during normal business hours at (845) 895-3356 ext. 1.

Additional access available to review plans for projects is located on the Town Web Site at

www.shawangunk.org under Legal Notices.
Mark Watkins, Chair
Town of Shawangunk
Planning Board #81458

Town of Newburgh

NOTICE CONCERNING EXAMINATION OF ASSESSMENT INVENTORY AND VALUATION DATA

Pursuant to Section 501 of the Real Property Tax Law notice is hereby given that Assessment Inventory and Valuation Data for the Town of Newburgh is available for examination and review by property owners to insure inventory accuracy. Appointments may be made to review this data Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 — 4:30 at the Assessors' Office.

Dated this 25th day of March 2015.
John T. Venezia, IAO
Sole Assessor
Town of Newburgh #81540

Village of

Montgomery

VILLAGE OF MONTGOMERY
NOTICE OF TENTATIVE BUDGET HEARING

FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Trustee of the Village of Montgomery will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, April 7, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. to take and hear comments relating to the tentative budget as proposed by the Board of Trustees. This public hearing will be held in the Village Board Meeting Room, 133 Clinton Street, Montgomery, New York

12549. A copy of the tentative budget is available at the office of the Village Clerk where it may be inspected by any interested person during regular business.

The proposed compensation for said budget for the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and each Trustee is:

Mayor \$13,800
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Trustees \$9,226

At the above date, time and place, all interested persons will be given a reasonable opportunity to be heard.

March 17, 2015
BY ORDER OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF MONTGOMERY
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Kelli Corcoran
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3/25/15 #81556



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OBITUARIES

Linda M. Foley-Dolson

Linda M. Foley-Dolson passed away peacefully at her home on February 25, 2015. She was 52.

She was born to William and Helen Foley in Versailles, Kentucky on June 11, 1962. Linda was a dedicated homemaker, mother and grandmother. She loved nature and enjoyed it to the fullest. She will be deeply missed.

Linda is survived by her husband, Clifford Dolson Jr. at home; daughters, Lacoletta Antona of North Carolina, Elizabeth Antona of Washingtonville, Kiamesha Dolson Ostrander and husband Michael of New Windsor, NY, Christina Monroe of Cornwall NY; brother Mark Foley (Linda) of Kentucky; sisters, Billie Sue Shields (Stanley Sr.) of Kentucky, Jennifer (Melvin) Young of Kentucky; grandchildren, Emanuel, Madison, Hayden, Steven Jr., Angel-Mae, Alisha, Lanette, Chase, Sarah; several nieces and nephews.

Linda was predeceased by her sister Anna Cain and parents William and Helen.

Services were held March 21 at the Gridley-Horan Funeral Home, 39 Orchard St., Walden. In lieu of flowers, friends may

make contributions to The American Cancer Society.

Arrangements are by the Gridley-Horan Funeral Home, Inc., 39 Orchard St., Walden.

Nicholaos P. Hillas

Nicholaos P. Hillas of Wallkill, a retired cook for the Stewart Diner, and a resident of the area, died Thursday, March 19, 2015, in Wallkill. He was 68.

The son of the late Peter and Kyriaky Hillas, he was born September 30, 1946 in Chios, Greece.

Survivors include his son, Peter Hillas of Germany, Granddaughter, Jolina Hillas of Germany, ex-wife and friend, Terry Hillas of New Windsor, nieces and nephews in California, various relatives in Greece and many friends.

Visitation will be Thursday, March 26, 2015 from 6-8 p.m. at Millspaugh Funeral Home, 22 Bank St. Walden.

Funeral services will follow at 8 p.m. at the funeral home. Father John Angel will officiate.

Burial will take place privately in Brick Church Cemetery, Montgomery, NY.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, P.O. Box 1000 Dept. 142, Memphis, TN 38101-9908.

Arrangements were made by Millspaugh Funeral Home. For directions or condolences please visit millspaughfuneralhome.com.

Richard Charles Kruseck Sr.

Richard Charles Kruseck, Sr. passed away at his home on March 18, 2015. He was 52 years old.

Richard was born on April 6, 1962 to Richard and Carol Bjorling Kruseck in Goshen.



Richard was a truck driver for many years at the Polar Bear Co., Middletown. He loved the outdoors, riding his Harley and above all else he loved spending time with his grandchildren. He will be deeply missed.

Richard is survived by his mother, Carol Kruseck of Town of Wallkill; sons, Richard C. Kruseck Jr. (Mariya) of Chester, Ryan P.

Kruseck of Cheyenne, Wyoming; daughters, Amanda L. Harter (Matthew) of Town of Wallkill, Nicollette J. Riccaldo (Nicholas) of Town of Wallkill, Amanda S. Kahn of Long Island; sisters, Jill Barber (William) of Wurtsboro, Michelle Strong (Mark) of Aften, NY; grandchildren, Gage, Amara, Tristan, Sadie, Colton; several aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

Richard was predeceased by his sister Susan Kruseck and his father, Richard.

Services were held at the Gridley-Horan Funeral Home on Monday, March 23. Burial was in Wallkill Valley Cemetery, Walden.

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OBITUARIES

Matthew L. Marino

Matthew L. Marino, a lifetime resident of the area, passed away on Monday, March 16, 2015 at Forest Hills Hospital in Queens, NY. He was 27.

The son of Leonard J. Marino and Linda Molzahn Marino, he was born on December 1, 1987 in Middletown, NY. A family statement reads, "Matthew was a humble, loving, kind person. He was a true gift from God. The only time he ever looked down on anyone was to help them up."



Survivors include his parents, Leonard and Linda Marino, at home; brothers, Michael Marino and Mark Marino; sisters, Jennifer Molzahn, Lauren Marino, and Catherine Marino; niece, Ashleigh Molzahn; paternal grandparent, Leonard Marino, maternal grandparents, Walter and Catherine Kierzkowski as well as many cousins and friends.

A Funeral Mass was offered on Monday, March 23, at Our Lady of Assumption Church in Bloomingburg. Burial will take place in Bloomingburg Cemetery.

Arrangements entrusted to the William M. Gagan Funeral Home Inc. Pine Bush.

James A. Mayo

James A. Mayo of New City, NY, formerly of Montgomery, a retired Corrections Officer at Rikers Island, was enfolded into the arms of Jesus and his predeceased loved ones on Monday, March 16, 2015. He was 73.



The son of the late Theodore and Margaret Mayo, he was born on February 14, 1942 in NYC. He was a former Montgomery Little League coach for many years and helped mold many young people in terms of skills, love of the game and sportsmanship.

James' life was a life well lived. His greatest accomplishment was his creation of a wonderful family filled with love,

basketball and laughter. He was happiest when he was with his wife, kids and grandchildren and never hesitated to voice his love, pride and appreciation of them. James taught all of them that love is meant to be expressed, and to always look for the humor in things. He will be deeply missed, but his family is comforted by the fact that he is no longer suffering and is whole again in body, mind, and spirit.

Survivors include: his wife, Kathleen, at home; sons, James Mayo and his wife, Brigitte of Roseville, CA, and Christopher Mayo and his wife, Christy of Montgomery, NY; daughters, Kelly Knapp of Madison Heights, VA, Kathleen Dwyer and her husband, Joseph of New City, NY and Suzanne Candella and her husband, Robert of Monroe, NY; 11 grandchildren: Jonathan, Jessica, Keenan, Megan, Elizabeth, Aidan, Brian, Kaylee, Danny, Isabella and Addison. Also, sister-in-law, Barbara Mayo of Flint, MI and many beloved nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his parents Margaret and Theodore Mayo, his brothers Bobby and Teddy Mayo, his nephew Jason Mayo and his granddaughter Alexandria Paige Knapp.

Memorial services were held at Millspaugh Funeral Home in Walden with Rev. James Van Houten officiating.

Cremation took place in Cedar Hill Crematory in Newburgh. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Bubby PKS Kids Fund, payable to Annie Kelley, 41426 Simcoe, Canton, MI 48188.

John B. Mirola

John B. Mirola of Montgomery, a retired Business Manager for the Valley Central School District, and a longtime resident of the area, died on Wednesday, March 18, 2015, in Middletown, NY. He was 92.

The son of the late Andrew and Anna Mirola, he was born on December 30, 1922 in Wilkes-Barre, PA.

John graduated from Coughlin High School in Wilkes-Barre in 1940. He received his BS from Hartwick College in 1947. While at Hartwick, John played football for four years, was on the track team and played basketball. He was also President of the Varsity H Club in 1946-47. He attended Tampa College for one semester in 1946 and earned a Masters of Science from Albany State Teachers College in 1948. He began his teaching career in Walden High School where he taught business subjects from 1948-1958. Upon the centralization of the schools, he continued to teach and became the Department Chairman at Valley Central High School from 1958 until 1965. John became the Business Manager for Valley Central from 1965 until June 1978. He was the founder and past president of the Valley Central Credit Union. He was also an assistant football coach and track team coach for three years. In addition, John worked part time for the National Food Market in Walden, Gage Insurance Agency, and prepared income taxes.

John served in the Army Air Force during WWII as a teletype operator. He was a 55-year member of the American Legion Post 158 Walden, where he served as Adjutant for several years and as Commander in 1957-58.

John was an active congregant of the First Presbyterian Church in Montgomery for 36 years, and was a member of the choir for 30 years. He was a founding/charter member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Walden in 1958, a member of the Walden Bowling League from 1951-2009 and a lifetime member of Osiris Country Club.

Survivors include: his wife Wilma Kaufmann Mirola; sons, Glenn Kaufmann and Bruce and Terry Kaufmann, his children Susan Mirola Jenks, Linda Mirola Wright, David John Mirola,



Robert Charles Walker, and William Andrew Mirola and their spouses; nine grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at First Presbyterian Church in Montgomery. Burial took place in Brick Church Cemetery in Montgomery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to First Presbyterian Church Organ Fund, Capital Improvements Fund, or Abiding Memorial Fund, 137 Clinton St., Montgomery NY 12549.

Arrangements were made by Overhiser Funeral Home/ Millspaugh Funeral Directors.

Jason R. Walch Jr.

Jason R. Walch Jr. of Pine Bush, an eighth-grade student at Crispell Middle School and a lifelong resident of the area, died on Tuesday, March 17, 2015 at home. He was 14.

The son of Jason R. Walch and Yvonne T. Latour, he was born on February 21, 2001 in Middletown.

Jason was an avid basketball player. He also liked to race quads and had a massive shoe collection.

Survivors include: his mother, Yvonne T. Latour of Newburgh; father, Jason R. Walch at home; brother, Tyler D. Gentile of Pine Bush; sisters, Taylor Gentile of Newburgh, and Jaclyn C. Walch at home. Also maternal grandmother, Debra A. Sands of Riverside, CA; paternal grandfather, Richard Walch of Pine Bush and maternal grandparents, Jack and Corinne Latour.

Funeral services were held at Millspaugh Funeral Home in Walden. Burial took place in New Prospect Cemetery in Pine Bush.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Walden Humane Society, PO Box 135, Walden, NY 12586.



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Yea Gods got a place
For good ol' boys like us

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That they still hang around
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Ginsberg wins Montgomery's Run for Gold 5K

By BOND BRUNGARD
sports@tcnewspapers.com

Beacon's Brandon Ginsburg had never run Montgomery's Run for Gold 5K before he did Saturday, and when he did, Ginsburg was faster than everyone when he won the race with a time of 18:47.

"It's a nice run. A bit hilly, but a fun race," said Ginsburg. "It's nice they had a police escort all the way."

Nearly 270 runners and 35 walkers left the center of the village and ran through Montgomery's residential neighborhoods in the southeast part of the community. Robert Roach, of Youngsville in Sullivan County, was second with a time of 19:13.

"I just want to stay in shape for the upcoming summer," said Roach. "The roads were closed, so you didn't have to worry about traffic."

Mckew Devitt, of Burlington, VT, was third with a time of 19:45. Middletown's Tracy Bott was the fastest female and 15th overall with a time of 23:22. Morgan Van Pelt, of Montgomery, was the second fastest female and 19th overall with a time of 23:41. And Nicole Van Pelt was the third fastest female and 20th overall with a time of 23:52.



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Stacy Cameron, of Cameron Fitness in Montgomery, leads the kids' fun run.

Montgomery's Run for Gold 5K results

Pl.	Name/City AgeGroupPlace	Bib Chip Time	Age Pace	Pl.	Name/City AgeGroupPlace	Bib Chip Time	Age Pace	Pl.	Name/City AgeGroupPlace	Bib Chip Time	Age Pace	Pl.	Name/City AgeGroupPlace	Bib Chip Time	Age Pace
1	Brandon Ginsburg Beacon 1 Top Fin	1525 18:47.4	35 6:04/M	10	Mandy Booth Montgomery 2 F 30-39	24:24.2 24:46.8	7:52/M 7:59/M	66	Cody Connelly Walden 6 M 20-29	1526 27:00.6	27 8:43/M	99	Greg Jackson Walden 17 M 30-39	116 29:04.9	30 9:23/M
2	Robert Roach Youngsville 2 Top Fin	1532 19:13.9	35 6:12/M	35	Kellen Dickman Montgomery 2 M 1-10	24:49.7 24:49.7	10 8:00/M	67	Tom Clair Otisville 2 M 50-59	38 27:00.9	52 8:43/M	100	Ruth Duncanson Bullville 2 F 60-69	67 29:11.8	61 9:25/M
3	Mckew Devitt Burlington VT 3 Top Fin	299 19:45.4	41 6:22/M	36	Gary St.onge Pleasant Valley 1 M 50-59	24:55.7 24:55.7	56 8:02/M	68	Marisa Cheney Walden 10 F 30-39	1533 27:01.6	35 8:43/M	101	Brian Collins Walkill 18 M 30-39	42 29:14.0	35 9:26/M
4	Kevin Wilkins New Windsor 1 M 20-29	281 19:57.8	27 6:26/M	37	Mike Vanpelt Montgomery 7 M 40-49	261 25:03.7	49 8:05/M	69	Nina Trzeciak Ellenville 6 F 40-49	256 27:07.2	46 8:45/M	102	Israel Montes De Oca Montgomery 19 M 30-39	298 29:15.4	39 9:26/M
5	Daniel Rechterovic Montgomery 1 M 11-19	197 19:58.1	16 6:26/M	38	Erin Shea Brooklyn 3 F 30-39	234 25:14.5	34 8:08/M	70	Shayna Dunitz Middletown 2 F 20-29	68 27:07.2	23 8:45/M	103	Grace Saunders Middletown 9 F 11-19	224 29:19.1	16 9:27/M
6	Kristopher Post Pine Bush 1 M 30-39	1511 20:55.0	38 6:45/M	39	John De Noyelles Montgomery 7 M 30-39	54 25:24.8	35 8:12/M	71	Robert Steinberger Chester 10 M 40-49	251 27:08.5	43 8:45/M	104	Heather Post Pine Bush 15 F 30-39	1509 29:21.2	39 9:28/M
7	Lucas Labrenz Montgomery 2 M 11-19	127 21:01.0	14 6:47/M	40	Ken Marshall Montgomery 8 M 30-39	1528 25:26.0	30 8:12/M	72	Curt Mc Dermott Montgomery 11 M 40-49	465 27:16.1	48 8:48/M	105	Kelley Jacob Montgomery 4 F 20-29	1524 29:22.4	29 9:28/M
8	Jerry Weincowski Campbell Hall 1 M 40-49	291 21:33.3	41 6:57/M	41	Carl Bonitz Montgomery 8 M 40-49	18 25:26.0	42 8:12/M	73	Daniel O'Keefe Milford PA 4 M 1-10	177 27:17.6	8 8:48/M	106	Aaron Whitley Walden 20 M 30-39	275 29:25.4	34 9:29/M
9	Peter Booth Montgomery 2 M 30-39	19 21:39.2	38 6:59/M	42	Mike O'Keefe Milford PA 9 M 40-49	178 25:28.6	41 8:13/M	74	Meghan Odonnell Goshen 7 F 11-19	175 27:21.3	11 8:49/M	107	Austin Sinsleton Montgomery 15 M 40-49	289 29:29.9	40 9:31/M
10	Peter Bradley Cornwall 2 M 20-29	24 21:40.2	25 6:59/M	43	Kristin Allison Montgomery 1 F 40-49	4 25:41.6	45 8:17/M	75	Theresa Mullins Middletown 7 F 40-49	165 27:24.4	47 8:50/M	108	Cole Gulla Middletown 14 M 11-19	105 29:37.9	12 9:33/M
11	Max Labrenz Montgomery 3 M 11-19	128 22:42.6	14 7:19/M	44	Allison Armistead Montgomery 1 F 11-19	7 25:44.0	12 8:18/M	76	Marian Harrison Forestburgh 1 F 60-69	1545 27:25.0	60 8:51/M	109	Grace Gardner Goshen 2 F 1-10	94 29:44.3	10 9:35/M
12	Patrick Legare Montgomery 2 M 40-49	139 23:05.5	44 7:27/M	45	Candice Sheerer Middletown 4 F 30-39	1546 25:48.7	30 8:19/M	77	Dina Ciccone Walden 8 F 40-49	37 27:28.3	42 8:52/M	110	Giada Post Pine Bush 3 F 1-10	1510 29:45.2	7 9:36/M
13	Edward Russell Montgomery 3 M 40-49	214 23:09.8	40 7:28/M	46	Tina Canavan Montgomery 2 F 40-49	32 25:50.4	43 8:20/M	78	Megan Raab Montgomery 11 F 30-39	1518 27:33.6	33 8:53/M	111	Madison Albanese Goshen 4 F 1-10	2 29:45.2	10 9:36/M
14	Kevin Rechterovic Montgomery 4 M 11-19	198 23:16.5	14 7:30/M	47	Jay Henry Montgomery 9 M 30-39	113 25:57.2	32 8:22/M	79	Christopher Malley Montgomery 11 M 11-19	1517 27:38.8	11 8:55/M	112	Shannon Albanese Goshen 16 F 30-39	1 29:49.1	38 9:37/M
15	Tracy Bott Middletown 1 Top Fin	1523 23:22.4	44 7:32/M	48	Tara Rounds Montgomery 5 F 30-39	211 25:59.4	38 8:23/M	80	Holden Lee Montgomery 12 M 11-19	1548 27:39.0	12 8:55/M	113	Paul Brown Hoboken NJ 21 M 30-39	27 29:51.5	32 9:38/M
16	Noah Eisenhardt Montgomery 5 M 11-19	73 23:26.2	15 7:34/M	49	Emma Rechterovic Montgomery NY	199 26:01.4	199 8:24/M	81	Marc Devitt Montgomery 12 M 40-49	56 27:52.8	44 8:59/M	114	Michael Landoolfi Middletown 15 M 11-19	292 29:52.8	12 9:38/M
17	Michael Martinez Walden 3 M 30-39	284 23:36.5	33 7:37/M	50	Katie De Noyelles Montgomery 6 F 30-39	47 26:08.7	34 8:26/M	82	John Wood Montgomery 13 M 40-49	1515 27:54.0	47 9:00/M	115	Sarah Pruschki Montgomery 5 F 20-29	192 29:55.5	23 9:39/M
18	Breyten Schaper Montgomery 1 M 1-10	1521 23:39.0	9 7:38/M	51	Mary Farrell Middletown 3 F 40-49	80 26:18.4	40 8:29/M	83	Laura Pearce Maybrook 12 F 30-39	186 28:01.0	31 9:02/M	116	Otto Pinelli Mahwah NJ 1 M 70-99	188 29:59.2	70 9:40/M
19	Morgan Vanpelt Montgomery 2 Top Fin	264 23:41.7	21 7:38/M	52	Bernadette Henighan Walden 7 F 30-39	112 26:24.1	30 8:31/M	84	Paige Rispoli Walden 7 M 20-29	204 28:02.8	28 9:03/M	117	Colleen Devitt Montgomery 17 F 30-39	144 30:05.5	63 9:42/M
20	Nicole Vanpelt Montgomery 3 Top Fin	262 23:52.1	14 7:42/M	53	Nikki Schmidt Montgomery 3 F 11-19	231 26:27.0	11 8:32/M	85	Courtney Mazza Maybrook 13 F 30-39	152 28:03.2	32 9:03/M	118	Thomas O'Keefe Milford PA 16 M 11-19	55 30:05.7	35 9:42/M
21	Cory Lee Montgomery 6 M 11-19	475 23:54.6	14 7:43/M	54	Lara O'Neill Montgomery 8 F 30-39	180 26:30.5	39 8:33/M	86	Brian O'Banks Montgomery 11 M 30-39	171 28:04.3	35 9:03/M	119	Dan Leonard Montgomery 1 M 60-69	176 30:07.7	11 9:42/M
22	Steve Wagner Newburgh 4 M 40-49	268 23:59.6	48 7:44/M	55	Brett Carter Montgomery 4 M 20-29	34 26:33.9	27 8:34/M	87	Grace Wienckowski Montgomery 1 F 1-10	278 28:18.1	10 9:08/M	120	Nicole Johnson New Hampton 6 F 20-29	144 30:23.2	63 9:48/M
23	Joseph Laudati Montgomery 7 M 11-19	136 23:59.9	13 7:44/M	56	Emily Bott Middletown 4 F 11-19	1522 26:35.1	13 8:35/M	88	Charles Bowen Chester 3 M 50-59	23 28:18.7	57 9:08/M	121	Brian Croce Oceanside 8 M 20-29	118 30:26.7	23 9:49/M
24	Al Ronaldson Montgomery 4 M 30-39	287 24:00.1	36 7:45/M	57	Taylor Jones Middletown 5 F 11-19	467 26:36.4	12 8:35/M	89	Sarah Amicleneau Tomkins Cove 8 F 11-19	1543 28:25.7	12 9:10/M	122	Linda Hulse Goshen 1 F 50-59	46 30:28.6	25 9:50/M
25	Zane Every Lagrangeville 8 M 11-19	78 24:01.3	14 7:45/M	58	Madeline Feller Montgomery 6 F 11-19	83 26:37.0	11 8:35/M	90	Mike Amideyey Tomkins Cove 14 M 40-49	1544 28:26.0	47 9:10/M	123	Christina Figueroa New Windsor 7 F 20-29	115 30:28.6	59 9:50/M
26	Chris Munger Walden 5 M 30-39	476 24:07.4	37 7:47/M	59	Gabrielle Wienckowski Montgomery 4 F 40-49	277 26:42.4	40 8:37/M	91	Nico Gulla Middletown 13 M 11-19	104 28:35.1	13 9:13/M	124	Terri Vanpelt Montgomery 9 F 40-49	265 30:33.9	26 9:51/M
27	John Roper 5 M 40-49	210 24:14.5	46 7:49/M	60	Brandon Raab Montgomery 10 M 30-39	1519 26:45.3	39 8:38/M	92	Lauren Rowley Montgomery 14 F 30-39	213 28:44.8	34 9:16/M	125	Alison Roper Walden 18 F 30-39	265 30:37.4	48 9:53/M
28	Nick Thompson Montgomery 6 M 40-49	1542 24:16.7	46 7:50/M	61	Diana Algarin Maybrook 9 F 30-39	3 26:46.4	36 8:38/M	93	Jason Doce Montgomery 12 M 30-39	61 28:47.9	37 9:17/M	126	Nadine Brosnan Goshen 10 F 11-19	209 30:48.1	38 9:56/M
29	Mandi Beaver Middletown 1 F 30-39	11 24:17.0	37 7:50/M	62	Ashley Fagan Walden 1 F 20-29	1537 26:51.4	27 8:40/M	94	Nicole Chewens Cornwall 3 F 20-29	36 28:50.9	24 9:18/M	127	Angelique Santiago Bloomingburg 8 F 20-29	11 30:55.1	17 9:58/M
30	Brian Garrity Anderson SC 6 M 30-39	96 24:17.5	35 7:50/M	63	Christopher Sherwin Walden 5 M 20-29	1536 26:57.6	28 8:42/M	95	Scott Brown Montgomery 13 M 30-39	28 28:57.3	39 9:20/M	128	Nicole Griffin Maybrook 9 F 20-29	220 30:55.1	22 9:58/M
31	James Sheehy Catskill 3 M 20-29	235 24:19.2	28 7:51/M	64	Kim Patinella Cold Spring 5 F 40-49	185 26:59.4	47 8:42/M	96	Stephen Blossom Montgomery 14 M 30-39	17 28:58.2	31 9:21/M				
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33	Declan Latimer Montgomery 132		12					98	Eric Rounds Montgomery 212		39				

Chris Biondi wins Wallkill's Shamrock Scramble

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Pine Bush's Chris Biondi won the 2014 Shamrock Scramble in Wallkill, and Sunday, on a cold gusty morning, the 16-year-old distance runner for the Bushmen won the 5K race again with a time of 16:57.

Biondi, a cross-country and distance runner for Pine Bush, said he was focused to repeat as the Scramble's champion this year.

"I feel good," he said. "I took a week off to train for this."

Wallkill's Steven Smith was second with a time of 17:04. The cold weather, he said, worked well for him.

"It was actually pretty refreshing," he said.

Circleville's Clifton Hilario was third with a time of 17:13. Newburgh's Liza Gruzinski was the fastest female and 12th



Photos by Bond Brungard

The Shamrock Scramble attracted 601 runners and 144 walkers.

overall with a time of 18:06, and Pine Bush's Jodi Collymore was the second fastest female and 24th overall with a time of 19:27. Albany's Michelle Pratt was the third fastest female and 28th overall with a time of 19:36.

The race, which attracted 601 runners and 144 walkers, benefits scholarships for Wallkill High School students and Habitat for Humanity.

Malik Alharaizen, Biondi's Pine Bush teammate, finished ninth with a time of

17:45. Alharaizen said he didn't run that well due to overwork.

"I've been running high mileage," he said. "I guess I worked it too hard."



Chris Biondi repeated as race winner, crossing the finish line with a time of 16:57.

Race Results

Pl.	Bib	Name	City	Age/Gen.	Time
1	35	Chris Biondi	Pine Bush	16M	16:57
2	503	Steven Smith	Wallkill	20M	17:04
3	219	Clifton Hilario	Circleville	27M	17:13
4	279	William Lindau	Middletown	17M	17:18
5	594	Kevin Wippel	Pine Bush	25M	17:22
6	656	Joe Timell	Wallkill	29M	17:32
7	520	Brendan Sutta	Wallkill	17M	17:37
8	259	Andy Latincics	NewtonNJ	49M	17:43
9	10	Malik Alharaizen	Pine Bush	18M	17:45
10	584	Liam Welsh	Rochester	29M	17:52
11	493	Mike Slinsky	HopewellJunc.	45M	18:03
12	738	Liza Gruzinski	Newburgh	35F	18:06
13	652	Kenneth A Posner	New York	51M	18:15
14	561	Peter Verdesi	Beacon	47M	18:20
15	575	Sean Warren	Washingtonville	17M	18:23
16	286	Timothy Lorenzen	Middletown	15M	18:29
17	249	Tim Kosteczko	Wallkill	28M	18:30
18	728	Tobias Craner	Wallkill	15M	18:31
19	538	Donald Thurston	Pine Bush	48M	18:36
20	724	Jordan Angerosa	Beacon	24M	18:44
21	695	Rick Ringling	Cornwall	47M	18:49
22	396	Mark Pietrzak	Chester	16M	19:24
23	98	Zachary Creeden	Campbell Hall	15M	19:25
24	83	Jodi Collymore	Pine Bush	18F	19:27
25	32	Phillip Berlin	Middletown	16M	19:27
26	610	Ethan Rodriguez	Middletown	16M	19:29
27	460	John Sallstrom	Liberty	42M	19:32
28	409	Michelle Pratt	Albany	25F	19:36
29	672	John Parsells	Pine Bush	13M	19:41
30	706	Mickey Yannone	Newburgh	37M	19:41
31	308	Garvan McCloskey	New Paltz	51M	19:43
32	659	Stefan Saeed	Wallkill	17M	19:49
33	704	Daniel Cruz	Monroe	36M	19:52
34	748	Connie Seigh	Pleasant Valley	45F	19:58
35	590	Abigail Williams	Highland	17F	20:01
36	423	Isaiah Ramirez	Montgomery	15M	20:04
37	598	Louis Yess		47M	20:12
38	523	Dave Talcott	Owego	54M	20:13
39	497	Corey Smith		25M	20:14
40	806	Erik Sellstron	Liberty	44M	20:23
41	661	Scott Costley	Rosendale	46M	20:25
42	252	Lucas Labrenz	Montgomery	14M	20:29
43	683	Jean Norton	Wurtsboro	52F	20:31
44	22	Nicolas Barrett	Middletown	15M	20:40
45	741	Tom Manza	Middletown	59M	20:51
46	64	Jack Byrne	Cornwall	14M	20:53
47	118	Ken Devries		63M	21:22
48	253	Max Labrenz	Montgomery	14M	21:36
49	267	Justine Lease	Newburgh	47F	21:45
50	239	Derrick Kenan	Newburgh	15M	21:46
51	269	Patrick Legare	Montgomery	44M	21:47
52	612	Logan Kelly	Walden	15M	21:51
53	571	Matt Warren	Washingtonville	14M	21:54
54	351	Taylor Nafey	Wallkill	13M	21:55
55	226	Lauren Houston	Franklin MA	26F	22:00
56	203	Paul Graham	Suffern	46M	22:01
57	721	Paul Gruner	Kingston	29M	22:03
58	807	Jonathan Favata	Mechanicville		
				34M	22:06
59	272	Samantha Leonick	Pine Bush	18F	22:11
60	663	Brian Keenan	Goshen	44M	22:12
61	281	John Locicero	Gardiner	13M	22:15
62	483	Aidan Semo	Cornwall	11M	22:15
63	206	Chris Haight	Wallkill	17M	22:16
64	671	Cyrus Yarpeshkan	Cornwall	11M	22:17
65	491	Leo Sladewski	New Windsor	50M	22:17
66	803	David Seche	Kingston	55M	22:20
67	97	Joshua Creeden	Campbell Hall	14M	22:21
68	65	James Byrne	Cornwall	13M	22:23
69	227	Sawyer Huang	Gardiner	14M	22:24
70	188	Richard Garey	Montgomery	13M	22:27
71	718	Lori Adams	Marlboro	41F	22:29
72	809	Katie Wittenberg	Pine Bush	36F	22:33
73	686	Gregory Schmaiz	New Paltz	50M	22:37
74	314	Grace McGrath	Pawling	17F	22:39
75	716	Steve Takacs	New Paltz	50M	22:41
76	450	Mike Rydel	Wallkill	42M	22:43
77	181	Rachael Fritz	Putnam Valley	18F	22:46
78	342	Keith Muller	Wallkill	42M	22:55
79	785	Desmond Ley	Wallkill	13M	22:56
80	467	Larry Savitch	Florida	49M	23:01
81	352	Thomas Nafey	Wallkill	M	23:03
82	333	Kyle Mora	Pine Bush	16M	23:09
83	563	Charles Vigna	Gardiner	47M	23:18
84	528	Katharine Terry	Middletown	28F	23:20
85	722	Matthew Brown	Pine Bush	10M	23:20
86	180	Eileen Fritz	Putnam Valley	51F	23:22
87	713	Emma McPherson	Newburgh	48F	23:23
88	489	Brad Skillman	Brooklyn	47M	23:23
89	472	Christina Schneider	Walden	18F	23:27
90	510	Brenda Stack	Pine Bush	18F	23:32
91	214	Colin Hayes	Gardiner	32M	23:32
92	564	Miles Vigna	Gardiner	11M	23:33
93	759	George Hendrickson	Roscoe	53M	23:37
94	237	Kelly Kane	Cornwall	46F	23:37
95	122	Linzey Dineen	Wallkill	15F	23:41
96	397	G Pinheiro	Newburgh	41M	23:41
97	451	Guiliana Sadler	Port Jervis	13F	23:41
98	632	Kyle Schneider	Eldred	28M	23:46
99	817	Carl Zuidema	Warwick	66M	23:50
100	296	Chris Marino	Newburgh	36M	23:52

Schedule

THURSDAY, MARCH 26

Boys Lacrosse
Valley Central at Clarkstown North,
4:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 27

Boys Lacrosse
Pine Bush at Tappan Zee, 5 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 28

Boys Lacrosse
Pine Bush at Highland, 2 p.m., Marlboro
High School

TUESDAY, MARCH 31

Baseball
Goshen at Pine Bush, 11 a.m.

Boys Lacrosse

Pine Bush at FDR, 10 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1

Boys Lacrosse
Pine Bush at Delaware Valley, 4:30 p.m.

Softball

Pine Bush at Goshen, 11 a.m.

Blue Waves need players

Blue Waves 16U Girls Travel Softball Team is looking for a few more players to join or travel team. They are located in the Montgomery Walden area.

Anyone interested can contact Annemarie at 914-213-5990 or Jamie at 845-764-1446.

Jackpot League - Walden Lanes

3-4-15

Roberta Bull	202, 170
Diane Kosteczko	247, 214
Donna Stap	178
Anita Bucci	234, 226, 202
Debbie Boniface	202, 201, 183
Nancy Gillespie	213, 172
Jackie Lake	199
Patty Powers	178
Melissa DeGrote	244, 192, 173
Chris Ann Kenny	183
Donna VanDerMeulen	192
Roberta Bull	508
Diane Kosteczko	622
Anita Bucci	662
Debbie Boniface	586
Nancy Gillespie	521
Melissa DeGrote	609

3-11-15

Donna VanDerMeulen	179, 176, 170
Anita Bucci	221, 204, 191
Debbie Boniface	184
Chris Miller	174
Gail Vesely	193
Lori Chapman	183
Melissa DeGrote	214, 188
Donna VanDerMeulen	525
Anita Bucci	616
Debbie Boniface	505
Gail Vesely	512
Melissa DeGrote	559

Sportlight

Detz prepares for his final track season

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Chapel Field's Robert Detz is a senior, and last week he was preparing for his final track season with the Lions.

Detz is a thrower for the Lions, and he's coming off an indoor winter season where he placed second in the state in the shot-put and third in during the federation meet in the event.

"It was a little bit below what I wanted, but it was still a good season," said Detz, of his final indoor season with the Lions this winter.



Last spring, Detz was the state's top small schools' thrower in the shot-put. And during the championship with big schools, Detz was eighth in the shot-put.

Detz was getting ready for the upcoming outdoor season last week in a parking lot at Chapel Field's small campus as the snow pack melted away. Detz won the state small schools' title last spring with a throw of 52-feet, 11 and a half inches, short of the eighth-place federation throw of 53-feet, eight inches.

He wants to throw 63 feet or better in shot this spring, and he's been working hard on his technique to try and do that during the next two and half months.

"I've built my strength pretty well," he said. "I just have to get my feet right."

During the Section 9, Class D outdoor finals last spring, Detz won the shot-put and the discus. In the discus, he won the

event easily with a throw of 140 feet, 10 inches, more than 17 feet farther than the second-place throw. This spring, Detz wants to top 160 feet in the discus.

"Around 170 maybe," he said,

Detz, though, prefers the shot-put over the discus.

"I like the technique of the shot better," he said, "it feels more fluid."

Detz joined Chapel Field's track team as a freshman, and he started throwing the shot-put during the outdoor season of that year.

"I just fell in the love with the sport," he said, "I was good at it my freshman year, so I thought I should keep on trying to see how good I could get at it."

After he graduates in June from Chapel Field, Detz will attend Liberty University and throw the shot-put, discus, hammer and weight there and study criminal justice.

Lady Lions prepare to defend title

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More than nine months after Chapel Field's softball team won the Section 9, Class D title, the squad is now getting ready to defend it.

And Natalie Bonagura, a sophomore, will take the ball and pitch for Chapel Field after winning the title her first year as a starter in 2014.

"Pitching is the key," she said, as the team practiced on an asphalt parking lot last week as the snowpack drained away.

Chapel Field beat Eldred for the title, and they return with Livingston Manor, in the three-team Section 9, Class D to

Schedule

Wednesday, April 8, at Tuxedo, 4:30 p.m.
Friday, April 10, Tri Valley, 4:30 p.m.
Monday, April 13, Burke, 4 p.m.
Wednesday, April 15, at Eldred, 4:30 p.m.
Friday, April 17, Chester, 4 p.m.
Tuesday, April 21, at S-W, 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 22, Seward, 4 p.m.
Friday, April 24, at Livingston Manor, 4:30 p.m.
Monday, April 27, at O'Neill, 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 29, Tuxedo, 4:30 p.m.
Friday, May 1, at Tri Valley, 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, May 6, Eldred, 4:30 p.m.
Friday, May 8, at Chester, 4:15 p.m.
Wednesday, May 13, S-W, 4:30 p.m.
Friday, May 15, at Seward, 4:15 p.m.



Aliza DeVries, a junior, will be an infielder this season.

compete again for the championship this spring.

"It's up for grabs," said Mike Bonagura,

the team's coach and the starting pitcher's father.

Chapel Field's notable losses were Amanda Schoch, a shortstop, and Shelby Davidson, a catcher. Anna McDuffie, an athletic eighth-grader, will take over as catcher and then try to set the tone with her bat for the team.

"She's going to lead-off for us," said Mike Bonagura.

Bonagura is unsure who will play the four infield or three outfield positions, but he'll have Hailey Doro, Kayleigh Dana, Aliza DeVries, Meghan DeVries, Taylor DeVries, Jesse DeVries, Natalia Bayron and Kayla Palazzo to work into the positions.

And Alyssa Trotti, a senior, returns as DH in the cleanup spot, bringing some offense to Chapel Field's line-up.

"A good stick," said Bonagura, of what Trotti is expected to bring to the plate this year.

Vikings welcome back a solid core of veterans

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After entering the postseason as the two-seed – with a bye – into the sectional semis last year, Valley Central’s boys’ lacrosse team lost to three-seed Minisink. And the Vikings were finished with a one and done performance to end the season with a 13-5 record.

But now they’re back with a solid core of experienced juniors and seniors for their 2015 season, which starts this week.

“I think they’re hungry, I do,” said Bill Miller, Valley Central’s coach. “The core is back.”

That core with Brad Howell, a senior attacker and captain, is back with Brett Jennings and Joe Tofallos, juniors, at attack.

Hunter Cocks and Jack Tofallos, senior captains, will play the midfield with Brenden Shust, a junior long-stick midfielder. Nick Russo, a senior captain, will play defense with Donovan Murphy, a junior, and Joey Ramos, a sophomore. Joey Falco, a junior, and Paul Vasquez, a sophomore, will be the goalies.

Jack Tofallos wants to play in his first sectional final this spring.

“We’re hoping to make it back to the sectional finals,” he said. “I’m hoping it will be my first one.”

Jack Tofallos made his comments during practice last week a day after the Vikings crossed the state border into



Pennsylvania to scrimmage Delaware Valley.

“I thought we played pretty well,” he said, of the scrimmage. “It was our first game on a big field, but we can definitely do better.”

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Top: The Vikings practiced inside last week to get ready for the regular season.

Left: Hunter Cocks, a senior, returns to play midfielder.

Schedule

- Thursday, March 26, at Clarkstown North, 4:30 p.m.
- Thursday, April 2, Clarkstown South, 4:30 p.m.
- Saturday, April 4, at Vernon, 12 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 7, at Kingston, 6 p.m.
- Thursday, April 9, at NFA, 4:30 p.m.
- Saturday, April 11, M-W, 6 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 15, at Washingtonville, 4 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 21, Warwick, 6 p.m.
- Saturday, April 25, Middletown, 6 p.m.
- Monday, April 27, at Arlington, 5 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 29, at Minisink, 4:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 5, Washingtonville, 6 p.m.
- Thursday, May 7, at Warwick, 4 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 12, Minisink, 6 p.m.