As we approach 2018, Rondout Savings Bank is preparing for a very special anniversary. It will be celebrating not just the 150 years since its founding in 1868, but most importantly, the people who have contributed to its successful history and the bright future ahead.

Rondout Savings Bank’s 150th anniversary is more than a milestone in time, but a testament to its importance in the communities it serves. Touching so many lives along the way, the Bank has helped families purchase homes and achieve their dreams. Beginning in 2001, Rondout began assisting businesses with all their financial and expansion needs. Rondout serves as a major local employer and continues to contribute to our region’s economic stability, social health and well-being.

The community can look forward to a year of recognizing the bank’s past and future through its upcoming themed events entitled: Then, Today and Tomorrow: A 150 Year Celebration.

As we embark on 2018, the community will honor the departure of President and CEO, James F. Davenport, who has announced his plans to retire at the end of this year. Davenport joined the Bank in 2001 and is a lifelong resident of Ulster County and a well-respected bank executive who always places a high value on community and client satisfaction. Under Davenport’s leadership, Rondout Savings Bank has tripled its assets and expanded to five locations in two counties. His vision to develop the Bank’s commercial product offering annual capital investment plan.

“We’re also excited about new opportunities to engage customers through online services and the rollout of technology that will help them better

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December Breakfast
December 19
7:30-9:00 am
BEST WESTERN PLUS
503 Washington Ave., Kingston, NY

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UPCOMING CHAMBER EVENTS

**December 14 | 5:00 - 7:00 pm**
**Membership Mixer**
@ John A. Coleman Catholic High School
430 Hurley Avenue | Hurley, NY
There is no cost for Members and Prospective Members. Reservations are required.
Sponsor: Valley Agency/Marshall & Sterling

**December 19 | 7:30 - 9:00 am**
**Chamber Breakfast Meeting**
Michael Mosher, Central Hudson Gas & Electric
BEST WESTERN PLUS Kingston
Hotel and Conference Center
503 Washington Avenue | Kingston, NY
$25 Members-Advanced Pay • $30 Members-At The Door • $35 Non-Members
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**January 17 | 5:00 - 7:00 pm**
**Membership Mixer**
@ MAC Fitness Kingston Plaza
338 Plaza Road | Kingston, NY
There is no cost for Members and Prospective Members. Reservations are required.
Sponsor: Bank of Greene County

**January 25 | 7:30 - 9:00 am**
**Chamber Breakfast Meeting**
Congressman John Faso
BEST WESTERN PLUS Kingston
503 Washington Avenue | Kingston, NY
$25 Members-Advanced Pay • $30 Members-At The Door • $35 Non-Members
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Register for all Events (845) 338-5100
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**Come In, Coleman’s Open!**

**High School Hosts Next Mixer**

“Come In, We’re Open” is one of the mottos being used by John A. Coleman Catholic High School these days and the Chamber’s next Mixer on Dec. 14 will allow you to do just that.

“Our goal is to let people know that we’re open, and we’re going to stay open, and we’re working hard on attracting as many new students as we can,” said Patty Deegan, the school’s Advancement Director.

“This Mixer is an opportunity for the business community to see firsthand what we can offer to students and their families in Ulster County. The Mixer is scheduled for 5-7 p.m. at Coleman, located at 430 Hurley Ave. in Hurley and is sponsored by The Valley Agency, a division of Marshall & Sterling Insurance.

“Our students who participate in chorus and the theater arts will be performing throughout the school singing Christmas carols and holiday music,” Deegan said.

Chamber members can also enjoy piano players in two different locations and food and drink as they mingle and network.

“The entire school will be open,” Deegan said, following up on the motto. “We’ll have faculty in some of the classrooms. People are welcome to go check out our different labs and the gymnasium. The library and art room will host the main part of the mixer. “

What business leaders will see is a student body with a 97% pass rate on the NYS Regents exams. Five classes at Coleman saw a 100-percent pass rate last year, including two sections of Algebra, Biology, Earth Science and U.S. History.

“We’re proud that upon graduation, 97 percent of our students go on to college,” Deegan added. “The other 3 percent are heading to trade schools and the military. Our teachers and guidance counselors work tirelessly with students to make sure that their schedules are full of the classes that they need to get into college, if that is the path they choose. We have had many students accepted to top level, highly selective colleges.

“The results demonstrate the high level of teaching and dedicated learning that takes place here. We are very proud of this accomplishment.”

Another tag line Coleman is using in its marketing materials is “Learning is Different Here. Discover How.”

“I think if you’ve been in the Kingston community for a very, very long time, you have an impression of Coleman, but that impression may be accurate or inaccurate,” Deegan said. “We’re just hoping people will come and judge for themselves.

“It is extremely important to us that people understand exactly what Coleman offers today. It may not be what they think. The best way to find out is by asking us questions and have their student come over for a “Shadow Day.”

Coleman, which serves students in grades 9-12, is the only private high school in Ulster County. Formerly accredited by the Middle States Association, Coleman’s accreditation now comes under AdvancED.

“We are now internationally accredited, which raises the bar a bit,” Deegan said. “We offer many, many AP classes and I don’t think people realize that. We have all-honors classes, Regents classes and resource classes. We have virtual learning as well.

“We offer an environment where the teacher works one on one with the students in many cases. Our faculty know how the students learn and they’re able to teach to every student in the class because the classes are typically smaller and the student-teacher ratio is small.”

Founded in 1966 as a Catholic high school, Coleman has operated independently of the Archdiocese of New York since 2001. While theology classes are still required, the student population today is diverse, Deegan said.

“Actually, the Catholic population of the student body is less than the non-Catholic population,” she said. “We have Christian and non-Christian students.

“I think in the past some people were turned away, thinking that you had to be Catholic. We welcome people of all faiths.” More than religion, we offer a secondary education of values and the importance of community service. The comradery amongst our students is evident in our school spirit. As you can see by our photo, the students kicked off Spirit Week with Pajama Day. For a $2 donation, you could wear your pjs to school. The money collected purchased needed items for local veterans.

You will see our school spirit when you visit on Dec. 14th. Each class will decorate a different part of the school, and Chamber Members can vote on which section is the best. The class that wins, based on the votes, will receive a cash prize for their class activities.”

Coleman’s tuition rates can be found on the school’s website (www.colemancatholic.net), but financial aid and merit-based scholarships are available.

“Finances should never keep you from at least checking us out,” Deegan said. “The principal and the board of trustees work with everyone to make sure that if you want to come here, you can. Finances shouldn’t prohibit that inquiry.”

For more information about Coleman, call (845) 338-2750 or go to www.colemancatholic.net.

Chamber mixers are a great way to network and promote your business. Be sure to bring plenty of business cards. This free networking event is open to Chamber members and prospective members. Reservations are a must and can be made by calling the Chamber office at (845) 338-5100 or by registering online at www.ulsterchamber.org.
You’ve probably already seen the friendly bell-ringers all over Ulster County as the organization gears up for its busiest time of the year. The local Salvation Army at 35 Cedar St. in Kingston will distribute Christmas gifts on Dec. 21 through its Angel Tree program.

Want to donate some toys to brighten someone’s Christmas? There’s still time.

“We’ll take toys right up until the day before on Dec. 20, but we would like them by the 15th,” said Lieutenant Rebecca Torres, the local officer in Kingston.

The Angel Tree program allows donors to take a tag off a Christmas tree. The tag includes the name, age and gender of a young child, as well as what they want for Christmas.

“We are looking for some companies that would be willing to take some tags and be willing to donate some toys through those tags,” Torres said. “We just want to make sure we have enough toys to be able to give back to the kids.”

That’s not the only way you can help. If you’ve ever seen a Salvation Army bell-ringer and thought you’d like to give it a try, you’re in luck.

“Everything that flows out of me flows from there first. Why do I have a heart for people? Because God has a heart for people. “I just want to serve. I just want to be in a place where I can serve the people of this community.”

Torres said the more she likes Kingston. Her family was impressed to learn Kingston was New York’s first capital.

“I’m fascinated by the history that’s here,” she said. “[Lieutenant Keaton] and I are starting to love the people here and the city.”

The Salvation Army began in 1865 when London minister William Booth “gave up the comfort of his pulpit and decided to take his message into the streets where it would reach the poor, the homeless, the hungry and the destitute,” according to The Salvation Army’s website (www.salvationarmy.org).

Torres said that same mission is alive today in Kingston.

“We’re looking to be a church without walls,” she said. “We want to go out and engage the community.

“We just walk the neighborhoods and meet and greet the people. I have come across many Hispanic families and some of them have begun to be a part of our programs.”

Among the programs offered at the Salvation Army are children’s and teens meetings on Thursday. Those who attend learn music, music theory, how to play brass instruments, drama and singing.

During the summer each year, the church holds a Vacation Bible School and some of The Salvation Army’s best young actors and actresses come to help teach.

Torres said the women’s ministry of the church meets each week and some of the women visit the Northeast Center for Special Care in Lake Katrine.

The church also held a harvest party this fall to reach out to neighbors.

On Sunday mornings, about 30-35 people show up each week for worship.

“We are growing,” Torres said. “We just want to let the people know that The Salvation Army is here. There are a lot of other churches and agencies that do social service work, but we are here to love on them because we’ve been where they’ve been.”

The Kingston Salvation Army also boasts a 29-foot canteen, which was recently used for hurricane relief in the South. The vehicle features a full kitchen.

“It’s really huge for us to be driving around in Kingston, but we are looking for outreach opportunities,” Torres said. “We would like to take VBS outdoors and be able to park and set up around Kingston.”

The Kingston Salvation Army is led by a local advisory board, which is led by Philip Sinagra, a former Majority Leader of the Ulster County Legislature.

“We do have a strong advisory board and we are looking for new members,” Torres said.

The Kingston Salvation Army, located at 35 Cedar St., can be reached at (845) 331-1803 or www.salvationarmykingston.org.
Maria Bauman says you’re always welcome at her Mountain Meadows Bed & Breakfast in New Paltz—and she means it.
“Welcome everybody—pets, kids, whatever,” she said.
Bauman opened the unpretentious B&B with her husband, Joe Douso, three years ago. While some B&Bs are like museums, that isn’t Mountain Meadows, which describes itself as “casual yet graceful living” on its website (www.mountainmeadowsbnb.com).

“You’re allowed to touch the furniture,” Bauman said. “We’re really casual and comfortable. It’s come-as-you-are here. We have no fancy antiques.

“Joe and I are both Italian and we like to have people around and we love to feed people. We’re not happy unless you’re eating. This gives me a chance to be social and have guests and to entertain.”

Bauman said the B&B features four rooms, including one with a king-size bed and three with queens. All the rooms have a private bathroom, televisions, Netflix and Wi-Fi.

“The décor is casual and contemporary,” she said. “Every room is different. Every room has a different color scheme.”

The B&B also features a patio, fire pit, hot tub, built-in pool and 4 acres of property for activities such as croquet, badminton and horseshoes.

The kitchen is always stocked with snacks and fruit and Bauman makes cookies for guests staying two nights.

“We have a guest kitchen where people can make themselves at home,” she said. “Many times people will order in if they don’t feel like going out.

“We have a big den with a pool table and lots of games and books. We’re very family friendly. We also have chickens.”

Guests who come during the week or bring their own food can get a discount, which is also offered to those in the military.

Bauman said her guests are drawn to the beauty and tranquility of the Hudson Valley for a variety of reasons.

“A lot of the younger people like to come and hike,” she said. “Some of the older guests are here for the wineries. We have a good amount of guests who come to visit family.”

Bauman comes to the B&B business after a 30-year career with some of Manhattan’s top hotels. She started at the Garden City Hotel on Long Island and went on to the UN Plaza Hotel, Grand Hyatt, Crowne Plaza and the Peninsula New York on Fifth Avenue.

“Utilizes my experience as a hotel professional,” she said.

Bauman and Douso, a building contractor in New York City, are Long Island natives who grew tired of commuting into Manhattan. Bauman said it was her husband’s idea to open a B&B upstate.

“It was something he always wanted to do,” she said. “He always wanted to live in the mountains. We always talked about it and we always stayed in bed and breakfasts in Maine and Pennsylvania and Vermont and I finally got tired of commuting to the city so I said, ‘Let’s do it.’”

When the couple made the move in October 2014, Bauman knew next to nothing about New Paltz except it was a “cute town” where she and Douso had stopped for lunch.

“Now I love it,” she said. “It’s the best thing I ever did. Now I get agita when I have to drive back to Long Island to see family.”

Mountain Meadows Bed & Breakfast, located at 542 Albany Post Road in New Paltz, can be reached at (845) 255-6144 or www.mountainmeadowsbnb.com.
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Cheryl Bowers, COO will start January 1, 2018, in her new position as President and CEO of Rondout Savings Bank. With more than 30 years in banking including over 20 years holding leadership positions, Bowers is one of the area’s most valued banking executives.

“After an extensive interview process, Cheryl’s proven devotion to the communities we serve and the bank’s continued success has resulted in her appointment to this important position. Her mindfulness and strategic leadership have earned her the highest respect from the Board of Trustees”, explained Frank G. Ostrander, III – Chairman of the Board of Trustees at Rondout Savings Bank.

Let’s all join together in congratulating Jim and Cheryl.
Central Hudson CEO Breakfast Guest

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manage their energy usage,” Mosher said. “Our CenHub platform is allowing us to offer new products and services to local residents and businesses that want to take charge of their energy consumption.”

In spite of all the changes to its industry, Mosher says that Central Hudson is committed to remaining the same involved and dedicated corporate citizen that it has been since its founding in 1900.

“We recognize that our relationships in the local community are the foundation of our success, and we’re excited about a future that affords us the opportunity to enhance and expand those relationships in new ways,” Mosher said.

Mosher joined Central Hudson as a Junior Engineer in 1985. In 2003, he became Central Hudson’s Manager of Corporate Services, assuming responsibility for the utility’s purchasing, transportation, storeroom, security and facility functions. He was appointed Central Hudson’s Assistant Vice President of Regulatory Affairs in 2005 and promoted to its Vice President of Regulatory Affairs the next year.

Mosher became the 10th President of Central Hudson since its incorporation in 1927 when he was named President and CEO on April 1, 2016.

Mosher holds a bachelor’s degree in Electrical Engineering from Union College. He serves on the boards of the Business Council of the State of New York, SUNY New Paltz Foundation and the Hudson Valley Economic Development Corporation.

A native and resident of Red Hook, who graduated from Red Hook High School, Mosher has also volunteered with local youth sports activities and other causes.

Chamber breakfast programs are a great way to network with other local business leaders and stay on top of current events. Pre-registration is strongly encouraged. For more information or to register, call the Chamber at (845) 338-5100 or go online at www.ulsterchamber.org.
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