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## WELCOME TOWN OF OLIVE!

*Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman* is now including news from our neighbors in the Town of Olive community. See Page 12 and Page 15 for more information.

## SEND YOUR HOLIDAY GREETINGS BY WAY OF THE TOWNSMAN

Every year *Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman* publishes holiday greetings to family, friends and neighbors. This year our holiday greeting issue will be December 16th. The deadline to get your holiday greeting in will be Friday, December 10th at 3:00 pm.

Please see the back of this month's *Dollar Ad* flier that is included in this week's issue for details, greeting selections and order blank.

**REMINDER:** *Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman* will not be published the week of Christmas or the week of New Years.

## DANIEL PIERCE LIBRARY ANNOUNCES NEW WINTER HOURS

The Daniel Pierce Library announces new winter hours effective Thursday, December 2, 2010. The library will open at 10:00 A.M. and close at 8 P.M. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. This is a change from its former hours of 11:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M. Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday hours will remain the same. If you have any questions, please call the library at 985-7233.

## SCCEDC SUPPORTS FOR STOCKBRIDGE MUNSEE TRIBE

The newly formed Sullivan County Catskills Economic Development Corporation comprised of the Sullivan County Planning Department, Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce, Sullivan County IDA, Sullivan County Partnership and the Sullivan County Visitors Association released its support for the signing of the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribe and New York State compact and agreement to locate a casino resort in the Sullivan County Catskills. The reality of a full service resort casino provides the spark that the Sullivan County Catskills needs to ignite an economic spur that will create needed tax revenue, job creation and additional investment in the County. (Contd. Pg. 4)

## FALLSBURG CSD IS AWARDED GRANT FROM EXXON MOBIL EDUCATIONAL ALLIANCE

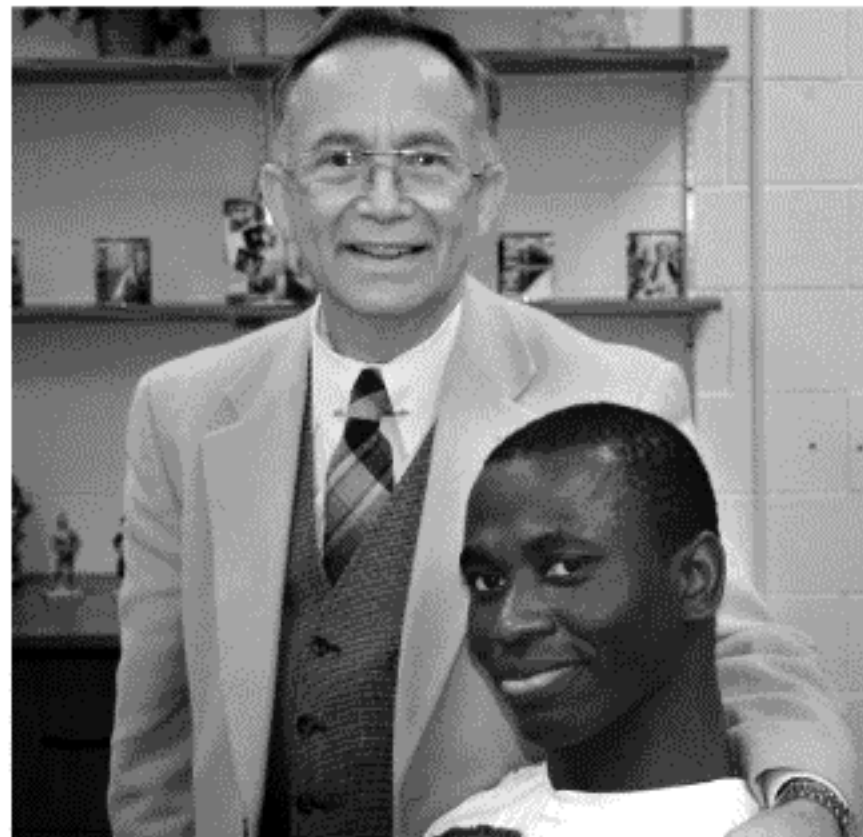


The Fallsburg Central School District is proud to announce that the Benjamin Cosor Elementary School has been awarded a \$750.00 grant from the ExxonMobil Educational Alliance. This grant was made possible by the continued efforts of the Mobil Station in Fallsburg, New York. (Contd. Pg. 7)

## CATSKILL MOUNTAINS SCENIC BYWAY LOGO CONTEST SEEKS ENTRIES

Artists and graphic designers take note: The Central Catskills Collaborative (CCC) is seeking logo designs to illustrate the scenic, historical recreational and cultural assets of New York State Route 28 between Hurley and Andes. (Contd. Pg. 8)

## SUNY SULLIVAN 'COMMUNITY' COMES TOGETHER TO RAISE MONEY TO MAKE A STUDENT'S DREAM COME TRUE



When word got out that Modou Joof, a SUNY Sullivan student from Gambia, wanted to get home to Africa over the winter break to be with his ailing father but couldn't because he didn't have the money to make such a trip, the college community sprang into action and established the Modou Joof Fund. Despite the economy and upcoming holidays, SUNY Sullivan faculty, administrators, staff and students raised \$1900 to make Modou's seemingly impossible dream come true. (Contd. Pg. 6)

## THE TRI-VALLEY THEATRE CLUB PRESENTS KISS ME, KATE

This December, the Tri-Valley Theatre Club invites you to escape the daily grind for a production of *Kiss Me, Kate*. This clever and mirthful musical will be staged at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, December 3rd, and Saturday, December 4th. Admission is \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for students and senior citizens. Purchase tickets at the box office or in advance from any cast member. Reserve your tickets - and obtain guaranteed seating - by calling (845) 985-2296, ext. 4154 or 5503. (Contd. Pg. 3)

## LIBERTY SECOND-GRADERS GET UP CLOSE

For some, the thought of being in the same room with snakes is enough to evoke panic, but not for Liberty second-graders! On November 4, second grade students at Liberty Elementary School were visited by professional snake handler Jerry Hillard of Snakeman's Snake Shows.



Jade Morrissey, Isiais Ortiz-Vega, Tristan Porter, Tyler Black, Elijah Foster, Leora Fabian and Jose Barraga Luna hold Mellow Yellow, an Albino Burmese Python. (Contd. Pg. 3)

## ANNUAL TOWN HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY TO BE HELD

On Sunday December 5, 2010 at 5:00 PM the Town of Neversink will hold its Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony in Bicentennial Square on Main Street in Grahamsville.

There will be caroling in the Square, special music, holiday readings and refreshments. This will officially open the holiday season in the town.

Any organization or group that would like to take part should contact the Town Clerk's Office at 985-2262, x-307.

## LOCAL HAT-GLOVE-MITTEN-SOCK DRIVE

Bread for the Journey Outreach Ministry needs YOUR help with a hat-glove-mitten-sock drive. Items (new, please) will be collected in December and early January, to be distributed to warm the heads, hands and feet of children, youth and adults in northern Sullivan County.

Collection baskets are located at the Grahamsville Post Office, and the Grahamsville United Methodist Church.

For more information, please call Susan Woodworth at 985-2283.

## DEP UNVEILS DESIGN TO REPAIR LEAKS IN THE 85-MILE DELAWARE AQUEDUCT-Three Mile Bypass Tunnel to Be Built Around Leaks; Furthers PlaNYC Goal of Strengthening Critical Water Network Infrastructure

Environmental Protection Commissioner Cas Holloway today outlined a design and timeline to address leaks in the Delaware Aqueduct. The 85-mile aqueduct, completed in 1944, conveys approximately half of the city's drinking water-more than 500 million gallons per day-from four upstate reservoirs to more than eight million people in New York City, and one million people in Ulster, Orange, Putnam and Westchester counties who also rely on the City's high quality drinking water. (Contd. Pg. 12)

## SENATOR GILLIBRAND VISITS OUR NEW YORK TROOPS IN AFGHANISTAN AND PAKISTAN



Senator Gillibrand, a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee recently traveled to Afghanistan and Pakistan with her colleagues Senators John McCain (R-AZ), Joseph Lieberman (I-CT) and Lindsey Graham (R-SC) to meet with top U.S. military and civilian leaders, Afghan President Hamid Karzai, Pakistani Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani, Pakistani military officials, and New York service members stationed in the region.

## JOEL SALATIN INSPIRES NEW FARMING EFFORTS

"We've got to get back to having the butcher, the baker and the candlestick maker in one place," said Joel Salatin during his presentation to a sold out crowd of over 150 people at the CVI Building, Liberty, NY on November 6. (Contd. Pg. 8)

**YE OLDE TRI-VALLEY TOWNSMAN**  
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**WEEKLY ADVERTISING RATES as of SEPT. 1, 2010**

Classified ads - \$6.00 for the first 20 words and 20 cents each additional word.

- 1" Boxed ad (1" x 3") - \$6.00 per week (\$2.00/ col in)
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- (Full page - 10" x 14") - (\$2.00/ col in) \$280 B/W
- (Full back page - 10" x 14") - \$420.00 B/W
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Rates are based on **B/W Camera-ready copy**. All other display advertising will be based upon \$3.00 per column inch. Guaranteed placement is available for a 25% surcharge on a first-come, first-served basis on all pages except the front page, page 2 & page 3. **All advertising must be pre-paid** unless other arrangements have been made.

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**Deadline for all submissions is 3:00 p.m. Friday. NO EXCEPTIONS**

If you are submitting your advertising by email, our email address is: [tvtownsman@yahoo.com](mailto:tvtownsman@yahoo.com) If you do choose to send ad copy via the internet please send it in either PDF (Acrobat) files or JPG format. All press releases/articles should be sent as Microsoft Word Documents. Have a question- please call: Linda Comando (845) 985-0501. As always, thank you for your support.

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**ON THE FRONT BURNER:** Because of every purpose there is time and judgment, therefore the misery of man is great upon him. Ecclesiastes 9:6

**ENGAGEMENT**



The families of Kayla Greenspan and Chris Mickelson are proud to announce their engagement. Kayla is the daughter of Ricky and Terry Greenspan of Grahamsville. Chris is the son of Mike and Lori Mickelson of Woodbourne. The couple is planning an October 2011 wedding. Kayla is beginning her final semester of Nursing School and Chris works for M & L Masonry. We have watched your love grow from high school sweethearts to your engagement. We love you and are blessed to welcome new members into our respective families

**DAYS OF YORE.... Today's History**

**November 22, 1950** - Roy Palmer of Saugerties, who was hunting in the Slide Mountain section late Saturday, came upon the wreckage of a plane on Cornell Mountain about a quarter mile from the Slide Mountain tower. Five bodies were found in the wreck.

Howard Brooks, 71, of Sundown died Sunday at noon at the Hamilton Ave. Hospital after an operation. Mr. Brooks was born in Sundown July 6, 1979, the son of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Brooks. He is survived by his wife, Emma Aldrich Brooks; a daughter, Ila Mae; a son, James and a foster son, Edward Van Dover. He left two brothers, Herbert of Sundown and Isaac of Springfield, Mass; and one sister, Effie Brooks Sholey of Sundown.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Distel of Ulster Heights have twin daughters, Kathleen and Karen, born Wednesday at the Veterans Memorial Hospital in Ellenville.

Successful deer hunters in this area include Roger Ackerley, Albert Rose, Ray Krum, Floyd Ackerley, Claude DePew, Theron Hasbrouck, Al Sherman, Walter Oberti; Elwood Velie brought home a bear.

**November 23, 1960** - Mr. and Mrs. Lee Garber of Bradley have announced the engagement of their daughter, Darlene Jean to Gerald Grey, son of Mrs. Raymond Pasqual of Haledon, N.J. The bride elect is a senior at Tri Valley Central School. The couple has not set a wedding date.

A new 50-star flag was presented to the Neversink firemen at their meeting Monday evening. The flag was sent to Archie Dean Sr. with a letter from Congresswoman Katherine St. George. The flag came from Washington and had flown one day at the State Capitol.

Mr. and Mrs. John Knight celebrated their 57th Wedding Anniversary very quietly at their home on Friday, November 18th. They were married in 1903 by the Rev. N.L. Heroy at Grahamsville, N.Y. They have one daughter, Mrs. Theron Hasbrouck; two grandchildren, Douglas Hasbrouck of Troy, N.Y. and Mrs. Thomas D. Smith of Hasbrouck.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas C. Hasbrouck of Troy, N.Y. are the proud parents of a daughter, Janet Lee, born November 16th. She is the second great-granddaughter for Mr. and Mr. John Knight.

Mr. and Mrs. A.J. Erath were honored guests at the home of their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Oland Erath on Thursday evening. After dinner they were very pleasantly surprised when a number of friends and relatives arrive to help them celebrate their 45th Wedding Anniversary.

**December 2, 1970** - Michael Musso, son of Benjamin and Rita Musso of Big Hollow Road in Grahamsville, has earned the highest award of the Boy Scouts of America - the rank of Eagle Scout.

Mrs. M.S. Groo, 82, (the former Jessie Eidel) of Lake Park, Florida and formerly of Grahamsville, died Wednesday, November 25th after a long illness. She was born to Obediah and Ellen Kortright in Fallsburg on April 29, 1888. She was a lifelong active member of the Woodbourne Reformed Church. She is survived by her husband, Myer and a sister, Mrs. Clara Finch of Middletown.

Mr. Joseph J. Kelly, Regional Commissioner of the Social Security Administration, has announced the opening of an office to serve Sullivan County residents. Mr. Kelly stated the new full-time office is at 10 Prince St. in the Sullivan Professional Building, Monticello.

**November 20, 1980** - Bonnie Lee Johnson, daughter of Lee and Carol Johnson of Grahamsville, became the bride of Arnold L. Stewart, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Stewart of Florida on October 25, 1980 at the United Methodist Church with the Rev. McCarty performing the ceremony. Shirley Dole, organist, accompanied Wayne Elberth as he sang "I Pledge My Love."

Monday marked the coldest morning temperature this fall. It was 15 degrees at the foot of Lackawack Hill.

(Due to a large number of legal notices and ads, there was an absence of news items in this issue. Hope next week will be better.)

**FIRST INFORMATIONAL MEETING ON 2011 TENTATIVE SC BUDGET**

The first informational meeting on the 2011 Tentative Sullivan County Budget was held on November 23 at the Fallsburg Town Hall in Fallsburg.

There will be at least six informational budget meeting that will be held throughout the County over the next few weeks. There will be informational meetings scheduled in the Town of Mamakating, Town of Highland, Town of Bethel, Town of Liberty, and Town of Rockland. There will also be two public hearings held at the Sullivan County Government Center in Monticello in December. The schedule of informational budget meetings will be forthcoming as they are scheduled.

"The public will be informed about the impact of New York State Government unfunded mandates that consume more than 85% of the Sullivan County property tax levy, with more than \$20.5 million of locally generated tax dollars being sent to Albany just for Medicaid," said Fanslau.

The informational budget meetings will be presented by County Manager David P Fanslau, Deputy County Manager/Commissioner of Management and Budget Joshua A Potosek, Legislature Chairman Jonathan F Rouis, and Chair of the Management and Budget Committee, Legislator Jodi I Goodman.

"The 2011 Tentative County Budget places taxpayers and residents first by freezing the property tax rate, reducing spending, and providing the services that the citizenry has come to deserve an expect," concluded Fanslau

**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE**  
St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Located at 24 Chestnut Street Liberty, NY  
Next to the Post Office  
Friday, December 10th  
Open at 11:00 am  
Cookies and Crafts  
Lunch \$6.00  
Cookies - \$7.00 per pound  
Sponsored by St. Paul's Ladies Aid Society

**HERE AND THERE**

Holiday 'busy-ness' and computer glitches - Sorry folks, there will be no column this week. P.A.H.

**NEVERSINK NEWS - Hulda Vernooy**

Congratulations to Chris and Ambyr Parken of Neversink. A son, Christopher Scott, was born on November 16, 2010. He weighed 8 lb. 13 oz. and was 22 inches long. Proud grandparents are Tammy and Dennis Matthews of Big Hollow Road, Grahamsville. Best wishes to everybody.

Hope everyone had a safe and happy Thanksgiving!  
(Call Hulda at 985-2268 with your Neversink news.)

**WATERSHED EDUCATION GRANT APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE**

Watershed Education Grant applications are now available from the Catskill Watershed Corp. for projects beginning in the fall of 2011. Schools and non-profit organizations in the New York City Catskill-Delaware Watershed, and in New York City, are invited to apply.

Pre-school through 12th grade students and their teachers are the target audience for Round 14 of the Grant Program, designed to increase awareness and understanding of the City's water system and the West-of-Hudson Watershed which provides 90 percent of the water supply for nine million people.

Guidelines and applications are available on the Public Education page of the corporation's web site, www.cwconline.org. Applicants may also call Education Coordinator Diane Galusha at 845-586-1400, ext. 29 (toll-free 877-WAT-SHED) to obtain hard copies of the forms and guidelines.

The deadline for submitting applications is February 1, 2011. Awards will be announced in the spring.

Projects may range from stream life studies to nature writing; environmental research to Watershed history explorations. Community service, professional development and career exploration projects are most welcome, as are those which connect upstate and downstate audiences.

Applicants may also seek funds for Special Options including Trout in the Classroom, study visits to Frost Valley and Ashokan environmental education centers, the Arm-of-the-Sea Theater production "City That Drinks the Mountain Sky," and "Catskill Tales & Tunes" by singers/storytellers Ira and Laurie McIntosh.

This year, applicants may also seek funding for any of three hands-on models to assist in teaching about groundwater contamination, stormwater pollution and wastewater treatment.

Students and teachers are also invited to browse the Catskill-NYC Watershed Educators' Web Site, www.WatershedEducators.org, for field trip and program ideas, and for descriptions of projects previously funded by the CWC's Education program.

The CWC is a non-profit organization based in Margaretville. It is committed to protecting water resources, encouraging environmentally friendly economic development and supporting watershed education in the New York City Watershed West of the Hudson River. This region, encompassing parts of the Counties of Delaware, Greene, Schoharie, Sullivan and Ulster, supplies 90 percent of New York City's water supply.

**TV LIONS CLUB PRESENTS AWARD CERTIFICATE TO LOCAL WINNER OF LIONS INTERNATIONAL PEACE POSTER CONTEST**

On November 18th, 2010 The Tri-Valley Lions



Club presented an award Certificate to the local winner of the Lions International Peace Poster Contest, entitled "My Vision Of World Peace". Pictured left to right are Sandra A. Bernstein, Tri-Valley middle School Art Teacher, Raychelle

Osnato, whose poster won the local district competition, and Lion Dave Moore representing the Tri-Valley Lions. The competition is open to all 11-13 year olds, from around the world under the auspices of their local Lions Clubs. Raychelle's Poster will go into competition at the New York State level.

**SC PHILATELIC SOCIETY MEETING**

The final meeting of 2010 of the Sullivan County Philatelic Society will be on Tuesday, December 7, 2010, at 1:00 p.m. at the Ted Stroebele Recreation Center, 2 Jefferson Street, Monticello, NY 12701. A 100 stamp trading session will take place first with our regular door prizes and giveaways. Jay Waterman will supply the refreshments, and two members will explain the art of stamp collecting, our main topic.

The new schedule for 2011 will be sent to all paying members next month.

**SECOND-GRADERS GET UP CLOSE**

(From Pg. 1)

The "Snakeman" brought 15-20 snakes from around the world and taught the students about their characteristics, habitats and habits. Students were able to get up close and even touch and hold some of the tamer snakes. The program tied in nicely with their study of reptiles and other animal groups and was generously funded by a donation from the Celebrate Success Committee.

**KISS ME, KATE (From Pg. 1)**

Kiss Me, Kate is a modern-day spin on Shakespeare's The Taming of the Shrew. The Bard's work runs parallel to the intrigues of the theatre troupe performing it. Fred Graham, director and male lead Petruccio, finds himself playing opposite his difficult ex-wife Lilli as the shrew. The scripted romance causes their tenuous real-life relationship to spiral into mayhem, hilarity and fabulous musical numbers. Add Fred's new love interest Lois as Bianca, Lois' other beau as Lucentio, and some ominous thugs intent on collecting an IOU, to make a comic drama you won't want to miss!

Come watch the reincarnation of an old favorite, and find out: Will the Shrew ever be tamed? Will the actors evade the mobsters? Will the troupe get past their personal problems and pull off the show? Join in the fun in the state-of-the-art Tri-Valley High School Theatre, 34 Moore Hill Road, Grahamsville. For additional information, contact Regina Hartman at (845) 985-2296, ext. 4154, or Tara Berescik at (845) 985-2296, ext. 5503.

**TIGHT LINES** by Robert Skow

Well, the Salmon run was in full swing this year when my buddy George G. and I drove into the little town of Pulaski, New York. The town was just starting to get over a historical state of emergency from all the rain that had recently flooded portions of the town. Apparently the flood stage of the Salmon River had gone higher than it ever had in recorded history.

One shop owner on the river had gotten hit pretty badly by the flood. He displayed a sign in front of his tackle shop that read "CLOSED DUE TO FLOOD-SALMON IN BASEMENT." Well, at least he still had a sense of humor after being hit with such a crises. Back to the fishing.

First off, we headed right up to the Altamar hatchery. I wanted to check the small feeder stream that flowed right next to the hatchery and to show George what the salmon run looks like in full swing. We pulled

over just past the small stream and I thought it was a little strange that there were no people there taking pictures, as there usually is this time of year. I knew it was the middle of the week and there is less fishing pressure and it was a rainy, stormy day but, something didn't seem right. Maybe the fish were not there.

*I WAS WRONG. THERE WERE SO MANY 10 TO 30 POUND SALMON IN THE STREAM YOU COULD HAVE USED THEM AS STEPPING STONES TO CROSS THE RIVER.*

That was enough for us. We drove a short distance up the road to the upper no kill section and rigged up our gear and headed down the path to the river.

What a shock. The river was up the bank and the water looked almost like chocolate milk. We were here so we tried to fish anyway.

We scanned the water and you could see an occasional salmon swim up close to the bank to stay out of the main current. I tried drifting some egg patterns and I managed to hook one, but the current was so bad he shook the hook in about ten seconds. We packed up and headed down river to see if any of the various pools I knew would be more fishable. Most of the easily accessible spots on the river had quite a few fishermen and getting to fish in these places would be rough. We watched everyone in these places for a while and saw the occasional fish hooked, but most got away due

to the heavy current.

About this time I knew of a pool on the river that usually produced a lot of fish where the current should have been a little less there. Not to mention less fishing pressure, as you have to walk a bit to get to it.

We parked and grabbed our gear and waders and headed down to the river. It was still pretty high and fast but a few fish were being caught. This was what we were looking for.

We headed downriver and someone had a nice salmon on but no net, so George stayed to help net the fish for him. I continued on and found a small feeder flowing in to the main river and followed it for a short way and found a small pod of King Salmon. I drifted an orange egg pattern a bunch of times right past their noses but they would not strike. I switched to a cherry red egg pattern and within three casts I was fast into one of those silver freight trains. Up and down that small feeder it dragged me and our net is with George upriver netting for some other lucky fisherman.

I played the fish until I thought it was totally exhausted and the salmon made one last run and I reeled it close to the bank and pulled up onto the gravel. Not a big one as salmon go. It weighed thirteen and a half pounds on my brass Manley scale. Just then George came walking downriver with the net and saw me holding up the salmon and grins from ear to ear. It was his first salmon trip and my first in about ten years. If we did not catch another fish this one alone would have been enough for me.

We fished for two days total and hooked and lost some more salmon and managed to catch two more. One eighteen pounds and one was twenty-one and a half pounds.

The salmon run usually starts by the end of August and will sometimes run into December. To get to Pulaski is easy. Just get on Route 17 west and take it to interstate 81 north to Pulaski. It should take around three and a half hours with no traffic. When you get off the exit just stop into one of the many tackle shops for directions to the hot spots and advice on what lures or baits to use.

As always be safe and TIGHT LINES.

**HOW EVERGREENS STAY GREEN**

by Peggy DeWire

I looked at the Christmas tree and marveled again at how evergreens remain green year around. Once they covered the whole world and over millions of years perfected three magic tricks on behalf of all trees to come.

The first and most important is photosynthesis or transforming sunlight into green chlorophyll.

Think of one sunbeam composed of tiny particles of electromagnetic radiation energy called photons. Each wee photon has zero rest mass and charge plus spin of one. How it changes sunlight into chlorophyll is a technology called photonics. Here's what happens:

As a sunbeam shines on a pine needle filled with water, the photons radiant energy splits each molecule of water into hydrogen and oxygen. The oxygen is discarded back into the air. The hydrogen mixes with air inside the needle or leaf and builds a new molecule of chlorophyll, which is carbohydrate (sugar). The whole process takes thirty seconds!

To split the water molecule requires the color bands of red, orange and blue - from the rainbow light spectrum. Only these colors transform light into chlorophyll or carbohydrate (sugar). The middle of the rainbow, where green is located, is mostly reflected. This is why a pine needle or leaf looks green.

Trees store little packages of carbohydrate as liquid sugar cells everywhere in the tree - needles, limbs, trunk, bark and roots - and in cold weather convert the sugar into an alcoholic substance slow to freeze. Pioneers made a tasty drink called Spruce Beer by boiling young twig tips in water and adding molasses and yeast to taste.

The second magic trick performed by evergreens is transporting the alcohol throughout the whole tree in long pipeline cells whose woody side walls thicken in winter weather.

The last trick is that all evergreens except tamarack and cypress keep sap flowing through needles year around. Broadleaf trees by contrast make cork cells at the end of the leaf stem, thus blocking water and causing the leaf to drop off in autumn.

Just imagine - 50 million years ago there was nobody around to appreciate a Christmas tree



**PUBLIC NOTICES/LEGALS****ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Board of Commissioners of the Neversink Fire District has the following positions available starting January 2011:

**DISTRICT SECRETARY  
DISTRICT TREASURER**

Please submit a letter of interest to the Neversink Fire District, PO Box 394, Neversink, N.Y. 12765 Attn: Jim Yapple.

11/4; 11/11; 11/18; 12/2

**Town of Denning - Planning Board  
- Public Hearing**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:**

The Town of Denning Planning Board will be holding a Public Hearing for the purpose of a 4 lot Subdivision of Frost Valley YMCA property located on Dinch Road, Claryville, NY 12725, 160 acres, SBL 50.2-2-1. A preliminary plat has been filed with the Planning Board.

The Public Hearing will be held just prior to the start of the regularly scheduled Planning Board Meeting, at the Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Road, Claryville, NY 12725, on Thursday, December 9, 2010, and starting at 7 PM. All interested person(s) will be heard at said time.

By Order of the Town of Denning  
Planning Board  
Carl Landon, Chairman

12/2; 12/9

**LEGAL NOTICE  
BIDS REQUESTED**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT pursuant to §103 of the General Municipal Law, sealed bids are requested for the purchase of:

**TOWN OF NEVERSINK  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON  
PROPOSED LOCAL LAW**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that there has been introduced before the Town Board of the Town of Neversink in the County of Sullivan and State of New York, Introductory Local Law No. 4 of the Year 2010, entitled "A Local Law to Amend Chapter 22 of the Code of the Town of Neversink entitled "Dogs" to Provide for Procedures to be Followed in Relation to the licensing of Dogs", which Local Law amends Chapter 22 of the Code of the Town of Neversink to add Article II - Licensing of Dogs due to legislation change wherein the State of New York has relinquished the responsibility of dog licensing function to local municipalities.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, pursuant to §20 of the Municipal Home Rule Law, a public hearing will be held on the aforesaid local law before the Town Board of the Town of Neversink, at the Town Hall, 273 Main Street, Grahamsville, New York, at 7:15 p.m. prevailing time, on December 8, 2010, at which time all interested persons will be heard. A copy of the said local law is on file with the Town Clerk of the Town of Neversink, New York, where the same may be examined.

Dated: November 12, 2010  
Lisa Garigliano, Town Clerk

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BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD, TOWN  
OF NEVERSINK  
LISA GARIGLIANO, TOWN CLERK  
DATED: OCTOBER 26, 2010

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**HOLIDAY HOURS AT THE TOWN HALL  
AND TRANSFER STATION**

The Town of Neversink Town Hall will be closed on Friday, December 24, 2010 for Christmas and on Friday, December 31, 2010 for New Years. Please plan your Town Hall business accordingly.

The Town of Neversink Transfer Station will be closed on Saturday, December 25, 2010 for Christmas and Saturday, January 1, 2011 for New Years. Instead the Transfer Station will be open on Monday, December 27, 2010 and on Monday, January 3, 2011. The hours on both days will be from 11:00 am to 7:00 pm. Please plan your transfer station needs with this schedule in mind. Have a wonderful holiday season.

**GOVERNOR'S STATEMENT ON  
'FRACKING'**

Governor Paterson admitted that he is no longer convinced that fracking is safe and that as a result of all of our hard work - fracking will not go forward at this time. He stated, "This is a very good example of public participation. Our DEC...originally ruled that hydrofracking would not affect the water quality in the area but we've received additional information and have not been able to come to a conclusion as to whether or not this is a good idea. Even with the tremendous revenues that will come in at this time...we're not going to risk public safety or water quality, which will be the next emerging global problem after the energy shortage. At this point, I would say that the hydrofracking opponents have raised enough of an argument to thwart us going forward at this time."

Listen the full interview at: <http://www.publicbroadcasting.net/wamc/news.newsmain/article/0/2706/1729657/WAMC.News/Governor.Paterson.Visits.WAMC>

**LETTER TO EDITOR:**

Dear Assemblyman Crouch,

I know that previously you have been in favor of moving ahead with permitting for hydrofracking but I hope that now you realize, as does Governor Paterson, that it should not proceed until and unless there is a clearly safe way to undertake this method of extracting a natural resource and an effective state structure to regulate and oversee the process. There is too much at stake.

Thus I write to you now to urge you to have the courage to reconsider your position in the face of the growing evidence, and to follow the precautionary principle, voting in tomorrow's Extraordinary Session for the Moratorium and Water Withdrawal Bill. I have to trust that you will do the sensible thing.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,  
M.Piera  
Sundown, NY

**ED NOTES:** *Unfortunately we will not know the decision of this vote on Monday in time to print it in this week's Townsman.*

**SUPPORT FOR STOCKBRIDGE MUN-  
SEE TRIBE (From Pg. 1)**

This major investment of more than \$560 million will spur additional investment into the Sullivan County Catskills and neighboring counties. Additional hotel rooms, restaurants and service suppliers will increase and develop the many vacant and deserted properties that have hindered the development of Sullivan County. Housing inventory will be increased and real estate prices will climb with the addition of increased quality jobs.

The Sullivan County Division of (Next Col.)

Planning is encouraged by today's announcement and is committed to working with all EDC partners within a pro-business environment through forward-thinking leadership aimed at encouraging economic development and creating jobs for our citizens.

The Sullivan County Partnership stated that 3,000 construction jobs, 4,000 permanent jobs and hundreds of millions of dollars of investment will create billions with its multiplier effect on our economy. It can be the instant shot of adrenaline Sullivan County's economy needs.

The Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce greets today's announcement with excitement insofar as it brings the reality of a full service resort and casino to our area that will compete with those found in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Connecticut. The Chamber has been committed to supporting the introduction of casinos in our area since it was founded 36 years ago. Further, our membership has continued to be in favor of this initiative which is one of the key objectives found in our by-laws. The Chamber feels that the introduction of a full service resort and casino will have a positive impact on the struggling small business community in our area by bringing in a larger customer base and providing additional tax revenue to the local governments for the improvement of the community as a whole.

The Sullivan County Visitors Association embraces the addition of a full service resort tourism facility. The new casino will add a sizzle factor that will complement the existing attractions: Bethel Woods Center and the other cultural venues, the Delaware River corridor and its emerging hamlets, fly-fishing and outdoor activities and the many natural and man-made venues that have driven visitor spending in the County at approximately \$330 million a year. This will bring further recognition to the Sullivan County Catskills and allow the SC Catskills to move full force into the convention market. With the full build out of the resort casino, approximately 1 million new visitors and the ancillary businesses that develop to supply the resort and service the additional employees and visitors, the Sullivan County Catskills could realize between \$1 & \$2 billion in additional visitor spending, thus affording a dramatic increase in the receipt of visitor tax dollars to Sullivan County and the State of New York.

**HINCHEY STATEMENT ON STOCK-  
BRIDGE-MUNSEE LAND CLAIM SET-  
TLEMENT- Sullivan Casino Expected to  
Create 2,000 Construction Jobs**

Monticello, N.Y. - Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) today released the following statement regarding the State of New York's land claim settlement with the Stockbridge-Munsee community and concurrent agreement allowing for Indian casino gaming on the tribe's new property located in Sullivan County. Hinchey has long been a supporter of Indian gaming in the Catskills and has worked for many years to convince the U.S. Department of the Interior to approve resort casinos.

Last year, Hinchey brought Larry Echo Hawk, the Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, to Sullivan County to tour the region and discuss casino gaming with community leaders. Hinchey also has pushed the Department of the Interior to allow casino proposals to move forward and strongly supported the New York State agreement with the Secretary of the Interior.

"This agreement paves the way for the creation of the Catskills' first resort casino and will allow for the creation of up to 2,000 new construction jobs in Sullivan County. This region, which I am proud to represent in Congress, has a long and rich history of hospitality and tourism, and this project will help to restore the Catskills as a destination for visitors from around the region and country.

"I look forward to working with the Department of the Interior and other agencies to ensure that this important economic development project is now approved at the federal level. This project will help put Sullivan County back on the map as a destination for visitors from New York City and around the country. In addition to creating a significant number of construction jobs, the Stockbridge-Munsee resort would spur further economic development in the Catskills and create much-needed permanent jobs for the area's residents."

**SENATOR BONACIC STATEMENT ON  
STOCKBRIDGE-MUNSEE COMPACT**

"Casinos have long been talked about in the Catskills but various road blocks have always gotten in the way. If Governor Paterson signs the Stockbridge Munsee Compact, as his office has told me that he will do, it is another opportunity to create jobs and rekindle tourism in the Catskills. The work will now shift to Washington to have the Federal government approve this casino. Senator Schumer and Senator Gillibrand have increased clout given the recent elections have made their Democratic Majority smaller. I am hopeful that both of them will use that clout to have the Obama administration approve what the Bush administration would not. I believe both of them understand the jobs which are at stake here and will work in support of having this casino come to fruition."

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Sullivan County will convert to Single Stream Recycling in January, 2011. The announcement was made by Sullivan County Legislature Chairman Jonathan F. Rouis on America Recycles Day - November 15 - a nationally recognized day to inform and educate the public about recycling. Sullivan County will partner with Hudson Baylor Corporation to embark on this Single Stream Recycling (SSR) format.

"The County's Solid Waste System is moving forward with an emphasis on removing waste from the waste stream that otherwise would be exported to landfills. Recycling is a major way to reduce the amount of waste, along with the Household Hazardous Waste program, and other special recycling programs to be launched in 2011," said Rouis.

SSR is a proven way to increase the quantity of materials recovered for recycling and decrease the amount of garbage produced - which saves everyone money and time. SSR is a convenient method of collecting many types of recyclables all together in one container style. SSR consolidates recyclable paper, glass, plastic and metals for easy storage, collection and transport to recycling facilities for processing. In fact, double-digit recycling increases have been reported in communities that convert to SSR. Improved convenience means better compliance with mandatory recycling regulations. (Contd. Pg. 13)



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**SUNY SULLIVAN 'COMMUNITY' COMES TOGETHER** (From Pg. 1)

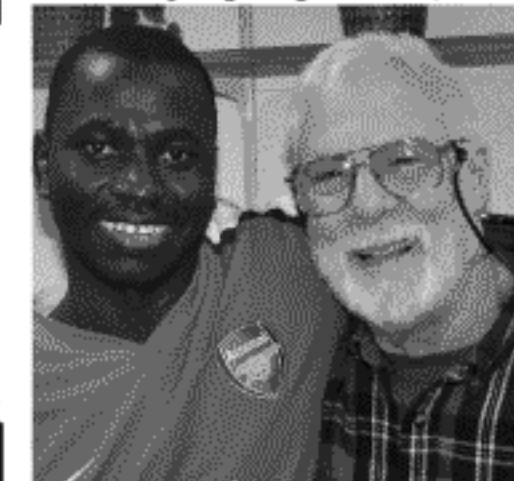
And as a result of ShopRite of Liberty's donation, a student initiated bake sale contributed over \$300 to the fund's total.

Unfortunately, Modou's father died before he could make it home to be with him. However, Modou will still have a chance to get home and be with his family and honor the father who inspired him to follow his dream to come to America for an education.

Modou's story is the stuff that makes a moving Oprah show. (To read the full Modou Joof story, visit <http://goo.gl/Sxl4L>). But as with any good story there are always a number of important characters who play a pivotal role. Tom Lambert, professor of sociology, did so without even knowing it. Modou was thumbing through a college book in Gambia when he came across Tom's picture. "I saw that man's face and I knew that I wanted to go to SUNY Sullivan," Modou said. "I just knew it." Eventually Modou met the man whose face launched his journey and they became fast friends. Tom took Modou under his wing and has served as one of his mentors.

Next enter Bob Rosengard, a retired high school teacher, who is an adjunct at the college. Once Bob learned that not only was Modou living alone and subsisting on next to nothing, he invited him to come live in his house free of charge. And here's the irony. Modou is a devout Muslim and Bob Rosengard is Jewish. They live together in mutual respect and harmony with Bob taking Modou to weekly services at the local mosque. At a time when headlines are filled with stories of "man's inhumanity toward man," the Modou Joof story is a breath of fresh air.

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Washington, D.C. - The Obama administration this week informed Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) that it was launching an investigation into allegations that China is illegally subsidizing its solar and clean energy industries. In September, Hinchey called on President Obama to end unfair trade practices, which have put America's growing clean energy and solar energy producers, particularly in New York's Hudson Valley, at a competitive disadvantage. A copy of the letter from the U.S. Trade Representative Ron Kirk to Hinchey indicating the administration's move is attached.

"The president's decision to launch a full investigation into China's illegal subsidization of its clean energy industry is encouraging," said Hinchey. "I raised concerns about these unfair trade practices in September when solar energy companies in the district I represent indicated that China's subsidies are hurting domestic clean energy producers. I am hopeful that at the conclusion of this investigation the administration will move forward with efforts to (Next Col.)

enforce international trade rules and end the illegal practices, which are costing America countless jobs. Doing so would be to the benefit of our domestic efforts, particularly in New York, to establish a foothold in the development of new technologies that will help carry our nation forward in the development of a renewable energy future."

Earlier this year, Hinchey visited Prism Solar Technologies in Highland, New York to stress the urgency of stopping China's illegal subsidization of its clean energy exports. Those subsidies, Hinchey argued, put Hudson Valley solar manufacturers like Prism at a competitive disadvantage. To remedy the situation, Hinchey sent a letter to President Barack Obama, encouraging him to take action through the World Trade Organization, the international body charged with regulating international trade of which China and the U.S. are members.

Hinchey led the effort to establish The Solar Energy Consortium (TSEC) to build partnerships between local universities and solar energy start-ups. The cooperative and coordinated approach has helped create more than 600 solar jobs, with nearly 1,000 additional jobs expected in the next two years. Last year, Hinchey announced that Prism Solar Technologies had closed a deal to establish itself in Highland using a (Next Col.)

\$2 million federal investment he secured on behalf of TSEC using his position on the House Appropriations Committee. Prism designs and manufactures products that improve the efficiency of solar energy collection and is at risk of being undercut by heavily subsidized Chinese products.

**FALLSBURG CSD IS AWARDED GRANT**  
(From Pg. 1)

Dr. Ivan Katz, Superintendent of the Fallsburg Central School District said that this grant is a wonderful opportunity for the district to do some special things for our elementary students that could not have been done without this grant. Several of our staff members participated in putting this successful grant proposal together and I thank them for it. Field trips, special programs and after-school opportunities are among the things that this grant will provide funding for.

Dr. Katz mentioned that the Fallsburg Central School District has won this grant since 1997 and has received a total of \$5,250.00 to date. Those dollars have been making a difference for our kids for more than a decade.

Dr. Katz further stated that he would be remiss if he did not thank Alyce Van Etten of Van Etten Oil for her tireless efforts to bring this valuable grant to Fallsburg. Alice is a supporter of school children from soup to nuts

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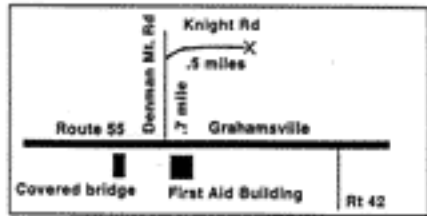


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**LOGO CONTEST (From Pg. 1)**

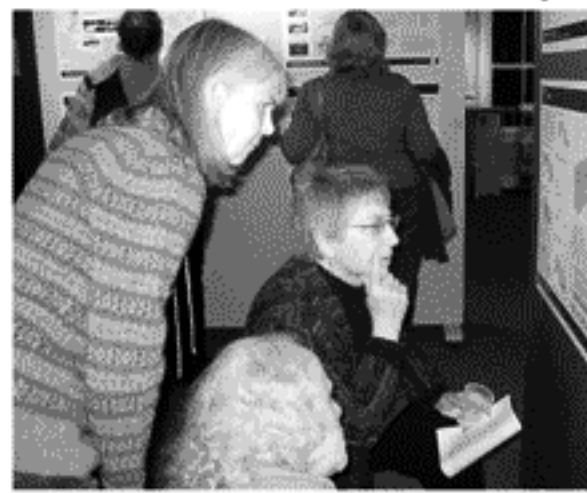
The Catskill Mountains Scenic Byway logo contest carries a \$100 cash prize for the designer of the winning logo, which may be used on signs, promotional materials and official documents for the proposed 45-mile scenic byway.

Logo submissions are due February 14, 2011. Six finalists will be announced on March 1, and the winning entry will be announced on March 17. The logos of the six finalists will be displayed this spring in the Erpf Gallery at The Catskill Center for Conservation and Development in Arkville.

The contest is open to residents of the four counties of the Catskill Park (Ulster, Delaware, Greene, and Sullivan). Entries must be submitted in pdf or jpg format, in both color and grayscale, at 300 dpi and created as vector art (that is, scaleable to any size without distortion). Submit entries (up to three per designer) to [catmtnslogo@gmail.com](mailto:catmtnslogo@gmail.com).

For detailed program rules, contact Peter Manning, representing the CCC, (Next Col.)

at 845-586-2611; [pmanning@catskillcenter.org](mailto:pmanning@catskillcenter.org). The CCC is preparing a nomination for submission to the New York State Scenic Byways Program and



Visitors examine the new exhibit, "Historic Route 28: The Making of a Scenic Byway" at its opening Nov. 20 at the Catskill Center in Arkville. The exhibit can be seen at the Center from 9 to 5 weekdays. Closed Nov. 25-26; Dec. 23-24, and Dec. 31.

The proposed route also includes the majority of Route 28A, from the hamlet of West Hurley to the hamlet of Boiceville along the south side of the Ashokan Reservoir, plus a section of Route 214 connecting the proposed Catskill Mountains Scenic Byway with the proposed Mountain Cloves Scenic Byway in the Town of Hunter. Sections of Old Route 28 through the hamlets of Phoenicia and Pine Hill and the Village of Fleischmanns, are also included in the proposed scenic route. For more information on the NYS Scenic Byways Program, visit: [www.nysdot.gov/display/programs/scenic-byways](http://www.nysdot.gov/display/programs/scenic-byways). For more information on the proposed Catskill Mountains Scenic Byway, visit the Erpf Gallery at The Catskill Center in Arkville to see the exhibit, "Historic Route 28: The Making of a Scenic Byway." The exhibit can be seen weekdays from 9 to 5 and Saturdays from 12 to 4 for the duration of the contest period.

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**JOEL SALATIN INSPIRES NEW FARMING EFFORTS (From Pg. 1)**

Salatin, a third generation farmer in Virginia's Shenandoah Valley was in Sullivan County to speak with farmers, producers and consumers with a new twist on an old adage "You are What (Next Col.)

you Eat" and a focus on the connection between local food production and consumption and the health of the environment and the economy.

The program was presented by the Delaware Highlands Conservancy (DHC) in partnership with Sullivan Renaissance, the Sullivan County Division of Planning; Northeast SARE; Pure Catskills; the Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce; the Sullivan County Partnership for Economic Development; Sullivan County Visitor's Association, Apple Pond Farm and Renewable Energy Education Center and the O'Connor Foundation.

Greg Swartz, a Board of Director for the DHC noted the age of conference attendees and the presence of a next generation of farmers in the room.

"The Delaware Highlands Conservancy is very pleased with the conference. Mr. Salatin received rave reviews with 100% of those surveyed rating him "excellent," said Sue Currier, DHC Executive Director.

Comments from participants included: "We are very glad that we came. We are just starting out with a farm transition and are trying to decide where to go from here;" "Thank you for supporting student scholarships and allowing us to attend such a great event;" and "Great presentation by Joel. Good tie in to preserving local farmland."

In keeping with the message of the day, the conference included a breakfast catered by Catskill Harvest Market and lunch by Early Bird Cookery which offered all local products.

Salatin's program kicks off a series of ag-related programs that are scheduled to take place throughout Sullivan County in the coming months. These events range from agri-tourism and marketing, to community supported agriculture and meat production on the farm.

- Upcoming agriculture related events include:
- Meat Regulations: Experts will be on hand for a panel discussion about NYS Ag & Markets regulations for processing meat (beef and poultry).
  - Agri-Tourism Workshop: Is agri-tourism for your business? A panel of farmers, local agencies, businesses and insurance agents will discuss how to start an agri-tourism business on the farm.
  - o Sullivan Renaissance Winter Conference and Expo: Learn about grant opportunities and how to get involved with community beautification, community gardens and community supported agriculture.
  - Watershed Agricultural Council (Contd. Pg. 9) -

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For more information about these agricultural programs, contact the Delaware (Contd. Pg. 9) Highlands Conservancy at [www.delawarehighlands.org](http://www.delawarehighlands.org) or call 845-807-0535 in Monticello, NY or 570-226-3164 in Hawley, PA. The DHC works with landowners to conserve the natural and cultural heritage of the Upper Delaware River Region.

**THE WALLS OF ASK WILL BE FILLED WITH TRINKETS DURING THE MONTH OF DECEMBER**

Both the Main Gallery and Members' Lounge will be filled with color during the holiday season, as The Arts Society of Kingston (ASK) welcomes "Trinkets: A Members' Exhibit" to their space. The show will display small works of art, 12"x12" maximum, at affordable prices.

In addition to the Members' Exhibit, ASK will be featuring "A Tribute to Meyer Lieberman" in the Front Gallery. ASK is proud to honor Meyer Lieberman as a special person with superb talent. Though Meyer has now retired and physically challenged, he still keeps his creative talent on the go. It is truly amazing what one can do with a pen and colored pencil!

Join us at ASK for our First Saturday Opening Reception on December 4th from 5-8 pm. Both exhibitions will run from December 4th - 28th.

**About ASK**

The Arts Society of Kingston, a regional center for the arts, presents a diverse range of visual art exhibitions, performances, workshops, classes, and other arts-related programming for the benefit of artists, art-lovers, and the general community of the Hudson Valley. Through its initiatives, ASK provides opportunities, resources, and education for artists. In carrying out this mission, ASK enriches the quality of life, bridges cultural gaps, and increases awareness and appreciation of the arts. For more information, please visit [ASKforArts.org](http://ASKforArts.org).

**KATE MCGLOUGHLIN OPENS STUDIO FOR ANNUAL SALE AND GRATITUDE PARTY**

On Sunday, November 28th Olivebridge painter and printmaker Kate McGloughlin hosted her annual gratitude party and studio sale to show appreciation for her students, clients, and neighbors.



New work from Ireland, Mexico, Monhegan, Italy and the Hudson Valley were on display, and Sarah Stitham's famous ginger-

bread was served. For more information, please call 845-657-8761 or email [kmcgloughlin@hvc.rr.com](mailto:kmcgloughlin@hvc.rr.com)

**LCS MUSIC DEPARTMENT PRESENTS ANNUAL WINTER CONCERTS**

The Liberty Central School Music Department will present their annual Winter Concerts throughout the month of December. Close to 500 students will be expressing the language of music at these very special performances according to LCS Director of Music, Gary Siegel. To continue the attempt to make the concerts more "audience friendly", the high school and middle school will be presenting two concerts each. According to Siegel, this began a few years ago as the concerts in the past had been "bordering on marathon" so each concert will feature a maximum of four ensembles and will last between 60-75 minutes in length.

The Tri-M Music Honor Society Induction Ceremony and High School Concert Part 1 will take place on Wednesday, December 1st (Snow Date 12/6) with the program including performances by the Honors Chamber Orchestra, Honors Chorus and Honors Band. The High School Concert Part 2 will take place on Wednesday, December 8 (Next Col.)

and will feature the Symphonic Band, Mixed Chorus, String Orchestra, and Jazz Ensemble. The Middle School Concert Part 1 will take place on Thursday, December 9th (Snow Date 12/13). The program will feature the 7/8 String Orchestra, 7/8 Grade Concert Choir, and 7/8 Grade Band and the Middle School Jazz Ensemble. The Middle School Concert Part II will take place on Wednesday, December 15th (Snow Date 12/16) featuring the MS Woodwind Ensemble, 5/6 Orchestra, 5/6 Chorus and 5/6 Band. A variety of music will be performed in all of the concerts. The groups will be performing under the direction of Scott Glasser, Tim Hamblin, Dan McConnell, Emily Ford, and Gary Siegel. The festivities will begin at 7 PM for all of the concerts and will take place in the David E. Panebaker Auditorium at Liberty High School. The concerts are presented as a public service to the community and are FREE!

In addition there will be a Middle School Winter Concert Assembly Program on Friday, December 10th in the HS Auditorium at 1:00 PM. The Elementary School Winter Concert Assembly Program will take place in the ES Gym on Friday, December 17th at 8:45 AM and will feature the 4th Grade Chorus under the direction of Sue Rothschild. These performances are also free and open to the public. For more information email [gsiegel@libertyk12.org](mailto:gsiegel@libertyk12.org) or call 292-5400 x5117 or go to the school website at [www.libertyk12.org](http://www.libertyk12.org).

**ELLENVILLE REGIONAL HOSPITAL PRESENTS THE PHOTOGRAPHS OF PAMELA WIGGINS AT THE HEALING ART GALLERY**

Pamela Wiggins' photographs will be on solo exhibition at the Healing Art Gallery at Ellenville Regional Hospital from early December through the first month of January 2011. Her photographs will be on view and for sale. Ellenville Regional Hospital is located on Route 209 in Ellenville. Free and open to the public, 8am-8pm daily. For more information about the Healing Art exhibit or the Ellenville Regional Hospital, please contact (845) 647-6400, ext. 286. A reception to meet the artist is planned Tuesday, December 14, 2010 from 5:00-7:00pm.

**Biography and Artist Statement**

Pamela Wiggins began taking pictures as a child in West Virginia when she chose photography as a project for her local 4-H Club. "I was thrilled to learn the most basic techniques such as panning a shot." She had a small lab in her home where she developed negatives and printed small pictures.

As an adult, she began experimenting with 35 mm photography after seeing pictures taken by Nancy Stanich, a local photographer. She entered a number of contests and won several prizes. She was also commissioned to do a series of shots of wildlife for a local farmer.

After a long hiatus, Pam retired from thirty years of working for New York State and began taking up photography in 2008. Most of what Pam does is self-taught. "I love looking at a landscape to find a picture within a picture." Except for a few shots taken in Sedona, AZ, Cape Cod and Peru, most of her pictures were taken within a five mile radius of her home in Gardiner.

This is Pam's first show in the area.

**SCDW CONTINUES AUDITIONS FOR 'A RAISIN IN THE SUN'**

The Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop is continuing the audition process for its May 2011 production of Lorraine Hansberry's powerful drama, 'A Raisin in the Sun' (production dates May 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15, 2011 at the Rivoli Theatre in South Fallsburg will celebrate the show's 50th Anniversary). Several roles are already cast from the first round of auditions, however additional actors are needed for the following roles:

- Benetha Younger (African-American med student: daughter, sister, aunt) early 20's
- Joseph Asagai (African exchange student: Benetha's "love interest") mid 20's
- Willie Bobo (African-American: nervous type) 30's - 40's
- Karl Lindner (Caucasian "lawyer" type) age open
- Moving Man age/race optional

Actors should be able to portray the suggested ages for additional information and to schedule an audition. Please contact Director Oliver King @ (914) 799-5528 or by e-mail [dragonarius@yahoo.com](mailto:dragonarius@yahoo.com)

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Distance learning courses offered are: principles of management, human resources management, managerial accounting, business law II, computer applications, microeconomics, introduction to literature, physical fitness and wellness, philosophy of sport, health sciences applied to coaching, theory and techniques of coaching, and biology of birds and lab. Distance learning courses will begin Thursday, December 16 and end on Thursday, Jan 20.

All courses offered are for three credits with the exception of freshman seminar. For complete details on instructors and class times, go to [www.sunysullivan.edu/wintercourses](http://www.sunysullivan.edu/wintercourses).

Students currently enrolled at other colleges should contact the SUNY Sullivan registrar at 845.434.5750 ext. 4302 for more information on transferring credits to their home college.

**DECEMBER 11th HOLIDAY PARTIES BENEFIT THE ULSTER CO SPCA**

The Ulster County SPCA will celebrate the season at their annual Holiday Party on Saturday, December 11th from 11:30AM to 3PM. This family-friendly event will feature affordable photographs with Santa Paws for you and your companion animals. There will also be raffles, refreshments, and holiday gifts for sale. Donations of food and cleaning supplies will be accepted. The UCSPCA shelter is located at 20 Wiedy Road in Kingston. For more information, call 331-5377 x 210. After the shelter event, please join the SPCA later for an evening Holiday Party at the Elephant Wine Bar in Uptown Kingston at 8PM. This benefit will feature auctions, holiday cheer and the sounds of the High Five Revival surf punk band. Donations for the shelter will be accepted. The Elephant Wine Bar is located at 310 Wall St. in Uptown Kingston, NY. For more information, call Maya at 339-9310.

The UCSPCA is a private, nonprofit organization dedicated to preventing cruelty to animals in Ulster County. Donations may be sent to UCSPCA 20 Wiedy Rd. Kingston, NY 12401.

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Many legends and old traditions concerning the Christmas tree date back to very ancient times, but historical documentation of its origin as the tree we know and decorate today only appeared in recent centuries.

Since very ancient times even primitive people would take evergreen plants and flowers into their huts, seeing in them a magical or religious significance. The Greeks and Romans decorated their dwellings with ivy. The Celts and Scandinavians preferred mistletoe, but many other evergreen plants such as holly, butcher's broom, laurel and branches of pine or fir were considered to have magical or medicinal powers that would ward off illness. This belief was found especially among the inhabitants of the northern regions with cold climates and long, dark winters; it was almost as if these plants revived thoughts of the coming spring while everything around them lay dormant.

An interesting tradition, part history, part legend and very popular in Germany, claims that the Christmas tree dates back to the eighth century. This legend is based on a historical figure, St Boniface, and even a historical event, the destruction of Odin's oak. St Boniface (675-754) was the English Bishop Winfrid who went to Germany in the eighth century, to Hesse to be precise, to preach the Christian faith as a missionary from the Church of Rome. After a period of apparently successful Gospel preaching, Boniface went to Rome to confer with Pope Gregory II (715-731). After a long absence, he returned to Geismar, Germany, for Christmas 723, and felt personally offended on dis-

covering that the Germans had reverted to their former idolatry of pagan divinities and were preparing to celebrate the winter solstice by sacrificing a young man under Odin's sacred oak tree. Fired by holy anger, as was Moses by the golden calf, Bishop Boniface took up an axe and dared to cut down the oak. This courageous, historically documented act meant the triumph of Christianity in Germany over the pagan divinities. All this is historically documented, the rest belongs to the legend which tells of the first blow of an axe, a strong gust of wind instantly brought down an oak tree. The astounded Germans fearfully recognized the hand of God in this event and asked Boniface how they should celebrate Christmas. The Bishop pointed to a small fir tree that had miraculously remained upright and intact beside the broken branches of the fallen oak. Boniface was familiar with the popular custom of taking an evergreen plant into the house in winter and asked everyone to take home a fir tree, signifying peace. The evergreen also symbolizes immortality; with its top pointing upwards, indicating heaven, the dwelling place of God.

Join in the local tradition this Sunday at Bi-Centennial Park in Grahamsville for the Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony that will not only add to our history, but will once again remind us of the miracle of Christmas!

**ADNLS' TIP FOR TAKING THE STRESS OUT OF THE HOLIDAYS -**

No one can do it all. We all have only so much time, energy, and money to spend. If we want to spend it well, we need to clarify what's most important to us and our family this holiday season. Is it making time to go to a holiday concert or ballet? Cooking a wonderful meal? Baking cookies with your children? Spending quality time with friends and family? Shopping and beautifully wrapping all your presents?

After you've listed everything you'd like to do, be realistic. Do you have the resources to accomplish these things? Or are you going to stress yourself out by overextending yourself? Don't do that.

Instead, choose the most important things from your list. Use your resources for those things. Simplify the rest or let them go.

Take some time to relax and watch a favorite Christmas movie from the past with someone you love.

Christmas has become a very commercial holiday. Rushing around to buy presents, people tend to forget the true meaning of Christmas. Aside from big dinners and expensive gifts, there are other ways to celebrate that reflect the true meaning of the holiday and spread some Christmas Cheer!

Above all, take some quiet time to reflect on what the Christmas Season is really about.

**THE OTHER SIDE OF THE MOUNTAIN**

- from Paula Rhodes, Owner of The Good Stuff Café and Inn located next to the Post Office in West Shokan, NY.



Well, I missed Thanksgiving!

I didn't actually miss it, I just missed my deadline. I actually had one of the nicest Thanksgivings I can remember. I will tell you about it next week, if I don't miss my deadline! I am not used to having a deadline!

I am almost glad I missed it. But I can still tell you what I am thankful for.

I have so many people to thank and I would be so upset if I missed one. Needless to say I am thankful for the store and the community we have been welcomed into. We feel as if we have come home. But most of all I am more than can be expressed, thankful for Gary. He put his career and dream on hold to help me realize my dream. He will never know how much I love and appreciate him. And I am thankful for his being the world's most wonderful PopPop! You have no idea!

And I am thankful for my family because they gave me tickets to *The Adams Family the Musical*!!!!!! I am so excited!!!!!! We are going to take the train in and go to lunch then the show and then a carriage ride through Central Park and then dessert at Grand Central Terminal and the train home! We are trying to buy the entire property here so ~ we don't get out a lot ~ an exciting night for us is going to Catamount with Sylvia for wings (and a few Margaritas) or Kingston to pick up produce. I have actually been known to stay in for days in winter! I wait for Adam to come get his coffee and bring the newspapers in for me. I don't like being cold! I have on two pair of cuddle duds in preparation of going into the city! My family in the South are always amazed at how cold it is here and the amount of snow. I also love to tell people I remember the first time I saw over an inch of snow ~ vividly, I was in my 30's. But one of the dumbest things we have ever done is get into our little Chevy Tracker in January and go to Wisconsin to visit my daughter Jammie! It is just incredible there. We drove through tunnels of snow that doesn't melt until April! They just keep stacking it up! We also decided to stop in Cleveland and visit the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame. Did you know The Rock & Roll Hall of Fame is ON Lake Michigan? It was frozen solid! That being said and it taking me a very long time to get to this point!! Jammie and her boys are coming to visit from Wisconsin (her boys being our 11 year old Grandson Alexander and her husband Patrick) Again I am so excited!!! We haven't seen Alex or Patrick in almost two years. I hate being so far away from my family and I hate that in March our son-in-law will deploy to Afghanistan. But, we are proud of him for being who he is.

\*Monday November 29, 2010 Happy Birthday to Me and Amy and Jim and Sylvia and Adam and everyone else whose birthday is this time of year! You know I am going to be late again for my dead line! But I wanted to wish all a Happy Birthday and Merry Christmas because I will probably miss that deadline also! Happy Late Thanksgiving from *Our Side of The Mountain and The Store.*

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**DEP UNVEILS DESIGN** (From Pg. 1)

Under the plan, DEP will build a three-mile bypass tunnel around a portion of the aqueduct that is leaking in Roseton in Orange County, and repair other leaks in Wawarsing, in Ulster County, from the inside of the existing tunnel. The three-mile bypass tunnel will run east from the Town of Newburgh in Orange County, under the Hudson River to the Town of Wappinger in Dutchess County, on the east side of the Hudson. The construction of the bypass tunnel and the repair of the lining will ensure that DEP can continue to deliver high quality drinking water every day for decades to come. Under the plan, DEP will break ground on the bypass tunnel in 2013, and complete the connection to the Delaware Aqueduct in 2019. The bypass tunnel and internal repairs will cost approximately \$1.2 billion, and water projects to supplement the city's supply during part of the construction period will cost approximately \$900 million. The tunnel repair and project is expected to create between 1,000 and 1,500 jobs.

"Ensuring the integrity of New York City's vital infrastructure is fundamental to our long-term growth and prosperity," said Commissioner Holloway. "From City Water Tunnel No. 3 to the Newtown Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant, Mayor Bloomberg has continued to invest in critical infrastructure projects, even in tough economic times. The Delaware Aqueduct is a primary water artery to the City, and fixing the leaks that have appeared since it went online more than 65 years ago is critical to supplying nine million New Yorkers with the high quality drinking water they need every day. DEP has already committed more than \$300 million to determining the scope and location of the leaks, designing a solution, and beginning the preliminary construction necessary to undertake this complex, multi-faceted project. The result of this multi-year effort is a cost-effective solution that will minimize any disruption to the city's water supply, and ensure that DEP can continue to deliver the highest quality water to nine million New Yorkers for generations to come."

"Repairing the Delaware Aqueduct is a critical step towards meeting our PlaNYC goal of developing critical backup systems for our water network," said Director David Bragdon of the Mayor's Office of Long-Term Planning and Sustainability. "Taking care of our basic infrastructure will ensure a more reliable drinking water supply for New Yorkers and helps us build a greener, greater New York."

**The Delaware Aqueduct**

The Delaware water supply system originates more than 100 miles north of New York City and consists of four reservoirs: Cannonsville, Neversink, Pepacton, and Rondout. The 85-mile Delaware Aqueduct conveys drinking water from these reservoirs to the city's distribution system. It is designed to provide up to 900 million gallons of water a day, but typically meets about half of the city's daily water needs. The aqueduct, the world's longest continuous tunnel, was constructed between 1939 and 1944 and crosses Ulster, Orange, Dutchess, Putnam and Westchester counties. The aqueduct is a concrete-lined tunnel that varies in diameter from 13.5 to 19.5 feet and runs as deep as 1,500 feet beneath the ground. It was constructed by drilling and blasting, and in most areas, it is lined only with unreinforced concrete. In areas where the rock is not as strong, a steel reinforcement liner was added to the concrete liner.

**Leak Investigation**

Since the 1990s, DEP has been monitoring leaks in a portion of the aqueduct that connects the Rondout Reservoir in Ulster County to the West Branch Reservoir in Putnam County, specifically in the towns of Roseton and Wawarsing. The leaks release between 15 and 35 million gallons of water a day, depending on the amount of water the aqueduct is carrying. Years of comprehensive inspections, testing, and study indicate that cracking and leakage are occurring in the aqueduct where it passes through limestone, a rock more susceptible to wear and tear than sandstone, shale, gneiss and granite that form the vast majority of the tunnel.

DEP is continuously testing and monitoring the leaking areas using dye, backflow, and hydrostatic tests, and hourly flow monitors that provide near real-time data on the location and volume of the leak. The data clearly show that the rate of leakage has remained constant since DEP began monitoring in 1992. In 2003 and 2009, DEP launched an Autonomous Underwater Vehicle (AUV)-a cutting-edge, self-propelled submarine-shaped vehicle built in partnership with engineers at Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution in Massachusetts -to conduct a detailed survey of the entire 45-mile length of tunnel from Roundout to West Branch reservoirs. The AUV took 360-degree photographs every eight feet, while also gathering sonar, velocity, and pressure data to assist in determining the location, size, and characteristics of the leaks. During the same period, DEP considered a number of alternatives to fix the leaks, and has more than \$300 million of construction underway to build the equipment necessary to take water out of the tunnel to complete the repairs.

**Leak Repair**

DEP's construction experts and tunnel designers have prepared a plan to address the leaks by building a bypass tunnel around the most significant leaking portions of the aqueduct, and will repair parts of the concrete liner in the existing tunnel in other areas, including Wawarsing. The tunnel will need to be shut down and emptied for a period of time to facilitate the bypass connection and perform the repair work.

Preparation for the repair work is currently underway, including: purchasing equipment for the repair; working on the design of the repair; preparing contract documents for the repair, including the bypass tunnel; performing physical investigations of geology at the site of the shafts and bypass tunnel; and assessments of environmental impacts of the project. The current repair plan is based on the following schedule:

Construction of new shafts that connect to the aqueduct and the bypass tunnel to begin in 2013 and to be completed in 2016. A shaft is a vertical pipe that connects the tunnel to the surface. There will be two shafts at both ends of the new three-mile bypass tunnel. These shafts will provide access points for construction of the bypass tunnel and to facilitate connecting the bypass to the existing tunnel. The shafts will be from 700 to 900 feet deep, and have a diameter of 15 to 20 feet and will be located in the Town of Newburgh, which is on the west side of the Hudson River and in Wappinger, which is on the east side of the river.

Construction of the bypass tunnel to begin in 2015 and be completed in 2019. The new three-mile segment of tunnel will bypass the leaking portions of the existing tunnel in the Roseton area. DEP's ongoing testing program - including two AUV inspections of the interior of the tunnel and extensive geological investigations - has confirmed the location of primary leakage in this area. A tunnel boring machine will be used to drill the 22-foot diameter bypass tunnel. This segment of the tunnel will extend from a tunnel launching shaft to the tunnel reception shaft, each located approximately 150 feet away from the existing tunnel alignment. The machine is expected to advance at up to 50 feet per day. The existing tunnel will continue to operate while the bypass tunnel is under construction. When the new bypass tunnel is nearly complete and the water supply augmentation and conservation measures are in place, the existing tunnel will be taken out of service and excavation will begin to connect the new bypass section to the existing tunnel. About eight to 12 months are anticipated to complete the bypass connection. To make the connection, additional rock will be excavated to break through to the existing tunnel; two plugs will be installed to isolate the existing leaking portion of the tunnel; a connection chamber will be excavated and lined at the two connection points, and each of the construction shafts will be plugged. When that work is complete, the tunnel will be refilled and returned to service.

Eliminating the leaks in Wawarsing. During the construction of the bypass tunnel, the Delaware Aqueduct will be shut down, enabling DEP to enter upstream portions of the tunnel and fix cracking at three segments totaling nearly 500 feet in Wawarsing by injecting grouting from the inside of the tunnel near the affected areas. DEP has been investigating the potential leak impact in Wawarsing since the day it was first observed. While the investigation was underway, DEP, with the Ulster County Health Department, has taken water samples, photographs, met with homeowners, and, with the United States Geological Survey, created an extensive monitoring network and began hydrogeological mapping. DEP has also attended public meetings on the issue as well as forming a Public Advisory Committee to help keep the community informed about efforts to monitor and repair the tunnel. While studies have been ongoing, New York City has assisted homeowners with sump pumps, ultraviolet disinfection, bottled water, and funds for stormwater improvements.

Preparing the water supply system to handle the repair. Before the repair is performed, DEP is building or upgrading several key pieces of crucial infrastructure that will help maintain the city's water supply capacity during the construction of the bypass tunnel, including: completing the construction of the Croton Filtration Plant in the Bronx, which will provide up to 290 million gallons per day of filtered water - up to 30% of the city's water needs; upgrading the Cross River and Croton Falls pumping stations to provide increased water capacity; upgrading the New Croton Dam, which will allow for increased water storage capacity; and the connection of the Catskill Aqueduct and Delaware Aqueduct, which will allow the city to send water from the Delaware Watershed system into the Catskill Aqueduct, providing increased capacity and flexibility for the water supply. The city is also upgrading its groundwater system in Queens to increase the water supply for the future, as part of its program for long-term reliability and sustainability of the water system.

Mayor Bloomberg has made planning for the

repair of the Delaware Aqueduct a pivotal part of the PlaNYC goal to improve the reliability and long-term sustainability of New York City's water infrastructure. Mayor Bloomberg has made a larger commitment to maintaining and improving the City's water system than any administration in history. Approximately \$21 billion has been allocated for water system capital projects, including:

\$2.5 billion invested and committed to City Water Tunnel No. 3 - more funding for the tunnel than the previous five administrations combined;

Acquisition of nearly 79,000 acres of land upstate to protect the city's watershed - allowing New York City to remain one of only five large cities in the country to obtain the majority of its water from unfiltered sources;

\$2.8 billion for the Croton Filtration Plant, which will filter drinking water from the Croton Watershed;

\$1.6 billion for the Ultraviolet Disinfection Facility, which will provide an extra level of drinking water protection for water from the Catskill and Delaware Watersheds; and approximately \$6 billion for upgrading the city's 14 wastewater treatment plants and more than \$1 billion to reduce combined sewer overflows, which has helped bring harbor water quality to an all-time high since testing began 100 years ago and allowed wastewater treatment plants to meet the Federal Clean Water Act's secondary treatment standards for the first time ever.

DEP manages the city's water supply, providing more than 1 billion gallons of water each day to more than 9 million residents, including 8 million in New York City, and residents of Ulster, Orange, Putnam and Westchester counties. New York City's water is delivered from a watershed that extends more than 125 miles from the City, and comprises 19 reservoirs, and three controlled lakes. Approximately 7,000 miles of water mains, tunnels and aqueducts bring water to homes and businesses throughout the five boroughs, and 7,400 miles of sewer lines take wastewater to 14 in-city treatment plants. For more information, visit [www.nyc.gov/dep](http://www.nyc.gov/dep) or follow us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/nycwater](http://www.facebook.com/nycwater).

**ASSEMBLYMEMBER CAHILL FIGHTS FOR DEC FUNDING, LOCAL ECONOMY**

(Albany, NY) Assemblymember Kevin Cahill (D-Ulster, Dutchess) participated in an Environmental Conservation hearing today to examine the impacts of the 2010-11 State Budget on the staffing levels and programs of the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC). The focus was on how the DEC would implement layoffs and what the impact would be on its numerous environmental programs and facilities.

"Budget cuts and staff attrition have pushed the DEC to the brink, and with the recent firing of Commissioner Grannis, the agency is struggling to meet its responsibilities," said Assemblymember Cahill. "It is important for us to make sure the DEC is on tracks so they can continue to monitor our air and water quality, clean up polluted sites, process environmental permits and maintain public lands and facilities."

Peter Iwanowicz, Acting Commissioner of the DEC, and Pete Grannis, Former Commissioner, kicked off the hearing with testimonies that detailing the impact of budget cuts on the agency. Both were subjected to hours of questioning on staff cuts and the DEC's ability to maintain core services such as air and water protection, environmental reviews and land stewardship. Assemblymember Cahill focused specifically on disproportionate impact of the cuts on the Department and more specifically, the Belleayre Mountain Ski Center, which is facing an 81% reduction in permanent staff. He also highlighted the impact on economic development and reviews of new energy facilities.

Joseph F. Kelly, Chairman of the Coalition to Save Belleayre Mountain, and Jack Jordan, Shandaken Town Board Member, testified on the importance of the Belleayre Ski Center and to warn against any further reductions in funding. The hearing room was filled with Belleayre employees and supporters.

"The Center is the main economic driver for the Route 28 Corridor and creates hundreds of seasonal jobs each year," said Assemblymember Cahill. "The surrounding communities depend on the yearly influx of nearly 200,000 visitors to sustain their quality of life."

Assemblymember Cahill posed questions on the disproportionate cuts to the Belleayre Ski Center in recent years, highlighting the uncertainty many employees are facing as they shift from full time to seasonal work.

"The Belleayre Ski Center represents the bulk of economic opportunity in the area," said Assemblymember Cahill. "Any reduction in funding to the Center creates a devastating effect to both the local economy and to the county and municipal governments that rely on tourist tax revenues to pay for essential services without further increasing property taxes."

**GILLIBRAND DURBAN III: "AN INSULT TO AMERICA"**

U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand issued the following statement criticizing the United Nations' decision to hold the Durban III World Conference Against Racism in New York City next September. Senator Gillibrand was among the first lawmakers to successfully urge the Obama Administration to withdraw from Durban II.

"It is an insult to America that the United Nations has decided to hold the Durban III conference in New York City just days from the tenth anniversary of the September 11th attacks. We all witnessed how extreme anti-Semitic and anti-American voices took over Durban I and Durban II and we should expect the same thing to happen with Durban III. I appreciate the Obama Administration's strong statement opposing yesterday's resolution and urge it to again withdraw from the event and encourage other nations to do the same.

"This news comes on the heels of another abhorrent United Nations decision this week to eliminate Lesbian, Gay Bisexual, and Transgender individuals from a resolution condemning extra-judicial killing of vulnerable people around the world. The United Nations is supposed to be a voice for peace and justice in the world, not hatred and intolerance."

A UN human rights committee in New York voted earlier this week to remove a reference to sexual orientation in a human rights resolution on extrajudicial killings. The US voted to preserve the reference to sexual orientation, but lost the overall vote that represents a significant reversal in UN voting trends.

**SC ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AT BETHEL CENTER FOR THE ARTS**

At a recent press conference, Sullivan County Economic Development Corporation hosted a presentation that included invited guests at Bethel Woods Center for the Arts. The EDC's Board of Directors highlighted a selection of recent initiatives built on the underlying principles that - in spite of tough economic times - "together works and Sullivan County has a bright future ahead. Elected officials and more than 40 local business, government agency and civic leaders were invited to this midday event.

"We're very excited to see the groups that make up the Economic Development Corporation coming together and coordinating their efforts on a set of strategic initiatives that have their origins in the will of the public, which was expressed in the Countywide Community and Economic Development Charrette held here at the end of 2009," said Jonathan Rouis, Chair of the Sullivan

County Legislature who plans to welcome those attending.

The EDC's board is comprised of the Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce, the Industrial Development Agency, the Partnership for Economic Development, the Sullivan County Visitors Association, the Workforce Development Board and County Government. At-large Board Members from Health Care, Tourism and Agriculture represent the County's largest industries.

The EDC formalizes the relationship between those agencies charged with economic development and job creation within the County and is serving as the clearinghouse for implementing many of the recommendations that emerged from the Charrette.

Among the initiatives presented were a new website - www.CatskillsEDC.com - designed to be a "virtual portal" for all of the economic development partners, programs and data within the County; a relaunched County Revolving Loan Fund of \$525,000 targeting small businesses; a signage campaign for local roads, based on the "Mountains of Opportunities" logo; and a collaboration with Coach USA/Shortline for dedicated service routes and a marketing campaign highlighting tourism sites within the County. For more information visit: www.CatskillsEDC.com

Sullivan County Legislators, County Manager, Commissioner of Planning and Environmental Management, and the Board of Directors of the Sullivan County Economic Development Corporation were in attendance.

**TWO WEEKENDS OF THE CAS HOLIDAY BAZAAR**

1st Weekend - Saturday, December 4 (11am-6pm) & Sunday, December 5 (11am-2pm)

2nd Weekend - Saturday, December 11 (11am-6pm) & Sunday, Dec 12 (11am-2pm)

Concurrent with the annual CAS Members Show & Holiday Fair (running from November 27 - December 22, 2010) - CAS will be hosting two weekends of Holiday Bazaars featuring local art & craft vendors. All Holiday gifts for sale are handmade and include fine jewelry, hats, soaps, hand turned hardwood bowls, knitted scarves and shawls, vintage linen sachets, organic botanicals, woodcrafts, basic yarns and accessories, embroidery services, holiday ornaments and wreaths, fine art and much more! The CAS Arts Center is located at 48 Main Street in Livingston Manor and is wheelchair accessible. For more info call 845-436-4227 or email Kathryn@catskillartsociety.org.

Don't miss the Livingston Manor Chamber of Commerce's kick off of HOLIDAY TRAINS ON MAIN, a nostalgic trip back in time with handmade model trains on view in many Main Street windows!

The public is warmly invited to the child-friendly festivities including a visit with Santa and local band the Mountain Tones hosted by the CAS Arts Center on Saturday, December 4 from 3-5pm.

Catskill Art Society is a non-profit cultivating public interest, participation, and enjoyment of the arts. Through its multi-arts center, CAS explores contemporary art practices and facilitates creative and professional development for established and emerging artists.

**SC HISTORICAL SOCIETY GRAND OPENING OF "TOYS OF THE PAST"**

Grand Opening, Sunday, December 5, 2010, the 24th Theme Tree Exhibit, from 2:00p.m.-4:30p.m., presented by the Sullivan County Historical Society. It is also the Grand Opening of "Toys of the Past" Exhibit, and book signings by authors John Conway, Myron Gittel, Rita Sheehan, Tom Rue, Jean Dermer, David Stroebel, all about Sullivan County History such as "Loomis", "Woodstock '69", "Bethel (Images of)", "Monticello", "Reflections of the Past", "The Cannon King's Daughter- The True, Untold Story of Engelbertha Krupp", at the Sullivan County Museum, 265 Main Street, Hurleyville, NY, refreshments, for information please call 845-434-8044. Snow date, December 12. Exhibits will be displayed through month of December.


**GUNTHER EDUCATION COMMISSIONER STEINER, CHANCELLOR TISH MEET WITH SULLIVAN SUPERINTENDENTS**

Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther (D, C - Forestburgh) invited the Education Commissioner Dr. David Steiner and Chancellor Dr. Merryl Tisch to meet with Sullivan County school superintendents and school board members to discuss the issues facing our school districts. The meeting was hosted at the Center for Discovery and took place last Friday, November 12th.

The Commissioner and Chancellor also met with Patrick Dollard and the staff of the Center for Discovery to hear about the Center's plans for the children they care for with severe disabilities and autism.



**CrossWay Assembly of God**  
**Service Times**  
 Sunday School 9:30 am  
 Sunday Worship Service/ Children's Church 10:30 am  
 Monday Night Home Bible Study 7 pm  
 Tuesday Night Youth Home Bible Study 7 pm  
 Friday Youth Night 7 pm

 **Ismael Berrios**  
Lead Pastor

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507 Hasbrouck Drive  
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**Grahamsville United Methodist Church**  
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Mother Joan LaLiberté  
845-887-4742

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Claryville Road  
Claryville, NY 12725  
845-985-2041

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 Worship Services @ 10:00 am  
**Rev. Paul Nulton**  
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6317 Rte. 42, Woodbourne.

Weekend Mass schedule:  
 Saturday afternoon: 5:00.  
 Sunday morning: 9:00 am and 11:30 am  
Holy days of obligation: as announced in church bulletin.  
Daily Mass schedule:  
 Monday afternoon 5:45 (Holy Rosary at 5:30); Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday mornings: (includes Morning Prayer)- 8:50 am  
 Saturday afternoon confessions: 4 to 4:45.  
 Rev. John J. Lynch, Ph.D., Pastor. 434-7643.

**Join LAD Crafts on December 4, 2010 from 9-5 for a Christmas Craft Sale. All are welcome!**

**Location: 94 Campbell Road (Lackawack Hill) Napanoch, NY 12458**  
**For Directions call Linda at 845-647-3885 845-389-1790 (Cell)**

 **Covered Dish Supper**  
**Dec. 4, 2010**  
**Sundown United Methodist Church at the Sundown Church Hall**

 **Grahamsville United Methodist Church**

Thrift Sales will be held on the third Saturday of each month throughout the fall and winter from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

**Grahamsville Reformed Church**  
 Sunday School 9 A.M.  
 Worship Service 10 A.M.  
 Hymn Sing & Covered Dish Supper 5:30/630 P.M. - 1st Sunday of the Month  
 Rev. Paul Z. Ruter, Pastor

**SUPERVISOR'S CORNER**

By: Greg J. Goldstein, Town of Neversink Supervisor

*I would like to wish everyone a happy and healthy holiday season and a successful New Year! The Town Hall will be closed on December 24th and 25th in observance of Christmas and December 31st and January 1st in observance of New Years.*

**Tree Lighting Ceremony** Mark your calendars for the annual Tree Lighting Ceremony at Bicentennial Square which will be held on Sunday, December 5th at 5:00 PM. There will be caroling, special music and holiday readings. This will mark the official opening to the holidays in our community. Refreshments will be served.

**Cell Tower** Since I took office in 2006, one of my goals was to bring cell service to the Town of Neversink. The Town Board, with the help of the Planning Board, adopted zoning laws so that when a cell tower company or individual wanted to erect a tower, the law would be in place. Finally, after many years of trying to bring cell service, it is my understanding that Homeland Towers, LLC is looking to construct a tower in the Town of Neversink, which should be operational sometime in 2011.

**Dept. of Motor Vehicles** The DMV will be at the Town Hall from 10 AM to 2:30 PM on December 16th.

**Emergency Situations** Winter weather is upon us and I would like to remind everyone that if they are faced with an emergency situation (i.e. no heat, electricity, etc.) and need assistance from the Town to please call me at the Town Hall or at my home (985-0027) so that I am able to get you the help needed or at least reach out to the appropriate authorities for assistance.

**Sewer Project Update** The Grahamsville Sewer District Public Hearing will be held on December 8, 2010 at 7:00 PM at the town hall for those interested in attending. The annual estimated use fee for a typical single family home will be approximately \$8/year and small commercial businesses and stores will pay an annual use fee of approximately \$16/year. The new district will include the recently completed and the original sewer system that was constructed in 1948.

**Transfer Station** Transfer station hours during the holidays are as follows: December 25th - Closed. Will be open for business on Monday, December 27th from 11 AM to 7 PM. New Year's Day - Closed. Will be open for business on Monday, January 3rd from 11 AM to 7 PM.

**Website** Please be sure to check our website ([www.townofneversink.org](http://www.townofneversink.org)) for upcoming events, especially with the Parks and Rec Dept.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at 985-2262 ext. 301.

*I would like to take this time out to thank all the residents of the Town of Neversink, the employees of the Town of Neversink, all the members of the Neversink Renaissance, the museum, the library and everyone who works together to make this the greatest community in Sullivan County. Without the volunteers we would not be able to have all the activities we have and this town would not be the great place to live that it is!*

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

**AND A HEALTHY AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!!**

**TOWN OF OLIVE  
TOWN BOARD NOTES**

- Cindy Johnson

The November meeting of the Town Board provided an update from NYC DEP on the on-going construction and reconstruction of bridges and road ways in the Town of Olive. Mike Knight reported that the last of seven bridges to be reconstructed is now being worked on - as is the by-pass around the reservoir "lemon squeeze" that had been closed shortly after 9-11. The by-pass has always been there, however, very sharp turns and a lack of sun reaching the roadway has made traveling this section of road treacherous at best. NYC has been working on providing a more direct path through this area, and recently realized that their engineering had put them in the path of privately owned land as well as disturbed some wet lands. Work came to a halt while negotiations and re-engineering took place to resolve these issues. Work will continue on the two bridges remaining under construction and this portion of the road way until winter shuts them down. At all times, traffic will continue to flow in these areas since NYC assured residents that they would not close these roads while work was under way.

It was also announced by NYC that the sharp "S" turns near Boiceville on Route 28A will be 'fixed' in the near future! Negotiations are underway with the affected landowners to allow them access from their current driveways to the new road way, which will be significantly different than it is now.

Perhaps the most interesting news was the passage of the Town budget for 2011. This 15% increase in town taxes was opposed by one councilperson, Peter Freidel, who sighted current economic conditions as the main reason he felt no increases should be put on our residents. In other recent discussions on this issue, it was noted that Ulster County was paring down to have a zero increase, and other towns around us were finding ways to reduce spending in order to keep increases to single digits. It was also noted that seniors were expected to get a zero increase for the second year in a row, yet Supervisor Leifeld could only respond with "Give me some suggestions on how you would like to reduce our costs." Freidel voted the singular No vote, then voiced his opposition and also renounced any salary increase that might be given to employees for the coming year.

The Highway Department is in negotiations since their contract ends December 31 of this year. It is currently unknown what increase, if any, will be offered or accepted. It has always been town policy to increase ALL salaries for ALL employees based on the Town Highway Department's salary negotiations. For example, if the Highway Department gets a 4% increase, ALL employees AND elected officials get the same increase. It has been suggested in the past several years that this practice should be abolished. Last budget year, all elected officials chose to refuse the increases, except Highway Superintendent, Jim Fugel and Town Clerk, Sylvia Rozzelle. The only elected official refusing the increase this year is Freidel.

The meeting closed in memory of Robert (Bob) Wilkins, who was honored with a dedicated page in the minutes. Past Town Judge, County Legislator and well known town businessman, Bob will be missed.

**ED NOTES:**

We have slowly been moving into neighboring communities over the past few years as the Townsman continues to evolve and grow. Most recently, twinges and stirrings have come from our neighboring Town of Olive. We have received worthy news from CWC, Locust Enterprises, and other organizations near this region, as well as local tidbits of information from Paula, owner of The Good Stuff Café in West Shokan, and the "Bread Alone" connection with the Grahamsville Methodist Church's ongoing mission, "Bread for the Journey".

Since the *Olive Press* and the *Phoenicia Times* have both gone out of business, the Town of Olive feels this void, and knows the importance of a small local newspaper that can keep a community informed. With this in mind we would like to announce that we have a Town of Olive correspondent who will be joining us and sending along information regarding the Town of Olive. She is Cindy Johnson, who in the past has written for the *Olive Press*.

Cindy has sent us a brief note of introduction.

*"Wow - a bio... I'm really not a 'writer' per say... I'm just an ordinary person who has a desire to see things in print that represent what actually happened. I don't want to see someone's slant on it - I don't want things conveniently 'left out' - I don't want to insert my personal opinions - though I will be happy to share that with you in conversation!!! I've always been able to put ideas to paper... now computer... and when the Olive Press was looking for someone to cover Olive news, I offered to do it and they gave me a chance. I love it because it's my home town - and because I have been involved in it for so many years. My history is in this town... and I love being able to contribute in some small way."*

Thank you Cindy for caring about your community.

We, in the Tri-Valley area know the importance of a local newspaper and keeping our community residents informed, whether it be birth announcements, weddings, obituaries, church dinners and events, pancake suppers, or what our elected officials are doing. We also know that the Townsman has provided very affordable advertising for our small local businesses and we thank all of our advertisers for their continued support, especially through the recent difficult economic times.

It is our hope that we can continue to share our 'little gem', a local grassroots newspaper with adjoining communities and businesses, as we all work together, learn new ideas from each other and continue to support our local businesses and artisans.

Welcome aboard, Town of Olive!

**UC COMPTROLLER PROPOSES HOW TO PROTECT FINANCES FROM SITUATIONAL MANIPULATION**

KINGSTON, NY (November 15, 2010)... Ulster County Comptroller Elliott Auerbach wants the Ulster County budget document and budgeting process modernized. "We continue to use an outdated approach to budgeting at a time when we can least afford to maintain the status quo," said Auerbach, "that is why I commissioned this report, A Better Budget For Ulster County." The report was prepared by The Center for Research, Regional Education and Outreach (CRREO).

"For too long the budget itself and the process to create it has not been effective in disclosing to taxpayers what the county is doing with their money and, importantly, why we use money as we do and for what results," said Auerbach.

The Ulster County budget format is traditional. It is a single year, line-item budget of over 500 pages. "While the budget succeeds as a financial plan for one year, it is widely accepted that sound financial management requires a longer-term context," said Auerbach. The Better Budget report illustrates the value of using the budget document and process not only to forecast the financial future but also as a policy document, operations and management tool, and a communications device.

The role of Comptroller is to keep an independent watch over and report on the finances and functions of the County. The report describes how existing practices leave the budget and finances open to 'situational manipulation'.

"That phrase is so apt," said Auerbach, "when financial decisions are based on custom or tradition rather than adopted policies and procedures and shared goals, there is increased risk of political maneuvering over professional deliberation and decision-making."

Noting that the report provides a template for other communities as well, Auerbach said, "A Better Budget is a great value for Ulster County. With professionalism and care CRREO clearly states the objectives for budgeting, delineates the current practice and demonstrates how improvements can be made." Dr. Gerald Benjamin, CRREO's director and Associate Vice President for Regional Development at SUNY New Paltz, who co-authored the report, is a former county legislator who also served as chairman of the Ulster County Legislature.

The report examines the current Ulster County budget and answers the question "does the form and content of the budget serve all the people who need to use it or understand it?" The question is answered by ranking the budget against Recommended Best Practices in Budgeting by the Government Finance Officers Association.

The complete report and appendices can be found at:

[www.ulstercountyny.gov/resources/comptroller](http://www.ulstercountyny.gov/resources/comptroller)

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(845) 985-2262 extension 312

GAMES & SOCIALIZING -FREE fun every Friday afternoon 1 pm - 4 pm in the upstairs meeting room in the Town Hall.

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AL-ANON MEETINGS

Monday 7:00 p.m. United Methodist Church, 170 N. Main Street, Liberty

Thursday 7:00 p.m. Immaculate Conception Church Annex, 6317 Route 42, Woodbourne

Saturday 8:00 p.m. United Methodist Church, 170 N. Main Street, Liberty http://www.al-anon.alateen.org

TOWN OF OLIVE MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Town Board meets for Auditing of the Bills every second Monday of each month. This meeting is open to the public and all bills being reviewed are available for the general public to see.

Town Board meets every second Tuesday of each month. Both meetings begin at 7:30 PM at the Town Hall on Bostock Road, Shokan, NY.

Town of Olive Planning Board meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month. Meetings start at 7:30 PM at the Town Hall on Bostock Road, Shokan, NY. You can contact the Town Building & Zoning Department to confirm a meeting date if you would like to attend at 657-2015. If there is nothing on their agenda, they will cancel meetings.

INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS ON 2011 TENTATIVE SC BUDGET

Monticello - County Manager David P Fanslau has announced that five additional informational meetings on the 2011 Tentative Sullivan County Budget have been scheduled throughout the County. The first informational meeting was held on Tuesday, November 23rd at the Fallsburg Town Hall in Fallsburg. The Thunder 102 radio station will also host a Thunder Country radio forum.

The following five informational meetings have been scheduled:

Thursday, December 2nd, 1:30 PM at the Town of Rockland Town Hall, Main Street in Livingston Manor.

Thursday, December 2nd, 5:30 PM at the Town of Mamakating Town Hall, Route 209 in Wurtsboro.

Monday, December 6th, 6:30 PM at the Town of Bethel Community Center (Old Duggan School).

Tuesday, December 14th, 7:00 PM at the Town of Highland Town Hall, Proctor Road in Eldred.

Thunder 102 will host a radio forum on Tuesday, November 30th at 7:00 PM

There will also be two public hearings held at the Sullivan County Government Center in Monticello, on Tuesday, December 7th at 5:30 PM and Thursday, December 16th at 1:50 PM.

"The public will be informed about the impact of New York State Government unfunded mandates that consume more than 85% of the Sullivan County property tax levy, with more than \$20.5 million of locally generated tax dollars being sent to Albany just for Medicaid," said Fanslau.

The informational budget meetings will be presented by County Manager David P Fanslau, Deputy County Manager/Commissioner of Management and Budget Joshua A Potosek, Legislature Chairman Jonathan F Rouis, and Chair of the Management and

- 12/1/10 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting
12/2/10 First Thursday Readers - Daniel Pierce Library - 1:00 pm. All invited.
12/4/10 Grahamsville Methodist Church Craft Fair
12/4/10 Sundown Methodist Church Covered Dish Supper - 5:30 pm Sundown Church Hall
12/4/10 Grahamsville Reformed Church Smorgasbord - 4 - 7 pm
12/6/10 Time and the Valleys Work Committee meeting 12:30 pm
12/7/10 Town of Denning Board Meeting 7:00 pm Denning Town Hall
12/8/10 Town of Neversink Board Meeting
12/9/10 Claryville Fire District Elections 6-9 pm, Fire District Meeting 7 pm
12/14/10 Town of Denning Audit Meeting 7:00 pm Denning Town Hall
12/16/10 Town of Neversink Department of Motor Vehicles 10 am - 2:30 pm
12/16/10 Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Association
12/22/10 Neversink Fire District Monthly Meeting 7:30 pm, Public Meeting 8:00 pm
12/21/10 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals
12/23/10 Time and the Valleys Museum Trustees meeting - 7:00 pm
12/14-25/10 Town of Neversink CHRISTMAS Holiday
12/28/10 Town of Neversink Parks & Rec meeting - 7 pm Town Hall Upstairs Meeting Room
12/31/10 Town of Neversink NEW YEAR'S EVE Holiday

GAMES & SOCIALIZING -FREE FUN every FRIDAY afternoon 1- 4 pm in the upstairs meeting room in the Town Hall.

Town of Denning Message Board: http://www.denning.us
Town of Neversink Website: http://townofneversink.org
Daniel Pierce Library - http://www.danielpiercelibrary.org
Time and The Valleys Museum - http://timeandthevalleysmuseum.org
Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman On-Line Edition: http://thetownsman.com
To find out what is happening at Tri-Valley CSD: http://tvcs.k12.ny.us

REMINDER: While it is a busy time of the year, another year is just around the corner! Don't forget to send your organization's 2011 calendar so that we can continue to post events on our Calendar of Events page. Thank You and have a wonderful holiday season.

Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman is available at the following retail stores and restaurants:

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NEW LOCATIONS in the TOWN OF OLIVE:

The Good Stuff Cafe' • Boiceville IGA • Bread Alone

Budget Committee, Legislator Jodi I Goodman.

"The 2011 Tentative County Budget places taxpayers and residents first by freezing the property tax rate, reducing spending, and providing the services that the citizenry has come to deserve an expect," concluded Fanslau.

PROSPECTIVE STUDENT DAY AT SUNY ULSTER

SUNY Ulster will present an introduction to college for high school students and their families on Saturday, December 4, from 10:00 a.m. to noon on the Stone Ridge campus. Hear about the college Admissions process through plans for transfer after graduation. Learn how to maximize tuition savings with valuable scholarship opportunities. Our Student Admissions Ambassadors will answer questions about college life and take participants on a guided tour of the campus. High school freshman, sophomores and juniors are encouraged to attend with their parents/families.

Please contact the Admissions Office at 1-800-724-0833, ext. 5022 to reserve your seat. To register online, please visit www.sunyulster.edu/Visit.

SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING (From Pg. 5)

"While recycling has been mandatory in New York State and Sullivan County since 1992, compliance and participation rates have been challenging," said Kathleen M. LaBuda, Legislature Majority Leader. "I had created and chaired the recycling subcommittee from its inception, and I believe that converting from our present dual-stream system to the single stream option will promote compliance with the reality that multiple containers will no longer be required," added LaBuda.

Sullivan County began its recycling program in 1989, recycling 80 tons of newspaper that first year. Sullivan County presently recycles over 5000 tons of cans, plastic, paper, metal and glass within the county's recycling network.

"Single Stream Recycling will remove a lot of the complaints that we receive from those who find separation of recyclables in the dual stream system both confusing and a bother," said Leni C. Binder, Legislature Minority Leader.

"Our nation needs to break the vicious cycle of paying billions of dollars a year to dispose of precious resources in landfills. Instead, these materials should be recycled and reused to grow our economy so we can maintain our competitiveness in the emerging global marketplace," said District 9 Legislator Alan J. Sorensen.

Hudson Baylor Corporation (HBC) specializes in providing recycling services. A growing organization

with a 27 year history of success exclusively in the recycling industry, HBC operates 12 recycling facilities in four states. Hudson Baylor operates Single Stream and Dual Stream plants. Three plants in the West serve seven Arizona municipalities: Phoenix, Tempe, Scottsdale, Mesa, Gilbert, Peoria and Avondale. Eight facilities in the Northeast include: Newburgh, Brookhaven, Dutchess County, Rockland County, South Windsor, CT and Cape May, NJ.

Hudson Baylor recently received planning board and city council approvals from the City of Beacon to construct a 66,000 square foot SSR facility to serve the Hudson Valley. This regional facility will utilize the latest optical and star screen technology to sort fiber, plastic and glass. As single stream operations around the country have indicated, SSR increases recycling rates and diverts waste that would otherwise go to landfills.

"Sullivan County is pleased to announce Single Stream Recycling as our next recycling milestone, as more convenience for the public will equal increased recycling compliance and participation in the Sullivan County Recycling Program," concluded County Manager David P. Fanslau.

For more information: contact Legislators at 845-807-0435 or David Fanslau at 845-807-0450

SUNY SULLIVAN GENERALS TO HOST HOLIDAY BASEBALL CLINIC

LOCH SHELDRAKE, NY (November 16, 2010) - Even though the county hasn't been blanketed by the first significant snow fall of the season, it's never too early to think about baseball. The SUNY Sullivan Generals are offering area middle and high school baseball players a Holiday Baseball Clinic, (Tues. & Wed.) Dec. 28 and 29 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm in the Gerry Fieldhouse.

The clinic is under the direction of coach Ryan Snair who is entering his second year as head coach of the SUNY Sullivan baseball team. Generals players will be working with the participants teaching them fundamentals, conducting drills and offering tips to help make them better ball players. The small group approach will afford participants with individualized attention. Separate instructional areas will focus on hitting, base-running, fielding, pitching and catching.

Interested ball players can choose to attend one day of the clinic (\$40) or both days (\$60). Each Holiday Clinic participant will receive a written evaluation. Lunch will be provided both days.

For more information or to register, call Ryan Snair at 845.434.5750 ext. 4424 or email him at rsanir@sullivan.suny.edu



**Daniel Pierce Library**

**HOURS:**  
Tuesdays & Thursdays - 11 a.m.-9 p.m.  
Wednesdays & Fridays - 11 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Saturdays 9 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Closed Sundays and Mondays

The Library Board of Trustees meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month.

On occasion, a meeting date is changed. Please call ahead to confirm. 845-985-7233

**Time and the Valleys Museum** has copies of every **Townsmen** printed since the beginning in loose-leaf binders classified by year for anyone to research. For further information, contact the historian's office in Grahamsville at 985-2262 x313, e-mail: [historian@townofneversink.org](mailto:historian@townofneversink.org), or visit [www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org](http://www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org)

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**3 Bdrm House for rent.** Near Grahamsville. \$750 + utilities. Security & References. Available Nov. 1. 985-2941. tfn

**Large 3 bdrm house, Grahamsville,** TV school, \$1000.plus security. Utilities not included, No pets. Available 11/1/10 - 845 985 2709. tfn

**Mobile Home for rent in Grahamsville:** 14x72 3 Bdr, Nice condition, walking distance to Town Park. \$675 per month + utilities and security - No pets. 985-7242 pd12/9

**SERVICES/BABYSITTING**

**Mature Responsible teenager** available to babysit your children after school & evenings. Ref. available. Call; 985-7541 or 866-5599 b3wk

**FOUND**

**FOUND: Shepherd mix;** young adult female. Brindle. Found in the vicinity of Smith Lane. If you know who this dog belongs to, please call the Dog Control Office @ 985-7281

**YOGA/REIKI CLASSES**

**YOGA • REIKI**

Close to Neversink Dam on Lindholm Rd

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**HELP WANTED**

**Frost Valley YMCA Claryville, NY-Day Camp Director-Year round, full time, exempt position** with great benefits! The Frost Valley YMCA is seeking an enthusiastic and experienced camp professional. The successful candidate will lead the development, marketing, and implementation of programming and services to all Day Camp participants. Must be 21 years of age or older, Bachelor's degree in a related field or equivalent work experience. Prior experience working with children in a recreational environment/camp setting or YMCA program setting is required. The Day Camp Director will oversee the day to day operations of Day Camp as well as assist with the Frost Valley Store through portions of the fall, winter and spring. For more information or to apply, please contact Linda Campbell, Director of Human Resources, Phone 845-985-2291 Ext. 254 or [hr@frostvalley.org](mailto:hr@frostvalley.org). Submit resume to: Frost Valley YMCA, c/o Linda Campbell, Director of Human Resources, 2000 Frost Valley Rd., Claryville, NY 12725. EOE 11/18; 12/2

**POLITICAL SLANT**

The Questions- Are you in favor of New World Order's Globalization? Alternatively, are you in favor of U.S. Sovereignty?

As you know, former Vice President Dick Cheney favored moving Halliburton ((NYSE: HAL), the world's second largest oilfield services corporation with operations in more than 70 countries, to Dubai in the United Arab Emirates. Press release;

"Dubai Hosts World Economic Forum's Third Summit, World Economic Forum Media Advisory Dubai, United Arab Emirates, 27 November 2010 - The World Economic Forum today announced the programme of the Summit on the Global Agenda, which is held in partnership with the United Arab Emirates represented by the Government of Dubai. The Summit will take place in Dubai from 29 November to 1 December."

"The Summit will bring together over 600 members of the Network of Global Agenda Councils, comprising global experts from 60 countries - thought leaders from academia, business, government and civil society - to address some of the most pressing issues on the global, regional and industry agendas. Together they represent over 72 councils, each focusing on an issue such as climate change, education, energy security, China, innovation, and logistics & transport. During the three-day Summit, participants will engage in interactive workshops and sessions to discuss emerging trends and global risks that will shape the future. They will also develop ideas to address the world's challenges."

Contact information;  
For the full release in English and supporting information, please visit:  
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- 3 bed/1+ bath farmhouse on 1 acre on stream. \$129,000
- 4 BR/2BA eyebrow colonial on 15+ gracious acres w/screened porch, fab views and utter quiet. \$349,000k
- The Lodge: Super for entertaining. 3 bed/2 bath, 3+ acs with Great Room, open plan kit/din/lounge. \$269,000
- 15+ peaceful acres at end of dead end road, partially cleared to enjoy views. Adj. to YMCA-owned land. \$120,000

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**Knarf's "Classic Movie Trivia"**



"CASABLANCA" We have done this before, and we will do it again. This classic film is too good to miss; a 1942 classic that sets the trend for many of our values. An American saloon owner in North Africa is drawn into World War II when his lost love turns up. Cast: Humphrey Bogart, Ingrid Bergman, Paul Henreid, and Claude Rains Dir: Michael Curtiz BW-103 mins, TV-PG, on TCM Sunday December 5, 2010, at 6:00 pm

**Quiz,**

A. Who played "Victor Lazlo?"

B. Who played "Sam?"

**What's going on in the Gnome Gneighborhood™ this week?**

**GRAHAMSVILLE** - See you there, at the **ANNUAL HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY TO BE HELD ON DECEMBER 5, @ 5:00 PM.** This is the "Winter Wonderland" project of the Neversink Renaissance that will take place at Bicentennial Park in Grahamsville.

**TRI-VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL** presents "Kiss Me Kate" December 3rd & 4th @ 7 pm. Tickets, \$5.00 for adults, Kids/Seniors \$3.00 call for RSVP 845.985.2296 ext. 5403.

**SUNDOWN** - Don't forget, the covered dish supper December 4, 5:00 PM Sundown Community Hall - enjoy...

**OLIVE - THE OLIVE FREE LIBRARY** Presents, "Over The River and Through the Woods," By Joe DePietro, Directed By Linda Burkhardt with showings on December 10, 11, 12, 17, 18, Fri. and Sat. at 8:00 pm and Sunday at 2:00 pm, tickets, \$12/Seniors and students \$10. For Reservations: call 845.657.2482

**SULLIVAN-ULSTER, COUNTIES, MISU**, as we all know the Holiday Winter Concert Season is here, and the following is a list of performance dates for **MISU'S CONCERTS** - In addition, we would like you to know that the **MISU Orchestra** will be performing Community Services at the Craft Fair, at Bethel Woods on December 5, at 11 AM ...and at the Government Center in Monticello on December 20, 1 Pm.

**FALLSBURG - MISU** at **Sullivan County Community College**, December 7, Seelig Theatre Loch Sheldrake NY@ 7:30

**STONE RIDGE, -NY, MISU** concert at **Ulster County Community College**, December 13, @ 7:30 Quimby Theatre Stone Ridge NY.

**ELLENVILLE-NAPANOCH - MISU** gives a special Holiday Concert program that will be presented at **St Johns Episcopal Church**, Market Street, Ellenville NY December 16th, @ 7:30.

**LIBERTY** - Did you know that Gnomes have been living in Liberty at "Agway." Well, we just found this out. You know "Agway," the place has a "Pet Shop," plants, flowers, all sorts of good outdoor stuff, clothes, etc., also has Gnomes who are living there while waiting to be adopted. While Gnomes love people most of all, remember that **Gnomes protect gardens**; Gnomes must always tell the truth, because if not, their noses will glow "Blush Red!" Adnil and I must go there maybe we will meet some of our relatives. In addition, Gnomes are only 15cm tall, so while you are there if you feel something brush past your leg; don't worry its probably one of the relatives looking for lost loose change. Gnomes are frugal, and know there are **good savings at "Agway."** So, adopt a Gnome for the **Christmas Holiday** season, and breathe the Christmas spirit into your garden all year round or give a Gnome as a gift this yuletide season. eks.

Bye,  
Knarf O'Donoghue  
Gnome

**ANSWER TO KNARF'S MOVIE TRIVIA**

B. Dooley Wilson  
A. Paul Henreid