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## TRI-VALLEY LIONS GET 'SNEAK PREVIEW' OF NEW DANIEL PIERCE LIBRARY



Last Thursday evening the members of the Tri-Valley Lions Club got a sneak preview of the new addition to the Daniel Pierce Library in Grahamsville.

The group gathered in a main room of the new addition, and President, Carmen Salvemini introduced Phil Coombe as the guest speaker for the evening.

Coombe shared many heart-warming stories about people who helped to make the library building project, a community vision, become a reality.

Not only was Coombe able to invoke the spirit of generosity among many of the town's people, he was able to orchestrate a continual flow of volunteers, that physically built the new library addition.

Coombe strived to preserve the integrity and the rich history associated with cherished artifacts that are now permanent fixtures within this masterpiece. Coombe became overwhelmed with sentiment as he spoke about the old cherry tree that stood in Marion Robinson's backyard, which was just about where the fireplace was now located, in the large meeting room where the Lions Club members were gathered. (Contd. Pg. 3)

## DEATH OF A DOORNAIL

Dinner Theater to be held on Saturday, February 12th at 6:00 pm with the show starting at 7:00 pm

The dinner theater is a student run performance sponsored by the Tri-Valley Theater Club with seniors, Rae Polonsky and Chris Whipple directing. Dinner will include Cornish Game Hens, Roasted New Potatoes, vegetables, salad, fruit cup and chocolate trifle for dessert. A vegetarian dish of Asian style vegetable stir-fry over rice will also be available. Reservations are required in order to be served a meal and selection of the meal type is also required prior to the event. Costs for adults is \$20.00 and for children 12 and under and senior citizens is \$16.00. Seating is limited so call today. (Contd. Pg. 3)

## CEMETERY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING FEB. 10th

The Grahamsville Rural Cemetery Association will hold its annual Plottolders Meeting on Thursday, February 10, 2011. The meeting will be held in the Neversink Town Hall at 7:00 p.m.

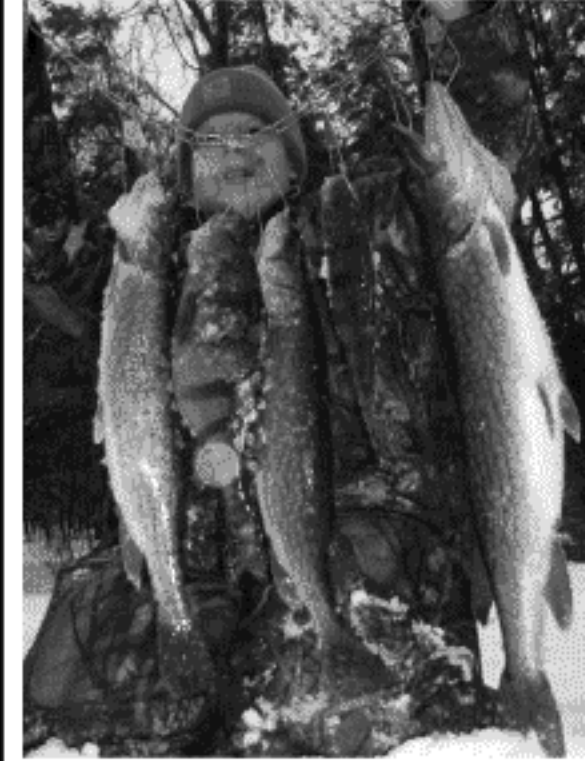
This announcement marks a significant change in the annual meeting date of the Plottolders Association, which has traditionally met in the fall of the year (usually November), ever since the founding of the organization in 1874. At its inception, the Association established its fiscal year as from October 1 through September 30, and set the annual meeting date approximately six weeks later, thus allowing officers time to prepare their annual reports. (Contd. Pg. 3)

## ULSTER COMPTROLLER TO AUDIT USE OF CONFIDENTIAL FUNDS Auerbach Says County Paid Thousands of Dollars for Investigations

Ulster County Comptroller Elliott Auerbach has launched a review of funds used by the County for confidential investigations including money that is used to purchase services from informants, purchase evidence such as narcotics, weapons or stolen property, or purchase specific information where monies are paid to a confidential source. Both the Ulster County District Attorney and the Ulster County Sheriff have monies known as confidential funds.

"During the past four years alone," said Auerbach, "Ulster County has written checks from several confidential fund accounts totaling in excess of \$170,000.00." The Comptroller has tallied expenditures for the years 2007-2010 and found that over \$135,000.00 was charged against the Sheriff's confidential funds and \$39,000.00 was charged against the District Attorney's confidential funds. (Contd. Pg. 4)

## LUNKER OF THE COUNTY ICE FISHING DERBY



John Vernooy shows off some of his catch from Saturday's Derby.

'Ice' and 'fish' were the common buzz words this Saturday for those who attended the Lunker of the County Ice Fishing Derby sponsored by the Loch Sheldrake Fire Department. But ice fishermen have their own set of terms to describe some of the things that happen to them out on the frozen lakes, ponds and river inlets. "After chasing wind flags all day, I finally caught a lunker after a couple of chew and screws" means that a frustrating day eventually turned out okay. For most, like young John Vernooy, the day was quite rewarding.

Anglers could take legal fish from any fishable Sullivan County waters as long as there were two pre-registered witnesses to weigh the fish in.

Categories included Pickerel, Perch, Panfish and overall Lunker. There were two divisions, the Adult Division and the Youth Divisions. (Contd. Pg. 3)

## ORIGINAL TUSKEGEE AIRMEN TO HELP PRESENT TUITION GRANTS



Several original World War II Tuskegee Airmen assisted in the presentation of tuition assistance grants to 10 college-bound high school seniors, highlighting an exciting night of festivities at Anthony's Pier 9, in New Windsor, this past Saturday. (Contd. Pg. 4)

## PHOENICIA ROTARY WINTER WEEKEND...



Kevin Lorenzo displays his rappelling skills as makes his descent.

What better way to spend a weekend than to host 10 foreign exchange students? That is exactly what the Phoenicia Rotary Club had the privilege of doing beginning Friday evening through Sunday afternoon - culminating in a great day of skiing at Belleayre Mountain.

Winter Weekend has been hosted by Phoenicia Rotary since the 1970's. They take on the task of hosting all the exchange students that come to the Rotary District (comprising of 67 clubs) each year, regardless of whether or not they are hosting an exchange student or not. I will admit that it is my favorite part of each year. (Contd. Pg. 6)

## Shawanbucks! The List Is Growing!

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**YE OLDE TRI-VALLEY TOWNSMAN**  
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**ON THE FRONT BURNER:** Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens; let thy glory be above all the earth.  
Psalm 57:5

**OBITUARY**

**Olympia Martin** of Grahamsville passed away at A.O. Fox Hospital in Oneonta, NY on February 1, 2011 with her family by her side. She was 68.

She was born to Marie (Bobetsky) and John Fedynak in Manhattan on February 26, 1942. Olympia's early years were spent in Manhattan where she learned how to grow plants at the New York Horticultural Society Gardens, swim at Lenox Hill House and dance in a Ukrainian dance group.

After moving to Valley Stream, she attended Valley Stream South High School; she worked for Dr. Steven H. Klawter for almost 30 years, a career from which she recently retired.

Olympia met her husband, Charles Martin Jr. of Valley Stream, NY in 1965. They married in 1966 and moved to Grahamsville, NY where her husband was assigned to Troop F of the New York State Troopers. Olympia was a generous, enthusiastic homemaker who had the patience and fortitude to raise four energetic sons.

Her warm brown eyes and smile will be greatly missed by her friends, neighbors and more than ever, by her family. The herd of deer, squirrels, chipmunks, hummingbirds and other wildlife will miss the gifts she left for them every day.

She is survived by her loving husband, Charles Martin Jr.; sons Charles III of Sacramento, CA, John Christopher and Michael Martin of the Grahamsville area; daughter-in-law, Kim Martin; grandchildren: Randi, Amanda, Samantha, and Michael Martin, her brother, Raymond and his wife, Jacqueline; niece, Stephanie and nephew, Kevin of Long Island. She was predeceased by on daughter-in-law, Chrissy Martin.

A Funeral Mass was held Saturday, February 4 at The Church of the Immaculate Conception in Woodbourne. Father Lynch officiated.

Memorial donations in Olympia's name may be made to the Make a Wish Foundation, Hudson Valley Chapter or The Church of the Immaculate Conception.

**Carolyn J. "Dolly" Roosa** of Grahamsville, a homemaker and lifelong area resident, died Wednesday, February 2, 2011 at the Catskill Regional Medical Center in Harris. She was 71.

The daughter of the late Martin and Marguerite Harris Hoffman, she was born December 26, 1939 in Liberty.

Dolly was an avid reader and enjoyed the time she spent at the Daniel Pierce Library in Grahamsville.

Survivors include two daughters, Dina Dona hue and her husband, Bruce of Ellenville and Debbie Boyd and husband, Mitch of Edgewater, MD; two sons, Dayne Roosa Jr. of Monticello and Deming Roosa and his wife, Michele of Liberty; and seven grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her husband, Dayne Roosa on August 2, 2007 and one brother, Martin Hoffman.

Funeral Services were held Saturday, February 5 at the Harris Funeral Home, Liberty. The Rev. John Thomason officiated.

**Mary Jane Jones Zamora** passed away at her home in Neversink on Tuesday, February 1, 2011. She was 57.

The daughter of the late Walter and Dorothy Conklin Jones, she was born March 6, 1953 in Liberty, NY.

Mary Jane is survived by her companion, Clem Whittle at home; three brothers: Frank Jones and his wife, Carol of Mountindale, Walter Jones and his wife, Kinda of Loch Sheldrake and Lee Jones of Liberty; two sisters, Annabell Rios and her husband, Fred of Florida and Eva Salazar of Florida and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her siblings: Catherine, Hallie, Charlotte, Fred and Eugene.

Funeral Services were held Friday, Feb. 4 at Ramsay's Funeral Home in Liberty. Burial will take place in Hodge Cemetery, Aden, NY.

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

**January 31, 1951** - According to a story in last week's *Liberty Gazette*, 2,000 deer hides have been collected and shipped by truck from Sullivan County to Gloversville, N.Y. where they will be used to manufacture gloves for U.S. Airmen. Most of the hides were from deer shot by Sullivan County hunters last fall. The shipment was valued at around \$10,000.

Mrs. Nora Terwilliger, wife of Neal Terwilliger, died at her home on Friday, January 26th. She was born in Sullivan County on January 12, 1879, the daughter of Harmon and Eunice Van Wagner. Mr. and Mrs. Terwilliger had been married for fifty-five years and had spent all of that time in this vicinity.

Mrs. Lucy Kortright Frear, 79, wife of Jacob Frear of Liberty, died at her home on Monday morning, January 29th. She was born near Neversink on August 7, 1871, the daughter of Abram and Phoebe Dean Kortright. Surviving are her husband; a brother, Asa Kortright of Liberty and a sister, Mrs. Herbert Smith of Buffalo.

**February 1, 1961** - Marine Pvt. Willard A. Graham, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Graham of Grahamsville, has completed recruit training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C.

A group of 25 Future Farmers of America members were raised from green hand status to chapter farmers at a recent Tri-County FFA meeting at the Middletown High School. Sullivan County members were: David VanValkenburg, David Denman, Michael Dean, Vernon Turner and Richard Carr.

Fred Dolloway, a life resident of Claryville, died at his home. He was the owner of a general store and gas station in Claryville. Mr. Dolloway was born February 9, 1903 in Claryville, the son of Henry C. and Lizzie Dulaff Dolloway. Surviving are his mother, Mrs. Lizzie Dolloway; a brother, Clyde and a sister, Mrs. Percy Cole all of Claryville.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph VanValkenburg who are parents of a son born Saturday at the Liberty Loomis Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Delso Edwards of Kingston, N.Y. celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on January 29th. They were married in Grahamsville on January 29, 1911. Mrs. Edwards is the former Iona Krum.

**February 3, 1971** - Tri-Valley Central School's 1971 Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow is senior Robin Marshalek. Robin will receive a specially designed award from General Mills, sponsor of the annual education program. Robin is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Marshalek of Woodbourne.

Miss MaryAnn Murphy has been notified of her acceptance at the State University at Cortland. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Murphy of Grahamsville. Miss Murphy plans to major in physical education.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Levy announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Ginger Levy to Stanford David Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Miller of Napanoch. Ginger is a Tri-Valley graduate and is attending UCCC in the Nursing Program. David is a graduate of Ellenville High School and has been accepted at UCCC. A June 19, 1971 wedding is planned.

**January 29, 1981** - The Grahamsville General Store has changed ownership as of January 1, 1981, to Bill and Jan Davies of Sundown. The former owners were Cathy and Joe Levy.

Congratulations to the new grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. VanAken. Rose's daughter and son-in-law are the parents of a second son, Chauncey David Slater, Jr. born on Thursday of last week.

Mrs. Bertha Ackerley, whose 83rd birthday was Sunday, January 25th, was pleasantly surprised with a party in her honor at the meeting of the Claryville Ladies Aid last Tuesday. (Due to the many ads and legal notices in this issue, news items were scarce. Hope next week will be better. BMS.)



**CEMETERY ASSOCIATION** (From pg. 1)

In today's world, it seems increasingly practical to establish a fiscal year which coincides with the calendar year. The Grahamsville Rural Cemetery Association took this step at its annual meeting in 2010. After further discussion, it was agreed that mid-February seemed a logical time for the annual Plotolders Meeting as well as the business meeting of the organization's twelve Trustees.

All those who are owners, or "holders," of property in the Grahamsville Rural Cemetery are welcome to attend this annual Plotolders Meeting on February 10, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Neversink Town Hall

**NEVERSINK NEWS - Hulda Vernooy**

A big thank you to our town men who do such a great job of keeping our roads safe for us. Thanks, guys!

Happy Birthday to Martha Ahrens who will celebrate her day on the 10th of February. Enjoy your day, Martha!

Condolences to the Noren family on the passing of John. He was a longtime resident of Neversink.

Condolences also to the Martin family on the loss of Ollie. She was from Grahamsville and worked for Dr. Klafner in Liberty for years.

And condolences also to the family of Mary Jane Zamora of Neversink who passed away on February 1st, and Carolyn (Dolly) Roosa of Grahamsville who passed away on February 2nd.

Think spring -- it's on its way!!  
Happy Valentine's Day to everyone!  
(Call Hulda at 985-2268 with your Neversink news.)

**DEAD AS A DOORNAIL** (From Pg. 1)

Bleacher seats will be available the evening of the show for \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for students and senior citizens, no meal accompanies a bleacher seat.

Also, come and participate in the mystery. Great door prizes and gift baskets are available for those who can determine the killer! Come, play and enjoy a great meal to support the Theater Club.

For information call Tara Berescik and Regina Hartman- 845-985-2296 ext 5503

**Congratulations: Katie Sunnekalb!**

Tri-Valley senior, Katie Sunnekalb, who is in her second year as a student in the Early Childhood Program at BOCES has been recognized by her teacher at BOCES who stated in a letter that Katie' she is very proud of how Katie handles situations in the classroom. Congratulations, Katie!!!

**Jakki Pugh named TVCS Athlete of the week.**

Jakki capped a week-long scoring spree with a 25 point MVP performance in the championship game of the Liberty tournament last Saturday.

**LUNKER OF THE COUNTY** (From Pg. 1)

Sources attending the derby say that the Lunker of the Day was caught by Avery Conklin. In the youth division perch category, first prize winner was Brandon Edwards of Neversink and in the adult perch division, the winners were: Fred Wilson, first place; Fred Wilson; Bruce Sabinsky, second place; and Mike Ward, third place.

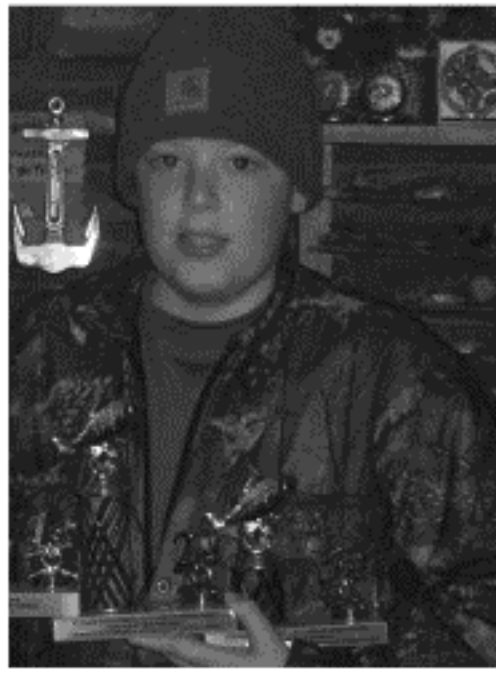


Photo by Dan Entenmann, Jr.

Tri-Valley student, John Vernooy holds his trophy for his catch of the day from Swan Lake.

According to spokesman, Mike Ward, the top angler in the pickerel division was First Place winner Courtney Hannold, who was presented with a trophy sponsored by Congressman Maurice Hinchey. Dan Plexx, was second place winner of the pan fish division and received a trophy sponsored by The Townsman.

In the adult Pickerel Division the top anglers were: first place - Wayne Wright, second place - Daniel Entenmann, Jr.; and third place-Scott Hynson.

While the final results were still not clear as of Sunday evening, one thing that we can conclude that everyone had a lot of fun and a lot of fish!



Photo by Dan Entenmann, Jr.

Scott Hynson of Grahamsville shows a few of the fish from his catch and is getting ready to clean and cook them just in time for a Super Bowl Sunday party!

**FFA Penny Social!**

There will be a Penny Social including Penny Tables, Special Tables, Door Prizes, Mystery Bags and Children's Table on Sunday, February 13th, 2011 at Tri-Valley Central School Cafeteria on Route 55 in Grahamsville.

The doors will open at 3:00 pm, and calling begins at 4:15 pm

Admission is \$2 and will include the first set of tickets, 1 baked good, 1 beverage

Additional tickets, refreshments and dinner items will be available for purchase. Proceeds to benefit the Tri-Valley FFA Students traveling abroad to Costa Rica.

For information call Tara Berescik at 985-2296 ext 5503.

**SC SOIL & WATER SEEKS QUOTES**

The Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District is looking for price quotes for insurance. The District would like to give all insurance agencies the opportunity to provide us with a price quote that will be identical to the insurance that we have now. If your agency would like to submit a price quote to our organization, please stop by the office to obtain a copy of our current insurance policy so that you may submit a quote for coverage. The District will be reviewing all quotes received by March 14th. If you have any questions, please call 845-292-6552 Ext. 101

**A SIGN OF SPRING- THE GEESE ARE RETURNING!**

by Peggy DeWire



One of my favorite memories ever since my early childhood was hearing the honk of the Canada Geese. The familiar sound is certainly a clue that spring is near. I'd look up at the sky and look for V-formation of the flock of geese returning to the north for the summer. This past week, I couldn't help but smile when I noticed my friend Betty, watching a flock of geese flying over head in a V-formation. Betty asked me, "Where do they come from and where are they going?"

Although an increasing number of Canada Geese are choosing to winter in the north, especially in urban areas, the majority fly south to the United States and even Mexico for the winter and begin returning a few weeks before the spring thaw.

Usually beginning in late spring, after the geese have returned back to the north, each pair of geese in will look for a nesting territory and selects a nesting site. After a large nest is built of grasses and downy feathers. A soon as there is open water for mating and snow-free nest sites, a clutch of

eggs is laid. Laying the eggs is not a simple task. Each egg takes a little over a day to lay. The number can range anywhere from 2 to 12) while the male guards the nesting area.

The goose (female) incubates them with her warm body for about 26 days

while the gander (male) guards the nest. I can tell you from personal experience that if you accidentally wander into a nesting male's territory while looking for a good spot to lie your picnic blanket down, he'll come after you hissing with wings spread. The eggs typically take about a month to incubate. The baby geese peck at their shells with the 'egg tooth' found at the end of their bill. It takes 1 to 2 days for them to free themselves from the egg. After the babies have hatched, the family moves away from the nesting site on foot toward more favorable feeding areas. The newly hatched babies (called 'gosling') are able to swim immediately. The male and female goose both accompany the babies during their swims. gosling can dive and swim for 30-40 feet underwater and they eat almost continuously to attain growth for the first migration flight.

Geese have become quite a common sight in city parks. Some cities are having trouble with overpopulation of the geese and, for this reason, are trying to discourage people from feeding them in the overpopulated areas.

The main enemy of the Canada Goose is people. In an attempt to control rising populations some areas have begun egg collection and/or hunting efforts to decrease the number of geese in their area.

Natural enemies include the fox, gulls, Bald Eagles, Peregrine Falcons and Snowy Owls.

So when you hear a honking noise coming from the sky, look up and you should see a flock of geese flying in their familiar V- formation, letting you know that the winter is drawing toward an end.

**LIONS CLUB GETS SNEAK PREVIEW OF THE LIBRARY** (From Pg. 1)



Lion members listen to Coombe tell the story of the cherry wood mantle over the fireplace.

Coombe pointed to the beautiful mantle over the fireplace, and told the listeners as he pointed toward the beautiful cherry mantle, "The old cherry tree is now preserved in its full beauty. It has become that mantle."

Past Neversink Supervisor, Georgianna Lepke emphasized that it was Coombe's leadership and efficiency that made this community project a success. Coombe took that opportunity as a segue, pointing toward his wife, Carolyn and said, "She is the person who really made it happen."

Many people and many hours of devotion have made this community project a wonderful place where we can spend quality time, and as Coombe stated, "This will be a place that will not only serve our present community, but future generations, at least one-hundred years from now!"



Dave Forshay, who built the cabinet base, holding the diorama that was designed and constructed by Barbara Purcell, explains the purpose of the diorama and how it will work. The diorama is a perfected scaled-down version of the Neversink/Rondout Watershed and surrounding areas and will be one of the Time and the Valleys Museum displays.



Coombe addresses Lion Fran Fuller's question.



Lions members listen as Coombe explains the final details that will soon be completed.



Much time was spent explaining the geothermal heating system



**ULSTER COMPTROLLER AUDIT** (From Pg. 1) "We will be conducting an audit of the internal controls governing the use of the funds both in the Sheriff's Office and the District Attorney's Office," said Auerbach. "We understand the value to investigators of having access to cash," explained the Comptroller. "While the controls over confidential investigation accounts have different protocols than other county funds, our objective will be to assess the safeguards, the authorizations and record keeping for the use of these funds and to confirm that procedures are in place to ensure that transactions are proper, contain appropriate documentation and are disbursed in compliance."

**ORIGINAL TUSKEGEE AIRMEN TO HELP PRESENT TUITION GRANTS** (From Pg. 1)

In its 13th year, the Maj. Gen. Irene Trowell-Harris Chapter of the national legacy association Tuskegee Airmen Inc. awarded \$10,000 in grants to a delighted group of high school seniors from the Hudson Valley.

The night, themed "Prepared and Ready for the Future," Tuskegee Airmen Roscoe Brown, Bill Wheeler, Victor Terrelonge, Floyd Carter and others were scheduled to appear. "This promises to be an extraordinary night," said chapter president Lt. Col. Glendon Fraser of the New York Air National Guard. "It will truly be a great night of history. For the eighth

consecutive year, the Trowell-Harris Chapter will have presented at least 10 \$1,000 grants. Since the inception of the chapter 13 years ago, they will have awarded 115 grants totaling more than \$125,000."

Former NASA astronaut Fred Gregory, the commander of two Space Shuttle missions, made the keynote address to the recipients and audience. In addition, Pat Battle, WNBC 4 NY anchor, was the Mistress of Ceremonies as they recognized the grant recipients and their own Trowell-Harris Chapter Honoree Col. (Ret.) Charles Faro of the Air Guard for his community service. Many corporate, community and political dignitaries were in attendance.

The chapter's goals support and are inspired by those of the national organization, Tuskegee Airmen Inc. The chapter promotes the interest and honors the memory of the historic men and women who served in the Army Air Corps over Europe after flight training at Tuskegee, Alabama during the 1940s. We tell the story of the aspirations, frustrations and, most

importantly, the successes of these pioneering men and women in every forum possible.

To date, the chapter has awarded more than \$115,000 in tuition grants to 110 Hudson Valley high school students. The Trowell-Harris Chapter operates the Lee A. Archer Red Tail Youth Flying Program, an aviation-oriented youth-mentoring program; visits numerous area schools; attends public forums; and in summer months holds its annual Family Day in Newburgh's Downing Park and co-hosts the annual Willie Carter Golf Classic.

The Maj. Gen. Irene Trowell-Harris Chapter of Tuskegee Airmen Inc. is a 501 C (3) organization, and major corporate sponsors such as Citigroup Corporate Aviation, American Express Foundation, Atlantic Aviation, the United Way of Orange County, Citizens

Bank, GE Corporate Air Transport and Hudson Health Plan enthusiastically support the chapter and chapter events.

By visiting [www.tai-ny.org](http://www.tai-ny.org), area high school students can retrieve tuition-assistance applications for next year's grants.



## TOWN OF WAWARSING State of the Town Message

January 1st 2011 marks the end of my first year as the Supervisor of the Town of Wawarsing. Today I would like to give you a brief overview of what transpired in 2010. In early February, a major snow storm swept through our community and brought our normal routines to a halt. I called a state of the emergency due to the dangerous conditions, down power lines, and impassable roads. Throughout the storm we had daily briefings and discussions with Central Hudson in regards to their progress in restoring power to our Town. In addition we coordinated with local fire, police, and rescue squads to insure emergency measures were implemented. In order to keep the public informed of our progress we disseminated this information through the local radio station. While this storm was the first major obstacle of my administration, it would not be the last task the Town Board and I would address.

### Infrastructure Improvements and Upgrades

I pursued a Central Hudson grant that would update lighting in all of our Town buildings, which will reduce our electric bills by over \$5,000 per year. After approval by the Town Board, we anticipate the work will commence in early January and be completed within three weeks.

For the first time in 10 years, the Town of Wawarsing will be installing 16.9 miles of cable to 204 homes. This expansion in infrastructure will not only provide these citizens with cable and the internet, it will also make the area more attractive to new residents of the Town. Funding for this project will come from the Cable Commission account which was paid into by franchise fees. This goal was accomplished due to the efforts of the Supervisor, Town Board, Cable Commission Liaison Steve Bradley and the Committee which consisted of Maggie Heath, Debbie Davis, and Sal Ligotino.

Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency will pay for the installation of compactors in the Spring of 2011 at the Town's Transfer Station. This new upgraded system will reduce the number of "pulls" and will result in a savings of \$7,000 per year.

In 2010 the Town completed work on the Terminal Building at the Joseph Y. Resnick Airport. This building was dedicated to the memory of Ernest Kittner who was the fixed based operator at the Airport for 25 years.

A water main break in the Village of Ellenville on November 4th, 2010 cut off the water supply to local businesses, the Hospital, and the Senior Housing Complex. As a result of this incident a decision was made to switch over to the Town's own water resources. Not only did this prevent a potential crisis but it also resulted in thousands of dollars in savings to those receiving water in the Airport Loop.

The History of the Town of Wawarsing and our beautiful environment are two of our most treasured resources. Due to this fact we established two new committees, the Environmental Conservation Commission and the Historical Preservation Commission.

In order to improve the accountability of our local governments the Town has started several initiatives. We are working with Time Warner and the Village of Ellenville to have live broadcasts of meetings on Channel 23. In addition, it is my belief that every local government should have a digital medium to the public. In 2010 we began updating our website with the ultimate goal of making [townofwawarsing.net](http://townofwawarsing.net) a comprehensive source of local government information. Ideally this will include Meeting minutes, a Town calendar of events, and so on.

On 10/05/10 a malicious act occurred at the Renaissance Project in Ulster Heights. As a result, local officials and I will meet with the Board of Directors to address staffing, security, and supervision to insure this terrible tragedy never occurs again in our community.

In order to reduce the Town's liability, prevent any future incidents, and to reduce our budget we have made the following improvements to Town Hall:

- Updated our 15 year old telephone system from Cornerstone, saving \$4,800 per year.
- Replaced four 60+ year old fuel oil tanks in the basement.
- Improved the safety of the basement area by installing new lights and removing dangerous wiring.
- New sewer line in basement.
- New "bilco" door leading to basement replacing a rotted one.
- Will be replacing a 35 year old furnace in 2011 to make our heating system more efficient.
- Updated our 13 year old smoke detector system in building and added 4 panic button alarms.

### Grants and Appropriations

The Town received a \$600,000 grant from the New York Office of Community Renewal to upgrade water mains in Kerhonkson.

The Town provided support through a Letter of Recommendation and by Resolution to Canal Street Cutlery for a \$75,000 "Upstate Regional Blueprint" grant. The grant was awarded in late December and will result in a new product line, plus an additional 8 permanent new jobs for our community.

### Beautification of the Town

The beautification of our Town has been a top priority of my administration. In order to pursue this goal we have taken several actions. We have worked with the Building Department and local fire companies to remove unsafe structures in the Town of Wawarsing. To accomplish this task we used legal processes to remove structures through demolition in order to make the Town more attractive to our citizens, travelers, and potential new businesses.

On August 20th 2010, the Environmental Protection Agency came to the Town to outline plans to clean up a toxic waste dump which was a junkyard over 50 years ago. I am not satisfied with the cleanup goals as I feel it was not thorough enough for our Town. Letters were sent to Senator Charles Schumer, Congressman Maurice Hinchey, Assemblyman Kevin Cahill, and Senator John Bonacic asking them to encourage the EPA to review their project plans.

A blue-ribbon panel report stated that three 75 bed nursing home facilities should be constructed in Ulster County, one of which should be located in the Town of Wawarsing within the proximity of the Ellenville Hospital. If built this facility would provide the community with 200 jobs. I have sent request letters to Ulster County Executive Mike Hein and Comptroller Elliot Auerbach, asking them to support this local facility. I also sent letters to all members of the Ulster County Legislature and spoke to them on this issue at their general session.

On June 26th 2010 the Town held a very successful "household hazardous" waste day. Due to the cleanup efforts success, the Town Board approved a clean up days that were held on October 28th, 29th, and 30th. As these efforts help insure the flourishing beauty of our Town, another event will be held in 2011.

While many projects were completed in 2010, there's still a great deal to do in the New Year, hi 2011 there are many new ideas, projects, and goals on our agendas. I would like to take the time to give a brief overview of just a few of those projects.

First, our primary goal is to continue to insure taxes will be kept to a minimum by controlling spending. The Town Board and I will work to fulfill this goal by making reasonable reductions in costs without cutting services. In 2010 the mandatory Social Security budget escalated. While much of this increase was due to the economic crisis, there are several actions that will be taken to decrease this financial cost to the Town. Another vital priority will be to decrease the unemployment rate within our community. In order to tackle this monumental task, we need to alter our perspective on this issue. We can no longer view surrounding towns as just friendly neighbors; we must also view them as economic competitors. I propose we use various incentives to attempt to attract various new businesses to our Town. Next, I will continue to pursue a nursing home or assisted-living complex to provide 200 jobs for local residents. Finally we will continue to apply for any grants that will help improve our Town and improve our local job market.

On the issue of appropriations, the Town has applied for a Small Cities grant for a \$600,000 purification system. The new infrastructure would improve the quality of water in the Napanoch Water District. It is my goal to have the purification plant up and running by 2012. In addition, the Town Board is pursuing a Department of Environmental Conservation grant for tree planting and maintenance of our local parks. We are also pursuing a \$1,000 quick start Arbor Day grant for the beautification of our Town.

Despite all the obstacles of 2010, the Town of Wawarsing has managed to move forward in several key areas such as public safety, infrastructure improvements, grants, town wide clean up projects, keeping taxes to a minimum, and other initiatives that have reduced our budget. I would like to express my appreciation to the Town Board and all of the staff at the Town of Wawarsing for their hard work and dedication in moving our community in a positive direction. In 2011 we will continue to strive for excellence in our community.

Town of Wawarsing Supervisor, Leonard M. Distel



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**Phoenicia Rotary Winter Weekend...** (From Pg. 1)

Getting to meet these brave, young souls, who leave all that is familiar to them - their friends, family, schools - all for the opportunity to come to the United States and learn a little bit about us. And also for us to learn a little bit about them! Some of them are not fluent in English when they arrive - but you can see the transformation during the course of the year.

This year, there were 10 students - Six gals and four guys. They came from Turkey, Italy, Spain, France, Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Brazil, Thailand and Belgium. During the course of the year they spend here, they are required to attend certain weekends visiting various parts of the area - like West Point and the UN - where they get to spend time with each other, share information and generally stay in touch. They all have the common thread of being away from home in a strange land, strange culture and strange customs. It's amazing how they depend on each other and make life-long lasting relationships.

Winter Weekend begins on Friday evening when all of the students are dropped off, this year at Russ' Country Kitchen in Phoenicia, where they had a great meal and got to spend some time re-acquainting. Weekend host families started arriving to meet their guests and take them home. It was a great time meeting all the students for the first time. One of those priceless moments came when it became apparent that there was no cell service in this area! It's probably the first time it's happened since they've been here!!!

Saturday morning, bright and early, found all 10 students taking a class in how to rappel out of a building. Classroom instruction was first and foremost, then they actually went outside where Tom Crucet and his Sundance Tower - and with the help of several experienced staff - helped all those who were game enough to take that first step, walk down the building safe and sound. Several did it several times - and a couple opted to not take the plunge at all. It matters not to Tom - he would like to see you do it - but will not force anyone who finds it a bit difficult to take that first step. Pizzas were provided for lunch and then the kids all returned to their host family homes for several hours of "off" time. Relax time and time to get ready for the evening events.

Saturday evening is always a dinner hosted at a Rotarian's home, where the kids present a 10-15 minute presentation about themselves, their families and/or their homes. Pictures of where they live, family, friends, and places of interest led to questions and a learning experience for everyone in attendance. Amazing that Belgium, Switzerland, Austria and Germany each were claiming dominance over chocolate and beer!!! During the course of the weekend, the kids were asking each other how to say certain words in their native language. A list of the words was developed and from that, several sentences were made up from the words. Each of the students were asked to translate the English sentences into their native language, which was quite interesting to hear.

Sunday morning meant packing up and getting ready to hit the slopes. Several of the students came with equipment they either had rented for the season, or had brought with them from 'home' - while a couple had never been on skis or a snow board before in their lives. Each was provided with a helmet for safety, skis or a snow board - and each was given a lesson, or two or three - before making their way to a skill level they felt comfortable with. Hunger brought them back to the lodge (reserved for this weekend each year) where lunch was served, and hot water awaited for hot cocoa or tea. Then back to the slopes - or just hang out until host families made their way up to the mountain by 3 PM to take charge of their students in time to return to school on Monday. It was a fantastic weekend - perfect weather for being on the slopes. We all collectively give a sigh of relief to have made it through another year - and look forward to next year - where we always hope to have another fantastic weekend with a great bunch of students so far from home. *by Cindy Johansen*

**FROM THE OTHER SIDE OF THE MOUNTAIN** -Paula Rhodes

Good Morning My Friends!,  
Oh! my did you see the diamonds in the trees on Saturday?  
My friend Karen Queen of the Quinces and I were out on my front porch Saturday admiring the diamonds in the trees! Then we decided to do the 'Diamonds in the Trees' dance which we made up on the spot. We needed to make something happy out of the little frozen crystals in the trees. They were so beautiful. We were so happy it was warm and sunny and beautiful and we knew soon enough it would be Spring! And proof positive I had my flip flops on without socks!

I meet Queen Karen one day last year ~ well I didn't really meet her. I was on death's door step with the flu last year and the phone rang and before I caught myself, I answered it. It was Queen Karen and she wanted to know if I wanted the HUGE basket of quince she had gathered from her back yard. I being on death's door said, "Sure bring them to me I will make a pie." With that Karen started laughing and said OK!

When I finally came out of my fever induced coma and saw the basket of fruit she had brought me I asked, "What the heck is that?" And started laughing at the poor deformed pears/apples/something! Then someone in the shop said no that's what they look like and you make jelly out of them! NOT! First I don't really make jelly. Gary makes his version of apple butter that is very good but I don't make jelly. If I get fresh fruit I make pies and cakes or muffins out of them. So I sat about to see just what kind of pie I could make out of those poor pitiful fruits! And then I tried to peel the first one on my apple peeler! That was a joke, so I decided I would peel them by hand. Well, by the time I had them peeled I was going to charge \$300.00 for a pie and I thought I might call Gail and ask her to come help me make quince jelly the next time Queen Karen brought me them. But since I already had these peeled and cut up! They are almost as difficult to cut up as they are to peel by the way! So I decided I would make a pie anyway. Well, it made enough for three pies and I sold two as soon as I took them from the oven! The smell was amazing. The only reason I didn't sell the third was I hadn't gotten a chance to taste one myself! I knew they were very tough so I cooked them in butter and brown sugar before putting them in the pie shell with sun dried cranberries ~ Oh, when I first started peeling one I had absolutely no idea what a quince was or what it taste like. It smelled a lot like a pear or a green apple so I decided to taste the raw quince meat! Don't

eat raw quinces! They taste like a green persimmon and if you have ever eaten green persimmon you will never eat another! Anyway, after spitting that out of my mouth as quickly as I could to the laughter of several customers. I tried to talk my husband and the customers into trying one! Noone took me up on the offer. They all knew what one was like! Not that they had tasted one raw they were probably smarter than that! So anyway my philosophy of life is enough sugar in anything and I can make a pie out of it! So-o-o-o-ooooo - doesn't it take me forever to get to the point? My husband and I sat down after dinner to try the quince pie and I tell you what!!! It was delightful!! It holds the texture and the cranberries just make it! So, I had created a monster ~ now as soon as it gets Spring, I start asking everyone if they have any quince and most everyone has them but they are bitten into by the deer! The deer can't eat them but don't know it so they take a bite out of them and it ruins the fruit! Except of course Queen Karen's and they don't bother hers because as she told me she has a fence and a big dog.

So-o-oo, that being said I miss Spring! I want to look out of my window and see the little blooms on the trees and I never thought I would say it, I miss the dust! I miss having my front door open or sitting out on my front porch waving at people going to the post office or just driving by. And I miss not wearing four layers! My final ramble is as I get dressed every day I sing the old Don Ho song One Paddle, Two Paddle, but I change the words to One Layer, Two Layer, Three Layer, Four Might Keep Me Warm!

Have a great week and remember soon there will be little flowers sprouting up and we will be warm. Oh, Happy Ground Hog Day!

One last thing Greg D. is not doing so great. The last I heard he was in Kingston but may go up to Albany. And Dellie isn't home yet and I miss both. Hurry home both of you we all miss you.

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Hello again my loyal and faithful readers. I hope you've all had a great week and kept warm. I don't know about you, but I know exactly how many days there are until Spring.

Until then, stay warm and try to get out once in a while to support live music.

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I was looking through some old newspapers before I converted them to packing materials recently, and I came across a letter written by a fairly successful local musician that outlined the financial pitfalls of being a musician who plays out locally, or anywhere. I don't think too many non-musicians ever really thought about what goes into making live music happen, or how much time, effort, work, and money the artist puts into it before it's displayed to the world, so I'm going to make this letter the whole of my column in a few weeks. Trust me, there's a lot more to it than you think.

Conspicuous in it's absence from my live music picks has been one of the best musical events in our area, or anywhere, for that matter. I'm talking about Levon Helm's Midnight Ramble, and the reason I have not mentioned them is that the price is out of range for most locals, BUT - I must say that even though the ticket price is high, all music fans should experience a Midnight Ramble at least once. I know nobody has any extra money right now, but when you do, do yourself a favor and attend a Midnight Ramble. There's always a great opening band or two, but the main attraction is The Levon Helm Band itself. Stellar musicians all, but special mention must be made of musical director, Larry Campbell, a 5 year veteran of Bob Dylan's Band, Phil Lesh and Friends, and producer of the most recent album by Jorma Kaukonen, as well as the co-producer of the last two Grammy winning Levon Helm CD's, "Dirt Farmer" and "Electric Dirt". (Contd. Pg. 8)



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**RESERVOIR MUSIC NOTES** (From Pg. 6)

There's always a great opening band or two, but the main attraction is The Levon Helm Band itself. Stellar musicians all, but special mention must be made of musical director, Larry Campbell, a 5 year veteran of Bob Dylan's Band, Phil Lesh and Friends, and producer of the most recent album by Jorma Kaukonen, as well as the co-producer of the last two Grammy winning Levon Helm CD's, "Dirt Farmer" and "Electric Dirt". Larry is also on board to produce the next Hot Tuna CD, and I haven't even scratched the surface! Google him if you want more. One of the best all-around musicians anywhere, Larry plays just about every stringed instrument known to man: guitar, fiddle, mandolin, lap and pedal steel guitars, banjo, and probably a few that I don't know about. Just to give you an idea, when Larry quit Bob Dylan's Band, Bob had to replace him with 3 people! The amazing thing is that Larry plays each of those instruments better than most people who have devoted their lives to mastering only one of them, and, he's completely self taught! Never had a lesson in his life! Add to Larry and Levon's talents the soaring, angelic voices of Larry's wife, Teresa Williams, and Levon's daughter, Amy Helm, The scorching guitar of Jimmy Weider, who's good enough to be the number one guitar player in any other band, the amazing horn section, the piano of Brian Mitchell (and sometime guest, Donald Fagen of Steely Dan), and you've got yourself one of the best bands on the planet! Plus the Rambles take place in Levon's home, in his studio known as The Barn, so guests are in for an intimate treat that just can't be found at any commercial concert for any price! Let's put it this way - one of my friends paid \$290.00 apiece for nosebleed seats for Eric Clapton and Stevie Nicks at Madison Square Garden, and those weren't scalper's prices. That was the actual ticket price. In comparison, the Rambles are a bargain! And to anyone who offers the argument that Clapton is a bigger star than Levon, let me remind you that "Music From Big Pink" changed Clapton's life, eventually bringing him to Woodstock, where he wanted to join The Band! So, think again, loyal readers. Do it at least once. A splendid time is guaranteed for all! More Ramble info at [www.levonheln.com](http://www.levonheln.com).

This week's live music picks -

Friday, Feb. 11 - NINA VIOLET at Market Market in Rosendale. Nina is a quirky, fun artist who usually performs by herself with electric guitar accompaniment, which is kind of unusual, and Nina is an unusual, but very talented musician, singer, and songwriter.

Friday, Feb. 11 - For those of you on the other side of the river, BIG JOE FITZ'S BLUES PARTY pulls into The Rhinecliff Hotel for the night. Big Joe is known for his blues radio show on WDST, 101.1 on the FM dial, every Sunday night at 10 o'clock, immediately following the only great radio show left on the planet, Little Steven's Underground Garage.

Saturday, Feb. 12 - SYD STRAW at The Bearsville Theater. Syd has been around forever on the periphery of my musical vision, always playing with world class musicians. The only record I ever had of hers was The Golden Palominos, which was pretty good, and featured the talents of Michael Stipe, Richard Thompson, Jack Bruce, Matthew Sweet, and T-Bone Burnett. The band she's bringing to The Bearsville Theater is no exception, featuring Eric 'Roscoe' Ambel (Del-Lords, Steve Earle, The Yayhoos), Francis X (Gang of Four, B-52's), and the guitar player from Yo La Tengo.

Saturday, Feb. 12 - GARLAND JEFFRIES at The Falcon in Marlboro. Listen, it's a short drive, but worth it. I've heard the place is beautiful and they don't even charge a cover. Instead, it's by donation. The Falcon needs to be supported, and Garland Jeffries is a great way to do it. Best known for his anthemic hit, "Wild in the Streets", Garland is an old school rocker who is making a rare appearance in our area. DON'T MISS IT!

Saturday, Feb. 12 - THE BALL AND CHAIN REVUE, featuring 3 great bands which all feature husbands and wives performing together, at one of my favorite venues, Club Helsinki in Hudson. The B&C Revue consists of The Jack Grace Band, Vicious Country, and The Five Points Band. Jack Grace fronts the rockinest drinkin' and carousing country rock n roll band around, and The 5 Points Band are known as The Addams Family of Woodstock. I haven't heard Vicious Country, but the band features Popa Chubby and his wife Galea, so it's definitely gonna be rockin'.

Monday, Feb. 14 - ROBERT GORDON at The Turning Point in Piermont. Robert is the foremost proponent of authentic Rockabilly music on the East Coast. I used to see him every other week at the old Lone Star Café in Manhattan, and he never disappointed! His bands back then included Link Wray, Chris Spedding, Rob Stoner, Howie Wyeth, and the late, lamented, Danny Gatton. If you don't know who

those people are, Google them and you'll see what kind of talent Robert brings to the stage. Worth the drive!

It's hard to pick just one show for this week's Pick of the Week, but if I had to, it would be the Ball and Chain Revue, which should just be a lot of fun, and has been described as "like juggling, while on fire and driving through a snowstorm, but funnier". Of course, you can't go wrong with Syd, Garland, or Robert, either, so, have fun, and enjoy your week.

**SCDW VALENTINE CABARET "DESSERT THEATRE"**

Looking for a romantic, enjoyable way to spend Valentine's Day without breaking the bank? Why not immerse yourself and the one you love in an evening or afternoon of live musical entertainment and delicious desserts? The Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop will be performing a weekend Valentine Cabaret "Dessert Theatre" on February 12, 13 at the Sullivan County Museum in Hurleyville. Admission includes the show and a sumptuous assortment of desserts and is strictly "pay what you can afford!" Donations in any amount will be gladly accepted.

And to complete the whole Valentine's Day theme, prior to each performance, a Lia Sophia Jewelry Party will be held as a fund raiser for the SCDW with 30% of all jewelry sales going to the Workshop. During the month of February, there's a matching special for the new catalog - buy any two items at full price (make these your least expensive items) and get two at half price - any three at full price, get three at half price and so on. Dozens of new items have been added to the Lia Sophia catalog and this beautiful fashion jewelry, as always, comes with a lifetime replacement guarantee. Anyone purchasing \$100 or more worth of jewelry will receive a free ticket to the performance of your choice during the SCDW 2011 Season.

With piano accompaniment by Leon Hilfstien of Hurleyville, the Cabaret features performances by Albee Bockman of Hurleyville, Marissa Cohen of Ellenville, Scott Eckers of Swan Lake, Sally Gladden of Woodridge, Terri Hall of Rock Hill, Carmine Iantorno of Middletown, Ellen Pavloff of Kerhonkson, Lori Schneider-Wendt of Hurleyville, Heather Strauss of Rock Hill and Harold Tighe of Kauneonga Lake. With a mix of songs from pop to Broadway hits, including ballads and standards and a few unconventional love songs as well, there'll be something for everyone to L-O-V-E!

So plan on coming out to the Sullivan County Museum, 265 Main Street in Hurleyville on Saturday, February 12th at 8:00 pm or Sunday, February 13th at 2:00 pm - for the Valentine's Weekend Cabaret Dessert Theatre - Again, admission is "pay what you can afford!" - No advance reservations are needed, but plan on arriving early for best parking behind the museum, or park along Main Street. The Lia Sophia Jewelry parties will begin at 6:00 pm Saturday evening and Noon on Sunday. For additional information, phone (845) 434-7232 or visit us online at [www.scdw.net](http://www.scdw.net)

**ERH IMPLEMENTS EpicCare LINK - Ellenville Regional Hospital and The Institute for Family Health Announce Electronic Health Records Communication Link**

Ellenville, New York, February 2, 2011: The Ellenville Regional Hospital and the Institute for Family Health have implemented EpicCare Link, a secure program that permits the two organizations to share critical medical information for mutual patients. This new collaboration means that Emergency Department staff can access patients' medical records from the Ellenville Family Health Center, operated by the Institute, providing primary care providers and hospital staff with tools to enhance the quality and safety of care.

According to Robert Donaldson, NP, the medical director for the Emergency Department and the president of the medical staff at Ellenville Regional, "EpicCare Link helps the ED diagnose and treat patients more efficiently, helping to avoid duplicate testing and undesirable medication interactions. It even lets us schedule appointments for patients prior to their discharge."

Steve Kelley, president and CEO of Ellenville Regional Hospital indicated that the collaboration between Ellenville Regional Hospital and the Institute



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is the first implementation of EpicCare Link between a rural critical access hospital and a primary care organization in the country. He is thrilled that this innovative milestone is occurring in Ellenville. "This is the kind of setting that health information technology, and health information exchange, is designed to serve. It is critical to the field of emergency medicine, where access to a patient's medical history can mean the difference between life and death."

Mr. Kelley shared some examples of recent uses of the EpicCare Link. Shortly after the system was implemented, he said, a patient presented in the Emergency Department recently with confusion and chest pain. "The nurse on duty was relieved to learn that he was a patient of the Institute's. Within seconds, she was able to access the patient's most recent EKG, blood work, medication list and medical history through EpicCare Link. The ED provider was able to compare the EKG performed in the ED with his previous one, and to determine the best course of treatment. EpicCare Link helped us give the patient the best possible care."

In another recent example, a 30 year-old woman was brought into the ED via ambulance confused and lethargic. Finding her blood sugar level to be critically low, the EMS crew administered life-saving glucose intravenously. Though she could only provide her name and date of birth, the ED staff was able to view her records at the Institute and determine that she was insulin-dependent. After being treated and stabilized, she was scheduled for a follow-up appointment with her primary doctor at the Family Health Center for early the next morning.

"From the start, the promise of electronic health records was about allowing patients' medical information to be available to all health providers treating the patient on a timely basis in order to provide better, safer, and more efficient healthcare to consumers," added Neil Calman, MD, president and CEO of the Institute for Family Health. "Unfortunately, due to both technical and bureaucratic issues, access to a patient's primary care medical information has not, until now, been available to a provider treating a patient in crisis."

The Institute for Family Health uses Epic's electronic health record and practice management system in all of its facilities, including the Ellenville Family Health Center, located on the campus of Ellenville Regional Hospital. Through EpicCare Link, the Emergency Department staff can view the patient's medical record, including current medication list, significant medical history, and recent diagnostic and laboratory results. All federal regulations regarding the release of personal health information are observed in the exchange of information.

The Ellenville Regional Hospital is a 25 bed rural critical access hospital located in Southern Ulster County. The Hospital offers a wide range of services including inpatient services, rehabilitation, emergency care, physical therapy, orthopedics, gastroenterology, cardiology, cardio-stress testing, pulmonary, pain management, ambulatory surgery, laboratory, diabetes education, oncology, clinical pharmacy services, medical nutrition therapy, hospice care, women's health including bone density, mammography, ultrasound, urogynecology and imaging including CT scan, digital X-Ray, nuclear medicine, and in the very near future MRI studies. The hospital has won numerous quality awards including four Patient Safety and Clinical Pharmacy Services Collaborative awards, one of each that was awarded by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) in 2009 and a 2010 Quality and Patient Safety Award from the Northern Metropolitan Hospital Association (NorMet) Patient Safety Institute for reducing the average length of stay in the Emergency Department to less than 100 minutes.

The Institute for Family Health is a federally qualified health center network with 24 practice sites in New York State, including the Ellenville Family Health Center, which offers primary care, dental care and mental health care for children and adults. The Institute also operates two family medicine residency programs and several community health promotion programs. In 2007 the Institute was named a National Center of Excellence for the Elimination of Disparities





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by the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. In 2009 all Institute centers received the highest recognition from the National Committee for Quality Assurance as Patient Centered Medical Homes. Dr. Neil Calman, president and CEO, serves as a member of the Health Information Technology Policy Committee of the Office of the National Coordinator representing vulnerable populations. For more information, visit [www.institute2000.org](http://www.institute2000.org).

**WINTER CONFERENCE SIGN UP ONLINE -'Value of Community Beautification to Economic Development'**

[FERNDALE] - Individuals wishing to attend the Sullivan Renaissance Winter Conference and Expo on Saturday, February 26 can register and sign up for workshops directly on-line. Go to [www.sullivanrenaissance.org](http://www.sullivanrenaissance.org) and click on the Sullivan Renaissance Rooster at the top of the page.

This year's conference will focus on "The Value and Benefits of Community Beautification to Economic Development" featuring an address by Dr. Peter Tarlow, an international specialist in tourism. The conference features exhibits and workshops on garden design, trees for public places, community gardens, recruiting volunteers, cultivating leaders, partnering with young people and economic development. It will also outline the new 2011 Sullivan Renaissance grant program and have applications available.

In addition to the keynote address, Dr. Tarlow will present a workshop on "Making the Most of Your Assets." He has lectured throughout the world on current and future trends in the tourism industry, rural tourism, economic development, the gaming industry and issues of crime and terrorism. All workshop space is limited to the first registrants.

The conference is located at CVI Building in Ferndale. It begins at 8:00 a.m. with breakfast and registration. The program starts at 9:00 a.m. and runs to 1:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome. There is no registration fee for this conference.

Those unable to register on-line should call the Sullivan Renaissance office at 845-295-2445 to obtain a form. Completed forms may be faxed to 845-295-2746; scanned and emailed to [sgonzalez@sullivanrenaissance.org](mailto:sgonzalez@sullivanrenaissance.org); or mailed to Sullivan Renaissance, c/o Gerry Foundation, PO Box 311, Liberty, NY 12754.

Sullivan Renaissance is a beautification and community development program principally funded by the Gerry Foundation. For more information, call 845-295-2445.

**THE HILARIOUS HILLBILLY MASSACRE**

The Birchbumbles will be back in town on Saturday, February 12, at an audience-participation murder mystery called *The Hilarious Hillbilly Massacre* written by Peter DiPietro.

It's gonna be a hog-slappin' good time at the Birchbumble family reunion, where all cousins come together to celebrate with their Valentine at the Liberty Firehouse at 256 Sprague Avenue in Liberty, NY. And everybody in town is a cousin.

This edition of the *Hilarious Hillbilly Massacre* is performed by Big Sky Productions, and is a benefit for the Greater Liberty Chamber of Commerce - an organization of members representing local businesses and individuals in Liberty, NY and its hamlets of Ferndale, Parksville, Swan Lake and White Sulpher Springs. The Chamber promotes economic development and helps to enhance the community's overall standard of living.

*The Hilarious Hillbilly Massacre* contains raunchy, lowdown hee-haw gaiety and very mature humor. The show is positively not recommended for young-uns.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the festivities start promptly at 7:00 p.m. - so don't y'all be getting thar late. Tickets are \$25 and include a three-course dinner and the show. This is a B.Y.O.M. production (bring your own moonshine, that is).

If'n ya want to get tickets, or directions, or just more info, ya can call 845-295-0901 and ask about the show. And for more information about The Greater Liberty Chamber of Commerce go to: [www.libertychamber.org](http://www.libertychamber.org).

The *Hilarious Hillbilly Massacre* is produced by special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc.

**UNE BONNE SOIREE CHEZ CAS EVENT AT CAS ARTS CENTER**

Don't forget to make your reservations by Sunday, February 13, for *Une Bonne Soirée Chez CAS Event* -an evening event that will include a special 4-course menu created by Chef JR Rowley of Flour Power Bakery. Ticket price includes: Delicious 4-course French menu by Flour Power Bakery; Wine and other beverages.; A "J'aime Le Luxe raffle" with 1 chance included in your ticket price. Additional tickets will be available for purchase. Raffle items donated by local businesses; Screening of the film "An American in Paris" starring Gene Kelly and Leslie Caron; Music and dancing.

Tickets are \$50 per person and on-sale now! Call 845-436-4227 or email at [kathryn@catskillartsociety.org](mailto:kathryn@catskillartsociety.org) for reservations and more info. No door tickets will be available.

**BLACK CATS SPONSORED FOR ADOPTION**

One dozen black cats at the Ulster County SPCA have had their adoption fees sponsored by an anonymous supporter of the shelter. The cats, which range in age, have all been fixed and are up to date on vaccinations. The regular adoption fee for a cat at the UCSPCA is \$50. "These cats have may have been overlooked by potential adopters, or people may be needlessly superstitious," said Brian Shapiro, Executive Director of The Ulster County SPCA. "There's nothing unlucky about these great cats!" For adoption information, call the shelter at 845-331-5377 x218.



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**EVOLUTION AND WOMEN'S HEALTH**

Evolution and Women's Health will presented by Chris Reiber, Ph.D. State University of New York at Binghamton Department of Anthropology. from 5:30-6:30. on Monday evening, February 28th at SUNY New Paltz Lecture Center. 1 Hawk Dr. New Paltz. For more information call 257-3091. This event is free and open to the public.

**SC FARM NETWORK NEWS**

- Founded in April 2010 the Network now represents over 130 farmers and non-farm friendly people to accomplish our mission of increasing farm activities in our county. Activities include: FARMSTOCK educational farm tours expanded to 10 local farms; Agritourism work group in cooperation with SC Visitors association, SC Chamber of Commerce and Pure Catskills to expand efforts to promote our local farms; Presentation on micro creameries held with 25 in attendance.

Works in progress are: farm data base, mapping project to locate farms, Facebook page and website and list of local meat producers; Cooperating on winter farm market held in Callicoon with SC Farm Market Association; Attendance at county meetings to advance agricultural projects: county creameries, red meat processing, marketing initiatives to tap into NY City markets, biomass production such as grass pelltizing, methane digesting, grants for value added products, recruitment of new farmers; Network members seeking representation on county boards for "grass-roots" farmers.

The Sullivan County Network realizes the value of agriculture in our lives and for our economy. All those interested in efforts to promote local agriculture are encouraged to attend the next Network meeting in early March (date TBA) If you are a farmer or would like to be contact the Network at: [Sullivanfarmnetwork@gmail.com](mailto:Sullivanfarmnetwork@gmail.com).

**"PICTURE OUR PASSION" AT CWC OFFICE**



*Waiting for the Bus - Sam Conklin*

Photographs by five young people who used simple pocket digital cameras and a world of vision to record their unique perspectives on familiar scenes, is on view through February 25 at the offices of the Catskill Watershed Corporation, 905 Main Street, Margaretville. The exhibit can be seen weekdays (except February 21) from 8 to 4:30. Working with professional photographer Jill Ribich, the group participated in a photography workshop to develop their skills in this field. They went on trips throughout the county to photograph farms, businesses and landscapes, receiving lessons in composition and lighting from Ribich. The result is a colorful exhibit of 20 images, from mountain vistas to rhubarb leaves, covered bridges to swimming fish. Most of the work is for sale. The matted photos are presented alongside a selection of four photographs by the late Pam Norris, a friend of the group. Featured photographers are Rebecca Todd of Deposit, Matt Wilson of Delhi, Thomas Ferrante of Margaretville, Sam Conklin of Walton and Billie Jean Savory of Deposit. The CWC is a non-profit, Local Development Corporation responsible for several environmental protection, economic development and education programs in the New York City Watershed West of the Hudson River. For more information, go to [www.cwconline.org](http://www.cwconline.org), or call toll-free 877-928-7433; or 845-586-1400



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**HINCHEY, HOLT URGE DRBC TO SUSPEND HYDROFRACKING RULE-MAKING PROCESS**

Washington, DC - Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) and Congressman Rush Holt (NJ-12) today urged the Delaware River Basin Commission (DRBC) to suspend its current natural gas development rulemaking process following the release of new information from House investigators about the use of diesel fuel in hydraulic fracturing fluid. New regulations issued in December by the DRBC fail to account for the potential risks posed by diesel fuel in fracking fluid.

"We already know there are significant risks when millions of gallons of water mixed with a small percentage of toxic fracking fluid are injected into the ground in the hydraulic fracturing process," said Hinchey. "New evidence now suggests that in some cases, frack wells are substantially more dangerous because they are using diesel fuel, which contains chemicals known to cause cancer, brain damage, kidney damage and more. The DRBC's rules don't even consider the potential impacts of diesel fuel, even though over 30 million gallons of it have been pumped into the ground in 19 states. The DRBC should suspend the current rule-making process, consider this new information and then offer a new public comment period on the new rules. It's the responsible thing to do."

"Because the drilling companies have not been forthcoming about the chemicals they used, prudence requires more thorough review of the fracking process. Fracking simply should not be allowed to proceed until we have the data and good science needed to protect the health and environment for the 7.7 million people who make their home in the Delaware River watershed, and the almost 10 percent of the nation's population who rely on these waters for drinking, recreational and industrial use," Holt said.

In December, Hinchey and Holt joined local officials and public citizens in calling for the DRBC to conduct and complete a Cumulative Environmental Impact Study prior to the issuance of a regulatory framework that would allow hydraulic fracturing for natural gas to move forward in the basin. In spite of these calls the Commission moved forward with draft regulations without conducting such an analysis. The public comment period is ongoing.

This week, U.S. Reps. Henry A. Waxman (D-CA), Edward J. Markey (D-MA), and Diana DeGette (D-CO) sent a letter to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Lisa Jackson regarding the results of an investigation into the use of diesel fuel in hydraulic fracturing fluids.

They found that drilling companies used over 30 million gallons of diesel fuel in 19 states, despite a pledge by the industry in 2003 to discontinue the use of diesel fuel. The use of diesel fuel in hydraulic fracturing operations is regulated by the EPA under the Safe Drinking Water Act. Any service company that performs hydraulic fracturing using diesel fuel must receive prior authorization from the EPA.

**SULLIVAN NYCONNECTS: Choices for Long Term Care A Single Point of Entry for Long Term Care**

The Long Term Care Council is the advisory board for SULLIVAN NYCONNECTS, the single Point of Entry for information on long term care services in Sullivan County.

The next meeting of the Long Term Care Council will be Wednesday, February 16, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Legislative Committee Room (2nd floor) in the Sullivan County Government Center. Meetings of the Long Term Care Council are open to the public.

For further information about the Long Term Care Council, please contact Martha Scoppa, Point of Entry Coordinator, SULLIVAN NYCONNECTS, Office for the Aging, 100 North Street, P.O. Box 5012, Monticello, New York 12701 or (845) 807-0257.

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**CAHILL REACTS TO GOVERNOR CUOMO'S BUDGET PRESENTATION**

Assemblymember Kevin Cahill (D- Ulster, Dutchess) reacted to the budget presentation given by Governor Cuomo today in the following statement:

"Today Governor Cuomo presented a plan to dramatically overhaul New York State's budget. That is exactly what needs to be done. We cannot afford to tinker around the edges. New Yorkers are demanding real reforms and I am prepared to work with the Governor to deliver them.

"The Executive Budget reflects our fiscal reality and proposes the significant spending reductions that will be necessary to bring our finances back on track. We are at a critical juncture and the decisions we make in this year's budget have the potential to define the long-term future of our State. As we work to return prosperity, we have to continue to take aggressive steps to modernize our state and local governments while delivering on commitments to reform the budget process. It is important that we take smart actions to curb waste while streamlining government so we can continue to serve our most vulnerable residents.

"The Governor has proposed a \$1.5 billion cut to education spending. Even in view of the record increases in state aid to education over the last decade (almost doubling) this 7.3% reduction, when combined with legislation to cap property taxes at 2%, could seriously hinder the ability of schools to provide our children with the education they deserve. If these proposals move forward, they must be accompanied with mandate relief, incentives for consolidation and shared services and protections that will ensure equity for low-income communities.

"By including two separate funding streams of \$250 million each to encourage improved school performance and shared service initiatives, the Executive advances a means by which we can determine best practices and identify innovation. We should be doing more. I am pursuing enactment of the 21st Century Schools Act (A416), a plan for shared services and school district reorganizations across the state. The Equity in Education Act (A.447), my proposal to eliminate school property taxes by shifting to a progressive education income tax surcharge, will also remain a top priority.

"The Executive Budget continues the string of significant cuts to our SUNY institutions, ordering an additional \$115.4 million reduction in funding. Community colleges would also be hit with a 10% cut in state aid. These institutions are vital to the state economy as we rely on them to educate our workforce and produce the innovations that will drive our economic resurgence. I applaud the Governor for protecting access by holding the line on tuition and financial aid, but we cannot let these cuts threaten quality. I will continue to fight for full funding of our institutions of public higher education.

"Proposed cuts to Medicaid -- \$2.85 billion - represent the largest spending reductions in the Executive

Budget. However, the Governor has not yet provided details on what aspects of the program will be cut, preferring instead to rely on recommendations from his Medicaid Redesign Team due by March 1st. I agree that Medicaid spending must be reigned in, which is why I have been working to make changes that will shift our health care delivery mechanisms to a more cost effective preventive care model. In doing so, we must be cognizant of the impact on our health care institutions so as not to risk a dearth of access to care in certain communities or regions.

"Even as the state continues to grapple with fiscal challenges, we cannot lose sight of the need to create jobs and attract new industries. To that end the Governor has proposed the establishment of Regional Economic Development Councils that will serve as one-stop entities for businesses seeking to utilize the broad range of incentives the state has to offer. The Executive is backing the Councils with a \$130 million competitive grant fund that will allow proposals to be shaped to take advantage of regional assets instead of the current one-size fits all approach. These are concepts I have long supported and I am eager to work closely with the Governor on the details.

"Also included in the budget is a permanent replacement for the Power For Jobs Program. As Chair of the Assembly Energy Committee, my colleagues and I have been working diligently to create a new program to assist businesses and not-for-profits from all across the state with their energy costs. This issue has long been a matter subject to stand-alone legislation. However, wrapping it into the budget could create a serious impediment to its enactment. I urge the Governor to reconsider his proposal and remove it in his twenty-one day amendments. That said, I will continue to negotiate in earnest with the Executive and my colleagues in the Senate to develop a permanent program that is fair to upstate residential ratepayers and provides equal opportunities for job growth statewide.

"The Executive Budget includes \$3.3 billion in property tax relief by continuing funding for the STAR program. It also provides for much-needed opportunities for local governments to lower property taxes through consolidations and shared services. The proposal would establish a \$79 million fund to encourage municipalities and citizens to move ahead with modernization plans.

"Finally, the Executive Budget provides for a 10% across the board reductions for state operations. The Governor calls for \$550 million reduction in workforce spending. This action could result in 9,800 job cuts. I urge the Governor to work closely with our public employees to negotiate a final plan that that minimizes disruption of services the public needs and the pain to the families of state employees throughout New York.

"Governor Cuomo has portrayed New York State as being at a crossroads. I agree that we have an opportunity to fundamentally reform our budget by addressing our immediate problems while setting the state on the path to long term economic stability. I will be studying the Governor's proposal further and pledge to work diligently toward the early passage of a responsible budget to best serve the needs of the people of Ulster and Dutchess Counties and indeed all New Yorkers."

**HINCHEY WORKING TO STOP BIG OIL BAILOUTS**

Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) is redoubling his efforts to ensure that BP and other oil companies are held accountable for paying all economic damages that result from oil spills. Last week, Hinchey became an original co-sponsor of The Big Oil Bailout Prevention Act, which would lift the liability cap, currently set at \$75 million, for losses related to a spill including lost business revenues from fishing and tourism, natural resources damages, or lost local tax revenues. The bill would ensure that Big Oil - and not the American taxpayer - is responsible for all the true costs associated with an oil spill.

If a big multi-national oil company spills millions of gallons of oil off our coast, they should be legally required to clean it up," said Hinchey. "Under current law, however, oil companies only have to pay for the first \$75 million in damages and taxpayers are left to clean up the rest of the mess, which can cost tens of billions of dollars. This is unacceptable. If they're going to charge us \$4 a gallon, they can afford to pay 100 percent of the damages they cause when the black goop they pump out of the ground ends up on our shorelines."

Recently, the bipartisan presidential commission on the spill - the National Commission on the BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill and Offshore Drilling - found that the current liability cap "limits liability well below levels that might actually be incurred" and "distorts the incentives of industry participants to adopt cost-effective safety precautions."

"Luckily, after the spill in the Gulf last year, BP agreed to establish a \$20 billion escrow account to compensate victims," said Hinchey. "The bad news is that under the law there was no requirement that they do so. We need to have new rules in place to ensure that such a spill can never happen again. And one way to ensure that oil companies obey those rules is to make them accountable for the damages that occur when they don't follow the rules. It's common sense - if you create a mess, or in this case a disaster, you should be held accountable."

Hinchey co-sponsored similar legislation in the 111th Congress in response to the BP oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. Parts of the legislation were included in the CLEAR Act, which passed in the House, but failed to pass in the Senate due to a Republican-led filibuster.

**POLITICAL SLANT**

by Frank Comando  
**Saugerties Small Business Owner Turned Undercover Informant and risked Life to Help Rout Out Organized Crime in Hudson Valley**

Washington, DC - Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) today received notice that U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) has granted a one year stay to Emilio Maya, a Saugerties, New York small business owner turned undercover informant, who was set to be deported in one week. ICE cited Hinchey's introduction of a private bill to protect Maya as the reason for its decision to grant a second one-year stay.

**Hinchey Secures Year Long Stay** of Deportation for Maya, "I'm pleased that ICE has recognized that this case deserves special attention," said Hinchey. "Emilio Maya is a small business owner who risked his life by going undercover to help stop illegal drug and gang activity that threatens our community. He deserves legal status as he was promised - not deportation. This one year stay is a step in the right direction, but I'm hopeful that a more permanent agreement will be reached."

Emilio Maya and his sister Analia own and operate the Tango Cafe in Saugerties where they have lived since the 1990s. From 2005 to 2009, they worked as undercover informants for ICE in exchange for a guarantee of legal status. After infiltrating drug dealing, prostitution, and human trafficking rings on behalf of ICE, the two were scheduled for deportation and Emilio was arrested. Upon Hinchey's introduction of a private bill in the 111th Congress last February, DHS officials granted a yearlong stay to Maya. Analia is able to use her marriage to an American Citizen as grounds to remain in the country. Emilio, however, was recently ordered to report for deportation proceedings, prompting Hinchey to reintroduce a private bill aimed at continuing a stay of deportation, which ICE has now granted.

**Ulster County "Money Watchdog" Comptroller Elliott Auerbach** said, "Ulster County has written checks from several confidential fund accounts totaling in excess of \$170,000.00." The Comptroller has tallied expenditures for the years 2007-2010 and found that **over \$135,000.00 was charged against the Sheriff's confidential funds and \$39,000.00 was charged against the District Attorney's confidential funds.** SEE FULL STORY STARTING ON PAGE 1.

If you have something to say, say it here, and it must be less than 300 words, e-mail [politicalslant@yahoo.com](mailto:politicalslant@yahoo.com).

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**PARTICIPATING ELLENVILLE-WAWARSING SHAWANBUCKS STORES**

The dynamism of Shawanbucks, a buy-local rewards program, that has been launched in the Ellenville-Wawarsing area is building rapidly. Nadia Maczaj of Rusty Plough Farm, came up with the idea and continues to pilot the project reports that the following local businesses have now signed up and are on the list: *Peter's Market*, Napanoch; *Stony Brae Pub & Restaurant*, Cragmoor; *European Deli*, Ellenville; *The Coffee Shop*, Ellenville; *Ellenville Wine & Spirits*; *Arod's Barber Shop*; *The Cottage Salon* See Page 13 for more stores that have signed up.

There's an updated list of participating businesses on the Ellenville-Wawarsing Chamber of Commerce website at [www.ewcoc.com](http://www.ewcoc.com)

Shawanbucks is a great rewards program supporting local commerce and local citizens together. After spending \$10.00 in each of 5 different businesses that are participating in the Shawanbucks Reward program, customers become eligible to win \$50.00, \$30.00 or \$25.00 in Shawanbucks, which can then be spent as they wish at any participating business. Shoppers can pick up the pink flyer and card around town, or download it directly from the Chamber website.

Interested businesses can still contact me at [rustyplough@earthlink.net](mailto:rustyplough@earthlink.net) or 647-6911 to sign up. Her is the list of other stores participating in the Shawanbucks event :

1. Thornton Hardware; 2. Matthew's Pharmacy; 3. Cohen's Bakery; 4. Prashanti Therapeutic Massage Studio; 5. Ariana's Pizzeria; 6. Village Cleaners; 7. Jezebel's Bazaar; 8. Lighthouse Deli; 9. Silver Cup Diner; 10. T's Barber Shop; 11. Image; 12. Pleasant Stone Farm; 13. Rusty Plough Farm 14. Sook House Japanese & Korean Restaurant; 15. White Wolf Restaurant; 16. Ace Hardware; 17. Aroma Thyme Bistro; 18. Gaby's Cafe; 19. Rosegarten Flower Shop/ Christian's Greenhouse; 20. Peter's Market; 21. Stony Brae Pub & Restaurant; 22. European Deli; 23. The Coffee Shop; 24. Ellenville Wine & Spirits; 25. Arod's Barber Shop; 26. The Cottage Salon

**BONACIC: TAX CAP LEGISLATION PASSES SENATE**

State Senator John Bonacic (R/C/I - Mt. Hope), today said the State Senate has passed legislation (S.2706) which would enact Governor Andrew Cuomo's school property tax cap legislation for schools and local governments. In addition, the Senate passed legislation (S.2707) to ban new unfunded mandates.

"Governor Cuomo heard statewide what we in the Hudson Valley and Catskills have known for years - property taxes are chasing people from our State. The special interests may oppose a property tax cap, but overwhelmingly, when asked, taxpayers support it."

The tax cap legislation would limit tax levy growth to the lesser of 2% or 120% of the annual increase in the consumer price index. "A tax cap is a control valve. It is a solid reason school boards and local governments can use to say 'no' to the spending sought by special interests, but which those officials know their constituents can no longer afford. It forces government to do what families are already doing - prioritize and reduce," Senator Bonacic said.

The legislation to ban unfunded mandates is also important in ensuring a better, long term relationship between New York State and its local governments. "As a former County Legislature Chairman, I am cognizant of the costs of unfunded mandates. The reality is we need to ban them outright. This legislation stops new unfunded mandates. It should be passed by the Assembly - now, and we ought to then go back

and eliminate some of the existing mandates."

Senator Bonacic also invited local officials and school board members to send him specific mandates they would like repealed.

Bonacic noted that the Senate has already approved legislation to create a real property tax circuit breaker - legislation he co-sponsored. "The Assembly did not pass the Senate's Circuit Breaker legislation. A Circuit Breaker is nice, and I hope the Senate votes on another circuit breaker plan again. However, this is the bill Governor Cuomo has asked us to consider. Governor Cuomo has a mandate for change - a mandate backed broadly by people across the State. The Senate Republican Majority has reached across the aisle to the Governor, and has acted - now the Assembly has no reason to continue to hold up the will of the people," Bonacic said.

**SULLIVAN COUNTY NOT-FOR-PROFIT LEADERSHIP SUMMIT 2011**

Four local not-for-profit agencies are announcing the first Sullivan Not-for-Profit Summit to promote collaboration among not-for-profit agencies of all sizes. It will be held on Friday, March 4 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Bethel Woods Center for the Arts in Bethel. The summit aims to bring together senior leaders and board of directors from as many Sullivan County not-for-profit agencies as possible to discuss collaborative opportunities, shared services, as well as trends in local and regional collaboration.

Jonathan Rouis, Chairman of the Sullivan County Legislature, joined in making the announcement, "This

summit has been a goal of mine since early 2009, and I am excited to join these local agencies to provide a forum for sharing ideas, resources and services."

Amanda Speer, Family and Youth Development Team Coordinator for Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) in Sullivan County, chairs the event committee, and CCE will act as a clearinghouse for registrants. "Sullivan County Cornell Cooperative Extension is extremely grateful for the opportunity to assist in bringing together the many people and organizations that do good work in this county. By creating a supportive network of non-profit leaders we can all better understand one another's missions and maximize our service to county residents," Speer said.


The event will feature two panel discussions: one will feature Sullivan County groups that have collaborated successfully with other groups, municipalities, etc. to share the secrets to their successes; and the other will feature regional experts speaking to the importance of big-picture collaborations, as well as emerging trends in the region.

Darlene Fedun, CEO of Bethel Woods Center for the Arts, said, "Nonprofit organizations are significant contributors to the economic and social well being in communities. Bethel Woods, as a cultural center, believes in the power of collaborative efforts. Together we can achieve economies of scale, promotional/marketing ties, audience development opportunities and expansion of programs while boosting our individual identities, reach and impact."

"Our local not-for-profit agencies have been hard-hit during this recession, and our hope is that this summit will allow us all to really consider our individual missions and shared goals, to find commonality and new partners. Any way we can help our colleagues while also expanding our ability to serve Sullivan County youth is a win-win for us!" said Alexis Eggleton, Executive Director for the Town of Wallkill Boys & Girls Clubs, which serves Monticello, Fallsburg and Liberty.

Kathy Kreiter, Agency Director for the Dispute Resolution Center of Sullivan County, said, "Seizing the opportunity to collaborate with other non-profits provides the potential to make our organizations stronger, better, and more responsive to the needs of those we exist to serve."

For more information and to register for this event, contact Cornell Cooperative Extension of Sullivan County at 845-292-6180. Registration is \$20 per person and must be paid in advance.

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**LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that March 1, 2011 is the final day for ALL EXEMPTION FORMS to be returned to the Assessor's Office. If we do not receive these forms by that date we will have to remove your exemption for the coming year. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Assessor's Office at (845) 985-2262 ext. 323 or 319, Monday thru Thursday 8:30 PM - 4:30 PM.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE:**

The Annual Plot-Holders' meeting for the Grahamsville Rural Cemetery will be held on February 10, 2011 at the Neversink Town Hall at 7:00pm

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**PUBLIC NOTICE:**

Please take notice that the Neversink Fire District Board of Commissioners regular monthly meetings for 2011 will take place at the Neversink Fire House, Route 55, Neversink, New York, on the third Wednesday of each month with the exception of March and June which is the fourth Wed. of the month and October which is scheduled to follow after the public hearing on proposed budget.

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**TOWN OF NEVERSINK RESIDENTS The NYS Ag & Markets Law requires that all dogs 4 mos. & older must be licensed.**

During January and February 2011, the Town of Neversink will be conducting a Census of all dogs & puppies harbored within the Town. Each resident will receive a letter/form in their 2011 property tax bill in January. If the property taxes are paid by a bank/mortgage company, those residents will receive their letter/form with their receipt of payment in February. If you are a landlord please pass the letter/form on to all your tenants who reside on your property. All residents of the Town of Neversink are required to fill out the affidavit as to whether any dogs are harbored at the residence. If your dog is not licensed, you will be required to do so. Fees are \$2.50 if spayed/neutered plus a one-time \$5 penalty. If your dog is not spayed/neutered, the fee is \$10.50 plus a one-time \$5.00 penalty. Violations shall be subject to a fine, not to be less than \$25.00 per dog. You will need proof of rabies vaccination & spay/neutering.

For information call Town Clerk Lisa Garigliano at 985-2262 x307.

**COUNTY TO CUT \$2 MILLION IN EXPENSES, to abolish 32 vacant positions and 17 filled positions - responds to inaccurate statements**

Monticello - County Manager David P. Fanslau released a list of budget cuts of about \$2 million that was discussed with the County Legislature, and he responded to some of the inaccurate statements that have been made by the Teamsters Union Local No. 445 and others. The 2011 Sullivan County Budget spends nearly \$200,000 less than the 2010 budget with no property tax increase, and it also provided a plan to keep all employees on board at 2010 levels, with a wage freeze and longevity bonus freeze for 2011.

"It is unfortunate that the County was unable to convince the labor unions to accept the concept of keeping all employees employed at 2010 levels," said Fanslau. The 4% salary increases will require a \$2 million expense, and the cuts that have been authorized by the County Legislature will cut nearly \$2 million from the adopted 2011 budget to fund the salary increases. The \$1.3 million in 2011 longevity bonuses are scheduled to be paid in January 2012, and additional cuts will be necessary later in 2011.

The nearly \$2 million in cuts reflect the need to abolish 32 vacant positions and 17 filled positions, to provide the \$2 million associated with the 4% salary increases required by the collective bargaining agreements. Further cuts may be necessary later in 2011 to fund the \$1.3 million in longevity bonuses. Sullivan County will also need to identify additional cuts in response to cuts in Governor Cuomo's Executive Budget that will impact Sullivan County.

"An initial overview of the Governor's Executive Budget will eliminate \$400,000 in revenue that is included in the 2011 Sullivan County Budget associated with Video Lottery Terminals at the Monticello Casino and Raceway, as the State will keep that revenue, and the Executive Budget may eliminate nearly \$300,000 in aid to fund the Probation Department," said Fanslau. "We are also concerned that the 10% cut for all State Agencies will trickle down to significant cuts that will impact Counties, the amount of which is unknown," Fanslau said.

"Clearly, we will need to adjust the 2011 budget to react to the cuts in the State Budget. The process is a sham, since counties are required to adopt a calendar year budget, including local property taxes to pay for State mandated services, only to have promised funding cut well into the second quarter of the County's fiscal year," said Fanslau.

The Teamsters Union has indicated that certain Federal Medicaid Assistance Program "revenues" were not included in the 2011 budget. The fact is that the New York State Department of Health had failed to provide Sullivan County with an amount associated with the FMAP funding prior to the November 15, 2010 deadline for the tentative budget, nor prior to the statutory December 20, 2010 deadline to adopt the 2011 budget. Sullivan County received a notice on December 27, 2010 stating that the weekly transmittal of funds that are required to be sent to Albany for Medicaid would be reduced for a total of \$1.3 million.

"The County Legislature has acknowledged to me that if the \$1.3 million of FMAP Medicaid reductions were available either prior to November 15, 2010 or December 20, 2010, then the \$6.9 million of appropriated Fund Balance would have been reduced from \$6.9 million to \$5.6 million, as both "revenue" sources are one-shot non-recurring revenues," said Fanslau.

The Teamsters Union has stated that there were \$1.6 million of vacant positions funded in the 2011 budget. All of the positions funded in the budget were requested by the elected officers, division commissioners, and department heads. The County share or general fund value of those vacant positions was about \$265,000, not \$1.6 million.

"The \$3.3 million that is associated with the wage freeze and longevity bonus freeze represents net County share dollars. Therefore, the cuts must be net County share dollars. The layoffs include those vacant positions that were funded, but will be abolished first, prior to the layoff of a filled position, for a total of about \$265,000," said Fanslau.

The Teamsters Union has stated that management confidential employees were provided salary increases in 2010. That is factually incorrect. The only management confidential employees to receive additional compensation were Assistant District Attorneys in 2010. "The data provided to the news media was apparently from the State Comptroller's web site, however, that site reflects pension reporting numbers on a State fiscal year basis, not a calendar year basis that the County budget uses as a fiscal year," said Fanslau. The County Legislature adopted a salary schedule for management confidential employees and a reallocation of negotiated union titles in 2008 that were effective for 2009. Therefore, the State Comptroller's web site would not have reported the salaries authorized in 2009 until the filing for April 1, 2010.

The Teamsters Union has stated that there were "very costly miscalculations" that were made by Legislators and County Manager Fanslau related to the landfill, the County Jail, and the SCCC windmill.

"During my tenure as County Manager, fiscal staff performed an analysis that proved that the Phase II expansion of the Landfill was fiscally infeasible, and I inherited a \$40 million solid waste debt that was created years before my tenure as County Manager," said Fanslau. These facts are contained in the annual financial statements that are on file.

"The contract to hire an Architect to design a new County Jail was let in July 2005, more than a year prior to my tenure as County Manager," added Fanslau. "In fact, I had my fiscal staff perform numerous analyses on the affordability of the County Jail, and although a new facility will be needed, now is not the appropriate time to move that project forward, without a dedicated revenue source to pay for the debt service," said Fanslau.

"The SCCC Windmill was not a County Government project, and neither the County, nor the County Manager was involved with the windmill project prior to launching an investigation and inquiring about litigation surrounding that project," stated Fanslau.

There have been statements that the County entered into collective bargaining agreements in 2008 when they knew the economy was going to get worse. To the contrary, historical indicators in November of 2008 would not have projected the dramatic impact upon revenues that the "Great Recession" has had. If the recession had not occurred, and revenues grew conservatively in 2009 and 2010, then there would have been \$16 million of additional revenues available for the 2011 budget.

"The collective bargaining agreements authorized in November of 2008 were for a five-year period, and provided for an average annual salary increase of 2.9%, which is in line with the two previous labor contract terms ranging from an average 2.6% to 3.25% annual salary increases," stated Fanslau.

"The fact is that the employer pension contribution rate was 8% in 2008, but has been increased to 16.2% in 2011. The State Comptroller has not set the employer rate above 15% since 1985," said Fanslau. "Therefore, it would have not have been accepted by the unions, if we would have suggested that the rate would have climbed to 11% in 2010 and 16.2% in 2011," concluded Fanslau.

**STATEMENT BY GOVERNOR CUOMO TO FELLOW NEW YORKERS**

Our state is at a crossroads. After years of overtaxing and overspending, we are at the fiscal brink. We can continue down our current road to financial ruin or we can take a new course - a road to recovery.

Yesterday I submitted my Executive Budget and today I released a message about it that you can see at [www.governor.ny.gov](http://www.governor.ny.gov).

The budget is designed to get our state on the right path by eliminating a \$10 billion deficit without raising taxes or borrowing. Just as importantly, it will transform our state's budget process itself.

New York State has been spending far too much for far too long and we simply can no longer afford it. We must realign our state spending with reality. Our budget efforts are not just a cutting exercise, but a management exercise. We will redesign and reinvent state government based on the principles of quality and efficiency.

We are also taking on the decades-old system of basing budgets on a body of law that ignores fiscal realities and actual performance while driving exorbitant growth rates. We will work to create new laws that reflect the true economic conditions impacting our state and that incorporate achievement as a measure of success.

I know that we can change our course. No other state has what we have in New York: our history, our diversity, our people, and our legacy of leading the nation forward. With your help, New York can lead the way again. Let your voice be heard. Contact your state legislators to let them know that you want change in Albany.

Together, we can seize this pivotal movement to set our state on the path to prosperity.

Sincerely,  
Governor Andrew Cuomo

PS: If you would like to see my entire budget presentation or are interested in learning more about the budget, please visit [www.governor.ny.gov/budget](http://www.governor.ny.gov/budget).

**STATEMENT BY SENATOR JOHN BONACIC On Governor Cuomo's Budget Proposal**

"This year, taxpayers have said enough! Taxpayers have said:

- Enough to the special interests;
- Enough to the claims that the world will end if the nation's biggest Medicaid system is even slightly scaled back;
- Enough to the demands from union bosses that salaries must rise each year for some government employees, while the private sector engages in pay cuts and massive layoffs. The vast majority of the public sector work force understands that is not realistic, even if their union bosses yell and scream that they are absolutely entitled to one thing or another."

"The classic budget rhetoric wars of the past will fail this year - and I suggest the special interests tone down their rhetoric and stand as partners in finding solutions, rather than take out advertisements, which merely fight for the status quo."

"The Governor has the people on his side, and he will, I believe, have the Senate on his side - as we showed yesterday by passing his tax cap plan. The budget plan is exactly what Governor Cuomo said it would be - one that makes difficult choices. I don't like them all, he doesn't like them all, however the vast majority are necessary and will likely be enacted. The complaints of the special interests started even before they saw what was in the budget. The cries for higher taxes by those special interests are not welcome, and are not realistic. The class warfare tactics must end. We need everyone to be part of the solution."



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 (845) 985-2262 extension 312

**Create Your Own Scrapbook & PIZZA** Friday, March 18; \$5 residents/\$10 non-residents must be paid no later than March 1.  
**Tie Dye Tee Shirts & PIZZA** Friday, April 29. \$5 residents/\$10 non-residents must be paid no later than April 5.  
**Mount Airy Lodge Casino** Wednesday, May 11- \$25 Per Person includes Motorcoach transportation and \$35 in Free Play or \$40 Per Person includes transportation, \$35 in Free Play and the Show "American Homicidal" Please bring an additional \$15 to eat lunch with, must be paid no later than March 29.  
**Healthy Home-Made "Cooking" Class** Saturday, May 21. \$15 Per Person must be paid no later than March 29.  
**Museum of Natural History Saturday** June 4. \$25 residents/\$38 non-residents must be paid no later than April 26.  
**ALBI CONCERT & HOT DOG LUAU** Sunday, July 17.  
**The Buddy Holly Story Forestburgh Playhouse** July 27. \$30 residents/\$46 non-residents must be paid no later than June 28.  
**ZOOM FLUME** Saturday, August 6. \$10 residents/\$34 non-residents must be paid no later than June 28.  
**Rhinebeck Fair** Thursday, August 25. \$15 residents/\$30 non-residents must be paid no later than June 28 this includes admission & transportation.  
**Pumpkin Decorating & Pizza** Friday, October 28. \$5 residents/\$10 non-residents must be paid no later than October 4.  
**Army Football Game West Point DATE & TIME TO BE ANNOUNCED** \$25 residents/\$38 non-residents must be paid no later than TBA this includes admission & transportation.  
**Transportation to NYC** Saturday, December 3. \$20 residents & non-residents must be paid no later than November 8.

Call Parks & Recreation at (845) 985-2262 Ext 312 for more information

2/10/11 Dept. of Motor Vehicle at Neversink Town Hall 10:00 am-2:00 pm  
 2/12/11 **Dead as a Doornail Dinner Theater** TVCS Theatre Club 6 pm; show @7 pm. Reservations 985-2296 ext 5503  
 2/13/11 **Penny Social** TVCS Doors open at 3:00 pm, calling begins at 4:15 pm call 985-2296 ext 5503  
 2/15/11 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals - 7:30 pm -(subject to cancellation due to inclement weather)  
 2/16/11 Neversink Fire District Meeting at 7:30 PM, Public Meeting at 8:00 PM.  
 2/19/11 **Thrift Sale** -Grahamsville Methodist Church Hall - 9 am - 1pm  
 2/20/11 **Winterlude 2011** - 4:00 to 6:00 PM at The Arts Upstairs, 60 Main Street, Phoenicia.  
 2/21/11 **TOWN OF NEVERSINK HOLIDAY - President's Day**  
 2/22/11 Town of Neversink Parks & Recreation Dept. 7 pm Neversink Town Hall  
 3/2/11 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting- 7:30 pm - (subject to cancellation due to inclement weather)  
 3/4/11 **First Friday Group** -Daniel Pierce Library -1:00 pm - Book for discussion *Flights of Passage: Reflections of a World War II Aviator*, by Samuel Hynes  
 3/5/11 **Sundown Methodist Church Covered Dish Supper** - 5:30 pm Sundown Church Hall  
 3/7/11 Town of Olive Audit Meeting - 7:30 pm  
 3/8/11 Town of Olive Board Meeting - 7:30 pm  
 3/9/11 Town of Neversink Town Board Meeting  
 3/10/11 Dept. of Motor Vehicles Neversink Town Hall 10:00 am - 2:30 p.m.  
 3/16/11 Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Assoc. Meeting - 7:30 PM

**Save the Date!**

9/17 & 9/18 -Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Association Annual Tractor Show -Grahamsville Fairgrounds

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

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 Daniel Pierce Library - <http://www.danielpiercelibrary.org>  
 Time and The Valleys Museum - <http://timeandthevalleymuseum.org>  
 Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman On-Line Edition: <http://thetownsman.com>  
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 Thursday 7:00 p.m. Immaculate Conception Church Annex, 6317 Rt 42, Woodbourne  
 Saturday 8:00 p.m. United Methodist Church, 170 N. Main Street, Liberty  
<http://www.al-anon.alateen.org>



**Daniel Pierce Library**

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.

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 Townsman 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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April 16	September 17
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June 18	November 19

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**FROM SC SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

On Friday February 4, 2011, Detectives from the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office arrested Brendan Keesler, 22, of Youngsville. Keesler was wanted on a County Court warrant that was issued January 19, 2011 for Burglary and Grand Larceny. Sheriff's deputies investigated a break in last July at the Western Sullivan Library on Center Street in Jeffersonville. During the break in, an IBM laptop and a credit card were stolen. Deputies had developed Keesler as a suspect when he was picked up for shoplifting in Honesdale, PA. Pennsylvania authorities recovered the laptop and credit card. Brendan Keesler waived extradition on Friday and returned Sullivan County where he was arraigned before Monticello Judge Leo Glass and sent to the Sullivan County Jail without bail. He is due in court this morning at 10:00 AM.



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

A Valentines Day treat with an all-star cast that sets up a new constellation among the stars, as tabloid reporters crash a society marriage. Cast: Cary Grant, Katharine Hepburn, James Stewart, and Ruth Hussey Dir: George Cukor BW-112 mins, TV-G, On TCM Monday, February 14, 2011, at 4:00pm

**Quiz:**

A. Who played the imperious and haughty shrew?  
 B. Who played C. K. Dexter Haven

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

TRI-VALLEY LITTLE LEAGUE TRIVIA CONTEST WINNER - the pizza goes to \*\*\* \* \*\*\* coming in next weeks issue.

**Honest Abraham Lincoln**

This week Knarf brings you a little history. Happy Birthday Honest Abraham Lincoln (February 12, 1809 - April 15, 1865). Lincoln served as the 16th President of the United States from March 1, 1861 until his assassination in April 1865. He successfully led the country through its bloodiest internal crisis, the American Civil War, preserved the Union, and ended slavery. Reared in a poor family on the western frontier, he was mostly self-educated. He became a country lawyer, an Illinois state legislator, and a one-term member of the United States House of Representatives, but failed in two attempts at a seat in the United States Senate. He was an affectionate, though often absent, husband, and father of four children. As the leader of the moderate faction of the Republican Party, Lincoln came under attack from all sides. Radical Republicans wanted harsher treatment of the South; Democrats desired more compromise, and Secessionists saw him as their enemy. Lincoln fought back with patronage, by pitting his opponents against each other, and by appealing to the American people with his powers of oratory; for example, his Gettysburg Address of 1863 became one of the most quoted speeches in history. It was an iconic statement of America's dedication to the principles of nationalism, equal rights, liberty, and democracy. At the close of the war, Lincoln held a moderate view of Reconstruction, seeking to speedily reunite the nation through a policy of generous reconciliation in the face of lingering and bitter divisiveness. Just six days after the decisive surrender of the commanding general of the Confederate army, Lincoln fell victim to an assassin - the first President to suffer such a fate. Lincoln has consistently been ranked by scholars as one of the greatest U.S. Presidents.

Have a great week!

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ANSWER TO KNARF'S MOVIE TRIVIA

B. Cary Grant  
 A Katharine Hepburn

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