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## Jonathan Griesbeck Recognized at Eagle Scout Court of Honor

On Saturday, February 9th, Jonathan Griesbeck, age 18, grandson of Bill and Jean Griesbeck of Claryville, was recognized at the Eagle Scout Court of Honor that was held at the Liberty Fire Department. Jonathan fulfilled 125 community services including renovations to the Adult Care Center and planting flowers in the gardens there. He is a member of the Liberty Boy Scout Troop #1717.

Grandfather, Bill Griesbeck was presented with the Father's Eagle Scout pin. Jonathan's father, John Griesbeck passed away in 2005.

After the closing hymn, "On Eagle's Wings" that was sung by Jonathan, his mother and two aunts the honored guests, families and friends enjoyed refreshments at a reception that included a beautiful and delicious cake that was made by Erin Allison, owner of Edible Art by Erin.

An Eagle Court of Honor is the most special ceremony of all Boy Scouts. It is widely regarded as the pinnacle of achievement in Boy Scouting. The Eagle Court of Honor takes on an extra special meaning compared to other Court of Honors. The Boy Scouts of America estimates that only 5% of all Boy Scouts ever attain the level of Eagle Scout, with only 1.7 million Eagle Scouts, cumulatively in our country, since Boy Scouting began in 1912.

It is indeed an achievement that signals to the community that the recipient subscribes to the highest level of integrity and performance. Jonathan Griesbeck, an Eagle Scout unquestionably has met a higher level of standard and has clearly set himself apart from his peers as someone being very special! Congratulations Jonathan!

## Boy Scout Troop 97 Klondike Derby -Huge Success!!!



Neversink's Boy Scout Troop 97 held the Delaware River District's annual Klondike Derby on Saturday February 2, 2013 at Thunder View Farms in Grahamsville, NY. It was an overwhelming success, being attended by almost 250 Scouts, Leaders, Webelos Scouts, volunteers and parents. There were 24 Patrols signed up and in the end 21 Patrols competed. Klondike Derby is a contest of events where your skills are graded in competitions such as fire building, bridge making, shelter building, obstacle courses, First Aid, and this years event had an Ice Rescue competition put on by the NYDEP Ice Rescue teams. The teams, called patrols, pull a dog sled filled with supplies need for the day. The key is that the "dogs" that pull the dog sled are the boys in the patrol. (Contd. Pg. 3)

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## Don't Miss This Flower Event - Sullivan Renaissance Annual Conference, Local Market & Expo

[FERNDALE] - Spring flowers and plants will come alive as Sullivan Renaissance holds its "Annual Conference, Local Market & Expo" on Saturday, March 9, 2013 at the CVI Center in Ferndale. The CVI atrium will be filled with flowering bulbs, shrubs and trees designed to inspire thoughts of spring.

The event has three main elements:

- The conference features multiple workshops, awards presentation and keynote address;
- The local market will offer participants and guests the opportunity to purchase local, natural and organic goods from area farms and businesses; and
- The expo highlights exhibits by many of Sullivan County's garden centers and nurseries, along with other vendors with products and services of interest to volunteers.

The keynote address will be delivered by Dr. Peter Tarlow, an international consultant on the positive impacts of community beautification on economic development and tourism. He will speak about the power and impact of volunteers to make change in their communities. Dr. Tarlow has been working with Sullivan Renaissance for the past two years to explore opportunities with many individuals and organizations throughout Sullivan County. Dr. Tarlow will also present a workshop focused on youth leadership. (Contd. Pg. 3)

## Career & Tech Training Leads to Success for Brian Knapp

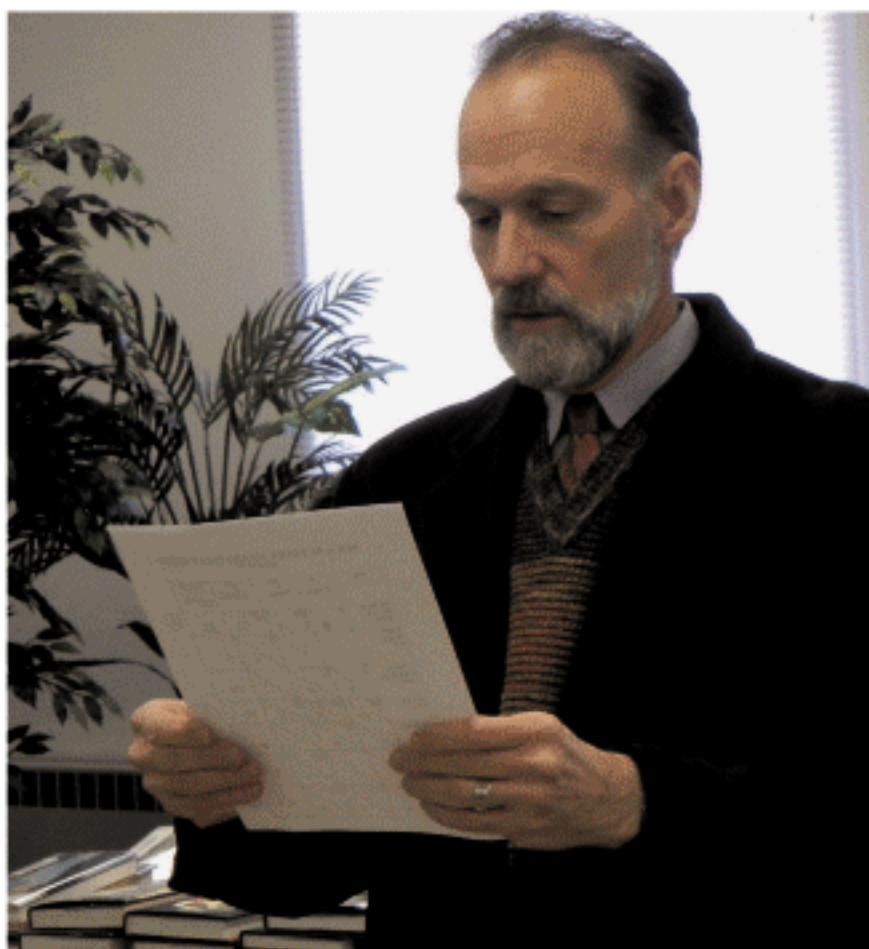


: Brian Knapp uses machinist training from BOCES and SUNY Alfred to succeed as a machining business owner.

LIBERTY - According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, "Employment of machinists and tool and die makers is expected to grow 7 percent from 2010 to 2020." This statistic is something machinist and business owner, Brian Knapp figured when he was in 11th grade.

At a time when his peers were trying to figure out 'What they want to do when they grow up,' Brian Knapp started his machining training at the Career & Technical Education Center at Sullivan County BOCES. (Contd. Pg 4)

## Mock Book Awards Held at Sullivan BOCES



Randell Enos, Youth Services Consultant, Ramapo Library System announces the winners of the Mock Book Awards.

Recently, eighteen School Library Media Specialists from Sullivan and Orange Counties met for the 7th Annual Mock Book Awards. The Mock Book Awards allows area Library Media Specialists the opportunity to come together to discuss and rate newly published school-aged books.

"I look forward to the Mock Book Awards every year," said Lisa Metz, School Library Media Specialist at the Pine Bush Central. "It's a great way to talk about what books are sparking an interest in students."

The awards are broken down into three categories, Newbery, Caldecott, and Printz. The Newbery Medal is awarded to the author of

the most distinguished contribution to American literature for children up to age 14. The Caldecott Medal is given to the artist of the most distinguished American picture book for children. The Printz Award is an award for fiction, nonfiction, poetry or an anthology that exemplifies literary excellence in young adult literature ages 12 through 18. (Contd. Pg. 4)

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**ON THE FRONT BURNER:** For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. Romans 10:10

**Ida L. Marchino**, a homemaker and long-time resident of Willowemoc, NY passed away on Thursday, February 7, 2013 in Rock Hill, NY. She was 91 years of age. Ida was the daughter of the late Andrew and Maria Dorsi Migliorini and was born on May 2, 1921 in New York City.

She is survived by her two sons: Richard Marchino and his wife, Jan of Roscoe, NY and Ernie Marchino and his wife, Jean of Rock Hill, NY; her brother, Gino Migliorini and his wife, Romina of Willowemoc; two grandchildren: Lisa Hodny and Amy Coney; three great-grandchildren: Kailey Coney, Isabella Hodny and Katherine Hodny and several nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her husband, Peter Marchino in 2005 and by two brothers and two sisters.

Her Funeral Mass was celebrated on Tuesday, February 12th at St. Thomas Aquinas Church in Forestburgh, NY. Fr. Ivan Csete officiated.

Memorial donations may be made in Ida's name to St. Thomas Aquinas Church, 1 Forestburgh Rd., Forestburgh, NY 12777.

**Milton Turner** of Woodbourne passed away on Monday, February 11, 2013 at Catskill Regional Medical Center with his family by his side. He was 87.

He was the son of the late Vernon and Hazel Geer Turner, born on October 25, 1925 in Divine Corners, NY.

He proudly served our country in the United States Army during World War II. Milton was a member of the Hudson Valley Draft Horse Association, Cornell Cooperative Extension and an honorary member of the FFA. He was a retired correctional officer for the NYS Department of Corrections. He had a special love of horses and liked to be outdoors. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather and friend to all that knew and loved him.

He is survived by his loving children: two sons, Dwayne Turner and his wife, Peggy of Woodbourne, Jan and his wife, Mildred of Spring Mills, PA; two daughters, Marjorie Coelho of Woodbourne, Carol and her husband, Fred Shaver of Lew Beach; two foster daughters, Bertha O'Toole and Bernice Barrett; eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren; two sisters, Sylvia Kortright, Marion Keator; and one brother, Vernon Turner.

He was predeceased by his devoted wife, Marjorie E. Turner and one son, Lewis Turner.

Funeral services were held on Friday, February 15th at Colonial Memorial Funeral Home, Woodbourne. Interment followed at the Sullivan County Veterans Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Milton's name can be made to Hospice of Orange and Sullivan Counties, 800 Stony Brook Court, Newburgh, NY 12550 or a charity of one's choice.

**Days of Yore...**

**...Today's History**

**February 25, 1953** - Elwood Velie, Fire Chief of Grahamsville, and Mrs. Mildred Stone Maier of Middletown, announced their engagement at an informal dinner party Tuesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Milo Ter Bush who have been lifelong friends of Mrs. Maier. The wedding will take place this spring.

Moses I. Kortright, 89, died at the Loomis Hospital in Liberty on Friday, February 20th. The son of Abraham and Dora Hill Kortright he was born on September 8, 1863 in Montela. He is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Bertha Krum, and Mrs. Laura Walter of Grahamsville and Mrs. Theda Taylor of Allentown, Pa.; four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

The New York Commerce and Industry Association has requested Mayor Impellitteri of New York City to reconsider the possibility of using the Hudson as a source of city water following the rejection by Pennsylvania for the long-range water development program on the Delaware River.

**February 27, 1963** - Wilfred Rhodes, TVCS senior, and Mr. Arlington Visscher, band

director at Tri Valley will leave on Friday for Atlantic City, New Jersey. Wilfred, who plays the tuba, will participate in the All-Eastern band concert on Monday, March 4th.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Dymond of Sundown are parents of a son, their sixth child, born at Veterans Memorial Hospital, Ellenville on February 25th. The baby weighed 8 lbs.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Clark are parents of a son born at Liberty Loomis Hospital on Friday, February 22nd. Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Clark of Curry are the paternal grandparents.

Eleven more awards totaling \$87,450 have been made to farmers and business people for business and indirect real estate losses in connection with the construction of the Pepacton Reservoir and Downsville Dam in Delaware County.

**February 21, 1973** - Robert Krom, former resident of Grahamsville and son of Mr. and Mrs. George Krom of this community, will be appearing on a national Cerebral Palsy Telethon originating from KFVS-TV, Channel 12 in Cape Girardeau, Mo., on Saturday and Sunday, March 3 and 4, it was announced today by Robin Litton, National Telethon Producer.

Herman B. Christian, a veteran of the Spanish American War, died Tuesday in Delhi at the age of 93. He lived most of his life in Neversink, N.Y. Mr. Christian was born February 11, 1880 to Charles and Rebecca Jane Curry Christian. Survivors include one daughter, a grandson and two granddaughters.

**February 24, 1983** - Harry M. Furman of Liberty, a retired plant manager for Benton Brothers, Inc. of Liberty, died Thursday, Feb. 17th at Community General Hospital, Harris after a long illness. He was 79. The son of the late Miles and Estella Crantz Furman, he was born Dec. 1, 1903 in Grahamsville. A lifelong area resident, Mr. Furman was a member of the Liberty United Methodist Church, and was a past master of Mongaup Lodge No. 816, F&M, Liberty.

A new newspaper, the "Ellenville News", will be hitting the streets around the middle of March if all goes as planned. Publisher of the paper is Steven Krulick, co-founder of Bio-Energy Systems in Ellenville. We wish the best of luck to the "News". It's nice to see a paper starting up instead of folding, as is the case with many today.

**Annual Amy Paes Scholarship Basketball Game**

Each the year the Bear Cub Basketball program organizes the Amy Paes Scholarship Basketball Games. Participants are Tri-Valley Central School sixth graders who have participated in the Bear Cub Basketball program and funds are raised for scholarships given out to graduating seniors.

This year's games will be held on March 9 at 5:00pm in Tri-Valley's Central School's Intermediate School Gym. The snow date is March 10.

**Salon Series features Ken and Julie**

Ken and Julie: Ken DeAngelis and Julie Zivavras acoustic duo will be the featured performers on Sunday, March 10, 2013 at 2 p.m. for the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance "Salon Series" at the Krause Recital Hall, Delaware Arts Center, 37 Main Street, Narrowsburg, NY 12764. For reservations or information, call 845-252-7576. Admission is \$10.

Ken and Julie will perform an entertaining program of well known and original acoustic folk music with storytelling, thought provoking lyrics. Their songs are upbeat, with beautiful melodies and vocal harmonies accompanying themselves with acoustic guitars and other instruments. ([www.KenandJulie.com](http://www.KenandJulie.com)).

Proceeds from their concert will benefit Delaware Valley Opera, a Sullivan County-based opera company with whom Julie has sung many leading roles.

The Salon Series continues on Sunday, March 17 with the Leslie Pintchik Jazz Trio and on Sunday, March 24 with Little Sparrow. Concerts are held in the Krause Recital at the Delaware Arts Center, 37 Main Street, Narrowsburg, NY. Admission is \$10. For reservations or information, call 845-252-7576.

## A Round About Tri-Valley

- Carol Furman

Kudos to Kevin Palko, a Tri-Valley senior! He is the first Tri-Valley wrestler to become a Section 9 champion. Nice going, Kevin, and good luck in the State tournament. Congrats also to Kevin's coach, Mike March. Ida Marchino of Willowemoc passed away on Thursday, February 7th. She was 91 years old. Condolences are extended to her family and friends.

We also lift up our prayers of sympathy and caring to the family and friends of Milton Turner. Milt passed away on February 11, at the age of 87. Many of you may remember "Pop" Turner when he took his horses to Frost Valley and gave the guests/campers fun hayrides.

The "Drowsy Chaperone", a musical within a comedy, will be presented at the Tri-Valley Bernstein Theater on March 8th and 9th at 7:00 pm. Senior citizens and students K-12 - \$3.00, Adults - \$7.00. The students work hard getting ready for productions to present to the public. Please try to support them with your attendance.

The Sullivan Renaissance Conference/Local Market and Expo will be held at the CVI Center in Ferndale on March 9th from 8:00 am - 3:00 pm. A workshop focused on youth leadership will also be presented. Peter Tarlow, an international consultant on the positive effects of community beautification, will deliver the keynote address. To register or for more info, call 295-2445.

Alyssa Cinque of Sundown recently received her masters degree in education from SUNY New Paltz. Alyssa is a Tri-Valley graduate. Hope Costa, also a Tri-Valley graduate, has been named to the Dean's List at SUNY Oneonta. Congratulations to both Alyssa and Hope. We wish them continued success.

Sarah Coney of Neversink took 6th place at the Section 9 Alpine Ski championships held at Hunter Mountain on February 1st. The State meet will be held at Bristol Mountain in Canandaigua, NY on February 25 - 26.

The "Sullivan County Democrat" had a nice salute to Tri-Valley's Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) last week. They are a very active group of young people who are dedicated to performing community service activities and are striving to build sound principles of leadership and an understanding of the modern business world.

The Tri-Valley Junior Varsity Boys Basketball Team, under the able leadership of Coach Closs, has produced 12 straight victories and so far, has had a undefeated season. WOW!

Enough snow and cold already! I'm ready for my first robin sighting!

*Words of Wisdom:* Forgive your enemies. It messes with their heads. Carol Furman

## Boy Scout Troop 97 Klondike Derby - Huge Success!!! (From Pg. 1)

Huge thank yous need to go out to all of our wonderful volunteers that spent the entire day helping to run the Derby and judging the events or who donated funds or supplies. Some of them include: NYSDEP ice rescue teams, Grahamsville First Aid Squad, Superior Building Supply, Granite Associates, Lang Enviroventures, NYSCOPBA, Woodbourne Lawn & Garden, Sullivan County Long Beards, SCCC Culinary program, Thunder View Farms, and Troop 97 leaders and parents. This event could not have taken place or been as successful as it was without the help of the community. For that we owe everyone a huge Thank You.

The three top-ranking teams finished with scores within 1.25 points of one another. The event was won by Neversink's own Troop 97 Border Patrol with 222.5 points, second place with 221.75 points was Troop 77 Penguin Patrol from Matamoras, PA, and third place with 221.25 points was Troop 300 Viking Patrol from Middletown NY. Each patrol was asked to bring 2 cans of soup as a requirement for their sled. All of the soup collected will be donated to a local food pantry.

## Don't Miss This Flower Event (From Pg. 1)

In addition to day's activities, the 2013 Sullivan Renaissance grant program will be outlined and applications will be available. Additions to the Renaissance Collection of annuals and perennials will be introduced with a display of the plants at the expo. The collection will be available at local nurseries and garden centers in the spring. Among the garden centers, nurseries and vendors exhibiting will be:

- Butterfly Botanicals
- Delaware Valley Farm & Garden
- Kean Artworks/Graphic Detail
- Liberty Home, Garden & Pet
- Manza Family Farm
- Monticello Farm Home & Garden
- SullivanArc Garden Tour
- Sullivan County Master Gardeners
- The Cutting Garden
- Trailkeeper.org

## Tri-Valley Natural Resources Program

Recipients of the 18th Annual Sullivan First Achievement Awards - to be recognized at the conference - will soon be announced. Door prizes will be awarded at the conference conclusion.

This year's conference features an expanded market where participants and guests can purchase local, natural and organic goods from area businesses. Products will include: artisan breads and pastries, local wines, handcrafted fresh pasta, locally roasted coffee, maple syrup and honey, plants and flowers, arts and crafts, and more.

The conference begins at 8:00 a.m. with breakfast and registration. The program starts at 9:00 a.m. and runs to 3:00 p.m. Workshops include:

- Youth Panel: This special session will engage Sullivan County youth in a dialogue about leadership and their role in shaping the future of their communities. Presenter: Dr. Peter Tarlow

- Meet Dr. Peter Tarlow: Take advantage of this opportunity to meet and talk one-on-one with keynote speaker Dr. Peter Tarlow for a discussion about your community's beautification and tourism concerns or questions and comments. Sullivan Renaissance staff will schedule a specific time

- 2013 Renaissance Collection: The Renaissance Collection of plants has doubled in size! Grasses, ground covers, shrubs and trees have been added to the annuals and perennials introduced last year. All are low maintenance and perform well in Sullivan County's climate. Learn how to use these plants and their companions to add beauty and sustainability to your garden design. Presenter: Diana K. Weiner, Horticultural Coordinator

- Showing of Flowers: Color defines a location and influences the way people feel about it! In community beautification efforts the power of flower color, use, combinations, repetition and attractiveness prove to be the award winning recipe. The key to success in designing hanging baskets, containers, window boxes and flowerbeds is using annuals that provide color all season long. Learn how to mix and match Renaissance Collection plants for the punch needed to take those plantings up a notch or two. Presenter: Diana K. Weiner

- Trees in Your Landscape: Participants will learn about tree maintenance, as well as the mission and activities of the local volunteer Tree Keeper Advisory Group. An overview of the DEC's Urban and Community Forestry Program will be provided, including: guidance about tree management, use of tree ordinances, Arbor Day/Tree City Program, and DEC's Urban and Community Grant Program. Presenters: Janet Gula, George Profous

- Beneficials in Your Garden: Butterflies, bees and bugs play essential roles in the garden and the environment. This workshop will show how to attract butterflies, choose the best plants for a butterfly garden, and identify the most common butterflies in this area. Participants will also learn about the role played by bees and beneficial bugs, and how to attract them. Presenters: Susan Dollard, Helene Chappell, Jim Kile

- Volunteer Development: Meet Cara Kowalski, the new Sullivan Renaissance Volunteer Coordinator. She will present an overview of the new volunteer program developed to assist with recruitment, training, placement and retention of volunteers in your community. Share your needs and learn tools to assist with the challenges you face. Presenter: Cara Kowalski

- Social Media 101: Learn about the vital tools for communicating and raising excitement and awareness about your beautification efforts and how social media can help to interact with community members. Learn how to recruit volunteers through social media and share links to volunteer opportunities. Presenters: David Binkowski, Cara Kowalski

- Sullivan Renaissance Salon (Individual Appointments): Bring your ideas for beautification projects and have a one-on-one conversation with Sullivan Renaissance staff, which will go through the grant paperwork with you and answer any questions you may have. Community volunteers may sign up for a private consultation. Sullivan Renaissance staff will schedule a specific time

Workshop space will be limited to the first registrants. To sign up on-line, go to [www.sullivanrenaissance.org](http://www.sullivanrenaissance.org). To obtain a registration form, call Sullivan Renaissance office at 845-295-2445. To return a form, email to [sgonzalez@sullivanrenaissance.org](mailto:sgonzalez@sullivanrenaissance.org); fax it to 845-295-2746; or mail to Sullivan Renaissance, c/o Gerry Foundation, PO Box 311, Liberty, NY 12754.

This is a recycling event; appropriate receptacles will be provided for attendees.

Sullivan Renaissance is a beautification and community development program principally funded by the Gerry Foundation.

## Nature Column - L. Comando

*A tribute to the memory of all of the Townsman ladies that we have lost and loved so much... Peggy DeWire, Avril Pappa, Joan Hall and Polly Hill.*

### A Catskill Cat Tale

Saturday evening our daughter called and asked, "Are both of your cats inside?"



What led her to ask the question was the big cat that was prowling around her back yard, the back yard of our neighbor that separates our property and our back yard. Both of our 25 pound Maine Coon cats

were inside enjoying the warmth of the woodstove. So what kind of cat, that Janna claimed was bigger than our cats, would have been romping through the backyard and getting the dogs all roused?

Our guess was a bobcat. There are quite a few bobcats in the Catskill Mountains.

A bobcat's fur is dense, short, and soft and is generally shorter and more reddish in the summer and longer and more gray in the winter. Spotting occurs in some bobcats and is faded in others. The face has notable long hairs along the cheeks and black tufts at the tops of each ear. It has distinctive black bars on its forelegs and a black-tipped, stubby tail, from which it derives its name. The face appears wide due to ruffs of extended hair beneath the ears. The nose of the bobcat is pinkish-red. Bobcat eyes are yellow with black pupils that will widen during nocturnal activity to maximize light reception. The bobcat has sharp hearing and vision, and a good sense of smell. It is an excellent climber, and will swim when it needs to, but will normally avoid water.

A Bobcat will range in weight from 15 pounds to 35 pounds, with reports of bobcats weighing up to 50 pounds. They are generally 24 to 48 inches long and 18 to 24 inches high. Males are, on average, one-third larger than females.

They are carnivores and eat small rodents including mice, voles, squirrels, chipmunks, birds, rabbits, young fawn, chickens and even small dogs and cats. Their favorite food is rabbit! A bobcat will stalk its prey and when the prey comes close enough, it will quickly move in. A Bobcat can leap up to 12 feet high. Bobcats like areas that have rock ledges and small caves and will pick a territory that has enough prey to feed them. Sundown seems a likely place for a bobcat to choose, although, they can travel up to 50 miles in a day.

Bobcats mate between February and March. Another clue as to why he would have chosen to stalk Janna's backyard. Little Miss Willow, the children's pet cat was in heat. Fortunately, Miss Willow does not go outside!!

A bobcat female will give birth to 2 to 4 kittens usually in April or May. The kittens are born blind and will begin to see around 10 days old. By the time they are three months old they will begin to travel with their mother, and will stay with her up to 12 months. In the wild a bobcat will live from 6 to 8 years, while in captivity, they can live up to 32 years.

Bobcats can be seen any time of day or night, but are most active around dusk and dawn. Bobcats are crepuscular, meaning they are most active at twilight and dawn. Bobcats are habitual, and will travel the same routes at the same time each day. Bobcats become more diurnal, following the same patterns during fall and winter. In the winter when prey is not as abundant, they will spend more time hunting during the day.

In Native American mythology, the bobcat, a member of the Lynx family, is often paired with the figure of the coyote in a theme of duality. Lynx and coyote are associated with the fog and wind, respectively-two elements representing opposites in Amerindian folklore. According to one tale, the bobcat is outwitted by a rabbit, thus giving rise to the bobcat's spots. After trapping the rabbit in a tree, the bobcat is persuaded to build a fire, only to have the embers scattered on its fur, leaving it singed with dark brown spots. The Mohave believed dreaming habitually of beings or objects would afford them their characteristics as supernatural powers. Dreaming of two deities, cougar and lynx, they thought, would grant them superior hunting skills.

Historically, bobcats were very abundant in the 1600's and 1700's. They are believed to be how the Catskill got its name. Bobcats were often seen on the creeks or kills. They were virtually hunted to extinction during the 1800's. It took all of the 1900's for them to rebound and today there is a moderate population of bobcats in the Catskill Mountains.

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**Mysterious Book Report No. 85** by John Dwaine McKenna



Some years from now, when future historians examine and analyze the early twentieth century and the factors leading up to the first World War, one of them will pay particular attention to the Mexican Revolution. Then, as now, Mexico had a prickly relationship with the United States. With mechanized war on an industrial scale looming in Europe; Mexico was a prime source of the oil needed to run those armies. As such she was courted by Germany, who, like the English, had converted their navy from coal to oil. At the same time, inequities in wealth, land reform and social structure had led to the Mexican peasant revolution. It was headed up by the legendary Doroteo Arango, known to all the world as Pancho Villa. He controlled the peasants . . . as well as most of northern Mexico, for the duration of the war. Into the midst of this cauldron of social interest and war, newly elected President of the United States, Woodrow Wilson sent a couple of shiploads of US Marines as an expeditionary force. They landed and took over the oil-producing and shipping port of Vera Cruz, located on the Gulf of Mexico. And that, is the complex and fascinating background against which this week's Mysterious Book Report Number 85 is written.

*The Hot Country*, (Mysterious Press, \$25.00, 326 pages, ISBN 978-0-8021-2046-5) by Robert Olen Butler follows the exploits of newspaper reporter Christopher Marlowe Cobb, "Kit" to his mother and friends, Christopher Cobb on his byline at the *Chicago Post Express*. He's a wise-cracking, jaded, world-wise foreign correspondent sent to Mexico to report on the war, and the doings of *El Presidente*, Victoriano Huerto, known as *El Chacal*, The Jackal. Soon after his arrival in the *tierra caliente*, the hot country, Christopher Cobb is up to his ears in intrigue, gun ships, Germans, ambassadors, spies and a beautiful assassin named Luisa . . . with whom he falls in love. There are plenty of gun battles, train robberies, horses, cowboys, drinking, carousing and clandestine meetings . . . making this one an action-packed, fast paced thrill ride from the first page to the surprising ending. Simply put, Robert Olen Butler is a helluva good writer with a bandolier-full of novels to his credit. As this is his first run at mystery fiction, I wasn't familiar with his work . . . even though he's a Pulitzer Prize winner. That's an error of mine which, now fixed, shouldn't have happened. I'm looking forward to reading his next and the ones after that. So, do yourself a favor and toss out that latest *Reacher* formulaic from the big machine publishing company. Read this excellent novel instead and you, like me, will be eager for the next adventure from the pen of Robert Olen Butler. Readers are sure to be lost in literature in the opening paragraphs of *The Hot Country*, and not emerge from that alternate universe until the very last page is read. Don't say you weren't warned after you stay up all night reading. Enjoy!

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--JDM

**Career & Tech Training Leads to Success for Brian Knapp** (From Pg. 1)

Originally, Brian decided to attend the Precision Machining Technology Program at BOCES because only a handful of students were interested in the program. He figured that high interest programs would mean limited jobs. Once class started, Brian knew that being a machinist was what he wanted to do when he grew up. After completing the program at BOCES, Brian attended the Machine Tool Technology Program Alfred State College of Technology, where he obtained his Associates in Green Machining.

While at Alfred, Brian found that his skills far exceeded his classmates. "The Precision Program at BOCES gave me the skills I need to succeed and opened me up to contacts within the industry," said Knapp. Because of his advanced training, his professor assigned him local sub-contracting work to create various precision parts for the community.

Today, Brian works at CEM in Rock Tavern, NY, where he makes precision parts used in pharmaceutical lifts. About a year ago, he opened his own machining business called Absolute Accuracy, which is in Loch Sheldrake NY. Absolute Accuracy is able to machine almost any type of part including custom work for restorations, heavy equipment, and even new product development. Brian can be reached at (845) 796-6661.

Brian always speaks highly of his training at BOCES, when he speaks about it, he's quick to tell them to "Look into BOCES, in addition to saving me a lot of money by not wasting my time finding my way in college, BOCES can help you find your career path. When I got out of high school, I had experience and a trade and more importantly a career direction," added Knapp.

Transforming our youth into responsible, qualified professionals is the primary focus of Career & Technical Education Division at Sullivan BOCES. The Career and Tech Division prides itself in accomplishing this goal throughout all of its programs.

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**Information on Sullivan BOCES' Precision Machining Technology Program**

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Students begin instruction on manual machine tools and then advance to CNC (Computer Numeric Control) machine tools. They set up machining processes using computerized mills and lathes, measure dimensions to within +/- one ten-thousandth of an inch (.0001") and machine them using state-of-the-art CNC machine tools from Haas CNC.

Students will also have an opportunity for internships based on their academics and work ethics. They will be qualified for entry-level machinists jobs or able to continue their studies in college, military, or apprenticeships. Job earnings are from \$9.50/hour to \$45/hour and up.

Success students have the opportunity to become

- CNC Machinist
- CNC Tool Operator
- CNC Programmer
- CNC Set-up Technician
- Basic Machinist

The Program also has articulations at Alfred State College, Baran Institute of Technology, SUNY Cobleskill, and SUNY Delhi, where they receive college credit for their studies at BOCES.

**Mock Book Awards Held at Sullivan BOCES** (From Pg. 1)

The following books were selected by the group as the best books for the 2012-2013 school year.

**Newbery Medal:** *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio

Honor Books: *The One and Only Ivan* by Katherine Applegate

*Three Times Lucky* by Sheila Turnage

**Caldecott Medal:** *Magritte's Marvelous Hat* by D.B. Johnson

Honor books: *Mousterpiece: a mouse-sized guide to modern art* by Jane Breskin Zalben

*Here come the Girl Scouts!* By Shana Corey

*The Fantastic Flying Books of Mr. Morris Lessmore* by William Joyce

*Island: a Story of the Galapagos* by Jason Chin

**Printz Medal:** *Everyday* by David Levithan

Honor books: *The Fault in our Stars* by John Green

*Bomb: The Race to Build--and Steal--the World's Most Dangerous Weapon* by Steve Sheinkin

The American Library Association (ALA) holds the actual Book Awards. This year's ALA ratings were slightly off from the choices of the Sullivan BOCES Mock Book Awards.

"Books are such a fantastic bridge for individuals of all ages," said Randell Enos, Youth Services Consultant, Ramapo Library System, "The best part of this event is being able to focus on the quality of the books available to our students."

If you would like more information about the School Library Program offered at Sullivan BOCES call (845) 295-4090 or log onto scboces.org.

**Already On the Job: New Leadership at Extension- Greg Sandor is Named as New Executive Director**

-After an extensive six month nationwide search, the Board of Directors of Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) Sullivan County has approved the appointment of Greg Sandor to the position of Executive Director. The action came at the new board's first meeting of the year on January 29. He began work on Thursday February 7th.

Sandor comes to the post with a wealth of public and private sector management and leadership experience. Most recently he served as director of the Department of Agricultural Sciences at Chemeketa Community College in Salem, Oregon. College President Cheryl Roberts said that during his tenure, Greg Sandor "brought the department to the next level."

Prior to moving to Oregon, Sandor worked for more than 15 years as founder, general manager and viticulturist at several Long Island vineyards and wineries. In 1996 he co-founded Sheldrake Point Vineyards in the Finger Lakes, selected by Wine and Spirit Magazine in 2009-2010 as one of the top wineries in America.

Sandor was the director of "From the Ground

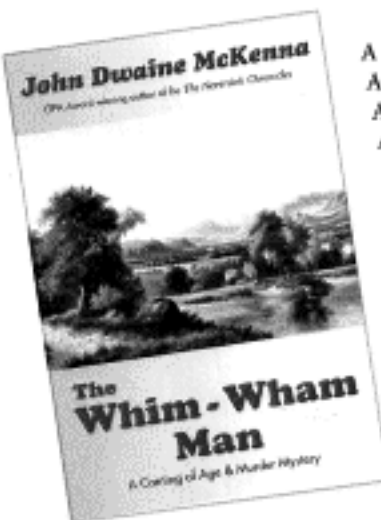
Up," a community led farm project in Washington, DC sponsored by the Chesapeake Bay Foundation. He served as regional director of Habitat for Humanity in Americus, Georgia where he led a national march that built 150 homes and raised \$1.2 million dollars. He also spent a year working in Haiti directing a community agricultural project.

"We're pleased that Greg is coming to lead Extension and grow our programs, and strengthen our relationship with Cornell University and our partners in Sullivan County and the region," said Board President Joan Howard. "With new leadership of a dedicated staff and continued support from constituents, Sullivan County Extension will continue to be an important part of the county's community and economic vitality."

She called Sandor "the right person, at the right time, for the right job."

Greg Sandor has a Master of Science Degree from Cornell University, majoring in viticulture with a minor in business administration and management. Upon graduation he was employed by Cornell as statewide director/ small business specialist for a NYS entrepreneurial program.

Sandor and his wife Bernadine have three children.



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## The Olive Jar - Carol LaMonda

"Brisas" is Spanish for "breezes." It is also the name of the new Mexican Restaurant in Boiceville that opened where Kasey's Cafe used to be. The restaurant is open from 9-9 serving authentic Mexican dishes for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Everything is fresh and delicious. I ate the Chimichanga that came with rice and beans. Muy bueno! Next time I plan to order the Sopas, a homemade thick tortilla with toppings, like a pizza.

JoMar Cafe in West Shokan is another new place to try. It has become a habit for the town office employees and the after-church bunch at St. Augustine's. More and more people are discovering this little delight that now offers music on some weekend nights.

I think it is important to support our local eating establishments. Locally we have a nice variety of places to eat and visit with our neighbors. In Boiceville, one has the LandMark Grille, The Hong Kong Chinese Restaurant, Bread Alone, and the Boiceville Inn. The Boiceville Market also offers prepared dishes to take home. Shokan has Olive's General Store, Ming Moon, Winchell's, the Dairy Deli, the Pineview Bakery and Village Pizza. Samsonville has Tetta's General Store. We also have the Lucky Marts at our two gas stations on Route 28.

Olive is pretty isolated, so it is vital that we patronize our local businesses. I am reminded, each time I meet a neighbor at the market or a local restaurant that I am so fortunate to live in this fine town. About eighty people attended the public hearing on the issue of Hydro-Fracking on Monday. I was really proud when the Town Board earned a round of applause when it unanimously passed the Anti-Fracking law on Tuesday, February 13. Olive and Andes became the standard bearers for towns protecting its citizens from the possible dangers of drilling for natural gas. Bruce LaMonda prefaced his "Yes" to pass the local law by saying, "I do this for all our children and grandchildren."



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No column this week. Be back next week. -  
Fred

## History of The Tri-Valley Lions

by Esta Jacob, Special Director, Tri-Valley Lions

The photo is of the actual document signed by the 74 original charter members of The Tri-Valley Lions Club, and was signed by those pioneers of our community on November 18, 1977. Before I tell you how and why the Tri-Valley Lions formed their long-standing organization, I think it is important to continue with "the history of Lions International," so you can better understand our local group.

### Beginning in 1917

Melvin Jones, a 38-year-old Chicago business leader, asked a simple and world-changing question – what if people put their talents to work improving their communities? Almost 100 years later, Lions Clubs International is the world's largest service club organization, with 1.35 million members in more than 46,000 clubs and countless stories of Lions acting on the same simple idea: let's improve our communities.

### 1920: Going International

Just three years after our founding, Lions became international when we established the first club in Canada. Mexico followed in 1927. In the 1950s and 1960s international growth accelerated, with new clubs in Europe, Asia and Africa.

### 1925: Eradicating Blindness

Helen Keller addressed the Lions Clubs International Convention in Cedar Point, Ohio, USA, and challenged Lions to become "knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness." Since then, we have worked tirelessly to aid the blind and visually impaired.

### 1945: Uniting Nations

The ideal of an international organization is exemplified by our enduring relationship with the United Nations. We were one of the first nongovernmental organizations invited to assist in the drafting of the United Nations Charter and have supported the work of the UN ever since.

### 1957: Organizing Youth Programs

In the late 1950s, we created the Leo Program to provide the youth of the world with an opportunity for personal development through volunteering. There are approximately 144,000 Leos and 5,700 Leo clubs in more than 140 countries worldwide.

### 1968: Establishing Our Foundation

Lions Clubs International Foundation assists Lions with global and large-scale local humanitarian projects. Through our Foundation, Lions meet the needs of their local and global communities.

### 1990: Launching SightFirst

Through SightFirst, Lions are restoring sight and preventing blindness on a global scale. Launched in 1990, Lions have raised more than \$346 million for this initiative. SightFirst targets the major causes of blindness: cataract, trachoma, river blindness, childhood blindness, diabetic retinopathy and glaucoma.

### Today: Extending Our Reach

Lions Clubs International extends our mission of service every day – in local communities, in all corners of the globe. The needs are great and our services broad, including sight, health, youth, elderly, the environment and disaster relief. Our international network has grown to include more than 207 countries and geographic areas.

## HISTORY OF THE TRI-VALLEY LIONS

So, now that you know all about Lions International, its mission, code of ethics, and its history, it's time to learn how our local organization, The Tri-Valley Lions came about....

It seems that before its actual charter and organization, several of Tri-Valley Lion's Charter members, particularly Donald TerBush, became acquainted and probably attended meetings of other Lions Clubs, like the Bethel and Fallsburg Lions groups, which formed before ours did. Don became very aware of the mission of Lions International and subsequent clubs. Liberty had Elks and Kiwanis Clubs; Monticello had several fraternal groups, but yet, there were none right here in our area, so Donald TerBush made it his mission, along with help from many of his friends and former classmates, to organize a group right here. He did this, according to Bill Brenner's and Gene Froehlich's recollections, by making phone calls and sending out letters to as many men as he could and that he thought would be interested in forming a Lions Club locally, and working on its missions. Both Bill and Gene stated that the very first meeting was held at Gerhard Henke's Blue Hill Lodge in Claryville. Donald TerBush was the first President and Bill Brenner was the first Secretary, so you can imagine that besides working out actual mission strategies, there was also lots of fun, jokes, and laughter. I'm told that dinner meetings were again initially held at the Blue Hill Lodge, and Board Meetings were held at Franklin Smith's Grahamsville office. Bill Brenner recalls that the first meeting practically packed the Blue Hill Lodge, and due to the wonderful camaraderie, will to help others in need, the word got out and the 2nd meeting was even more well-attended!

Because the charter document above this article may be difficult for both young and older eyes to read, I wanted to be sure you are aware of the original 74 CHARTER MEMBERS of The Tri-Valley Lions Club, as they are our friends and relatives, and although many have passed on, their dedication and hard work in Lionism has made the difference to so very many lives. The Charter Members are: Archie Ackerly, Fred



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Subsequent articles will cover the many tasks accomplished by The Tri-Valley Lions, how funds are raised to accomplish the tasks, as well as The Tri-Valley Lioness Club.

Many individuals were interviewed to obtain much of this information, but if you know of any Charter Members I might have missed, or any special events you think should be shared in future articles, or would like to join The Tri-Valley Lions Club, or participate in our Journey For Sight Walk on Saturday, May 4, 2013, please call me at 845-985-2927.

## A Storytelling Circle

A storytelling circle will begin meeting every third Thursday of the month at The Pine Hill Community Center. The first meeting will be on Thursday, Feb. 21 from 4-6 pm. All those who are interested, both professional story tellers and beginners are welcome. The circle has its origins in project that began a year ago at the Center. Professional storyteller Mary Savage began working with a group who wanted to learn about storytelling. They were joined by professional storytellers Laurie McIntosh and Jill Olesker. The group applied for and received a Platte Clove residency from the Catskill Center for Conservation and Development's Erpf Center. They spent a week at Platte Clove learning storytelling techniques and developing a body of stories about the Catskill Mountain area, both traditional and new. They have held two informal storytelling events and now wish to expand their numbers.

Ann Epner, the Executive Director of the Pine Hill Community Center says "There is something powerful that happens when people sit together and share stories - it's at once the oldest form of community entertainment and a brand new way to step out of our hi-tech lives into the immediacy of the spoken word."

Come with a story or feel comfortable listening. For more information contact Ann Epner at (845) 254-5469. The Pine Hill Community Center is located at 287 Main Street i Pine Hill, NY . Phone - 845.254.5469 info@pinehillcommunitycenter.org www.pinehillcommunitycenter.org

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**The Family Memoir, PROSILIO...**  
... in Greek means "Toward the Sun," was written by Carol Olsen LaMonda. Carol writes the column "The Olive Jar" for *Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman*. This local author has been busy guesting at book clubs who have chosen this local memoir as their book choice. As summer approaches, the story of a carefree vacation in the Catskills should be added to your summer "must-read" list. The memoir is available at Amazon or Barnes and Noble on-line as a soft or hard cover or as a downloadable e-book for Nook or Kindle. Go to [amazon.com](http://amazon.com) or [barnesandnoble.com](http://barnesandnoble.com) and type in *Prosilio* in the search to order your copy of *Prosilio*

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**From UC Sheriff Office**

Members of the Ulster County Sheriff's Office are investigating the death of an inmate that occurred early Tuesday morning in the Ulster County Jail. The inmate, Mark Morgan, 43, of 3541 Route 9W, Highland, was received in the Ulster County Jail at approximately 3:30 P.M. on Monday afternoon. Morgan had been arrested by Town of Lloyd Police for an outstanding Bench Warrant(s) originating from the following charges: Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 5th degree, a class D felony, Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 7th degree, a class A misdemeanor, and Forgery 3rd degree, a class A misdemeanor. Morgan had been arraigned in Town of Lloyd Justice Court before the Honorable Justice Elia and remanded to the Ulster County Jail in lieu of \$10,000 cash bail and \$30,000 property bond. Morgan was placed in Medical Housing subsequent to jail screening and remained there until his death early Tuesday morning. Members of the Ulster County Sheriff's Office Detective Division are investigating the death but there appears to be no foul play involved. The investigation is ongoing pending autopsy and toxicology reports. The New York State Commission of Corrections was notified as dictated by New York State Corrections standards.

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**Caregiver Tool-Kit for Advanced Care Planning**

Caregivers need to be ready and have advanced directives in place if and when difficult medical decisions need to be made. A Caregiver's Tool Kit for Advanced Care Planning class on Thursday, February 21 (snow date Feb 28) from 5:00 to 6:30 pm will be presented by the Caregiver Resource Center of Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) Sullivan County at the Gerald J. Skoda Extension Center on 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road in Liberty. This class is free and a light dinner will be served. Please call 845-292-6180 to RSVP.

Caregivers will receive resources to help them and their care receiver to work through possibly difficult decisions to create their advanced directives and the health care proxy. Materials will be

provided to guide a family in making these advanced care plans. Discussion will include:

- What are some potential medical situations that the individual may/may not want treatment?
- What are some personal priorities that are important when making these medical decisions?
- How to start a discussion when there never seems to be a 'right' time.
- What to do after signing your health care advanced directives.

This free class is funded by the NYS Office for the Aging (OFA) as a co-partnered program between CCE and OFA of Sullivan County.

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"One thing people never get to see is a peek inside the rehearsal room," he says. "It surprises people to see the process and the intriguing ideas and many different voices that go into making the moment." For more information, call (845) 687-5262 or visit: www.sunyulster.edu.

**APHoOoRISMS," a mixed media group exhibition Alliance Gallery**

"APHoOoRISMS," a group exhibition of ten local women artists opens on Saturday, February 23, 2013 with a reception from 2 - 4 p.m. at the Alliance Gallery, 37 Main Street, Narrowsburg, NY. The exhibition is curated by Alliance Gallery director Rocky Pinciotti.

Aphoristic creations are marked by the use of few words to convey much meaning or information. The exhibition features a variety of artists and a variety of mediums that exemplify this principle, either overtly or subconsciously.

"Occasionally as I look through gallery entries, a common thread connecting artists and their work will appear," says Pinciotti, who compiled the work in this show from submissions to the 2013 Alliance Gallery season. "The common thread this year was women whose work made strong and artistic statements with a minimal and concise artistic vocabulary."

Many works have a succinct, simple and stark beauty. The economy of form, brush strokes or imagery highlights the artists personal vision. "I was struck by these artists' critical eye as well as their spartan and fearless approach to their work and their monumental results," Pinciotti says.

The ten artists in the exhibition include Phyllis Bilick, Miriam Hernandez, Ellen Kantro, Jessica Kinney, Hisako Kobayashi, Marjorie Morrow, Tiffanie Morrow, Lisa Strier, Ellen Wilkinson, and Mary Grace Yanashot.

This exhibit, free and open to the public, is sponsored by the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance, the Arts Council for Sullivan County, NY and is made possible by the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Legislature.

Alliance Gallery is located at the Delaware Arts Center at 37 Main Street, Narrowsburg, NY. Hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call (845) 252-7576 or visit www.ArtsAllianceSite.org.

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with the behind the curtain look into the open rehearsal process that all can attend from 5 to 7 p.m., at Quimby Theater.

Burke has been working directly with Acting I and II students pursuing associate degrees in Theater Arts under SUNY Ulster's theater coordinator Stephen Balantzian and have the opportunity to apply what they are learning in the classroom onto the stage.

It is free and open to all students and the public. Burke will guide the audience through the theater process from the text of the written play and the playwright's intentions to the actor, the space and communication of ideas from the director. At the end, participants will bring to life a short piece of theater with Burke directing.

**Shadowland Theater Artistic Director Brendan Burke Gives "A Peek Inside the Rehearsal Room" SUNY Ulster Artist-in-Residence Holds Workshop for Students and Public**

Ellenville's Shadowland Theater Producing Artistic Director Brendan Burke will lead a workshop on Feb. 27 providing students and the public a unique peak inside the rehearsal room as part of his Larry Berk artist in residency. The director, actor and instructor will culminate his residency

**Pre-Tech Program Sparks Interest and Prepares Students for the Future**



Nick Warren (left) Kyle Smith (right) work on one of the Wishing wells sold through the student business component of the program.

During the 2010-11 school year, the Career & Technical Education Center at Sullivan County BOCES launched the Pre-Tech Career Exploration Program. Now in its third year, the program is showing success at discouraging 9th and 10th grade students from dropping out.

This unique program offers motivating, project-based learning opportunities that allow students to remain on track towards earning a Regent's Diploma, while exploring careers, developing work ethic and improving applied academic skills.

The half-day career component emphasizes core character education, positive work habits, life and communication skills, while giving students a glimpse of the vocational possibilities they may have at the Career and Technical Education Center as juniors and seniors. The program also offers a small class size, differentiated instruction, and access to career counselors and other professional support staff. At the core of the program is a student run business, which adds a wonderful learning experience to the curriculum and affords the students unique business skills and life lessons that they will be able to reflect on as they enter the workforce.

"If it wasn't for the Pre-Tech Program at BOCES, I would probably be sitting at home right now, said Gerald Lum, Pre-Tech 2nd year student. "Now that I am in the Pre-Tech Program, I want to continue with my education. The Program made it possible for me to discover what I really liked to do, so I plan on attending the Career & Tech Automotive Technology Program next year."

News regarding the success of the program is making its way across the state. In October, Denise Sullivan, Director of CTE presented the development, innovation, and results of the program at the New York State School Boards Association's Annual Conference.

The motto of the Career & Technical Education Program at Sullivan BOCES is to provide "Skills, knowledge and work ethic for the 21st century"

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The Career & Technical Education Program at Sullivan BOCES provides "Skills, knowledge and work ethic for the 21st century



Steven Carroll works on a bicycle that is being restored to give to a child in need for the holidays.



**Irish Music Opens DVAA's Salon Series**

A "Salon Series" of concerts opens on Sunday, March 3, 2 p.m., with Rick and Donna Nestler performing Irish music and folk songs. The series continues each Sunday in March and will feature Ken and Julie: Ken DeAngelis & Julie Ziavras acoustic folk duo on March 10; The Leslie Pintchik Jazz Trio on March 17; and Little Sparrow on March 24. All performances will be held at the Delaware Arts Center's Krause Recital Hall, 37 Main Street in Narrowsburg, NY. Concerts begin at 2 p.m. and admission is \$10.



The Salon Series concerts are meant to be informal and comfortable, with opportunities to chat with the musicians. Brunch is available at several area

restaurants for those who want to make a day of it.

Rick Nestler is a musician, songwriter, and actor. He has appeared at coffeehouses, folk festivals, house concerts and museums across the USA. He has learned some of his most effective performance techniques playing in low waterfront dives and institutions of higher learning from St. Thomas to Toronto, California to New York and everywhere in between. Rick has several albums to his credit. His all-original CD called, "Spending My Days" includes the song, "The River That Flows Both Ways", which has been recorded by Pete Seeger. "Bar Song," another of Rick's tunes, was recently recorded by his old friend, Ray Chesna. Rick has released a CD of some of his favorite western music entitled "Cowboy Up," and his CD, "The Irish in Me," is a collection of his favorite 'songs from the old sod'. <http://www.ricknestler.com>. Rick will share the stage with his wife, Donna, a multi-instrumentalist who also accompanies with vocals.

The Salon Series is sponsored and presented by Delaware Valley Arts Alliance the arts council for Sullivan County, NY. For information or reservations call 845-252-7576 or visit [www.ArtsAllianceSite.org](http://www.ArtsAllianceSite.org).

**The Rest of the Best**

Six of the winning films from the First Annual Art and Soul of the Catskills Film Festival will be screened at the Pine Hill Community Center on Saturday, February 23 at 7 pm. The films were among the 40+ that were submitted to the Festival and shown in Delhi on August 25th. Free will donation.

A recent Pine Hill screening of eight films from the festival drew a large crowd, so Jessica Vecchione, the festival organizer has made the additional films available and will be on hand at the Pine Hill Community Center to introduce the films and to share information about 2013 film workshop series and for the 2014 Festival, now in the planning stages.

The ASCFF accepted submissions from all levels of filmmakers providing they were residents of Delaware, Otsego, Ulster, Green, Chenango and Schoharie Counties, the film was produced in these counties, or the subject of the film centers in these areas.

The films that will be screened in Pine Hill include the full-length feature documentary "The Workshop" by Olivia Briggs that chronicles a production of Shakespeare's "As You Like It" by The Young People's Theater Arts Workshop at The West Kortright Center, a non-profit arts organization in East Meredith, New York. Founded in the 80's this annual summer workshop has blossomed into a multifaceted children's theater haven, giving it's alumni what many remember as some of the best experiences of their lives.

In the film, twenty-nine teenagers embark on a fully staged production of Shakespeare's 'As You Like It', and it is not going to be easy. The lead actress can't memorize her lines, a discontented newcomer wants to abandon the show, the lone rebel is plotting to derail the performance, and the inclement weather is threatening to end their outdoor production before it even begins.

The spirit of the theater prevails despite the challenges they face, and the show does, indeed, go on. The result is a triumphant performance against all odds that proves the transformational nature of the theater and its unique ability to build confidence and bonds that last a lifetime.

Olivia Briggs, producer, co-director, and editor of 'The Workshop', is a New York native, and active member of the West Kortright Centre community for 24 years. An award-winning playwright, screenwriter, and producer, Olivia earned a B.A. with Honors from Oberlin College in Theater before embarking on a career in independent film. She is currently pursuing a master of fine arts degree in Dramatic Writing at NYU Tisch Asia.

Two promotional music videos include "Meet Me At the Bottom" by Jennie Williams and the Blues Band. This video is part of a larger collaborative effort evolving from Williams' interpretation of Howlin' Wolf's blues tune "Meet Me at the Bottom". In her reworking, the common thread of gearing up to run like hell from Trouble that bites at bare feet, laces into a different problem - the woman who must break out of the prisons of abuse and self doubt; and, in a completely different mood, "Five Little Monkeys," from Laurie McIntosh's cd "Groovin' in the Garden." A warning: this reggae inflected version of a familiar tune will stay inside your head for a very long time.

Rounding out the program are three short films, "Childhood" by Nick Noyes, about growing up, asking the question, who is really raising our children, and who are their friends; Mistakes Were Made by Francesca Mirabella, a disturbing film about a young girl in more danger than she knows, and "A View of Burning Empires" by Jared Jones. Taking a minimalist approach to the horror/zombie genre, A View of Burning Empires is told through the perspective of an isolated, unnamed man who arises one morning to find that the devices connecting him to the rest of the world have gone awry. As he ventures out from his mountainside home, he slowly realizes that something much darker, perhaps even cataclysmic, has seemingly engulfed his once quiet neighborhood. Shot in just twelve hours and on a budget of less than 100 dollars, A View of Burning Empires forgoes dialogue in favor of an atmospheric soundtrack/sound-scape to tell its story, all the while leaving many of its own questions open for interpretation. Starring Stephen Walling,

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**The Woodsongs Coffeehouse at the Sullivan County Museum Presents: An Evening with The Sullivan County Songwriters Circle**



Saturday, March 2nd, 2013 from 6-9:00 pm the Woodsongs Coffeehouse at the Sullivan County Museum is pleased to present The Sullivan County Songwriters Circle.

The Sullivan County Songwriters Circle, "SC squared" is a new organization and the brainchild of Callicoon resident Elizabeth Rose. Created in the spirit of Nashville's acclaimed "Bluebird Cafe", "SC squared" is for songwriters to share their songs, craft and influences. Since the first gathering January

24, 2013, "SC squared" is discovering new songwriters from near and far every week. Informal and upbeat, a new community seems to be taking root. It's a safe place to "air out" new songs, faves and works in progress. Unexpected harmonies, guitar solos and harmonica riffs may join the mix here and there. The group meets every Saturday from 3 to 5 pm at The Dancing Cat's Catskill Distilling Company in Bethel, NY. The Catskill Distillery is blessed with superb acoustics and beautiful views, all of which enhance the creative vibe. "SC squared" is free and open to the public. Check out the blog: [www.scsongwriters.wordpress.com](http://www.scsongwriters.wordpress.com).

Elizabeth Rose created The Sullivan County Songwriters Circle as "a vehicle for musical procrastination from her own work as a writer". She is currently hunkered down in Callicoon writing, "Yo Miz", a book about teaching in 25 Manhattan public schools in one wacky year and blogging about the lighter side of American public education at [www.yomizblog.wordpress.com](http://www.yomizblog.wordpress.com). Multi talented and multi dimensional, her television and film credits include PBS, Nickelodeon, Stanley Tucci's "Sex & The Other Man," and she has sung the national anthem at Shea Stadium for the Mets. Check out her web page at: [www.elizabethrosemusic.com](http://www.elizabethrosemusic.com).

Singer songwriters who will be performing include: Brewster Smith, Lucas Rotman, Elizabeth Rose, Carol Smith and Stacy Cohen. Come out and enjoy the talent!

The evening, as always, will open with a performance by the host band Little Sparrow. You can check them out on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Little-Sparrow/106454596069509>

Doors open at 6pm. Pizza, from Frankie and Johnnies, and baked goods and coffee will be available for purchase. Admission is \$5, and this project is made possible in part with funds from the Decentralization Program for Sullivan County, a regrant program of the New York State Council on the Arts, administered by Delaware Valley Arts Alliance. Special thanks to Frankie and Johnnie's italian restaurant of Hurleyville (Nardi's) for their generous sponsorship and great pizza!

The Sullivan County Museum is located at 265 Main Street, Hurleyville, New York. For directions please visit our website <http://www.sullivancountyhistory.org/> or call 845 434-8044 or 845 671-9548.

## Catskill Fly Fishing Center & Museum Celebrates NYS Trout Season Opener with Celebrities on April 6th

Join a spectacular cast: Joan Wulff, Trustee Don Trump Jr and son; actors Rip Torn and Olek Krupa; Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther and hosts the CFFCM Phelan family for a great season opener for the Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum.

The 2013 Trout Season Opener will be held on the heralded Willowemoc Creek of historic Catskill river charmed circle, just upstream from the CFFCM bridge at 9:30 AM.

Following the ceremony, everyone will then return to the Museum for a hot cup of Agnes Van Put's famous soups and socialize in the museum and view the fresh exhibits for 2013. This year's new exhibits will include Canada as the featured international country, NW Pacific Steelhead and their impact on the Great Lakes Fisheries, and Vest Accessories over the years.

At 11:00 AM the first tours of the new Wulff Gallery and the Catskill Rodmakers Workshop will be open for tours until 12:30 PM. At the same time Bamboo Mike Canazon and the Bamboo Crew will host a bamboo rod casting clinic and opportunity to cast out the winter cobwebs.

At 1:00 PM an intimate Fundraising Luncheon will be held in the new building with the morning's Season Opener Casting Crew. Reservations are required.

Due to scheduling, don't be surprised to see some additional members of our casting crew on April 6.

For more information contact: The CFFCM 845-439-4810 and via email: flyfish@catskill.net.

## Sullivan County Visitors Association now has WiFi Available

The Sullivan County Visitors Association now has WiFi available at their offices located on Sullivan Ave. in Ferndale. Visitors to the area can NOW stop in and access the internet as well as browse the Welcome Center for brochures showing all there is to see and do in the county. "This access allows visitors and guests to SCVA for tourism information, stay in touch with home or business or surf the web for deals in the area," stated Roberta Lockwood. "It is our way of showing the visitor we appreciate them by making it easier to access the internet."

The SCVA has also recently launched a new events calendar on their website. This new feature is represented by a calendar highlighting event titles which can be clicked ON to show each event's details and descriptions and Google map location. The calendar affords tourism businesses and event organizers throughout Sullivan County the opportunity to directly enter events while providing our businesses, residents and visitors with a single source comprehensive resource tool.

The calendar is consistently being updated for visitors and residents to readily access all upcoming events and will serve as the authority resource for what to do in the Sullivan County Catskills. It will be linked to Facebook, and businesses can also link directly to the calendar rather than trying to maintain their own calendars.

To view the calendar or to enter an event, go to [www.catskillsocial.com/events](http://www.catskillsocial.com/events) or from the SCVA home page by going to [www.scva.net](http://www.scva.net) and click on the 'events' tab.

For more information or advertising opportunities on these new platforms, please contact the SCVA at 845-747-4449 or 800-882-CAT S.

## Innovation Award Finalists and Keynotes Announced for Nonprofit Leadership Summit 2013

Monticello New York: The Steering Committee of the Nonprofit Leadership Summit 2013 announced the two keynote speakers and three inaugural Nonprofit Innovation Award finalists for this year's event, scheduled for Wednesday, March 6th, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., generously hosted by Bethel Woods Center for the Arts. Nonprofit leaders will address participants at the 2013 Summit, focusing on the theme of strategic leadership through collaboration and innovative thinking.

Key Note Speakers: Greg Berman, director of the Center for Court Innovation and recipient of the national Peter F. Drucker Award for Nonprofit Innovation will present the lunchtime keynote address, "Lessons from the Front Lines of Innovation." Berman is part of the founding team responsible for creating the Center and has helped guide the organization from start-up to an annual budget of more than \$20 million. He is co-author of *Trial & Error in Criminal Justice Reform: Learning from Failure and Good Courts: The Case*

for Problem-Solving Justice. He has contributed chapters to numerous books including Peter Drucker's *Next Management*, *Judicial Politics*, and *Resolving Family Conflicts*. He is a graduate of Wesleyan University and a former Coro Fellow in Public Affairs.

Doug Sauer, Executive Director of New York Council on Nonprofits (NYCON) will kick off the morning with his presentation, "Beyond Collaboration." Sauer has extensive experience developing health and human service collaborations and providing nonprofit assistance and training in strategic planning, board development, personnel, strategic alliances and mergers, and risk management. Under his leadership, NYCON has grown to a membership of more than 3,000 organizations, and is nationally recognized as a leader in building innovative partnerships. Sauer is founder of Innovative Charitable Initiatives, a nonprofit subsidiary providing fiscal sponsorship and employment administration services, and served as a gubernatorial appointee on the NYS National Commission on Community Service. He holds a Masters degree in Social Work from the University of Pittsburgh and a Bachelor's degree from the University at Albany.

"My fellow Summit Co-Chairs, Amanda Langseder, Karen Van Houten Minogue and I are thrilled to present such exemplary nonprofit leaders as speakers for this year's Summit," said Linda C. Hartley, president of Hartley Consulting, Inc. "The Summit aims to encourage collaborative partnerships and innovative thinking to generate both greater philanthropic support and social impact within the context of the new economic reality. Our keynote speakers clearly align with this larger purpose. Doug Sauer and Greg Berman will share insights and expertise that will engage and inspire all of us on March 6." The Summit will also offer seminars and workshops on topics such as organizational assessment, marketing and social media, fundraising, succession planning, and volunteer recruitment.

Innovation Award Finalists: Summit Vice Chair Glenn Pontier thanked award subcommittee members Wade Lawrence, Kathy Kreiter, Ramsay Adams, and Evadne Giannini for developing the award criteria and screening the first group of applicants.

Pontier was pleased to announce the three finalists: Crystal Run Village for its program "New Lives New Directions"; Community Reporting Alliance, for a youth-run community newspaper; and Rural & Migrant Ministry-Youth Economic Group for a business model on entrepreneurship.

This year's Summit launches the first Nonprofit Innovation Awards with three finalists who will present their projects to the Summit audience and three judges, all of whom reside outside of Sullivan County. The judges will then select a first place \$5,000 winner and two \$500 runners up.

The Summit Co-Chairs advised those interested in attending to register early. The first two annual nonprofit summits sold out early. Tickets with breakfast, lunch and afternoon networking reception are \$40.

To register to attend the 2013 Nonprofit Leadership Summit contact Amanda Langseder at Cornell Cooperative Extension, Sullivan County at 845-292-6180 [ags97@cornell.edu](mailto:ags97@cornell.edu).

For additional information or interviews with members of the Nonprofit Leadership Summit Steering Committee, please contact Vice Chair for Communications Kaytee Warren at 845-794-1771 [unitedwaysullivan@verizon.net](mailto:unitedwaysullivan@verizon.net).

## Standing up for the Working Class People

### Cahill Applauds Assembly Adoption of President Obama's Minimum Wage Proposal

(Albany, New York) During his Tuesday State of the Union address, President Obama announced his support of increasing to increase the minimum wage to \$9.00 an hour in 2014. This week, New York State Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver amended his minimum wage legislation, which previously would have raised statutory minimum to \$8.50, to match the Presidents' higher target.

"I applaud the Speaker for acting quickly and aligning with the President on this issue," said Assemblymember Cahill, "The last time we acted to significantly adjust the minimum wage was in 2007. Over the past five years, New York's minimum wage has only increased 10 cents per hour, which is not enough for full-time workers earning the lowest amount legally allowed to survive."

According to the National Employment Law Project, in studies that span almost two decades, employment levels before and after minimum wage increases have found that higher wage floors did not lead to job loss, even during periods of high

unemployment. In fact, states with higher minimum wages also report faster job growth.

"A person who works full time at minimum wage in New York barley makes \$15,000 a year. For a single parent with two children this is over \$4,000 dollars below the federally calculated poverty line," said Assemblymember Cahill. "That society allows people to work for 40 hours a week but still earn less than can sustain their families, is deplorable. Raising the minimum wage will help working people to pull themselves out of poverty."

"I am pleased that the New York State Assembly is stepping up to the plate with the increase of the minimum wage, thanks to the noble effort of Assemblymembers such as our own Kevin Cahill. It may not be a 'living wage,' but it is a start. The result will help the low end wage earners without affecting businesses like Woodstock Chimes that have been paying well over the minimum wage since its inception in 1979," said Garry Kvistad, Founder and Owner of Woodstock Percussion Inc.

Eighteen states, including neighboring Connecticut, Massachusetts and Vermont currently set minimum levels higher than New York. The plan would also call for annual adjustments tied to inflation, so that New Yorkers will no longer have endure a lag time between increases in the price of goods and the legislative action it takes to raise their wages.

"In addition to increased wages, it is important that the New York State strictly enforce current wage laws. Whether it is a malicious employer who unlawfully deducts from an employees paycheck or the hire of a person desperate enough to work for less than they are legally entitled, it is our job to ensure that the current wage of \$7.25 an hour is enforced."

Click the link below to watch Assemblymember Cahill speak on the floor of the Assembly during last year's vote on a minimum wage increase to \$8.50. <http://assembly.state.ny.us/mem/Kevin-A-Cahill/media/>

## Governor Cuomo Delays Fracking Decision -Department of Health Commissioner Dr. Shaw says he needs more time to complete health review forcing the Dept. of Environmental Conservation to miss key deadline

In an incredible victory for Mountainkeeper and activists across New York State - Dr. Shaw, the State Department of Health Commissioner sent a letter to Department of Environmental Conservation Commissioner Joe Martens stating: "As we have been reviewing the scope of these studies, I have determined -- and prudence dictates -- that the DOH Public Health Review will require additional time to complete based on the complexity of the issues. My team and I will be in Pennsylvania and Washington in the coming days for first-hand briefings on these studies and their progress, which will assist in informing the New York review. I have also extended the term of the DOH outside expert researchers to continue to assist my review. I anticipate delivering the completed Public Health Review to you within a few weeks, along with my recommendations." Read the entire letter here.

In response Commissioner Martens issued a press release stating:

"Commissioner Shah advised me today that the Public Health Review of the Supplemental Generic Environmental Impact Statement (SGEIS) of high-volume hydraulic fracturing is still on-going. The Department of Health's (DOH) Public Health Review, which was undertaken at my request, is important to our consideration of high-volume hydraulic fracturing and I will not issue a final SGEIS until that review is complete and I have received Dr. Shah's recommendations. He has indicated he expects his review to be complete in a few weeks after he has had an opportunity to review recent studies underway which are pertinent to the evaluation of high-volume hydraulic fracturing impacts on public health." According to Dr. Kathleen Nolan, MD, MSL, Catskill Mountainkeeper's High Peaks Regional Director: "As Mountainkeeper has long recommended, Dr. Shaw is wisely taking the time to come to a careful decision about what needs to happen to protect New York from the harmful effects of fracking. We hope that his future plans include a call for a rigorous, comprehensive, open and participatory Health Impact Assessment that will define and quantify the full range of health hazards involved in the production and distribution of natural gas."

Catskill Mountainkeeper commends the Governor, Commissioner Shaw and Commissioner Martens on their decision to take the prudent approach to this very controversial issue by proceeding with the utmost caution. We hope that the DOH and the DEC will continue to recognize the need for more in depth study of this dangerous practice.

## DiNapoli: Growth of Local Sales Tax Collections Slows

Local sales tax collections in New York grew by \$450 million in 2012, an increase of only 3.3 percent from 2011, according to a report issued today by State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli. New York City had a slightly better growth rate of 3.5 percent.

DiNapoli's report found sales tax collections have fluctuated significantly since the Great Recession in 2008 and 2009. For example, in 2009, local governments collected 6 percent less in taxes than in the prior year. In 2010, sales tax collections rebounded and increased 10 percent. In 2011, however, the growth rate was halved to 5 percent.

"The trends are pointing in the wrong direction," said DiNapoli. "Communities across this state continue to feel the aftershocks of the Great Recession. The sluggish growth in sales tax revenues is now adding additional pressure to already strained local budgets."

In recent years, an increasing number of counties, cities and towns have been relying more heavily on sales tax to finance local operations. Because sales tax revenues vary and are often lower during tough economic times, this dependency can strain local budgets if sales tax revenues come in lower than projected.

DiNapoli said growth rates in collections declined steadily in 2012. During the fourth quarter of 2011, collections grew 6 percent. By the first quarter of 2012, that growth diminished to 5.1 percent. The downward trend continued in the second quarter (4.2 percent), the third quarter (2.4 percent) and the fourth quarter (1.6 percent). In fact, fourth quarter growth in 2012 was the lowest since the first quarter of 2010 (1.3 percent).

DiNapoli's report also found slower growth in local sales tax collections for two regions in New York can be attributed to the immediate economic effects of storm recovery. Collections in the southern tier were boosted in 2011 by purchases related to recovery from Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee, and the 2012 decline reflects a post-recovery slowdown of sales. Likewise, Long Island's 1.1 percent growth in the fourth quarter of 2012 was depressed by the immediate economic effects of Hurricane Sandy. Simulative effects from the recovery are expected to more fully appear in the early quarters of 2013.

Additional findings in the report include:

- The 15-year average annual growth rate in sales tax revenue is 4.4 percent;
- Sales tax collections grew in every region of the state during 2012. The strongest growth was in central New York and the North Country at 4.3 percent. The weakest growth was in western New York (2.5 percent).
- Four counties in New York had decreased sales tax collections in 2012 - Chemung (-1.8 percent); Schuyler (-1.8); Essex (-0.4) and Schoharie (-0.3);
- Since 2001, counties' overall reliance on sales tax revenue grew from 23 percent of total revenues to 32 percent; and
- The state Legislature has not approved a county sales tax increase since 2010.

For a copy of the report visit:

[http://www.osc.state.ny.us/localgov/pubs/research/sna\\_pshot/localsalestax0213.pdf](http://www.osc.state.ny.us/localgov/pubs/research/sna_pshot/localsalestax0213.pdf)

In the coming months, DiNapoli will issue fiscal profiles on select cities across the state to further inform officials and citizens on some of the unique environmental and systemic pressures facing New York's cities. As part of this effort, DiNapoli will also release in-depth reports on some of the issues that contribute to the financial pressures on local governments.

DiNapoli's office recently finalized details of a new fiscal monitoring system that will calculate and publicize an overall score of fiscal stress for municipalities and school district across the state. The 'early warning' system will identify those headed toward fiscal crisis and give local officials and the public greater opportunity to consider options for turning things around.

## Schneiderman Announces \$1.9 Million for YS in Multi-State Settlement over Robo-signing Practices -Lender Processing Services, Inc. And Its Subsidiaries Will Reform Their Business Practices And Pay Costs And Fees -Schneiderman: Unethical Business Practices That Harm Homeowners Will Not Be Tolerated

Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman today announced a multi-state settlement with Lender Processing Services, Inc. and its subsidiaries, LPS Default Solutions and DocX to resolve claims of unlawful foreclosure practices, including robo-signing. The \$121 million settlement, reached by New York, 44 other states and the District of Columbia, will require LPS and its subsidiaries to reform their business practices and, if necessary, to correct documents it improperly executed that harmed homeowners. New York's share of the settlement is approximately \$1.9 million. The states on this investigation's executive committee are Florida, Illinois, Arizona, California, Connecticut,

Iowa, North Carolina, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Texas and Washington.

"Lender Processing Services, Inc., LPS Default Solutions and DocX cut corners in order to maximize their profits," said Attorney General Schneiderman. "My office will pursue any company that generates false or robo-signed documents that are used to foreclose on New York homeowners." The proposed consent judgment resolves allegations that the Jacksonville-based company "robo-signed" documents and engaged in other improper conduct related to mortgage loan default servicing. LPS Default Solutions and DocX primarily provide technological support to banks and mortgage loan servicers. Among other things, the settlement prohibits signature by unauthorized persons or those without first-hand knowledge of the facts attested to in filed documents, enhances oversight of the default services provided, and requires review of all third-party fees to ensure that the fees have been earned and are reasonable and accurate. The settlement also accomplishes the following:

- Prohibits LPS (including DOCX) from engaging in the practice of "surrogate signing" of documents;
- Ensures that LPS has proper authority to sign documents on behalf of a servicer, if in fact it is signing documents;
- Requires LPS to accurately identify the authority that the signer has to execute the document and where that signer is employed;
- Prohibits LPS from notarizing documents outside the presence of a notary and ensures that notarizations will comply with applicable laws;
- Prohibits LPS from improperly interfering with the attorney-client relationship between attorneys and servicers;
- Prohibits LPS from incentivizing or promoting attorney speed or volume to the detriment of accuracy;
- Requires LPS to ensure that foreclosure and bankruptcy counsel or trustees can communicate directly with the servicer;
- Requires LPS to have enhanced oversight and review of processes over third parties it manages, including those entities that perform property preservation services;
- Prohibits LPS from imposing unreasonable mark-ups or other fees on third party providers' default or foreclosure-related services;
- Requires LPS to establish and maintain a toll-free phone number for consumers concerning document execution and property preservation services (including winterization, inspection, preservation, and maintenance); and
- Requires LPS to modify mortgage documents that require remediation when LPS has legal authority to do so and when reasonably necessary to assist a consumer or when required by state or local laws.

In the settlement, LPS stipulates to important facts uncovered in the investigation, including the practice by DocX of so-called "surrogate signing," the signing of documents by an unauthorized person in the name of another and notarizing those documents as if they had been signed by the proper person. Once the judgment is entered by the courts, LPS will undertake a review of documents executed during the period of January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2010 to determine what documents, if any, need to be re-executed or corrected. If LPS is authorized to make the corrections, it will do so and will make periodic reports to the Attorney General of the status of its review and/or modification of documents. Consumers may also call the LPS toll-free number and request review and correction of any documents executed by LPS at any time. In addition to New York, the following states joined in today's settlement: Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Mississippi, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming, and the District of Columbia.

This case was handled by Assistant Attorney General Adam Cohen under the supervision of the Consumer Frauds and Protection Bureau Chief Jane Azia and Executive Deputy Attorney General for Economic Justice Karla G. Sanchez.

## POLITICAL SLANT By Frank Comando

### IS THE SAFE ACT WARRANTED?

Do not take away my freedoms because of your fears. Address the real killers, political opportunists who approve motion pictures like "Hanna" that makes a hero out of a child assassin; "Dexter," a policeman and keeper of the law is treated as a hero-her murderer people and doesn't consider due process of law. Many other films that personify lawlessness, and un-acceptable behavior should have appropriate ratings.

One of the real culprits of violence against children is bullying that emotionally infuriates a child to violence or self-destruction.

Some of us must be mistaken, ignorant, or irrational to take away our freedoms at a time like this. Yes, even our right of freedom of expression with out redress is under attack. The use of sex crimes against political opponents are ludicrous when the information that is used is unproven and only supported by rumor and innuendo, convicts people without trial.

Corrupt judges and lawyers that are involved in the illegal distribution of court and CPS documents should be questioned.

These documents and recording that are obtained by illegal investigations are coupled by laws that are purposely changed to convict political adversaries of crimes they never committed.

Getting rid of political opponents in this manner is an obscenity to the basis of our judicial system. These actions make a mockery of our laws and our Democracy.

We must protect our freedoms along with the lawful ownership of weapons. These rights are needed to protect our children and us at a time when terrorists are attacking this nation. There is a video of men running away from the school shooting in Newton Connecticut where this unfortunate tragedy took place provoking questions.

Perhaps this young boy did the shooting and maybe not? Maybe some one or a group of men killed this young man and his family.

I would not think like this, if there weren't constant seemingly unending questions of conspiracy. For example, a text message in the Oklahoma bombing stated that the ATF workers should not go to work that day, YET MANY CHILDREN WERE MURDERED. In the first news reports from Oklahoma were that the bomb squad was removing more bombs from the basement.

Then came the media cover-up that there was only one truck outside that had explosives. Who was the gentleman who was on the surveillance tape with McVeigh that walking around the truck?

Many also question the lone gunman theory that states that Oswald ("Maggie- draws shooter") was the only person that killed President John Kennedy.

More evidence came out years later, when a Polaroid photo showed three men on the top of the grassy knoll with "Badge-man" as he is called. A man in a police uniform was kneeling, aiming a high powered rifle with a telescopic sight. Next to "Badge-man," standing, were two men; one in a business suit, the other in railroad-style coveralls, both wore hard hats.

Then came the shooting of Oswald by Jack Ruby in a police station. Jack Ruby was a nightclub owner and a bagman for organized crime, who in 1959, had been sent to Cuba with a suitcase containing 1-million dollars to get an organized crime figure out of Castro's prison.

There were other events that were also suspicious such as the Colorado shooting, ect.

Then came the Twin Towers tragedy. 3000 people died showing the ruthlessness of these people. My personal loss as result of this terrorism was the death of my forty-five year old niece a stockbroker. The Twin Towers, a buildings that world architects stated would never come down by fire; even a fire fueled by aviation gas. The buildings had to be imploded. Were there any conspiracy theories before the creation of the UN, the police force of New World Order? Do you recall George Bush, at his inauguration stating, "We are entering an era of a New World Order."

Supporting a one world government at the expense of the destruction of democracy is treason to me. Going back further, his father committed treason in 1942, when Prescott Bush sold steel to the Nazis. He was fined \$1,000,000.00.

Hitler and the Nazis (Members of the National Socialist German Workers' Party, and members of an organization with similar ideology; derogatory people who hold and act brutally in accordance with extreme racist or authoritarian views). They also took the guns away from the people before they committed their atrocities. Are we trading democracy for feudalism? Is this why we need gun control?

Write your elected officials in support of the Second Amendment.

A special note from Chris Mathews states that the Town of Neversink Town Board passed a resolution in support of the 2nd Amendment last Wednesday night. Thank you.

A thank you to the Town of Shandaken Town Board for supporting the 2nd Amendment.

A thank you to the Ulster County Legislature for supporting the 2nd Amendment.

In an late interview with the Town of Denning Supervisor, Bill Bruning, he has assured me that the Town of Denning Town Board at its next meeting will pass a resolution in support of the 2nd Amendment

A big "thank you" to an aware group of politicians that love America.

**This space is also for you;**

To have your comments and/or questions, space allowing, and townsman guidelines adhered to, as listed in the masthead, Email [politicalslant@yahoo.com](mailto:politicalslant@yahoo.com)

**The American Red Cross and ERH Community Blood Drive**

The American Red Cross and Ellenville Regional Hospital will join together for a community blood drive on Friday, March 8, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Ellenville Regional Hospital at 10 Healthy Way. The Red Cross blood drive will take place in a traveling donor center outside of the hospital in their parking lot.

March is Red Cross Month. You can be a Red Cross everyday hero when you help save lives by donating blood, volunteering or taking a lifesaving skills class. The Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides emotional support to victims of disasters; supplies more than 40 percent of the nation's blood; teaches skills that save lives; provides international humanitarian aid; and supports military members and their families.

Local blood donors are needed all year round to ensure the blood supply stays strong. Approximately every two seconds a patient in the United States needs blood. That's why your blood donation through the Red Cross is so important. Your blood donation can help save the life of a real person in our community. Blood is an essential component for patient care in area hospitals, and the only source of blood is a healthy, volunteer blood donor. It truly is the blood on the shelves today that helps save lives tomorrow.

To celebrate Red Cross Month, all presenting donors will have the opportunity to win an Emergency Preparedness Kit from the American Red Cross. One kit will be given away every day for the entire month of March.\* Walk-ins are always welcome, but donors are encouraged to schedule an appointment in advance by calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or by visiting [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org).

About the American Red Cross:

The American Red Cross has been a primary supplier of lifesaving blood products in the United States for more than 50 years. Eligible volunteer blood donors are asked to please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) to find a blood drive and to make appointments. Individuals who are 17 years of age (16 with parental permission in New York State), meet weight and height requirements (110 pounds or more, depending on their height) and are in generally good health may be eligible to give blood. Please bring your Red Cross blood donor card or other form of positive ID when you come to donate.

\*prizes nontransferable and not redeemable for cash

**Gillibrand Statement on Presidents State of the Union Address**

Washington, D.C. - U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand issued the following statement tonight after President Obama delivered his State of the Union address:

"In his second inaugural address from the Capitol steps last month, President Obama gave an inspiring speech laying out his vision for moving our nation forward based on our founding principles of equality, fairness and opportunity for every single American. Tonight, the President presented a clear plan to lead us there that Congress must take action on, starting with focusing on middle class families who are finding it harder and harder to get by. "For too long, Congress has let the smallness of its politics keep us from solving our greatest challenges - all at the expense of middle class families and small businesses. I am hopeful that with a fresh start, we can leave the partisan gridlock and gamesmanship behind us, build consensus around the common, core values that unite us, and do our part to help create new jobs. "America is home to the brightest minds and hardest workers, everything it takes to grow our economy and compete in the global marketplace. It's time now to produce the will to harness our full potential. When we do, nothing can stop us from equipping our children with the education to lead us in the new economy, sparking new innova-

tion and stamping more products with the words 'Made in America,' all while ending the scourge of gun violence and finishing the journey to full equality, justice and fairness for everyone pursuing the American Dream. "Tonight, the President called on Congress to act on bipartisan common sense ideas and for the American people to hold us accountable. It is clear the American people are demanding action on a balanced approach to the economy and putting the middle class first. They are demanding action on finally moving forward with common sense legislation to reduce gun violence, create a new accountable immigration system with an earned path to citizenship and a commitment to clean energy. These should not be Democratic or Republican ideas, they are simply the right ideas, and I look forward to working with my colleagues across the aisle in the weeks and months ahead."

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**LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES****PLEASE TAKE NOTICE**

The Town of Denning PLANNING BOARD will hold a PUBLIC HEARING on the Application for "SPECIAL PERMIT" issued to the Blue Hill Lodge and Café (Tomina LLC) for the purpose of manufacturing beer in a Micro-Brewery located on their commercial site at 1467 Denning Road, Claryville, NY 12725.

SAID hearing will take place at the Claryville Fire House Community Hall, 1500 Denning Road, Claryville, NY 12725 on Saturday, February 23, 2013 scheduled to begin at 10:00 AM. At said time any and all interested person(s) will be heard.

For further information please contact the Planning Board at 1567 Denning Road, Claryville, NY 12725 during normal business hours or by calling 985-2411 for further information.

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

2/7, 2/14/13

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that March 1, 2013 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, Monday thru Thursday 8:30 PM - 4:30 PM.

2/14, 2/21/13

**LEGAL NOTICE  
BIDS REQUESTED**

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

- 2013 OR NEWER MEDIUM DUTY TWO WHEEL DRIVE DUAL WHEEL CREW CAB AND CHASSIS
- NEW DETACHABLE BODY SYSTEM WITH BODIES AND INSTALLATION TO NEW TOWN OWNED CHASSIS

Specifications for the above two items may be obtained at the office of the Town Clerk, 273 Main Street, Grahamsville, NY during regular office hours of 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays, 845-985-2262 X-307.

All bids must be in the hands of the Town Clerk at the above mentioned address no later than 2:00 pm on Monday, March 11, 2013 at which time or as reasonably soon thereafter all bids will be publicly opened and read.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD,  
TOWN OF NEVERSINK  
LISA GARIGLIANO, TOWN CLERK  
DATED: FEBRUARY 15, 2013

**TRI-VALLEY CENTRAL  
SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 21, 2013 at 7:00pm in the Secondary School Library Lower Level.

DEP to Begin Removing Fallen and Weakened Trees Around Kensico Reservoir -Project will r, or

**The Hudson Valley - Celebrates Its Women! March is Women's History Month**

Fifty years ago The Feminine Mystique was published, heralding the start of the Feminist Movement and forever changing the lives of women. It was written by Hudson Valley resident Betty Friedan. Throughout the centuries, women have had a marked impact not only on the history of the valley, but on the history of America. Here are just a few of those from the Hudson Valley who made a difference for all of us.

Martha Washington's residency at Hasbrouck House in Newburgh was her longest stay anywhere during the Revolutionary War. Now known as Washington's Headquarters, the charming stone house overlooking the Hudson River was where she was hostess to visiting dignitaries and her own friends. The complex has a fascinating new exhibit of items used during her tenure. The war also had feminine firebrands who acted in the name of the patriots. Sybil Ludington is recognized as one of the most heroic women of the Revolution. In April 1777 at age 16, Sybil rode 40 miles on a rainy night to warn Washington's troops of an impending British attack. Historical markers tracing her route can be found throughout eastern Putnam County, and sculptor Anna Huntington's commemoration of Sybil's ride rests at a public park on the shore of Lake Gleneida in Carmel.

Hard times frequently brought forth women leaders, even in the early 1800's when slavery was not just relegated to the Deep South. Here in the Mid-Hudson a slave by the name of Isabella escaped from her master and in 1843 chose the name Sojourner Truth. She became a forceful advocate of Civil Rights and Women's Rights, speaking throughout the country. Follow the Sojourner Truth Freedom Trail from West Park to trace the amazing legacy of this former slave who could neither read nor write. Despite the slave owners in the Hudson Valley, the Underground Railroad ran through the region carrying hundreds of slaves north to freedom. Harriet Tubman is perhaps the best known woman conductor, always traveling at night to and from the southern states, guided by the North Star. Her route took her through Nyack where a marker on Route 59 commemorates one of the secret stopping places that Tubman used along the way.

At the same time the Underground Railroad traversed the region's territory, another movement was underway to document its landscape. Thomas Cole, founder of the Hudson River School of Painters, lived in Catskill where you can visit his home. Women may have been educated in the arts in the 19th century, but the profession of artist was the sole domain of men. Undaunted, women like Cole's sister Sarah and her daughter Emily painted in the style of the Hudson River School, creating unsung works that could easily be mistaken for those painted by their male counterparts. Emma Willard felt that women's education should go far beyond just the arts. She opened her namesake school in 1812 to ensure that girls received the same education as boys. From February 22nd through March 29th, the Rensselaer County Historical Society in Troy celebrates the Emma Willard School's bicentennial with photographs and artifacts in an exhibit called "Wrought with Steadfast Will." Two hundred years later, the school is still inspiring and educating young women.

From artists to educators to poets, the Hudson Valley inspired many women to be the best that they could be. Edna St. Vincent Millay ranks today as a major figure in 20th-century American literature. The legacy of this Pulitzer Prize-winning poet is found at her historic home, Steepletop, in the town of Austerlitz. Both the house and gardens are open for tours, and stellar poetry events take place at the estate from May through October. Houses belonging to notable women are scattered throughout the Hudson Valley. One of these is the Villa Lewaro in Irvington, home of Madam C.J. Walker. Completed in 1918, the Italianate villa was built for Mrs. Walker, the first African-American female to be a self-made millionaire. The home is now privately owned, but is part of Westchester's African American Heritage Trail.

Probably the most famous woman the Governor's Mansion in Albany has housed is Eleanor Roosevelt. When Franklin Delano Roosevelt became governor in 1929, Eleanor began a lifelong fascination with politics. She spent hours at the Capitol Building watching the legislature in action, an education that contributed greatly to her own rise as an inspirational leader to our nation. Today the mansion is open for tours even as it functions as the current home for New York State's governor. When Eleanor needed time to herself, she'd retreat to Val-Kill, her personal home in Hyde Park. The only national historic site to be dedicated to a first lady, it's here that she pursued social and political interests that resulted in her becoming one of the most influential first ladies ever.

The history of the Hudson Valley and the nation undoubtedly would have been altered without these women. Feminists before their time, their fascinating histories are revealed throughout the region. March is Women's History Month, but the lives of these important ladies can be celebrated all year with visits to the places they helped make famous.

Additional information can be obtained from the Hudson Valley Tourism web site at [www.travelhudsonvalley.com](http://www.travelhudsonvalley.com). Hudson Valley Tourism, Inc. is the 10-county region designated by I LOVE NEW YORK to promote tourism for the area. Counties include Albany, Columbia, Dutchess, Greene, Orange, Putnam, Rensselaer, Rockland, Ulster and Westchester. Regional information can be obtained from any of the county tourism offices, or by calling 845-615-3860.

**Pageant Penny Social**

LIBERTY--The Sullivan County International 2012 title holders will host a Penny Social to benefit Sullivan County Veterans on March 2 at 4 p.m. in the Liberty Firehouse social room.

This Social is just part of the Sullivan County Pageant system which truly values and believes in giving back to ones in their community.

Calling will begin at 6 p.m.. Admission is \$2.

The Social will include raffles, food and face painting.

The "She's Gone Country" Pageant will be held this year on Saturday, March 30 at 1 p.m. at the Villa Roma Resort with a portion of the proceeds being donated to the Sullivan County United Way.

**UC Sheriff Teams up with Keith Bennett's Karate Academy to Offer Women Valuable Personal Safety and Self-Defense Skills**

Kingston, NY - The Ulster County Sheriff's Office, under the direction of Sheriff Paul J. VanBlarcum, has teamed up with Keith Bennett's Karate Academy (KBKA), one of the most highly-regarded self-defense schools in the region, to offer a special, 2-hour Women's Self-Defense and Safety Workshop. This unique event will be held on Saturday, February 23, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Ulster County Law Enforcement Center, 380 Boulevard, in Kingston, New York. The workshop is available to all women who reside in Ulster County. No prior self-defense training is required, and admission is free. Advance reservations are required and can be made by calling 845-340-3590.

"This workshop is not designed to be a substitute for more formal and extended martial arts training. It's an opportunity for women to learn some valuable life skills that can help women avoid potentially dangerous situations and know what to do should they find themselves in difficult circumstances. The skills available in this workshop can help keep people safe and help us be more effective in protecting our community," said Sheriff VanBlarcum.

"This program is perfect for women who may be nervous or ill at ease about taking martial arts classes, which require more commitment. This workshop offers a low stress environment where women can come together to enjoy physical activity, learn how to be more aware of their surroundings and enhance their self-confidence and personal safety," said Keith Bennett, Owner and Director of KBKA.

**God of Carnage to be Performed at the Beacon**

The Beacon Theatre, the performance hall celebrating its 79th year on historic Main Street, welcomes God of Carnage from its house theatre company, the acclaimed 4th Wall Productions. 4th Wall will be presenting the Tony Award winning play for a two week run starting February 22nd.

Written by Yasmina Reza and directed by Kathy Ceng, God of Carnage centers around a playground altercation between eleven-year-old boys that brings together two sets of Brooklyn parents for a meeting to resolve the matter. At first, diplomatic niceties are observed, but as the meeting progresses, and the rum flows, tensions emerge and the gloves come off, leaving the couples with more than just their liberal principles in tatters.

God of Carnage is Reza's other Broadway hit having also written Art which 4th Wall Productions produced to rave reviews in 2012 and it is the company's latest show since the hit For Colored Girls Who Considered Suicide When the Rainbow is Enuf played to sold-out crowds back in January.

Performances for God of Carnage will be from February 22nd to March 3rd with Friday and Saturdays performances at 8PM and Sunday matinees at 3PM. Doors open one half hour before the start of the performances. Patrons are encouraged to purchase their tickets online at The Beacon - God of Carnage to guarantee availability.



