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LOVE YOUR LIBRARY ?

Come out and support it at the Shandaken Planning Board Public Hearing.

On Wednesday, March 13, 2013 at 7pm there will be a Planning Board Public Hearing at the Shandaken Town Hall, Route 28

To all our Shandaken Neighbors, we are happy to announce that the Shandaken Zoning Board approved the Phoenicia Library Re-Build on Main Street on December 19, 2012. Now, before construction can begin, the Shandaken Planning Board must vote on our proposed plans.

A public hearing has been scheduled by the Planning Board on Wed. March 13, 2013 at 7 pm. Please come show the Shandaken Planning Board that you support the library Re-Building Plans.

Your letters and presence are very important!

Facts: Phoenicia Library use has gone up 80% in the last 10 years; Our Main Street address is the preferred re-build site in a citizen survey; Our library is currently half the recommended size for a town of Shandaken's population

The Re-Build Plan includes a modest 24 foot addition including a children's room and a community meeting room, with ADA access For pictures and more info, go to www.phoenicalibrary.org

Please try to attend the meeting, speak and send letters directly to the planning board with an extra copy of your letter to the Phoenicia Library. Thank you!

Planning Board: P.O. Box 67, Shandaken NY 12480 Email: PBShandaken@yahoo.com and/or Phoenicia Library: P.O. Box 555, Phoenicia NY 12464 Email: director@phoenicalibrary.org

Fran Fuller Retires from Renaissance Position



How many communities can boast that they bring their garbage and recyclables to a beautiful transfer station? Thanks to Fran Fuller, Neversink residents have been greeted at our transfer station for the past thirteen years by an immaculately maintained garden boasting a variety of annual and perennial flowers. Fran stepped forth in the first year of Neversink Renaissance and volunteered to care for the newly created terraced garden that boarder the retaining wall along the transfer station's front entrance. She has faithfully, planted, weeded, and watered these gardens for the past thirteen years. She has said, "Now that I have turned 80, it is time to turn this garden over to someone else".

Neversink Renaissance sincerely appreciates the dedication that Fran has displayed over these years and wishes her the very best in her "retirement". Fran has said that we will be able to continue to enjoy her lovely roadside gardens along Route 42.

If you have enjoyed this beautiful garden over the years, perhaps you are inspired to continue its beauty. Neversink Renaissance has a number of gardening and landscaping opportunities available for the coming year. If you would like to learn more, please call Dave and Phyllis Moore at 985-2746.

Denning Planning Board to Weigh Input on Proposed Blue Hill Lodge Microbrewery



General contractor, Tom Matthews presented a slide show and explained the progressive expansion of Blue Hill Lodge and Cafe over the years and the overall improvements to the property, as well as this new and final project, the addition to the Art Gallery and Events Center.

Over 35 members of the Claryville community and neighbors gathered at the Claryville Fire House on Saturday morning, for a public hearing held by the Town of Denning Planning Board on the proposed Micro Brewery that is expected to be installed on the Blue Hill Lodge property located on Denning Road in Claryville.

Owner, Frank Nicoletti, answered questions and explained to the public his plans for the small microbrewery that will be installed in the already approved addition to the Art Gallery and Event Center on the property. The microbrewery, a small scaled brewery, potentially would produce up to 32 barrels of beer in a month during four 90-minute processes. (Contd. Pg. 3)

SC Welcomes New Social Host Law



Effective, January 1, 2013, Sullivan County, New York, has a social host law on the books. This, in large part, is due to the efforts of the Recovery Center, in Monticello, working in conjunction with the Sullivan County CareCorps Coalition. Together they have striven diligently to fight against under-age drinking. (Contd. Pg. 3)

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ON THE FRONT BURNER: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. We bless you from the house of the Lord
Psalm 118:26

OBITUARY

Sarah "Sally" Rose Trksak, 95, of Manville, NJ, formerly Grahamsville, NY, entered into eternal life on Friday, February 22, 2013 at her son's home with her loving family by her side.

Born in Brooklyn, NY, daughter of the late William and Sara (Carney) McDonald, she was formerly of Levittown, NY and Grahamsville, NY and for the past five years has lived with her son, Ralph and daughter-in-law, Christine in Manville, NJ.

Sally was an avid sewer and baker. She often sewed for neighbors and would make some type of dessert for family every day. Sally would love to have "happy hour" with friends or family, sharing her favorite Wild Irish Rose wine.

For the past four years, Sally attended the Somerset County Adult Day Center where she enjoyed the cooking club.

She relied on God in every situation and prayed the rosary faithfully. She was a communicant of Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church in Manville and formerly the Church of the Immaculate Conception in Woodbourne, NY.

She was a member of the Wantagh-Levittown Volunteer Ambulance Corps. Always loving and smiling, Sally's favorite quote to live by was "do all the good you can for all the people you can..."

Besides her parents, Sally was predeceased by her husband, George Trksak in 1989; son, William Trksak; grandson, Jonathan Futterer; son-in-law, Edward Federowicz; and daughter-in-law, Carol Trksak.

Sally was devoted to her children and family: Anne Marie Federowicz of Florida; George Trksak, Bernadette / Hans Futterer and John Trksak / Michelle DeVeau of New York; Ralph / Christine Trksak and Constance / Handy Tawfick of New Jersey.

A funeral liturgy was held on Tuesday, February 26th at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Woodbourne, NY. Interment followed at Grahamsville Cemetery, Grahamsville, NY.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to one of the following: Somerset County Adult Day Center, 872 East Main Street, Bridgewater, NJ 08807; Church of the Immaculate Conception, 6317 Route 42, Woodbourne, NY 12788; Community Care Hospice, 110 West End Avenue, Somerville, NJ 08876; Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church, PO Box 924, Manville, NJ 08835.

Days of Yore...

...Today's History

March 4, 1953 - Mrs. George Maybury was the honored guest at a bridal shower held at the home of Mrs. Oscar Doughty last Tuesday evening. Mrs. Maybury is the former Gloria Sotille and is a teacher at the Tri Valley School.

Although work on the Frazier Davis contract to build the Neversink tunnel will probably not be entirely completed until late this year, it is probable that water from the Neversink River will be running through the tunnel and that Central Hudson will start generating power in its new hydro electric plant at Grahamsville sometime this spring. It is believed that Central Hudson will mark the occasion of this expansion of its facilities with appropriate ceremonies and the presentation of a booklet commemorating it to their patrons.

March 6, 1963 - The Commission of Christian Social Concerns of the Grahamsville Methodist Church is sponsoring a "Senior Citizens Club" for Grahamsville and the surrounding area. The Club is for those ladies and gentlemen who are retired, semi-retired and some of the older folks who are still active.

Mr. and Mrs. William Decker are the parents of a daughter, Wendy Lyn, born at the Liberty Loomis Hospital on Wednesday, February 27th. Wendy Lyn weighed 7 lbs. 12 oz. Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Allison are the maternal grandparents and Mr. and Mrs. Ted Decker are the paternal grandparents.

Congratulations to Mrs. Ann Higgins who has one of her paintings, "Rondout Creek" on display in the lobby of the New York State Assembly in Albany. Mr. Manville Wakefield

also has two paintings on exhibit there.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Lievre held open house for their son, Airman 3rd Class, James Lievre on Sunday. Jim is due to report back to Langley Air Force Base in Virginia on Thursday.

February 28, 1973 - Kathryn M. Hulse and Elton E. Hynson were married January 12th at the Hebron Baptist Church in Brokenburg, Virginia, the Rev. John Reynolds officiating. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Odd Amundsen of Grahamsville and the late Donald Hulse. Her husband is the son of Mrs. Ernest Hynson and the late Ernest Hynson of Claryville. Mrs. Hynson is presently a senior at Tri-Valley School. The couple will reside in Virginia following June graduation.

March 3, 1983 - Roger Cryan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Cryan of Grahamsville, has been selected from among millions of high school students to be one of only 13,000 Merit Scholarship finalists. This number represents less than one half of one percent of America's high school seniors.

On Saturday, February 26, Tri-Valley competed in five leadership contests on the sub-district level of FFA. Tri-Valley won four out of five contests. A team consisting of Pat Gorman, Maurey Levitz, Jill Manell, Kim Bischert, Preston Kelly, Dean Hall, Jim Minarsky, Steve Cypert, Bill VanAken, John Grace and Mike Bertholf won the Chapter Meeting Contest. Jill Manell won Ag. Employment Interview; Beth Coombe took first in prepared public speaking; Maurey Levitz won extemporaneous speaking.

Live Jazz at Eureka this Sunday

Eureka Market & Café will feature live music, performed by Larry Balestra and Jeff Otis, during Sunday Brunch on March 3. Their "Jazzy Conversations" will run from 11-2, while guests choose from Eureka's Brunch menu, which includes tasty options like the Thunder Hill (Eggs, sausage, bacon, hash browns and homemade bread), Neversink Scramble (Eggs with local smoked salmon), Homemade Granola with Fruit & Yogurt, and Huevos Rancheros (Eggs on a crispy corn tortilla, with beans, cheese and spicy Mexican sauce). For more information: www.eureka-market.com or 845.985.5152.

Hands-On Apple Pruning Workshop in Town of Callicoon

JEFFERSONVILLE—A hands-on workshop on apple tree care will educate on the techniques of pruning with an applied learning approach. Cassie Schweighofer, Agriculture Educator for Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) Sullivan County, will provide a presentation and training on Saturday, March 2, 2013 from 11 am to 3 pm covering topics like light distribution, tree size and fruit quality, training methods, and the types and physiology of pruning cuts.

The lecture portion of the workshop will be held at the Community Room of the Callicoon Town Hall in Jeffersonville, NY from 11 am to Noon. Registered attendees should plan to attend the lecture portion of the workshop followed by a short drive to the hands-on pruning site at Theodore Kutschera's orchard on 250 Tonjes Road in Callicoon.

Cost for this program is only \$20 for CCE membership enrollees and \$25 for non-enrollees.

Space is limited for this exciting opportunity, so pre-registration with payment is required to hold a spot by February 27 to CCE Sullivan County at 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road in Liberty, NY. Contact Cindy Niven at 845-292-6180 to register.

Participants are asked to please bring their own loppers and dress appropriately for winter weather, as part of the class will be conducted outside.

By participating in this program you acknowledge that pruning involves the use of sharp implements and caution should be observed. Participants further acknowledge that Cornell Cooperative Extension is held harmless of injury or liability obtained during this workshop.

A Round About Tri-Valley

- Carol Furman

The Sullivan County Democrat's "School Scene" featured Tri-Valley School District last week. There were nice articles about Mr. Dan McAuliff's "Ninja Physics" class and Ms. Alison Ryczek's grade 6 Social Studies/Language Arts classes. Also Mr. Tom Palmer, Superintendent, and Mr. Robert Peters, H. S. Principal, had well-written articles concerning Tri-Valley's successes and concerns. As a retired teacher, it's nice to hear about all the good things that are happening in one of the County's best school districts!

It's time to register for the Daniel Pierce Library children's story hour programs. If you live in the Tri-Valley School District and have a child between the ages of 12 months and 5 yrs., there is a program available for your child. These free programs are held for an hour once each week beginning April 11th and ending on May 26th. To register your child for a program, contact the Library at 985-7333 X101.

Napanoch's Kristin Offringa, a Tri-Valley graduate, has made the Dean's List at Morrisville State College. Sierra Arroyo of Grahamsville, also a T.V. grad, has made the Dean's List at New Jersey's Fairleigh Dickenson University. Congratulations!

Phil, Jr. and Carolyn Coombe have recently returned from a 10 day trip to Arizona. The trip was a Christmas gift from their children. I'm sure they will have interesting stories to tell concerning their adventure.

Now is the time of year I like to cut some branches from my forsythia bush, place them in a vase of water and force them to bloom. Simply cut some branches, smash the ends of the stems a little so they will absorb water and in about 2 or 3 weeks you'll have nice yellow flowers. And, if they should root, you can plant them outside when it gets warmer. The yellow flowers are a welcome sight and make you "think spring".

Words of Wisdom: A gossip was complaining about a neighbor to a visiting friend. Her neighbor was so dirty, she was a disgrace to the neighborhood.

"Just look, those clothes she has on the line and sheets and pillowcases all have black streaks up and down them." Her guest said, "It appears, my dear, that the clothes are clean; the streaks you see are on your windows."

I've heard it said that sometimes the kindest word in all the world is the unkind word, unsaid."

Neversink Notes - Hulda Vermooy

A little bird has told us that Gerhard Henkhe has celebrated another birthday on February 12th. Happy Birthday Gerhard!

Amy Paes Scholarship Basketball Game

Each 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.

TVCS Seniors Qualify for NYS Indoor Track & Field Championship at Cornell

Congratulations to Seniors Mareena DiMilia and Aric Boyes on qualifying for this coming weekend's New York State Indoor Track and Field Championship at Cornell University. Mareena will compete in the Shot Put and Long jump with Aric competing in the Shot Put where he again threw a School Record. Congratulations to the other members of the team who set season and Lifetime Bests.

Denning Planning Board to Weigh Input on Proposed Blue Hill Lodge Microbrewery (From Pg. 1)

The beer would be bottled and pending proper licensing could be sold and consumed at the Event Center.

At the heart of the Event Center is an upscale Art Gallery, that will not only house works of world famous artist, but could potentially offer a showcase for local artisans to display their works.

Merrill "Pixie" Pierra, of Sundown, artist and owner of Banderas Piera, creates one-of-a-kind jackets and garments welcomed the idea of having a place to show her art and for other artists to display their works. She suggested that the Microbrewery would add to the potential draw of people who would travel to a venue of this type.

Neighbors of the proposed microbrewery were concerned with the impact the microbrewery could

have on the environment including odor, sound, and waste products. The entire Town of Denning Board was present at the meeting. Supervisor Bill Bruning expressed his concern as a potential waste hazard.

Mike Smith, founder of Micropub Systems outlined the process that would be used answering Supervisor Bruning's questions. He explained there would be no waste, other than cleaning of the tanks, twice a month, when they would use a biodegradable cleaning acid and perhaps some yeast residue, that is also biodegradable and beneficial to a septic system might be present.

The meeting and discussion concluded after three hours. Most who were against the proposed microbrewery were satisfied to know that if there were any contrary issues once the brewery was in place and operating, that the Planning Board would have the right to intercept any negative impact after the first year.

Carl Landon, Chairman of the Denning Planning Board explained that the board would take into consideration the comments and input of the attendees. The outcome will be made available to the public after the board meets in March and then makes their final decision.

Sullivan County Welcomes New Social Host Law (From Pg. 1)

On February 12, 2013, the Recovery Center hosted a recognition event, in appreciation of coalition members and supporters who helped make the social host law a reality. Recovery Center's Director of Prevention, Ms. Aleta Gomez, welcomed all in attendance and gave a brief history of the coalition's collective efforts over the past decade and more. Keynote speaker, District Attorney James Farrell, recounted how he came to spearhead the proposed law, before the legislature, once he discovered, through a Town of Fallsburg town hall meeting, that the initial age for first time use of alcohol in Sullivan County was 13.

A social host law holds adults, 18 years and older, accountable for hosting parties where underage drinking occurs. "We cannot emphasize enough, the dangers of underage drinking. The Social Host Law brings the issue to the home, and raises the awareness and gravity around the issue, for young people and adults alike," said Mr. Farrell.

Luisa Emordi-Parker and Lynn Baron, the community coalition and data coordinators respectively for Prevention First-NY!, presented certificates of appreciation to Mr. Farrell and to several others in attendance, acknowledging their invaluable contribution and support in bringing the Social Host Law to Sullivan County.

Sullivan County Carecorps Coalition will continue to work diligently with community organizations, sector members, law enforcement, and Sullivan County's eight school districts to promote prevention efforts in Sullivan County. To learn more about the new law, or for more information on how you can help prevent underage drinking in the County, please contact Aleta Gomez at (845) 794-8080, ext. 170.

Emily Dickinson's Garden: A Virtual Tour of a Poet's Natural Inspiration

Take a special virtual tour of the fields, streams, and wildflowers that moved Emily Dickinson, the well-known American poet. Naturalist Ed Wesely will lead the tour of the beloved natural inspiration, especially the delicate blooms of March and April, that Dickinson knew in her quiet life in 19th Century Amherst, Massachusetts.

The virtual tour will take place on Tuesday, March 12, 2013 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm at the Gerald J. Skoda Extension Education Center on 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road in Liberty, NY. Pre-registration is required for this free program. Contact the Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) Sullivan County office at 845-292-6180 to register or email Susan Dollard, CCE Master Gardener Coordinator at smd243@cornell.edu with questions.

A friend of Dickinson described her life as follows: "Her events were the coming of the first bird, the bursting of a chrysalis... the wondering opening on the new world of every little flower."

Emily Dickinson's Garden is hosted in partnership with the Delaware Highlands Conservancy and CCE Sullivan County.

Household Hints

Get Ready for Spring Cleaning with Vinegar!

The colors in carpets and rugs will often look like they have taken a new lease on life if they are brushed with a mixture of 1 cup of vinegar in a gallon of water.

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.

The Bald Eagle

The Eagle became the National emblem in 1782 when the great seal of the United States was adopted.

In 1851 Herman Melville wrote, "What is needed more than anything else in the midst of a crisis is a calm, steady dose of clarity, the kind of omniscient, all-seeing perspective symbolized by an eagle on the wing. And there is a Catskill eagle in some souls that can alike dive down into the blackest gorges, and soar out of them again and become invisible in the sunny spaces."

Melville's Moby Dick, provides a description of the ideal leader, who instead of anger and pain relies on equanimity and judgment, and does their best to remain above the fray, and who even in the darkest of possible moments resists the 'woe that is madness.'

The legend of the Catskill Mountain Eagle continues. In 2007 a delegation of spiritual elders of Native Americans from across North America, came together for a rare and unique meeting to reveal their insights about the state and future of Mother Earth. For five-hundred years they believed the Eagle reigned and represented the material world dominating the Condor, who represents the world of the spirit and the heart, and symbolizes the wisdom of the native nations. The prophetic year 2012 was the beginning of their "Fifth Pachacuti", an era when the Condor would rise and fly side by side with the Eagle. This gathering took place in the Catskill Mountains on Menla Mountain, in the Town of Shandaken.

The once threatened, the bald eagle is thriving in the Catskills. Almost daily you can see visitors at the Eagle Watch that is located at the Grahamsville end of the Rondout Reservoir. And there have been many reports of Eagles flying over Claryville, Sundown and surrounding areas. The bald eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*), is the only eagle unique to North America. The eagles that now make their homes in the Catskills, originated from a reintroduction effort that released more than 200 eagles in New York State beginning in 1976. They found sanctuary in the Catskills. Since then, the eagle population in NYS has grown from one nesting pair to now over 145 pair.

The bald eagle are opportunistic carnivores subsisting mainly on fish. When food is abundant, an eagle can gorge itself, storing up to 2.2 pounds of food in its crop, allowing the bird to fast for several days if food becomes unavailable. Because they are near the top of the food chain, they are an irreplaceable indicator for measuring the health of the entire ecological system in which we all live. Bald Eagles are not actually bald. Their name originated from an older meaning of "white headed". They build the largest nests of any North American bird. The height of a tree chosen for nesting appears to be more important than the species of tree.

Both male and female adult bald eagles have a blackish-brown back and breast, a white head, neck, and tail, and yellow feet and beak. A female bald eagle's body length varies from 35 to 37 inches; with a wingspan of 79 to 90 inches. The smaller male bald eagle has a body length of 30 to 34 inches; with a wingspan ranging from 72 to 85 inches. The Talons on their cold-resistant feet are important tools for hunting and defense. They can open and close their talons at will.

Bald eagles mate for life. Courting begins in early April. Eagles lay from 1 to 3 eggs (commonly two) and the eggs usually hatch between late May and early June.

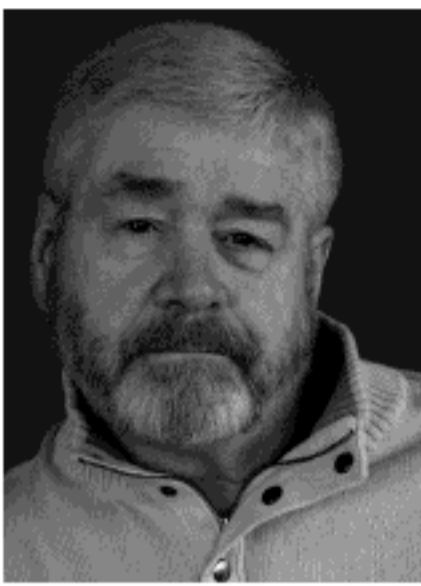
Young eagles are a mixture of brown and white, with a black beak in young birds. The adult plumage develops when they are sexually mature. It takes about five years for their head and tail feathers to gradually turn white. At four months of age, eaglets appear to be larger than their parents because of their longer flight feathers that will serve as nature's training wheels, helping the juveniles stabilize during their early flying days. By the end of the summer, the parent eagles begin to suffer from "empty nest syndrome" as their offspring generally fly and take off to be on their own. It's possible for bald eagles in the wild to live longer than thirty years, but the average lifespan is fifteen to twenty years.

The Bald Eagle has sometimes been considered the largest true raptor (accipitrid) in North America. The only larger species of raptor-like bird is the California Condor (*Gymnogyps californianus*), known as a New World vulture, that are not a close genetic relative to the similar family of Old World vultures.

The Bald Eagle remains a sacred bird in some North American cultures, and its feathers are central to many religious and spiritual customs among Native Americans as eagles are considered spiritual messengers between gods and humans in their cultures.

The eagle represents freedom. Living on the tops of the highest trees and the heights of our lofty Catskill Mountains, amid the solitary grandeur of Nature, whether with strong pinions sweeping into the valleys below, or upward into the boundless spaces beyond, the eagle has unlimited freedom!



Mysterious Book Report No. 86 by John Dwaine McKenna

Do you ever wish you were a kid again? To go back in time when learning was easy and quick for you? When your biggest worry was coming up with your share of the rent? Do you like quests, the hunt for the priceless artifacts that belong to all of humanity, but somehow were lost or hidden long ago? Are you a reader? One who loves computers? If you've answered 'Yes' to any or all of the above questions, this week's MBR is for you, because it's all of those things rolled up into one neat package. It's a quirky, not easily classifiable novel titled *Mr. Penumbra's 24-hour Bookstore*, (Farrar, Straus and Giroux, \$25.00, 288 pages, ISBN 978-0-374-21491-3) by Robin Sloan, and it's a bibliographic delight from beginning to end.

In San Francisco, Clay Jannon's dot-com job at a startup bagel company has gone dot-com bankrupt during the first great bubble-bursting of the new millennium; leaving him and thousands of others jobless. Searching unsuccessfully for months to find work, he stumbles across a hand-written 'help wanted' sign in an obscure bookstore window and meets Mr. Penumbra. He's hired to clerk the midnight-to-eight am shift in what proves to be the strangest bookstore in the city and soon becomes involved in a five hundred year-old mystery to find a priceless human treasure. It's a hunt that's eluded solution by teams of researchers around the world. Can computers find the answer? Clay thinks they might be able to and enlists a couple of computer-savvy friends to help, thus setting off a quest and chase that may provide the answer to one of humanity's greatest mysteries... or destroy them all. This is an entertaining, uplifting and fun read. It's suitable for all readers, young or older, more mature ones (like me...), as it displays respect for the new and old. As one reader said, "This novel takes place at the intersection of books and technology, showing a love for both." I cannot add to or improve that comment. Should you choose to read this book, you'll be in a better mood at the finish than you were at the beginning of it.

How are things at your local library? Oh. I see. So, you haven't gone. Too busy, huh. Well woman that's a cryin'-assed shame, because libraries are a public treasure gone to waste. And hey, don't tell me about the internet either because I've been using computers for three decades now, and there's plenty of books and several well-used library cards in our home. The library is there for everyone, so please, don't let this gift for all of human-kind go to waste. I would like to note here, that on the am news today, as the Taliban and their extremist allies were driven out of Timbuktu, their last act before fleeing into the Sahara Desert was to burn the library. The reason why? **Because they're afraid of new ideas.** It's a lot to think about, isn't it...

Thanks to all the visitors on our websites: johndwainemckenna.com and rhyolitepress.com

They've found plenty of things to think about, see and do there. Come on over, or down or whatever, but take a peek at 'em. Ask questions or leave comments, all will be cheerfully... if not promptly answered.

We'll see you next week with a new Mysterious Book Report. --JDM

LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

To The Editor:

The Blue Hill Lodge & Cafe would like to thank the people of Denning for attending the recent meeting of the Denning Planning Board on February 23, 2013. We thank you for expressing your thoughts and opinions on the issue of whether to grant a special use permit that would allow the company to manufacture its own beer as a local Micro-Brewery in the already approved addition to the Art & Event Center which will be completed this Spring. We would also like to compliment the Denning Planning Board for hosting such a well run and informative meeting.

Frank Nicoletti

Achievement Awards Annual Conference, Local Market and Expo

Nine businesses, individuals and organizations will receive 2013 Sullivan First Achievement Awards for their commitment to improving the appearance of Sullivan County during the Sullivan Renaissance Annual Conference and Expo on Saturday, March 9 at the CVI Center in Ferndale, NY. This year's Sullivan First Achievement Awards go to:

-Monticello Farm Home & Garden - For ongoing support of Sullivan Renaissance projects and contributions toward community beautification efforts.

-Kohl's Cares - Associates in Action, Wurtsboro - For corporate volunteerism and the time the staff has dedicated to community projects throughout Sullivan County.

-The Sullivan, Rock Hill - For "above and beyond" landscaping efforts and building renovations at The Sullivan Hotel.

-Thunder 102/Bold Gold Media - For ongoing support of the Sullivan Renaissance program and for generous donation of radio time.

-John Evans, Roscoe - For outstanding and ongoing commitment to engage youth in Sullivan Renaissance community projects.

-Nancy Levin, Swan Lake - For long-term volunteerism with Swan Lake Renaissance and for leadership in the community.

-Etta Barbanti, Liberty - For commitment to volunteer activities and tireless dedication to beautification efforts in the Village of Liberty.

-Jim Steinberg & the Monticello DPW - For ongoing commitment to beautification efforts in the Village of Monticello, and for tireless support to volunteers and Renaissance projects over the years.

- Callicoon Business Association, Callicoon - For unwavering commitment and dedication to beautification efforts in the Hamlet of Callicoon and for overcoming recent obstacles.

All are welcome and there is no cost to attend. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. with breakfast and expo. The program starts at 9:00 a.m. and continues until 3:00 p.m. Door prizes will be awarded at the conference conclusion. 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 and will be available for a limited number of one-to-one conversations.

Applications for the 2013 grant program will be available. They are also on-line at www.sullivanrenaissance.org.

Conference workshop space is limited to the first registrants, so RSVP by March 5. Workshops and presenters include:

- Youth Panel: Dr. Peter Tarlow
- Meet Dr. Peter Tarlow: Sullivan Renaissance staff will schedule a specific time
- 2013 Renaissance Collection: Diana K. Weiner
- Showing of Flowers: Diana K. Weiner
- Trees in Your Landscape: Janet Gula, George Profous
- Beneficials in Your Garden: Susan Dollard, Helene Chappell, Jim Kile
- Volunteer Development: Cara Kowalski
- Social Media 101: David Binkowski, Cara Kowalski
- Sullivan Renaissance Salon: Renaissance staff will schedule individual appointments

Workshop space will be limited to the first registrants. To sign up on-line, go to 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; 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. For more information, call 845-295-2445.

Loch Sheldrake Fire Dept plans breakfast with Local Products

The Loch Sheldrake Fire Department will be hosting their annual spring breakfast on Sunday, March 11th, 7am until noon. This family friendly breakfast is boasting a menu of buttermilk pancakes, eggs from local producer, Egg University in Woodridge, and fresh sausage from Pecks Market. Rounding out the meal will be fresh brewed coffee, tea and plenty of orange juice!


\$6 for adults, \$4 for children 12 and under, and children 5 and under are FREE! Tickets and raffles available at the door.

The Loch Sheldrake Fire Department is located on Route 52 across from the SCCC entrance.

Please support the volunteers who support you year round!

Kiwanis Club Annual corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner

Roscoe Kiwanis Club will have their annual Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner at Roscoe Central School Cafeteria from 5 to 7 PM. The menu includes: corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, carrots, Irish soda bread, green cupcakes, coffee and tea. A free will offering will be accepted, and all proceeds are used for the youth of our community. Contact Lynn Wachter - 607-498-5395



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Oscars

The Oscars will be televised this Sunday. Right now celebrities are selecting jewelry to accentuate their designer gowns and tuxes and practicing their acceptance speeches in case they are called upon. Non-celebrities will be holding Oscar Watching parties. Not me. First of all, my party would have to be a luncheon because I can never stay up late enough to see the whole program. Then again, I am not sure my fuzzy pajamas courtesy of Sam's Club would count as designer originals. My guests would probably spend the entire night confessing that they did not see that movie or recognize that actress because it hadn't come out on Netflix yet. No, no Oscar glitz in this household.

Instead we will attend the Boy Scout Blue and Gold dinner where uniforms will be the dress of the day and my black dress slacks and sweater will be just right for the Olivebridge Firehouse.

It just occurred to me that much of my social life involves firehouses. The next event on my calendar is the Brooks Chicken and Ribs take out sale that will be on Sunday, March 3 from 3-6 at the Shokan Firehouse. You might want to get your tickets now because this is usually a sold-out event.

Another event for March and April will be the Olive Senior Art Exhibit at the CWC office in Margaretville. Each artist will present two or three paintings for exhibit and sale.

February flew by with only the fuel bill from the cold to remind us of its presence. The Snow Birds are enjoying time in Florida and the lower case snow birds are gobbling up seeds at bird feeders because snow or ice covers the ground. This is the date on the calendar that I begin to long for that first robin and the promise of spring.



RESERVOIR MUSIC NOTES-

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As a weekly music columnist, there are many bands, musicians, and people who work with them, who come to my attention, and are deserving of being profiled in these pages. Articles are upcoming on many of these members of our musical community, including the band, Yard Sale, Michael Johnson, a fine young guitarist from Grahamsville, who just might be the next young guitar prodigy to come down the pike, and Justin and Kevin from Upstate Moving Images, who selflessly give of themselves to help up and coming bands produce video images of their performances! However, this week, we'll be focusing on a group of people, led by Carmen Senski and Mor Pipman, who have been producing high quality music at The Old Glenford Church, which Mor and her husband, Eric Hurliman, currently live in!

The series, dubbed Music Night at The Old Glenford Church, just celebrated its third anniversary presenting original music at Mor and Eric's home! Performers in just the past few months have included Deni Bonet, Yard Sale, D.B. Leonard, Todd Nelson's TN3, Mamalama, and new Hudson Valley sensations, The Duke McVinnie Band! Upcoming shows include Robert Burke Warren in March and The Jonny Monster Band in April! Sound has been provided by Virgil Fowler since the first show!

The music takes place on the last Friday of each month, and the series is a benefit for the Hudson Valley Sudbury School, which both Carmen's and Mor's children attended, and which brought them together and gave birth to this exemplary music series! The original idea was to have a big concert that would benefit the school, but in order to finance this idea, Carmen decided to have some smaller shows first. Mor volunteered the church, and Music Night at The Old Glenford Church was born!

And it's not just a music night. The music takes place in the house behind the church, where Mor and her staff whip up the most delicious meals on the planet in the kitchen, (which are also available for home delivery, for a nominal fee). In the church proper, Deandra Drew hosts movies for the kiddies (and the kid in all of us), while the grownups are digging the music! So, it's a very family friendly event, and Mor and Eric are very community oriented, allowing various artistic and musical groups to use the church as an occasional performance space and community center!

This is simply one of the best things happening anywhere! For a tiny admission fee, and a very reasonable price for food, you can come out to a place where everybody's your friend, listen to some top notch music in a lovely venue, eat some yummy and healthy food, bask in the warm vibe, help support a great learning environment for the students at The Sudbury School, and go home feeling satisfied on every level! Maybe Carmen should invite The Rolling Stones to play at The Church. They might finally get some satisfaction!

More information and scheduling is available

at www.reverbNation.com/oldglenfordchurchandhall and HVSS Music Night on Facebook.

And now for the live music picks. Not a whole lot going on, but here's what there is, and it's all in the city! Hudson Valley's a wasteland this week!

Wednesday, February 27 - SCOTT MILLER, former lead singer of The V-Roys, a great band out of Knoxville via Nashville, is at Hill Country Barbecue tonight.

Thursday, February 28 - Big show tonight! THE WHO, or as I like to call them, Thee Oooh, are at The Theater at Madison Square Garden with ELVIS COSTELLO opening! Either one of these acts could headline in the main room, but The Who in a room this size hasn't happened in decades! This is gonna be a great show!

Also tonight, THE RED HOOK RAMBLERS are at The Knitting Factory Brooklyn. Never heard of these guys, but you gotta love their name! And at The Brooklyn Bowl, Skalegends THE SKATALITES!

Friday, March 1 - THE ALLMAN BROTHERS BAND kicks off their annual month long party at The Beacon Theater. Check their website for exact dates.

Saturday, March 2 - THE SKATALITES are back at The Brooklyn Bowl, and an amazing Hudson Valley RnB band, SISTER SPARROW AND THE DIRTY BIRDS, return to The Bowery Ballroom!

Monday, March 4 - The immortal BOOKER T at City Winery (He'll be at Bearsville Theater next week!)

Tuesday, March 5 - The great New Orleans belter, MARCIA BALL, is at City Winery with local luminary CINDY CASHDOLLAR opening. This and The Who are my Picks of the Week!

Have a great one!

Delaware Highlands Conservancy Announces Upcoming Events for March

Hawley, PA and Bethel, NY- Join the Delaware Highlands Conservancy at two fun and educational events in March: A Maple Sugaring Demonstration at Journey's End Farm, and "Emily Dickinson's Garden" with naturalist Ed Wesely at Cornell Cooperative Extension - Sullivan County.

March 9, 9am-12pm - Maple Sugaring at Journey's End Farm, - Sterling, PA

Join the Delaware Highlands Conservancy and the Pike-Monroe Woodland Owners Group and visit a local working farm with an operational sugarbush, producing 200 gallons of syrup a year with two wood-fired evaporators. Learn about the sugaring operation, the farm, and the protection of the land. Light refreshments available. Participants are asked to be prepared for

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March 12, 5:30pm-7pm - Emily Dickinson's Garden at Cornell Cooperative Extension in Liberty, NY- The great poet Emily Dickinson loved wildflowers, especially the delicate blooms of March and April. Her quiet life in 19th century Amherst Massachusetts was described by a friend as follows: "Her events were the coming of the first bird, the bursting of a chrysalis...the wondering opening on the new world of every little flower." Join naturalist Ed Wesely for a virtual tour of the fields and streams that Emily Dickinson knew around Amherst, and of the spring wildflowers that inspired her. This program is hosted by the Delaware Highlands Conservancy in partnership with Cornell Cooperative Extension in Sullivan County. The event is free and open to the public, but prior registration is required. Call Susan Dollard at 845-292-6180 or email smd243@cornell.edu to register and receive directions.

Cabaradio Tribute to Terry Doyle

The twenty-sixth broadcast of Catskill Cabaradio on Saturday, March 9th will be a tribute to Terry Doyle, one of the program's originators who passed away suddenly on Feb. 6. Terry was instrumental in finding musical talent for this quarterly event as well as helping the show make a seamless transition to its live radio broadcast on WIOX Community Radio. All proceeds from raffle tickets sold at the show will go to the Terry Doyle Fund to continue Terry's work of supporting local music at WIOX, where Terry produced nine hours of music and interviews every week.

Musicians, friends, and fans of Terry's will have an opportunity to sing a song or tell a brief story about Terry as part of the broadcast. There will be a sign-up sheet for all those wishing to do this at the community center at 6:00pm on the night of the show.

The program will also feature Kingston Storyteller Laureate Karen Pillsworth, a performance by the TMI Project- True Stories from Page to Stage, and an interview with a monastic from Zen Mountain Monastery" Regulars Elly Winger and the Pine Hill Playboys will round out the show.

The free evening begins with a pot luck supper at 6:00pm. Please bring a dish to pass. Then promptly at 7:00, house lights dim and the broadcast begins. This is a rare opportunity to experience live radio as it happens, but if you cannot be in the studio audience, tune in live at www.wioxradio.org or 91.3 FM WIOX in Roxbury. Pine Hill Community Center, 287 Main St., Pine Hill, NY 12465. (845) 254-5469. info@pinehillcommunitycenter.org; 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 BarnesandNoble on-line as a soft or hard cover or as a downloadable e-book for Nook or Kindle. Go to amazon.com or barnesandnoble.com and type in *Prosilio* in the search to order your copy of *Prosilio*

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Liberty Students to Participate in Music Festival - Liberty to Host Festival

Approximately 100 Liberty music students have been selected to participate in the 59th Annual Sullivan County Music Educators Association (SCMEA) All-County Music Festival to be held at Liberty High School on March 1-2.

According to Director of Music and this year's festival chairperson, Gary Siegel, students are selected on the basis of teacher recommendations to the chairpersons of each performing ensemble. The top music students from all eight Sullivan County school districts participate in the festival with a total of approximately 500 students being involved county-wide.

Ensembles in this year's festival are Elementary Chorus, Middle School Band, String Orchestra, Junior High Band, Women's Chorus, High School Jazz Ensemble, and Senior High Mixed Chorus. Each ensemble is chaired by a member of SCMEA and is directed by a guest conductor from outside the Sullivan County districts who are prominent in the music education field.

The Liberty students participating are under the direction of Tim Hamblin, Emily Schaad, Dan McConnell, Emily Ford, and Gary Siegel. Congratulations to all the Liberty students who will



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Concert one will begin at 3 PM featuring the Elementary Chorus, String Orchestra, and Middle School Band. Concert Two will feature the Junior High Band, Women's Chorus, High School Jazz Ensemble, and High School Mixed Chorus and will begin at 5 PM.

Tickets will be available for purchase on Friday, March 1st from 4 to 8 PM and from 10 AM - 2 PM on Saturday, March 2nd in the Liberty High School lobby while they last. Donation is \$6 and all proceeds go to pay for the festival expenses. For more information call 292-5400 x5117.

Come celebrate reading for life!

Robert J Kaiser Middle School, located at 45 Breakey Avenue, Monticello, NY, proudly presents its annual Family Reading Night, Thursday, March 7th from 5:30 to 7:30 pm in the cafeteria. There will be fun presentations, guest speakers, the Scholastic Book Fair, raffles to win great prizes, pictures taken with Geronimo Mouse, and informational booths. You can even sign up for a public library card. Cake and punch will be served. For more information, please contact Principal Nichole Horler at 845-796-3058.

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More About The Tri-Valley Lions - How we raise funds to donate to our many worthy causes -

The Tri-Valley Lions, which you now know organized and was chartered on November 18, 1977, needed to raise funds to fulfill its mission to help those in need due to sight and hearing impairments, plus other related infirmities. And, of course, our Lions Group was also dedicated to assisting those in our local community when a catastrophic need came to our attention, such as a home fire. We also wanted to reward the youth in our area who were community-service oriented. Our missions were not only local, but national as well. But, how were we going to raise such funds in order to pay-it-forward?

In our early years, when most of our membership were still working at full-time jobs, and our local businesses were booming, many of our then much younger Lions (who were then in their 20s, 30s, & 40s, would help the elderly in our community by building wheelchair ramps, helping with their chores, going further upstate to the Albany Area to build cabins for The Camp For the Blind, and even helped to build an addition onto the old Daniel Pierce Library. Many individuals and businesses donated materials, our Lions donated their time on weekends, and many local families were helped by The Tri-Valley Lions.

Then we took over the lease of a building at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds, which became the Tri-Valley Lions Soda Booth, and this became a major fund raiser for us. The Lions worked the booth throughout the Annual Little Worlds Fair, and then at other Fairground Events such as The Annual Pumpkin Party, The Antique Machinery Show and Youth Day. Our main Soda Booth is right across from the Fire Department booth, which sells hotdogs, hamburgers, and sausage sandwiches, so this was a great pairing, as one would stop to get food, then turn around to The Tri-Valley Lions Booth for their drinks. Many Lions took shifts working the Soda Booth, but from almost the very beginning, some of the group were so dedicated that they spent most of each day of an event working the booth. In particular, folks like Donald TerBush, Franklin Smith, Lois Smith, Jack & Carol Clark, Ernie Harth, Carol Furman, and June Schmitz would spend almost full days at the main booth. This is not to overlook the many other Lions who spent so many additional hours helping out -- there are too many to list, but we know and they know who they are.

When the smaller Soda Trailer opened up to help keep pace with the need, folks like Hugh and Terry Delaney, and Gary and Lynn Buley, and Eileen and Brian Delaney were all there to keep it going. We now have their adorable children helping out as well. The Soda Booth became our largest fund raiser.

This is followed by The Annual Tri-Valley Journey For Sight Walk. This started out as a seven mile walk from the Claryville Fire Department up around Mutton Hill Road and back onto State Route 55, and all the way up to Grahamsville and then doubling back to its finale at the Grahamsville First Aid Squad Building. I remember this walk quite well, as an original Charter member in the Tri-Valley Lioness Club (which we will talk about in our next article), I did this walk year after year, and remember it being a very long trek with a Fire Truck following behind us to make sure none of us got hit while walking in the road, and was also there in case one of us could not make the whole 7 miles. The Journey For Sight Walk were attended at times by almost 100 Lions, Lionesses, and friends. In fact one year, Raul Julia (who is now deceased, but starred in many Broadway plays, plus as Gomez in the Adams Family movie) walked right along with us. This walk is now taking place at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds and is now a 2.5 mile walk.

Concurrent with The Journey For Sight Walk, is our annual Lions Tag Day, where Lions have checkpoints in Grahamsville, Claryville Road, and in Neversink. There are a very few cars that pass without stopping to drop donations into our buckets, so between The Annual Journey For Sight and Tag Day, this is also a source of our fundraising efforts that permit us to donate forward.

The final and also a great fundraising event, deals with our Annual Chocolate Bunny Sales, which always comes within a month or so before Easter. Lion Jack Clark, who is our Treasurer, heads up this effort. He not only coordinates the ordering of the Bunnies, but the cases that are no taken and/or sold by individual Lions, Jack delivers to many local businesses such as Cannie D's who sells our bunnies year after year for us. Jack then goes house to house knocking on folk's doors to help sell the balance of the bunnies. Jack is just an amazing man and a huge asset to The Tri-Valley Lions.

It is urgent to us that you know that every penny donated to The Tri-Valley Lions is used to go into our CHARITY ACCOUNT in order that we may donate to the causes that are within our mission. We have a separate Administration Account that pays for supplies, and anything else that is not donation-oriented. We are a not-for-profit organization, and ever cent that we collect in donations is used for donations to our mission's causes.

We have two meetings a month. Our Dinner Meetings are the first Tuesday of each month and are currently held at Nardi's or The Daniel Pierce Library. Dinner meetings start at 6:30 pm. Our Board Meetings are held the third Thursday of each month at The Daniel Pierce Library at 5:30pm. Our current Officers are Carmen Salvemini, who is President, Liza Salvemini, our Secretary, Jack Clark, our Treasurer, and Fran Fuller, our Corresponding Treasurer. Additionally we have several Vice Presidents Special Directors, a Lion Tamer, and a Tail Twister. During Board Meetings, Officers make decisions as to where our donations should go. We, of course, receive requests from many organizations for donations, so we carefully review what we have in our Chanty Account, and how that money is donated. There are approximately 70 members currently in The Tri-Valley Lions Club. All members are welcome to come to both the Dinner and the Board Meetings.

In a typical year we donate as follows:
- \$1000 to Guiding Eyes for the Blind, an organization, located in Westchester County that that trains seeing eye dogs for the sight-impaired, and now for autistic children as well. Our very own Tri-Valley Lion, Monte LaHanko, has his second Guide Dog named Buddy from this organization. The dogs are trained from puppyhood to assist the sight impaired, but the individual who is to get one of these amazing dogs, must spend several weeks at the facility to learn how to work with his new best friend. This is a group that we've donated to year after year.
- \$500 each to four local food pantries in our own community -- in fact this year due to the economic downturn, and the fact that more and more people are using local food pantries, we've increased this to \$600, and decided during our last Board Meeting to check with these food pantries again to see if we need to donate more -- our guess is that will be a "yes."
- A percentage of our profits from the Soda Booth for the Pumpkin Parade is donated to The Daniel Pierce Library.
- We sponsor Rabies Clinics at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds so that all dogs, cats, and sometimes ferrets can be properly vaccinated against rabies. Dr Eric Hartelius from Rondout Valley Veterinary Clinic in Kerhonkson and whom is great with all animals, is the doctor that gives shots to our loving pets. The Tri-Valley Lions pay for the vaccines, and any other administrative costs for this event. The next Rabies Clinic will be held on Wednesday, June 5, 2013 from 6pm to 8pm. Pets must be leashed or caged and be at least 3 months old. If you have a prior rabies certificate, your pet can get a 3 year vaccination.
- We often donate \$3500 to send a local special needs child to Lions Camp Badger, a summer school for special needs children.
- We donate to Team Chad and Dad, who do an annual bike run, with all proceeds going to Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (as there is a medical link between diabetes and blindness).
- We provide monetary Service Awards to several Tri-Valley High School Graduates who will pursue a college degree, based on submitted documentation that reflects their grades, but more importantly their Community Service achievements.
- We donated \$500 to a local family up on Schumway Road whose home was destroyed in a fire, and have donated a like amount many times in the past for this type of situation when brought to our attention.
- We donated to Lions See Program, which screens children in local Headstart and Kindergarten programs for vision problems that can lead to amblyopia. Results are sent to the Ira G Ross Eye Institute at the State University of New York in Buffalo. If a child is deemed at risk, a "To Do packet" to help seek professional care is sent out immediately.
- We've paid for eye examinations and glasses for many school children over the years whose families simply did not have the insurance or other means to cover this urgent need.
- This year, the Tri-Valley Lions donated \$200 in foods & supplies for Hurricane Sandy victims.
- We have donated to The Heart-A-Thon, American Cancer Relay for Life, and the Rhulen Run & Ramble for Leukemia and Lymphoma.

The list is much longer, but this should give you an idea of what Lionism is, our fundraising efforts and subsequent donations. The list of donations can change each year, based on community needs. This year, we hope to implement additional fundraising efforts, so we can do even more if you would like to entertain the idea of becoming a Tri-Valley Lion, please contact our President, Carmen Salvemini at 845-436-5810 or Est. Jacob at 845-985-2927. You can attend one of our dinner meetings before committing to join, so you can decide if this is a Club that makes sense for you. We need an infusion of some younger Lion blood, and people with new ideas to help with fundraising events and manning our Soda Booth, selling our Bunnies, etc.

Lastly, don't forget the Tri-Valley Annual Journey For Sight Walk on Saturday, May 4, 2013, with registration at 8:30am at the Grahamsville First Aid Squad Building -- this year in memory of our much missed Lion Donald TerBush.



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Oscar-Nominated Short Documentary To Screen at the DVAA in Narrowsburg

On Saturday, March 9, SullivanArc presents an afternoon screening of the short documentary film The Collector of Bedford Street, followed by a question and answer session with director Alice Elliott. The screening starts at 1 p.m. at the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance, Krause Recital Hall, 2nd floor, 37 Main Street, Narrowsburg, NY.

Directed by Sullivan County part-timer Alice Elliott, The Collector of Bedford Street (2002) is an Academy Award® nominated 34 minute documentary about Alice's West Village neighbor, Larry Selman. Every year, Larry collects thousands of dollars for charities while living at the poverty line. Larry is a community activist and a fundraiser who has an intellectual disability. When Larry's uncle becomes unable to care for him, his New York City neighbors come together and establish an adult trust fund to ensure that he continues to live independently in his own apartment.

On January 20, 2013 Larry passed away at Beth Israel Hospital in New York City. His very big heart stopped. He was 70 years old.

Alice Elliott is an Academy Award® nominated director, writer, producer, university level teacher, advocate for the disabled, cinematographer, and the recipient of a 2012 John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation Fellowship.

This screening of The Collector of Bedford Street is presented in conjunction with the opening reception of SullivanArc's "Expressions 2013", an exhibit of paintings by individuals with developmental disabilities. It is open to the public. Admission is free. For more information, call 845-252-7576.

Katie's Café Celebrates 2nd Anniversary



Katie's Café, sponsored and hosted by St. Paul's Lutheran Church and St. Francis-Xavier Roman Catholic Church, will celebrate its 2nd anniversary on Saturday, March 2nd, from 12noon to 1pm, at the Lutheran church located at 31 Erie Avenue in Narrowsburg, NY. The birthday meal will feature homemade chili and all the "fixings," and a special birthday cake. Members of both congregations work together to provide a safe and warm environment for all entering the parish hall. Since 2011, Katie's Café has served Sarah Clark gets the biscuits up free homemade meals on a monthly basis, with ready for Katie's Café at St. all costs and foods donated by church and community members. The public is invited to sit down for a meal and friendly conversation.

Katie's Café is named after Katharina Von Bora, a significant woman in church history who was the wife of Martin Luther, a leader in the Reformation. St. Paul's Lutheran Church has been in the neighborhood for over 140 years. Opportunities for worship are Saturdays at 4:30pm, Sundays at 9:30am, with Sunday School meeting at 9am. During Lent, Wednesday services are at 9am and 7pm; Bible study meets on Tuesdays at 7pm, alternating between two locations. St. Paul's is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, a denomination comprised of 9,638 congregations all over the United States. Contact Pastor Haynes at 845-252-3919 for more information.

Customer Records at Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation May Have Been Compromised

You may have received a phone call or an email from Central Hudson last week regarding a cyber-security scam.

The following press release was issued regarding the scam.

WHAT IS THE ISSUE: Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation reported in an announcement on their website on February 19, 2013 that their customers' "private banking information may have been accessed via a cyber-security attack over the holiday weekend." On February 20, 2013, they further communicated that "there is still no evidence that any customer information was downloaded or misused" and they "determined that the number of potentially affected customers is limited to approximately one third of its customer database." This full announcement can be read here.

WHO IS AT RISK: Selected customers of Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation.

WHAT TO DO: Follow all the advice provided by the Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation. They will be reaching out to all affected customers. They have also created a Questions and Answer page on their corporate website. Click here to review.

Potentially Affected Customers to be Offered Free Credit Monitoring

Central Hudson is continuing its investigation into a weekend cyber-security incident within its computer network. While there is still no evidence that any customer information was downloaded or misused, the utility has now determined that the number of potentially affected customers is limited to approximately one third of its customer database.

"We will be using an automated telephone system to call all of our customers for whom we have telephone contact information to alert them as to whether they are potentially affected or not by noon tomorrow," said Central Hudson President James P. Laurito. He stressed that no evidence has been uncovered to date that confirms that any information was transferred during the incident, and that Central Hudson is taking these notification steps as an added precaution.

"The approximately 110,000 customers whose account information was potentially affected will receive from us via U.S. mail an offer of a full year of complimentary credit monitoring as a precaution," Laurito said. All other customers will be receiving telephone and mail notification that their account is not involved in the investigation. Central Hudson is conducting its own investigation into the incident, and will continue to work with state and federal law enforcement officials as part of that investigation.

Cahill Calls for Action from Public Service Commission- Central Hudson Acquisition by Fortis Inc. Pales in Comparison to Previous Mergers

Assemblymember Kevin Cahill (D - Ulster / Dutchess), testified on Thursday, February 21, 2013 at Kingston City Hall in front of Administrative Law Judge David Prestemon regarding the petition filed by Central Hudson concerning acquisition by the Canadian-based entity, Fortis, Inc.

"The so-called \$10 million community benefit fund should be renamed the shareholder protection plan. It does not come close to the \$275 million in ratepayer savings the Public Service Commission required the last time a major utility changed hands in New York," said Cahill, referring to the 2009 sale of NYSEG and RG&E to Iberdrola, a large Spanish owned utility. "The Iberdrola settlement resulted in an average savings of \$220 per customer. Central Hudson's proposal is not even in the same ballpark, coming in at less than \$35 for each ratepayer they serve. This is little more than a rounding error," Cahill said.

"I urge the Public Service Commission to demand inclusion of stronger ratepayer protections if the transaction is allowed to move forward," Cahill said. "The proposal, as is, clearly shows that Central Hudson is prepared to meet the fiduciary duties a publicly traded corporation owes its shareholders but falls short on its responsibility to consumers and the communities they have been given a license to serve."

In his testimony Cahill mentioned similar circumstances where in the past the Consumer Protection Board, the Citizens' Utility Board and the Public Utility Law Project fought for and won

significant concessions for residential and low-income ratepayers. "Unfortunately those important groups have been dissolved and de-funded leaving the average citizen without a voice during this process," Cahill said. Also noted was the fact that Utility Intervention Unit of the New York Department of State issued a statement in support of the merger. "I believe this to be the direct reflection of the lack of staffing in the State Department," Cahill said.

Cahill added, "Dealing with a Canadian owned entity adds to the uncertainty for ratepayers due to the North American Trade Agreement (NAFTA), which can make regulation much more difficult."

"The current proposal deserves a comparable level of scrutiny and conditions to ensure the interests of Central Hudson ratepayers are protected," Cahill said. "In addition, any order of approval should require specific workforce commitments, detailed plans for infrastructure upgrades, a substantial increase in the proposed consumer benefit package and accountability measures designed to prevent Central Hudson ratepayers from subsidizing other Fortis operations with an emphasis on bankruptcy protections."

Assemblymember Cahill urges consumers to weigh in with the Public Service Commission. Comments can be sent to Empire State Plaza, Agency Building 3, Albany, New York 12223-1350 or emailed to Hon. Jeffrey C. Cohen, Acting Secretary, at secretary@dps.ny.gov. Comments should refer to "Case 12-M-0192 - Central Hudson/Fortis Merger." All comments should be submitted no later than March 22, 2013.

SUNY Ulster Adopts State University's Standardized Financial Aid Award Letter

SUNY Ulster announced today that it will put in place a new, standardized Financial Aid Letter from the State University of New York this fall as part of the SUNY Smart Track™ campaign, a commitment to transparency in college financing.

All of the SUNY system's 64 campuses will use the letter, allowing students and their families to see clearly the cost of attendance and financial aid offerings at each campus, including campus-specific information such as graduation rate, median borrowing and loan default rate.

"Smart Track is an important part of our financial literacy effort," said Donald C. Katt, president of SUNY Ulster. "It's critical that students have information readily available to compare college costs so they can plan and budget. We're very pleased to adopt the Smart Track award letter format and look forward to providing the information to our students."

"While college students across the country are taking on more loan debt than ever before, SUNY Smart Track™ gives our prospective students the most comprehensive and transparent financial aid information available so that they can make informed decisions about how to pay for their college education," said SUNY Chancellor Nancy L. Zimpher. "The standard award letter will allow prospective students and their families to easily compare colleges within SUNY and view a full outline of the financial commitment associated with their education."

Development of the standard financial aid award letter was first announced when SUNY launched its Smart Track™ campaign in September. With the launch, SUNY adopted the concept of transparency of financial aid and college costs, and the system began offering students the most proactive, comprehen-

sive financial aid information and services in the country.

More recently, in the 2013 State of the University Address, Chancellor Zimpher announced that SUNY Smart Track™ would contribute to a wider system-wide goal of decreasing the loan default rate of SUNY students by at least five percent over the next five years.

The average indebtedness of a SUNY graduate is well below the national average, and the vast majority of SUNY student loan borrowers repay their loans successfully.

The SUNY Smart Track™ Award Letter was developed by a committee of campus financial aid directors, and others, who were tasked with adopting the intent of the federal Financial Aid Shopping Sheet while creating a unique version for SUNY. Additionally, the campaign calls for an expansion of SUNY's Student Loan Service Center, early engagement of students at risk of default, and providing new and improved online resources such as a net price calculator, chats with financial aid experts and financial literacy materials.

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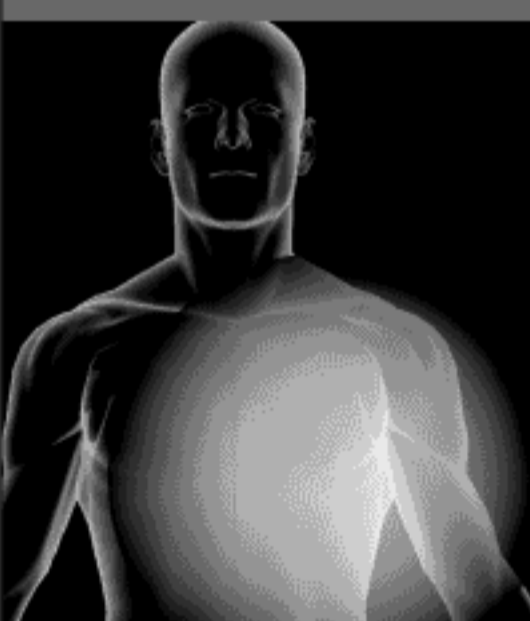
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SC Legislation Chairman and County Manager Issue a Joint Statement on Fanslau's Separation as County Manager

Monticello, NY – Sullivan County Legislature Chairman Scott B. Samuelson and Sullivan County Manager David Fanslau issued the following statement:

Mr. Fanslau and the Sullivan County Legislature have amicably agreed to enter into a Separation Agreement, ending Mr. Fanslau's position as Sullivan County Manager, effective at 12:01 AM on March 2, 2013. The Sullivan County Legislature thanks Mr. Fanslau for his years of dedicated service to Sullivan County, and wishes him the best in his future endeavors.

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County Exec Hein Creates Business Advisory Board and Bestows on Roncois, Dunefsky an Ulster County Business Ambassador Award

Kingston, NY - County Executive Hein spoke before the Ulster County Chamber of Commerce at its monthly breakfast this morning to a sold out audience. He updated the business community on his Administration's efforts to reduce the burdens on taxpayers, provide essential services as efficiently as possible and keep Ulster County competitive.

At the breakfast, County Executive Hein announced the creation of the County Executive's Business Advisory Council which is being charged with the mission of providing information and feedback to the County Executive on critical issues facing business growth in Ulster County. Members of the newly created council include:

- Lisa Cathie - President of Ulster Savings Bank
- Genaro Garcia - Owner of Gaby's Cafe
- James Maloney - Ulster County Legislator
- Bianca Quigley - Vice President at Stavo Industries
- Hadi Salavitabar - Dean of Business at SUNY New Paltz
- Glenn Sutherland - President of Catskill Hudson Bank
- Ward Todd - President of the UC Chamber of Commerce
- Steve Turk - Owner of Rocking Horse Ranch

"Ulster County is fortunate to have extremely talented and civic minded members of our business community," said County Executive Hein. "I look forward to working with my Business Advisory Council to better position Ulster County to compete in an ever changing global economy."

The County Executive also publicly commended Françoise Dunefsky. He bestowed upon her a Business Ambassador Award and proclaimed February 20, 2013 Françoise Dunefsky Day in Ulster County. The County Executive honored Ms. Dunefsky because of her efforts to attract the company SourceHOV to locate in Ulster County, thus creating over 200 new jobs.

"I was honored to play a part in bringing these jobs to our community," said Gateway Industries President and CEO Françoise Dunefsky. "I am humbled to be the first recipient of County Executive Hein's Business Ambassador Award. While touched by the recognition, I must accept it on behalf of the Gateway staff. It is our mission to support individuals who face barriers to employment. I am thrilled that people looking for work will find meaningful employment during these difficult times."

UC Area Transit (UCAT) Invites the Public to Speak at a Hearing on Proposed Service Changes

Ulster County Area Transit (UCAT), a provider of bus transit services in Ulster County, offers fixed-route bus and paratransit transportation services. In an effort to fulfill UCAT's goals of maximizing ridership and efficiency, UCAT is currently considering changes to numerous existing routes as well as adding service from SUNY New Paltz to SUNY Ulster.

UCAT invites the public to a hearing on Thursday, February 28, 2013 at the Ulster County Transit Center, 1 Danny Circle, Kingston, NY 12401 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in order to provide the public with information about the proposed changes, reduction in service and to hear their comments.

UCAT has prepared detailed proposed service change descriptions, which will be available at the public hearing being held at the Ulster County Transit Center, 1 Danny Circle, Kingston, NY 12401

The proposed changes include introduction of service from SUNY New Paltz to SUNY Ulster and changes or reduction in service to the following routes: E, F, G, H, K, S, M, N, NPL, R, U, UPL, W, X, Z. All route changes will go into effect April 1, 2013.

UCAT representatives will be available at the hearing to answer questions and discuss the proposed service scenarios. Public comment may be given verbally or in writing. To assure full participation at the hearing, accommodations for effective communication, such as sign language interpreters, printed materials in alternate formats, or a language interpreter for non-English speaking participants, must be requested at least five (5) working days prior to the date of the scheduled event.

Requests for ADA accommodations or a language interpreter should be direct to the UCAT

Title VI Officer at 845-340-3335. Comments may be submitted to UCAT as follows: Verbal comments can be made at the public hearing. Written comments mailed to Robert DiBella, 1 Danny Circle, Kingston, NY 12401. Email comments sent to rdib@co.ulster.ny.us. Phone comments directed to Robert DiBella at 845-340-3335

Comments must be postmarked or received in person at UCAT no later than March 8, 2013 to be part of the public hearing record.

TENNEY: OPT-OUT TO KEEP THE PRESS OUT Tenney: Opt-Out to Keep the Press Out Pistol Registration "opt-out" form required to maintain privacy

The New York State Police have made the gun permit "opt-out" form available for pistol permit holders to keep their names private from Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) requests, yet Assemblywoman Claudia Tenney (R,C,I-New Hartford) remains skeptical about New York's ability to protect the rights of law-abiding citizens.

"One of the provisions of the new gun control law passed in Albany gives law-abiding citizens permission to keep the fact they have a firearm in the home private. When was it deemed that government and the public should have unfettered access to our private lives and possessions?"

"This new law has so many consequences on our lives. Not only are downstate politicians watering down and stripping the Second Amendment from our citizens, now they have the gall to give access to the press and the public of what belongings we legally have in our homes."

"I implore those of you with pistol permits to go to the New York State Police link below to fill out the "opt-out" form to keep your registration information private. The Journal News published a map of the homes of law-abiding pistol owners in Rockland and Westchester counties, and criminals were the ones who benefited from such knowledge made public."

"Enough is enough. Law-abiding citizens are being targeted as pariahs and criminals by uninformed media, downstate politicians and those unfortunate enough to have bought into the frenzy on the attack on the Second Amendment. We are not criminals; we are mothers, fathers, brothers, sisters and neighbors. What we do or have in the privacy of our homes has never been held up for public scrutiny."

"Please opt-out of this nonsensical mandate that gives the press and public a right to inventory the possessions in our homes," said Tenney. The opt-out form can be found at the link below and must be filled out and delivered to the County Clerk or Sheriff - whichever department has been responsible for pistol permit registrations in the past for your county: http://www.troopers.ny.gov/Firearms/Public_Records_Exemption/.

Town of Olive to Vote on joining Catskill Scenic Byway

According to Supervisor Berndt Leifeld the Town Board is expected to vote in March as to whether to join the Catskill Scenic Byway.

Because of its tourism value, the attitude is that there is a split to support and designate Route 28 as a protected area.

The byway covers approximately 76 miles of state highways including Route 28, Route 42 and Route 214 and is being developed as a nonprofit Catskill Center for Conservation and Development in Arkville, that will be partly funded by the Catskill Watershed Corporation.

Those who support the plan say communities will benefit by increased cooperation and that their economic condition will be boosted by the promotion of historic landmarks and cultural attractions along the corridor.

Those opposed see it as a scheme by New York City DEP to derive new development in the corridor, which passes through the city's watershed lands. They are apprehensive as funding will be through the city that will pay for an attorney to develop intended byway regulations, including supervision by a nonprofit organization rather than elected officials.

They are also showing concern that the width of the corridor will not be defined before the inventory of the properties and businesses has been completed which they believe may cause disputes between the local government and the city.

Garrett Grey to Compete for Ashland University

Beginning his Final Collegiate Indoor Track Championship part of the Season, Garrett Grey competing for Ashland University of Ohio, previously of the Tri-Valley School, won the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference in the 35 lb weight throw. He was selected the meets Regional Field Athlete of the meet and has the best throw from Division I-II and III colleges. He will compete at the Division II Indoor National Championship in Birmingham Alabama March 8th.

Good Luck Garrett!

POLITICAL SLANT By Frank Comando - Press Release

PRESIDENT OBAMA: STOP THE KEYSTONE XL PIPELINE

"ESSENTIALLY GAME OVER" FOR THE CLIMATE. That's what climate scientist James Hansen calls the proposed Keystone XL pipeline -- which would carry oil out of Canada's vast tar sands oil fields to Texas, where it will be refined, then burned across the globe, dealing a catastrophic blow to our chance of returning earth to a stable climate.

This project requires a presidential permit to start building -- and it is President Obama's decision alone to grant or deny that permit. He will make the decision as soon as September.

The Alberta tar sands are a carbon bomb. The 3rd largest oil field in the world, the difficult extraction and transportation of the tar sands oil ultimately produces up to three times the carbon emissions of traditional oil. (And extreme environmental devastation along the way.)

The Keystone XL pipeline is the fuse to this bomb - a highway to swift consumption of this dirty, dangerous crude. As if that wasn't enough, it poses a massive spill risk in the six states along the pipeline route, including over the Ogallala Aquifer which provides up to 30% of our nation's agricultural water.

We. Must. Stop. This.

Tell President Obama: Stop the Keystone XL pipeline.

Twenty leading climate scientists have just sent a letter to President Obama urging him to deny the permit.

And from August 20th to September 3rd, there will be a massive, historic, daily sit-in outside the White House where more than 1500 people, including CREDO staff, have already signed up to risk arrest in peaceful protest. (For more about the sit in, see below.)

The administration's previous decisions on climate do not inspire confidence that they will deny the permit. Recently the administration has opened new areas to offshore drilling and coal mining, and late last year, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton even said she was "inclined" to approve Keystone XL.

But President Obama still has the final word. He does not have to negotiate with Congress or industry. As his State Department reviews the permit, the decision -- which could have a devastating impact on the livability of our nation, and our world -- is entirely in his hands.

We've lost too many climate fights already. We need a massive, historic show of pressure to make sure we don't lose this one. Please go to the website indicated below and sign the petition and read below other ways to get involved.

• Tell President Obama: Stop the Keystone XL pipeline.

1. "Keystone XL Pipeline," Friends of the Earth

• Call your Senator's and Congressional Representatives

• For full press on this story; http://www.credoaction.com/campaign/keystone_obama/index.html

Clarification of last week: We do not support any form of censorship in film. Just proper rating and viewing times to protect our children.

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

Footloose at Fallsburgh HS

Fallsburgh High School Drama Club presents a production of "Footloose" on March 15 and 16 at the FHS Auditorium. The show begins at 7 PM. All tickets are \$6. For further information, please contact the show's director, Ms. Shari Mednick, at (845) 434-4110.

Sled Dog and Iditarod Fever Come to Main Street

March 2 through 10, the week of the 2013 Iditarod, visit Livingston Manor for a week-long celebration of Alaska's 1,100-mile Dog Sled Race from Anchorage to Nome - the Iditarod. On March 2nd, 68 teams will cross the starting line of the 2013 Iditarod in Anchorage, Alaska. Last year's winning team crossed the finish line 9 days later.

To mark the occasion, the film "Toughest Race on Earth: Iditarod" will be shown at Morgan Outdoors, Saturday, March 2 at 7:00pm. The 45-minute documentary film takes an exciting look behind the scenes of this amazing dog sled race. Space is limited, so reserve your seat for the free event at info@morganoutdoors.com or (845)439-5507. You won't want to miss the unique Iditarod-themed refreshments, including snow muffins and musher snacks.

Come at 6:30pm for Super Sled Dog stories. Many tales have been written for children about the sled dogs of the Iditarod. They are often loved like pets, sometimes heroic, and always capable of running long distances in temperatures well below zero. We'll sample some of their stories from 6:30 to 7:00pm. Children of all ages will find a story to enjoy.

Stop by the Livingston Manor Library during Iditarod week, March 2 - 9, to learn more about dog-sledding and racing with books and movies to check out, including the new 2012 Iditarod Race Documentary. Peer in on the race by webcam and

help keep track of the competitors. Kids will be able to play Sled Dog Bingo!

March 2 - 9 Iditarod Scavenger Hunt on Main Street, Livingston Manor

Look for the Iditarod Dog Team sign in the window of participating Main Street businesses and get your Iditarod ticket inside! Each day the dog sled moves to a different location with a new Iditarod question on the back of the ticket. Answer one or all eight questions, then turn in tickets at Morgan Outdoors between Thursday, March 7th and Saturday March 9th to enter the drawing for a Petzl headlamp - must-have musher gear for light on long winter nights! Drawing takes place Sunday afternoon.

Sun., March 10 2:00pm Meet Iditarod Musher Kim Darst and her sled dog Cotton at Morgan Outdoors, 46 Main Street. Kim Darst, living in New Jersey, trained for 10 years to compete in the 2009 Iditarod. Cotton was part of her dog team!

Kim is a helicopter pilot and at one time, she was the youngest helicopter pilot in the world. When making trips to Alaska as a pilot, Kim became fascinated with the state sport of dog mush-

ing. When she became friends with renowned musher Susan Butcher, her desire to race in the Iditarod intensified and she began raising sled dogs and training. What did Kim pack in her sled, what did she feed the dogs and how much sleep did they get? These are just a few of the questions we'll ask Kim (and Cotton) on March 10th. Space is limited, so to reserve a place send email to info@morganoutdoors.com or call (845)439-5507.

Her experience racing in the 2009 Iditarod is the theme of a book, "Cotton's Tale." Autographed copies of the book are available at Morgan Outdoors.

All events are free and open to the public. For more information, call Livingston Manor Library (845)439-5540 or Morgan Outdoors at (845)439-5507.

**• Breakfast •
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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

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The Family of Virgil Edwards

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Pastor Susan Woodworth 985-2283

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Tuesday Night Youth Home Bible Study 7 pm
Friday Youth Night 7 pm

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Lead Pastor
P. O. Box 480
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Woodbourne, NY 12788
845-434-8263
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www.crosswayaog.com

Claryville Reformed Church

Claryville Road
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Rev. Paul Nulton
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Covered Dish Supper
Mar 2, 2013
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St. Augustine's Chapel
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Worship Service 9:30 A.M.
Rev. Paul Z. Ruter, Pastor
845-985-7480

2013 SullivanArc GARDEN TOUR Guided Bus Tour of Bloomingburg's Private Gardens on June 29

SULLIVAN COUNTY - The Fifth Annual SullivanArc Garden Tour will feature an exclusive look at private gardens in and around the Village of Bloomingburg on Saturday, June 29.

The tour is hosted by SullivanArc and Sullivan Renaissance with support from the Wurtsboro Board of Trade - to benefit the SullivanArc Horticultural Program.

Approximately eight beautiful gardens will be open for visits on June 29. Cost is \$40 per person for the guided bus tour, which includes travel on a Rolling V coach bus, tip, guide, door prizes and snacks. Self-guided tour tickets and maps will also be available for those who want to drive their own vehicles for \$25 per person. Following the tour is a complimentary wine and cheese reception for all ticket holders and garden owners.

Advanced tickets go on sale March 1 online from SullivanArc at <http://www.sullivanarc.org> - click on "Buy Tickets" or by calling SullivanArc at 845-796-1350 ext. 1050. For information about how to advertise in the map journal, call the same number.

The 2012 tour featured gardens in and around the Hamlet of Roscoe and was cosponsored by the Rockland-Roscoe Chamber of Commerce. It ended with a wine and cheese reception at the Tennesse Lake Golf and Country Club. The 2011 tour presented gardens along the Route 17 corridor and finished with a reception at Bashakill Vineyards in Wurtsboro. The 2010 tour was in western Sullivan County and completed at ECCE Bed and Breakfast in Barryville. SullivanArc is a not-for-profit agency dedicated to providing support and services to over 850 individuals with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities and to their families. Sullivan Renaissance is a beautification and community development program principally funded by the Gerry Foundation.

Spring into Good Health- Detoxification and Weight Loss Workshop Dr. Jamie Noeth, Body Mind & Spirit Wellness Center

Dr. Jamie Noeth of Body, Mind & Spirit Wellness Center in Bethel, New York will present a workshop on detoxification and weight loss. The topic will be an easy to follow program that will get you on track to feel better, and have energy in just 10 days. Over time, the buildup of toxins from the environment and lifestyle choices can compromise the way our bodies work and even lead to health issues. While many people are familiar with the idea of detoxification, there is a great deal of confusion about how to do it safely. In order to detoxify properly, the body needs nutrients such as quality protein and carbohydrates, plus targeted nutritional support. The "Clear Change Program" enhances the body's natural metabolic detoxification process while providing adequate fuel for both cleansing and other daily activities, while also supporting energy metabolism and overall well-being. Dr. Jamie will answer frequently asked questions about metabolic detoxification and will share helpful recipes along with free samples. Please join Dr. Jamie Noeth for this informational workshop. Participates will receive \$10.00 off the purchase of a "Clear Change Program". March 13, 2013, 6:00PM. Admission is free, light refreshments being served. To register, please call 845-583-7777. Body, Mind & Spirit Wellness Center 12 Plank Rd. Mongaup Valley, New York

More Than \$1.2 Billion In Principal Reductions For NYS Homeowners In First Ten Months Of Program More Than 21,500 Families Statewide Reap Benefits Across All Categories

Following the release of the second official report on the implementation of the National Mortgage Settlement today, Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman noted encouraging progress on behalf of New York State homeowners. The report, which was issued today by the settlement's national monitor showed that over \$1.8 billion in consumer relief has been delivered to New York homeowners since March of 2012.

To date, 21,535 New York homeowners have received assistance, including \$1.2 billion in principal reductions on 1st and 2nd mortgages and mortgage refinances that lower interest rates on their loans.

"The National Mortgage Settlement was a first step in helping homeowners who were impacted by the foreclosure crisis that devastated communities across this country. While there are still too many homeowners in New York who are at-risk of foreclo-

sure, today's report reflects significant progress and we expect more relief in the future," said Attorney General Schneiderman. "Thousands of New Yorkers have received over \$1.8 billion in relief from their mortgage servicers as a result of this settlement, but we must remain vigilant to ensure all eligible New Yorkers are getting the help they deserve and that the banks are being held accountable under the terms of the agreement."

As part of the 2012 settlement, the five largest mortgage servicers have agreed to a \$25 billion penalty under a joint state-national settlement structure. A minimum of \$17 billion goes directly to borrowers nationally through a series of homeowner relief efforts, including principal reduction. Servicers have also committed \$3 billion to an underwater mortgage refinancing program for homeowners whose mortgages are worth more than the value of their homes.

The National Mortgage Settlement is the largest joint state-federal settlement in history and it is the result of a massive civil law enforcement investigation and initiative by state attorneys general, state banking regulators, and nearly a dozen federal agencies. The agreement was with the nation's five largest servicers: Bank of America Corporation, JPMorgan Chase & Co., Wells Fargo & Company, Citigroup, Inc., and Ally Financial, Inc. (formerly GMAC). Collectively, the five banks service nearly 60 percent of the nation's mortgages.

The below figures represent the total consumer relief to New York homeowners from March 1st through December 2012:

- Principal Forgiveness On First Mortgages Completed or in Process: \$472,134,465 (3,841 Borrowers)
- Completed Second Lien Principal Reductions and/or Extinguishments: \$760,586,937 (9,017 Borrowers)
- Refinances Completed: 818 Borrowers with an average interest rate reduction of 2.6%
- Total Consumer Relief in NY in Actual Dollars Across all Categories: Over \$1.8 Billion
- Total Number Of New York Borrowers Receiving Relief Across All Categories: 21,535

Bank of America and JP Morgan Chase have been particularly active in New York, providing a combined total of 1st mortgage principal reductions for 3,151 homeowners statewide. The same cannot be said for Wells Fargo who has only provided 1st mortgage principal reductions for 315 borrowers since the program began, despite having distressed loan portfolios that are of similar size to Bank of America and Chase in the New York market.

"We expect Wells Fargo to increase their consumer relief activity for struggling New Yorkers," said Attorney General Schneiderman. "My office will hold servicers accountable and ensure that every institution lives up to their end of this Agreement."

Despite the progress illustrated by the report, the Attorney General's office remains vigilant to ensure that mortgage servicers live up to their responsibilities under the settlement, including compliance with the servicing reforms contained in the agreement. Consumers should file a complaint with the Office of the Attorney General if servicing violations are encountered.

Attorney General Schneiderman has made it a top priority of his administration to hold accountable those whose misconduct led to the collapse of the housing market- and to provide significant relief to homeowners. In the State of New York, an average of 1 in 10 mortgages is at risk of foreclosure. The approximate number of individuals living in homes that are either in foreclosure or at risk of foreclosure (based on typical household size for each distressed mortgage) exceeds the populations of Buffalo, Rochester, and Syracuse combined.

In addition to the hundreds of millions of dollars in relief from lenders reflected in today's report, Attorney General Schneiderman secured over \$130 million in hard dollars for New Yorkers as part of the settlement. Of this amount, Attorney General Schneiderman launched the Homeowner Protection Program, a \$60 million commitment over three years to fund housing counseling and legal services for struggling New York homeowners. Throughout New York State, 34 legal services organizations and 59 housing counseling agencies will receive over \$16.1 million this year to provide free foreclosure prevention services. An additional \$3.9 million has been allocated for training, technical assistance, and other support services to assist homeowners in foreclosure.

In January of 2012, Attorney General Schneiderman was appointed by President Obama to co-chair the Residential Mortgage-Backed Securities Working Group. This joint investigation brings together the Department of Justice (DOJ), HUD, the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, several state

law enforcement officials, and other federal agencies to investigate those responsible for misconduct contributing to the financial crisis through the pooling and sale of residential mortgage-backed securities. It builds upon ongoing state and federal investigations, while also launching new ones.

Salon Series features Ken and Julie

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

Soprano Julie Zivras is known for her diversity of repertory and styles and her ability to infuse a classical technique with the popular and folk genres. She has been featured as both a folk and classical singer in concert, radio and television in the U.S. and abroad in a repertory ranging from opera and traditional folk, to Greek and international ballads. She holds both bachelor and master's degrees from the Manhattan School of Music. The New York Times described her as "an estimable vocalist with a silvery voice..."

Singer/songwriter Ken DeAngelis' original songs incorporate his unique guitar flat and fingerpicking styles. He has performed with the "Fast Folk" organization of NYC and has shared the stage with prominent artists such as Pete Seeger, John Gorka, Cliff Eberhardt, and Artie and Happy Traum. Sixteen of Ken's original songs are featured on their recently released album, "The Dream." "DeAngelis demonstrates remarkable breadth and technical skill...the folk world should keep a weather eye open for DeAngelis' future compositions; he may well become the rudder for the next generation of contemporary American folk songwriters." (Cindy Hill, CDReviews.com)

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.

Seeds to Supper - Vegetable Gardening in a Small Space

The Pine Hill Community Center announces a series of three free workshops for all ages designed to help would-be gardeners plan, plant, maintain, and harvest a small vegetable garden. The workshops, led by horticulturist Andrew Messinger and farmer Madalyn Warren, will be hands-on, using the Center's small garden space. Participants will take away practical information and some start up seeds and/or plants. They will also be able to participate in the cultivation of the PHCC Community Garden.

The workshop schedule is: Sunday, April 14, 10am. Preparation and planning the small vegetable garden; Sunday, April 28, 10am. First spring planting; Sunday, June 2, 10am. Second planting.

Throughout the season, additional workshops will cover topics including composting with worms (vermiculture); Keeping your soil healthy, happy and productive; Summer and winter mulches; Deer and rodent proofing the vegetable garden; and other issues of interest.

Andrew Messinger is a professional horticulturist who has been writing The Hampton Gardener for over 30 years and has managed award winning landscape gardens in New York and Virginia. He has taught numerous courses at the New York Botanic Garden and Long Island University. He's been gardening in the Catskills for the past ten years.

Madalyn Warren is a local farmer who is a dedicated local food advocate, working with students at the Roxbury Central School Garden and hosting "The Farm Hour" on WIOX.

Andrew says, "There's nothing as tasty or as nutritious as vegetables right from your own garden. You can grow what you want, how much you want and even weekenders can learn the tricks of 'variably tended' plots. And with vegetables, size doesn't always count. There are vegetables that fit in hanging baskets, planters and pots, acres and plots." Madalyn adds, "It's not as hard as you think. In fact, all you have to do right now is decide you want super quality food in abundance and a couple of site locations to start a small garden. Join us at the PHCC Garden this spring and learn some tricks of the trade"

Town of Neversink Parks & Recreation Department

www.townofneversink.org

(845) 985-2262 extension 312

Villa Roma FUN DAY -Saturday, May 11. \$10 residents/\$30 non-residents must be paid no later than Tuesday, March 26 includes lunch & make your own sundaes.

Father's Day Brunch Cruise -Saturday, June 15 fd \$20 residents/\$39 non-residents must be paid no later than Tuesday, April 23.

FLEA MARKET -Saturday, July 13. DETAILS:With both new and used items something for everyone. Reserve your table now. \$15 per space must be paid no later than Tuesday, June 25.

Scranton-Wilkes-Barre Yankees Baseball Game - Thursday, July 25, \$12 residents/\$30 non-residents must be paid no later than Tuesday, May 28.

Community Yard Sale, Crafts & Vendor Fair Saturday, July 13, 2013 They are presently seeking vendors that include Home Party, Craft and Yard Sale Vendors. The cost is \$15. Contact Jamie Brooks at 985-2262 xt 312 to reserve your spot by May 13, 2013.

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

Walking Club Tuesdays 6:30-7:30 Grahamsville Fairgrounds



Daniel Pierce Library hours of operation beginning September 1, 2011.
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 Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 Thursday: 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
 Friday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
 Sunday and Monday: Closed
 If you have any questions, please call the library at 985-7233.

The Library Board of Trustees meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month. On occasion, a meeting date is changed. Please call ahead to confirm.

VETERANS always Free search of the Archives for family or history of Sullivan County at the Sullivan County Museum, 265 Main St., Hurleyville, NY. For information call 845-434-8044.

AL-ANON MEETINGS -

<http://www.al-anon.alateen.org>

Mon-7:00 p.m. United Methodist Church, 170 N. Main Street, Liberty
Thurs- 7:00 p.m. Immaculate Conception Church Annex, 6317 Rt 42, Woodbourne
Sat- 8:00 p.m. United Methodist Church, 170 N. Main Street, Liberty

Liberty Music Dept. Kicks off Music in Our Schools Month with Popular Pops Prism Concert

The annual Pops Prism Concert is quickly becoming one of the most enjoyable events presented by the Liberty Music Department, and according to Music Director Gary Siegel, "it's the perfect way to kick off Music in Our Schools Month."

Developed by the Eastman School of Music in 1975, a prism concert is designed to showcase many different groups of performers in a relatively quick, creative round-robin format. What makes the con-

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- 3/2/13 **Sundown Methodist Church Covered Dish Supper** - 5:30 pm Sundown Church Hall
- 3/5/13 Town of Denning Board Meeting 7:00pm Denning Town Hall
- 3/6/13 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting- 7:30 pm
- 3/6/13 Claryville Fire District Meeting - Regular meeting
- 3/9/13 **Breakfast-Southwestern Scramble/Ham & Eggs** Sundown Methodist Church Hall - 7:30-9:30 am.
- 3/9/13 **Amy Paes Scholarship Basketball Game** 5 pm TVCS Intermediate School Gym (Snow date March 10th)
- 3/10/13 Claryville Fire Dept. **Pancake Breakfast** 7 am - Noon
- 3/13/13 Town of Neversink Board Meeting - 7:30 pm
- 3/12/13 Town of Denning Audit/Business Meeting - at 7 PM - Denning Town Hall
- 3/14/13 Dept. of Motor Vehicles Neversink Town Hall 10:00 am - 2:30 p.m.
- 3/14/13 Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting -7 pm-Denning Town Hall.
- 3/16/13 Grahamsville United Methodist Church - **Thrift Sale Only** - 9 am - 1 pm
- 3/19/13 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals - 7:30 pm
- 3/20/13 Neversink Fire District Meeting at 7:30 p.m.; Public Meeting at 8:00 p.m
- 3/26/13 Town of Neversink Parks & Rec - 7:00 pm
- 3/29/13 Town of Neversink Holiday - **GOOD FRIDAY**

Save the Dates!

Saturday, May 4th, 2013 for the Tri-Valley Lions Journey for Sight Walk - in memory of Donald TerBush, Charter Member and President of the Tri-Valley Lions, who passed away July 16, 2012.

Annual Shawangunk Mountain Wild Blueberry & Huckleberry Festival sponsored by the EWCOG -Saturday August 10th-Vendor applications are available now. Coordinator is Dianne E Turner ("aka Mother Blueberry")
2nd Annual Holiday Craft Fair - Sundown Methodist Church Hall - Date to be announced.

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

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- GRAHAMSVILLE DELI
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- BLUE HILL LODGE
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- WOODBOURNE
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- LIBERTY FITNESS
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- Big Indian Market & Deli
- Colonial Inn Pine Hill
- Pine Hill Community Center

TOWN OF OLIVE MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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

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

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

cert unique is that performance groups are located throughout the entire auditorium in addition to being on stage.

The music is continuous, with applause only at the very end of the performances. The concert begins promptly at 7 p.m. on Wed. Feb. 27.

The one-hour performance will feature popular music both old and new. "It truly is an amazing concert," says Siegel. "Simply put, it is audience and family-friendly way to experience music, and a wonderful way to showcase the many talented student-musicians at Liberty."

What: Pops Prism Concert When: Wed. Feb. 27, 7 p.m. Where: David E. Panebaker Auditorium, Liberty High School Tickets: Suggested donation is \$3.00 for adults, \$2.00 for students and senior citizens and a family of four or more is \$10.

Proceeds go to benefit the Liberty Music Scholarship Funds and Music Booster Fund. The snow date is scheduled for February 28th.

For more information contact Gary Siegel at 292-5400 x5117 or email at gsiegel@libertyk12.org

Hospital to Honor The Institute for Family Health

The Board of Trustees of Ellenville Regional Hospital and the Ellenville Regional Hospital Foundation are pleased to announce that The Institute for Family Health has been chosen as the honoree at the Hospital's annual Gala and Silent Auction.

Ellenville Regional Hospital's Annual Gala will be held on Saturday, October 5, 2013 at The Sullivan in Rock Hill, NY. This year's event will once again include a fabulous Silent Auction!

The Institute for Family Health operates the Ellenville Family Health Center, located on the premises of Ellenville Regional Hospital. It has been serving the community since 2007.

The Institute for Family Health is a federally qualified health center network with 26 practice sites in New York State, including the Ellenville Family Health Center, which offers primary care, dental care and mental health care for children and adults. The Institute also operates three family medicine residency programs, including the Mid-Hudson Family Practice Residency, the first recipient of a Teaching Health Center award in New York State, permitting the Institute to place residents at the Ellenville Regional Hospital. In 2009, all Institute centers received the highest recognition from the National Committee for Quality Assurance as Patient Centered Medical Home, and in 2007 it was designated a National Center of Excellence for the Elimination of Disparities by the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Dr. Neil Calman, president and CEO, serves as a member of the Health Information Technology Policy Committee of the Office of the National Coordinator representing vulnerable populations. For more information, visit www.institute2000.org.

Please contact Debbie Briggs at (845) 210-3043 for further information regarding the Gala and Silent Auction.

Composting Food Waste Event Topic

A meeting will be held at the state Department Environmental Conservation Region 3 Headquarters, 21 S. Putt Comers Road, New Paltz, on Tuesday, March 19, from 1 to 4 p.m. for municipal officials and staff, commercial and institu-

tional food generators, haulers and others, on advancing food waste composting in Ulster County.

This event will provide an overview about best management practices for managing commercial and institutional organics.

Registration is required by March 11. Contact Athena Lee Bradley at (802) 254-3636, athena@nerc.org, or Michelle Bergkamp at (845) 336-0600, mleg@ucrra.org.

This March, ASK welcomes A Solo Show by artist Liz Smith, and "Juxtaposition" an Exhibition by our members.

The shared opening reception will take place during First Saturday, March 2nd, 5-8 pm. Both exhibitions will run until March 30th.

A Solo Show by Liz Smith

Liz Smith is primarily a self-taught artist born in Bronx New York. She studied Studio art in the College of New Rochelle, where she developed her unique style of painting. Liz has exhibited her work professionally throughout the Hudson Valley and NYC; she has also exhibited in Pennsylvania, California, Arizona, and Florida.

"I've always seen myself as a very versatile artist, with a foundation in landscape painting...but as time passed, and I grew as a person, spiritually and artistically- I discovered that my artistic fervor encompassed elements of surrealism, abstract expressionism, atmospheric exploration and dream like transitions. I could not imagine a world without art... I see art as a healing force for the Universe and the life that inhabits it. Art is and always has been a friend to me- it is comforting, it is my lover and my mother... art is the reason I place my feet on the floor each and every morning. Art is the driving force in my soul, and the reason I draw breath...without it, I would simply wither and blow away." - Liz Smith

Juxtaposition

Opposites Attract: Black & White, Large & Small, Happy & Sad, Near & Far, Above & Below, Love & Hate.

About ASK

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



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Superb Romantic-comedy-drama that manages to embrace both sentiment and cynicism. Lemmon attempts to climb the corporate ladder by loaning his apartment key to various executives for their extramarital affairs, but it backfires when he falls for his boss's latest girlfriend. Expert performances by all, including a superb performance by Fred MacMurray as the epitome philandering heel. Oscar winner for Best Picture, Director, Screenplay, (Wilder and I.A.L. Diamond), Editing (Daniel Mandell), Art Direction-Set Decoration (Alexander Trauner, Edward G. Boyle). Broadway musical version, Promises, Promises. *See it, on TCM! Saturday March 02, 2013 at 5:45 PM, 125 min, Rated, TV-PG,*

Quiz: 1 Who played Mr. Joe Dobisch?
 2. Who played Miss Olsen?

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MONTICELLO
The Sullivan County Philatelic Society will hold its next meeting on Sunday afternoon March 10th at 1 pm, in the Ted Stroebel Recreation Center, 2 Jefferson Street, Monticello NY, featured will a DVD on postal stationery of Switzerland. They will also have their regular trading session, door prizes and give a ways. Refreshments served during meeting. Last month's auction and free appraisals went well and will be repeated again in June. A special cancel and new cacheted envelope has been made for the July stamp show more as available, for information please contact art at 794-2586. Thank you the medial for helping our stamp society grow,

KINGSTON
 From March 1-10 Shamrock Run Registration: \$20/pp. On day of race (March 10), register across from Academy Green at Gov. Clinton Apts., One Albany Ave., Kingston. 2 mile race. 12:50pm sharp. More info at Shamrockrunners.org

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