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Bonacic: DEP Shows Arrogance on Response to UC Concerns-1.5 Billion Over 20 Years = \$9.38 a year for water per person



State Senator John Bonacic (R/C/I - Mt. Hope), blasted the DEP staff for their "arrogance and ignorance". DEP staff attacked an Ulster County official yesterday, County Executive Michael Hein, for simply inviting Mayor Bloomberg to come to Ulster County. "The Mayor is a business person and a pretty sensible guy. He can jet off to Bermuda for a weekend because of his brilliant business success. It is hardly unreasonable to ask him to drive 90 miles to see the chocolate milk-like water his DEP has turned the Esopus creek into," Bonacic said. (Contd. Pg. 13)

What's New at the Time and the Valleys Museum?



Dave Forshay, who has volunteered many hours of labor shares a proud moment with his two young buddies as they enjoy the interactive diorama at the museum. The diorama was designed and created by Barbara Purcell and the custom cabinet was built by Dave.

While the Time and the Valleys Museum may be closed for the winter and the memories of visiting the museum last summer are now history, plans for a few new exhibits, including a replica of one of the tunnels is now coming to fruition. Barbara Purcell has put her creative talents to use once again and with the help of several volunteers is building a tunnel that will eventually serve as an entrance way into the museum. (Contd. Pg. 8)

Catskill Streams Buffer Initiative Accepting Applications in January and June 2012

Tropical Storm Irene was the flood of record in our region and has dramatically altered the streamside landscape. Severe bank erosion from this flood has removed acres of mature trees, and in doing so has also taken with it the benefits of a forested streamside buffer in many areas. A well-vegetated and healthy riparian buffer can be the first step in reducing erosion, eradicating invasive species, improving wildlife habitat, and mitigating flood risks once it is established.

If your lawn has been mowed all the way to water's edge, or if your streamside trees and shrubs have been removed due to flood damage, you may be eligible for a CSBI project. In some specific cases we offer the removal of woody debris in the channel and/or minor grading of the stream bank if these practices will benefit the establishment of a new riparian buffer or aid in the recovery of the damaged buffer. (Contd. Pg. 8)

Moving Moments with Friends & Family



Some people wish upon a star, and others look for the end of the rainbow, but according to 14 year old Brianna Worden the thing that works best is to "Never give up and always follow your dream."

Many of the people in the Tri-Valley community know Brianna and admire her for different reasons. They knew her as a cheerleader. Brianna began cheering at a very early age as her mother, Janna Worden was the cheerleading coach at TVCS for many years and later became the cheerleading coach at SCCC. Others know Brianna as the holder of the crown and title of the current Miss Sullivan County Teen International.

To those close to Brianna, friends and family we know that every day has been a battle for Brianna as she continues to cope and fight the genetic disorder, neurofibromatosis that she was born with. As Miss Sullivan County Teen International and Children's Tumor NF Ambassador, Brianna has helped spread awareness both locally and nationally and vowed that her mission through her reign was to make people aware of neurofibromatosis as well as raise money that she hopes will help to someday find a cure for the disease, not only for herself but for the many other children and adults afflicted with the disease. (Contd. Pg. 9)

You Won't Get Cabin Fever at Daniel Pierce Library!



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The Alchemy Club meets each month sharing and discussing one another's poetry. Call the library for meeting dates.

For the artists, bring your brushes and some paint and join the Studio Monday Artists.

For more information and time and hours of operation, call 845-985-7233 visit the Daniel Pierce Library website at <http://www.danielpiercelibrary.org>

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ON THE FRONT BURNER: For he hath said, it profiteth a man nothing that he should delight himself with God.
Job 34:9

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

January 9, 1952 - The interior of the Methodist Church in Grahamsville is now in the process of being painted. Inasmuch as at least fifteen years have elapsed since it was last done, there is no question but that it is greatly needed. Any contributions towards this worthwhile work will be greatly appreciated.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex LaHanko of Grahamsville are the parents of a daughter born at Hamilton Avenue Hospital on January 7th. The baby weighed 8 lbs. 1 oz.

Moe Rubenzahl died at Maimonides Hospital in Liberty Saturday morning, December 29th. He was born March 14, 1900 in New York City. He was the son of Louis and Hannah Rubenzahl. Mr. Rubenzahl was a partner of Rubenzahl Egg Hatchery at Neversink. Surviving are a son, Harry and two brothers, Max and George, all of Neversink.

The Town Board of the Town of Denning held its organizational meeting at Ladleton on Wednesday evening, Jan. 2nd. Present were Supv. Herbert L. George; Town Clerk, Nellie Hamilton; Town Supt. of Highways, Ransie Hamilton; and Justices of the Peace Grant Sholey, J. Arthur Mackey, George V. Erts and Everett Smith.

January 10, 1962 - Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Cuttler of Liberty have announced the engagement of their daughter, Clara Ann to Douglas Gorton, also of Liberty. They plan to be married January 14th. Miss Cuttler is a graduate of Tri Valley Central School and is employed at the Liberty office of the New York Telephone Company. Mr. Gorton is a graduate of Liberty High School and is employed at the Liberty Post Office.

Mrs. Lizzie Evans, 93, died suddenly Sunday at her home in Woodbourne, leaving three children, seven grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and 15 great-great-grandchildren. Mrs. Evans, a resident of Woodbourne for the past twenty-three years, was born July 26, 1868 in Claryville, N.Y., the daughter of John W. Moore and Elizabeth Ann (Palmitier) Evans. She was married to the late Willis L.B. Evans.

January 12, 1972 - Phil Costigan left on Friday evening for Granada, Spain where he will study at Granada University for the next semester. While there Phil will be a house guest of a Spanish family.

Douglas Hamilton, 12-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Hamilton, Sr. of Grahamsville is being considered for a Boy Scout heroism award for his quick thinking which saved his six-year old brother, John Jr. from a pre-Christmas tragedy. John's pajamas caught fire when he climbed onto the kitchen stove to reach a cabinet. Douglas rolled his brother on the floor the way he was taught in Boy Scouts and put the fire out with his hands as there was nothing else available. John sustained only minimal burns. Douglas is a seventh grader at Tri-Valley Central School. He has been scouting for four years and is a member of Troop 187 in Grahamsville.

Mr. Bruce Krum of Mutton Hill Rd., Neversink, has completed his last course at Oneonta State Teachers College for his Masters Degree. He is very proud to have attained this goal. He teaches 5th grade at Livingston Manor and also algebra at night in Yeshiva Zichron Moshe in South Fallsburg.

January 14, 1982 - Airman James T. Kocijanski, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Kocijanski of Woodbourne, has graduated from Air Force Aircraft Maintenance Training Course at Sheppard's Air Force Base. Jim will now serve at Ramstein Air Force base in West Germany with the 86th Aircraft Generation Squadron. He is a 1980 graduate of Tri-Valley High School.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bowers of Bowers Rd., Hurleyville, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Sue Ellen to Earl E. Osterhout, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Osterhout of Cole Rd., Hurleyville. Miss Bowers is a 1981 graduate of Tri-Valley Central School and is attending

SCCC. Mr. Osterhout attended Tri-Valley School and is now employed by the Town of Fallsburg Highway Dept. Wedding plans are incomplete.

The wedding uniting Donna Dexheimer and William Myers was held Nov. 28, 1981 in St. Paul's Church, Liberty. The Rev. Thomas Taylor and Father Patrick Brady of St. Peter's Catholic Church officiated. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Dexheimer of Neversink. The groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Norman Myers of Liberty. Donna is a graduate of Tri-Valley H.S. and SUNY Oneonta. Her husband is a graduate of Liberty Central School and attended Clarkson College. They are making their home in Jamestown.

TVCS NEWS:**TVCS Community Budget Survey**

The 2012-13 school year budget preparation will soon begin with the new year. In preparing for the new school year, tough decisions will have to be made. The District wants your input. On our website, trivalleycsd.org, you will find a community survey. Everyone is invited and encouraged to take the survey. We want to hear from parents, community members, teachers, support staff and students. Your input is valuable and appreciated. **PLEASE NOTE - THE SURVEY WILL CLOSE ON JANUARY 13, 2012.**

ELEMENTARY NEWS Box Tops! We are collecting box tops again. Students may bring box tops to school during the month of January. We appreciate everyone's support and participation.

ATHLETIC UPDATES Congratulations to the Varsity Girls Soccer team who are the recipients of the Brine Believes in Sportsmanship Award and will receive 6 championship game balls, 1 championship ball bag, and 1 ball pump. This is award is given to one team in each section who has the fewest yellow and red cards in the season. Congratulations to Missy Iatauro who is the recipient of the Distinguished Service Award given by the NYS Athletic Administrators Association to a person who has made significant contributions to athletics over the years. Congratulations to the Varsity Wrestling team who won their first home meet (against Liberty on 1/4/12) in school history in only their second year as a Varsity program. They have their last home event of the season on 1/18/12. For an athletic events schedule please visit our website at <http://www.trivalleycsd.org/athletics.cfm> Feel free to contact me at any time. Yours in sport, Derek Adams Director of P.E., Health and Athletics Dean of Students 7-12

Dates for the Calendar: January 16th School Closed

**"How to Make a Woodland Terrarium"
For your Valentine!**

Where: CCE Sullivan County

When: Feb. 2, 2012

Time: 5:30- 7:30pm

Fee: \$25.00

CCE Sullivan County will be offering a workshop called "How to Make a Woodland Terrarium" on Thursday February 2, 2012 from 5:30- 7:30 pm at the Gerald J. Skoda Education Center, 64 Ferndale Loomis Rd, Liberty, NY. This workshop is in time for Valentine's Day!

You can bring a woodland garden inside for the winter or give it as a Valentine's Day gift. Have you ever wondered what to do with left-over plastic and glass jars? Yes, you could recycle them, but how about reusing them to make a terrarium? (Bring a container to fill or use one of ours.) Susan Dollard, Master Gardener Program Coordinator at CCE Sullivan County, will be the presenter at this workshop. She will be sharing many creative ideas for your terrarium garden. Each participant will take a beautiful terrarium home. The fee for the workshop is \$25.00; which covers the instruction and materials. Pre-registration and payment are required before the class. Come, bring a friend and enjoy a unique workshop at Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County.

For more information call Susan Dollard or call Cindy to put your name on the registration list. 845-292-6180

NEVERSINK NEWS - Hulda Vernooy

Condolences to the family of Dona Botsford Valetta who passed away last week.

Happy Birthday to Elise Hornbeck who celebrated on December 17th, Carolyn Coombe, who celebrated her birthday on Christmas Eve and to Barbara Barkley who had two things to celebrate on December 31, New Year's Eve and her birthday! (Call Hulda at 985-2268 with your Neversink news.)

Tri-Valley Central School News

The Tri-Valley Central School District is looking for input from the community, staff, and students regarding the 2012-13 budget. Please go to the Tri-Valley Central School webpage at trivalleycsd.org and fill out the survey by January 13, 2012. Your input is appreciated!

Equador Mission Trip

The NY Annual Conference of the United Methodist has a long history of activating Volunteers in Mission, all around the world. This year, many of our Sullivan County United Methodists and friends have volunteered in flood relief work in nearby communities. In February, Pastor Bob Kersten and Pastor Susan Woodworth will be part a 9-member VIM team traveling to Ecuador. While in Ecuador, they will be working with the folks of the indigenous community of Romerillos (high in the Andes Mountains) to construct an 18 x 18 fellowship hall onto their tiny church. They will also be leading Vacation Bible School for 50 children, ages 4-11, and feeding these children each day.

The Grahamsville UMC Mission Team is sponsoring a Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser, in support of this mission, with assistance from the Sundown, Hurleyville and Woodridge UMCs and Bread for the Journey Outreach Ministry. The dinner will be on Friday, January 20, from 4-6:30 pm in the Grahamsville UMC Fellowship Hall. Snow date is Jan. 21. Come and enjoy a delicious meal of Spaghetti (with vegetarian or meat sauce), Salad, Bread, Brownie Sundaes, and beverages. Dinner music will be provided by Fred and Sue Van Wagner. Take-outs are available. Free will offering/donations gratefully accepted! If you can't attend the dinner and would like to contribute to this mission effort, you may send a check payable to Grahamsville UMC ("Mission trip" in note) and send it to Grahamsville UMC, PO Box 86, Grahamsville, NY 12740.

For more information, please call Pastors Bob and Sue at 985-2283.

Tri-Valley Lions Club News- November/December 2011 - Lion Fran Fuller, Corresponding Secretary

Our November 1st dinner meeting was held at Nardi's Restaurant in Hurleyville.

The Peace Poster Contest judging was held at the District Convention with Autumn Bender, the local winner. There were three honorable mention winners this year all from the Tri-Valley Central School. The Poster now goes to the 20-O State Convention to be judged.

President Carmen Salvemini, along with Lion Liza Salvemini, attended the District Convention in Fishkill on November 13th, 2011.

A Donation of \$1000.00 was made to CRMC for new Equipment.

We purchased glasses for a child in need.

A number of our members attended the Sight and Hearing meeting on November 21st, 2011, at Charlies Restaurant in Liberty. A few facts about Lions was given by speaker Wilfred Roehle; 1917 the Lions Club was started; 1921 Lions became international; 1972 hearing problems were concentrated on; 1991 the Lions Eye Institute was formed to help Sight impaired people. We welcome your used glasses and hearing aid's, these are used to go to people who can use them after reconditioning. Thank You for all who donate to our collection boxes at Cannie D'S, Daniel Pierce Library, Grahamsville Bank, Post Office, and Town Hall, We appreciate your support. Tri Valley Lions is hosting the next Sight and Hearing Meeting on January 16th at Nardi's Restaurant.

The Christmas Party Meeting was held at the Daniel Pierce Library with a delicious meal prepared by Denise Brown. Several games were played. Lion Carol Furman chaired the event with several more Lions decorating the room, baking Cookies along with other gifts and prizes. A good time was had by all, we thank Lions Carol Furman and Her helpers for a wonderful time.

Tri-Valley Lions Club is hosting the January 16th Hearing and Sight Meetin at Nardi's Frankie & Johnny's.

Until the next Newsletter, stay warm and enjoy this wonderful 'Winter' weather.

Homeowners May be Reimbursed for 2011 Septic Repairs

Are you a homeowner in the Catskill-Delaware New York City Watershed who repaired or replaced your septic system during 2011 without help from the Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC)?

If so, you may be able to recoup those costs now. The CWC Board of Directors recently voted to allow reimbursement under the Septic Repair and Rehabilitation Program for 2011 septic repairs that occurred within the Watershed but outside priority areas. Adequate monies in the program fund allow the CWC to make this assistance available at year's end. Homeowners who can show proof that repairs were completed between January 1 and December 31, 2011, were approved by NYC Environmental Protection and were paid for may fill out a CWC form to request reimbursement.

Full-time residents may receive 100% of eligible costs, while part-time residents can get 60% of those costs reimbursed. Call 845-586-1400 to obtain the reimbursement form.

The ongoing Septic Repair and Rehabilitation Program can help homeowners located within 250 feet of a watercourse in the Catskill-Delaware Watershed. If you are experiencing difficulties with your on-site system, call the number above for information on how to participate in the program in 2012.

Septic systems constructed after November 2, 1995 are not eligible for this program, but their owners may qualify for the Septic Maintenance Program, which pays for half the cost of pumping out and inspecting their systems.

The CWC is a non-profit Local Development Corporation based in Margaretville. It is committed to protecting water resources, encouraging environmentally friendly economic development and supporting watershed education in the New York City Watershed West of the Hudson River, a region encompassing parts of five counties - Delaware, Greene, Schoharie, Sullivan and Ulster.

To learn more about other CWC programs to assist residents and businesses in the New York City Watershed West of the Hudson River, visit www.cwconline.org.

Small Business Grants For 'Main Street' and 'Agri-Business' Enterprises in Sullivan

A new Sullivan County grant program will provide funds for small businesses that are connected to agriculture or are located in downtown areas of villages or hamlets. The deadline to apply is Friday, February 3.

The Microenterprise Assistance Program (MAP) is made possible with an \$185,000 grant from the NYS Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. It is being administered by the Sullivan County Division of Planning and Environmental Management.

"The program will provide grants between \$5,000 and \$35,000 for business start-ups or existing enterprises with five or fewer employees. It targets two types of small businesses: 'Main Street' goods and services located within downtown areas of village or hamlet business districts, and 'Agri-Business' enterprises are farms, agriculture-support businesses, and businesses that process local farm-based products," said County Manager David Fanslau.

Additional funding is available through the county's Main Street Revolving Loan Fund and Agri-Business Revolving Loan Fund. "The goal is to help bridge the gap for small businesses looking to get started and to take advantage of other funding and support programs that are available," said Planning Commissioner Luiz Aragon.

The MAP is a collaboration among the Division of Planning, the Sullivan County Center for Workforce Development, Sullivan Renaissance, Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce and Liberty Community Development Corporation.

Conditions of the grant include requiring participating businesses to contribute at least 10% of the cost of the project. Also, businesses must create at least one new job that can be offered to or made available to persons from low or moderate-income households. New positions created must start by September 2013.

To receive the grant businesses must also participate in an Entrepreneurial Training Program. Chamber President and CEO Terri Ward said, "The partners have worked hard to assemble a roster of trainers and presentations meant to benefit small businesses in every stage of their development. The classes explore topics from developing a business plan to marketing your product, financing your plans, and finding, hiring and managing employees."

The deadline for grant applications is Friday, February 3, 2012. Sullivan County Planning will hold public information sessions about the program on Thursday, January 12 at 6:00 p.m. in the County Government Center in Monticello and on Wednesday, January 18, 2012, at 6:00 p.m. in the Callicoon Town Hall.

For more information or to request an application, contact the Sullivan County Division of Planning at 845-807-0541 or planning@co.sullivan.ny.us.

EUREKA! What's Happening?

Sat. Jan 14: Larry Kitzmiller plays acoustic guitar in The Fishbowl. We'll be serving our regular dinner menu, and beef stroganoff is Saturday's special.

Sun. Jan 15: We'll be showing the NY Giants vs Green Bay Packers game, starting at 3.30 in The Fishbowl. Regular dinner menu, and the special is lasagna.

Thurs. Jan 19: We'll have our first Eat & Meet at 7pm, which will be an opportunity to meet neighbors and new people in a friendly, informal setting, over dinner. Guests will be seated at long tables and we will have our regular dinner menu.

Eureka Market & Cafe is located at 7991 Rt 55 in Grahamsville (across from the Town Barn) Call 845-985-5152 or visit www.eureka-market.com

Homeowner Water Quality Meeting

Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County is pleased to present Amy Galford of Cornell University Consumer Water Quality Specialist to discuss water quality for homeowners on private water supplies. Dr. Galford will discuss basics of water quality, and home water testing. This event will be from 6:30pm to 7:30pm on January 30th, 2012 at the Town of Callicoon Hall, Jeffersonville, NY.

There is no charge to attend the meeting. Light refreshment will be served. Registration is required, minimum attendance needed to conduct the meeting. For more information, please contact Trish Westenbroek at Cornell Cooperative Extension at 845-292-6180 ext 109 or email at paw34@cornell.edu.

MOLES AND HOLES - Peggy De Wire

When dinosaurs were wiped out on earth 60 million years ago, only small prehistoric land mammals remained. Of them, the Mole family Talpidae survived by living underground. They adjusted to darkness, heat or cold, wet or dry conditions. Fossils from the Eocene Period, about 50 million years ago, show that moles were thriving then.

Our Eastern mole (*Scalopus aquaticus*) now ranges from lower Canada to Florida and west to the Mississippi River. Three species live on the Pacific Coast.

Hardly ever seen above ground, a mole is a small mouse-like animal 4-6" long, weight 2-5 ounces.



It has strong front feet tipped with long claws, palms turned outward, perfect for digging. Moles have no ears and tiny pinhead size eyes that are covered with thin skin. The nose and tail are pink and naked.

A mole's pointy nose, shovel front feet and short tail have touch-sensitive hairs whose nerve endings enable a mole to tunnel along without bumping into the walls in its constant search for food to satisfy its huge appetite. Moles belong to the scientific order Insectivora which tells you what their main food is, supplemented by earthworms.

Mole fur is one of the softest animal pelts and shades from silvery gray in the north, brown to ivory in the south.

Moles dig two kinds of tunnels: a deep one down to twenty-four inches where they spend the winter and build a grass-lined nest in spring for several babies.

The little mounds of dirt on your lawn were pushed up from below as moles enlarged the nursery and deep connecting tunnels.

A shallow tunnel at grass root level makes a low winding ridge on lawns and golf courses. Moles travel along them to find food day and night, all seasons.

Moles have one litter a year when several babies arrive in March in the south, May in the north.

The young grow quickly, become independent by one month old, and breed at one year. Moles can live several years if they escape enemies that dig like coyotes, foxes and feral cats, and avoid man-made dangers of traps and poison bait.

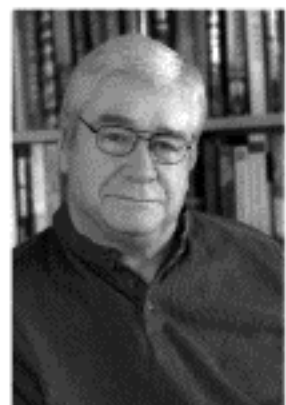
So this spring when you're fuming at the moles that left those unsightly tunnels and heaps of dirt all over your lawn, just remember that the moles probably ate their weight in Japanese beetle grubs as they tunneled across your yard.

Helpful Hints - Sock it Two You!

Slide a toe-less sock over skis to hold them together.

If you are going to a Zumba lesson, slip a sock over your water bottle. The water will stay colder and the sock will absorb the sweat from your hands.

For an indoor game of baseball, roll up the Townsman to make a bat and use a rolled sock for the ball. Just don't play ball where there are any precious antiques!

MYSTERIOUS BOOK REPORT NO. 31 by John Dwaine McKenna

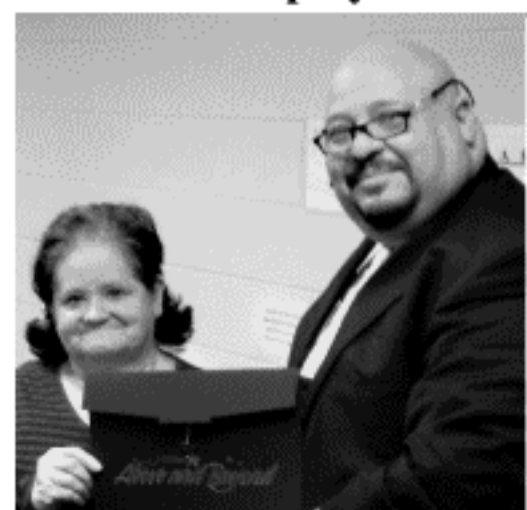
It looks like old man winter's moved in and intends to stay for a while. To tell you the truth, he's not one of my favorites either. I'd just as soon have him move to the North Pole where the polar bears need more ice. Don't get me wrong . . . I enjoy the seasons changing . . . just don't like the darn cold. It makes me ache. So, after enjoying the beautiful, snow-capped 14,000 foot mountain view out my front door, I hunker down by the fire with a good book. I have a stack of them to review while waiting for spring to arrive.

This weeks MBR NO. 31 is an interesting and unclassifiable novel titled *Children of Paranoia*, a first novel by a Brooklyn, NY writer named Trevor Shane. (Dutton, \$25.95, 371 pages, ISBN 978-0-525-95237-4).

It's premise is arcane: a war is going on all around us in the form of assassinations disguised as accidents or random acts of violence. The war has two sides, one of which is good, the other one evil, but the problem is, we're never quite sure which is which. The war is conducted by groups of assassins who have only four rules: first, no killing of innocents, those who are not participants. Second, no killing of anyone under age eighteen. Third, any child born to a child (those under eighteen) is immediately given to the other side to raise as their own, and the fourth and last rule . . . break any of the first three rules and you become the target of both sides. On the first page we're introduced to Joseph, a young twenty-something who's been assassinating people since he was eighteen years old. He's a soldier in a war that's been going on for

generations, but no one knows when, why or how it got started. Joseph's personal war takes a radical turn when he meets a woman while on an assignment that goes wrong. From that point, the novel twists and turns toward what the jacket writer calls a "heart in the throat" conclusion. I'm not sure I agree with that because of the novels lack of a foundational premise, the why, and it's nihilism, or pointlessness. There is no reason for the war, it just is. Perhaps it's a reflection of the times we live in, so full of conflict and uncertainty that it afforded an opportunity for someone to write and someone to publish a book like this. One thing about it is certain though . . . it's been nicely set up for a sequel. Sorry. I've got other books to read, columns to write and editing to do as well as working on the follow-up to *The Neversink Chronicles*, which I'm happy to report, has been well-received and is flying off the shelves. If you haven't got around to ordering a copy as yet, go see Meigan Dean at *Cannie D's Corner* in Neversink. She'll help you. If you can't make it to Neversink, copies can be ordered from *rhyolitepress.com* or the traditional way (my personal favorite) at PO Box 2406, Colorado Springs, CO 80901. But wait! There's more! If you go to my website: johndwainemckenna.com you can find *The Neversink Chronicles*, comment, suggest, critique, see a host of reading suggestions and lists of the best books of the year, say hello or let us know what you're reading. We'd love hearing from you. Don't forget to check out your local library and all of the free programs there. Hope you're all snug, warm and safe, reading a good book. I'll see you next week. --JDM

Fallsburg Central School District Cafeteria Employee Saves Child's Life



On Tuesday, December 13, 2011 during the third grade lunch period, a student was eating lunch and swallowed a meatball which got lodged in her throat. Margaret Benizzi, a cafeteria monitor, saw what happened,

ran to the student's aide and performed the Heimlich Maneuver. By doing the maneuver, the meatball came flying out of the child's mouth, allowing her to breathe again. Margaret did not hesitate to help this child in need as she saved that child's life!

As Superintendent of Schools, I could not be prouder of Ms. Benizzi's actions! On January 4, 2012, at a regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting, Ms. Benizzi received a STAR (Fallsburg Central School District Staff/Teacher Award Recognition) award for her quick-thinking and awesome actions. In attendance during this award ceremony was the child that was saved along with her mother. Both the mother and daughter expressed their gratitude to Ms. Benizzi.

The Fallsburg Central School District is proud of Margaret Benizzi!

Ulster County Executive Responds to Mayor Bloomberg's Comments Regarding Upstate Watershed Concerns

In response to Ulster County Executive Mike Hein's invitation for New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg to tour the damage caused by New York City's Department of Environmental Protection (NYC DEP), the Mayor said the following, "I have absolutely no idea where it's coming from or what he is talking about."

The County Executive responded, "I am confident that the Mayor's statement that, 'he has no idea what we are talking about' is absolutely accurate. It is clear that the Mayor is being misled NYC DEP. The NYC DEP does not want the Mayor or the people of New York City to learn of the damage a city agency is causing to upstate residents. The NYC DEP's effort to deflect attention away from the damage they have caused and the people they are harming is disgraceful."

The County Executive renewed his request for the Mayor to travel upstate to witness, first hand, the damage and harm his agency is causing. He said, "We believe the Mayor can solve this problem if he ignores the misinformation distributed by the NYC DEP and agrees to take the short drive upstate to witness what the NYC DEP is doing. If the Mayor is unwilling to travel upstate, I encourage members of the NYC media to visit Ulster County to see for themselves what the DEP is doing. This is not about cheap water at any cost; it is about doing the right thing."

President and Hudson River Keeper Paul Gallay of the leading water quality organization Riverkeeper said, "The County Executive is 100%. These are serious issues going on upstate and it is time the NYC DEP begins to solve them."

In addition to County Executive Hein, New York State Senator John Bonacic echoed the County Executive's call for Mayor Bloomberg to travel upstate. He said, "The Mayor is a business person and a pretty sensible guy. He can jet off to Bermuda for a weekend because of his brilliant business success. It is hardly unreasonable to ask him to drive 90 miles to see the chocolate milk-like water his DEP has turned the Esopus creek into."

Fallsburg CSD Hall of Fame

The Fallsburg Central School District Hall of Fame was organized as a means of recognizing, preserving and promoting the heritage of the Fallsburg school community. Many individuals have made extraordinary contributions and have experienced superb accomplishments as members of the Fallsburg school community. The Fallsburg Central School District Hall of Fame honors the contributions and accomplishments of individuals who are worthy of district-wide recognition.

All information on the attached form must be completed and supporting letters of recommendation must be received at the Office of the Superintendent of Schools by February 15, 2012 for the candidate to be considered for the 2011-2012 school year. The attached brochure is also available on the school's website (www.fallsburgcsd.net).

Who would you like to see as the very first member(s) of the Fallsburg Central School District Hall of Fame? A completed application brings that special person closer to that goal!

Liberty CS Seeks Nominations for Wall of Fame District opens call for nominations

Nominations are currently being accepted for inductees to the Liberty Central School District Wall of Fame. The second group of inductees will be selected in early 2012 and honored on with a ceremony and breakfast reception prior to Liberty's graduation on Saturday, June 23, 2012. Nomination forms and criteria are available on the district website or for pick up at the district administration office. Deadline for submission is Friday, February 25, 2012 at 3 p.m.

The Liberty Central School District Wall of Fame was established to honor outstanding Liberty alumni and employees as well as community members who have made a lasting contribution to the district. Nominees will be judged on exceptional accomplishments or significant contributions within their school, family, career, community or personal life.

The Wall of Fame will be located in the lobby of the David E. Panebaker Auditorium at the Liberty High School. "We are very excited to welcome a second group of inductees to the Wall of Fame," said Assistant Superintendent and Wall of Fame Co-Chairperson Carol Napolitano. "There have been many prominent and fascinating individuals who have contributed to our society who have also been a part of our district. It is our goal to share their accomplishments with our community."

Last year, Liberty inducted seven members to the Wall of Fame during the inaugural year. Those inductees included: Dr. Irvin M. Borish (Alumnus, 1930), James Burke (faculty), Alan Gerry (community member), Howard K. Schue (Alumnus, 1959), Sister Patricia Ann Startup (Alumnus, 1965), Lawrence Stier (Alumnus, 1945), Charles

"Woody" Witherwax (faculty). Biographies about all Wall of Fame inductees can be found at www.libertyk12.org.

The nomination application can be downloaded at www.libertyk12.org or picked up at the District Administration Office at 115 Buckley Street, Liberty, NY. Please call Mrs. Tania DeFrank at 845-292-6990 for more information.

Suspect Who Threatened to Shoot Police Taken into Custody

On Monday January 2, 2012 Sheriff's Deputies interviewed a female complainant who reported that her ex-boyfriend was harassing her. The victim, who had an order of protection, stated that John Ferreri, Jr., 21 years old, of Smallwood, NY was continually calling and texting her cellphone and threatening her. While she was filing the report at the Sheriff's Office, the suspect once again called her cell phone. Deputies answered the victim's phone and confronted him. Ferreri became enraged that the Deputies were involved and threatened to shoot them if they tried to arrest him. A warrant of arrest was obtained for Ferreri and Deputies began searching for him. The next day, January 3, 2012 Deputies, acting on a tip, went to a residence on Fox Mountain Rd. in White Sulphur Springs. Ferreri fled the residence via the back door just before the Deputies arrived. The Sheriff's Office then contacted the State Police Violent Felony Warrant Squad for assistance. Information was eventually developed that the suspect was holed up at the Catskill Motel in Liberty. On Friday January 6, 2012, at approximately 2:30 PM Sheriff's Deputies, State Troopers, and the Village of Liberty Police surrounded the motel and took John Ferreri, Jr. into custody without incident. Ferreri who was unarmed at the time was charged with Criminal Contempt in the First Degree, a Felony, and Aggravated Harassment. He was arraigned before Town of Bethel Judge Cindy Barber and sent to the Sullivan County Jail without bail. The suspect is due back in court Monday night, January 9, 2012 at 7:00 PM.

Extension to hold Corn Crop Insurance Meeting

Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County is pleased to present Charlie Koines, NY State Agriculture and Markets Crop Insurance Specialist and Fay Benson of Cornell Pro-Dairy to discuss crop insurance options for corn both grain and silage on February 2, 2012 from 10am to 11am at the Jeffersonville Public Library. The difference between insuring corn for grain, for silage, or dual purpose will be discussed to which options are more suitable for your farm.

Why think about corn crop insurance now? Because seed order discount deadlines and reservation dates are approaching and the type of corn seed you buy can give you some flexibility in relation to crop insurance.

There is no charge to attend the meeting. Light refreshment will be served. Registration is required, minimum attendance needed to conduct the meeting. This meeting will be using the Public Computing Center at the Jeffersonville Public Library.

For more information, please contact Trish Westenbroek at Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County at 845-292-6180 ext 109 or email at paw34@cornell.edu.



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The Olive Jar - Carol LaMonda**Don Van Buren, Peter Friedel, Ron Wright, and Bert Leifeld**

The Town Board held its reorganizational meeting on January 3, 2012. Don Van Buren, who won Henry Rank's seat, and incumbent Peter Friedel were sworn in as Town Councilman. Town Justice, Tim Cox, administered the oath of office to the newly elected town board members who join Bruce La Monda and Linda Burkhardt. Ron Wright, veteran Town Justice, and Bert Leifeld, Town Supervisor, vowed to continue their service to the Town of Olive. Supervisor Leifeld assigned duties to the Town Board Members and read the positions and salaries of all town employees. The first regular Town Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 10, 2012.

Meetings are held monthly on the second Tuesday of each month. It would be a civic-minded resolution to attend meetings to keep informed on issues. It is far better to be involved and be able to ask questions rather than listen to someone else's interpretation of what is going on. Math is not my strong point, but I do know that accuracy decreases with each retelling of information. Communication is best when it is direct and not interpreted through personal perception. Besides, the entertainment value surpasses most of Tuesday's prime time shows!

Olive Muse-**Townpeople in Rochester Turn Dems Out To Pasture Over Comp Plan**

I recently attended another sweet gathering in Olive and crossed paths with Supervisor Carl Chipman of the Town of Rochester, who was elected Town Supervisor in 2006. He said that he was elected largely due to the Town of Rochester Draft Comprehensive Plan process, which Supervisor Chipman said was carried out in an unethical manner which served to unite his town and carry him to victory in the 2006 election. Supervisor Chipman was gracious enough to give us a candid interview about his Comp Plan experience. He said:

"My predecessor had a "Vision Rochester" group and she put her own people on the committee. They did do a written survey but it was loaded to install their plan. They had it set to go in a certain direction, away from the old ways here. That's what opened the door for me."

Chipman continued: "I started the process by bringing everyone in, that's the way I handle everything, with transparency. What you want to do is cast the net as widely as possible, engage all the stakeholder groups, bring in all the players and have them work it out and come up with something. Don't ram it down somebody's throat."

He added: "When we all get together and brainstorm, the good ideas start to flow. You have to seek everyone out and make sure everyone is heard. Sometimes it's difficult because some people want to exclude others and dominate. I can tell you it doesn't work. My predecessor hand-picked a crew who looked good but they weren't and the people saw through it."

When asked what the issues were, Chipman said: "When they started telling you what color you could paint things, it was over for them. They wanted to tell you how high your grass could be, what you could plant, what color your mailbox could be. They were real control freaks. We have been here for 300 years, what the hell is going on!!!! It was simply unacceptable. It scared the living **** out of everybody. She had a crew putting teeth in the plan through the zoning regulations. There was a lot of stuff going on behind closed doors. It was scary and they were all thrown out as a result."

When asked how he got the project back on course, he said: "I asked each Town Board member to appoint 2 people to the plan committee, 10 people in all, so everyone had a say. There was a few good things in there that we kept, we did not throw the baby out with the bath water, simpler, less restrictive, something that people can live with."

When asked about the actual proceedings, Chipman said: "We had 8 day long meetings on weekends over about 18 months and everyone had a say. We are very careful not to give any home rule away, the townspeople would never allow it, they've been here 300 years and they don't fool around. They are reserved, yes, but poke them in the eye enough times it becomes tar and feather time, watch out! Our shared vision is our heritage and it is what makes us special. We have a built in bias against government taking away anything. We took out everything that was binding, it was done very loosely. It really united the town."

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Sat., Feb. 11th, 7:30am 'till 11am, Pancake Breakfast at Olivebridge United Methodist Church, Rt. 213, Olivebridge. A very sweet gathering, and you can walk it off at the nearby reservoir walkway with its breathtaking views of the Catskills.

Have a great week!

**RESERVOIR MUSIC NOTES-**

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Greetings readers! Once again, we lost two pretty important people this week. Fred Milano of the original Dion and The Belmonts passed away January 3rd at 72, and we also lost Tommy Ardolino, the drummer for NRBQ. Two great groups that lost original members this week. I guess everybody's getting to that age.

I have nothing profound to propound about this week, so I'm just going to get straight to my live music picks.

Wednesday, Jan. 11 - The great ROBERT GORDON returns to BB King's in Manhattan. He's older, grayer, and paunchier, but he stills rocks out with the best of them! If you go, request "The Way I Walk". KENNY VANCE AND THE PLANOTONES carry the doo wop torch into the City Winery in Manhattan. Kenny was an original member of Jay and The Americans and is still singing great! ROSS RICE AND THE VERY SEXY TRIO are at The Catamount in Mount Tremper for their regular biweekly Wednesday night gig. There's also an unusual gig this evening in that it's a spoken word reading, but it's music related. Inquiring Minds Book Store in Saugerties hosts RAUNCH AND ROLL, readings by authors Howard Massey, Robert Burke Warren, and Jeremy Wilber from their original writings. Massey will read from his recently published book "Roadie", inspired by the life of the immortal Ian Stewart AKA the sixth Rolling Stone; Wilber from his book, "Miles From Woodstock" about the heady days in Woodstock back in the day; and Warren from his original writings. Should be quite interesting!

Thursday, Jan. 12 - The inimitable BOOTSY COLLINS, late of P-Funk and James Brown's band, stops by to funkify BB King's in Manhattan.

Friday, Jan. 13 - My friend, TODD WOLFE, formerly Sheryl Crow's guitarist, brings his electric blues band to the Roundout Music Lounge in Kingston, but I will have to skip Todd this time around, as I will be at The Bearsville Theater for this week's Pick of the Week. THE BEARSVILLE SESSIONS BAND, in their fifth installment of the series, focuses on The British Invasion. Now, this is the music I cut my teeth on, the band is great, so I gotta be there! But for those of you seeking something a little less raucous, RHETT MILLER, frontman of Americana rockers, The Old 97's, makes a rare local appearance at The Orient in Poughkeepsie (He lives in New Paltz). Also tonight is the (usually) weekly jam at the home of Stephen and Dona Crawford. All are invited. The address is 49 Webber Lane, Olivebridge.

Saturday, Jan 14 - If you're upstate, THE BEN ROUNDS BAND rocks The Catamount in Mount Tremper. If you're downstate, SKOLLIE, a great band consisting of Blondie Chaplin, Anton Fig, and Keith Lentin, is at The Rock Shop in Brooklyn. Blondie has spent the past couple of decades singing and playing guitar with The Rolling Stones, and before that, toured with Rick Danko and was a member of The Beach Boys. Anton Fig has been playing drums in the David Letterman Late Show Band since forever. Keith has played with Chris Spedding and a host of others.

Monday, January 16 - Last week, when I recommended STEVE EARLE at City Winery, I didn't realize that his gig there was a residency that runs every Monday night from now until Feb. 6, but that's what it is, so it'll be here again next week and every week through Feb.6. Catch at least one of them. If you dig Jazz, there's a great club in Manhattan on Broadway and 105th called Smoke, and they do! Some of the hottest jazz guys in New York call this club their home, and every Monday night, they have THE SMOKE BIG BAND. Ellington, Billie Holiday, Nina Simone, Count Basie. You get the picture? Smoke's jam session will blow your mind!

Tuesday, Jan. 17 - The new version of NRBQ is at The Iridium in Manhattan tonight. Piano player, Terry Adams is the only original member, but I'm sure they'll still rock as hard as ever. For you upstaters, check out the open mic at The Catamount in Mount Tremper, hosted by Ben Rounds.

For a more complete listing of musical events in the Hudson Valley, check out www.hvmusic.com, a great resource for musicians and music fans. They have a great calendar, musicians wanted and available, items wanted and for sale, open mics, and more, all for free. And they also host and post this column, along with The Townsman and my website, www.reservoirmusiccenter.com.

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Saturday, January 14, 12 noon - 2pm. Main St. Initiative Meeting. This will be an important strategy session to discuss plans for a public information session about the nomination of Pine Hill hamlet to the National Register of Historic Places.

Sunday, January 15, 6 pm. - 9 pm. Vaudeville comes to the Pine Hill Community Center. A collaboration between Pine Hill Books and the Community Center, this unusual and diverting evening will feature Chelsea Goodwin, MC, Kitty Aquapuss Cannibal, singer and ukeleist; Richard Treitnor, poet; Artie Martello, magician/illusionist; Damon Francisco, singer and guitarist; Dave Channon, singer - and surprise guests. This event is part of the Shandakan Pan Arts Festival celebrating Ulster County Arts and Music Week, Jan 7- 17. (see Shandakanarts.com for a full schedule of events). Free. Refreshments courtesy of Pine Hill Books. FMI- (845) 254-3344 or pinehillbookbunny@gmail.com. Free.

Wednesday, January 18, 3-5pm. Arts Conference hosted by the Catskill Central Collaborative. Please join your neighboring arts and cultural organizations for a discussion about unifying our efforts to revitalize the Central Catskills through the ARTS

Saturday, Jan. 21 11am - 12:30pm. Alexander Technique with Victoria Quesada. The Alexander Technique is a self-help discipline that teaches us to recognize and change harmful patterns in our every day movement!

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Catskill Streams Buffer Initiative Applications (From Pg. 1)

A large part of CSBI's mission is to help streamside property owners to understand the difference between healthy and potentially harmful practices that could be contributing to increased erosion, property damage, and reduced water quality.

In Denning and Neversink, the Catskill Streams Buffer Initiative (CSBI) is a collaborative effort of Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District and NYC DEP to improve and enhance riparian buffers in the Catskills region. What makes this program so unique is that it is targeted towards private landowners on small streamside parcels. By offering technical assistance and financial support, the CSBI program is working towards the goal of establishing a forested



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riparian buffer in the streamside areas that lack vegetation. Since its inception in 2010, the CSBI program has planted over 20,000 Catskill native plants and restored a length of over 4 miles of riparian buffer across the entire watershed. A nursery of native plants intended for these projects is being hosted locally at Tri Valley Central School by the Conservation students.

CSBI is an application-based grant program that awards projects on an annual basis and includes assistance with funding, labor and supply of plant material. To inquire about the program or to request a site visit to your property, please contact Meredith Maglio at 845-985-2581. The next deadline is January 15, followed by a June deadline for additional applications in 2012. After conducting a site visit, your CSBI coordinator can offer suggestions for a healthy streamside environment on your property. Additional information is available at www.catskillstreams.org/CSBI.

What's New at the Time and the Valleys Museum? (From Pg. 1)



On the left is an old archived photo that Barbara Purcell used as a visual plan for the tunnel project that is now underway at the Time and the Valleys Museum. The new exhibits including the tunnel should be completed by the spring when the museum will once again be open. Follow the Townsman for news and updates as we move closer to spring.

Opened in June of 2011, The Time & the Valleys Museum is home to the history of



Photo courtesy of Lisa Garigliano

the Rondout and Neversink Watersheds and the geographical area encompassing the Tri-Valley Central School District.

Located at 332 Main Street (State Route 55) in Grahamsville, the Museum is open during the winter months by appointment.

With three floors of exhibitions, the Museum also has a Local History Resource Center and Museum Shop with local history and environmental publications, handcrafted artwork and gifts by local craftspeople, old-fashioned toys and other unique items.

For more information call 845 985-7700 or go to the website: timeandthevalleymuseum.org.

Friday Means Fun!



Every Friday half a dozen or so members of the community have a serious game of Mexican Train Dominoes. It looks like its Barbara Purcell's turn!

Who says Barbara doesn't take an hour or so off from working on the projects at the museum, helping to put the *Townsman* together, volunteering for numerous Renaissance Projects about town and a spearheading a multitude of other tasks. Barbara is the visionary behind many of the exhibits at The Time and the Valleys Museum. She doesn't stop with the mental image, but works right alongside of the crew manifesting her dreams into reality. Always busy we have often wondered when does she have time to think up all the creative projects that she has generated? So we asked and she told us it is usually in the middle of the night. Next question - "When do you sleep, Barbara?"

By the way, if you want to have some fun on Fridays too, Neversink Parks and Recreation sponsors this delightful activity that is held at the Neversink Town Hall. Call (845) 985-2262 extension 312 visit www.townofneversink.org for more information and other activities offered by Neversink Parks and Recreation.

Moving Moments (From Pg.1) On Saturday evening friends and family came together to celebrate Brianna at a Zumba thon that was held at TVCS. Still able to keep up with the other 'Zumba athletes, it was an emotional evening in every sense of the word 'motion' for Brianna. Two students from Fallsburg school who learned about the Zumba-thon joined the festivities also had neurofibromatosis and until Saturday evening their mother said she thought they were alone in their battle.



Brianna and Mom share a happy moment watching the Zumba enthusiasts do their 'stuff'!

Neurofibromatosis is a genetic disorder that disrupts cell growth in the nervous system, causing tumors to form on nerve tissue. These tumors can occur anywhere in the nervous system, including the brain, spinal cord, and large and small nerves.

Neurofibromatosis is typically diagnosed in childhood or early adulthood.

Effects of neurofibromatosis vary and can range from hearing loss and learning impairment to cardiovascular complications and, in a few cases, cancer.

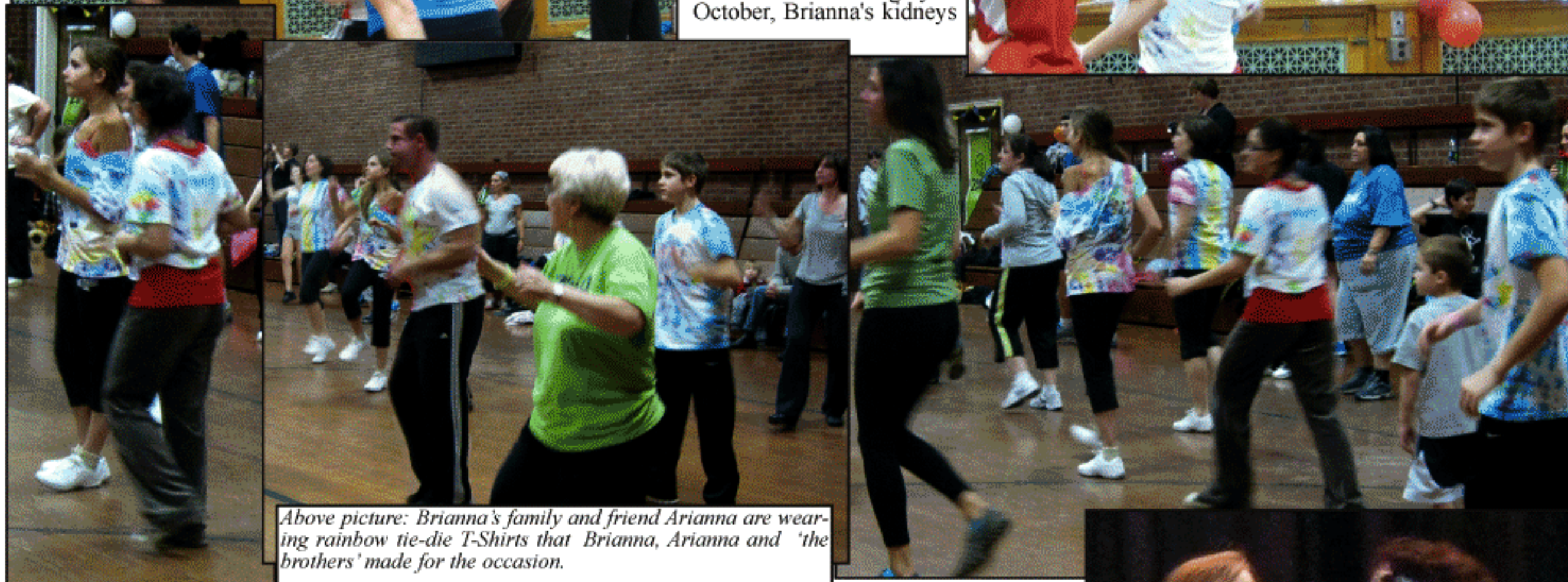
Neurofibromatosis treatment aims to maximize healthy growth and development and to manage complications as soon as they



arise. In cases in which neurofibromatosis causes large tumors or tumors that are pressing on a nerve, surgery may help ease symptoms and pain.

Over the past several years Brianna has had several major surgeries and this past October she had a cancerous tumor surgically removed from her chest cavity. Not fully awakened from the anesthesia as she opened her eyes she announced, "I am now a cancer survivor, too!"

Since the last surgery in October, Brianna's kidneys



Above picture: Brianna's family and friend Arianna are wearing rainbow tie-die T-Shirts that Brianna, Arianna and 'the brothers' made for the occasion.

have begun to fail. She will be journeying back to Boston some time next week to see what the next procedure will be. She has taught many to take each day as it comes, and that is exactly what she is doing.

Brianna would like to especially thank you to Lori Scanna Karadontes, Kimberly Edwards, Nicole Gorr, faculty members including Mr. Eckhoff, Darlene Scanna Beiling, Tayna Cohen, Stacy Seefeldt. Also, her best friends Arianna Fassetta; Brianna TerBush; Taylor Quick; Jessica Lee; Tara Kaplan; Brittany Rennison; Ali Renolds; Schuyler Cross, Grace Kelly and her brother's Robert and Brandon Worden and their friends Dylan Smithem; Michael Beiling; Nicki Beiling; Chase Botsford; Jack from Frost Valley; Andrew Exner; Patrick Krummack and Uncle Frank Comando; as well as grandparents Frank and Linda Comando and Aunt Theresa Worden and everyone for their love and support.

While the prayers, and hopes from the community and family that love Brianna have proven miracles do happen, the Zumba-thon was certainly a prayer of love and healing of a different kind, but we know it worked, as she smiled all the way home and is now ready to face the next challenge so she can quickly get back to be with her friends and family. To put it in Brianna's words, "Having your family and friends around you always makes you feel better."

All of the positive energy at the event will help Brianna on her road to recovery. Much love and gratitude from our entire family!

Donations can be made to: TVCS High School Student Council - Attention: Zumba Fest for Brianna, 34 Moore Hill Rd., Grahamsville, NY 12740



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Events:

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Above: Brianna with Lori Scanna Karadontes as she thanks everyone, and especially Lori, who 'made the event happen!'

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The Hierophant (in two parts)
By Thorn Winter

"Am I talking to John? To Hermes? Who are you?" Tim asked in the message he left on my voicemail. I looked up at Catherine while holding the cell phone to my ear, gripping the Staff of the Hierophant in my other hand. She pointed behind me, looking oddly calm for a bride denied. I looked and saw Ivy staring up at me with her big, ice blue eyes, wisps of light brown hair curling from beneath a grey and purple knit cap. Her innocent smile promised life and mystery. I looked back at Catherine and shrugged. They were both so young and alive in their moment that neither realized I was throwing away everything for one of them. The choice would be made not by me, but by the Outer Gods in whom I trusted.

Tim's passive aggressive nature flared through his message and I really felt how annoyed he was with me. His crew of crack heads and ex-cons had turned our eight year friendship and my well-paying employment into a distrustful, ornery, and childish gossip war

from which I was finally laid off. The job was my stability and earned a barely suitable income that took care of Cat and I. It was after losing it that I had my psychic breakthrough, and I made the decision to become the Hierophant of The Outer Gods. No one understood, not Tim, not Catherine, not her or my family or friends. They mocked me, they laughed, they joked, they advised, and they concocted their own colorful reasons for my choice to become Hermes.

Ivy didn't laugh at me. She knew my real name but didn't use it. To her I was Hermes and was free to explore my awakening to the Void and the Abyss and all the horror and madness that comes with their study. Catherine, on the other hand, had plans for me. Listening to the subtle, psychically transmitted messages of the Outer Gods was seen by her as a quirk -- a strangeness that she would pretend to understand.

Ivy laughed at other things, funny things -- freely, and with the naivety of a child at play. Sometimes it alarmed me and made me feel my age. Other times I was quickened and left feeling the frosty, primal vitality that is felt more powerfully, but less often as a man ages. Ivy had enormous eyes, as though her very nature forced her genetics to supply her with the widest field of vision possible. I had small, deep set eyes. I always saw my nose and if I looked up I could see my eyebrows.

Catherine laughed when it suited the moment. Occasionally she laughed for real, but only at easy to grasp humor. I used her to warm my soul after long explorations that left me unstable and on the verge of madness. The void is cold and its allure was in no small way related to my love for Cat. Most things that should be felt, processed, and re-expressed got blocked at one step or another in her emotional machine.

Her childhood was stifling, and ingrained within her a practical nature that cut off all but the most immediately quenchable desires. Her very rich and successful grandparents did nothing to alleviate this condition and even served to perfect it, turning Catherine into the image of a perfect human -- an empty life masked by a suitable car, a nice apartment, a Master's Degree, and a good job. It was the imperfect fiancé. My life was full -- it was my pockets that were empty. I was something to be changed or gotten rid of. But no one ever changes, they just become more of what they are and get rid

life of a laborer and accepted my uncommon and historically unorthodox craft as well as the limited earning potential of my daytime profession, but she constantly pushed me toward returning to school. I know my nature, and having Catherine has always been an excellent counterpoint to my lifestyle -- an unmethodical series of experiences that has left me laid off and with no prospects at the age of 32. Her cold, passionless nature was a nearly indestructible wall at which I launched the black and red paint of my soul in volcanic outbursts. After my releases I watched, guiltily, as my dark, emotional ectoplasm dripped and dried over her. I was like a sated prince looking down at an enthralled, breathless princess on her knees. So much of her manner had changed, tainted by me in the way that all beings share culture with constant contact.

But that was the thing that Catherine loved. She loved my passion, my culture, my romance, especially when it was focused on her, telling her how beautiful she was, how loving, how smart, how put together. I showered her with what she craved. Even when I spoke of myself it was in terms of her-how much I loved her, how lucky I was, how what I did was for her. The first time I thought of killing her scared me, the second time, less so. I didn't want to kill her. She was the reason I finally realized I wanted to be the Hierophant. Life is unfair.

In my duties as the Hierophant of the Outer Gods it was important that I sought out all manner of experience, the more madness inducing the better. But to enjoy a long career at such a thing one must remain moderate with his insanity. The initial division of self, in my case the psychic killing of John Soldier and my reincarnation as Hermes, Hierophant of The Outer Gods, comes with a sharp but manageable instability.

When I signed the paperwork officially and legally changing my name from John Soldier to Hermes, I never hesitated, but I did, while waiting on line, or while waiting for papers to arrive in the mail, always rethink my decision, which is the other key to longevity as a Hierophant-constantly question your environment and your reactions to it. My favorite quote, from Kjeld Mjolnir's Dark Book of Useless Rituals, which mentions the Outer Gods, reads "You never know what lies."

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of their lesser selves - or they remain as they are and get left behind.

I was, to her grandparents and parents, better off taking a town job and maintaining the county's roads with her father, as opposed to my current status of working days as a Barista and evenings as the Hierophant. Catherine supported my decision to give up the

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Governor Cuomo Outlines Plan to Continue Building a New New York by Growing the Economy, Reinventing State Government, and Advancing New York as a Progressive Leader

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo delivered his 2012 State of the State Address in which he outlined a comprehensive agenda that builds on the success of last year. The Governor launched a new economic development blueprint that invests billions of dollars in key public-private sector partnerships and rebuilding infrastructure to create thousands of new jobs across the state, proposed a reinvention of how government operates in order to get results for the people while protecting taxpayer dollars, and detailed a series of actions to strengthen New York's legacy as the progressive capital of the nation.

"New York State is on the way to coming back stronger than ever before. By working together in a bipartisan manner and putting the people first, we have established the credibility to govern and to lead. Now we must build on what we have already accomplished to begin to undo decades of decline. We have big problems, but we are confronting them with big solutions. Now is the time to get to work, building a New New York together," Governor Cuomo said.

An Economic Blueprint for New York

Governor Cuomo said, "Our challenge for 2012 is this: How does government spur job creation in a down economy while limiting spending and maintaining fiscal discipline? The answer is forging public-private partnerships that leverage state resources to generate billions of dollars in economic growth and create thousands of jobs."

- **New York Will Build the Largest Convention Center in the Nation:** To build on New York's strength as an international tourist destination, Governor Cuomo proposed a project to build the largest convention center in the country at the Aqueduct Race Track venue in New York City. The 3.8 million square foot convention center would accommodate the nation's largest events, drive demand for hotel rooms and restaurant meals, and create new tourism revenues. The project would be a \$4 billion private investment that is estimated to generate tens of thousands of jobs and create new economic activity throughout the state.

- **Master Plan for the Jacob Javits Site:** With plans for a new convention center in New York City, the Governor called for a master plan for the Jacob Javits site to create a mixed use facility and revitalize New York City's West Side with 18 acres of planned development. The plan would follow the successful Battery Park City model and involve more than \$2 billion in estimated private sector development funds to create a new 21st century neighborhood on the West Side.

- **\$1 Billion Economic Development Package for Buffalo:** Buffalo is the third poorest city in the nation with 28% of its residents living in poverty and chronically high unemployment. To combat this, the Governor announced that New York State will offer national and global industries up to \$1 billion in multi-year economic development incentives to come to Buffalo. By inviting large investments in growth industries- similar to those which made the Capital Region into a world-class center for nanotechnology innovation and the home of major semiconductor manufacturers- the Governor's plan for Buffalo is designed to create thousands of jobs and spur at least \$5 billion in new investment and economic activity.

- **A Second Round of Regional Economic Development Awards:** Building on the success of the Regional Economic Development Councils, Governor Cuomo announced that New York will keep the momentum going with a \$200 million second competitive round of regional economic development awards in 2012. The Councils have transformed the state's economic development approach from a top-down model to a bottom-up, community-based one. The second round of awards will allow each region to continue creating its own economic destiny. In addition, the New York Open for Business campaign will step up its efforts to market New York to the world as a place to invest and will expand its promotion tourism by highlighting regional treasures like the Adirondacks, Catskills, wine country, and Long Island beaches.

- **A Comprehensive Approach to Casino Gaming:** Recognizing that New York is losing tax revenue, tourism dollars and jobs to neighboring states, Governor Cuomo announced that he will support a constitutional amendment to allow gaming in New York State. An estimated \$1 billion in economic activity could be generated from gaming in New York State.

- **The New York Works Fund and Task Force:** To help create private sector jobs and rebuild New York's infrastructure, Governor Cuomo announced the creation of the New York Works Fund and Task Force to coordinate and leverage capital investment- twenty private sector dollars to every public dollar- and put thousands of New Yorkers to work. The fund will support projects to improve or replace more than 100 bridges including the Tappan Zee, repair work to 2,000 miles of roadways, upgrades to 90 municipal water systems, improvements to 48 state parks and historic sites, and repair work to 114 flood control projects and dams.

- **An "Energy Highway" System to Power New York's Economic Growth:** To ensure a cost efficient and reliable supply of power is available to fuel the state's economic

growth, the Governor announced a plan to build a private sector funded \$2 billion "Energy Highway" system that will tap into the generation capacity and renewable energy potential in Upstate and Western NY to bring low-cost power to meet the tremendous energy needs in Downstate New York. The plan also calls for the repowering of old and dirty plants to stop pollution in urban neighborhoods.

- **Invest in Solar While Protecting Ratepayers:** Noting that New York is a national leader in cost-effective, renewable energy production, Governor Cuomo announced that his administration will launch the NY-Sun Initiative to expand solar energy production in the state while keeping costs under control to protect the ratepayer. NY-Sun will help increase competitive procurement of large, commercial-sized solar projects and expand rebate programs for residential and commercial small-to-medium systems. The program will strengthen the state's energy sector, and is designed to quadruple annual development of solar by 2013.

- **Expedite On-Bill Financing for Consumer Energy Efficiency Upgrades:** Governor Cuomo announced that On-Bill financing, a statewide program that allows consumers to retrofit their homes with energy efficient upgrades and pay for the cost on their monthly energy bill, will be offered to homeowners beginning in January 2012. On-Bill financing was scheduled to go live in June, but an agreement between the state and utilities expedited the start, allowing for new jobs to be produced immediately and benefits to be delivered to 40,000 homes across the state.

- **Master Plan for Energy Efficiency in State Facilities:** To promote energy efficiency, save taxpayer money, create jobs, and reduce pollution, Governor Cuomo announced that the State has developed a master plan for accelerating energy-saving improvements in state facilities. The plan is designed to save millions of dollars through new economical energy efficiency measures and would come at no cost to the state as the upfront investment would be repaid from the energy savings. The program will create thousands of high skilled jobs and reduce life-cycle greenhouse gas emissions by 8.1 million metric tons.

- **Farm-NY: Strengthening New York's Agriculture Sector:** Recognizing that agriculture contributes billions of dollars to New York's economy, Governor Cuomo announced a series of measures to support farmers and help the agricultural industry grow. To improve access to low interest loans that will assist farmers with infrastructure upgrades, the New York State Linked Deposit Program will be expanded to provide farmers in any part of the state with capital at affordable interest rates. Noting that 1.5 million New Yorkers live in areas with limited supermarket access, the Governor called for expanding the successful FreshConnect farmers' market program to provide more residents with healthy, New York-grown food. In addition, the Governor called for the creation of large-scale distribution hubs strategically located across the state to improve promotion of produce grown by New York farmers.

A Reimagined Government

Governor Cuomo said, "To tackle this ambitious agenda, we need a government that can make it happen. This is not a question of tinkering around the edges. We need a government that performs better and costs less."

- **Long Term Commitment to Fiscal Discipline:** Recognizing that the State is more competitive when taxes are reduced, Governor Cuomo called for holding the line on spending this year and closing the remaining \$2 billion budget deficit with no new taxes or fees.

- **Mandate Relief:** Noting that by next year, pension costs for schools, state, and local governments will have increased more than 100% since 2009, Governor Cuomo called for reform to the pension system and the creation of a Tier VI retirement plan. The Governor announced that he will ask the joint Legislative and Executive Mandate Relief Council to hold public hearings and issue a package of recommendations to be voted on this legislative session.

- **Transforming Public Education:** New York spends more money on education than any other state, yet places 38th in graduation rates. To reform the state's education system, Governor Cuomo announced that he will appoint a bipartisan education commission to work with the Legislature to recommend reforms in key areas including teacher accountability, student achievement, and management efficiency.

- **Redesigning New York's Emergency Management System:** The destructiveness of Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee revealed limitations in the state's emergency response operations, including breakdowns in communications and transportation, as well as inadequacies in deployment of personnel. In an effort to build the best state emergency operation in the country and prepare New York for future emergency situations, Governor Cuomo called for a new statewide network of municipal and regional emergency responders. The network will improve statewide communications and help ensure that resources can be deployed effectively in emergency situations.

A New York Vision for a Progressive Future

Governor Cuomo said, "New York has a long and proud history as the progressive capital of the nation. It's a legacy that we reestablished last year. We must build on our success this year."

- **Foreclosure Prevention Assistance:** The financial crisis has taken a serious toll on homeowners across New York State, with many forced out of their homes and others facing foreclosure. Governor Cuomo announced that the Department of Financial Services will create a Foreclosure Relief Unit to provide counseling and mediation services to help New Yorkers stay in their homes.

- **Creating a Tenant Protection Unit:** To better protect tenants and ensure the tough rent regulations enacted in 2011 are properly enforced, Governor Cuomo announced that New York State Homes and Community Renewal will create a Tenant Protection Unit to investigate fraud and prosecute landlords who fail to maintain essential services.

- **A Continued Commitment to Minority and Women-Owned Businesses:** To build on last year's efforts to expand economic opportunities for minority and women owned business enterprises (MWBs), Governor Cuomo announced new measures to continue support for MWBEs. With credit access difficulties hindering the competitiveness of many MWBEs, New York will extend credit to give MWBE contractors the backing they need to succeed. The program will support at least \$200 million in contracting for MWBE firms.

- **Additional SUNY Challenge Grants:** For years, SUNY has been the great equalizer for the middle class by allowing New Yorkers from working families to gain a quality education. To build on last year's efforts to rebuild SUNY through bringing together academic excellence and economic development, the Governor announced that program to allow SUNY's 60 campuses to compete for three \$20 million challenge grants. The grants will continue the Governor's work to build SUNY institutions into leading centers of excellence, innovation, and job creation.

- **No Child Should Go to Bed Hungry in New York:** With 1 in 6 children in New York State living in homes without enough food on the table, Governor Cuomo declared that no child should go hungry in New York State and his administration will do all it can to prevent it. Thirty percent of New Yorkers who are eligible for food stamps do not receive them, leaving over \$2 billion in federal funds unclaimed every year. To help these New Yorkers, the Governor announced that his administration will seek to increase participation in food stamp programs by reducing barriers including fingerprinting for working families, and work to eliminate the stigma associated with the hunger assistance programs. (Contd. Pg. 14)

POLITICAL SLANT- Frank Comando -

I wish to commend **Congressman Maurice Hinchey** for standing up and **voting for the American People**, by **voting 'NO!' on the National Defense Authorization Act HR 1540, a bill that allows the arrest of American citizens**, by the military, on U.S. soil. This nay vote proves once again that **Congressman Maurice Hinchey** is not a politician but, **Mr. Hinchey is a statesman** as defined by our founding fathers.

Statement by the President on signing H.R. 1540, a bill the President said, he would Veto. "Today I have signed into law H.R. 1540, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal year 2012. I have signed the Act chiefly because it authorizes funding for the defense of the United States and its interests abroad, crucial services for service members and their families, and vital national security programs that must be renewed. In hundreds of separate sections totaling over 500 pages, the Act also contains critical Administration initiatives to control the spiraling health care costs of the Department of Defense (DoD), to develop counterterrorism initiatives abroad, to build the security capacity of key partners, to modernize the force, and to boost the efficiency and effectiveness of military operations worldwide."

The fact that I support this bill as a whole does not mean I agree with everything in it. In particular, I have signed this bill despite having serious reservations with certain provisions that regulate the detention, interrogation, and prosecution of suspected terrorists. Over the last several years, my Administration has developed an effective, sustainable framework for the detention, interrogation and trial of suspected terrorists that allows us to maximize both our ability to collect intelligence and to incapacitate dangerous individuals in rapidly developing situations, and the results we have achieved are undeniable. Our success against al-Qa'ida and its affiliates and adherents has derived in significant measure from providing our counterterrorism professionals with the clarity and flexibility they need to adapt to changing circumstances and to utilize whichever authorities best protect the American people, and our accomplishments have respected the values that make our country an example for the world.

I am sorry Mr. President most of our readers do not agree with the signing of the "**National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012**" as long as this Act, contains the statute, that allows the imprisonment of American citizens. This bill **HR 1540**, combined with **the Patriot Act**, an act that espouses that anyone, who constantly refers to the constitution of the US as the definer of our rights, or criticizes the operation of the government, can be considered a terrorist. People interviewed around our area are stating that this bill is catamount to an act of war against the American people. Since the house and the senate passed this bill, people, also feel that, we now have taxation, without representation, asit was in 1773 when an incident called "**The Boston Tea Party**," occurred. I wonder what todays very different "**Tea Party**" thinks?

Have something to say send it; it must be less than 200 words, e-mail politicalslant@yahoo.com.

Bonacic: DEP Shows Arrogance on Response to UC Concerns-(From Pg. 1)

Ulster County Executive Michael Hein released his public invitation to Mayor Bloomberg to come to Ulster County. In response, DEP staff attacked Hein viciously, saying in part that the DEP has invested \$1.5 billion over 20 years "upstate" as part of their effort to "protect" their water supply. "Even though I live upstate and no longer have the benefit of Manhattan math like the DEP does," said Bonacic, who was born in New York City, "\$1.5 billion over 20 years comes out to \$9.38 per year when you consider that 8 million New York City residents drink that water. That is an absolute bargain. If they bought their water from upstate by the gallon, and gave the money to watershed area residents whose lands were taken to create the reservoirs, the word 'fracking' would never pass the lips of anyone in my Senate District again because we would all be rich with water lease payments instead of potential gas lease payments," Senator Bonacic said. The Senator said it was "eminently reasonable" to invite Mayor Bloomberg to come to Ulster County and indicated he hoped the Mayor would come soon. "The Mayor is no coward. He is not afraid to confront issues. He ought to come up here. I suspect his staff is keeping him in the dark about some of the problems because no sensible business-person would treat others the way the DEP and their staff treat the citizens of the watershed," concluded Senator Bonacic

Compeer...it's as simple as being a friend.

We've just come through the hustle and bustle of a holiday season during which most of us have given and received gifts. How about thinking about one more gift - one that costs nothing, but can be the most valuable thing to give or receive. What better gift can you give another than the

gift of your friendship? With the new year comes a new beginning - a chance to do something that will fulfill you and another person during 2012. Compeer (companion/peer) is a nationwide program that recruits volunteers to form one-to-one friendships with someone who is recovering from mental illness. In the past thirty or so years, Compeer has grown from one location, originally serving 12 individuals to the International Affiliation of Compeer Programs with affiliates established in 105 cities, 29 states and two other countries. In Sullivan County, since 1983, Compeer has been a program of Friends and Advocates for Mental Health, the local affiliate of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI).

At any given time, between 30 and 45 million Americans suffer from a mental illness that requires professional treatment. They are often linked by the common denominators of devastating loneliness, isolation and intense misunderstanding. The help they need on the road to recovery is often more than traditional therapy alone can offer. They need the support of a friend. They need a Compeer volunteer. The rewards are many when you volunteer for Compeer. There are opportunities for personal growth and satisfaction through helping others. Your friendship will help combat the stigma associated with mental illness. You can also gain solid experience for a resume. Being a Compeer volunteer is fun - you're matched with someone who shares similar interests and background and you do things you both enjoy. Compeer friends agree to share a few hours together each month - the hours are flexible and fit your schedule, because you choose the hours you spend with your friend, just as you would with any friendship.

Compeer...it's as simple as being a friend. For more information, please contact Lori Schneider-Wendt at (845) 794-1029 or via e-mail - AMI-FAMH@aol.com

Catskill Artists Gallery Becoming a Gallery Without Walls

The Catskill Artists Gallery is becoming a gallery without walls! It is closing its "bricks-and-mortar" location at 38 South Main Street in Liberty at the end of January, but will still be selling its usual array of fine art and craft in other ways.

The gallery is revising its website to enable direct sales online, and will also participate in carefully selected art exhibitions and craft shows throughout the year. These events will be publicized on its website, www.catskillartistsgallery.com.

The regular hours of Friday and Saturday 11-6 and Sunday noon-5 will be maintained through January; and there will be many items on sale. It will be a great opportunity to snap up those special unique handcrafted items at reduced prices.

The gallery members, Robert Friedman, Cate Gundlach, Kathy Jeffers, Buff McAllister, and Hank Schneider appreciate the support the public has shown during the last nine years, and expect to continue providing them the same high-quality work in the future.

The email address: catskillartistsgallery@aol.com, and the website will remain the same. After January 31, the mailing address will be c/o E. McAllister, P.O. Box 261, Liberty, NY 12754, and the phone number will be 845-434-2987.

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TIME & THE VALLEYS MUSEUM
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Time and the Valleys Museum has copies of every *Townsmen* printed since the beginning classified by year for anyone to research.


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invite you to weekly worship:
9 am in Hurlyeville,
10:30 am in Woodridge.
For more information, call Pastor
Susan Woodworth 985-2283

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Sunday School 9:30 am
Sunday Worship Service/ Children's Church 10:30 am
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Tuesday Night Youth Home Bible Study 7 pm
Friday Youth Night 7 pm



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Sundays, 3 pm: Communion
Music by Susan and Fred Van Wagner
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Mother Joan LaLiberté
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Sunday Mass - 9:30 am
Holy Days 5:30 pm
Penance 9:00 am, 2nd Sunday of the month

Rev. George W. Hommel, Pastor



Sundown United Methodist Church
Sunday Worship Service • 8:30am

Grahamsville United Methodist Church
Sunday Worship Service
10:30am
985-2283

Claryville Reformed Church



Claryville Road
Claryville, NY 12725
845-985-2041

Bible Class 9:00 am
Worship Services @ 10:00 am
Rev. Paul Nulton
John Bult, Organist



Covered Dish Supper

February 4, 2012
5:30 pm
Sundown United Methodist Church
at the Sundown Church Hall



Grahamsville United Methodist Church

Jan 21, 2012
Thrift Sale Only
9 am-1 pm

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Sunday morning: 9:00 am and 11:30 am

Holy days of obligation: as announced in church bulletin.

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Saturday afternoon confessions: 4 to 4:45.

Rev. John J. Lynch, Ph.D., Pastor. 434-7643.

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Worship Service 9:30 A.M.

Rev. Paul Z. Ruter, Pastor

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**TOWN OF NEVERSINK
NOTICE: ALTERNATE MEMBER POSITION
AVAILABLE ON THE ZONING BOARD OF
APPEALS**

The Town of Neversink announces an Alternate Member position available on the Zoning Board of Appeals. The alternate member will serve when a regular member is unable to participate on an application or matter before their respective Board. Alternate members are expected to attend all meetings.

The Alternate Member to the Zoning Board of Appeals will be appointed by the Town Board for a term to expire on December 31st, 2013. All provisions of state law relating to Zoning Board of Appeals member eligibility, vacancy in office, removal, compatibility of office and service on other boards, as well as any provisions of a local law/local ordinance relating to training, continuing education, compensation and attendance, shall also apply to the alternate member.

Please send a letter of interest to: Mark McCarthy, Supervisor, Town of Neversink, PO Box 307, Grahamsville, NY 12740 or drop it off at the Town Hall. Letters of interest should be received by January 31, 2012. Please address any questions to Mark McCarthy, Supervisor at (845)985-2262, ext. 301.

1/12; 1/26/12

Public Notice:

The Annual Plot-Holders' meeting for the Grahamsville Rural Cemetery will be held on February 9, 2012 at the Neversink Town Hall at 7:00pm.

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

A Regular Board Meeting
Will be held

On Thursday, January 19, 2012
at 7:00 p.m.

An Policy Sub-Committee Mtg. will be before
the regular meeting
starting at 6:00 p.m.

In the Secondary School
Lower Library Level,
Grahamsville, New York

TVCS PTO NEWS Welcome back and HAPPY NEW YEAR! The meeting dates, & upcoming event dates, are listed below, mark your calendar & we'll see you there! PTO Meetings are held in the H.S. Library January 18, 2012 7:00-9:00 p.m. February 15, 2012 7:00-9:00 p.m. March 21, 2012 7:00-9:00 p.m. April 18, 2012 7:00-9:00 p.m. May 16, 2012 7:00-9:00 p.m. June 6, 2012 7:00-9:00 p.m. Dates may change depending on school calendar, school closings, other events scheduled on same day etc... The Book Fair: Look for it SPRING OF 2012. Spirit Wear: We are offering several different selections this year- we really think you will enjoy it. There is no due date we will be selling this all year so feel free to place your order when ever you like. Simply send it into school with your child, or yourself in either the Elementary School Office or the Athletic Office. You can download more order forms off the PTO website. Ideas for future events are still welcome! Birthday Lunches: the children really enjoy it -if you wish to be apart of this special day with your child we could always use bakers for the cupcakes, help setting up, decorating or cleaning up. This takes place the last Wednesday of the month, please call the PTO number and leave your name and number and Paula or Stacie will call you back. The next one will be 1/ 25/2012. This gives back to the others who donate their time or makes this occasion special for another child when they need it. We want to thank everyone who participates in this event regularly as we couldn't make this day special

for so many children without your dedication or assistance. Once again thank you to our community, staff and parents we couldn't do this without your help! PTO Officers SR/kjb Our NEW webpage is up and running it is linked off the school's website. Any and all feedback would be appreciated!

**News From: UC Emergency
Communications/Emergency
Management**

Being January begins Tax season we are sending out helpful guidance to be shared with the disaster affected populations and communities released by the IRS.

With January being the start of tax season, The Ulster County Emergency Communications/Emergency Management wants to make the disaster affected populations and communities aware of a helpful resource guide released by the IRS.

The the web URL address for this IRS resource page for businesses, individuals, tax professionals, charitable organizations etc and additional information that is related to taxes and disasters including a page with a "disaster losses kit for individuals" where individuals can map through their disaster losses and better understand how to record it on their taxes is: <http://www.irs.gov/businesses/small/article/0,,id=156138,00.html>

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

Dear Voter:

After four years of disastrous politics under former Governors Spitzer and Paterson, New York has finally turned the corner in creating a functional, bi-partisan State government. The State Senate's Republican majority, which I am honored to be among the leadership of, has worked with Governor Cuomo to give taxpayers what you deserve - a functional, effective, and bi-partisan government.

This year, we:
-Ended the job killing MTA payroll tax for thousands of Hudson Valley small businesses;
-Enacted a long-sought after Property Tax Cap plan;
-Closed a \$10 billion deficit Governor Paterson left behind when he retired from office;
-Enacted ethics reform to stop corruption;
-Cut income taxes, effective January 1, 2012 for middle class New Yorkers;
-Enacted a new law to provide insurance coverage for those who have children with autism; and
-Directed millions of dollars for flood control aid - one of the priorities I fought hardest for.
Throughout the year, I met with hundreds of groups in Albany and across Delaware, Orange, Sullivan, and Ulster Counties. We participated in ceremonies marking the ten year anniversary of 9/11, and we celebrated with hope as soldiers returned safely from the Middle East.

I know the economics of the times and partisan gridlock in Washington are challenging many families.

As we move into 2012, I am optimistic that the economy can grow, and that Washington will get its act together, just like New York State government finally has.

In 2012, you can count on me to continue to provide independent representation in the Senate, working in a bi-partisan way to meet the needs of our State.

Our Senate District offices are in Delhi (607 746 6675); Middletown (845 344 3311); and Albany (518 455 3181). Please feel free to call or email if there is any matter involving State government you feel I may be able to assist with.

Happy and Healthy New Year,

JOHN J. BONACIC
State Senator

The Blue Hill Lodge in Claryville celebrates the New Year.

Dear Editor,

Regardless, if you celebrate the New Year by listening to Guy Lombardo's swinging orchestra, or dance to rock-music, or stay home and watch 'the Ball' drop at Times Square, there is a certain excitement and hope, that all your unrealized dreams will finally come true. If such enters the realm of uncertainty or wishful thinking, a glass or two of champagne will wipe all your doubts and troubles away, especially when served by Irena, Blue Hill Lodge's beautiful proprietor, which in many ways matches its elegant decor.

I really do believe that the restaurant business is more than feeding a hungry stomach; it is more so a demonstration of human values. This, the owners of the Blue Hill Lodge have adopted in their heart. I truly believe that it is not the art of pleasing the customer by condescending niceties, but to treat them with respect and courtesy, if so deserved. That's why I do not miss an opportunity to visit Irena and Frank, at their new Community Center in Claryville.

Their hospitality is to be lauded, especially, when one is greeted with a glass of champagne on New Year's Night, and an honest smile. Such, for sure, will leave a memorable spot in your heart. Surely, times are difficult today, but that shouldn't be an excuse not to enjoy and participate in our local economy. After all, before we succumb to the sob-stories on television, it would be thousand times better to go for a hike in the brisk winter air, and have a warm cup of chocolate at the Blue Hill Lodge, then to lament over things you have little control of. So, spend a few hours at a place that you and your friends can be proud of. How many establishments can provide what the Blue Hill Lodge Community Center has to offer? What a chance to start a meaningful New Year.

Sincerely,
Gerhard B. Henke
Grahamsville, NY

Governor Cuomo (From Pg. 12)

-Create an All-Crimes DNA Database: To better protect New Yorkers and improve the state's criminal justice system, Governor Cuomo announced that he will propose legislation to create a databank to obtain DNA from all convicted criminal defendants that are found guilty of any felony or Penal Law misdemeanor. Currently, DNA is only collected from those convicted of less than half the crimes on the books in New York. The DNA databank as it currently exists has provided leads in over 2,700 convictions and led to 27 exonerations of the wrongfully accused. Under the legislation the Governor will propose, DNA will be key to exonerating the innocent, convicting the guilty, and protecting New Yorkers in a fair and cost-effective way.

-Establish a Tax Reform and Fairness Commission: Continuing efforts that began at the end of 2011 to reform the state tax code to boost job creation and improve fairness, Governor Cuomo announced the creation of the Tax Reform and Fairness Commission to propose additional, long-term changes to corporate, sales, and personal income tax systems, and to find ways to close tax loopholes, promote efficiency in administration, improve New York's business climate, and enhance collection as well as enforcement.

-Implement Campaign Finance Reform: Governor Cuomo called for comprehensive reform of the state's campaign finance system to make sure that all New Yorkers have an equal voice in the political process. New York ranks 48th in the nation in voter turnout and a smaller percentage of New York residents contribute to candidates to state office than anywhere else in the nation. The Governor called for a better campaign finance system that includes matched contributions and lower contribution limits, and increase enforcement at the Board of Elections.

-Create an Office for New Americans: To ensure that New York remains a land of opportunity for all, Governor Cuomo announced that his administration will create an Office of New Americans to assist legal permanent residents who come to New York State. The office will provide a variety of services, including helping those with high-skills training and experience obtain the licenses and credentials they need to earn their way; helping those with limited formal education receive access to adult education and job training; and helping new legal permanent residents navigate the path to citizenship. It will also encourage entrepreneurship and take steps to protect new Americans as they transition to full participation in New York's communities.

- Train Leaders for a New New York: To help address the state's human capital crisis, Governor Cuomo announced that his administration will launch the New New York Leaders Initiative to create opportunities for the state's next generation to dedicate their careers to public service. The first component of the initiative, the Student Intern Program, will assign students to a particular branch of government to provide hands-on experience for interns to interact with government leaders and policy makers. The second component, the Empire State Fellows Program, will be a full-time leadership training program that will prepare the next generation of talented professionals who are members of underrepresented groups for careers as state policy makers. The New NY Leaders Initiative is designed to renew the connection between young people and the state and ensure that state government is diverse, talented, and prepared to lead the way for decades to come.

- Protect Reproductive Rights: To continue to vigorously protect a woman's right to choose, Governor Cuomo pledged to fight for passage of the Reproductive Health Act. The Act protects the fundamental right of reproductive freedom and ensures that the rights of individuals to make difficult and personal health care decisions are preserved.

Town of Neversink Parks & Recreation Department
www.townofneversink.org
 (845) 985-2262 extension 312

Watch the *Townsmen* for future events of hosted by the Town of Neversink Parks and Recreation Department.

Don't forget **FREE FUN** every **FRIDAY** afternoon 1- 4 pm in the upstairs meeting room in the Neversink Town Hall.



Daniel Pierce Library hours of operation beginning September 1, 2011.
 Tuesday: 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
 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.

AL-ANON MEETINGS -

<http://www.al-anon.alateen.org>
Monday 7:00 p.m. United Methodist Church, 170 N. Main Street, Liberty
Thursday 7:00 p.m. Immaculate Conception Church Annex, 6317 Rt 42, Woodbourne
Saturday 8:00 p.m. United Methodist Church, 170 N. Main Street, Liberty

Statement from Attorney General Schneiderman on the State of the State Address

ALBANY -- Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman today issued the following statement regarding Governor Andrew M. Cuomo's State of the State address:

"Our state faces tough choices in the year ahead to rebuild trust in government, grow our economy and protect consumers. In today's State of the State speech, Governor Cuomo laid out important steps to address these challenges directly, and I look forward to working together to restore faith in the public sector and in our economic system, so that all New Yorkers are given a fair shake in these tough times. The people of this state demand progress and now it's time to deliver."

Ulster County businesses assisted by CWC

Two Ulster County business were awarded low-interest loans, and a third will be reimbursed for repairs to stormwater controls damaged by August 28 floods, following actions taken by the Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC) Board of Directors January 3.

A REDI Loan of \$873,733 to Birchwood Lodge, Inc. will go towards improvements to Yogi Bear's Jellystone Park Campground in the hamlet of Greenfield Park, Town of Wawarsing. Owner Michael Zalkin will use the funds in part to purchase five new lodging units for the campground, which employs 42 people. A CWC loan in 2011 provided funds for grounds improvements and building repairs.

Mark Susczynski and Kimberly

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- 1/12/12 Dept. of Motor Vehicles Neversink Town Hall 10:00 am - 2:30 p.m.
- 1/12/12 Claryville Fire District Organizational Meeting - 6:30 pm
- 1/15/12 Claryville Fire Dept. **Pancake Breakfast** 7 am - Noon
- 1/16/12 Town of Neversink Holiday - MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BIRTHDAY
- 1/19/12 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals
- 1/21/12 Grahamsville UMC **Thrift Sale only** - 9 am - 1 pm
- 1/31/12 Town of Neversink Parks & Rec Meeting - 7 pm Neversink Town Hall
- 2/1/12 Town of Neversink Planning Board
- 2/4/12 **Sundown Methodist Church Covered Dish Supper** - 5:30 pm Sundown Church Hall
- 2/8/12 Town of Neversink Board Meeting
- 2/16/12 Dept. of Motor Vehicles Neversink Town Hall 10:00 am - 2:30 p.m.
- 2/16/12 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals
- 3/21/12 Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Assoc. Meeting - 7:30 PM (No Meetings until March 2012)

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

To All: Municipalities, Civic Organizations, Churches, etc.
 Please remember to send us your **Events Calendar for 2012** so that we may continue to post your meetings and events throughout the coming year. You may send them by regular mail: **Townsmen, PO Box 232, Grahamsville, NY 12y40** or email: **tvtownsman@yahoo.com** or drop them in the Drop Box on the porch at the Grahamsville 1st Aid Building

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 NAPANOCH APPLIANCE
 PLEASANT STONE FARM
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NEW LOCATIONS in the TOWN OF OLIVE & SHANDAKEN

The Good Stuff Cafe • Boiceville IGA • J & G Log Homes, LLC • Ange's • Tetta's • Boiceville Florist • Reservoir Music • Snyder's
 Phoenicia Pharmacy • Phoenicia Deli • Mama's Boy • Ricclardella's • Emerson Resort

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.

Weeks, partners in Elm Rock, Ltd, were awarded a \$150,000 REDI Loan to acquire SparrowHawk Bed and Breakfast in Stone Ridge. The new owners will continue the B&B, will renovate a carriage house for additional rentals and plan to add an onsite restaurant and catering facility to the property, located at 4494 State Route 209.

The Copperhood Inn and Spa on Route 28, Town of Shandaken, will receive \$12,105 to repair a culvert and rip-rap along the Esopus Creek that tore through the property during Tropical Storm Irene. The stormwater controls, required under NYC Watershed regulations, were originally installed in 2004.

The CWC is a non-profit Local Development Corporation based in Margaretville. It is committed to protecting water resources, encouraging environmentally friendly economic development and supporting watershed education in the New York City Watershed West of the Hudson River, a region encompassing parts of five counties - Delaware, Greene, Schoharie, Sullivan and Ulster.

To learn more about other CWC programs to assist residents and businesses in the New York City Watershed West of the Hudson River, visit www.cwconline.org.

EMERSON EVENTS for January 2012

Artists in Their Studios Exhibit. Artists in Their Studios consists of Kim Alderman, Jenny Nelson, Christie Scheele and Allan Skriloff. All four artists have highly unique and mature bodies of work, and have exhibited widely and been collected nationally and internationally. Stroll through the halls of the Inn at the Emerson and view paintings and sculptures that are also available for purchase. For a more intimate experience and to see the artists at work, contact the Emerson concierge to arrange a visit to their studio. For more information, contact (845) 688-2828. www.emersonresort.com

Open Mike Nite at the Catamount Restaurant. Every Tuesday night from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. Join host Ben Rounds and take your shot at becoming the next Catskills Singing Sensation! Tuesday is also Mega Sliders night at the Cat - only \$12.95.

Josh Tyler & Co. at the Catamount Restaurant. Wednesday, January 18 and Saturday, January 21 from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. With Hudson Valley roots and music influenced by a mix of rock, folk, blues, soul, country jazz and classical, Josh Tyler's music appeals to everyone. No cover.

Ben Rounds Band at the Catamount Restaurant. Saturday, January 14 from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. An evening of live music, line dancing and boot scootin'! Ben and his band have been a local favorite for over 20 years. Come on out to the Cat for Saturday night dinner, music and dancing! No cover.

Spotlight on Song at The Phoenix. The popular acoustic music series continues with celebrated performers on select Thursday nights. Suggested donation = \$5. For more information contact (845) 688-2828.

Town of Denning Message Board: <http://www.denning.us>
 Town of Neversink Website: <http://townofneversink.org>
 Daniel Pierce Library - <http://www.danielpiercelibrary.org>
 Time and The Valleys Museum - <http://timeandthevalleymuseum.org>
 Tri-Valley CSD: <http://tvcs.k12.ny.us>
 Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman On-Line Edition: <http://thetownsman.com>

The Claryville Fire District Organizational Meeting is scheduled for Thursday January 12, 2012 at 6:30 PM.

You are invited to a SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER

for Mission work in Ecuador. Pastors Bob and Sue are part of a Mission team traveling to Ecuador Feb. 9-21. We are raising funds in support of their trip and the construction and Vacation Bible School work they will be doing there. The Grahamsville UMC Mission Team is sponsoring this dinner, with assistance from the Sundown, Hurleyville & Woodridge United Methodist Churches, & Bread for the Journey Outreach Ministry.

Friday, January 20, 4:00 -6:30 p.m.
 (snow date Sat. Jan. 21)

Grahamsville UMC Fellowship Hall
 DONATIONS GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED.
 Come enjoy a delicious meal of Spaghetti (w/vegetarian sauce or meat sauce), Salad, 'Bread Alone' bread, Brownie sundaes, beverages.

TAKE-OUTS ARE AVAILABLE
 For more information, call 985-2283

ANNOUNCEMENT

The following positions are available at **Tri-Valley Central School for 2011-2012:**

SUBSTITUTE MONITORS

Interested parties should send letters of interest to:

David Drown
 Tri-Valley Central School District
 34 Moore Hill Road
 Grahamsville, New York 12740
 (845)985-2296 ext. 5417

Cut-off date for accepting letters of interest: January 13, 2012



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Quiz:

- A. Name the actor who played Bob Gray?
- B. Name the actor who played Young, Dr. Chung?

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

TRI VALLEY - LITTLE LEAGUE BASE BALL here are some Kappa words from our own Jessica Marchuck "Hello TVLL family. It's officialy that time of year where we not only prepare for snow, but also start thinking about baseball & softball. As most of you already know, our 2012 season will be held at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds. Registration has begun. There will be three more opportunities to register your children for the 2012 season! Sign-ups are held Saturday, 1/14, 1/21, and 1/28 from 10:00am-4:00pm at the Town Hall in Grahamsville. Please note that Saturday, January 28, is the FINAL registration date. Your child does not need to be present to register, however, new players must supply L.L. commissioners with a copy of their birth certificate in order to register. . Jessica Marchuck, and Jill Knox can be reached at 985-7554

HURLEYVILLE - Come celebrate a Happy Birthday party at **NADIA'S BUFFET** on January 19, 2012. Come join Nadia & Janos celebrate Nadia's birthday who will be twenty-one, so I am told! 20% off if you were born in January! Check it out all you can eat \$15.00, plus live Jazz, Thursday - Sunday 5pm on. For reservations call (845) 693-5104

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Have a good week!
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2 Bedroom trailer: No pets- \$700 + utilities

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Mobile Home for rent in Grahamsville: 3 Bdr, walking distance to Town Park, \$675 per month + utilities and security-No pets. 985-7242. pd1/15

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