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Liberty CSD Inducts Dr. Glenn Zurawski to Wall of Fame



Karen, Myrtle and John Zurawski - sister, mother and brother (respectively) of Dr. Glenn Zurawski.

The crowd mingled, laughed, and shared stories, hugs and even a few tears as they assembled at the LCSD Wall of Fame breakfast reception on June 22nd. They were brought together to celebrate the induction of Dr. Glenn Zurawski. Most in the group politely refused the name tags that were offered to them. "Everyone already knows each other," explained John Zurawski, who nominated his brother to the Wall of Fame, and who accepted the honor on his behalf. (Contd. Pg. 4)

Ellenville Regional Hospital Physical Therapist Assistant Becomes US Citizen

Ellenville Regional Hospital is proud to announce that Keisha Daley-Benjamin became an American Citizen on June 2013.

The ceremony, conducted in Kingston, NY, by the Hon. Karen K. Peters, Presiding Justice, Supreme Court of the State of New York, was fittingly held on Flag Day!

Ms. Daley-Benjamin has been working at Ellenville Regional Hospital as a Physical Therapist Assistant since November 2012.



SC Longbeards & Catskill Mt. Archery and Travis Archery Aid Wounded Warrior Program



Long Beards were very happy to support it. (Contd. Pg. 4)

The Sullivan County Long Beards Catskill Mtn. Archery and Travis Archery have all come together once again, to aid the Wounded Warrior Xcursion Program put on by the Sullivan County Long Beards and supported by Travis Archery. Ethan Morgan is the Wound-ed Warrior Xcursion chairman and has been an enthusiastic JAKES member since he was very young. The program was a brain child of Ethan's and the

Old Time Fun at the Old Time Fair and BBQ!

On Saturday, July 27th, Grahamsville Fairgrounds the popular Old Time Fair & BBQ will be held rain or shine on Saturday, July 27th from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds on St. Rt. 55 in Grahamsville, New York.

Sponsored by the Time and the Valleys Museum, the Old Time Fair includes old fashioned activities such as:

- Corn shucking and skillet throwing contests!
- Children's old fashioned games
- Hand-cranked ice cream making demonstration and tasting
- Entertaining pie auction with emcee Barry Lewis
- Great food and music
- Fly tying and casting demonstrations
- Local history exhibits
- Spinning, quilting and black-smithing demonstrations



Plenty of free parking and admission is FREE, with only a nominal fee for some games and food.

From 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., enjoy the delicious Miller's Chicken Barbecue. The popular Miller's Chicken is accompanied by baked beans, macaroni salad, corn on the cob, and dessert. Dinners are available to eat in or take out, and are \$10 adults and \$7 children under 8. All funds raised support the Museum's educational programming. The Time and the Valleys Museum is a living and interactive resource that preserves the past, educates the present and ensures the uniqueness of the Rondout and Neversink watersheds for all generations. The Museum is located at 332 Main Street (St. Rt. 55) in Grahamsville and is open to the public from Thursday through Sunday, noon to 4 p.m.. The Museum has three floors of exhibitions, a local history research center (open Thursdays and Sundays 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.) and museum shop.

Current exhibitions are: A History of the Watershed Areas from Geological Times to the 1930's, Tunnels, Toil & Trouble: New York City's Quest for Water and the Rondout-Neversink Story, and The Family Farm 1930 - 1950. Admission to the Museum is by suggested donation \$5 adults, \$2 children, and children under 6 are free.

For additional information on the Museum or this unique and enjoyable event, please call us at 845 985-7700 or go online at www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org.

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PWSC Scholarship Dinner



The Professional Women of Sullivan County recently held their Scholarship Dinner at Bernie's Holiday Restaurant in Rock Hill, NY. The recipients of the scholarships are pictured above (l-r): Anita Rein, Marcy Paitek, Krista Rodriguez, Karen Gildersleeve, Yolana Suida, Annette Purcell, Oliva Grady and Courtney Kelly. Not pictured are Melanie Reisner, Lauren Katz and Brenna O'Malley. (Contd. Pg. 4)

Fallsburg Lions Club Annual Achievement Awards



left to right are Austin Halchak, Christina Alonso, and Brooke Rappaport. Jocelyn Hernandez-Castro was unable to attend the dinner.

The Town of Fallsburg Lions Club presented its Annual Achievement Awards to the following graduating seniors from Fallsburg High School during a dinner on June 20, 2013 at Frankie & Johnny's in Hurleyville: Christina Alonso, daughter of Lazaro and Diana Alonso; Austin Halchak, son of John W. and Mary Ann Halchak; Jocelyn Hernandez-Castro, daughter of Erlinda Cordero and Javier Hernandez; and Brooke Rappaport, daughter of Bruce and Katherine Rappaport.

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ON THE FRONT BURNER: Even every one that is called by my name: for I have created him for my glory, I have formed him; yea, I have made him. Isaiah 44:7

OBITUARIES

Dawn I. Yarnes Gorton of Grahamsville, NY passed away peacefully on Sunday, July 7, 2013 at home with her loving companion and caretaker, Albert Picard, at her side. She was 73.

Dawn was born in Walton, NY on September 10, 1939, the daughter of the late Richard H. and Juanita Constable Yarnes.

Dawn moved to Grahamsville in 1957 with her parents and two sisters after graduating from Walton Central School. She worked as a teller for Community National Bank in Liberty until the birth of her daughters. She later worked at the Sullivan County National Bank in Grahamsville and then at Sullivan Correctional Facility as a secretary and cashier until her retirement in December 2004.

Dawn is survived by one daughter, Tina Pezzella of Woodbourne; a grandson, Blake Case; three granddaughters: Caitlin Pezzella, Kacia Kern and Anissa Avery; son-in-law, Ralph Soule; brother, Richard C. Yarnes (Carol) of Walton, NY; three sisters: Juanita Robinson of Norwich, NY, Eleanor Donnelly of Walton, NY and Fay Yarnes of Liberty, NY; sister-in-law, Carolyn Yarnes of Conesus, NY and numerous nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her daughter, Dian Kern; sister, Evelyn Matthews and brother, Gail R. Yarnes.

Dawn was a member of the Grahamsville United Methodist Church and was very comforted by and grateful for her church family. Her family would also like to thank Dr. Robert Dinsmore and the nurses and staff of Crystal Run HealthCare for their wonderful care and compassion.

A Memorial Service was held at Grahamsville United Methodist Church on Saturday, July 13th with Rev. Peggy Ann Sauerhoff and Rev. Robert Kersten officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Orange & Sullivan Counties, 800 Stony Brook Court, Newburgh, NY 12550 or to Grahamsville United Methodist Church, 350 Main St., Grahamsville, NY 12740.

Marina Matthews Brock died at the age of 56 after a long illness in Montpelier, VT. A Memorial Service will be held for her at the Claryville Reformed Church on Saturday, August 3rd at 3 o'clock. An informal reception will follow at the Church Hall.

Marina was the granddaughter of Frank Hovey-Roof Connell. She is survived by her parents, Gioia and Mitchell Brock; two sisters, Felicity Kelcourse and Laura Brock-Smith; and her brother, Mitchell Hovey Brock and their children.

Days of Yore...

...Today's History

July 22, 1953 - Miss Hazel Black, daughter of Eber Black Sr. and the late Martha Akerley Black, of this village, and Frank Maier, son of Mrs. Elwood Velie and the late Frank Maier, were married on Saturday afternoon at the home of the Rev. William Coombe of Ellenville. Following the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride's aunt, Mrs. Robert Many. They will make their home in Delhi where Mr. Maier is a teacher at the University.

At a recent meeting in Woodbourne, residents discussed the drying up of the Neversink River as a result of New York City impounding the water in the Neversink Dam. Citizens of that area say that the river has become a mere trickling stream fed by a ten inch pipe and that the lack of water constitutes a fire hazard because all the water for firefighting comes from the Neversink.

July 17, 1963 - Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Knopsnyder of Napanoch have announced the engagement of their daughter, Linda Lou, to Earl Coddington Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Coddington Sr., of Sundown. No date has been set for the wedding. Miss Knopsnyder is a graduate of Ellenville High School and is employed by the Ulster Knife Co. Mr. Coddington is a graduate of Tri Valley Central School and is employed at Channel Master Corp.

Volney Shade, 79, of Rhinebeck, N.Y., died on Wednesday, July 10th after a long hospitalization. Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Mabel Shader; a daughter, Mrs. Joseph Waldinger; and a son, Volney Shader Jr. of Grahamsville.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Newman of East

Mountain are the proud parents of a baby girl, Rhonda Ann, born early Thursday morning at Maimonides Hospital. Mrs. Newman is the former Alfreda Sheeley.

August 1, 1973 - Fernald F. DuBois, 64, died Monday at Community General Hospital, Liberty after a short illness. Mr. DuBois was born in Grahamsville on July 9, 1909 to Harrison and Amy DuBois. He was married to Marjorie Champion on April 13, 1935 in Waterbury, Conn. He was a carpenter at the Woodbourne Rehabilitation Center, Woodbourne. He was a member of the United Methodist Church and a commissioner for the Grahamsville Fire Department. Surviving are his widow; two daughters, Mrs. Virginia Rhynders of Poughkeepsie and Mrs. Irma Mentnech of Woodbourne; a son, Fernald F. DuBois Jr. of Kingston; a brother, Gerald of Grahamsville; seven grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

July 21, 1983 - On July 14th Albert (Bert) Erath quietly celebrated his 100th birthday at home with his family. During the afternoon friends and relatives stopped in to share this occasion and have a piece of birthday cake. "Bert" also received many cards and phone calls offering congratulations. It was a special day for all.

The Bill Denman family enjoyed a family reunion at the home of Elmer Denman of Sussex, N.J. on Saturday, July 16th. Approximately 90 people attended, coming from as far away as California. This was the first gathering in 8 years and many pictures were available; much family history was discussed.

WELCOME - REV. PEGGY ANN SAURHOFF!

On July 21st the Grahamsville and Sundown Methodist churches will celebrate the appointment of Peggy Ann Saurhoff. The community is invited to join us in worship at Sundown at 8:30 or Grahamsville at 10:30. There will be a covered dish luncheon at the Grahamsville Fellowship Hall immediately following the 10:30 service. Please come and meet Peggy Ann and her family as they settle into our community and don't forget to bring a dish-to-pass.

Afternoon Tea with the Master Gardeners

On Saturday, July 27, 2013 CCE of Sullivan County will hold An Afternoon Tea with Master Gardeners from 1pm-4pm at the Michael Ritchie Big Barn Center On Walter's Way in Hurleyville, New York

Guest Speaker will be Jean-David Derreumaux, Director of Healing Gardens and Biodynamics at The Center For Discovery

Tickets cost \$25 and will only be sold in advance through Master Gardeners or by calling (845) 292-6180

The day will include: Light fare by Natural Contents; Flower arranging demonstration; and Gardening Demos by Master Gardeners.

CCE Offers Workshops to Save Energy, Save Dollars

Homeowners and renters can learn to reduce energy consumption and lower energy bills at a Save Energy, Save Dollars workshop on Thursday, July 25, 2013. This EmPower New York class is being offered by Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County at 6 pm at the Gerald J. Skoda Extension Education Center on 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road in Liberty.

Participants who attend this free event will learn about reducing energy bills by following some low-cost and no-cost energy conservation methods. Each person will receive three (3) compact fluorescent light bulbs at no cost to them.

Advanced registration is encouraged by calling 845-292-6180. This program is one in a series of identical classes. Additional dates and times can be obtained by visiting www.human.cornell.edu/dea/outreach/index.cfm and selecting "Empower Energy Use Management Workshop Schedule".

EmPower New York workshops are sponsored by the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) and developed by Cornell University Cooperative Extension and NYSERDA.

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A Round About Tri-Valley-Carol Furman
Marilyn (Mickey) Costa was honored by the Grahamsville Ladies Fire Department Auxiliary for her many years of service to the organization. The dinner was held at the Eureka Cafe on July 3rd.

Two local residents have completed basic recruit training in the military. Marine Corps Pvt. Conor Walsh of Grahamsville, the son of James and Louise Walsh, has completed recruit training and has earned the title of United States Marine. Brandon Avery of Neversink, the son of Olga Avery, is now a Seaman in the United States Navy. Congratulations!

Rachel Adriaans of Neversink has made the Dean's List at James Madison University for the spring semester. Patrick McHugh from Grahamsville and Gregory Swarthout from Neversink were both named to the Dean's List at Bryant University for the spring semester.

Donald Erath has returned to his home in Grahamsville following a short illness and some rehab.

Sympathy is extended to the Staesser Family on the passing of Tara J. Staesser on July 5, 2013. Tara was 74 years old and was the retired operator of Sonoma Falls Campgrounds in Livingston Manor. She is survived by her daughter, Tracy of Grahamsville, her son William of Livingston Manor and several grandchildren.

Congratulations to John Bernstein of Grahamsville who recently graduated from SUNY Potsdam with a degree in music education!

DEP Policemen Lt. Christian Gallagher and Det. Benjamin Monell swam out into the Rondout Reservoir on July 6th to rescue the occupants of a boat which had capsized about 400 yards offshore. The boaters were removed from the water by a DEP boat.

Jack and Carol Clark live on Aden Hill Road in the Town of Neversink. Their barn quilt has been selected to represent New York State in the "American Quilt Redwork Kit" by the Posy Collection. Redwork is a form of needle art that uses red thread on natural colored fabric. The Clark's quilt, of the "Indian Blanket" design, is also featured in the "Barn Quilts and the American Quilt Trail Movement" by Suzy Parron and Donna Sue Groves. What a nice honor!

Neversink Parks and Recreation is sponsoring a trip to a Scranton Wilkes-Barre Railriders Baseball Game on July 25th. The cost is \$12. for Town of Neversink residents and includes game ticket and a meal. Call Jamie Brooks at 985-2262 X 312 to see if you can still register for this great trip.

Food For Thought:

The late Dr. Adrian Rogers (1931 - 2005) wrote the following: You cannot legislate the poor into freedom by legislating the wealthy out of freedom. What one person receives without working for, another person must work for without receiving. The government cannot give to anybody anything that the government does not first take from somebody else. When half of the people get the idea that they do not have to work because the other half is going to take care of them, and when the other half gets the idea that it does no good to work because somebody else is going to get what they worked for, that my dear friend, is about the end of any nation." (Fish Wrapper, 6/04/13)

Words of Wisdom: If you want your children to keep their feet on the ground, put some responsibility on their shoulders. (Abigail Van Buren)

Pulled-Pork Barbeque

The Grahamsville UMC Mission team will be sponsoring a Pulled-Pork BBQ on Friday, July 19th from 4:00-7:00 pm. The menu will include corn-on-the-cob, baked beans, coleslaw, cookies and Mark McCarthy's famous pulled-pork sandwiches.

The barbeque will be held at the Grahamsville United Methodist Church. A donation of \$12 for adults and \$6 for children under 10 is requested. Proceeds will be used for local mission work and for church operations.

Studio Monday Art Exhibit Opening Reception July 21st



Evelyn Porter's Black and white woodcut of a house

The new Daniel Pierce Library in Grahamsville, presents STUDIO MONDAY ART EXHIBIT in the Lower Level Gallery and Community Room from July 21st through August 25th. STUDIO MONDAY represents a group of local area artists who meet regularly to support and encourage each other's different art form. The STUDIO MONDAY ART EXHIBIT will

include acrylics, watercolors, oil paintings by the artists and artworks by founder, Evelyn Porter.

Although this is not the first STUDIO MONDAY ART EXHIBIT, it is the first Annual Exhibition taking place at the new Daniel Pierce Library showcasing the library's exhibit area. Everyone is invited to the Opening Reception on Sunday July 21st, from 2p.m. to 4p.m. Meet some of the artists while enjoying the exhibit. Refreshments will be served.

For more information please call the Daniel Pierce Library at 845-985-7233.

DEP and Town of Neversink Announce Plans to Replace Baseball Fields Destroyed by Hurricane Irene

The New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and Town of Neversink today announced an agreement that will support the town in building four new baseball fields along Route 42 to replace fields destroyed by Hurricane Irene in 2011. The collaboration will also ensure the continued protection of water quality in Rondout Reservoir. The new ball fields, on Route 42 across from the intersection with Big Hollow Road, will replace the town's former Little League complex along Route 55A that was destroyed during Hurricane Irene.

The Town of Neversink secured the roughly 16-acre parcel on Monday. The land is part of an 88 acre parcel purchased by DEP in 2012 as part of the department's continued effort to protect the land around New York City's drinking water supply. DEP and Neversink reached an agreement that led to the property being subdivided, allowing the town to purchase 16 of the 88 acres to replace the ball fields adjacent to the Rondout Creek that it lost during Irene. The agreement calls for the property to be held as parkland - a provision that will ensure open space and recreational facilities for town residents and water-quality protection for customers of the City's water supply.

"Upstate communities, including the more than 1,000 DEP employees who live outside the five boroughs, protect a network of reservoirs that help make New York City our country's most vibrant metropolis," DEP Commissioner Carter Strickland said. "It is a privilege to work with the Town of Neversink, and specifically Supervisor McCarthy, to get these ball fields built. Nothing would make us prouder than if the next Yankees shortstop came from the Town of Neversink."

"The town has looked far and wide for a place to build new ball fields, but there were practically no options available to us," Town of Neversink Supervisor Mark McCarthy said. "New York City could not have been more accommodating when we approached them with this idea. Because of our partnership with DEP, more than 300 young people from Neversink will now have a place to play baseball and softball."

Neversink purchased the 16-acre property for \$192,000. The town is aiming to have at least some of the ball fields built by 2014. The vast majority of its costs will be covered by more than \$500,000 it received from federal and state emergency funds after Hurricane Irene.

Neversink leased its four ball fields on Route 55A from the City for many years. All but one of the fields were destroyed beyond repair when Hurricane Irene swelled the Rondout Creek, which runs alongside the fields. The creek ran so high and fast that it eroded its banks and took one of the fields almost completely with it. Fences were knocked down, and dugouts and scorekeeper booths were washed away.

DEP manages New York City's water supply, providing more than one billion gallons of water each day to more than 9 million residents, including 8.3 million in New York City, and residents of Ulster, Orange, Putnam, and Westchester counties. This water comes from the Catskill, Delaware, and Croton watersheds that extend more than 125 miles from the City, and the system comprises 19 reservoirs, three controlled lakes, and numerous tunnels and aqueducts. DEP employs nearly 6,000 employees, including almost 1,000 scientists, engineers, surveyors, watershed maintainers and others professionals in the upstate watershed. In addition to its \$68 million payroll and \$157 million in annual taxes paid in upstate counties, DEP has invested more than \$1.5 billion in watershed protection programs-including partnership organizations such as the Catskill Watershed Corporation and the Watershed Agricultural Council-that support sustainable farming practices, environmentally sensitive economic development, and local economic opportunity. In addition, DEP has a robust capital program with over \$14 billion in investments planned over the next 10 years that will create up to 3,000 construction-related jobs per year. For more information, visit nyc.gov/dep, like us on Facebook at facebook.com/nycwater, or follow us on Twitter at twitter.com/nycwater.

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

Simple Sparrows, But What Kind?

If you have occasion to go to Woodstock, and have time to stop for lunch at Landau's where you can eat outdoors during the summer, most likely you too will be visited by the little sparrows that wait patiently for you to drop a crumb or two of food.

As we sat there having lunch, a few of the little feathered friends flew past our heads landing by our feet to see what treat they could lure from us, or our neighbors at the table next to us.

When Frank asked me what kind of birds they were, I knew they were sparrows, but I wasn't sure what species. Mostly, I wondered if it was the little Vesper Sparrow that was named such by John Burroughs that sings in the evening twilight, and in the early morning as well.

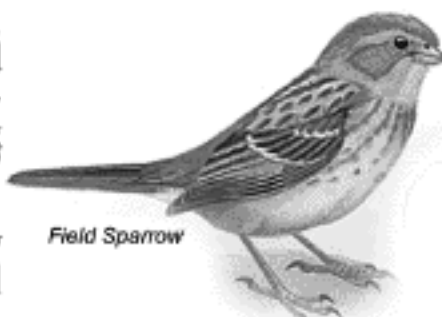


Vesper Sparrow

The Vesper Sparrow (*Pooecetes gramineus*) is a medium-sized American sparrow and is the only member of the genus *Pooecetes*. It inhabits grasslands and fields across much of the north-central United States and Canada. Adults have light brown upper parts and light under parts, both with darker streaking. They have a white eye ring and a long dark brown tail which shows white outer feathers in flight. Their breeding habitat is open grassy areas. The nest is an open cup on the ground under a clump of grass. Vesper Sparrows forage on the ground, mainly eating insects and seeds. I learned, unfortunately that these little songbird's numbers are declining in the eastern parts of its range due to habitat loss.

That led me to the next species, a Field Sparrow. But I found that the Field Sparrow, a once very common bird, is also declining in numbers. Since 1967 there has been a 62% drop.

The Field Sparrow (*Spizella pusilla*) is a small brown songbird with a distinct light rusty cap and a bright pink bill. Adults have brown upper parts, a light brown breast, a white belly, wing bars and a forked tail. They have a grey face, and a white eye ring. Field sparrows can be found in abandoned fields where there are scattered shrubs and trees.



Field Sparrow

Or, could it have been a House Sparrow. The House Sparrow (*Passer domesticus*) is a bird of the sparrow family Passeridae, found in most parts of the world. A small bird, it has a typical length of 6.3 in and a weight of 0.85-1.39 oz.



Females and young birds are pale brown and grey, and males have brighter black, white, and brown markings. One of about 25 species in the genus *Passer*, the House Sparrow is native to most of Europe, the Mediterranean region, and much of Asia. Its intentional or accidental introductions to many regions, including the Americas, make it the most widely distributed wild bird.

The House Sparrow is strongly associated with human habitation, and can live in urban or rural settings. Though found in widely varied habitats and climates, it typically avoids areas away from human development. It feeds mostly on the seeds of grains and weeds, but it is an opportunistic eater and commonly eats insects and many other foods.

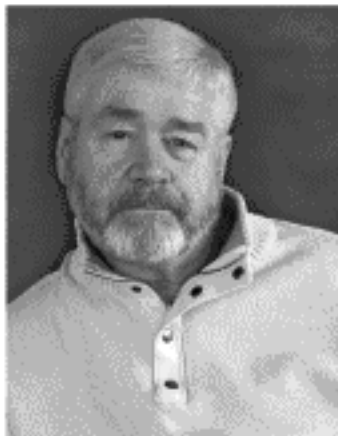
My guess, they were probably House Sparrows! But, perhaps we will just have to go back to Woodstock for lunch again, and this time bring the old Audobon Bird book.

Household Hints

Tenderize and purify meats and seafood

Soaking a lean or inexpensive cut of red meat in a couple of cups of vinegar breaks down tough fibers to make it more tender-and in addition, kills off any potentially harmful bacteria. You can also use vinegar to tenderize seafood steaks. Let the meat or fish soak in full - strength vinegar overnight. Experiment with different vinegar varieties for added flavor, or simply use apple cider or distilled vinegar if you intend to rinse it off before cooking.

Black Irish



Mysterious Book Report No. 106 by John Dwaine McKenna

Are you familiar with the term "Black Irish?" It refers not to the color of one's skin, but to the color of one's hair. The black Irish are descendants of the survivors of King Phillip of Spain's Spanish Armada, a fleet of warships sent in 1588 to invade England. The Armada was defeated by the British Navy, and the remainder was sunk by storms off of the Hebrides Islands. The survivors made it to Ireland where they remained, settled and met those fair and red haired Irish lassies and, well . . . you know the rest of that story. The result is some Irish are black-haired and blue-eyed, and that is the subject of our MBR No. 106.

Black Irish, (Ballentine Books, \$26.00, 320 pages, ISBN 978-0-345-53806-2) by Stephen Talty is an edge of your seat psychological thriller about the hunt for a vicious serial killer in south Buffalo, New York. It's an area known as "The County" and it's home to large groups of Irish-Americans who cling to their clannish old country ways in a devastated city lacking in industry, jobs and hope. When a savage murder occurs in the basement of a closed and shuttered, locked Catholic church, Absalom, "Abbie" Kearney is assigned the case. She's the recently returned adoptive daughter of legendary Buffalo P.D. detective Jack Kearney, who's come home to confront her own troubled past and care for her father, who's suffering from Alzheimer's. Abbie is a raven-haired, blue-eyed beauty with experience in the Miami, Florida homicide division, a Harvard degree and the determination necessary to solve the most bizarre murders in recent memory. The first victim was found tortured to death in the church basement. The second was found in a public park . . . skinned alive. Both had as clues, plastic toys, left at the scene by the killer. As the killings continue Abbie knows that the answer to the crimes lies somewhere in her old neighborhood, The County. But she'll have to break through the distrust, the clannishness and the code of silence and secrecy that includes the police department and even her own father to catch the murderer. Before she's done, the case will take many strange twists and turns involving gangs, secret societies and human smuggling. The conclusion is stunning and will leave you thinking about this hard-to-stop-reading novel for a very long time. It's impossible to forget and so chilling in its descriptive powers that you'll be cool reading it on the hottest of hot summer days. Although **Black Irish** is Mr. Talty's first fiction novel, he already has a *New York Times* non-fiction best seller to his credit. I think we'll be seeing his name on the bestseller lists and a lot more. Oh yeah. He's that good. This one should be nominated for an Edgar for Best First Novel in my opinion. It's sooo damn good . . .

Summertime's the right time to discover all that your local library has to offer. Check it out for yourself and see. Maybe even meet one of those smart and foxy librarians. They read a lot. They're not surrendering to ignorance . . . don't you either.

Have you had a chance to check out new and updated websites yet? See what all the fuss is about at johndwainemckenna.com and rhyolitepress.com they're all HOT! HOT! HOT! Hot as summer in the city. . . hot as H--E--double hockey stick . . . well you get the idea. We're really proud of our new look. And hey, while you're there take a moment to like us on Facebook and Twitter. You'll get all the latest and newest from us first us. First-us. That means at the head of the line, before anyone else, and while it's still hot off the computer.

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That's it for this week from out here "East of the mountains and west of the sun." We'll see you next week with another New Mysterious Book Report. Happy Reading! --JDM

Liberty CSD Inducts Dr. Glenn Zurawski to Wall of Fame (From Pg. 1)

The only inductee this year, Dr. Glenn Zurawski was honored for numerous accomplishments during a career and life cut short in March, 2012. These include his unrelenting dedication to serving his patients, blazing new trails in neo-natal anesthesiology techniques and opening the first pain control clinic in the San Francisco Bay area in California.

In addition to the plaque on the Wall of Fame, citations from U.S. Congressman Chris Gibson, New York State Senator John Bonacic and NYS Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther, John Zurawski was also given a small plaque, a laminated pass that admits the holder to any school event and an official Liberty lapel pin. "They are small gestures meant to convey our appreciation and respect for what our inductees have accomplished," explained Assistant Superintendent Carol Napolitano.

After the ceremony, Dr. Zurawski's guests lingered at the wall, while others hurried to the gymnasium for the 116th commencement exercises. "The Wall of Fame Induction ceremony is held on the same day as graduation for a reason," said Napolitano. "It is the perfect way to show our graduates that their education at Liberty provides a strong foundation to help them make a difference in the world."

Established in 2011 by the Board of Education, the Liberty Central School Wall of Fame honors individuals who have made lasting and outstanding contributions to society and/or to the Liberty Central School District. Potential Wall of Fame candidates may include Liberty alumni (graduates who have made a significant contribution in their lives and career after graduating from Liberty High School); past or former faculty members or other employees (teachers and staff whose devotion and dedication directly benefits Liberty students and the district) and community members who have made a lasting and outstanding contribution to the Liberty School District.

PWSC Scholarship Dinner (From Pg. 1)

Every year the PWSC award five \$500 Mature Women's Scholarships to Sullivan County women returning to education after several (or many) years away. PWSC looks to honor the courage and determination of women, some of whom, may have overcome adverse situations, and are seeking additional education as a means to better their lives and the future for their families. Also, five \$500 Young Women's Scholarships are awarded to five Sullivan County high school seniors pursuing higher education. The PWSC looks for young women who excel academically, are well-rounded and are committed to community service and civic engagement.

SC Longbeards & Catskill Mt. Archery and Travis Archery Aid Wounded Warrior Program

(From Pg. 1) Travis Archery also heard of the program and they too came on board hosting an Archery Competition with all funds going to the program. Walter Travis, owner of Travis Archery, mentioned this to his distributors and Drenalin donated a bow, which was raffled off to all of the Xcursion Hunt Warriors and the winner was Wounded Warrior Joshua Rockwell, who was a very happy young man on Saturday when he received his bow. The monies from the #D Long Shoot provided the funding for the arrows, sight, rest and set up which was done by Travis Archery. He and 3 other Warriors are going to Moonshine Ranch in October for a Boar Hunt. The Sullivan County Long Beards, NWTF has a Wheelin' Sportsman Program under which this event falls and is paying for lodging, meat processing, mounting and the trip. All proceeds collected are going to this and 1 other Xcursions for a total of 8 wounded heroes so far. If you would like to donate to this cause, please contact Hank D'Auria @ 845 439-3738

Learn to Pickle Because You CAN!

Food preservation at home CAN be easy and fun with a little instruction! A workshop on how to successfully and safely pickle foods at home is being offered on Tuesday, July 23, 2013 by the Master Food Preservation Team of Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) Sullivan County from 5:30 to 7:30 pm.

Karen Mariner, CCE volunteer and Master Food Preserver, will instruct on how to preserve a cucumber harvest by turning them into "bread & butter" pickles. Each person will be sent home with a prepared quart of pickles. The workshop will be held at the Gerald J. Skoda Extension Education Center on 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road in Liberty, NY.

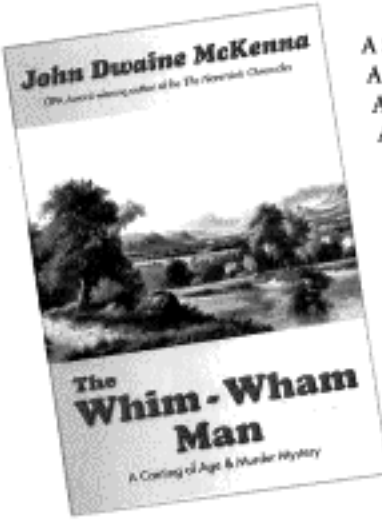
All class materials are covered with a registration fee of \$30.00. Class size is limited so pre-registration with payment is required in advance. No refunds will be issued. Registration and more information can be obtained by calling 845-292-6180.

Gillibrand & Gibson Push for Farm Bill Passage to Help Specialty Crops and Expand Local Markets for Farmers

Standing at Wrights Farms, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand and Congressman Chris Gibson, pushed for passage of the Farm Bill, which includes priorities to help specialty crops, expands markets for farmers, and increases the availability of nutritious locally-grown food for consumers. Senator Gillibrand and Congressman Gibson highlighted portions of the Farm Bill that provide more secure funding for critically important programs that support family farms, expand

new farming opportunities, invest in the local agriculture economy, and assist consumers by improving access to healthy foods at direct and retail markets.

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The Olive Jar - By Carol LaMonda

What Goes Around, Comes Around

Life is a series of cycles spinning new ideas off old ideas and rediscovering old ideas as new. In education, we used to call it Jargon Du Jour. Basics become "Core Curriculum." We often jump from what is to "the next best thing" only to discover what we had worked pretty well. The grass is always greener on the other side.

Politics works the same way. The incumbents stand on their record and the challengers offer a new wave of promise and transparency. Usually, that axiom is the basis of the two-party system. It is how an election works with Republicans and Democrats countering each platform. That was not the case in the recent Democratic Caucus held to a standing, over-flowing crowd brought out to challenge the slate of previously selected Democrats: Bruce LaMonda, Deputy Supervisor who was seeking the Democratic Nomination for Supervisor; Linda Burkhardt, who has been a Town Councilwoman seeking nomination for her own seat, and Sue Horner, secretary to Bert Leifeld, who was seeking nomination to be Town Clerk. All were definitively defeated and will retire from politics along with their leader, Bert Leifeld, Town Supervisor for 28 years.

LaMonda, Burkhardt, and Horner will be replaced on the slate by Sylvia Rozzelle, retiring Town Clerk now seeking the job of Town Supervisor, Drew Boggess (present Planning Board Leader) and Jim Sofranko are nominated to the candidates of Town Board, and Dawn Giuditta, Court Clerk, now seeking to be Town Clerk. Tim Cox, Town Justice, and Jim Fugel, Supervisor of Highways, were unopposed in their nominations.

Someone once said that trying to lead Democrats is like trying to herd cats. Having such a high profile caucus is likely to split the party that has held control of Olive for three decades. No amount of platitudes about "being united" will bandaid the gaping wound of divided allegiances. With two Republican Councilman on the board already, the time is ripe for a strong slate to upset the once strong Democratic Committee that lead its candidates to victory.

The grass is sometimes greener on the other side of the fence, but sometimes it grows better because of the fertilizer used to grow it. Here in the country, we use the natural stuff from the barn.



RESERVOIR MUSIC NOTES- Fred Perry-Owner of Reservoir Music Center

711 Route 28, Kingston, NY 12401 - Due to a power outage Fred not have his column ready in time. Please read it on his website: reservoirmusiccenter.com

Rock Icons The Doobie Brothers Bring Hit-Filled Show to Belleayre

Highmount, NY - It will be hit songs from start to finish when the legendary Doobie Brothers take the Belleayre Music Festival stage on Saturday, July 20 at 8 p.m.

The Doobies are synonymous with the power pop of the 1970s and the band's classic hits are an integral element of the era's soundtrack. Taking the radio waves by storm, the California band racked up a string of gold and platinum albums, along with hit singles like "Listen to the Music," "Black Water" "Jesus is Just Alright" and "China Grove."

Founding members guitarist/vocalist Tom Johnston and guitarist Patrick Simmons will lead the band at Belleayre. The group began its illustrious musical journey in a country-rock band vein, making its first significant impact with its second record, "Toulouse Street." Driven by the singles "Listen to the Music" and "Jesus Is Just Alright," the band was quickly vaulted into prominence.

"The Captain and Me," released in 1973, continued the momentum, producing Top Ten hits "Long Train Runnin'" and "China Grove."

The Doobies' appeal took another leap forward with the release of "What Were Once Vices Are Now Habits," which launched their first number one single, "Black Water."

Next came the band's most successful album, "Minute by Minute," which spent five weeks at number one on the strength of the number one single "What a Fool Believes."

The Doobies are renowned for their rollicking live performances and the Belleayre show promises an evening of high-powered classic hits guaranteed to have the crowd singing - and dancing - along.

Opera, Jazz & Comedy

Up next, the Belleayre Festival Opera presents Bizet's "Carmen" on Saturday, July 27. The Catskill Mountain Jazz Series will span five extraordinary performances. On Thursday, Aug. 1, the series opens with the Sammy Figueroa Latin Dance Explosion in the Jazz Club. The phenomenal Pedrito Martinez Havana Quartet will light up the Jazz Club on Friday, Aug. 2. The Paquito D'Rivera and the Dizzy Gillespie Big Band performs on August 3. Keyboard wizard Bill Charlap will play the Jazz Club with his trio on Friday, Aug. 9. Next up on Saturday, Aug. 10 is Kenny Barron's Platinum Quintet.

It's Broadway at Belleayre on Saturday, Aug. 17 when song-and-dance legend Ben Vereen takes the stage.

The festival presents Comedy in the Catskills II with Harrison Greenbaum performing on Friday, Aug. 23. Veteran funny woman Rita Rudner headlines on Saturday, Aug. 24.

The season closes in theatrical rock style with The Music of Pink Floyd on Saturday, Aug. 31.

All shows begin at 8 p.m. Tickets for all shows are on sale via Ticketmaster. For additional information, please call 800 942-6904, ext. 1344, visit: belleayremusic.org

Belleayre Music Festival July 2013 Calendar of Events

Saturday, July 20 at 8 p.m. Classic Rockers The Doobie Brothers. Tickets: \$95/76/66/56/26 lawn.

Saturday, July 27 at 8 p.m. Belleayre Festival Opera Bizet's "Carmen." Tickets: \$76/66/56/26 lawn. Belleayre Music Festival,

Thursday, Aug. 1 at 8 p.m. Belleayre Jazz Club - Latin Dance Party - Sammy Figueroa Latin Jazz Explosion. Tickets: \$26 table seating in the lodge.

Friday, Aug. 2 at 8 p.m. Belleayre Jazz Club Latin Jazz with Pedrito - The Pedrito Martinez Havana Quartet. Tickets: \$26 table seating in the lodge.

Saturday, Aug. 3 at 8 p.m. Hot Latin Jazz with Paquito D'Rivera & the Dizzy Gillespie Big Band. Tickets: \$66/56/46/26 lawn.

Friday, Aug. 9 at 8 p.m. Belleayre Jazz Club - Bill Charlap Trio. Tickets: \$26 table seating in the lodge.

Saturday, Aug. 10 at 8 p.m. - Kenny Barron's All-Star Band. Tickets: \$66/56/46/36/26 lawn.

Saturday, Aug. 17 at 8 p.m. - Broadway at Belleayre Ben Vereen. Tickets: \$66/56/46/36/26 lawn.

Friday, Aug. 23 at 8 p.m. - Comedy in the Catskills II - Belleayre Comedy Club - Harrison Greenbaum. Tickets: \$26 table seating in the lodge.

Saturday, Aug. 24 at 8 p.m. - Comedy in the Catskills II - Rita Rudner. Tickets: \$66/56/46/36. Tent seating only. B

Saturday, Aug. 31 at 8 p.m. - Belleayre Festival Orchestra presents The Music of Pink Floyd with a full rock band and Brent Havens conducting. 40th Anniversary of "Dark Side of the Moon." Tickets: \$66/56/46/36/26 lawn.

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For information on where to stay, dine, shop or to simply enjoy the great outdoors when you're in town for the Belleayre Music Festival, please visit: www.catskillhighpeaks.com, www.ulstertourism.info or www.greatwesterncatskills.com. Belleayre Music Festival concerts are held on the grounds of Belleayre Mountain in Highmount.

Belleayre Mountain is located in the heart of New York's Catskill Mountain region, and is operated by the Olympic Regional Development Authority. The ski resort is located just off Route 28 and is 37 miles west of Thruway Exit 19 at Kingston; 55 miles southeast of Oneonta on Route 28; 40 miles from the Route 17 exit at Roscoe; and 95 miles southwest of Albany and just two hours north of NYC.

SUNY Ulster Presents Free Jazz Concert at Cantine Field

SUNY Ulster's Music Department will present a free jazz concert on July 31, at 7 p.m. at the Veteran's Sports Complex (Band Stage) of Cantine Field in Saugerties.

A night of jazz under the stars will feature SUNY Ulster's Community Band & Jazz Ensemble under the direction of Vic Izzo and Chris Earley, performing selections of jazz greats, Broadway shows and March favorites. Bring a chair. Have a picnic. Rain location will be the Kiwanis Ice Arena at Cantine Field. For more information, call 845-687-5262.

Swing Your Partner (in the right direction)

Do you dos si dos when you should be allemanding right? Do you swing your partner when you should be bowing to your corner? Following those traditional square dance calls can be confusing. But all mysteries will be solved when The Pine Hill Community Center presents two Master's Classes with the Catskills' own fiddling and calling master Hilt Kelly.

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Don't miss this special opportunity to learn from a master. And to, at last, get those moves down. \$7.00, Children under 12, free.

These programs are presented by The Pine Hill Community Center, The Catskills Folk Connection, and The New York Folklore Society. Funded in part by The Messinger Family Fund, the A. Lindsay and Olive B. O'Connor Foundation, The New York State Council on the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts.

The Pine Hill Community Center is located at 287 Main Street, Pine Hill, NY 12465 845.254.5469. For information go to: info@pinehillcommunitycenter.org or email www.pinehillcommunitycenter.org

SUNY Ulster Holds Nursing Information Session July 18

SUNY Ulster will hold an information session about its Nursing degree program on Thursday, July 18, at 4:00 p.m. in room 117, at the Business Resource Center in Kingston. Due to limited openings, SUNY Ulster's Nursing Program is only available to residents of Ulster County.

This session will provide information on the admissions process, the program curriculum including prerequisites and co-requisites, as well as new testing requirements. For further information and reservations, phone the Admissions Office at (800) 724-0833 or email admissions@sunyulster.edu. Further information about the Nursing program can be found at www.sunyulster.edu.

Half Moon on the Hudson News

On Saturday, July 20, consider becoming a volunteer or to stop by and enjoy the festivities on the Kingston waterfront celebrating the Hudson River's heritage.

Volunteers will be needed to help set-up and manage interpretive displays and other activities. If you can help out, please send an email to: hmvolunteer@gmail.com [mailto:hmvolunteer@gmail.com]

Fall Schedule for the Half Moon in Albany NY

While the summer has been full of maintenance and training, this fall the Half Moon will complete its annual Voyage of Discovery program up the Hudson River. Students will be aboard the ship from September 8 - September 19th, operating the ship as Hudson's crew did, while also completing a rigorous, hands-on academic program.

This journey will culminate in an arrival ceremony at noon on September 19th at the OGS Water Pumping Station in Albany NY. Please mark your calendar's now -- we hope to see you there!

After the September 19th arrival, the Half Moon will open for school and public tours.

School Tours will run weekdays from Sept 23 - Oct 11. Only a few slots remain open, but if you are interested in bringing your students or a group, please contact Carol Ann Margolis at the Albany Convention and Visitor's Bureau by calling (518) 434 - 1217.

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Liberty Central School District Offers Summer Food Service Program

Liberty Central School District is offering a summer food service program Children under the age of 18 eat free of charge throughout July and August.

Summer is an exciting time for children to enjoy playtime with friends, time at summer camp, a family vacation, or afternoons at the pool. But for many children, summer can also mean hunger. Just as learning does not end when school lets out, neither does a child's need for good nutrition.

As of July 8, children age 18 and younger, who reside in the Liberty School District are welcome to

visit the Liberty Elementary School cafeteria each weekday for lunch. There is no charge for this meal and there are no income requirements or registration required to enjoy a meal. Meals will be served from 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Monday through Friday until August 16.

The program is being offered as a part of the Summer Food Service Program, a federal program sponsored by the USDA Food and Nutrition Service. "We are really excited to be able to offer this program," said Liberty Superintendent Dr. William Silver. "Food insecurity is a very real problem in our community, and hopefully this program will help fill some of the nutrition gaps that some children may experience."

If you need further information please call Dara Smith at (845) 292-5400 ext 2018 or email at dara.smith@scbores.org or visit the school website at www.libertyk12.org

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Keen Contrast in Art by Creative Catskills Couple at Hasbrouck Old Stone House

She gathers flowers to press their gorgeous petals into designs of exquisite color and balance. He treks to streams teeming with trout, not to fish, but to



generate his sensitive watercolors of sweeping vistas.

They are Patricia and Jack Yelle, proprietors of Morning Star Creations in Roscoe, NY, from where they offer their diverse art to

the public. For one month only, their work will also be on display at the Old Stone House of Hasbrouck, starting with an opening reception on Sunday, August 4th, from 1-4 pm.

Despite broad differences, their creations represents an artistic love affair

between husband and wife. Jack, a retired technical illustrator and advertising executive, used to paint the tug boats and sailing craft near his home overlooking Flushing Bay, NY. His love of fly fishing



brought him to Roscoe, where he found the ultimate mix of farmland, woods and water. It was all enough to satisfy his need for subject matter, possibly forever.

Patricia has delved into many media, from pastels through acrylics, and captures the motion of clouds or water with uncanny ability. But her real enthusiasm is craft, and she has succeeded marvelously in creating unique designs, her favorites using pressed flowers. "It's a most rewarding art form," she says. Patricia begins with growing the flowers herself. "I never knew that digging in soil could be such fun." After harvesting her home-grown blossoms, she composes the final layouts to frame under glass.

In their Roscoe gallery, Jack and Patricia Yelle offer a selection of original watercolors, limited edition lithographs, and open edition prints. Subjects range from fly fishing to marine and rural subjects. Visitors select from major pieces of high craft work, to small, very affordable hospitality gifts, with custom commissions also welcome.

The Yelles can be contacted at (607) 498-5918, or by email at yelle-jp@citlink.net. Their exhibition runs through August 25th. The Old Stone House of Hasbrouck is at 282 Hasbrouck Rd., easy to reach from Grahamsville, Liberty, Monticello and Ellenville. For driving directions and more information, visit the web site at www.TheOldStoneHouseOfHasbrouck.org

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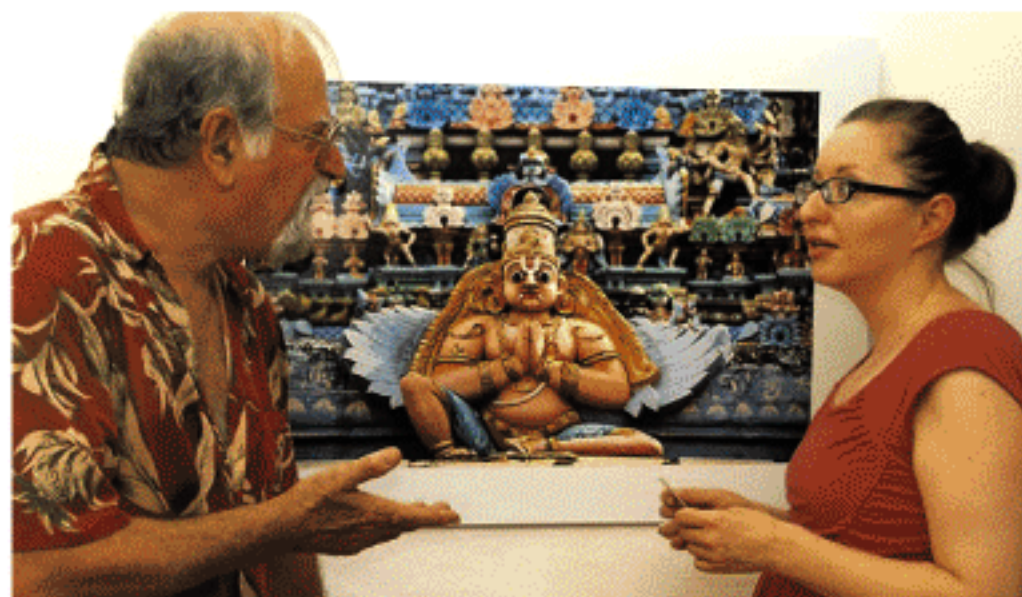
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Explaining His Art



At the July 7 opening-day reception for his new month-long "India" exhibition, Catskills photographer Louis Jawitz discussed his techniques with local area art instructor Patricia Tracz. Behind them hangs one of his many striking images, this one of colorful roof statuary which he photographed from a rooftop perch some distance away. The exhibit at the Hasbrouck Old Stone House runs throughout July, with viewings by appointment (just call 212-929-0009). For more information, visit www.TheOldStoneHouseOfHasbrouck.org.

Reading by Laurie Graff at the CAS Arts Center

The Catskill Art Society will present author Laurie Graff reading selections from the new anthology "No Kidding: Women Writers on Bypassing Parenthood." The event will take place at the CAS Arts Center at 48 Main Street, Livingston Manor, NY on Sunday, July 21 from 2-3pm. After the reading, CAS will also host a discussion of the essay's ideas in light of its current exhibition "Out of Place," exploring themes of parenthood, humor, and anxiety across artwork using Visual Thinking methods.



Laurie Graff will read her essay from the new anthology "No Kidding: Women Writers on Bypassing Parenthood." The book also includes essays by writers and comedians ranging from new to well-known, including Margaret Cho and Saturday Night Live actress Nora Dunn.

"In 'No Kidding,' comedy writer

Henriette Mantel tackles the topic of actually not having kids. This fascinating collection features a star-studded group of contributors-including Margaret Cho, Wendy Liebman, Laurie Graff, and other accomplished, funny women-writing about why they opted out of motherhood. Whether their reasons have to do with courage, apathy, monetary considerations, health issues, or something else entirely, the essays featured in the pages of 'No Kidding' honestly (and humorously) delve into the minds of women who have chosen what they would call a more sane path.

"Hilarious, compelling, and inspiring, 'No Kidding' reveals a perspective that has too long been hidden, shamed, and silenced-and celebrates an entire population of women who have decided that kids are just not right for them."

Laurie Graff shares insightful quips on the nature of motherhood, especially in today's technology-driven world. She writes, in part, about how she feels when she sees images of children on Facebook, "that pang is about feeling out of step with the stages of life more than of having missed out on them. This is not to say that I haven't, for maybe I have, but I have also been too busy to notice. Good, bad; up, down; I continue to stay the course. Still part of the non-civilian us, still in the city, I still continue the pursuit of my dreams. It's who I am and how I live."

Group Concert Series in Napanoch

The Napanoch Public Interest Group presents its annual free concert series every Wednesday at 6:00 pm during the month of August. This year a fifth concert has been added on July 31. The following groups will perform:

- July 31: CARL RICHARDS BAND
- August 7: SIDEX
- August 14: BREAKAWAY
- August 21: SJP
- August 28: RIVERS EDGE

All concerts are held at Southwyck Square located at the Shawangunk Senior Center, 70 Main Street, Napanoch. In the event of rain, concerts will take place at the Elks Pavilion in Napanoch. Bring your own chair or blanket. Refreshments and rest rooms are available. For more information please call 647-7015.

UC Exec Announces "Patriots Project" Plans and Creates Veteran's Advisory Committee

Ulster County Executive Mike Hein was joined by Ulster County veterans, community leaders and public officials as he shared his Administration's plans for the "Patriots Project: Transitional Veterans' Housing." As he explained, construction is anticipated to begin this summer with the goal of beginning service delivery at the Wurts Avenue home by the end of the year. The County Executive also announced the formation of his Veterans Advisory Committee and appointed Deputy County Executive and Iraq War veteran J.J. Hanson to lead the newly formed committee.

"The Patriots Project is really all about honor, respect and compassion, and it is about solving a national problem at the local level," said Ulster County Executive Hein. "Ulster County's Veterans have sacrificed much in order to protect our freedoms and liberty. Most recently, many young men and women have returned from the battlefields of Iraq and Afghanistan and some have had great difficulty adapting to civilian life. We owe our Veterans a tremendous debt of gratitude for their service and the Patriots Project will afford Ulster County the ability to provide them the level of service they deserve."

New York State Senator Bill Larkin said, "It was a privilege to sponsor the legislation that made the Patriots Project a reality. I can think of no group more deserving of our support and I look forward to the opening of this important facility that will assist our local Veterans for many years to come."

Ulster County Legislator Jeanette Provenzano said, "This issue is very near and dear to my heart having two brothers that served in the United States Navy in WWII and one brother that gave his life fighting for our country in the Korean War. There could never be enough done for our veterans and I am glad that the County Executive has recognized this growing need."

"It is an honor to lead the County Executive's Veterans Advisory Committee," said Deputy County Executive J.J. Hanson. "Our first mission is to ensure that the County Executive's vision for a transitional residence for veterans in need becomes a reality. County Executive Hein's Patriot Project is an important first step in ensuring that no veteran in Ulster County is ever left without the services they earned."

Ulster County Director of Veterans Services and United States Naval Captain Steve Masse said, "The transition from military life to civilian life can sometimes be difficult. A single location where our Veterans can live with their peers and have direct access to services is a tremendous asset for our Veterans. On behalf on all Ulster County Veterans I commend the County Executive for his leadership on this issue. Veteran homelessness in Ulster County is not always visible, but it exists and this initiative will help reach them." (Contd. Pg. 10)



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Divine Corners History Program July 19th

The Time and the Valleys Museum is sponsoring a talk: The History of Divine Corners, to be held on Friday, July 19th at 7 p.m. in the Community Room of the Daniel Pierce Library, St. Rt. 55 in Grahamsville, Lynn Bertholf Priebe, a former resident of Divine Corners, will be discussing her collection of photos and historical material.



People are encouraged to bring memories, photographs and items related to Divine Corners to share.

Joseph Divine was the first settler in 1794 at Divine Corners, which was a part of the Town of Neversink, until

the Town of Fallsburgh was formed in 1826. He was a brother of Eleazer and Nathaniel, who settled in the Upper Neversink region near Claryville in 1788. Attendees will have an opportunity to learn more about these early settlers and others on the 19th. The program is free and open to the public. For more information please call 845 985-7700.

Located at 332 Main Street in Grahamsville (St. Rt. 55), the Museum is open Thursday to Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. through Labor Day, and September and October weekends from noon to 4 p.m. Suggested donation for adults is \$5, Children under 16 \$2, and children under six are free. With THREE FLOORS of exhibitions, the Museum also has a Local History Resource Center (open Thursday and Sundays, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.) 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 our website:

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"Patriots Project" (From Pg. 9)

"City of Kingston Mayor Shayne Gallo supports the Patriots Project and all of the County Executive's efforts to help those Veterans in need of services," said Kingston Mayor Shayne Gallo.

The total project is estimated to cost \$330,000 to fully rehabilitate the building into a state of the art facility. Currently the County has approximately \$150,000 from the sale of the SUNY Ulster President's Home and is receiving donations from both private and community partners.

At the event, County Executive Hein received an \$11,000 check from Bob Siracusano, owner of Sawyer Motors in Saugerties. The donations were proceeds from the annual Saugerties car show held over the July 4th weekend.

Mr. Siracusano said, "It is an honor to make this donation from the proceeds of this year's car show to such a worthwhile cause. I lost close friends as a result of the Vietnam War and I have seen first hand why it so important that our veterans have the necessary support when they return home."

United Way of Ulster County has offered to facilitate the fundraising campaign to cover the project's expenses.

"The United Way is so pleased to be able to play a role in such a worthy endeavor," said Stacey Rein, President of the United Way of Ulster County. "The transition for our veterans should be as seamless as possible, and this project goes a long way towards doing just that. Hats off to the County Executive for making it a reality."

"We have been overwhelmed by the level of community support," said County Executive Hein. "I want to thank Stacey Rein and the United Way for agreeing to coordinate financial donations to the Patriots Project. I would also like to say a special thank you to businessman and Veteran Bob Siracusano of Sawyer Motors for dedicating the proceeds from the Sawyer Car Show, and to the Bruderhof community for agreeing to fund necessary roof repairs. For those who want to donate money, please call the United Way at 331-4199 and for those who want to dedicate their time, please call Captain Steven Masee at the Ulster County Veterans' Services Agency at 340-3190."

The 67 Wurts Street location is in close proximity to other government services, amenities, and public transportation. The property was previously used by Ulster-Greene ARC. It was removed from the tax rolls at that time and stands directly across from Thomas Cornell Park, which is home to an existing Veterans' Memorial. In the 2012 State of the County Address, Ulster County Executive Mike Hein proposed to turn the former group home into transitional housing for veterans in need.

Last year, a law was approved by the New York State Legislature and signed by Governor Cuomo authorizing the Commissioner of the Office of General Services to transfer the New York State-owned home at 67 Wurts Street in Kingston, NY to Ulster County for the purposes of providing transitional housing and other related support services to our County's veterans following submission of an application by Ulster County. The cost to transfer the home to Ulster County is \$1.

Auerbach Joins Statewide Municipal Officers In Support of State Comptroller's Fiscal Stress Early Warning System

On June 18, State Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli announced "fiscal stress scores" for more than 1000 local governments in NY, based on a "Fiscal Stress Monitoring System" recently developed by the State Comptroller.

County Comptroller Elliott Auerbach was one of the first municipal officials in the state to apply the Fiscal Stress Monitoring System, issuing his own report on Ulster County's level of fiscal stress under DiNapoli's rubric in November, 2012. This report concluded that Ulster was in a relatively sound position given the many fiscal challenges facing municipalities in the present economy.

More recently, other municipal officers throughout the state have publicly supported the valuable tool the stress test represents, and the State Comptroller issued a press release in late June noting the broad support from local officials statewide. The release quoted Auerbach in calling the program a "smart diagnostic tool" which demonstrates DiNapoli's commitment to providing "guidance for local budgeting officials facing ... difficult choices."

The scoring system has not been universally lauded by fiscal officers throughout NY because it is viewed by some as a means of highlighting fiscal red flags for stressed municipalities. Some government finance officials fear this will only increase the difficulties faced by those municipalities in the bond

and credit markets, among other things. "Fiscally stressed municipalities are rightfully concerned that their present condition impacts their position in the marketplace. This test is meant primarily as a predictive and analytical tool to promote proactive fiscal policy. The test needs to be regarded not as a report card, but as a springboard to fiscal success," said Auerbach.

Auerbach's earlier report can be found at www.ulstercountyny.gov/comptroller.

Gunther, CWA discuss Verizon's Voice Link

Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther, Pete Sikora, CWA and Sullivan County Sheriff Michael Schiff recently discussed Verizon's Voice Link in response to Attorney General Eric Schneiderman, who filed a petition with the New York State Public Service Commission (PSC) to stop Verizon from installing Voice Link wireless phone service in Sullivan County and the Catskill region. The installation of Voice Link was approved on parts of Fire Island badly damaged by Super Storm Sandy. However, the PSC would not approve a wider installation until further review was conducted.

The installation of Voice Link service in Sullivan County is problematic, at best. Issues of reliability and accessibility to emergency services have caused concern over public safety.

Scholarships for College -Volunteers are Eligible for Full and Part-Time Assistance

[LIBERTY] - Volunteers who help with 2013 Sullivan Renaissance projects are eligible to apply for two different college scholarships. Applications for both programs are available online at www.sullivanrenaissance.org

Sullivan Renaissance Scholarship

The Community Foundation of Orange and Sullivan Counties, through a donor-advised fund established by Sullivan Renaissance, offers a limited number of scholarships to volunteers who make a significant contribution to a Renaissance project in their community. Scholarships are for the 2014 spring semester at an undergraduate college. Recipients will be announced at the Sullivan Renaissance Awards Ceremony on August 12 at SUNY Sullivan in Loch Sheldrake.

Interested applicants must demonstrate that they have volunteered for a Renaissance project in a significant way. They need to include a letter of support from the project leader. They should indicate the college or university that they will be attending, as well as their chosen area of study. Candidates must describe the following: their contribution to Sullivan Renaissance; the impact the experience had on them; and why they have chosen their area of study.

Applications are due by Monday, August 5, 2013. An interview of final candidates may be conducted before selection. The scholarship is available to students either currently enrolled in college full-time or planning to attend college full-time in the fall of 2013. Scholarship funds will be released to the recipients' college financial office for the 2014 spring semester.

SUNY Sullivan Scholarship

The SUNY Sullivan Foundation will also award scholarships to volunteers involved in Renaissance projects in their community. This deadline is also Monday, August 5, 2013.


Scholarships of \$1500 are available for full-time students. To receive a full-time award, an applicant must be a Sullivan County resident attending or planning to attend SUNY Sullivan full-time for the 2013-2014 academic year and must be a June 2013 graduate of a Sullivan County High School.

To receive a part-time award of \$750, a volunteer must be a resident of Sullivan County who has been out of high school for more than one year. The applicant must have a high school diploma or GED certificate or college transcript and plan to register at SUNY Sullivan part-time for a minimum of six credits and a maximum of eleven credits for the fall and spring semesters.

Applicants must volunteer in a 2013 community project and include a letter of recommendation from the leader of the Sullivan Renaissance group. They must answer the question "How have I, as a member of my community, been part of the Sullivan Renaissance?" (250-words) or submit a photographic portfolio or a video of their participation in the project.

Past Scholarship Recipients

Last year the Community Foundation awarded twelve Sullivan Renaissance Scholarships ranging between \$200 and \$750: Luis Arango, volunteered



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Nine Sullivan Renaissance Scholarships were awarded in 2011, seven in 2010 and 2009; and six in 2008.

In 2012 one full-time SUNY Sullivan Scholarship of \$1500 was given to Charles S. Gambino III for volunteering in Wurtsboro.

Since the SUNY Sullivan Scholarships began in 2003 a total of twelve full-time and nine part-time scholarships have been awarded.

Ulster County Sheriff Paul VanBlarcum Sends Local Kids To Summer Camp-New York Sheriffs to host 900 campers this summer at Sheriffs' Summer Camp

Twenty-four young people from Ulster County left on Sunday, July 7, for the New York State Sheriffs' Institute 2013 Summer Camp.

These children set off for the Sheriffs' Summer Camp, located on Keuka Lake in the Finger Lakes Region of Yates County, for a week of wholesome summer fun. Sergeant Stuart McKenzie of the Ulster County Sheriff's Office also made the trip to serve as a counselor for the week.

Now in its 37th year of operation, the camp will accommodate over 900 boys and girls between the ages of 9 and 12 from across New York State this summer. The campers attend at no charge.

Made possible by the generous financial support of the Honorary Members of the Sheriffs' Institute, the Sheriffs' Summer Camp provides a solid recreational program while stressing basic values and good citizenship.

"The campers get an insider's look at the world of law enforcement," said Sheriff Paul VanBlarcum. "By working with and learning from the sheriffs and deputy sheriffs at the camp, the kids develop a deeper respect for and understanding of the men and women who enforce our laws." Campers participate in typical camp activities, such as archery, sailing, boating, hiking, and talent shows. They also experience technical and safety demonstrations by deputy sheriffs such as scuba diving, K-9 handling, bicycle safety and boating safety.

The Sheriffs' Summer Camp is a program of the New York State Sheriffs' Institute, Inc. The Sheriffs' Institute was established in 1979 with the mission to assist the office of the sheriff in advancing education in the criminal justice community, preventing juvenile delinquency, and supporting victims of crime and their families. Visit www.nysheriffsinstitute.org.

FROM CONGRESSMAN GIBSON'S OFFICE:

Dear Friend,

I have good news to report, the House advanced a five-year Farm Bill, allowing the bill to go to conference with the Senate. As you know, getting this Farm Bill done has been a priority of mine, as a Member of the House Agriculture Committee and given the rural character of the 19th District.

H.R. 2642, Federal Agriculture Reform and Risk Management (FARRM) Act of 2013 - commonly called the "Farm Bill" - sets U.S. federal agriculture policy for five years. The legislation, which includes every title of farm policy as written by the House Agriculture Committee and amended by the House, included a number of provisions I authored and supported that will benefit New York farmers and rural communities.

Agriculture is still the primary driver of our economy in Upstate New York, and it is imperative we strengthen our farms for the future. This means ensuring an appropriate safety net for farmers when times are tough, inspiring a new generation of farmers to take up the profession, and helping our rural communities expand through access to rural broadband and smart development.

This bill represents a significant victory for our local farmers, overhauling the safety net program for dairy farmers, encouraging the growth and sustainability of local and regional agriculture and organic farming, protecting conservation programs, and helping beginning farmers access the capital they need to enter the field. You can view me speaking in support of conservation initiatives here: <http://youtu.be/LbVYJUOq6R8>.

For our rural communities, we protected and improved the rural broadband loan program once again and we also make reforms to better address Lyme Disease, a public health scourge in our area. You can view me speaking in support of rural broadband here: <http://youtu.be/BQsovAj681s>.

I also championed an amendment to remove a private sector mandate on the olive oil industry. Our country currently imports 98-99 percent of all olive oil consumed in the U.S., and the Farm Bill would impose a 100 percent inspection standard on imports. In addition to hurting thousands of American jobs at processing and import facilities, the Congressional Budget Office pegged the cost at "tens of millions of dollars per year." While we want to make certain there is no mislabeling in the import industry, as well as give our domestic producers fair market access, this mandate was the wrong approach. My amendment had the bipartisan support of the NY delegation, and passed the House 343-81 - eliminating the harmful olive oil language. You can view me speaking on the amendment here: http://youtu.be/sJJ1bZ_qG4.

Regarding nutrition and funding for SNAP (or Food Stamps), the FARRM Bill will move to conference with the Senate without a House position on the issue. To be clear, this in no way impacts current or future beneficiaries of SNAP. Without action, current policy continues. I believe one of three results will come out of the House and Senate Conference. First, we could adopt the level of SNAP spending in the Senate Farm Bill, a level I already supported in Committee. Second, we could reaffirm current policy and make no changes to SNAP. Or, third, we could negotiate a new, bipartisan agreement - somewhere between the Senate level and House Committee-passed level. I am confident we can reach an agreement on a way forward."

Now that this Farm Bill has passed the House, and a separate version has passed the Senate, the two bills will be reconciled. It is my hope we can do that quickly, continue to improve the bill in the process, and enact this measure soon.

I also wanted to direct your attention to my appearance on Washington Journal yesterday morning, with my colleague Vermont Congressman Peter Welch. We have introduced legislation to prevent military involvement in Syria, and are leading a House and Senate bipartisan effort. Our bill, H.R. 2494, the Protecting Americans from the Proliferation of Weapons to Terrorists Act of 2013, would block any military aid to Syrian rebel groups and U.S. support of military operations in Syria until authorized by a joint resolution of Congress. The bill would continue to allow for non-lethal humanitarian assistance to be provided to the Syrian people, but would require the administration to report to Congress every 90 days detailing the assistance being provided to groups, organizations, movements and individuals in Syria. You can view the interview here: <http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/DVTR>.

Sincerely,
Chris Gibson
Member of Congress

Sen. Gillibrand and Rep. Israel Announce Legislation to Require National Parks to Sell Merchandise 'Made in the USA'

U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand and U.S. Representative Steve Israel today announced new legislation that would require U.S. National Parks to sell merchandise "Made in the USA." America's national parks and monuments are home to gift shops selling patriotic products. However, a large number of those products sales aren't helping to create jobs for American manufacturing workers, as they are produced in China or elsewhere around the globe.

"This is commonsense legislation to ensure products sold at America's National Parks are made by our manufacturers and small businesses, proudly stamped with the words 'Made in America,'" Senator Gillibrand said. "The celebration of our National Parks goes hand in hand with the pride of American-made products and our strong manufacturing tradition. The American Parks, American Products Act has the potential to support manufacturing jobs, and showcase American craftsmanship."

Rep. Israel said, "When I walk into one of the gift shops at our monuments or national parks, it's upsetting to find that nearly every item - from American flag mugs to Theodore Roosevelt teddy bears - comes with a 'Made in China' sticker. If we want American manufacturing to thrive again, then we need to show that we believe in it. That's why Senator Gillibrand and I are introducing legislation to bring 'Made in the USA' back to our nation's proudest sites."

The "American Parks, American Products Act" would require that all items sold by the National Park Service in gift shops, visitors centers and at the National Archives are made in the USA. Each year, the National Park Service draws approximately 280 million visitors at 401 National Parks, monuments and historic sites.

At present, a large number of items sold at national parks and monuments are produced abroad, many in China. The current U.S. trade deficit with China is at a record high with a \$315 billion annual trade gap as of 2012 between what the U.S. imports versus exports from China. And, according to the National Parks Service, 25 percent of their \$1 billion in gross receipts is from merchandise retail. That's roughly \$250 million spent annually on gifts like calendars, t-shirts, and post cards.

Increasing the sale of American-made goods would help grow our local economies, with every dollar in final sales of American-manufactured products, \$1.34 in economic activity is generated in other sectors of the economy - the largest economic multiplier of any sector.

Additionally, in 2016, the National Park Service will celebrate its centennial and significant investments-both private and public-are expected over the next three years. The centennial will bring more foot traffic, and we need to make sure now more than ever, with our economy still recovering, that goods are "Made in the USA."

Auerbach Provides Insight into County Vehicle Accident Costs

Following up on his office's April 2013, report on the County's Take-Home Vehicle policy, County Comptroller Elliott Auerbach today released a brief follow up report further analyzing the cost of accidents involving County-owned vehicles.

The report determined, among other things, that there were 79 motor vehicle accidents involving County-owned vehicles in 2012. Five of those accidents involved take-home vehicles in which the County driver was at-fault. These take-home, at-fault, accidents resulted in costs to the County of about \$26,000, raising the total cost of the program from approximately \$369,000 to approximately \$395,000.

The report recommends several avenues policy-makers and County administration could explore to reduce costs of vehicle accidents, such as consultation with the County insurance carrier's loss control unit to develop strategies for reducing the number and severity of accidents, shoring up enforcement of County disciplinary procedures related to the right to operate County vehicles, and consideration of whether the County's insurance and deductible coverage is appropriate, given the fact that the carrier's obligation isn't even triggered unless over \$25,000 in damage is incurred, notable since not one of the 2012 accidents exceeded the deductible.

"We think the continued monitoring of this cost center for the county will be warranted for some time," said Auerbach. "The goals of the program are commendable and the county personnel administer-

ing it are conscientious, but the cost-benefit analysis of the take-home vehicle program can have important implications for developing fiscally sound policies in these areas," he noted. "Simply put, we always need ask ourselves if there's more efficient, more cost-effective way to do things."

Auerbach's comprehensive April 4 report on the Take-Home Vehicle program as well as the July 11 report referenced here, can be found at www.ulstercountyny.gov/comptroller.

POLITICAL SLANT

CUOMO, CREATES STRONG LAWS TO STOP THE KILLERS; TEXTING AND CELL USE WHILE DRIVING!

Dear Fellow New Yorker,

In today's technology-centric world, distracted driving - meaning texting or using a cell phone while driving - has become a dangerous problem on our roads. That is why Governor Cuomo has made tackling this issue a priority.

In 2011, the Governor signed a law that made distracted driving a primary traffic offense, allowing law enforcement to pull someone over solely for texting-while-driving. Within a year, there was a 234% increase in the number of tickets handed out for texting-while-driving in our state.

However, texting-while-driving is still a problem that plagues our roads. Statistics show that from 2005 to 2011, there has been an estimated 143% increase in cell-phone related crashes in New York, and 43% of teenagers admit they regularly text while driving. To combat this risky behavior, Governor Cuomo has taken further steps to strengthen our laws.

Most recently, he signed a new law that creates tough, new penalties for inexperienced drivers with probationary and junior licenses found texting while driving. He also increased the number of points added to a driver's license to five points for all drivers found using a handheld device while driving. Click here to read more.

Experience has taught us that tough laws combined with effective enforcement can help stop distracted driving, which is why the Governor has directed a major effort by the New York State Police to crack down on distracted driving and catch irresponsible drivers throughout the summer. The State Police will focus on using undercover vehicles designed to catch drivers who text and drive. Click here to read about the operation.

Governor Cuomo was featured on Good Morning America discussing these efforts: Visit the Governors website to view the video of the Governor's ride-along with a State Trooper to stop distracted drivers.

By raising awareness about the dangers of texting-while-driving, we can make our roads safer for all New Yorkers.

Sincerely,
The Office of the Governor

This space is also for you; To have your comments and/or questions, space allowing, and townsman guidelines adhered to, as listed in the masthead, Email politicalslant@yahoo.com

PLEASE NOTE:

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Town of Fallsburg Lions Club had to move the annual **Alan Steingart Memorial Golf Tournament**, from Sunday July 14, 2013 to **Sunday August 4, 2013.**

The event remains at Tarry Brae Golf Course in South Fallsburg with a 1:00 PM Shotgun Start.

Please contact Robert Kaplan to register to play golf or to provide raffle prizes or sponsorships. He can be reached at (845) 701-5291.

Ulster County Office of Employment and Training holds Monthly Workshop

On Monday, July 22, 2013 at 2:00 PM, The ULSTER WORKS OneStop Center and the Ulster County Office of Employment and Training will hold a workshop for SSI and SSDI consumers on how to return to the workforce. A trained counselor will offer tools for finding employment, job training and the best ways to gain self-sufficiency in the workplace. The workshop is open to the general public, professionals, and agencies who work with SSDI and SSI recipients. All are encouraged to attend who are interested in learning about the Social Security Work Incentives and the Ticket to Work Program.

The workshop will explore work incentives

available in the Ticket to Work Program established by the Social Security Administration that allow SSI and SSDI benefit holders to increase their income and avail themselves of training opportunities. The trained counselor has a network of key employers who are willing and able to provide jobs, with a goal towards self-sufficiency in the workplace.

This program is scheduled for Monday, July 22, 2013 at 2:00 PM at the OneStop at 601 Development Court (Albany Avenue) in Kingston. Reservations are required. Job seekers should contact: Troy Snyder, Disabilities Resource Coordinator of the Ticket to Work Program at the Ulster Works OneStop Center on Albany Avenue at 845-331-7202.

45th Auxiliary Antique and Flea Market

The Auxiliary of Margaretville Hospital/Mountainside Residential Care Center will hold its 45th annual Antique and Flea Market featuring antiques, crafts, and general merchandise on Saturday, Aug. 3 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. in the Margaretville Village Park, behind the Freshtown Marketplace. A hospital-sponsored Health Fair will be held during the market offering free blood pressure testing and blood sugar screening.

Approximately 75 vendors offering antiques and collectibles, jewelry, tools, artwork, flowers, handmade articles and toys. Free parking. Admission will be \$2 for adults and children over 12 and \$3 for early admission. The event is a fund-raiser for Margaretville Hospital, a member of HealthAlliance of the Hudson Valley.

Vendor space is still available. The market attracts thousands of visitors to the Catskill Mountain community of Margaretville.

For additional information, or to inquire about becoming a vendor, please call 845 586-3844 or e-mail: antiqueandflea@catskill.net

Pulled Pork Bar-B-Q

Friday, July 19th  4:00 until 7:00

Grahamsville United Methodist Church Hall
(Main St., Grahamsville, NY)

Menu
Baked beans
Coleslaw
Corn • Roll
Cookies

*Adults \$12
*Children 10 and under \$6

BBQ

Gospel Music Festival

LIBERTY--A Gospel Music Festival along with free food and activities for the kids will be held Saturday, August 3 from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the LaPolk Park on North Main Street in Liberty.

Under the direction of pastors Rich and Kathy Ienuso the music festival will include presentations by Teen Challenge with participation by local churches.

The festival theme is "There is freedom from drugs, alcohol and addictions."

Rain date for this event is August 10.

For information call Pastor Rich at 845-985-7016.

YARD SALE

Community Yard Sale
Saturday, July 27th
10 am to 3 pm
Neversink Fire Dept. Pavillion
Route 55, Neversink, NY

To reserve a space call Marsha at 845-985-7802 or Debbie at 845-985-7434

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Claryville Road
Claryville, NY 12725
845-985-2041

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Worship Services @ 10:00 am
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5:30 p.m.

Grahamsville United Methodist Church
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Luncheon 11am-1 pm

Thrift Sale Only
July 20, 2013
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PUBLIC NOTICES/LEGALS:

Catskill Watershed Corporation is seeking to contract with an asbestos licensed private corporation for demolition of structure located at 141 Delaware Street, Walton, NY. The Request for Proposal can be obtained by contacting Timothy Cox, Corporate Counsel, Catskill Watershed Corporation, PO Box 569, Margaretville, NY 12455, timothycox@cwconline.org; (845) 586-1400 Ext. 304. Respondents must submit one original and three copies of their proposal no later than 4:00 PM on July 26, 2013. EOE

7/11, 7/18, 7/25

**TOWN OF NEVERSINK
NOTICE: PARKS & REC VACANCY**

The Town of Neversink announces a vacancy on the Town of Neversink Parks & Recreation Department Advisory Board. The vacancy is for the remainder of a term ending on 12/31/2015. (The actual term length is 5 years.)

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 Aug. 13, 2013. Please address any questions to Mark McCarthy, Supervisor at (845)985-2262, ext. 301.

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**Camp Ulster Offers Extended
Baseball Camp in Stone Ridge**

Camp Ulster's Baseball Camp will start on July 29 with extended hours. Coached by SUNY Ulster's Head Baseball Coach, Steve Freer, the camp will run an additional hour daily for the one-week camp, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., through Aug. 2 on the Stone Ridge campus.

This camp is designed for the serious player as well as the beginner. Instruction will be on the basic fundamentals of baseball, including hitting, fielding, pitching, throwing and base running. In addition, there will be intense work on learning and improving skills, effective drills and proper work habits.

Freer has coached at every level from Little League to college baseball. A top athlete and graduate of Saugerties High School, he played college baseball at St. John's University and was a member of the 1988 Big East Champions.

Open to campers aged 7 to 16, players will be placed in appropriate groups based on age and ability. Campers will have the opportunity to learn about more than one position during the specialty groups.

SUNY Ulster has offered camp programs for more than 25 years. All camps are staffed by creative and energetic faculty, local teachers and college students. Campers take advantage of SUNY Ulster's athletic fields, new solar field and other facilities.

Cost is \$225. For information on the attire, gear and other requirements, and to register, call (845) 339-2025.

Late Night Burlesque at NACL

On Saturday, July 20th, NACL Theatre will present Mr. Choade's Wild Ride, the featured acts from The Slipper Room, a New York City variety and burlesque hall located on the Lower East Side. Tickets are \$20, special under thirty years old price is \$12. Doors open at 8 PM, performance starts at 9 PM-- this show is for ages 21 and up. To purchase tickets online go to www.nacl.org, or customers can purchase tickets at the door.

NACL theatre will be transformed into a hot and steamy nightclub for the special

one-night-only performance that begins at 9 PM (doors open at 8 PM). The variety and burlesque show will be hosted by Slipper Room founder, James Habacker in the master of ceremonies role of borscht belt legend, Mel Frye, and will feature acts such as burlesque legend Gal Friday, magic man Mat Holzclaw, go-go sensation Camillicious, acrobatic madman Topher, and contortionist Ekatarina.

Slipper Room is the brain child of performer and producer James Habacker (a part-time resident of Bethel, NY). When it opened in 1999 neo-burlesque was in its infancy. Before that time there had been some random shows in lofts and bars around the city, but the Slipper Room was the first venue built specifically to showcase the work of this burgeoning new collective. It was an art project in itself, an artist run venue designed to nurture emerging talent, and push performers to reach their true potential. The early shows were mostly comprised of performance artists, drag queens, experimental dancers, sideshow acts, and anyone who showed up with an idea, no matter how outrageous, messy, lewd, or illegal. It wasn't long before word got around about this new artist collective, and enough young talent presented themselves at the Slipper Room to make it possible to put up high quality shows most every night. As master of ceremonies, James allowed performers a forum to push themselves and try out new work without fear of censorship. He also added comic relief with his wide variety of characters, his satirical wit, and love of Vaudeville.

"On a recent night, a performer named Gal Friday, who wore little more than a string of red sequins around her waist, gyrated to a rock classic, "Shortnin' Bread," and picked up a dollar bill without the aid of her hands."-- The New York Times

NACL is located at 110 Highland Lake Rd., Highland Lake, NY 12743 For more information call 845-557-0694 or online at www.nacl.org

**UC Exec Hein Announces County Attorney
Beatrice Havranek Elected by Peers to
County Attorney's Association of State of NY
Board of Directors**

Kingston, NY - County Executive Mike Hein is pleased to announce that Ulster County Attorney Beatrice Havranek was recently elected by her peers to the County Attorney's Association of State of New York (CAASNY) Board of Directors. CAASNY is affiliated with the New York State Association of Counties.

"Beatrice Havranek brings a wealth of experience to the County Attorney's Association Board of Directors as an exceptional County Attorney and a former Town Supervisor in Rosendale, where she served her community for fourteen years," said County Executive Hein.

"Ms. Havraenk is a past president of the Ulster County Bar Association, a past Director of the Mid-Hudson Women's Bar Association, and past president and co-founder of the Ulster County Association of Town Supervisors. She will be a valuable addition to the County Attorney's Association."

Regular membership in the Association is comprised of the County Attorneys of the State of New York, Corporation Counsel of the City of New York, and the deputies and assistant of their respective legal staffs. The purpose of the organization is to promote more efficient count and city government, to advance closer personal relationships among the county attorneys in the State of New York; to encourage and promote exchange of information and views respective to the conduct of the various county attorney's offices, to analyze propose and enacted legislation and regulations at the State and Federal levels affecting the counties, and to present legal ideas and opinions to the State and Federal legislators, representatives and officials with respect to such legislation; and to serve the public of the State. The Association also, provides trainings and continuing legal educations courses relevant to municipal and county government to its members.

According to Beatrice Havranek, "This organization is important in that it fosters camaraderie and collaboration in solving problems that face all counties."

Ms. Havranek was appointed as County Attorney by County Executive Mike Hein on May 1, 2009. She is the first woman to serve in that position. Prior to that, she was in private practice and served as First

Assistant County Attorney and Minority Counsel for the County of Ulster. She also served as a Deputy County Executive for the County of Ulster for a short period of time from January 1, 2009 until she was appointed County Attorney.

Ms. Havranek brings a broad base of experience to the position of Director as an attorney and a former administrator. She was elected as the first woman Town Supervisor in Rosendale and served in that capacity for fourteen years. She is a past president of the Ulster County Bar Association, a past Director of the Mid-Hudson Women's Bar Association, and past president and co-founder of the Ulster County Association of Town Supervisors

UC Sheriff VanBlarcum Announces Promotions

Sheriff Paul VanBlarcum announces two promotions in the Criminal Division of the Ulster County Sheriff's Office. Perry M. Soule has been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant. Lt. Soule joined the Sheriff's Office in 2001 and formerly held the rank of First Sergeant. Allen E. Rowe has been promoted to the rank of First Sergeant. He joined the agency in 1992 and formerly was Sergeant.

**2nd Annual Wounded Warriors Golf
Tournament.**

On July 18, 2013 Wiltwyck Golf Club members will be hosting the 2nd Annual Wounded Warriors Golf Tournament, with all proceeds going to the Wounded Warrior Project.

"Ulster County is deeply grateful to our veterans for the sacrifices they have made on our behalf," said County Executive Hein. "The Wounded Warrior Project's vision is to foster the most successful, well-adjusted generation of wounded service members in our nation's history. It raises awareness and enlists the public's aid for the needs of injured service members; helps injured service members to aid and assist each other; and provides unique, direct programs and services to meet the needs of injured service members."

According to Wiltwyck member Richard Croce, "The members of Wiltwyck appreciate County Executive Hein's proclaiming July 18th Ulster County Wounded Warrior Day and the community's support for the Wounded Warrior Golf Tournament. We hope everyone will come out, have fun and support this great cause."

The Tournament has an 11:30 a.m. registration and lunch and a shotgun start at 1 p.m. A cocktail hour and dinner immediately follow the Tournament. The entry fee of \$175 per person includes golf, a cart, lunch, beverages on the course, a cocktail hour, hors d'oeuvres, awards, dinner and prizes. It is \$75 for dinner only. Call Wiltwyck's Pro Shop at (845) 331-7878 for more information.

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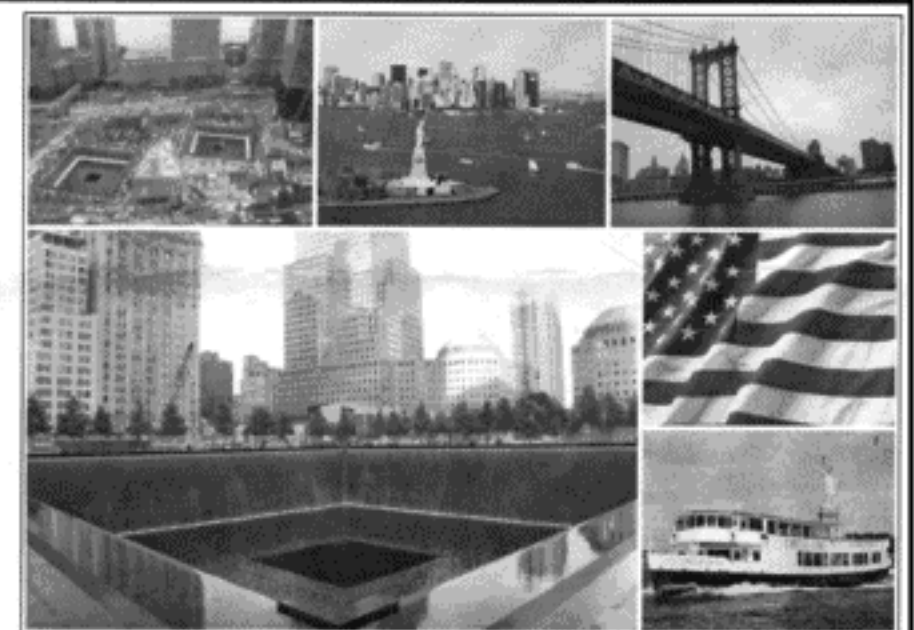
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Town of Neversink Parks & Recreation Department

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Trolley Tour - Luncheon-Entertainment-Shopping Wednesday, Oct. 2, 2013. \$40 pp residents; \$59 pp non-residents.

Create a one-of-a-kind Vase & Flower Arrangement Tuesday, August 6 & 13. 6:30 pm Town Hall. Class \$20 residents/\$35 non-residents must be paid no later than Tuesday, July 30 this includes both classes and all supplies. Refreshments will be served.

Mad Science Show - Aug 22 Grahamsville Fairgrounds 5 pm- \$3 residents; \$10 non residents. Must be paid by Aug 6

Frost Valley Tour of the Castle & Dinner Wednesday, September 11. Leave Town Hall 6pm and return approximately 9 pm. Includes dinner and tour of the Castle. \$15 residents/\$30 non-residents. Must be paid by Tuesday, August 6.

Jesters Comedy Club Saturday, September 14. Leave Town Hall 7 pm by Motor coach; must be 21 years old to attend. Please bring proof of ID. There is a 2 item minimum purchase per person. So please bring money to make food pub and drink purchases. \$15 residents/\$27 non-residents must be paid no by Tuesday, July 30.

Family Game Night & Pizza Friday September 20. Bring a favorite game to share or play one of ours! Daniel Pierce Library Community Room 5:30 pm. Pizza & Soda will be provided. \$5 family of 4 residents; /\$12 family of 4 non -residents Must be paid by Tuesday, September 10.

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

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



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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.

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

Green Vacation Bible School

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church
24 Chestnut Street, Liberty, NY
(next to the Post Office)

Monday, July 29 - Friday, August 2
9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

All Children Welcome 3-11 years olds
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BBQ Pork Rib Dinner

Sunday, August 4 3-6 p.m.

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History of Divine Corners program - Daniel Pierce Library Community Room - 7 pm

Grahamsville United Methodist Church Thrift Sale Only (9am-1pm)

Claryville Fire Dept. **Pancake Breakfast** 7 am - Noon

Grahamsville United Methodist Church Thrift Sale (9am-1pm) & **Luncheon** (11am-1pm)

Neversink Fire District Meeting at 7:30 p.m.; Public Meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Neversink Ladies Auxiliary Community Yard Sale 10-3 pm Neversink Fire Dept Pavillion. 985-7802.

Time and the Valleys Museum Old Time Fair & Chicken BBQ (2-5 pm) - Grahamsville Fairgrounds 11 am - 5 pm

Yankee Stadium Trip-Leaves Grahamsville Fairgrounds 8:45 am Call Gary TerBush 985-7628 for info

9/11 Memorial & NYC Harbor Cruise (see pg. 14 for details) For info: Barbara MacGhee - 845-985-3007

Ulster Heights Rod and Gun Club **Chicken BBQ** (details t/b/a in future *Townsmen*)

Sundown Methodist Church Covered Dish Supper - 5:30 pm Sundown Church Hall

Town of Denning Board Meeting 7:00pm Sundown Church Hall

Claryville Fire District Meeting - Regular meeting

Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting- 7:00 pm

Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting 7 pm Town Hall

Town of Neversink Board Meeting - 7:30 pm

Dept. of Motor Vehicles Neversink Town Hall 10:00 am - 2:30 p.m.

Grahamsville Fire Dist. Board of Fire Commissioners - 7:00 pm

Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals - 7:30 pm

Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Assoc. Meeting - 7:30 PM

Save the Dates!

July 27, 2013- Time and the Valleys Museum Old Time Fair & Chicken BBQ
(2-5 pm) - Grahamsville Fairgrounds 11 am - 5 pm

Annual Shawangunk Mountain Wild Blueberry & Huckleberry Festival sponsored by the EWCOG -Saturday August 10th-
Vendor applications are available now. Coordinator is Dianne E Turner ("aka "Mother Blueberry")
134th Grahamsville Little World's Fair - Aug. 15-18, 2013

2nd Annual Holiday Craft Fair - Sundown Methodist Church Hall - Date to be announced.

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

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- EUREKA MARKET & CAFE
- CANNIE D'S Joma Cafe (West Shokan) • Boiceville IGA • Boiceville Florist • Reservoir Music • Snyder's
- BLUE HILL LODGE Phoenixia Hardware • Phoenixia Pharmacy • Phoenixia Deli • Mama's Boy • Brio's • Emerson Resort
- 3 GOLDENS Big Indian Market & Deli • Colonial Inn Pine Hill • Pine Hill Community Center
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- PETER'S MARKET

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.

AL-ANON MEETINGS-

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

Fallsburg Alumni Association Plans 9th Annual Reunion

The program for the Fallsburg Alumni Association 9th Annual Reunion and Buffet Luncheon is being prepared. On Saturday, July 27, from 11AM to 2 PM, all staff and alumni are invited to meet, greet and eat! Four

\$500 scholarships will be presented by the FAA to graduating seniors. The Sheryl Kalter Memorial Scholarship will be over \$1000. The Class of '73 will be presenting their 40th Reunion Special Scholarship. In addition, we will be honoring retired staff - Richard Chiger - for his continuing contributions to our community. Also, our Alumni Service Awards will be presented to Linda Goldstein, Debbie Briggs and Cynthia Johnston - a team effort dedicated to the support of the St. Andrew's Food Bank in S. Fallsburg. Tickets are \$13 for one person; \$25 for two. A light buffet lunch will be available. Come, schmooz, buy some raffles, eat, connect with alumni, support the FAA Scholarship Fund. For further information: alumni-eileen@hotmail.com or 845-434-5371.

UC Exec Hein and Health Commissioner Dr. Carol Smith "Sign Up" to Prevent Lyme Disease

It is important to take proper precautions while enjoying beautiful outdoors
 Town of Ulster, NY - Ulster County Executive Mike Hein and Ulster County Health Commissioner Dr. Carol Smith visited Sojourner Truth Park in the Town of Ulster to post signs urging visitors to take sensible precautions to avoid tick bites which may cause Lyme and other tick borne diseases. Their visit coincides with distribution by the Ulster County Department of Health of similar signs to municipalities throughout Ulster County.
 "Ulster County has unparalleled natural resources and incredible outdoor recreation areas. We want to make sure that residents and visitors alike enjoy them safely. The Be Tick Free signs that we are posting display sensible precautions and measures that can help ensure a

Clip & Save

Grahamsville United Methodist Church

Thrift Sales & Luncheons

Thrift Sales 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Luncheons 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

July 9
Aug. 6 & 20
Sept 3 & 17
Oct 1 & 15
Nov 5

December 7 - Christmas Craft Fair

great, tick free, outdoor experience," said County Executive Mike Hein.
 "As we know, ticks can carry one or more pathogens that may cause Lyme or other diseases. Prevention is still the most effective way that people can protect themselves from these potential illnesses. The precautionary steps are easy to follow and, if practiced consistently, they can help people enjoy the outdoors without worry," said Ulster County Commissioner or Health Dr. Smith.
 Exposure to infected ticks, especially on the east coast of the United States, has increased significantly over the last few years. Ticks can carry Lyme and other serious illnesses, such as Babesiosis, Anaplasmosis and Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever. The Centers for Disease Control, the New State Department of Health, and the Ulster County Department of Health, recommend the following precautions that people can use to protect

themselves and their families from the possibility of contracting a tick borne disease:

- While out walking or hiking, stay on clear well-travelled paths.
- Cover up and wear light colored clothing to spot ticks easily.
- Use insect/tick repellent, as directed.
- Keep the grass and brush around your home trim and clear, especially where children play.
- Shower as soon as possible after spending time outdoors.
- Most importantly, check everyone for ticks, including pets, at the end of each day.
- Remove all ticks promptly and properly
- Safe tick removal instructions can be found online at: http://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/lyme/lyme_disease_alert.gif

For more information, please call the Ulster County Department of Health/Health Education Unit at (845)334-5527.



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 - 4BR/2.5 BA eyebrow colonial w/fpl, screened porch, sep dining rm on 15+ acs nr State Land. \$354,000.
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 MOVIE TRIVIA**

2. Elizabeth Taylor
 1. Peter Ustinov
 Ans.

Knarf's "Classic Movie Trivia

BEAU BRUMMEL
 (Romance, 1954)



An English Don Juan courts the Prince of Wales' favor while romancing his way through society. Directed by Curtis Bernhardt Starring Stewart Granger, Elizabeth Taylor, Peter Ustinov, Robert Morley. great cast in lavish production from Granger's rash of costume epics.

Here, he's the famous 19th-century British Casanova-fop (played by John Barrymore in the 1924 version, See it on TCM Saturday, July 20, 2013 at 8:45 AM, C- 112 min, Rated TV-PG.

Quiz: 1. Who played George IV, Prince of Wales? 2. Who played Lady Patricia [Belham]?

What's Going On In The Gnome Neighborhood™ This Week? -

GRAHAMSVILLE

The Grahamsville United Methodist Church will be holding a **Pulled Pork BBQ** on Friday, **July 19th** from 4:00 - 7:00. A little bird told me that Barbara Barkley is selling tickets! If she runs out, I am sure she can tell you where you can purchase them. (See Pg. 13)

... and mark your calendars now!! July 27th - the **Time and the Valleys Museum's** will hold their annual **Old Time Fair and Chicken Barbeque**. Tickets are now on sale! The barbeque will be held on from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds. This year's BBQ will include: delicious Miller's Chicken, baked beans, macaroni salad, corn on the cob and dessert. Dinners are available to eat in or take out for \$10 adults and \$7 children under 8 years old.

Tickets for the BBQ are now on sale! They can be purchased at Neversink Town Hall open during regular business hours, from any Museum Trustee, or by calling the Museum at 845-985-7700.

They are also available at the Time and the Valleys Museum, open Thursday through Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. The Time and the Valleys Museum is located at 332 Main Street (St. Rt. 55) in Grahamsville, and is open to the public Thursday through Sunday from Noon to 4 p.m.. The Museum has three floors of exhibitions, a local history research center and a Museum Shop.

For additional information on the Museum or the BBQ, please call us at 985-7700 or go online at **www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org**.

FIGHT CANCER, JOIN US, AT

ST. BALDRICK'S DAY, IN ELDRED, NY

Come join April, Lou and a host of famous people. Sunday, September 8th, 2013... the 4th annual Human Line of Hope & Conga Against Cancer across America fund raising event for St. Baldrick's will take place in Eldred, NY. If you'd like to be part of this event in your state on this day please send an email to: **lineofhope@hvc.rr.com**.

The New York event will encompass plenty of entertainment throughout the day, the Human Line of Hope across America, the Conga Against Cancer traveling dance line, and the shaving of heads in solidarity for all kids with cancer. All these events will take place simultaneously all across America.

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