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## BOCES BOE Recognizes SkillsUSA Winners



On June 11th, the BOCES Board of Education held a special ceremony to honor the Career & Tech students who placed at the New York State Annual SkillsUSA Competition held in Syracuse, NY on April 24th, 25th & 26th.

The BOCES Health Team took first place in the Health Knowledge Bowl competition.

The team members include Janelle Laguio, Fallsburg CSD - New Vision Health student; Melanie Reisner, Livingston Manor CSD - New Vision Health student; Zachory Park, Roscoe CSD - New Vision Health student; and Alexa Buday, Sullivan West CSD - New Vision Health student. The health team is currently representing New York State SkillsUSA and the Sullivan County BOCES Career and Technical Center at the SkillsUSA National Conference held in Kansas City, Missouri.

William Smith (Liberty Central School) took second place in Residential Systems Installation and Maintenance (formerly known as Electronics Applications). William completed the Broadband Program at BOCES last year, and is currently in the Computer Networking.

Melissa Roberts (Fallsburg Central School) Health Occupation's student took third place in her competition for Basic Health Care Skills.

## Sullivan BOCES Held its Rubin Pollack Education Center Graduation Ceremony

The Sullivan County BOCES held its annual commencement ceremony on Tuesday, June 18, 2013 at the Rubin Pollack Education Center. At the ceremony twenty graduates were honored for their educational achievements amongst a crowd of family, friends, and school administrators.

The ceremony was opened with remarks from Larry Thomas, District Superintendent. Mr. Thomas

spoke about how proud the students and their families should be of the graduates' accomplishments. Thomas concluded with the statement, "This is the end to one road and a beginning to a new road, take advantage of every opportunity that comes across your path."

Joseph Manacello from the Monticello Central School was the class speaker for the ceremony. He started his speech with a reflection of his time at BOCES and how he never thought he would ever graduate. "When I came to BOCES, I didn't want to be here since it wasn't my school district. Being at BOCES has allowed me to separate out the negative aspects of my life and focus on what I needed to do and what was important. I was also able to participate in Career and Tech and learn the construction trade - which I love. To all of the teachers at BOCES - Thank you for sticking by me," said Manacello. "With hard work and dedication you can do anything you desire. To my fellow classmates, we started at the bottom and now we are here. Good luck."

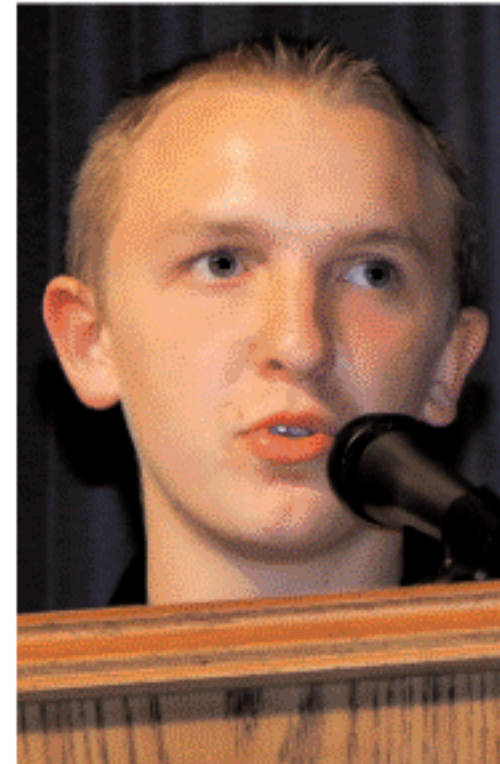


Mr. Manacello is planning on going to Delhi College in the fall. He stated that if he doesn't get in, he plans on getting a job in construction until he gets into college.

In addition to the students' diplomas, the following awards were presented: the American Citizenship Award was presented to Kevin Madsen; the President's Academic Achievement Award presented to Kyle Davis, William Storms, and Jerome Maldonado-Coaxum; the President's Academic Excellence Award presented to John Cruz; the BOCES Board Award (recognizing academic improvement) was presented to Kevin Madsen; the Peter Scursatone Memorial Award (recognizing citizenship) was presented to Joseph Manacello; the Gene Smith School to Work Award presented Ronald Schneider; the Thelma Newman Memorial Award (overall outstanding graduate) was presented to Kyle Davis; the Wellness Award was presented to Kyle Davis; the Liberty Elks Award was presented to Kyle Davis and Ronald Schneider; the Sullivan County Cares Coalition Award was presented to Ronald Schneider; the Derrick Omar Finn Award for Special Olympics efforts was presented to Samantha Marcussen.

## Sullivan County BOCES Graduates 198 Career & Tech Graduates

On June 19th, the Sullivan County BOCES held its Recognition Ceremony for all graduating Career & Tech students at the Fallsburg Central School. The night was filled with many smiling faces, cheers, and applause for the graduates as they made their way across the stage to accept their certificates, awards, and scholarships.



Student speakers : Zachory Park (above); Julia Wilk (right)



Julia Wilk (ECS) and Zachory Park (RCS), New Vision Health students, spoke during the ceremony on behalf of the classmates. Both students expressed their gratitude to their component districts and the BOCES for providing this great opportunity. They also spoke about how their Career and Tech experience and how it has positively influenced their lives and futures by providing an opportunity gain lifelong knowledge and gain friends that will last a lifetime. Ms. Wilk ended her speech with a quote from Henry David Thoreau, "Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you've imagined."

## Ellenville Regional Hospital Receives 2013 IPRO Quality Awards



Clare B. Bradley, M.D., M.P.H., Senior Vice President, Chief Medical Officer, IPRO; Ashima Butler, CPHQ, CPMSM, VP, Quality, Compliance and Medical Staff Management, Ellenville Regional Hospital; Steven L. Kelley, FACHE, President and CEO, Ellenville Regional Hospital; Leona Washington, RN, Quality, Infection Control and Education Coordinator, Ellenville Regional Hospital; Karen O'Leary, Project Manager, Health Care Quality Improvement, IPRO

Ellenville Regional Hospital has been named a recipient of the 2013 IPRO Quality Awards. The awards, given annually by IPRO, recognize organizations and professionals that demonstrate a commitment to improving the quality of care provided to New York's Medicare beneficiaries.

IPRO is the Medicare Quality Improvement Organization (QIO) for New York State, and manages the state's End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Network for the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). The awards were given during IPRO's 29th Annual Meeting, June 4th at the LaGuardia Marriott Hotel. (Contd. Pg. 3)

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**ON THE FRONT BURNER:** Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher. Galatians 6:6

**OBITUARY**

**James H. Grey** of Stratford, NY, formerly of Grahamsville, NY passed away on Wednesday, June 26, 2013 at home with his family by his side. He was 77.

He was the son of the late Russell and Dorothy George Grey, born on October 15, 1935 in Cornwall, NY.

In 1958 Jim graduated from Syracuse University. Following college he proudly served our country in the United States Air Force. He retired twenty years later as a Major and he completed one year in Vietnam. After many years of serving our country he retired from Marcy South Power Lines and Sullivan County DPW as a superintendent. He was active in his community; for many years he served on the Town Board of Neversink as a councilman. Aside from his community, he loved fishing and hunting. He loved spending time with his family and would often go camping with them. He was a member of the National Rifle Association and the United Methodist Church of Grahamsville. He will be truly missed by his community, his friends and especially his family.

He leaves behind to cherish his memory his devoted wife of 55 years, Patricia Grey; his children: Scott Grey and his wife, Diana of Grahamsville, Cheryl Bertholf and her husband, James of Loch Sheldrake, Regina Lambert and her husband, Jayson of Harrisville, WV; seven grandchildren: Kevin, Ryan, Casey, Patricia, Christopher, Garrett and Brianna; two great-grandsons: Zaylon and Hunter; one sister, Joan Wood and her husband, Robert of Colorado, and several nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by two brothers: William Henry Grey and Charles Edward Grey.

Funeral services were on Saturday, June 29th at the Colonial Memorial Funeral Home, Woodbourne, NY, the Rev. Bob Kersten officiating. Interment followed at Grahamsville Rural Cemetery, Grahamsville, NY.

Donations in Jim's name can be made to the National Rifle Association of America, 11250 Waples Mill Road, Fairfax, VA 22030 or Hospice of Orange and Sullivan Counties, 800 Stony Brook Court, Newburgh, NY 121550.

**NOTE OF THANKS**

The family of James W. Rennison would like to take this opportunity to thank the people who sent flowers, had Masses said, and sent cards. We also would like to thank those who sent baskets of food, and those who helped in the kitchen. All-in-all we would like to acknowledge the community for their kind expression of condolences and sympathy. Thank you!

The Rennison Family

**Days of Yore...**

**...Today's History**

**July 8, 1953** - Pvt. Harold Akerley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Akerley of Grahamsville, recently arrived in Korea for duty with the Long Lines Signal Group. He attended Fallsburgh Central H.S. and was employed by Elliott Motor Sales in Woodridge before entering the Army last October.

Is summer for you just one long holiday,

Or is it composed of all work and no play?

If you loll in the hammock or wade deep in work,

Feeding the family's one task you can't shirk.

But shopping at Krum's will make this job easy,

And give you more time to spend where it's breezy!

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**July 3, 1963** - Mayor Robert F. Wagner presented trophies to the top ten men in the graduating class of 462 at the New York City Police Academy Commencement Exercises on June 28th. Among them were Probationary Patrolman Charles G. Greenhall, son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. James McGuire, and a former Neversink resident. He won the Patrolman's Benevolent Assoc. Scholarship and the Frank J. Keeler trophy for attaining the highest academic average, 93.5.

Mrs. Carrie Conklin, 71, of Fallsburgh, died last Tuesday, June 25, 1963 in Hamilton Ave. Hospital, Monticello after a long illness. Born in Grahamsville July 6, 1891, she was the daughter of Jackson and Theresa Veite Smith. She was mar-

ried in April, 1908 at Eureka, N.Y. to Benjamin Conklin who survives. She had resided in Fallsburgh for the past 36 years after living in Grahamsville.

Ira H. Rubenzahl (Princeton '66) is one of 87 students from 16 colleges and universities working two months this summer in factories, banks and business firms in European countries. Rubenzahl, a Tri Valley Central School graduate, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Max Rubenzahl of Neversink. He will be employed at Siemens-Schuckerwerke, Berlin, Germany.

**July 18, 1973** - The Tri-Valley Central School Board held its annual reorganizational meeting on Tuesday, July 3rd. The Board reelected Vernon Stratton of South Hill, Grahamsville for a new term as president. Eugene Ganz of Divine Corners was again chosen as vice president.

Eileen Fuller, Kathryn Hermann, Pamela Strangeway and Lynn Stratton have all been names to the Sullivan County Community College Dean's List for the 1973 spring semester.

**July 7, 1983** - The University of Idaho's Glaciological and Arctic Studies Institute, which is held each summer on the ice fields of Alaska's glaciers, has attracted a record number of students from all corners of the world. Thomas Krom, son of Mrs. Sally Krom of Grahamsville and a 1980 graduate of TVCS is representing Case Western Reserve Univ.

Gene and Linda Barkley are proud to announce the arrival of a son, Travis John. He arrived on June 16, 1983 at 12:45 a.m. weighing in at 5 lbs. 14 oz. and is 18 inches tall.

**Claryville Reformed Church to Observe 150th Anniversary of Gettysburg**

On Sunday, July 7th, the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg, probably the most important battle in our nation's history, which set the course of the America we are today will be commemorated. Those attending are encouraged to share readings, thoughts or special music commemorating this event. The service will conclude at the tomb of a Civil War Vet. All are welcome to share in this service at 10 AM.

**Professional Women of Sullivan County Meeting**

The Professional Women of Sullivan County will meet Wednesday, July 17th at Konrad's Kitchen, located at 2 Beaver Brook Road in Yulan, NY. Our guest speaker, Cora Edwards, will discuss the role of women in Sullivan County Politics. Networking begins at 6:00 pm followed by dinner at 6:30 pm. Dinner entrée choices are: Salmon Oregonata, Chicken breaded and stuffed with broccoli and cheese, or a 12-14 oz Prime Rib with salad, starch and vegetable, or Pasta Primavera with salad. The cost of the dinner is \$24, which includes dessert, coffee, tea, tax and tip. A cash bar will be available. Please RSVP with your dinner choice by Monday, July 15th to Marilyn Stein at [mjcat12@hotmail.com](mailto:mjcat12@hotmail.com) or 845-791-4501.

**Time and the Valleys Museum's Annual Chicken Barbeque Tickets Now Available**

Tickets for the Time and the Valleys Museum's annual Fund Raising Chicken Barbeque are now on sale! The barbeque will be held on Saturday, July 27th from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds during the Old Time Fair. 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 Chicken Barbeque are available at the Time and the Valleys Museum, open Thursday through Sunday, noon to 4 p.m., at Neversink Town Hall open during regular business hours, from any Museum Trustee, and by calling the Museum at 845-985-7700.

The 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.timeandthevalleysmuseum.org](http://www.timeandthevalleysmuseum.org).



**A Round About Tri-Valley-Carol Furman**

Congratulations to Jeanne Fiedler who was honored as this year's Tri-Valley Teacher of the Year!

Sympathy is extended to several families this week: Steven Kern of Neversink passed away unexpectedly on June 20th, Beverly Youmans of Neversink passed away at Catskill Regional on June 19th. She would have turned 88 on July 14th, and Beatrice Dymond Schumann of Sundown passed away on June 21st. Beatrice had ten brothers and sisters who all predeceased her. She was 89 years old.

A memorial service was held on June 28th for Leo Bertholf, husband of Alice, who passed away on December 19, 2012 while in Florida. Leo was born in 1927 in Divine Corners. Leo and Alice were married for 59 years and lived in Grahamsville during the summer months and in Florida during the winter.

Brian Edwards of Neversink made the Dean's List at Alfred State.

Congratulations to Keri Poley who was elected President of the Tri-Valley School PTO for the 2013-2014 school year.

On June 19th, Mr. Robert Hayes, Agriculture Teacher at Tri-Valley, helped the 6th graders celebrate "Community Garden Day" by presenting demonstration modules on planting and composting.

Sunday, June 30th at 11:00 am, an auction was held to settle the estate of Helena Kwasinowicz. Helen lived in Willowemoc in her home on 11.44 acres for 59 years. Her home, her car and her personal property was auctioned off to settle her estate. It's sad, in a way, because all of the things Helen held near and dear went here and there to the highest bidder. All items were sold "As Is" and "Where Is", regardless of price.

Coach Mary Feusner has announced that girls' summer soccer training sessions will take place Monday and Tuesday evenings from 6:00 - 7:30 pm at the latauro Complex or in the gym if it is raining. If you want to brush upon you skills, it's a good time to do so.

A fond farewell to Pastor Bob Kersten of the Grahamsville Methodist Church and his wife, Pastor Sue, who will be leaving Grahamsville very soon. Pastor Bob will minister to churches in Liberty and Monticello and Pastor Sue will continue to minister in Hurleyville and Woodridge.

June Schulte, Helen Miller and I went to the Forestburgh Playhouse last week to see "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat". This was the Theatre's first musical of the summer stock season and it was wonderful!

The fourth annual Tri-Valley School District Retiree Luncheon will be held at Memorial Hall (across from Tri-Valley School) on Thursday, August 1st at 12:00 noon. Invitations have been mailed to all retirees. If you did not receive an invitation, please give me a call (985-2918) and I will see that you receive one.

**Words of Wisdom:** Nothing makes it easier to resist temptation than a proper bringing-up, a sound set of values - and witnesses. (Franklin P. Jones)

**Neversink News - Hulda Vernooy**

Jean Helthaler will celebrate the beginning of another wonderful year on July 5th. Happy Birthday Jean and many, many more!

**ERH Receives Awards (From Pg. 1)**

Ellenville Regional Hospital, a Critical Access Hospital, was recognized for demonstrating an ongoing commitment to quality improvement, to improving patient care and for exceeding the reporting requirements to CMS for hospital inpatient and outpatient data.

Accepting the Award for the Hospital was Steven L. Kelley, FACHE, President & CEO; Ashima Butler, CPHQ, CPMSM, VP, Quality, Compliance and Medical Staff Management; and Leona Washington, RN, Quality, Infection Control and Education Coordinator.

Reporting of quality measure data to CMS is currently voluntary for critical access hospitals. One new quality measure for which New York's critical access hospitals submitted data is called "emergency department throughput." This group of quality measures looks at reducing the time that patients remain in the emergency department, which potentially improves access to care and treatment. Ellenville Regional Hospital was among New York's critical access hospitals who were the first in the nation to submit Hospital Outpatient Quality Measure data, which includes measures of care for heart attack and chest pain and/or surgical care, to CMS.

For information about the IPRO Quality Award, or about Ellenville Regional Hospital's services, please call 845 647-6400 ext. 237.

**About IPRO**

IPRO is a national organization providing a full spectrum of healthcare assessment and improvement services that foster more efficient use of resources and enhance healthcare quality to achieve better patient outcomes. For more than 25 years, IPRO has been highly regarded for the independence of its approach, the depth of its knowledge and experience, and the integrity of its programs, IPRO holds contracts with federal, state and local government agencies and corporate clients, in more than 33 states and the District of Columbia. A not-for-profit organization, IPRO is headquartered in Lake Success, NY. For more information about IPRO and a complete list of 2013 Quality Award winners, please visit [www.ipro.org](http://www.ipro.org).

**Cornell Cooperative Extension in Sullivan Launches its Centennial Year Campaign with a Celebration**

In celebration of its 100 years of serving Sullivan County residents, Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) Sullivan County will launch its Centennial Campaign on Friday, July 12, 2013. The public is invited to attend this anniversary kick-off and to share old CCE-inspired local photos and stories with good company. The event will be held from 4 to 6 pm at the Gerald J. Skoda Extension Education Center on 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road in Liberty, NY.

"This is going to be the best celebration that you will attend in the first part of the summer, as we celebrate 100 years of living history that is the spirit of Sullivan County," said Joan Howard, CCE Board President.

Attendees can enjoy music played by a local musician, youth performances, speakers, door prizes, and light, local fare catered by Natural Contents. Refreshments are sponsored by the following Cornell Alumni: Michael Davidoff, Les Kristt, Marty Miller, John Sundholm, and Linda Tintle.

Event proceeds will go towards capital expenses, scholarships, and new programming to further develop the CCE site sustainably and as a teaching center that will benefit community members in and around Sullivan County.

"Cornell is celebrating its 100 years with the families of the agricultural farms in Sullivan County," shared Earl Meyers, CCE Board Vice President and long-time Sullivan County farmer, "Our ancestors were all part of it and hopefully our future generations will be part of it too."

Questions or registrations should be directed to the CCE office by calling 845-292-6180 or emailing [sullivan@cornell.edu](mailto:sullivan@cornell.edu).

**Canal Interpretive Center to open New Season**

SUMMITVILLE, N.Y. - Sullivan County's Interpretive Center for the historic Delaware and Hudson Canal will begin its summer season on Friday, July 5, through the weekend of July 6 & 7.

The center, located north of Wurtsboro on Bova Road just off US Route 209 in the Town of Mamakating, features an exhibit of historic photography and memorabilia for adults and as well as teaching aids for younger children, plus a gift shop where canal period publications and souvenirs are available.

In addition to exhibits indoors, Lock 50 of the D&H canal is adjacent to the center and visitors may view canal features and trail exhibits on a short walk that also includes a portion of the original towpath used by mules which pulled canal boats for some 70 years during the 19th century.

For those wanting more of a walk, Bova Road also provides the northern access to the county's D&H Canal Linear Park, which combined with a section owned by the Town of Mamakating stretches 4.5 miles south to the Village of Wurtsboro.

The center remains open through Columbus Day on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sundays from noon to 5 p.m., and by appointment on Fridays and Mondays. Admission to the center is \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors and \$3 for children.

For more information about the interpretive center, call the Sullivan County Division of Public Works at 845-807-0261. Visit <http://co.sullivan.ny.us/?TabId=3191> for more information and a map of the linear park. For images, search Delaware and Hudson Canal Linear County Park in Google Maps and click "more info" in the map's info balloon

**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.*

**Captivating Mint Lore of Mint**

There are many wild flowering herbs growing wild in the Catskills. Some are so plentiful and grow everywhere, that you may not even notice them.

Mentha also known as Mint, from Greek mintha, is a genus of plants in the Lamiaceae or mint family.

Commonly known as wild Mint, it is a perennial herb native to Northern America and is usually found growing on gravelly wet shores, meadows, roadsides and open woods.

Mint has wide-spreading underground and over-ground stolons (creeping horizontal stems or runners that can take root) and erect, square, branched stems. The leaves are arranged in opposite pairs, from oblong to lanceolate (shaped like the head of a lance), often downy, and with a serrate margin. Leaf colors range from dark green and gray-green to purple, blue, and sometimes pale yellow. The flowers are white to purple and produced in false whorls called verticillasters. The corolla (petals of a flower) is two-lipped



with four subequal lobes, with the upper lobe usually the largest. The fruit is a small, dry capsule containing one to four seeds.

Mountain mint is edible and can be used raw, cooked or dried. Both the flower buds and leaves are edible and have a mint-like flavor that makes a great spice or seasoning for meat. The fresh or dried leaves can be brewed into a refreshing mint herb tea.

The young fresh sprigs (before flowering) add flavor and make a great garnish for ice tea. When the plant begins to flower, the tops and leaves can be picked and dried for later herb use.

Mountain mint is an easily grown plant that does very well in most well-drained soils. If you decide to plant some in your garden, know they are fast growing, extending their reach along surfaces through their network of runners. One plant, along with a little care, will provide more than enough mint for home use. Mint can become invasive so care should be taken when mixing any mint with any other plants, or the mint may take over. To control mint in an open environment, it should be planted in a deep, bottomless containers sunk in the ground, or planted above ground in tubs and barrels.

According folklore, this herb was considered a powerful medicine and used by medicine men to revive the dead. Several native American tribes claimed that when the fresh crushed flowers were stuffed up the nose of a person near death, it would revive them! I am not sure I would want to try that! However, I do know the fragrance of mint is very relaxing, and so is a refreshing cup of mint tea, or a cold glass of Lemon Mint Iced Tea. (See recipe on page 11).

If you rub the flowers under your chin, they feel as soft as velvet. So if you happen to see some mint in bloom this summer when you are out walking I urge you to try it and see if you fall under its spell too!

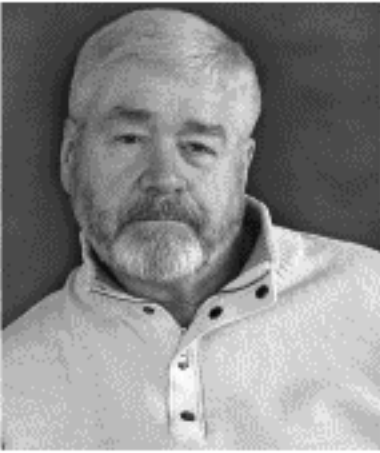
**Household Hints**

**Eliminate insects around the garden**

If the bugs are feasting on the fruits and vegetables in your garden, give them the boot with this simple, nonpoisonous trap. Fill a 2-liter soda bottle with 1 cup apple cider vinegar and 1 cup sugar. Next, slice up a banana peel into small pieces, put them in the bottle, add 1 cup cold water, and shake it up. Tie a piece of string around the neck of the bottle and hang it from a low tree branch, or place it on the ground, to trap and kill the six-legged freeloaders. Replace used traps with new ones as needed.



**Donnybrook**



**Mysterious Book Report No. 104 by John Dwaine McKenna**

Have you ever heard of a place in Ireland called Donnybrook? It's an area just outside of Dublin, and the site of the legendary Donnybrook Fair. A charter for it was given in the early thirteenth century and it was held annually over the next six hundred years during August and September for fourteen days. It was fourteen days of drinking, brawling, and public spectacles. The Donnybrook Fair became so infamous for bad behavior that it was bought out and permanently closed in 1855 by the Lord Mayor of Dublin . . . and left its name as a legacy to the English language as the definition for a brawl, or "a scene of uproar and disorder."

**Donnybrook**, (Farrar, Straus and Giroux, PB, \$15.00, 240 pages, ISBN 978-0-374-53289-5) by Frank Bill is a crime fiction novel about an annual bare-knuckles brawl in the backwoods of southern Indiana. It's a three-day affair held on a thousand acre remote farm that pays a hundred thousand dollars to win . . . and nothing to the losers. It's held in a place that's been devastated by the recession, where unemployment is high and still rising, as is crime and drug usage, in particular methamphetamines. Called meth, crank, speed, or crystal, it's snorted, injected, swallowed or smoked. It's the drug of choice, along with marijuana and alcohol, for the impoverished and downtrodden residents of the area. With no other prospects or hope of improvement, the Donnybrook attracts the toughest of the tough and desperate residents who inhabit the coal mining regions. Men like Jarhead Johnny and Chainsaw Angus and his sister . . . men with nothing to lose. Men for whom the one thousand dollar entry fee is an almost insurmountable burden . . . and only the first hurdle to overcome in their

quest for the big money prize and a quick exit from poverty. The journey to get there is awesome, the action relentless and the characters remarkable. They're a part of America as tough and hard to manage as the anthracite coal they mine. This one is a helluva ride from the first page to the last. If you like 'em hairy chested and tough, with language and manners to match, this one's for you. Not for the faint of heart however . . . it's one's as rugged as the hardie hole in a two hundred pound anvil. I loved it. But then too, I've always been a fan of Clint's characters in the movies.

And just in case you don't know it, I'm a big fan of public libraries in every size, shape and color or condition. They're a national treasure that belongs to each and every tax-paying citizen and should be patronized by all of us. Support your local library, you'll feel great and be a part of a great cause.

Great Balls of Fire! Our websites at: johndwainemckenna and rhyolitepress.com are expanding and improving by leaps and bounds. Check 'em out, you'll see. And while you're there, take a moment to like us on Facebook. You'll be the first to get the new Mysterious Book Report on Thursdays at 12:01 am through the magic of science and technology . . . plus the first look at whatever else we're dreaming up out here, *Where the prairie ends and the west begins.*

**The Boy Who Slept With Bears** by George Douthitt III is back in print and **The Colorado Noir Chronicles** by John Dwaine McKenna is out too. Copies are available at bookstores everywhere, Amazon or signed copies can be obtained from Rhyolite Press, P.O. Box 2406, Colorado Springs, Co 80901 or order online at our website.

That's it for this week. See you at the lake. Don't forget sunscreen . . . or a book to read. Next week: a mystery twister that takes place in New York City during the 'Summer of Love'. See you then. --JDM

**2013 Sullivan Renaissance Interns Supporting Community Projects and Creating a Sense of Place**

[LIBERTY] - A new group of young people has begun caring for public gardens and parks throughout Sullivan County as part of the 2013 Sullivan Renaissance Gardening Internship and Leadership Program. Now in its tenth year, the program is a collaboration between Sullivan Renaissance and the Sullivan County Center for Workforce Development.

The primary role of the interns is to assist with care and maintenance of flowers, gardens and other landscaping elements of community projects throughout the county. Their work includes planting, watering, mulching, fertilizing, weeding, dead-heading of plants, and other related activities. Interns also assist with administrative and organizational tasks such as clerical support, phone calling and fundraising activities.

In addition to their work in the community, Sullivan Renaissance interns participate in a youth development program with a specific theme. Weekly sessions allow interns to explore topics that help them gain a sense of place within their communities and throughout Sullivan County. The focus of this year's program is "Place Making." As a group, they also participate in a day of service which they plan and implement with support from Sullivan Renaissance staff and volunteers.

"We have a thoughtful, insightful, interesting group of interns this year, who are learning to become gardeners," said Denise Frangipane, who coordinates the program. "They are also pianists, cellists, drummers, actors, artists, bakers, chefs, travelers, photographers, unicycle riders - and future doctors, accountants, lawyers and Peace Corps volunteers!"

The 2013 Sullivan Renaissance interns are working in the following communities: Luis Arango, Phillippsport; Jennifer Avila, Program Assistant, Sullivan Renaissance; Celina Castellano, Woodbourne; Jordan Fredell, Mamakating; Brittany Fuller, Livingston Manor; Olivia Grady, Narrowsburg; Dylan Jones, Neversink; Jenna Lambrigger, Roscoe; Joshua Mace, Rock Hill; Madison McCormack, Jeffersonville; Desmond Oxford-McDaniel, Woodridge; Ethan Porter, Swan Lake; Nina Seehausen, Hurleyville and Town of Thompson Park; and Kyle Wallach, Monticello

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For information, contact Sullivan Renaissance at www.sullivanrenaissance.org or 845-295-2445.

**ERH Earns Gold Seal Accreditation for Mammography**

Ellenville Regional Hospital in Ellenville, NY has received the American College of Radiology (ACR) Gold Seal of Accreditation for its Mammography services.

The ACR, headquartered in Reston, VA, awards accreditation to facilities for the achievement of high practice standards after a peer-review evaluation of the practice. Evaluations are conducted by board-certified physicians and medical physicists who are experts in

the field. They assess the qualifications of the personnel and the adequacy of the facility digital equipment. The surveyors report their findings to the ACR's Committee on Accreditation, which subsequently provides the practice with a comprehensive report.

For more information on medical imaging services available at Ellenville Regional Hospital, please call 845.647.6400 ext. 271.

**Statement from A.G. Schneiderman on President Obama's Plan to Fight Climate Change**

NEW YORK - Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman today applauded President Obama's ambitious and necessary vision laid out at Georgetown University to lead a global effort to reduce carbon pollution and prepare our nation for the impacts of climate change. Attorney General Schneiderman has worked tirelessly leading this fight at a state level to reduce the pollution associated with climate change and he pledges to work with the Obama administration in this common effort.

"I applaud President Obama for his vision and detailed proposals today for moving our country forward in addressing the serious harms from global warming - the greatest environmental challenge of our time. The president's commitment to finalizing, within two years, federal rules requiring existing fossil-fueled power plants to reduce their climate change pollution is an essential part of his plan. My office looks forward to working with the EPA, states, and other stakeholders to promptly develop strong rules. We also look forward to hearing more from the administration on its plans to control methane emissions from oil and gas development, another important source of climate change pollution requiring prompt action," Attorney General Schneiderman said.

Attorney General Schneiderman's office is recognized as a national leader for spearheading a number of environmental protection efforts. Some recent examples include:

- Just this week, the U.S. Supreme Court agreed to review a lower court's decision to invalidate EPA's rule controlling interstate air pollution. The high court's decision to review the case came after Attorney General Schneiderman led a coalition of 10 states and 5 cities in the filing of a court brief urging the U.S. Supreme Court to hear a case regarding an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) rule that would substantially reduce the amount of air pollution that is currently allowed to cross state lines. The filing was in support of a request by the federal EPA and a group of public health and environmental organizations for the Court to review and reverse a lower court decision that invalidated that rule.

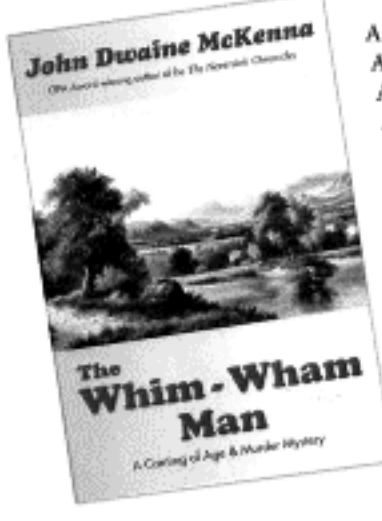
- This spring, the office faulted the U.S. State Department for failing to fully analyze the impacts that climate change pollution from the proposed Keystone XL and related oil pipelines will have on New York and across the United States. The Attorney General's submitted his official comments criticizing the current federal environmental assessment of the project. The comments aim to ensure that the full climate-change impacts of the project are considered before the project can be approved.

- The office won a landmark victory that ensures, for

the first time, that the nation's Nuclear Regulatory Commission cannot issue new or renewed operating licenses for nuclear power plants until it thoroughly reviews the public health, safety and environmental hazards posed by long-term storage of nuclear waste at power plants around the country.

- Leading a coalition of 11 states, Attorney General Schneiderman reached a settlement with the federal Environmental Protection Agency that compelled the agency to update national air quality standards for soot pollution and ensure all Americans, including the most vulnerable, will be protected.

- Leading a coalition of seven states, the Attorney General filed notice of intent to sue the federal Environmental Protection Agency for violating provisions of the Clean Air Act by failing to address methane emissions from the oil and natural gas industry, including those from "fracking" operations. The oil and natural industry is the single largest source of man-made methane emissions in the U.S. and the second largest industrial source of domestic greenhouse gas emissions behind only electric power generating plants.



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I will accept a resounding "Thank You" from all you out there who do not have to unwind some leaky, muddied hose to water your flowers and vegetables. Many of you think it is Global Warming to blame for all these afternoon thunder showers, but it is actually karma. I take full responsibility.

I, being a pro-active kind of person, purchased the new pocket hose. You know, the one on television that is lime green and scrunches up to the size of a grapefruit. When water runs through it, it expands and lengthens and has the uncanny ability to shrink back into a light, portable handful.

No more winding and unwinding the uncooperative snake of a hose that fought me as I dragged it through the mud as it kinked and coiled cutting off the water supply. I was actually excited about hooking up this new toy. Alas, it sits in its shoebox size package because it has not yet been pressed into service. I have not yet had the occasion to water the plants.

So, for all of you who are dumping excess water from potted plants, I say, "You are Welcome." I am convinced my purchase has somehow stimulated rain clouds to drape and hang over our Catskill Mountains. Maybe I should buy an umbrella.



### RESERVOIR MUSIC NOTES - 711 Route 28, Kingston, NY 12401 -

Music journalism lost one of the great ones last week. Chet Flippo, who wrote for several major music publications, including Rolling Stone, Billboard, Texas Monthly, and The New York Times, and served most recently as editorial director of CMT and CMT.com, passed away in Nashville at the age of 69. His first book, *Your Cheatin' Heart: A Biography of Hank Williams*, remains the definitive bio of the Country Punk Rock n Roll superstar, and was very inspiring to me when I was forming The Brooklyn Cowboys! In fact, The Brooklyn Cowboys got their name when our recording engineer asked me what name to put on the tape reel for our first demos (which, by the way, were recorded in 1996, and featured Larry Campbell on fiddle and steel guitar). With no thought, I blurted out, "The Brooklyn Cowboys", and that was it!

Now, I happened to be reading Chet's Hank bio at the time, and in the millisecond after I said it, my first thought was "Driftin' Cowboys, Brooklyn Cowboys"! Not that I was trying to copy Hank's band name. I did say it came out with no thought involved, but afterwards, this thought affirmed the name! But I digress. Back to Mister Flippo.

Chet's first article for Rolling Stone was about the vastly underrated Doug Sahm, the Austin based Country Blues RnB rocker who clearly should be in every hall of fame there is! Chet was a fierce advocate for Country music and the Country and Rock overlap, early on, when Gram Parsons and Chris Hillman, The Grateful Dead and The New Riders, and The Band, amongst others, were trying it on for rock audiences and finding it flew!

Chet was, as they say in England, a lovely man. He was liked by musicians (and everyone), and was just one of those guys who you loved immediately, and who you knew had a good heart! Chet lost his wife, Martha, last December, and may have died of sadness and a broken heart, but the doctors said pneumonia. I'm sure it was the rockin' kind. Chet Flippo RIP!

Of course, everybody knows by now that James Gandolfini also died last week, of a heart attack at the age of 51! While Gandolfini is not really part of the music world, he was such a cultural icon that he crossed all barriers! He was best known for "The Sopranos", of course, and music was featured very prominently in that show. Not to mention that Gandolfini's underboss was Little Steven Van Zandt, Bruce Springsteen's guitar player! The day after his death, Springsteen and The E Street Band gave a full album performance of "Born to Run" and dedicated it to Gandolfini! Thanks for the memories Jimmy! RIP!

Not as many people know that we also lost Joey Covington, former drummer for The Jefferson Airplane, who wrote and sang their last hit, 1971's "Pretty as You Feel"! Covington hit a retaining wall and was not wearing a seat belt! Wear your seat belts kids! Covington was 67.

Now, I must confess, I heard about Joey Covington, but when it came time to write this column, I couldn't remember who died. I just knew that someone noteworthy in the music world had died, but I had forgotten who! So, not wanting to not pay my respects, I researched it, and remembered it was Covington, but a funny thing happened on the way to Joey Covington. I found out that Slim Whitman had also died, at the age of 90 from a heart attack! Now if you don't know who Slim Whitman was, I ain't gonna tell ya, but trust me, he was iconic, mainly because of his late night campy TV commercials where he sold his music catalog. 90 years old! Slim's generation knew how to live... long!

I also found out while researching Covington, that Nigerian musician, Fatai Rolling Dollar, had died at 86. Never heard of him, but you gotta love that name!

I would be remiss if I didn't mention that the verified world's oldest living man is no longer with us, either! Jiroemon Kimuro passed away of natural causes at the age of 116 on June 12!!!

And finally, just as we were going to press, I got the news that Rock and Roll Hall of Famer Bobby 'Blue' Bland, had passed away at the age of 83! Turn on your lovelight Bobby! RIP.

Sorry to have to be the bearer of all this death news, but hey, people die, and a lot of notables have done so recently. I calls 'em as I sees 'em! But now for some good news! The Rolling Stones entire catalog has just been made available on iTunes! Did I say "entire"? Yes, I did. Everything! "Stoned" to

Fred Perry-Owner of Reservoir Music Center

"Doom and Gloom", it's all there! And digitally remastered exclusively for iTunes, so technically, it's new!

In local news that reaches beyond to the world at large, Governor Andrew Cuomo has made it official! The entire length of Route 375, between Route 28 and Route 212, the road into Woodstock, is now Levon Helm Memorial Boulevard! Cool! And in other Levon related news, Amy Helm has started a new music series at The Barn that looks really promising to me. It's called Amy Helm Presents: Friday Nights at Levon's Barn, and I think they've finally come up with the way forward. Ticket prices are set at an affordable \$35, and I think all the elements are there to make this a success, so support it!

It seems to be a little bit of a slow week for live music. Normally, I have to sort through around 400 events to pick the ones I recommend. This week, there were less than 250! I suppose it has something to do with July 4 falling on a Thursday this year. That's this week's excuse. What's next week's? Well, holidays seem to slow everybody down for a while, especially when it's summer, and we don't even need an excuse to kick back. Anyway, there's still some great opportunities to groove on out to some great live music, so here we go.

Wednesday & Thursday, July 3 & 4 - Apparently, everybody in the world is spending the holiday home with family or out at a party with friends, because there are no music events to speak of, but I'm sure some smaller local events will pop up at the last minute, so keep attuned to your local listings for July 4.

Friday, July 5 - AMY HELM hosts the second FRIDAY NIGHT AT LEVON'S BARN, and THE THE BAND BAND returns to The Bearsville Theater, making tonight a Band night all over Woodstock! The The Band Band covers The Band, and they do it well! Up in Saratoga, PHISH returns to SPAC for their annual July Fourth weekend, continuing Saturday and Sunday.

Saturday, July 6 - Hudson Valley's rockin' this weekend! The city, not so much, except for this week's Pick of the Week, THE FLAMING GROOVIES at Bowery Ballroom, tonight! You may never have heard of these guys, because they have a ridiculous name, and they've been around since San Francisco psychedelic days, so they might've sort of slipped through the cracks of most people's musical consciousness! In their original incarnation, when the great Roy Loney was writing all their original material, The Flaming Groovies were one of the all time greatest roots rockers ever to come down the pike! After Loney went solo, around 1980, the band became sort of a 60's jukebox, peppering what original material they still had with radio hit nuggets from The Stones, Paul Revere and The Raiders, and others of a similar ilk from that era. Still a great band, just a different band, and this is the band that's playing at Bowery Ballroom tonight. But these guys are no cover band! They really are more like a jukebox! Their version of "And Your Bird Can Sing" is virtually indistinguishable from The Beatles, and their version of "River Deep, Mountain High" is the only version, of the many that have been recorded, that compares favorably to Tina Turner's original! Anyway, it's a rockin', fun night out, so if you're in the neighborhood, check 'em out! I don't think you'll be disappointed!

At The Belleayre Mountain Music Festival, Country superstar DWIGHT YOAKUM will rock the house! Request his version of The Grateful Dead's "Truckin'!"

Sunday, July 7 - DAVE MASON, one of the co-founders of Traffic, (with Stevie Winwood), makes an appearance at City Winery in Manhattan, prior to next week's show at Bearsville Theater. If he shows up, expect to be surprised. Mason is an underrated guitarist, and of course, everybody knows what a great songwriter he is ("Feelin' Alright", "We Just Disagree"), but his guitar chops seem to have flown below the radar! He is one of the best rock guitarists around! Also fairly unknown, is that he played on records by Jimi Hendrix, George Harrison, The Rolling Stones, Delaney and Bonnie, Paul McCartney, Joe Walsh, Steven Stills, Ron Wood, and Fleetwood Mac, amongst others! Mason actually joined Fleetwood Mac for a hot minute, and recorded one album with them, "Time"! He was also slated to be the second guitarist in Derek and The Dominos, but quit before the band got into the studio, which worked out well for everybody, because Duane Allman took his place, but that's the league he's in as a guitarist! Mason does have a reputation for canceling gigs, so you might wanna call ahead to make sure he's coming.

Tuesday, July 9 - Last year at The Bearsville Theater, THE GRANDMOTHERS OF INVENTION put on one of the best musical displays I had seen in a long time! I'm sure tonight's

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Alright folks. That's it. Have a safe and happy Fourth, and I'll see you next week! And please don't forget to tune in to The Little Delaware Jamboree on WIOX radio, 91.3 on your FM dial, and on the web at [www.wioxradio.org](http://www.wioxradio.org), every other Monday night at 8:30, where I appear as a guest to discuss the events and news that I write about in this column. Next show is this Monday, July 8.

See ya!

### News From Pine Hill Community Center

We'll be closed on Thursday, July 4. Wishing you all a safe and happy celebration.

Something New! Beginning the second week in July we will offer a free arts, crafts, nature program two days a week. We are just working out the details, so contact us for more information.

Debut of Pine Hill Community Center Film. At our Annual Membership Meeting, 1 pm. July 13, we will screen a new short film made for the Center by Jessica Vecchione. Light refreshments.

Kid Stuff - Every Saturday from 10:30 -noon - Free programming for kids 6-12 - adults welcome.

June 29 - Paper artist Janice De Marino leads a workshop in paper making - Participants will make paper that incorporates decorative things like glitter, feathers, etc.

July 6 - A whole day of table games - come see and use our new Foosball table, Ping pong table and pool table! And in the Rainbow room, we have a full array of board games, puzzles, art supplies, etc.

July 13- Artist Roshan Houshmand will bring her Indian wooden blocks for printing on fabric. Participants will make their own block prints and can bring light colored t-shirts or pillow cases to print on if they wish. Fabric will be provided.

And July 20-August 17 - Circus Arts Magic.

### Two Craft Opportunities for Young Children and Teens in July

LIBERTY, NY- Youth of two age groups can enjoy craft projects this Saturday, July 13th, 2013. Second Saturday Craft program of Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County 4-H is offering two craft class opportunities for children at the Gerald J. Skoda Extension Education Center on 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road in Liberty.

A perler bead class will be available from 10 am to 12 pm for youth 5 years of age and older. Participants of this option will be challenged to explore original color designs within the templates provided. The cost of the perler bead craft is \$3.00 per child and includes supplies.

A class for teens 13 years of age and older will feature the interesting craft of wood burning. Specific details for this class depend on interest. Please email [mlr34@cornell.edu](mailto:mlr34@cornell.edu) with questions or to be added to the interest list.

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**Assemblymember Cahill's Statement on the 2013 Legislative Session**

(Albany, New York) During this year's session, we succeeded in passing crucial legislation including a budget which focuses on a fairer minimum wage, mandate relief, education, and local infrastructure. The Assembly made progress on important matters by taking action on unfair insurance practices in the wake of Superstorm Sandy, allowing citizens to be heard on casino gambling, and by aiding underdeveloped areas with meaningful economic programs. "Unfortunately, because of the unwillingness on the part of some to go beyond political rhetoric and actually engage in constructive negotiations on legislative initiatives important to New Yorkers, we missed out on other significant opportunities. The influence and interests of a select few forced serious issues to the wayside, like campaign finance, fair elections, the Women's Equality Agenda, easing our draconian drug laws and the health impacts of hydraulic fracturing.

"Although our regular legislative session is complete, my work is not finished. I will be spending the coming months focusing on the communities of the Hudson Valley. Additionally, I will be working to craft much needed insurance legislation, including modernizing New York's no-fault auto insurance law to reflect advancements in medical technology and to align life, health, property and casualty coverage more with consumer interests," said Cahill.

**Highlights of the 2013 Legislative Session Budget**

The 2013-14 Budget gave local governments and property taxpayers much-needed relief with increases in the state's share of aid to education and Medicaid and other measures easing the burden on localities. Locally, Assemblymember Cahill was successful in helping to secure funding for Belleaire, Catskill Mountain Rail Trail and The Maurice D. Hinchey Catskill Interpretative Center, all of which will improve access to affordable, family-friendly leisure activities while providing an economic boost to the region through increased tourism revenue.

"Investments in our aging infrastructure, state parks and flood-damaged communities are putting people to work and making New York a more attractive place to live. (Contd. Pg. 10)

Increases in State Aid to our school districts make certain that the future - our children - are receiving the best possible education and that it is available to all," said Cahill.

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**Assemblymember Cahill joins with ABCD and Catholic Charities to unveil the Father Edmund Burke UC Catholic Charities Community Center**



Assemblymember Kevin Cahill (D - Ulster, Dutchess) spoke at a ceremony today celebrating the grand opening of the Father Edmund Burke Community Center on Adams Street in Kingston which will house Agri-Business Child Development, Catholic Charities, and the Catholic Youth Organization of Ulster County. In 2008, Assemblymember Cahill advocated for and won \$2.15 million in funding for the development of this project though the New York State Budget.

"In December 2010, when a fire destroyed the nearly completed renovations on this building, everyone involved was deeply saddened, but hope was not lost. Through hard work and combined efforts, we have made the dream of opening a facility of this kind into a reality. At a time when parents and families have been pushed to the limit to make ends meet, it's crucial that people can find help where and when they need it. I applaud all of those who believed, and continue to believe, that this building and its new mission are built on the most solid of foundations," said Cahill.

The building, previously the Saint Peters Elementary School, is being named after Father Edmund Burke, the former Priest of Saint Mary's in Kingston. The facility houses child care and development services, a youth recreation center, and a food pantry. For decades ABCD has provided child care, social services and nutrition to children of eligible families employed in the agricultural industry. The project will also make facilities available for the Ulster County C.Y.O. Basketball League and provide offices for the Archdiocese of New York.

"This center is the result of true collaboration. Assemblymember Cahill, ABCD and Catholic Charities shared a vision for enhanced services in this community and the surrounding area. We are thrilled to celebrate the realization of that vision," said Maggie Evans, ABCD Executive Director.

"Where there's a will, there's a way. When we have faith and work toward the good of our fellow man, anything can be accomplished. This center is proof. I am thankful Assemblyman Cahill was willing to listen to an idea and have the fortitude to see it through," said Patricia Clausi, St. Mary's Church Parish Assistant.

"The benefits of this renovation are threefold. A previously abandoned building is now being put to good use, local jobs have been created and families in need will be able to better access the kinds of services required to help them get back on their feet. I'm proud to have advocated during the budget process for this important project and delighted to see it come to fruition," said Cahill.

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**Leading Chefs Around the Country Agree: Chef Devin Mills of Peekamoose Restaurant Named to Best Chefs America**

Big Indian, NY - Chef Devin Mills, of Peekamoose Restaurant, has been honored as one of the country's top culinary talents in the inaugural edition of Best Chefs America. This is the first-ever peer review guide of U.S. chefs, who were chosen after extensive interviews between Best Chefs America analysts and more than 5000 chefs.



Chef Mills is showcased in the informative and exquisitely produced 386-page coffee table book that was released earlier this year. "This is such a nice surprise to have been nominated and selected," states Chef Mills. "I consider myself fortunate to have worked with some of the best chefs in the country - and now get to live in a region where I grew up - close to the very source of our ingredients". "Chefs themselves truly understand what it takes to be successful in this competitive industry, and Best Chefs

America offers them a forum to express their views on who really stands out," states Elizabeth Fishburne, Best Chefs America's Marketing Coordinator.

About Devin Mills of Peekamoose Restaurant Chef Devin Mills is the co-owner and Executive Chef of Peekamoose Restaurant, located on Route 28 in Big Indian. Devin hails from some of Manhattan's finest eateries, including the famed Gramercy Tavern and the reknown French four-star, Le Bernardin. Peekamoose Restaurant recently earned the coveted, Certificate of Excellence from Tripadvisor for 2013. The restaurant is in its ninth year and continues to be grateful for the ever-growing list of loyal regulars. About Best Chefs America Best Chefs America is the ultimate chef's guide to chefs. Analysts conducted more than 5,000 confidential telephone interviews with chefs who were nominated by other chefs, culinary professionals and food enthusiasts across the country. The interviews consisted of a series of proprietary questions, and software was used to aggregate the data. Chefs earning the highest scores among their peers in their region were included in the guide. The process dictated that only chefs who received the requisite number of mentions by fellow chefs made it into the book, whether interviewed or not. The results were compiled into a 386-

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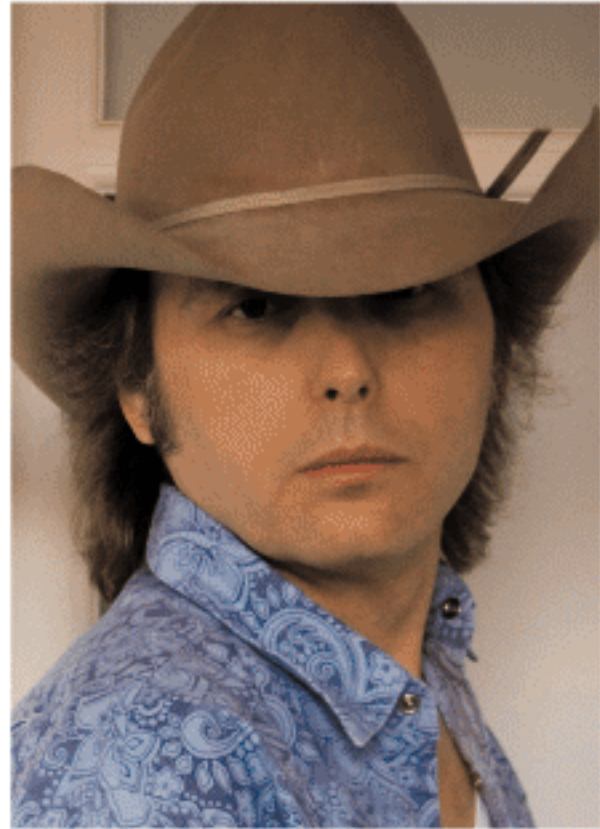
Tell Me the Stories of Jesus is the theme for St. Paul's Lutheran Church's Vacation Bible School (Narrowsburg) happening August 5th - 9th. Children from Preschool thru 6th grades will have fun from 9am to 12noon learning Bible stories, creating artwork, playing games, singing, and eating snacks. Early registration (by July 7th) is \$5 per child; it will be \$10 thereafter. For a registration form, please call the church at 845-252-3919 or by email (stpaulsnarrowsburg@gmail.com).

St. Paul's has been in the neighborhood for over 140 years. Opportunities for summer worship are Saturdays at 4:30pm; Sundays at 9:30am. The church is located at 31 Erie Avenue in Narrowsburg, NY.



**Country Star Dwight Yoakam Opens Belleayre Season**

Highmount, NY - Country star Dwight Yoakam kicks off the Belleayre Music Festival season in hard-charging fashion on Saturday, July 6.



Since exploding onto the scene with "Guitars, Cadillacs, Etc., Etc.," Dwight has deftly blurred the line between country, rock, pop and soul, winning new fans with each critically-acclaimed release. Dwight has amassed 12 gold albums and nine platinum or multi-platinum albums, including the triple-platinum "This Time." Five of those albums have topped Billboard's Country Albums chart with another 14 landing in the Top 10. More than 30 singles have charted, with 22 going Top 20, including the incomparable hits "Honky Tonk Man," "Please, Please Baby," "Little Ways," "I Sang Dixie," "It Only Hurts When I Cry," "Fast as You" and "Thousand Miles from Nowhere." He's won two Grammys and earned a staggering 21 nominations. Dwight traces the roots of his stardom to country music, but his insightful music generates broad appeal.

Well-known for his trademark pale cowboy hat with the brim pulled low, Dwight pens intricate, catchy melodies paired with poignant, brilliant lyrics that mesmerize with their indelible imprint. His current release, "3 Pears," finds Dwight exploring new ground and adding another chapter to his illustrious catalog.

But the music only tells part of the story. Over the last 15 years, Yoakam has carved out a niche as one of the top character actors on film. Starting with a role as a truck driver in John Dahl's spicy film noir "Red Rock West" in 1992, Dwight was an instantly mesmerizing presence on the big screen.

However, nothing prepared viewers for his riveting appearance as the malevolent Doyle Hargraves in the Academy Award-winning film "Sling Blade." And he proved comedically adept in "Wedding Crashers."

**Congressman Gibson Honors Cherry Valley Student Artist**

Congressman Chris Gibson (NY-19) honored Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School senior Lauren Loucks on Capitol Hill Wednesday, June 26, as part of the 2013 Congressional Art Competition award ceremony and reception.

Lauren, daughter of Colleen and Robert Loucks of Cherry Valley, represents the 19th Congressional District of New York in the nationwide contest.

The Congressional Art Competition, a project of the non-partisan Congressional Institute, allows high school students from across the country to compete for the opportunity to have their works of art displayed in the Capitol. Each Member of the House of Representatives is able to select a winner from a district-level competition.

Lauren's winning photograph, "Hay Bales on the Hill Top," depicts round bales of hay in a partially snow-covered field in Cherry Valley. The photo was also selected as one of the winners of this year's Artistic Discovery art exhibit at the Cooperstown Art Association. Lauren's art teacher at Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School is Terri Adams.

"My composition is a black-and-white photograph portraying the agricultural environment in which I live," said Lauren. "Because the hay bale is within a vast field, the high contrast and emphasis help to make the hay become the focal point."

The image will be part of a year-long exhibit in the Cannon Tunnel, an underground passageway to the Capitol. Hundreds of Members of Congress, Congressional staff, and visitors from around the world pass by the exhibit every day, viewing works by the contest winners from over 400 Congressional districts.

Lauren and her mother met with Congressman Gibson before taking a tour of the Capitol and attending a reception and award ceremony.

"I am delighted to have this wonderful work represent Otsego County and Upstate New York at the United States Capitol," said Congressman Gibson. "Lauren's photo celebrates agriculture and the rural landscape we work hard to protect. I want to thank Lauren for entering the Congressional Art Competition and sharing her talents with us. I wish her all the best as she continues her studies, and I encourage her to keep documenting small-town life."

Congressman Gibson encourages high school students from the 19th District to submit original photos, paintings, or drawings for entry in next year's Congressional Art Competition. Digital images should be emailed to the congressman's Washington office in March or April. For information call 202-225-5614.

**New York City of Trees Book Reading and Photography Showing at the CAS Arts Center**



The Catskill Art Society will present a book reading and photography showing from "New York City of Trees," the new book by New York-based author and artist Benjamin Swett. The event will take place at the CAS Arts Center at 48 Main Street, Livingston Manor, NY on Friday, July 5 from 3-5pm.

We know that trees improve living conditions in cities by filtering and cooling the air, absorbing excess rainwater, and making neighborhoods more attractive. But little has been said about their role as keepers of a city's past. In this collection of personal narratives, historical observations, and color photographs,

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Benjamin Swett focuses on trees with stories to tell, adding a warm and welcome narrative that is unique to New York City and its cosmopolitan character. The stories of these trees from all five boroughs--some dating back to the Revolutionary era and before--link the living with the past in an unusual, engaging way.

The event at the CAS Arts Center will include readings from "New York City of Trees" by the author, as well as an exclusive slideshow of photographs featured in the book. Benjamin Swett will also answer questions and speak to the origins of the book in a Q&A session with the audience.

The book is new, but the subject has captivated Benjamin Swett for much of his life, since his career began in the New York City Parks Department. "New York City of Trees" features pictures and stories for about 60 trees, spread throughout the metropolis. Seeing the foliage in all shapes, sizes, and species alongside the recognizable, sometimes iconic architecture of the city brings a meditative and occasionally surprising sense of insight. At times, harmony and balance are achieved, and other times, the natural world can sweep up-or be dominated by-the man-made setting. Some trees are noted when they were removed since the taking of the photograph, and the viewer can imagine the impact of the loss.

From the author: "It is common to talk about how trees improve living conditions in cities by filtering and cooling the air, absorbing excess rainwater, and making neighborhoods more attractive, but little has been said about the equally important role of trees as storehouses of a city's past. Just as trees remove carbon from the atmosphere and hold it for many years in their woody tissue, so do they sequester the shared experiences of the people who live alongside them. The growth rings of trees contain, in organized fashion, physical manifestations of the world and of the human presence in it at different times in a tree's history. Trees also store memories through the associations they carry for the people who live alongside them and see them every day. By looking at a group of trees I have known over many years, scattered around the five boroughs of New York City, I have tried to show how much of the life of New York is contained in its trees."

"New York is a city built atop a forest. And in a forest, every tree has a story," said Eric Sanderson, Senior Conservation Ecologist at the Wildlife Conservation Society. "As this wonderfully personal account of the trees of New York City amply demonstrates, the trees are still here, idiosyncratic, communicative, full of personality, standing for the ages with a resolute perseverance that does our forest-city proud."

The book was published this spring by the Quantuck Lane Press and has received support from Furthermore: a project of the J.M. Kaplan Fund. It is designed by Laura Lindgren with a map by Myra Klockenbrink.

Benjamin Swett recently finished a showing of his photographs from "New York City of Trees" at the Arsenal Gallery in Central Park. Local audiences may know him from a recent exhibition of photographs by him and his late daughter entitled "21: A Life in Photographs" at the CAS Arts Center in the fall of 2011.

Benjamin Swett is a New York-based writer and photographer, with a particular interest in combining photographs with text. His books include "New York City of Trees" (2013), "The Hudson Valley: A Cultural Guide" (2009), "Route 22" (2007), and "Great Trees of New York City: A Guide" (2000). He has received grants and fellowships from Furthermore, the Millay Colony for the Arts, and the Breadloaf Writer's Conference. He has worked as a newspaper reporter and was a writer and photographer for the New York City Parks Department for thirteen years before leaving in 2001 to pursue photography full-time.



## UC Executive Mike Hein Announces Golden Hill's Transfer of Ownership

Kingston, NY - Today, June 26, 2013, the Golden Hill Health Care Facility was successfully transferred from County ownership to the ownership of the Golden Hill Planning Corporation. This process finalizes a transaction that has been approved by the New York State Department of Health, the Ulster County Legislature and the Golden Hill Local Development Corporation (LDC). Ulster County Executive Mike Hein's "compassionate alternative to closure" keeps Golden Hill open for its residents and their families and retains nursing home jobs in Ulster County while placing the property back on the tax rolls.

"I want to thank the dedicated members of the LDC and commend the Ulster County Legislature for sharing in my vision and for partnering to achieve this "Compassionate Alternative to Closure," stated County Executive Hein. "I also want to thank the New York State Department of Health for their expeditious review with regard to this important matter, and commend the staff at Golden Hill for their steadfast commitment to the residents. While many counties have struggled with their own county nursing home in crisis issue and, some resulted in the unthinkable: closure of facilities, I am proud to say that through creative thinking and collaboration we have all collectively saved Golden Hill."

The County Executive continued, "Our plan allowed Ulster County to avert a massive tax increase, or worse, the potential closure of this valuable facility. As difficult as the issue of county nursing homes in crisis is across New York State, I am proud that our plan has been successful and has now become a model in many other communities. In the end, this action will fulfill my deep personal commitment to accomplish what many thought was impossible: a professional transition with high quality care for the residents and families, retention of the jobs in our community, protecting property taxpayers and keeping this facility open."

The Golden Hill Planning Corporation is owned by local business owner Dr. Anthony Bacchi as well Edward Farbenblum and Martin Farbenblum, experienced nursing home operators.

"My partners and I are committed to continuing to provide excellent quality of care at Golden Hill while increasing services to seniors throughout Ulster County," said Dr. Bacchi. "At Golden Hill we intend to add Parkinson's disease and cardiopulmonary programming, as well as investing \$4 - 5 million over the next few years in necessary infrastructure improvement." Dr. Bacchi continued, "We have been pleased with the professionalism of the County, the Golden Hill Local Development Corporation, as well as their attorneys, and with their commitment to the residents and employees alike."

Ulster County Legislator and LDC Board Member Jeannette Provanzano stated, "County Executive Hein's vision created an exciting opportunity for the City of Kingston and all of Ulster County. Residents will stay in place and families will not be disrupted. Jobs will remain in Kingston and the property will be added to the tax rolls."

Ulster County Budget Director and Golden Hill Local Development Corporation Chief Financial Officer James J. Hanson said, "Though today is an important day, no one should make the mistake of believing that the sale of Golden Hill will solve all of Ulster County's decades old structural financial problems brought about by unfunded State mandates. Today should be a major transformational step toward long term sustainability for the citizens of Ulster County, but it is marred by the fact that Assembly Member Kevin Cahill's blockage of the sales tax extender and insistence on more unfunded mandates continues to jeopardize working families, essential services, public safety and all County, Town and City property taxpayers."

"It is important to note that in 2012 the County Executive made a courageous decision that avoided bonding and the associated costs even though they were allowed under the LDC model and instead chose to reduce County spending and utilize fund balance. During the creation of the 2013 budget it was determined that the 2012 County's General Fund Balance would be strong enough to withstand the approximate \$8,000,000 reduction. It was estimated that this action would leave the projected County General Fund Balance at 3.27% of the Adopted General Fund. This decision by the County Executive saved the County taxpayers an estimated \$454,000 in bonding costs.

"Due to the County Executive's aggressive cost controls, the Actual 2012 General Fund Balance will, in fact, absorb a portion of the \$8,000,000 loss. Despite this partial return to the General Fund Balance, it is necessary for the approximate \$8,000,000 (see chart) from the sale of Golden Hill to be returned to the 2013 General Fund Balance in order to bring the General Fund Balance back to the fiscally responsible range.

"The anticipated net positive of \$669,000 from the sale of Golden Hill over what was projected will be needed to offset additional expenses in 2013 such as the Police Benevolent Associations (PBA) Interest Arbitration Settlement exposure and increases to State mandated social services costs, as well as help in a small way to buffer taxpayers from the impact of Assembly Member Cahill's reckless and costly actions."

"Though the savings from this transaction, in conjunction with numerous other innovative cost savings ideas would have placed Ulster County government well

on its way to sustainability, the benefit to Ulster County taxpayers has unfortunately been seriously jeopardized by the recent crisis that thwarts County, City and Town governments ability to deliver essential services to our citizens while protecting property taxpayers."

County Executive Hein's innovative and transformational plan, which utilized a Local Development Corporation to address the State-wide county nursing homes crisis locally, is the first of its kind in New York State. Less than two years after its launch, his plan has now become a model throughout New York State and is being replicated in numerous other counties. This plan balanced the need to provide essential services to nursing home residents and their families with the need to protect taxpayers against skyrocketing costs.

### UC Legislature Introduces Legislation on the Safety Net Take Over and Sales Tax Extension

(Kingston, NY) The Ulster County Legislature will consider this month a formal policy to completely takeover the cost of the State's Safety Net mandate. The Resolution, (# 185/2013) has broad bi-partisan support and is expected to pass the Legislature at its meeting of July 23, 2013.

In 2013, the County agreed to takeover 1/3 of the Safety Net costs. Under Resolution 185, the County will take over 66% of the Safety Net costs in 2014 and provide for a complete takeover in 2015.

Assemblyman Kevin Cahill said: "I am gratified by the response of the County Legislature. I was unaware that this had not been brought to the County Legislature by the County Executive. The County Legislature has acted with due speed and I am hopeful this can be resolved in short order."

Ulster County Legislature Chairman Terry Bernardo said, "Partnering with Assemblyman Cahill and my colleagues in the Legislature and the County Executive, we have proposed a workable solution that protects property taxpayers and relieves Ulster County Towns of an unfunded mandate. I want to thank Senator Larkin and Assemblyman Skartados for their early agreement and ongoing support to work with the County and their best efforts to protect taxpayers."

Ways and Means Committee Chairman Richard Gerentine said, "The County was poised to assume the safety net costs over three years no matter what. Memorializing this plan for Safety Net earlier gives everyone necessary comfort that taxpayers will be protected. It was a pleasure to work with Kevin (Cahill) and Mike (Hein) in resolving this issue."

Ulster County Legislator David Donaldson said, "This is a positive development for our County taxpayers and County workforce. I am pleased we were able to resolve our differences and appreciate the opportunity to work with my colleagues to do so. The services funded by the sales tax revenue have to be paid no matter what and I would prefer the costs be paid via sales tax."

Ulster County Legislature Majority Leader Kenneth Ronk said, "Taxpayers should never be held hostage by politics. Together, we have found common ground that protects taxpayers and completes the commitment we made last year to takeover Safety Net."

## Assemblymember Cahill's Statement on the 2013 Legislative Session (From Pg. 7)

### Protecting Consumers in the Event of a Disaster

One of Assemblymember Cahill's first challenges as the newly appointed Chair of the Assembly Insurance Committee was to conduct a hearing and series of roundtables on the practices of insurance companies in the wake of Hurricanes Sandy and Irene and Tropical Storm Lee. Those discussions resulted in a comprehensive package of bills designed to strengthen consumer protections. The Assembly advanced legislation to help consumers understand their policies, standardize language across the industry, and streamline the claims administration process.


A resolution memorializing the New York State Congressional delegation to extend the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act was also passed by the Insurance Committee and adopted by the Assembly this year. This measure is particularly important to New York State as we are a more likely target of terrorist attacks than perhaps anywhere else in the United States. In the absence of this extension, businesses susceptible to chemical, biological, and physical attacks could be forced to choose between receiving inadequate coverage or moving to where such insurance can be obtained.

In addition, measures to streamline insurance coverage supported by Assemblyman Cahill are headed to the Governor's desk for his signature. Ending deceptive practices with Certificates of Insurance and eliminating the unnecessary requirement that cars be photographed for insurance coverage to take hold are but two such measurements. Good advice from experts, consumer groups and others has helped us modernize and eliminate these antiquated and questionable practices.

### Levon Helm Memorial Boulevard

The legislation sponsored by Assemblyman Cahill designating New York Route 375 in Woodstock as "Levon Helm Memorial Boulevard" was signed into law by Governor Cuomo on Wednesday, June 19, 2013. Levon Helm Boulevard spans from New York State Route 28 in West

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Hurley to New York State Route 212 in Woodstock. This legislation enjoyed wide public support from those who knew and loved Levon, as well as people locally and everywhere who were inspired by his music.

The Mountain Cloves Scenic Byway Act was also passed this year. The byway snakes through parts of Shandaken and will help bring tourism, community services, increased stewardship, and potential federal grants to the area. These measures, together with our Route 28 initiatives, will boost recognition, pride and our abiding sense of place here in this beautiful region.

### Strengthening Net-Metering Laws

In order to reinforce the 2009 Green Jobs/ Green New York Program, Assemblyman Cahill, who was formerly chair of the Energy Committee, introduced A. 1245 which has passed both the Assembly and the Senate. Should it be signed by the Governor, solar electric, wind, farm digesters, fuel cells, micro-combined heat and power and micro-hydro electric will be added to the technologies approved for net-metering that may be financed through the GJ/GNY program. GJ/GNY is the pioneering energy efficiency and economic development program Assemblyman Cahill shepherded during his tenure as Energy Chair.

### Working for Municipalities

This year Assemblymember Cahill worked to pass legislation to aid local governments in his district. A bill to authorize the Towns of Rosendale, Marletown and Rochester to move certain town related services to the now-vacant Rosendale Elementary School will help these three communities save by sharing a single unused physical location.

The Town of Ulster was granted the authority to extend the rollover period for bond anticipation notes issued during 2009 and 2010 so that they may renew the notes at a later date and shop around for a better rate for the long-term, thereby lowering costs to the municipality.

Cahill also voted to pass a bill allowing certain cities to increase the number of City Court judgeships. A part time City Court position in The City of Kingston will become full time if the Governor signs this legislation.

### Clarifying Move-Over Laws

This measure added additional safety provisions to the 2011 Move-Over sponsored by Assemblyman Cahill law to include all emergency vehicles displaying certain flashing light combinations.

### Standing Up for Working Families

This year's budget also included important and long awaited action to increase the minimum wage. The legislation called for it to rise to \$9.00 by December of 2015. Unfortunately, this final agreement did not include an indexing provision which would have removed politics from the wage debate once and for all.

### Medical Marijuana

In June, the Assembly passed A. 6357 which would allow seriously ill patients to use medical marijuana to alleviate some of the pain caused by debilitating and life-threatening illnesses. A licensed physician, physician's assistant or nurse practitioner would determine if a patient is likely to benefit from medical marijuana treatments. Those patients would then register with the state Department of Health and have their use of medical marijuana monitored to help prevent abuse. Additionally, the bill would impose an excise tax on the manufacturing and dispensing of medical marijuana. Part of the revenue raised from the tax would be shared with the locality where it is manufactured or dispensed.

### Constitutional Amendment to Allow Non-Tribal Casinos

Assemblymember Cahill voted in favor of placing a constitutional amendment to allow non-tribal casinos to operate in New York State (A. 8068) on the ballot. The measure would allow up to seven full casinos.

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## Veterans Affairs Committee Holds Hearing on Congressman Gibson's Legislation Tomorrow

### Bill Represents First Step in Effort to Help Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans

Washington, DC - The Veterans Affairs Committee held a hearing on legislation written by Congressman Chris Gibson (NY-19). The bill, H.R. 1494, the Blue Water Navy Ship Accountability Act, was introduced in April, and is part of the Congressman's effort to ensure Vietnam veterans get the benefits they have earned and deserve.

"Without question, we must do everything we can to get our nation's veterans the benefits they earned serving our nation. This responsibility is even more profound when the illnesses from which they are suffering are linked directly to their service," said Congressman Gibson. "I have personally met with constituents who have had to fight with the VA to try and receive coverage for some truly debilitating conditions and diseases. This bill is the first step in these claims being processed quickly, reducing what has become an absolutely unacceptable backlog at the Department of Veterans Affairs."

Under current law, Blue Water Navy Veterans who did not set foot in Vietnam or serve aboard ships that operated on the inland waterways of Vietnam between January 9, 1962 and May 7, 1975 have the burden of proof to demonstrate exposure to Agent Orange and the connection to their illnesses. These claims are decided on a case-by-case basis. The Bureau of Veterans Affairs maintains a list of U.S. Navy and Coast Guard ships that operated within the vicinity of Vietnam; however, this list is imperfect and not comprehensive. Some offshore vessels docked to the shore of Vietnam, operated in Vietnam's close coastal waters and sent smaller vessels ashore.

Congressman Gibson's bill would direct the Joint Services Records Research Center to do a comprehensive search to determine which ships are eligible for coverage under current law, reducing the wait time when new claims are filed. This would help Veterans who are currently sick or, in some cases, have died and claims are being made by their surviving families.

The bill has the support of major veterans organizations such as the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Military Officers Association of America, the Military Coalition, the Vietnam Veterans Association, the Association of the U.S. Navy, and the Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Association.

In addition, Congressman Gibson's bill, H.R. 543, the Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act of 2013 would grant presumptive Agent Orange exposure status to US service-members who served in the territorial seas of Vietnam during the Vietnam War. Presumptive coverage would enable eligible veterans to receive Veterans Affairs benefits if they suffer from any of the diseases the U.S. government has linked to Agent Orange.

## Assemblymember Cahill's Statement on the 2013 Legislative Session (From Pg. 10)

However, in separate legislation, lawmakers limited the number of casinos that can be authorized to four. Other conditions and revenue distribution rules, including a generous sharing for localities, have been approved. The separate constitutional amendment must still win the support of New York voters in November.

### Reforming State Elections

The Assembly acted on measures to reduce corruption in politics and ensure that voters have a full chance to vote. The Fair Elections Act, A.4980 (Silver), would allow public financing for campaigns and expands contribution disclosure requirements, providing increased opportunities for residents to participate in the electoral process. A.689 (Silver) establishes a process for early voting in primary, general and special elections, making voting easier and more convenient for residents across the state.

### START-UP New York

Previously known as Tax-Free New York, START-UP New York was passed by the Assembly and works to create tax-free and reduced tax zones in order to steer new businesses to our state. Each SUNY community will develop a plan for the types of compatible and complementary businesses it intends to attract and the locations that will be tax-free. Businesses will apply directly to the participating college. Modifications were made to the original proposal based upon input by

Assemblyman Cahill and some of his colleagues to include sites like Tech City in the Town of Ulster as a potential magnet location.

"Education has always been the key to economic success in New York."

### Women's Equality Agenda

The Assembly passed the Women's Equality Act (A.8070) that contains ten sweeping reforms, bringing fairness to women in New York, including women's health and reproductive rights, equal pay, stronger penalties for human trafficking, and increased protections for victims of domestic violence. This vital piece of legislation, unfortunately, was not approved by the Senate.

### SC Small Business Roadmap Announced

In recognition of National Small Business Week, Sullivan County Legislator Cindy Kurpil Gieger has created the Sullivan County "Small Business Roadmap" as a resource to assist in the development of local small business. According to the US Census Bureau, small businesses with fewer than 20 employees make up over 87 percent of all business in New York State. In recognizing the tremendous impacts of small business in our own communities and the need for a central location to list relevant resources necessary to start a small business, the SC Legislature has directed the placement of the Sullivan County Small Business Roadmap on the County's website. The Small Business Roadmap will now be readily available to anyone in the county who may wish to start a small business with practical steps from local zoning requirements to resources for writing a business plan.

"If we look at Sullivan County as a whole and can legitimize the tremendous impact of our small private sector businesses, not only on our economy but in job creation as well, then we need to begin to set forth renewed efforts toward small business development," said Gieger. "While efforts to lure the big job creators are important, we must prioritize efforts aimed at creating the right kind of economic environment to allow small business to grow. My hope is the Small Business Roadmap will be the beginning of greater efforts to assist small business many of which have been driving our economy all along."

The Sullivan County Small Business Roadmap can be viewed at [www.co.sullivan.ny.us](http://www.co.sullivan.ny.us)

SUNY Ulster Wins SUNY Innovative Instruction Technology Grant to Develop Cross-Cultural Experiential Learning Toolkit

### SUNY Ulster Wins SUNY Innovative Instruction Technology Grant to Develop Cross-Cultural Experiential Learning Toolkit

SUNY Ulster is part of a consortium of five SUNY colleges that has been selected to receive a \$50,000 grant for a Cross-Cultural Experiential Learning Evaluation Project.

The consortium made up of SUNY Ulster, SUNY Cobleskill, Empire State College, The College at Old Westbury, Purchase College and SUNY's Levin Institute was selected for the highly competitive SUNY Innovative Instruction Technology Grant (IITG).

The grant will be used to create a Cross-Cultural Experiential Learning Toolkit to improve the development and assessment of international experiential learning activities. It will provide guidance to faculty to create and deliver international experiential learning activities that strengthen students' cross-cultural skills and also will provide guidance to students to document their learning artifacts and to produce effective reflection pieces to appear in their e-Portfolios.

"SUNY Ulster is pleased to be partnering with this consortium on the Cross-Cultural Experiential Learning Evaluation Project that supports SUNY Chancellor Nancy Zimpher's directive of big ideas, shared services and systemness," said Richard Cattabiani, director of international programs at SUNY Ulster.

The Toolkit will be piloted in SUNY's Center for Collaborative Online International Learning (COIL) courses, study abroad experiences, faculty-led trips, in-class curricular efforts and international service learning experiences. After the pilot, the Toolkit will be revised and shared with e-Portfolio teams on participating campuses and widely shared to relevant programs across SUNY.

### Roscoe Kiwanis Club's 22nd Annual Golf Tournament

Roscoe Kiwanis Club's 22nd Annual Golf Tournament will be held on Sunday, July 28 at Tannanah Lake Golf Course registration at noon 1 PM shot gun start, and a captain and crew format. Entry fee \$70 includes golf, cart, and open cocktail hour 6 - 7 PM followed by a banquet at 7 PM at the Rockland House. Trophies will be awarded and raffle tickets will be sold. All profits are used for the youth of our community. For info: contact Lynn 607-498-5395 or Jim at 607-498-9929

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### REPS. GIBSON, WELCH, BACHMANN AND NOLAN INTRODUCE BIPARTISAN BILL TO BLOCK MILITARY INTERVENTION IN SYRIA

Washington, June 25 -

Washington, DC - Today Rep. Chris Gibson (R-NY) joined with Rep. Peter Welch (D-VT), Rep. Michele Bachmann (R-MN) and Rep. Rick Nolan (D-MN) to introduce bipartisan legislation that 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. Similar legislation has been introduced in the Senate by Sen. Tom Udall (D-NM), Sen. Chris Murphy (D-CT), Sen. Rand Paul (R-KY) and Sen. Mike Lee (R-UT). The following statements were made by the bill's sponsors after Rep. Gibson introduced the legislation:

"As I have long-maintained, the decision to engage overseas must be made with the utmost caution and with a full understanding of the dynamics. Most importantly, the American people, through their Congressional Representatives, must be part of this decision process. I am extremely concerned that our country is entering into a dangerous engagement in Syria absent Congressional approval and a clear understanding of the conditions on the ground. As we saw in Libya, entering complex situations can be costly, both in terms of U.S. lives and taxpayer dollars. At this point, I do not believe we should be militarily involved in Syria nor should we be providing weapons to individuals or groups involved. Most concerning is that this type of engagement is beginning with little Congressional debate. This bipartisan legislation will ensure we can maintain our diplomatic and humanitarian efforts to support the Syrian people without getting drawn into another engagement. Moving forward, it is vital that Congress be a part of this debate and provide authorization prior to any hostile action or escalation of our involvement." - Rep. Chris Gibson (NY-19)

"It's vitally important that we recognize the lessons learned from Iraq and Afghanistan. Syria is in a brutal and tragic civil war. To the extent we can help, we should help. But sending direct military assistance to Syrian rebels—some of whom we support, others we don't—raises the real risk of Americanizing a Sunni-Shia civil war. If America is to walk down this path, Congress should be involved in the decision to do so. This bill ensures that Congress will be a part of the decision making process. Congress must accept its responsibility, not abdicate it." - Rep. Peter Welch (VT-AL)

"Giving weapons to the Syrian opposition means, in all likelihood, that the United States will be arming and aiding extremist groups who seek to defeat us and our way of life. To make the American taxpayer pay to send arms to our enemies is madness. Rather than unilateral foreign policy decision-making from the White House, there needs to be careful debate by Congress, as is our constitutional responsibility, and a clear strategy that is in line with America's national security interests before any involvement is considered." - Rep. Michele Bachmann (MN-06)

"Regardless of how you feel about the conflict in Syria, we must insure that this matter is openly and thoroughly debated and voted on by the Congress before the United States becomes involved in yet another "war of choice" we can ill afford. The simple truth is we have no friends in this conflict. The sectarian violence between Sunnis and Shias has been going on for more than 1000 years. Sending arms will only escalate the violence and prolong the conflict. This matter, however tragic and sad, will not be resolved by the US's involvement or intervention and will only invite resentment from both sides, as has been proven time and time again. We must get over the false notion that the enemy of our enemy is our friend." - Rep. Rick Nolan (MN-08)

Other original cosponsors of the House legislation are Rep. Scott DesJarlais (R-TN), Rep. Walter Jones (R-NC), and Rep. Jeff Duncan (R-SC).

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**"Fall for Art" Announces a First! The Alzheimer's Association's "Arts with a Heart"**  
 The 17th annual "Fall for Art" fundraising art show, sale and cocktail reception, showcasing Hudson Valley artists and benefiting the Jewish Federation of Ulster County and community programs it supports will be held on Thursday, September 12, 2013, 6pm to 9pm. At Wiltwyck Golf Club, Kingston, NY. \$40 per person in advance; \$45 per person at the door.  
 The Jewish Federation of Ulster County is proud to announce that a portion of this year's proceeds will go to the "Arts with a Heart" Program of the Alzheimer's Association-Hudson Valley/Rockland/Westchester, NY Chapter. This program will be a first of its kind in Ulster County.  
 The "Arts with a Heart" program will be held at the Rosendale, New York Recreation Center this fall, and will consist of three 1-hour arts workshops for people with early stage Alzheimer's and their caregivers. For more information about this program contact Michele Muir at 1.800.272.3900  
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**Learn How to Protect Your Family From Lead Poisoning, Bring Home a Free Bag of Groceries**  
 Ulster County Executive Mike Hein, Ulster County Department of Health's Child Lead Poisoning Primary Prevention Program (CLPPP) and Shop Rite of Kingston are teaming up to educate the community with a nutrition program about the health hazards of lead. On July 18, 2013, from 10:00 to 11:00 AM, members of the community can come to the Shop Rite in Kingston to take this free class. A 20-minute PowerPoint presentation will demonstrate the harmful health effects lead can have on young children, how one can prevent lead poisoning, and how you can reduce the amount of lead that is already in your body. Following the presentation, a guided tour of the produce area will be provided, and all participants go home with a free bag of healthy and delicious groceries.  
 Donna Greenfield, Lead Prevention Program Coordinator for Ulster County, will introduce the CLPPP and talk about the morbidity of lead poisoning. There will be the opportunity to sign-up for a free home lead inspection and to learn about the EPA lead renovator free classes. Sarah Daubman, the dietician at ShopRite will discuss nutritional options, and will take the participants on a tour of the store highlighting the foods that will reduce lead absorption into the body. Coloring books and crayons will be provided for the young children who attend with their care giver. Snacks that contain calcium, iron, and/or Vitamin C will also be provided.  
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**Weekend Mass schedule:**  
 Saturday afternoon: 5:00.  
 Sunday morning: 9:00 am and 11:30 am  
**Holy days of obligation:** as announced in church bulletin.  
**Daily Mass schedule:**  
 Monday afternoon 5:45 (Holy Rosary at 5:30); Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday mornings: (includes Morning Prayer)- 8:30 am  
**Saturday afternoon confessions:** 4 to 4:45.  
**Rev. John J. Lynch, Ph.D., Pastor. 434-7643.**

*Grahamsville Reformed Church*  
 Sunday School 9:30 A.M.  
 Worship Service 9:30 A.M.  
 Rev. Paul Z. Ruter, Pastor  
 845-985-7480

**Loucks Funeral Home**  
**Geoff and Heather Hazzard & Anthony Perito**  
 79 North Main Street  
 Ellenville, New York  
 (845) 647-4343



**PUBLIC NOTICES/LEGALS:****PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:  
RESCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARING**

The Town of Denning Planning Board will hold a **Public Hearing** on Thursday, August 8th, 2013 at the Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Road, Claryville, NY 12725 scheduled to begin at 7 pm prior to the start of the regularly scheduled meeting.

The **purpose** of Said Hearing for the proposed sub division of the property owned by Kimball Parker located at 4035 Red Hill Road and an adjoining property. The SBL for Said property is 51.-4-11 would be divided into 3 lots and a vacant parcel, SBL 50.2-2-11.110.

At this time any and all interested person(s) will be heard either for or against.

By the Order of the Town of Denning Planning Board  
Joseph Sibiga, Chairman  
jam 7/4; 8/2/13

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that Time Warner Cable has filed with the New York State Public Service Commission a request for approval of renewal of its cable television franchise in the Town of Neversink. A copy of the materials constituting the application are available for public inspection at the office of the Town Clerk, the Commission and the Company during normal business hours. Interested parties may file comments or objections with the Commission at Agency Building Three, Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY 12223-1350. The renewal may not take effect without prior approval of the New York State public Service Commission. 6/27; 7/4

**NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF THE ASSESSMENT ROLL**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Assessor for the Town of Denning, County of Ulster has completed the Assessment Roll for the current year and that a copy has been left with the Town Clerk at the Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Road, Claryville, New York, 12725.

Dated this 1st day of July 2013

Michael B. Sommer, IAO  
Sole Assessor  
jam 6-25-13 7/4/13

**NOTICE OF FILING COMPLETED ASSESSMENT ROLL WITH CLERK**

Notice is hereby given that the Final Assessment Roll for the Town of Neversink in the County of Sullivan for the year 2013 has been completed by the undersigned Sole Assessor, and a certified copy thereof was filed in the Office of the Town Clerk on the 28th day of June in the year 2013 where the same shall remain open to the public inspection until the 1st day of October in the year 2013

Dated this 28th day of June in the year 2013  
Bryan Delaney, Sole Assessor 7/4/13

**Hudson Valley Duo**

Reidunn Fraas and Harriet Livathinos paintings will be on exhibition at the Healing Arts Gallery at Ellenville Regional Hospital, Route 209, Ellenville, from June 24 - August 9, 2013. Opening Reception: Thursday July 25th 5 - 7pm. The show is free and open to the public, 8am-8pm daily. Ellenville Regional Hospital is located at 10 Healthy Way in Ellenville. For more information about the Healing Arts exhibit or the Ellenville Regional Hospital, please contact (845) 210-3043.

Reidunn Fraas, a Norwegian designer and painter,

**TOWN OF NEVERSINK EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY  
PERMANENT TRANSFER STATION ATTENDANT - PART-TIME**

This part-time position is at the Town of Neversink Transfer Station. The hours are Wednesdays from 10:45 am to 7:15 pm and Saturdays from 8:45 am to 5:15 pm. The rate of pay is \$14.81 per hour bi-weekly.

Applications are available at the Town of Neversink Town Hall and must be received back by 4:00 pm on Wednesday July 10, 2013. Please send Applications to Mark McCarthy, Supervisor, Town of Neversink, PO Box 307, Grahamsville, NY 12740 or drop it off at the Town Hall. Please address any questions to Mark McCarthy, Supervisor at (845)985-2262, ext. 301. 7/4/13

and Harriet Livathinos, a Texan painter and businesswoman, both by way of New York City, moved to Woodstock in 1999, and found it a most conducive home for making art. Though they have been working on their art concurrently, this marks the first time they have had a joint exhibition.

After graduating from the Fashion Institute of Technology, New York City, Fraas became affiliated with the National Association of Women Artists and WAAM, Woodstock, NY. Her work has been seen in both group and solo exhibitions nationally, and can be found in private collections in Norway, Texas, Massachusetts, and New York.

Fraas' work usually involves the development of large, abstract forms, woven into tightly knit compositions with radiant color harmonies. Her work in this exhibition is done with acrylic and ink on canvas, board, or paper.

The work of Harriet Livathinos in this exhibition is comprised of expressionistic landscapes and cityscapes completed throughout her career. They are all done in oil on canvas, and they reveal her underlying interest in expressive color and linear mark making.

Livathinos earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in Art and Education, University of North Texas, Denton, TX, and her Master of Arts degree in Painting and Printmaking, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI. She continued her studies at the Woodstock School of Art, Woodstock, NY, and the Art Students League, New York, NY. She has shown her work, and has won many awards locally, nationally and internationally.

**NOTICE**

NOTICE is hereby given, pursuant to article 6, section 108 of the New York State Election Law, that a Democratic Party Caucus will be held at the Neversink Fire Dept. in the Town of Neversink at 7:00 pm, County of Sullivan, State of New York on the 9th day of July, 2013. This caucus is called for the purpose of nominated candidates to fill existing vacancies for the Town elections to be held on November 5th, 2013

Offices to be voted on: Town Supervisor (2 yr term)  
Town Clerk (2 yr. term)  
Town Justice (4 yr. term)  
2 - Town Council (4 yr. term)  
1 - Town Council - Vacancy (2 yr. term)  
Superintendent of Highways (2 yr. term)  
(There may be other vacancies after posting because of resignations and/or deaths.)  
Bryan Delany, Chairman  
Donna Schick, Secretary  
Posting Date: June 26, 2013

**Three Days**

July 1, 1863, Lee's forces, needing shoes,  
Went in search, but spied instead, long lines of men in blue.  
Next day, the armies' forces met, resulting in dire frays  
Of bloody violence and death, that was to last three days.

'Twas General Lee himself who led his "boys in grey", they'd pledged  
To rout the Union army up on Cemetery Ridge...  
Defeating George G. Meade's brave troops; that was the basic plan.  
Determination and surprise gave them the "upper hand."

They fought all day, and as night neared, (and pretty sure they'd won)  
With 12 plus thousand men Lee vowed the next day they'd resume.

'Twas Longstreet warned superiors the odds were not ideal,  
But on day three Lee chose to send George Pickett to the field.  
He led a charge 'cross open ground. The cannons were horrendous!  
With grapeshot flying everywhere, the casualties-tremendous!

When smoke had cleared, the creeks ran red, and sobs and wails abounded.  
Lee knew he'd erred; all he could do was gather up his wounded  
In wagons, carts, on horses' backs, he ushered them, defeated!  
His army, thought invincible, was, rather, much depleted.

They set out sadly, slowly, on their way back toward the South...  
The Union troops victorious; the war was altered now.

We hear names like Gulp's Hill, or Peach Orchard, Devil's Den  
In and near the town that had been peaceful farming land.  
The Wheat Reid, Uttie Round Top, Rock Creek, Willoughby Run...  
After three days of battle, things will never be the same.  
All who speak of "Civil War" will surely know the name:

**Gettysburg**

In November that same year Abe Lincoln took a ride  
To dedicate that battlefield to honor all who'd died.  
He made a speech: short, to the point, to consecrate the land  
As a final resting place for those whose work was done.

One hundred fifty years have passed since staunch, devoted men,  
In bloody civil war once fought, their causes to defend.  
Just three short days, and, 50,000 men would be no more!  
Three long days of shooting, screams and smoke, and pain and gore.

Let us now recall those days, with reverence for the slain  
Who sleep beneath the flowers and grass on that ill-fated plain.  
From South and North, "mid markers bleak, they rest, as one, in peace,  
Awaiting, with us all, the time when war and strife shall cease...

Marilyn Vasko Laufer 2013

**Coldwell Banker Timberland Properties Plans Grand Opening at New Boiceville Office**

Coldwell Banker Timberland Properties celebrated their grand opening of a Boiceville office with an open house on Wednesday, June 26th.

Eric Wedemeyer, president, established the business in Andes in 1971. The firm also has offices in Delhi and Stamford as well as its main office in Margaretville. Mr. Wedemeyer explained that the eastward expansion into Ulster County is an ideal situation for Timberland Properties.

"The Route 28 corridor is the primary highway that brings visitors into the Catskill Region and our Boiceville office will enable us to present additional investment opportunities for our customers and better service our clients," he explained.

The new office is located in the commercial area that houses the Boiceville Inn and the Bread Alone bakery. The company is completely renovating a vacant building, converting the structure into an office that blends comfort with the state-of-the-art technology that has made Timberland Properties a leading realty business for more than four decades.

Joan Roberts, a veteran of Ulster County real estate, will serve as office manager. The Boiceville branch of Timberland Properties will have seven additional sales agents. "Joan is well-known in the region and has extensive real estate experience," Mr. Wedemeyer stated. "She will be a great asset in leading our new Boiceville team."

Mr. Wedemeyer proudly noted that Coldwell Banker Timberland Properties prides itself on being on the leading edge of technology. In addition to the extensive number of listings on its principal website, (TimberlandProperties.com) the company has a site dedicated to premier listings (CatskillPremier.com), has European sites and historically has been a frontrunner in listings and sales throughout the region.

"Real estate has truly become a global market. While the majority of our buyers are from the New York City metropolitan area, we have buyers coming to the region from throughout the world," Mr. Wedemeyer explained.

"Our significant investments in marketing, combined with a knowledgeable, professional sales staff, are the key elements in Coldwell Banker Timberland Properties' success. We will carry over these traits in our expansion into the diverse Ulster County market," he added.

For additional information, please call 845 586-3321 (Margaretville), 845 657-4177 (Boiceville) or visit: TimberlandlandProperties.com



**Town of Neversink Parks & Recreation Department**

[www.townofneversink.org](http://www.townofneversink.org)

(845) 985-2262 extension 312

**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

**Grease-Forestburg Playhouse** - Aug 4 Lunch @ 1:30 pm Show & Lunch; residents \$36/ \$49 non residents. Must be paid by June 25

**Shopping Cabelas** Sept 14 Leave Town Hall 8 am \$21 residents/\$31 non-residents. Must be paid by July 9.

**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



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

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

**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.

**Shandeele Music Festival 20th Anniversary Season**

Livingston Manor, NY - "One of the finest music festivals in the world" (Pianist Magazine of Great Britain), Shandeele Music Festival (SMF) is proud to celebrate its 20th Anniversary Season. With an expanded season, SMF presents two additional concerts in the magnificent Bethel Woods Center for the Arts Event Gallery in July, and seven concerts at SMF's own Sunset Concert Pavilion on the Festival Grounds.

Concerts at Bethel Woods Center for

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- 7/4/13 Town of Neversink Holiday - **INDEPENDENCE DAY!** Happy 4th of July!
- 7/6/13 **Grahamsville Reformed Church -Ladies Aid Bake Sale** - 9 am until sold out!
- 7/6/13 **Sundown Methodist Church Covered Dish Supper** - 5:30 pm Sundown Church Hall
- 7/9/13 **Grahamsville United Methodist Church Thrift Sale** (9am-1pm) & **Luncheon** (11am-1pm)
- 7/10/13 Town of Neversink Board Meeting - 7:30 pm
- 7/10/13 Claryville Fire District Meeting - Regular meeting
- 7/11/13 Dept. of Motor Vehicles Neversink Town Hall 10:00 am - 2:30 p.m.
- 7/12/13 Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting 7 pm Town Hall
- 7/13/13 **Breakfast** - Sundown Church Hall - 7:30 am - 9:30 am
- 7/13/13 **Grahamsville Reformed Church Chicken BBQ Dinner**
- 7/15/13 Grahamsville Fire Dist. Board of Fire Commissioners - 7:00 pm
- 7/16/13 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals - 7:30 pm
- 7/20/13 **Grahamsville United Methodist Church Thrift Sale Only** (9am-1pm)
- 7/21/13 Claryville Fire Dept. **Pancake Breakfast** 7 am - Noon
- 7/24/13 Neversink Fire District Meeting at 7:30 p.m.; Public Meeting at 8:00 p.m.
- 7/21/13 Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Assoc. Meeting - 7:30 PM
- 7/27/13 **Neversink Ladies Auxiliary Community Yard Sale** 10-3 pm Neversink Fire Dept Pavillion. 985-7802.
- 7/27/13 **Time and the Valleys Museum Old Time Fair & Chicken BBQ** (2-5 pm) - Grahamsville Fairgrounds 11 am - 5 pm
- 7/27/13 Yankee Stadium Trip-Leaves Grahamsville Fairgrounds 8:45 am Call Gary TerBush 985-7628 for info
- 8/6/13 Town of Denning Board Meeting 7:00pm Sundown Church Hall
- 8/7/13 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting- **7:00 pm**  
**Save the Dates!**

**July 14- The second annual Matthew R Berthoff Horseshoe Tournament Neversink Firehouse**  
**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")  
**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:

- SUNDOWN CAMP & BAIT SHOP
- GRAHAMSVILLE DELI
- EUREKA MARKET & CAFE
- CANNIE D'S
- BLUE HILL LODGE
- 3 GOLDENS
- WOODBOURNE - CITGO STATION • MO'S GAS STATION • P.D. SMITH ENTERPRISE
- LIBERTY - LIBERTY FITNESS • CHARLIE'S PIZZA • AGWAY (Liberty) • J.B. MAK (Liberty)
- LOCATIONS in the TOWN OF OLIVE & SHANDAKEN
- Joma Cafe (West Shokan) • Boiceville IGA • Boiceville Florist • Reservoir Music • Snyder's
- Phoenicia Hardware • Phoenicia Pharmacy • Phoenicia Deli • Mama's Boy • Brio's • Emerson Resort
- Big Indian Market & Deli • Colonial Inn Pine Hill • Pine Hill Community Center
- VALERO MINI MALL (Loch Sheldrake) •
- JAMES NAPANOCH GROCERY
- DR. LONSTEIN'S OFFICE
- MATTHEW'S PHARMACY
- ELLENVILLE CITGO
- ELLENVILLE REG HOSPITAL
- NAPANOCH APPLIANCE
- 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

**INFORMATION WANTED:**

Any natives of the area that can shed any information as to the road system of Old Neversink up around either side of the river, the Big Bnd Country, to the bridge at Halls Mills and then into Claryville, please contact Robert LaPolt at 845-255-6345 or robertlapolt@hotmail.com

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the Arts Event Gallery Wednesday, July 24, 8PM Piano Passions Allen Yueh, solo piano "Every once in a while, there emerges a young performer who shows the promise of uniqueness. Such a one is Allen Yueh, who, turned in a performance marked by outstanding technique and maturity of interpretation ... Remember his name." - *The Times Herald Record*

Sunday, July 28, 3PM An Afternoon of Chamber Music Doris Lee - Helen Shen - Claudia Hu, pianists Performing keyboard concerti by J.S. Bach, Mozart and Beethoven with the Festival String Quintet. Concerts at the Sunset Concert Pavilion on the Festival Grounds Saturday, August 3, 8PM Alexander Kobrin, solo piano

Thursday, August 1, 8PM An Evening of Chamber Music Jupiter Symphony Chamber Players "The musicians are young and vigorous, and they thro themselves into their performances with an abandon that catches the music's inner fire." - *The New York Times* Winner of the 2005 Van Cliburn International Piano Competition.

Tickets can be purchased at [www.shandeele.org](http://www.shandeele.org) or by phone at 845-439-3277. Advanced reservations are required for all festival events. Reserved tickets are \$25 and \$10 for students 17 and under. Ticket prices include all fees and standard shipping. For more information visit [www.shandeele.org](http://www.shandeele.org) or [www.BethelWoodsCenter.org](http://www.BethelWoodsCenter.org).

**Design, Dig & Delegate! Learn How to Help Care for Gardens in Three Easy Classes**

[FERNDALE] -The last of three instructional trainings to encourage volunteers to be comfortable with gardening tasks

will be held on Wednesday, July 10 at Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County on Ferndale-Loomis Road in Liberty. Sullivan Renaissance has been holding the classes to assist individuals who want to volunteer with community projects but aren't sure what to do.

"Designing, Digging & Delegating!" will give hands-on instruction about how to design a low maintenance, drought resistant garden. The free training also includes planting tips and budget tricks, such as how to propagate plants successfully.

Individuals have been learning the basics of caring for a garden from start to finish - and will be able to roll up their sleeves and help at a nearby community gardening project. Attendees successfully completing the classes receive a completion certificate and a special gift from Sullivan Renaissance at this final training.

Those who missed "Soil, Water & Sun!" and 'Weeds, Shoots & Flowers' can view them on YouTube.com

"The classes will take place indoors as well as outdoors, so you can really see and understand the gardening methods we will discuss," said Sullivan Renaissance Horticulture Coordinator Diana K. Weiner, the instructor for the series.

Sullivan Renaissance Volunteer Coordinator Cara Kowalski will share information about opportunities to become involved in community gardening projects.

Sullivan Renaissance is funding gardening endeavors in 41 communities for 2103. Each of the organizations receiving a grant relies entirely on volunteer support to meet its goals. All of them can use additional help.

Training space is limited and pre-registration is requested for the classes.

Refreshments will be provided. For more information or to register, contact Sullivan Renaissance at 845-295-2445 or [www.sullivanrenaissance.org](http://www.sullivanrenaissance.org).

**SC Philatelic Society 41st Annual Stamp Show**

The Sullivan County Philatelic Society will hold their 41st Annual Stamp Show at the Ted Stroebele Recreation Center, 2 Jefferson Street, Monticello, New York on July 14, 2013 from 10 am to 4 pm. The theme this year is the 150th Anniversary of the 143 New York Infantry during the Civil War. A show cancellation will be available during the day. For further show information contact Art Rosenszeig at (845) 794-2586.

**LSCD Summer Food Service Program**

While summer is a time of fun, care-free days and firefly-filled nights, there are many children in our area who go hungry every day. In an effort to provide a small degree of food security to those in need and for ALL LSCD resident children 18 and under, regardless of need, we are proud to offer the Summer Food Service Program.

Any child, 18 and under living in the Liberty School District can come to the Liberty Elementary School Monday - Friday from July 8 - August 16 for a FREE meal. No registration, etc. are needed. Just show up! Lunch is served from 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

If you need further information please call Dara Smith at (845) 292-5400 ext 2018 or email at [dara.smith@scbooces.org](mailto:dara.smith@scbooces.org) or visit the school website at: [www.libertyk12.org](http://www.libertyk12.org)



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grahamsvillerealty@yahoo.com  
http://www.grahamsvillerealty.com  
**LISTINGS WANTED**

**845-985-0501**

**RENTALS**

**BUILDING FOR RENT: RENT FREE FOR REPAIRS!** In the center of **Grahamsville** (Old Post Office) Rent - 985-7411.

**FOR RENT:** 1 - 2 bedroom apartment 1 - 3 bedroom apartment. Call 845-985-0107.

**1 Bedroom Upstairs Apt.** Utilities included. 1-2 people. Good Location-Davis Lane, Grahamsville, NY -No Pets-References/ first month's rent & security. \$650.00. 1-845-985-2686 pmrtfb

For Rent: **1 Bedroom Apartment.** \$650.00 a month plus utilities. No pets. Call 845-434-8926. Hasbrouck Road. rtf pass

**REAL ESTATE FOR SALE**

- 2 Acres residential. Rt 55, across from Fairgrounds. Private Road. \$38,000.
- 3+ BR., 2 baths, 2 acres, Tri-Valley Schools in Divine Corners, \$99,900. Owner financing w/25%
- Mini Estate Loch Sheldrake near college. 4+ BR, 2 baths. Unique.
- Handyman Special - 1500 sq ft. Loch Sheldrake. New roof. New Foundation. Needs interior. \$50K  
**Please Call Teresa 845-321-1919.** bdt renew

**Owner built 4 BR, 3 BA,** bamboo floors, fireplace, 2 ponds, barn, generator, 19 acres. Adjoins celeb ppty. \$399k 845-647-7411 tfn

**Tri-Valley School District - 3br/1.5bath home** on 5.8 scenic acres. Updated, move in ready - pool, 2 car garage and barn. \$324,900. 985-7300. tfn

**SERVICES**

**Babysitting, petsitting and house cleaning.** Reasonable/flexible. References available. 985-7082 b6/13-7/4

**FORSALE**

**PINE LOGS 4 SALE** cut, trimmed, lengths up to 20 feet. Ready to be sawed for framing lumber, or chunked for outdoor wood stoves. Call 985-2869

**Authentic Native American Jewelry.** Sterling silver & Turquoise. 985-7189.

**Boat for sale: OFF SHORE - Deep "V", 14 ft,** seven person with 40 horsepower engine and trailer. Asking \$1200. Contact #-985-2790 or 845-807-6035

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**YOGA • REIKI**

Close to Neversink Dam on Lindholm Rd  
**Yoga Class schedule:**  
Mon, Wed & Sat a.m. - Tues & Thurs p.m  
Includes gentle stretches to ease and prevent back & joint pain.

**Reiki energy sessions by appointment**

Please call for details  
JOY 845 292 7870

**Beauty of Birth • Doula Services**

*The word "doula" comes from ancient Greek and is now used to refer to "a woman experienced in childbirth who provides continuous physical, emotional, and informational support to the mother before, during, and just after childbirth."*



Formation call for  
**JANNA COMANDO**  
DONA Trained Doula Services  
(845) 417-6165  
beautyofbirthdoula@yahoo.com



**Olivebridge Midwifery**

Connie Kielyka CNM, NP  
845-657-5899  
ombabies@gmail.com  
www.olivebridgmidwifery.com  
Nurturing and Professional  
Homebirth OB/GYN Care

**HELP WANTED**

**HELP WANTED: Clerk** for Campground store; part time. Call for information. 845-434-8926. rtf-pd86

**BLUE HILL LODGE & CAFE - EXPERIENCED KITCHEN HELP NEEDED** Please call (845) 985-0247 for more information

**HANDCRAFTED ITEMS FOR SALE**

**CHRIS PARROW POTTERY**

Available at Time & the Valleys Museum, Arati Store, Catskill Harvest Market, Towne Gift Shoppe & Saunderskill Farm.

Upcoming show: Saturday, July 6th, Livingston Manor 'Art Walk'.

For information call us at 845-985-7564

Visit our local artists on line:  
harnettdesigns.com  
gnomehome.net  
Don't have a website.  
Call us- 845-985-0501

ANSWER TO KNARF'S MOVIE TRIVIA

2. Nancy-Kelly  
1. Patty-McCormack  
Ans.

**Catskills Real Estate for Sale**

- REDUCED** 3BR/2 BA architect-owned/renovated farmhouse with modern addition on 1.7 acres. \$299,000.  
**NEW** Private 3BR/2BA home w/cathedral ceiling, deck, finished walk-out basemt, on 2+acres \$249k  
**NEW** 2-4BR/1 BA home w/fpl, on 7+ open & wooded acres (2 lots), steps from hundreds of State acres. \$239k  
-Bright 5 BR/3BA contemp on 3.5 acs in N'sink. \$349k  
-2BR/1 BA cabin on 2.75acs along the Neversink. \$179k  
- 2.3 ac level lot with septic designs & drilled well. \$43k  
-**NEW** Delightful 4BR home & sep cottage w/87 acs. \$299k  
- 4BR/2BA colonial w/lg garage on 5 quiet acs \$269k  
- Tasteful 4 BR home with sunroom, bar, fpl, formal DR, lg deck, 2 car garage, on 1.58 acres. \$219,000  
- 4BR/2.5 BA eyebrow colonial w/fpl, screened porch, sep dining rm on 15+ acs nr State Land. \$354,000.  
- 2BR/1BA authentic log cabin on 20+ acs with fpl, skylights, woods that end at the Neversink River. \$275k  
- Cute 2BR seasonal cabin on 3 acs w/fpl, screened prch \$99k

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**Knarf's "Classic Movie Trivia" THE BAD SEED**  
(Suspense, Mayhem)



This film is one of my favorites, mainly because of Patty McCormick, it was the middle sixties, and I was singing Lead for Mikie Vee and the Imperial, I was told we are going to break in a movie star as a female singer, and also we were to do some duets, Patty came in, it was a wonderful experience. The Bad Seed, starring Nancy Kelly, Patty McCormack, Henry Jones, Eileen Heckart, Evelyn Varden, William Hopper. Directed by Mervyn LeRoy, a Stagy but spellbinding account of malicious child McCormack whose inherited evil "causes" deaths of several people. Fine performances; Maxwell Anderson's Broadway play was adapted by John Lee Mahin, with Kelly, McCormack, Jones, and Heckart recreating their stage roles. The comy "Hollywood zed" postscript is often cut but remains intact on the videocassette. Remade for TV in 1985, McCormack later played a bad seed grown up in MOMMY. See it on TCM, EARLY Sunday morning, July 7, 2013 at 12:00 AM, C- 129 min, Rated TV-PG.  
**Quiz:** 1. Who played Rhoda Penmark? 2. Who played Christine Penmark?

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

**INDEPENDENCE DAY IN ELLENVILLE**  
Arts & Crafts and food, in Liberty Square, 9am - 3pm. Parade begins at noon, with floats, marchers & bands, in the Village of Ellenville. Fireworks at 9:30pm at Resnick Airport (off Rt. 209) 647-6560 x290; townofwawarsing.net

**ROSENDALE**  
A Reading of the Declaration of Independence: 20 community members take turns reading this great document. Program will conclude with "The Constitution Preamble", a musical preview of fall production of School House Rock. 9:30am - 10:30am. Rosendale Theatre, 408 Main St., Rosendale. 658-8989; rosendaletheatre.org

**KINGSTON'S THREE-DAY INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION**  
...with Kingston Waterfront's 4th of July Extravaganza: Restaurants & shops open all weekend. Thu, 5pm - 9pm, music by The Cagneys, children's activities, craft vendors. Fireworks at dark. Fri, 7:30 - 9:30pm, FREE Hudson Valley Philharmonic Pops & Classical Concert featuring conductor Randall Craig Fleischer, the 50-piece orchestra, plus Broadway & Pop vocalist Rob Evan (Les Miserables, Jekyll & Hyde and lead singer for the platinum selling Trans-Siberian Orchestra); Mandy Gonzalez (Broadway's Wicked!) and Woodstock Community Chorale & Phoenicia Community Choir- Maria Todaro. No coolers. Food and beverages available on-site. Bring blankets and lawn chairs. (Doors open at 6 p.m.), near Abeel St. & Mahoney's, Broadway. Sat, 1pm - 4pm, Dixieland at Hudson River Maritime Museum, 50 Rondout Landing. Also Rich Hines & The Hillbilly Drifters at the Senate House, 296 Fair St. 5pm - 9pm, Raya Brass Band & other musicians perform outside waterfront restaurants & art galleries at First Saturday Receptions. Nearby attractions include Trolley Museum of New York & boat cruises. Most events at Rondout Waterfront District, Lower Broadway, Kingston. Ulstercountyalive.com; bardavon.or

Stay Safe and have a *Happy 4th of July!!!!*  
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