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## Food Drive a Success

I would like to thank everyone who donated food during the month of February. I was able to give the Grahamsville United Methodist Church and the Claryville Reformed Church each four bags of food for their pantries. It is the continued generosity of our residents that make the Town of Neversink a wonderful place to live.

Lisa Garigliano, Town Clerk

## SC International Pageant 2012



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The current reigning Sullivan County International Pageant title holders are, top row from the left, Miss Sullivan County International 2011 Felicia Ramos, Jane Malara Executive Director, Mrs. Sullivan County International 2011 Elizabeth Brown, bottom row from the left, Miss Teen Sullivan County International 2011 Brianna Worden, Young Miss Sullivan County 2011 Jada Lynn May & Miss Pre-Teen Sullivan County 2011 Danielle Curry. (Contd. Pg. 8)

## Old Time Fiddlers to Converge Upon Neversink

The 18th Annual Old Time Fiddlers' Gathering will take place on Sunday, April 22, 2012, from 2:00-6:00p.m. at the Neversink Fire Hall on Route 55 in Neversink, N.Y.

Come Early to get a seat for an afternoon of good old fashion entertainment. Fiddlers and Old Time Bands from the Tri-State Area on Stage, and many more!

Ticket prices are as follows: \$10.00 for adults, \$1.00 for students, children under five are free. Refreshments will be available for purchase. All proceeds benefit the Sullivan County Pregnancy Support Center. For more information, please call 985-2923

## WANTED: Some Items for "The Family Farm" Exhibit

Work is underway on the upper level of the Time and the Valleys Museum to set-up a new exhibit titled "The Family Farm". The exhibit, which will be ready to view on May 5th when the museum opens, will offer viewers an opportunity to revisit some of the aspects of the family farm as it would have been 1920-1950.

Since every farm kitchen was as important to the farm as the farm buildings were, there will also be a section on the kitchen and some of its uses. Items that the museum is looking to borrow include: a Hoosier cabinet, a washing machine, a refrigerator and a sink. These items should be from the period 1920-1950. Any questions about the exhibit and the items needed can be directed to Dorothy Muthig at 292-7838 or Carol Smythe at 985-2452.

## Seeking Volunteers for Museum Opening

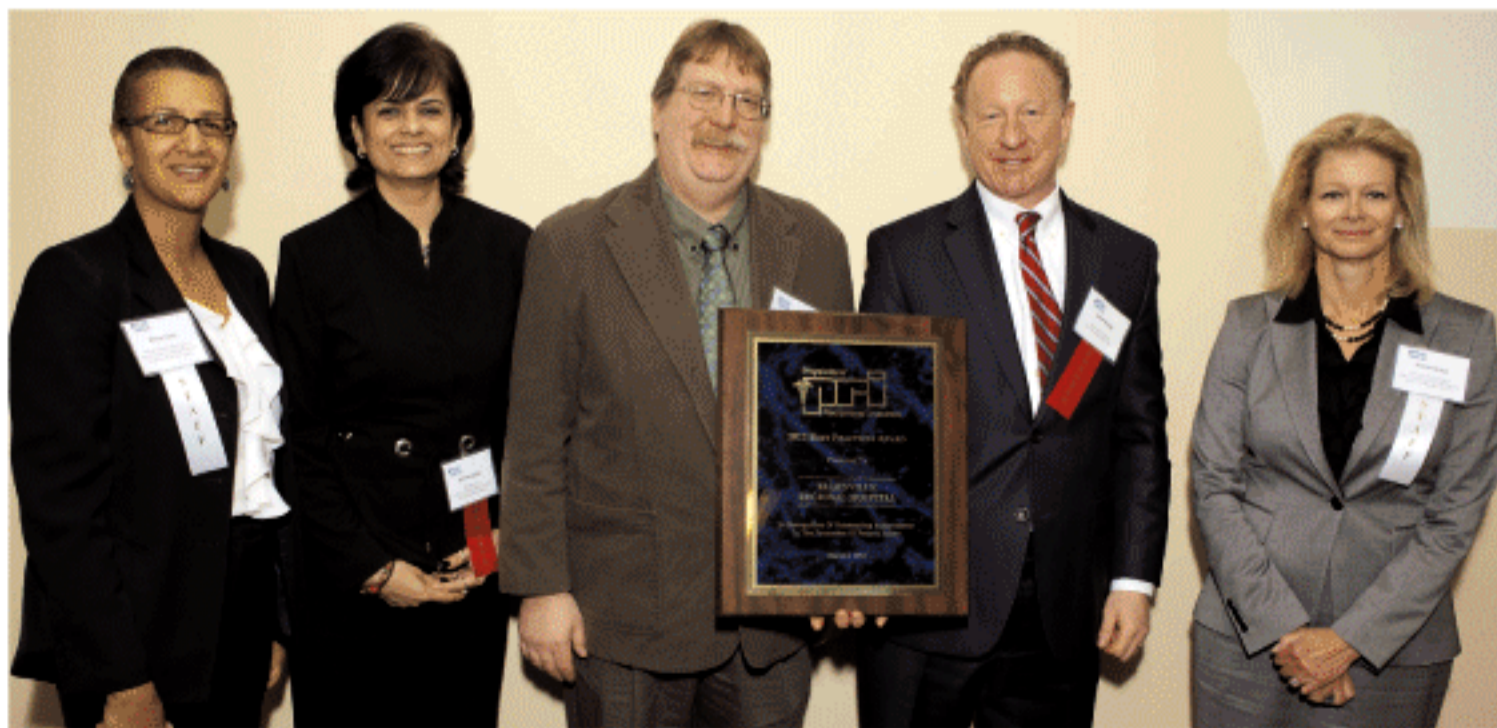


Ray and Dot Muthig of Parksville standing in front of the maple syrup exhibit they helped create.

The Time and the Valleys Museum is currently seeking volunteers for the 2012 season to help in many different areas of Museum operations. Help is badly needed in the reception area, Museum shop, three floors of exhibitions and offices.

Join current volunteers for refreshments and information at a Volunteer Open House, on Saturday, March 31st from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the Community Room of the Daniel Pierce Library on St. Rt. 55 in Grahamsville. Learn more about the Museum, our activities, exhibitions, programs and needs. (Contd. Pg. 8)

## Physicians' Reciprocal Insurers Names Ellenville Regional Hospital Winner of Risk Management and Patient Safety Best Practices Award



Physicians' Reciprocal Insurers (PRI), the second largest medical malpractice insurer in New York state, today presented Ellenville Regional Hospital with its 2012 Best Practices in Risk Management and Patient Safety Award. Richmond University Medical Center and a collaborative project by St. Francis Hospital and Mercy Medical Center received honorable mentions. PRI established the awards in 2011 to promote the knowledge and adoption of best practices in these areas to benefit the healthcare industry as a whole.

Ellenville Regional Hospital (ERH), a 25-bed rural hospital, delivers quality healthcare services to a medically underserved community in Wawarsing, New York. ERH developed a medication reconciliation and patient safety project to improve health literacy, as well as patient adherence to medication regimens through clinical pharmacy services. The services have been provided to over 1,500 people as of December 2011, and have resulted in a significant reduction in medication-related events to a very low 0.1 occurrences per 1,000 doses dispensed. (Contd. Pg. 3)

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Have a question- please call: Linda Comando (845) 985-0501.  
As always, thank you for your support.

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**ON THE FRONT BURNER:** Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will be my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. John 12:26

**OBITUARY**



**Nancy L. Bleecker Barkley** of Ellenville, formerly of Woodbourne, NY, passed away on Saturday, March 10, 2012 at Valley Hospital.

She was 74. She was the daughter of the late Kenneth B. and Anne Coulter Lent Bleecker, born on June 4, 1937 in Queens, NY.

Nancy was a proud graduate of Liberty Central School District, who later became an operator for Woodbourne Correctional Facility until she retired. Nancy was an active member of the Church of the Immaculate Conception who enjoyed many things such as traveling and going to the ocean or the shore; but above everything else she loved to spend time with her family. Her grandchildren meant the world to her. She was a devoted mother, grandmother, sister and friend that will be deeply missed by everyone.

She was survived by her five loving children: Deborah Burger and her husband, Ralph of Hurleyville, Thomas K. Barkley of Liberty, Michael S. Barkley of Neversink, Brian K. Barkley and his wife, Andria of Valatie, NY, and Patricia Carmody and her husband, Martin of Neversink, and their father Thomas L. Barkley of Hasbrouck; ten grandchildren: Samantha and Adam Burger, Thomas, Ryan, Andrew, Nicholas, and Alexa Barkley, Jordan, Joshua, and Jenna Carmody; one sister, Ann Bleecker Brady and her husband, Thomas of Southold, NY, and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by one brother, Kenneth Bleecker Jr.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Friday, March 16, 2012 at 11:30 a.m. at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, State Route 42, Woodbourne, NY with interment at Grahamsville Rural Cemetery.

Donations in Nancy's name can be made to the Church of the Immaculate Conception, PO Box 66, Woodbourne, NY 12788.

Arrangements were under the direction of Colonial Memorial Funeral Home. For further information please call 845-434-7363 or visit our website at [www.colonialbryantfuneral-home.com](http://www.colonialbryantfuneral-home.com)

**DAYS OF YORE...**

**Today's History**

**March 19, 1952** - Miss Dorothea Singer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Singer of Peekamoose, and Mr. Edward Lee Denman, son of Supervisor and Mrs. Bruce Denman of Grahamsville, were married on Sunday at 2:30 in the afternoon. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Howard P. West at the Methodist Church in Grahamsville. After a wedding trip, Mr. and Mrs. Denman will make their home in Poughkeepsie where Mr. Denman is employed.

Spring is due to put in an appearance on Thursday but it was hard for resident to believe it Monday morning as they wearily shoveled themselves out of snow banks once more. Neversink snow plows were opening drifts on Mutton Hill, Shumway, Aden, Bradley and Willowemoc. On Red Hill, according to Denning Road Superintendent Ransie Hamilton, roads were drifted badly. The volume of snow in the latest storm was light but a nasty continuous wind kept piling it up in exposed places.

**March 21, 1962** - Mrs. Thorvald Carlsen and Mrs. Frank Carlsen were co-hostesses at a baby shower for Mrs. Fred Costa on Monday evening of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Roe Johnson of Neversink are parents of a baby daughter born on Monday.

Anniversary congratulations to: Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Turner, 25 years on the 28th; Mr. and Mrs. Ross Bonnell, 20 years on the 28th; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Huntsberger, 33 years on the 31st.

Monday evening, the Grahamsville Fire Department spent over three hours pumping out the basement of the Daniel Pierce Library. The fire department had volunteered their services to do the much needed pumping. The library basement, which has been flooded for months, has a weakened main beam in it which is badly in need of repair.

**March 29, 1972** - Services were held Tuesday for Harry Barnes, 47, of Wildcat Road, Claryville, who died Saturday at home. Born January 5, 1925, he was the son of Joseph and Elizabeth Rudolph Barnes. Mr. Barnes was a

lifelong resident of Claryville and worked for the Denning Town Highway Dept. He was a member of the Reformed Church of Claryville and a member of the Claryville Fire Department.

Mike McNamara was among the young people confirmed at the United Methodist Church on Sunday. In the afternoon the McNamara family were in Cragmoor visiting Mr. and Mrs. Paul Foster whose daughter Karen had also been confirmed.

Ralph T. Caldwell, 65, died Tuesday at his home in Grahamsville after a long illness. He was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota on March 24, 1907 to Harvey and Sarah Taylor Caldwell. He was married June 3, 1931 in Grahamsville to Vira Donaldson. Mr. Caldwell was a 26-year resident of Grahamsville, formerly of Ellenville. He was a retired plumber and a World War I veteran. He is survived by his widow; two daughters, Mrs. Sandra Mickelson of Monticello and Mrs. Virginia Bishop of Lexington, Kentucky; four brothers and four sisters.

**March 25, 1982** - The following local students have been placed on the President's List at Sullivan County Community College. To qualify for the President's List, the students must be in full-time attendance and achieve a 4.0 average for the semester. Congratulations to Lisa Arielly of Neversink, a Business Administration major; Penny L. Dean, a Business Administration major, and Gary A. Teitel, majoring in Commercial Art. Both Penny and Gary are from Grahamsville.

Michael James Sheeley, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Sheeley, was born March 16, 1982 in the Kingston City Hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Ross Barringer are the proud maternal grandparents. Mr. and Mrs. Horace Sheeley are the equally proud paternal grandparents and Albert and Elizabeth Rose are the especially proud great-grandparents.

**Take Root!**

**Training for Garden Educators**

Do you know an educator or someone that works with youth? Would they like to teach Garden-Based Learning?

Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County's Master Gardener's Program is pleased to announce a new training for county educators and youth workers. Earn up to .5 Continuing Education Units per session.

Enrollment is limited. Please register early. This session will be held on Wednesday, May 9th at Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County 64 Ferndale-Loomis Rd. Liberty, NY from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm. The cost is \$50.00. Make checks payable to: CCE Sullivan County/ MGP For more info call: 845-292-6180.

**Low Cost Vaccination Clinic for Cats and Dogs At UC SPCA Shelter**

The Ulster County SPCA will sponsor a low cost vaccination clinic for dogs and cats on Saturday, April 7th from 10AM to 2PM at 20 Wiedy Rd. in Kingston. Take advantage of this affordable opportunity to protect your pet's health. Fees are as follows: rabies shot \$10, distemper shot \$15. Microchipping, which aids in the location of a lost pet, is \$35.

An unexpired rabies certificate must be presented in order to receive a three year vaccination. One year shots will be offered without prior proof of vaccination. Appointments are not necessary. Master Card, Visa and cash are accepted - no personal checks please. For more information about this event, call (845) 331-5377 X216.

Sunday, March 25, 2012

**Pancake Breakfast**  
**Neversink / Grahamsville**  
**Fire Departments**

All you can eat -  
7:00 am to 12:00 pm

**Neversink Fire Hall**

Adults \$7.00; Under 12 - \$3.50;  
Under 5 - Free

**HERE AND THERE Local News from the Tri-Valley Area**

Have a good week and God Bless.  
(Call Hulda at 985-2268 with your Neversink news.)

**Physicians' Reciprocal Insurers Names Ellenville Regional Hospital Winner** (From Pg. 1)

"We are grateful to PRI for recognizing the efforts of our team here at Ellenville Regional Hospital," said Ashima Butler, Director of Administrative and Medical Staff Services. "PRI's Best Practices Program is a platform through which we can share our work on improving health literacy, and we appreciate the opportunity to participate in such an important initiative."

**Honorable Mentions**

Richmond University Medical Center, a 500-bed teaching hospital located in Staten Island, developed an electronic system that interfaces with its clinical laboratory system and pharmacy database to help increase medication safety by decreasing mistakes. Through a bar coding technology process, the hospital has decreased medication errors that reach patients by almost 90 percent in 2011.

In Long Island, St. Francis Hospital, a 364-bed hospital in Roslyn, and Mercy Medical Center, a 375-bed hospital in Rockville Center, developed an electronic incident reporting system to identify serious patient and visitor incidents. Through the system, the hospital staff can immediately identify, track and report problems, and quickly implement corrective action, ultimately improving patient satisfaction and quality of care.

"I want to personally congratulate all of our honorees for the innovative programs they have created to improve patient health and safety," said Anthony Bonomo, CEO of PRI. "Commitment to patient safety and to risk management is the foundation of our business, and we have made promoting best practices a priority. We are privileged to recognize establishments who are working towards this same objective, and look forward to playing an active role in helping promote education for the entire industry."

**About Physicians' Reciprocal Insurers**

Physicians' Reciprocal Insurers (PRI), headquartered in Long Island, New York, is a leading provider of professional liability insurance to physicians and medical facilities. As the second largest medical malpractice insurer in New York State and one of the Top Ten in the country, PRI is recognized as one of the most respected names in medical malpractice insurance. Founded in 1982 by doctors to serve the healthcare industry and its professionals, PRI continues to be a leader providing coverage and innovative products that anticipate the needs and further the financial goals of policyholders, and offers key services to help improve the liability environment for doctors, chiropractors, dentists and healthcare facilities.

**Gardens Filled with Life: Designing with Northeastern Native Plants**

Gardens Filled with Life: Designing with Northeastern Native Plants will be presented on April 18th at 5:30-7:30 at Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County

Renowned author and landscape architect Carolyn Summers will present an informative class on the current research that reveals the many ways in which native plants form the basis of the food web that supports a healthy, biodiverse landscape. Her lecture covers ways to use a wide variety of striking native plants in a formal landscape or in a more natural setting. Come to this class and learn how to use native plants in your garden. Find out about the full design potential of northeastern flora.

Light refreshments will be served.  
Registration and fee of \$10.00 is required to attend. For more info call: 845-292-5250

**April 3rd Bus Trip to Mohegan Sun to Benefit Senior Citizen Prom**

The Alice Kreiter Senior Citizen Prom committee is pleased to announce a bus trip to Mohegan Sun Casino at Pocono Downs. The trip will take place on Tuesday, April 3rd. Tickets are \$30.00 per person and include transportation, a \$25.00 play voucher and a \$10.00 food voucher. There will also be some fun opportunities to win prizes on the bus ride itself. The bus will pick-up/drop-off at the Sullivan County Government Center in Monticello.

All proceeds from this trip will go to support the Alice Kreiter Senior Citizen Prom, slated to take place at the Monticello Firehouse from 4-8pm on June 9, 2012. This free event, which includes dinner and entertainment, is open to all senior cit-

izens in the Monticello School district.

**SEATING IS LIMITED AND PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.** If you would like to sign up for the bus trip, make a donation or find out more about the Alice Kreiter Senior Citizen Prom please call Kathy Kreiter at (845) 665-1333 or Myrna Krauss (845) 707-4966.

**View Keynote Address On0Line - Beautification Grant Applications are Due on March 21**

[FERNDALE] - If you missed the 2012 Sullivan Renaissance Annual Conference and Expo on March 10th, don't worry! You can view the entire program, including the inspiring keynote address by Joe Lamp'l via webcast! Just go to [www.sullivanrenaissance.org](http://www.sullivanrenaissance.org) and follow the link under Webcasts.

Organizations and individuals interested in participating in the 2012 Sullivan Renaissance program still have time to plan projects and submit an application for funding. The deadline for submission of beautification and community development grants is Wednesday, March 21. Some other grant programs have different deadlines.

Representatives of Sullivan Renaissance will visit any community to explain the programs and assist with the application process if requested.

For an application, go to <http://www.sullivanrenaissance.org/participate/applications/>. Applications may be completed electronically; faxed to 845-295-2746; or mailed to Sullivan Renaissance, c/o The Gerry Foundation, PO Box 311, Liberty, NY 12754.

Community beautification grants will be awarded during the Spring Forum on April 19 at 7:00 p.m. in the CVI Building in Ferndale. Projects must be completed in August.

Sullivan Renaissance is a beautification and community development program principally funded by the Gerry Foundation. For more information and to register, call 845-295-2445.

**Farm to Market Conference at CVI Building in Liberty**

Producers, processors and purchasers of local food are invited to the Farm to Market Connection Sunday, March 25 from 9:30 am to 4 pm at the CVI Building at One Cablevision Center in Liberty, NY. Organized by the Pure Catskills Buy Local Campaign, the event will serve as both an educational and networking opportunity for key players in local food. The day will feature farmers and business people from across New York State in workshops related to direct marketing of farm products, a lunch featuring local food and a tradeshow for farmers and buyers.

Building upon the success of the 2010 Farm to Market Connection, with over 150 in attendance, each of the day's workshops will feature local farmers, regional buyers and agricultural advocates. Planned workshops will address culinary tourism, digital communications for local farm and food businesses, a day in the life of a local food distributor, launching a small-scale processing business and collaborative marketing among farmers.

New elements of this year's event include a Food Hub Listening Session and curbside consulting. The Food Hub Listening Session will be conducted in collaboration with Pattern for Progress as part of their work to strengthen the regional food system and increase market opportunities for farmers and food producers. During the curbside consulting session, guidance on business and marketing topics will be offered through one-on-one sessions on a dozen topics with regional specialists.

Full conference details and online registration are available at [purecatskills.com](http://purecatskills.com). The registration fee is \$25 before March 15 and \$35 thereafter. Early registration is strongly encouraged as the event routinely sells out. For more information or to register, visit [purecatskills.com](http://purecatskills.com) or contact Challey Comer at [cocomer@nycwatershed.org](mailto:cocomer@nycwatershed.org) or (607) 865-7090.

Additional support for this event has been provided by the Norcorss Foundation, the Gerry Foundation and the New York City Department of Environmental Protection. Pure Catskills is an economic initiative of the Watershed Agricultural Council. The purpose of WAC is to protect both the rural, land-based economy of the watershed region and the drinking water quality of over nine million people. Working with farmers, agribusinesses, forest landowners, forest industry professionals and others, WAC seeks to enhance both business profitability and environmental stewardship. It also champions the use of conservation easements as an option to keep land within a working landscape context. The Council works through partnerships with other nonprofits organizations, government agencies and community stakeholders to achieve its purpose.

**First Time Homebuyers Program Postponed Cornell Cooperative Extension will be Postponing the First Time Home Buyers Ed Course**

Ferndale NY - Cornell Cooperative Extension's Consumer Education program has had to postpone offering a series of six courses focusing on individuals and families going through the process of buying a home for the first time, which was scheduled to begin on March 14. The series will begin on April 11th, 2012 at 6pm and cost \$25 for all 6 courses. There is still time to register!

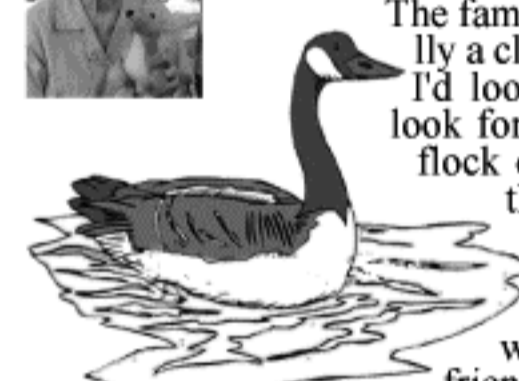
The classes will take a close look at preparing to buy your first home, working with the various professionals encountered along the way to home ownership, and programs and resources available. A grant is available for potential home buyers who qualify.

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Sullivan County is requiring that all class participants call to register before April 6, 2012 to reserve a spot, space is limited so call today! Call 845-292-6180 and register with Cindy.

**Honk, Honk, the Geese are Back!**



Peggy DeWire  
One of my favorite memories ever since my early childhood was hearing the honk of the Canada Geese.



The familiar sound is certainly a clue that spring is near. I'd look up at the sky and look for V-formation of the flock of geese returning to the north for the summer. This past week, I couldn't help but smile when I noticed my friend Betty, watching a

flock of geese flying over head in a V-formation. Betty asked me, "Where do they come from and where are they going?"

Although an increasing number of Canada Geese are choosing to winter in the north, especially in urban areas, the majority fly south to the United States and even Mexico for the winter and begin returning a few weeks before the spring thaw.

Usually beginning in late spring, after the geese have returned back to the north, each pair of geese in will look for a nesting territory and selects a nesting site. After a large nest is built of grasses and downy feathers. A soon as there is open water for mating and snow-free nest sites, a clutch of eggs is laid. Laying the eggs is not a simple task. Each egg takes a little over a day to lay. The number can range anywhere from 2 to 12) while the male guards the nesting area.

The goose (female) incubates them with her warm body for about 26 days while the gander (male) guards the nest. I can tell you from personal experience that if you accidentally wander into a nesting male's territory while looking for a good spot to lie your picnic blanket down, he'll come after you hissing with wings spread. The eggs typically take about a month to incubate. The baby geese peck at their shells with the 'egg tooth' found at the end of their bill. It takes 1 to 2 days for them to free themselves from the egg. After the babies have hatched, the family moves away from the nesting site on foot toward more favorable feeding areas. The newly hatched babies (called 'goslings') are able to swim immediately. The male and female goose both accompany the babies during their swims. Goslings can dive and swim for 30-40 feet underwater and they eat almost continuously to attain growth for the first migration flight.

Geese have become quite a common sight in city parks. Some cities are having trouble with overpopulation of the geese and, for this reason, are trying to discourage people from feeding them in the overpopulated areas.

The main enemy of the Canada Goose is people. In an attempt to control rising populations some areas have begun egg collection and/or hunting efforts to decrease the number of geese in their area.

Natural enemies include the fox, gulls, Bald Eagles, Peregrine Falcons and Snowy Owls.

So when you hear a honking noise coming from the sky, look up and you should see a flock of geese flying in their familiar V-formation, letting you know that the winter is drawing toward an end.

**Helpful Hints -The Versatile Coffee Filter**

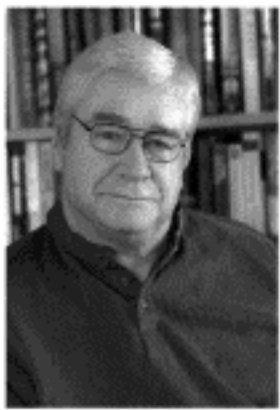
Protect a cast-iron skillet. Place a coffee filter in the skillet to absorb moisture and prevent rust.

Apply shoe polish. Ball up a lint-free coffee filter.

Recycle frying oil. After frying, strain oil through a sieve lined with a coffee filter.

Weigh chopped foods. Place chopped ingredients in a coffee filter on a kitchen scale.

**MYSTERIOUS BOOK REPORT NO. 41 - by John Dwaine McKenna**



I'm writing this on February 7, 2012, which is Charles Dickens' 200th birthday . . . just in case you'd like to send him a belated birthday card. He is perhaps the best-known, most loved and respected writer in the world, without exception. He continues to speak volumes to all of us across the ages, through the voices of characters like Mr. Pickwick, David Copperfield, Scrooge . . . whose very name defines parsimony . . . Oliver Twist, Fagan, Mr. Micawber, Pip and my personal favorite: Uriah Heep. But no matter which character he's writing about, or whose voice he speaks with, much of his focus concerns the plight of children. Specifically, the victimization of them in the industrial age . . . which is what this week's MBR 41 is all about; the victimization of young girls, only now it's by organized criminals engaged in human trafficking. The novel is *Stolen Souls*, (SOHO Press, \$25.00, 351 pages, ISBN 978-1-56947-983-4) by Stuart Neville. It takes place in Belfast, Northern Ireland, and is part of an ongoing series about a character named Jack Lennon, a detective Inspector for the Police Service of Northern Ireland, or PSNI.

The opening scene on the first page focuses on a young girl named Galya Petrova, who's traveled to Ireland on the promise of working for a "nice Russian family" as a nanny. Instead, she was sold into slavery, and sent to work in a brothel that's owned by a family of organized criminals. When she manages an escape, under the most harrowing conditions, a series of crimes begins that draws inspector Jack Lennon ever-deeper into the case, as his life . . . and the plight of Galya Petrova . . . intersect in a tight cycle of increasingly vicious crimes. Hang on to your library cards Ladies and Gentlemen, this one will keep you going way past the late news on TV, because it's got more twists and turns and switchbacks than your average two lane road through the Himalayan Mountains. Great crime fiction with a window into life in North Ireland after the "troubles" as the sectarian violence of the 1980's was known.

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I'll see you next week, with a brand-new Mysterious Book Report that's chock-full of mystery and as well as a sprinkle of BS and donkey-dust. --JDM



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**This Just In!** The following items have recently been added to the adult collection.

**Adult Fiction**

*Started Early, Took My Dog* by Kate Atkinson. Jackson Brodie, the familiar detective, is again investigating another suspenseful case that involves a kidnaping, a recent homicide, and a look back to a gruesome 1970's murder.

*The Girl in the Blue Beret* by Bobbie Ann Mason. This novel reflects back upon the Belgian and French Resistance when brave members saved an American pilot after a crash. This same pilot returns many years later to locate the people who saved him and also to find the young girl wearing a blue beret.

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*The Story of Beautiful Girl* by Rachel Simon. Set in 1968, this novel spans a forty-year period and is about a group of people who meet under sad circumstances, eventually separate, and meet again.

**Non-Fiction**

*Lost in Shangri-La: A True Story of Survival, Adventure, and the Most Incredible Mission of World War II* by Mitchell Zuckoff. On May 13, 1945, a C-47 airplane carrying twenty-four servicemen and women crashed in Dutch New Guinea. The three seriously injured survivors faced starvation and a dangerous tribe of local natives.

*Seeing Trees: Discover the Extraordinary Secrets of Everyday Trees* by Ross Hugo. This beautiful book contains vivid photos of trees and interesting information about ten common trees. It will inform the reader about tree physiology and increase appreciation of this amazing species.

*Best of the Best Cookbook Recipes: The Best Recipes from the Twenty-five Best Cookbooks of the Year*. This cookbook features more than 100 recipes that were taken from several cookbooks that were published in 2011. These recipes were

judged to be most interesting, flavorfully enticing, and well-written.

*Two Old Women* by Verma Wallis. This Athabaskan legend presents modern themes such as women's rights, aging Americans, and Native American values.

**DVDs**

*J. Edgar* • Leonardo DiCaprio stars as J. Edgar Hoover who headed the FBI for more than fifty years and was both admired and scorned. Clint Eastwood and Naomi Watts round out the cast.

*The Mighty Macs* • This is a true story about Coach Cathy Rush who led a struggling college women's basketball team to soaring success.

*The Way* • Martin Sheen stars in this moving, sometimes amusing movie about a father who goes to Europe to recover the body of his estranged son.

*Johnny English Reborn* • In this comedy spy thriller, Rowan Atkinson returns to chase down international assassins.

*Downton Abbey* • This Masterpiece Theater production has won both the Golden Globe and the Primetime Emmy Award. It stars Maggie Smith, Hugh Bonneville, and Elizabeth McGovern.

**Ban on Outdoor Burning**

On October 14, 2009 new regulations on open burning were implemented by the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation. These regulations: prohibit the burning of trash, leaves, and treated wood.


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In the two Springs since the ban has been in effect, there have been an average of 53 brush fires in Ulster County during this period (between March 15 and May 15: 2006 - there were 200 brush fires; 2007 - 132; 2008 - 162; 2009 - 136; 2010 - 69; 2011 - 36).

Camp fires, small fires for cooking and prescribed burns are allowed; however they must be attended at all times. For a list of frequently asked questions about open burning regulations, please see the DEC web site: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/58519.html>

We all remember Minnewaska fire which started on April 17, 2008 and burned over 3,100 acres. It was declared under control on April 22, but not declared out until April 29.

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**The Olive Jar**

Food for Thought - By Carol LaMonda

It is the Ides of March as I write this column. Time to think about THE TAXMAN COMETH with his deadline just a month from now. I always plan to get stuff into the accountant earlier each year, but, alas, that resolution has gone the way of my plan to drop twenty pounds by spring. Writing this column a week in advance is a little like trying to predict the future with a cloudy crystal ball. By the time you read this, you will have had your fill of corned beef dinners and are tired of sporting green. As I write this, I am looking forward to both. The boy scouts had their corned beef supper a week early, so I can accurately report that the corned beef was the best I have ever eaten. I think that can be attributed to the cut of meat, lean round, not brisket, perfectly cooked by Keith Davis. I plan to try the LandMark's version, the Olivebridge Church's version and my good friend Barbara Parete's version as to not make snap decisions as to the best Irish boiled dinner Olive has to offer. Then there is the leftover corned beef sandwich or Reuben that can be found all over including Winchell's and the bakery. Speaking of eating out. With a little planning, one can avoid that chore competely. I have a friend who boasts that she has to dust her range top. We plan to get to the Boy Scouts' breakfast in Olivebridge tomorrow morning, March 17, to try out their home-made hash. I have not cooked breakfast at home in years as many can attest when they see me and my posse at the Pineview Bakery (nice feature in the Freeman last week, Peter) or at Bread Alone. Next week, March 24, the Samsonville Church will have a meatloaf supper from 4 to 7. There will be a free will offering that will benefit the Olivebridge Food Pantry. The Boy Scouts from Troop 63 will be helping out with this event. Takeouts will be available. Rumor has it that Kasey's Cafe will now have a

Mexican restaurant moving into that space. I for one will shout "Bueno!" For dessert, Olive's Joe Juliano and family are opening an Ice Cream Castle by the Quick Chek convenience and gas station on Washington Avenue in Kingston. For all of us who make that at-least-weekly trip to Kingston, we can plan on an ice cream treat to lick on the way home. At home, we will probably stop by John Parete's ice cream annex which will open shortly if the weather continues to pretend it is early summer. Summer makes me think about pools and parks. Olive children (ages 5-18) will have an opportunity to be part of a competitive swim team sponsored by Kerhonkson Youth Commission in conjunction with Olive Recreation as members of DUSO, the Dutchess Ulster Swim Organization. Gino Sorbellini is hoping that 17 children will join the program known as the Barracuda Swim Team that will practice in Olive but compete elsewhere. Practice will begin indoors in May. More information will follow. Mark and Mary Wilsey have well-earned bragging rights. All four of their children: Matt, Andrew, Clare and Kate are on the Dean's List at various colleges. Katy Stowe passed away this week. She was one of those angels on earth. As her son Lee said, "I take solace in the fact that Mom is now resting comfortably in His presence, having heard the words 'well done, thou good and faithful servant.'" There is another angel in the heavenly chorus. Contralto! I can hear her now. For those who don't always get a copy of the paper, pass the word that it can be accessed on-line by typing in Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman. There is a website and copies of each paper are there to read. Olive really needs to have a voice, so spread the word.

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Greetings all and welcome to another week of Reservoir Music Notes.

Boy am I in a frenzy! I mentioned last week that Reservoir Music is moving to 711 Route 28, just east of the Hickory Barbecue, and the preparations have my head spinning! And we haven't even started to actually move yet! Stop by our original spot at 3179 Route 28 in the next two weeks for great moving sale bargains! I'm lowballing anything I don't have to move.



As you might have guessed from my live music picks from two weeks ago, and the picture I ran with last week's column online at:

[www.reservoirmusiccenter.com](http://www.reservoirmusiccenter.com) & [www.hvmusic.com](http://www.hvmusic.com) - I went down to the city to see my old friend's in Bobby Keys and The Sufferin' Bastards, and they did not disappoint! For those of you who somehow missed my column from two weeks ago, or just plain don't know who Bobby Keys is, he's the sax player from a little combo called The Rolling Stones. Never an official member of the group, Bobby has nevertheless played on every Stones' album since 1969 (except for a brief leave of absence from 1975 to 1979) and has been on every Stones' tour since 1970! But that's far from all! Bobby also played the immortal sax part on John Lennon's "Whatever gets you Through the Night", George Harrison's "What is Life", and the blazing sax solo on Dion's "The Wanderer". In his spare time, he also guested on albums by The Who, Delaney and Bonnie, Eric Clapton, Joe Cocker's Mad Dogs and Englishmen, Harry Nilsson, Leo Sayer, Ringo Starr, Carly Simon, Dr. John, Marvin Gaye, Lynrd Skynrd, Faces, and other albums with members of The Beatles! Plus he played the baritone sax part on Elvis' "Return to Sender"! And really, that's just the tip of the iceberg. The guy hit the road with Bobby Vee in 1956 at the age of 15, joined Buddy Holly within a year, and never looked back! Bobby Keys has been a touring musician at the highest levels of the music world since 1956! Is there anyone he hasn't played with?

Well, anyway, we went down there and the opening act seemed pretty good until Bobby and his troupe of top shelf musician's started their set. The band included members of The Georgia Satellites, John Fogerty Band, Lynrd Sknrd, The Black Crowes, and The Brooklyn Cowboys, and they rocked their way through a selection of Bobby Keys' greatest hits - "Brown Sugar",

"Whatever gets you Through the Night", "The Wanderer", "Can't you Hear me Knockin'", "What is Life" and many, many more. A splendid time was had by all!

And speaking of The Rolling Stones, word has it that their 50th anniversary tour will be postponed until 2013. Apparently, Charlie didn't join up until '63, so that's their official birthday! In other Stones' news, Mick and Keith both stuck their toes in the water last month, Keith performing with Eric Clapton and others for the "Howling for Hubert" benefit at The Apollo Theater, and Mick by playing at The White House for President Obama's tribute to The Blues. Really Mick, The White House? While Keith was at The Apollo? Well, therein lies the keys to their separate personalities!

Anyway, we'd better get busy with this week's live music picks, cause it's a busy week for music! Dear readers, did you know that there are approximately 350 - 400 musical events each week in the New York City area alone? That's not even counting the Hudson

Valley and the Capital Region, all of which I must report on in order to keep my readers informed! That's a lot of sortin' just to come up with the dozen or so shows I recommend, but I do it because I care! So, here we go.

Thursday, March 22 - Peaking band THE BLACK KEYS are at Madison Square Garden, and the MARLEY BROTHERS, Stephen, Damian, and Julian are at the Best Buy Theater in Times Square. Up in the Hudson Valley, way up, Pete Jacobs and his band of Berklee students, DIRTY BLIND, open for JEFFERSON STARSHIP at The Oneonta Theater.

Friday, March 23 - Tonight it would be nice to be able to split oneself into two or three people to catch all the great music happening this evening. BERNIE WORRELL, major player in the ParliaFunkadelicment thang and Rock and Roll Hall of Famer, brings his BERNIE WORRELL ORCHESTRA with special guest Jimmy Destri from Blondie, into The Brooklyn Bowl. Besides his historic work with Parliament-Funkadelic, Bernie's played and recorded with Talking Heads, Public Image, Ltd., Keith Richards, and a whole host of A-list others. If you're nearby, go! FIONA APPLE is at The Music Hall of Williamsburg tonight. I love Fiona Apple! Her song "Criminal" is a desert island disc for me! Frontman RHETT MILLER of Americana group The Old 97's stops in at the City Winery and CITIZEN COPE, one of the better newer, younger artists of the last decade, makes his first appearance at Carnegie Hall. Moving upstate, we have Woodstock's own LEVON HELM at the Tarrytown Music Hall for the first of two nights. Continuing up the Hudson, ALEXIS P. SUTER returns to The Falcon in Marlborough, and at The Bearsville Theater the OFFICIAL BLUES BROTHERS REVUE, endorsed by John Belushi's widow, brings their mix of comedy and

RnB to Woodstock. Finally, up in Hudson, AVONDALE AIRFORCE pulls into Club Helsinki. Now, I've never heard this band, but Peter Aaron knows his music, so this should be at the very least, pretty good.

Saturday, March 24 - LEVON finishes his weekend at Tarrytown Music Hall, SIMONE FELICE BAND is at The Falcon, and THE FAB FAUX are at The Wellmont Theater in Montclair, NJ. Also, at The Bearsville Theater, the REGGAE SPRING JAM DANCE PARTY, featuring a mix of live bands and DJ's, will dub the house.

Sunday, March 25 - Legendary reggae group, TOOTS AND THE MAYTALS are at The Brooklyn Bowl for the first of two shows.

Monday, March 26 - The lovely and talented FIONA APPLE brings her show to The Bowery Ballroom in Manhattan. I already told you that I love her!

Tuesday, March 27 - TOOTS AND THE MAYTALS are back at The Brooklyn Bowl for a second night, and BB King's will be hosting a CELEBRATION OF SUN RECORDS 60th ANNIVERSARY featuring ROBERT GORDON and the band from the Broadway show, MILLION DOLLAR QUARTET.

And of course, THE ALLMAN BROTHERS BAND is still at The Beacon Theater in Manhattan, finishing up their annual three week run this week.

The weather is beautiful and the nights are rockin, so get out and support live music.

Have a great week!

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**SC Sheriff Recognizes Female Sergeants**

The Sullivan County Legislature honored two members of the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office on Thursday. Sergeant Stacey Moyer of the Jail Division and Sergeant Cheryl Crumley of the Patrol Division were both recognized for becoming the first female sergeants in the history of the Sheriff's Office. Both women took competitive civil service exams with their male counterparts and were selected after an interview process. "We have had female corporals in the past", said Sheriff Mike Schiff, "but this is the first time we have had women attain the rank of sergeant. It is a significant mile-



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stone". Schiff said that his office is dedicated to diversity and promoting the best qualified candidates regardless of gender. He noted that both women are respected and competent law enforcement professionals with good leadership skills. The Sheriff thanked public safety chairperson Cora Edwards and the Sullivan County Legislature for taking the time out from their busy agenda to honor his deputies.

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## SC International Pageant

(From Pg. 1) The Villa Roma Resort in Callicoon will be hosting the annual Sullivan County International Pageant (SCIP) 2012, Saturday April 7th at 4:00.

Doors open at 3:00, admissions are \$8.00 & under 5 are free.

The SCIP will be donating portions of the proceeds to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital this year. The 50 contestants range from ages 5-56 & will compete in fun fashion, evening wear & onstage interview.

The pageant is far from a beauty contest. The Teen, Miss & Mrs. competitors are required to have a platform that they will use their title to promote throughout their rein.

If chosen, they also win entry into the NY International Preliminary which is also held annually at the Villa Roma. The pageant is stepping stone for future opportunities & encourages the ladies in Sullivan County to G.O. M.A.D. or go out & make a difference.

The current reigning title holders will say their fair wells to a fantastic year spent spreading the word on their platforms which include, Childhelp; a child abuse prevention chapter, Children's Tumor Foundation & Infertility awareness.

Jane Malara is the Sullivan County International Pageant Director. She can be reached at 845-665-2080.

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## Seeking Volunteers for Museum Opening (From Pg. 1)



Joe and Mary Inghrim of Woodbourne two volunteers in the Local History Research Room

There are MANY benefits to volunteering at the new museum, including a 10% discount in the Museum Shop, an invitation to a special yearly recognition event, gaining new skills, and meeting new people and making new friends. Volunteers can help one or two afternoons a month or more, whatever suits their lifestyle, as much or as little as they like. All information and training will be provided. No previous knowledge of history or museum experience is required, just a willingness to learn.

For more information on the volunteer open house, the different volunteer positions, benefits and training, please call Mary Inghrim at 985-7700 or 985-2903.

Located at 332 Main Street in Grahamsville (St. Rt. 55), the Museum will open beginning Saturday, May 5th, Thursday to Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. through October, and other times by appointment. Adults admission is \$2, Children under 16 \$1, and children under six are free. For more information call 845 985-7700 or go to our website: timeandthevalleymuseum.org.

The Time and the Valleys Museum is a living and interactive resource that preserves the past, educates the present and ensures the uniqueness of the Rondout and Neversink watersheds for all generations. For additional information on the Museum please call us at 985-7700 or go online at www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org.

## 'Tis the Season for Local Organic Produce

Last week, Eureka Market & Care once again began stocking fresh seasonal veggies from Neversink Farm. Our in-house salads will feature their organic mixed greens, and in our produce case you'll find lettuce mix, first cut arugula, baby spinach, and two kinds of radishes: Cherry, which is the kind we all know, and French Breakfast, which it has been told the French eat with butter or on toast. Deliveries are every Thursday going forward, so take advantage of the bounty from our area.

## "The Great Outdoors" - Quilts Celebrating Nature



Photo - John Pollack

Opening Day of Trout Season, "Jumping Rainbows" a quilt by Susan Balch of Reading, VT, captures the beauty of Rainbow Trout.

part of this year's show. Quilters, including Susan Koenig of Kauneonga Lake, NY, Ramona Jan of Damascus, PA, Linda Horak, Jean Cass, and Sally Abrams of Livingston Manor, Katharina Litchman of White Sulphur Springs, and Linda Krause of Brooklyn, NY, each wrote a personal statement describing the inspiration for their work so the public will enjoy a peek behind the scenes.

Morgan Outdoors is located at 46 Main Street, Livingston Manor. For more information, call 845/439 5507. Hours are 10am - 6pm, Mon, Thur, Fri, Sat. and 10-4 Sunday.

## Hudson Valley Restaurants Line Up for Dining Out For Life Fundraiser

Poughkeepsie, NY- On Thursday, April 26, 2012 over 25 Hudson Valley restaurants will participate in Dining Out for Life, an annual fundraiser for ARCS, the area's largest HIV/AIDS organization. Proceeds benefit programs and services for more than 3,000 people affected by HIV/AIDS each year. Participating restaurants will donate up to 25% of that day's proceeds to ARCS.

Restaurants in Dutchess, Putnam, Sullivan, Ulster and Westchester counties have signed up for the event, reflecting a wide range of cuisines and price points. The complete list is available on line at www.diningoutforlife.com/hudsonvalley.

Dining Out for Life is an international event held in over 60 locations that raises more than \$4 million for local HIV/AIDS organizations like ARCS each year. Though best known as host for Food Network's hit series, Chopped, Ted Allen has been a spokesperson for Dining Out for Life five years and counting. "Sixty cities, over four million dollars raised in a single day," says Allen. "Every time I say that, I get goose bumps."

Other Dining Out for Life spokespersons include Pam Grier and Daisy Martinez. Pam Grier gained international fame in the 1970s, starring in movies such as Coffy and Foxy Brown and has also starred on Showtimes' The L Word. 2012 marks Grier's third year of support for Dining Out for Life. Our newest spokesperson, Daisy Martinez stars on Food Network's Viva! Daisy. Her enthusiasm for Dining Out for Life would make her a great interview candidate.

Susan Wysocki, owner of Babycakes Café in Poughkeepsie, was among the first restaurants to sign up. "It's one of the easiest ways to support a local cause I care about, and I try to choose charity events that I think our patrons want to support, too. ARCS is one of my favorite charities," Wysocki said. This is the second year that Babycakes has participated.

First-time participant Paula Young of Paula's Stone Cottage Wine Bar in (Contd. Pg. 9)



Fishkill agreed. "There's such an obvious connection between wine and food, food and life... this is a win-win for everyone." Hallie Quinones-Katz, co-owner of 2 Taste Food and Wine Bar in Hyde Park, said that she signed up to help market the year-old restaurant. "We're relatively new, so when an ARCS volunteer came and asked us to participate, it was easy to say yes."

Community-minded businesses such as Mid-Hudson Subaru, Hudson Valley Federal Credit Union, Valley Table Magazine, DSW, Radio Woodstock WDST 100.1 FM, and Seasoned Culinary Classes have lined up as local sponsors.

Volunteer Ambassadors will be stationed in each location to collect additional donations from generous diners. Participants will also have the opportunity to enter drawings for exclusive prizes including Crown Maple syrup, tickets to WDST's Mountain Jam, and a bundle of restaurant gift certificates and stores.

ARCS will also host a kick-off wine tasting at Millbrook Winery on Thursday, April 19, 2012 from 5 to 7 pm, sponsored by Mid-Hudson Subaru, to raise awareness for Dining Out for Life and ARCS' programs to fight hunger among local residents with HIV/AIDS and their families.

"You can make a difference by making a reservation on April 26," Ted Allen urges. For more information on ARCS or Dining Out for Life, visit their website at [www.arcs.org](http://www.arcs.org).

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The program will run from Monday, April 9th and run through Fri. 13th, 2012 from 9 am - 3 pm each day of the 5 days.

There will be a 3 pm performance for friends and family on Friday April 13th.

The fee: is \$100, or \$75 for 4-H Members! Registration and payment required no later than Monday, April 2nd. Youth will need to dress comfortably and bring a bagged lunch and bottle of water each day.

Register by calling Cindy at 292-6180.

**Liberty Teacher Scott Glasser to be a Guest Conductor at Saratoga/Warren All-County Concert**

Liberty, NY... Liberty Central School Orchestra Director Scott Glasser has been invited to be a guest conductor at the Saratoga-Warren All County concert this Saturday, March 17th at the Hadley-Luzerne High School in Lake Luzerne, NY.



Mr. Glasser was asked by the Saratoga-Warren County Music Educators Association to conduct the Senior High String Orchestra, his first such invitation since becoming a teacher. In the world of music education, it is a great honor for a music teacher to be invited to conduct at another county's music festival.

"I am very excited to have been given this opportunity," says Mr. Glasser. "I'm looking forward to applying what I learned during my summer conducting studies at Arizona State to this experience."

Glasser will be conducting students in grades 10-12 from the 21 school districts throughout the two counties. The music performed will feature a variety of works, including Antonio Vivaldi's "Concerto alla Rustica in G Major," Ralph Vaughan Williams' "Fantasia on Greensleeves" and Edvard Grieg's "Two Elegiac Melodies."

In addition to teaching and conducting, Glasser also directs Liberty's A cappella ensemble, Essential Blend. Outside of school, Glasser performs regularly with the Greater Newburgh Symphony Orchestra and SUNY Orange Community Orchestra, as well as the Tesseria String Quartet of Middletown, NY. He is also the secretary for the Sullivan County Music Educators' Association.

"We are very proud of Mr. Glasser," said Liberty Superintendent Michael B. Vanyo, who plans on attending the concert. "His talent will certainly add to what already promises to be an enjoyable evening."

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## Asleep at the Controls

The Fukushima meltdowns, which began a year ago this week, were a disaster - but also, at least in the United States, an opportunity. Everyone was awake and interested. Thoughtful questions, wild speculation and genuine, heartfelt public concern about nuclear safety were everywhere.

Predictably, the nuclear industry hunkered down, filling the airwaves with its own spin. The real failure, however, was at the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, which, some hoped, might seize the moment to push for real discussion and change. It didn't.

A year has passed, though, with almost no progress. One thing has become clear: It's not enough to push for change at the industry level. We must also reform the regulators themselves.

The commission's failures are legion. For one thing, it has repeatedly fallen short on the issue of fire safety. In 1975, a reactor in Alabama almost melted down because the electric cables that control reactor shutdown in an emergency burned through. The commission required upgraded insulation of the cables in all nuclear plants, but when it tested the insulation, it failed.

But instead of enforcing its own standards, the commission issued secret and arguably illegal exemptions that allowed many reactors, including those at New York's Indian Point, to continue the use of the defective insulation.

Then there is the question of relicensing. The operating licenses of dozens of plants are about to expire, and the companies that own them are seeking new 20-year licenses. In the years since the reactors were built, the commission has toughened design, operations and location standards, which cover such things as fire protection, emergency evacuation, spent-fuel safety and terrorism.

These rules should logically apply to all plants, new or old. Instead, the com-

mission refuses to ask if the reactors up for relicensing meet them.

Moreover, the Fukushima meltdowns, which were set off by an earthquake-triggered tsunami, raised questions about the vulnerability of America's reactors to earthquakes. Indian Point, for example, is built above and near a series of faults. But the commission refused to do a full risk assessment and refused to consider earthquake damage as part of relicensing, announcing that "this is really not a serious concern."

While such health and safety dangers from reactors are real, perhaps an even greater danger is the on-site storage of spent fuel, which is thousands of times more toxic than the uranium put into the reactor. While the reactor is surrounded by a concrete containment vessel, the commission allows spent fuel to be kept in a large, aboveground and unprotected pool of water.

The pools have been known to leak, and they are vulnerable to fire and terrorist attack. Fukushima presented an opportunity to address this lingering threat, and yet the commission once again failed to act.

Finally, there's citizen evacuation. After the partial meltdown at Three Mile Island in 1979, the commission required evacuation plans for areas around reactors, but limited them to 10 miles because "immediate life-threatening doses would generally not occur outside the zone." That leaves all of New York City without an evacuation plan in the case of a disaster at Indian Point. (On the other hand, after Fukushima the commission recommended that Americans in Japan within 50 miles of the plant evacuate.)

These are reasonable concerns, and the public wants answers. Instead, on each of these issues, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission has chosen to delay or stonewall.

To be fair, last month the commission required a new assessment of the earthquake risk at Indian Point and elsewhere. But the assessment will not be completed for three or four years, well after the relicensing process ends.

The commission has also trumpeted its denial of more than 40 new applications for exemption from fire safety rules. That's a step in the right direction, but such public crowing masks the commission's practice of granting secret exemptions over the years.

There is a real need to reform the commission, whether one supports or opposes nuclear power. We need a fast-track, independent review of exemptions and the resulting weakened safety standards; we also need a similarly independent, rigorous inquiry into the commission and its ties to the nuclear industry.

Beyond reviews, Congress should create new, stricter requirements for action by the commission, including stronger rules against exemptions from safety and health regulations.

In order for nuclear power to play a significant role in our energy future, the American public needs to have confidence in the industry and the government agencies that oversee it. That begins with real reform of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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## For the Record: Assemblymember Kevin Cahill (D-Ulster, Dutchess) Released the Following Statement on Legislature Acts on Redistricting, Pensions, Casinos and DNA Database Expansion

### Redistricting, Federal Primary Election:

Assemblymember Cahill stood behind his commitment to reform and voted against legislation establishing new Assembly and Senate districts (A9525). He voted in favor of a new law (A.9557) and proposal to amend the State Constitution (A.9526) to permanently change the redistricting process through the establishment of an independent commission and strict guidelines that will govern how Congressional and State legislative districts will be developed in the future.

"Members of the Legislature had the opportunity to begin to restore public faith in our electoral system by removing themselves from the process of drawing their own district lines. Instead, many chose to perpetuate the kind of gerrymandering that has done nothing less than disenfranchise the voters of New York.

"I have long been a supporter of independent redistricting and voted in favor of a new law to reform the process and an amendment to the constitution, that if approved by the voters, will permanently ensure that future election districts are developed in a fair and open manner that puts the interests of the public ahead of the politicians."

### Pensions:

Assemblymember Cahill voted against a bill (A.9558) passed by the Legislature that would weaken pension protections for new state and local government employees. The new Tier VI raises the retirement age, increases public employee contribution rates and imposes stricter penalties for early retirement. "Our public employees work very hard with significantly limited resources to deliver the services New Yorkers need to go about their daily lives." (Contd. Pg. 12)

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## Senate and Assembly Pass Bonacic's Casino Gaming Amendment to State Constitution

The Senate and Assembly late last night passed a Constitutional amendment sponsored by State Senator John Bonacic, which would amend the Constitution to permit up to seven casinos in New York State. The proposal is sponsored in the Assembly by Assemblyman Gary Pretlow of Westchester County.

"This is about construction jobs, jobs at resort-casinos, and expanding our tourism economy. The long-ago made promise of casino gaming is closer to reality thanks to a bi-partisan approach in the Senate and Assembly and a powerful leader in Governor Cuomo," Senator Bonacic said.

Senator Bonacic is Chairman of both the Senate Judiciary Committee, which has oversight of Constitutional Amendments, and the Senate Racing Committee, which will develop the enacting legislation. He sponsored the Constitutional amendment at the request of Governor Cuomo.

In order to amend the Constitution, the Legislature next year will again take up the amendment, and the voters will have to approve it in the November, 2013 general election.

"Working with the Governor, we have taken the first, and I believe most realistic step in bringing casino gaming to the Catskills. To those who long have supported casino gaming, particularly in the Catskills, I pledge as Chairman of the relevant Committees to work to introduce and enact implementing legislation which meets the needs of the people of our State so we attract high caliber casino gaming. To those who oppose gaming, you will have a vote too - amending the Constitution is the purest form of Democracy since the proposal will have to be approved by the voters of our State," Senator Bonacic said.

Governor Cuomo initially proposed allowing "the State", which many took to mean agencies he controls to approve the location and details of all casinos. However, the final approved Constitutional Amendment provides that the Legislature will authorize, by legislation, where the casinos will be and any requirements associated with casino development.

## Gillibrand tells USDA Pull "Pink Slime Beef" from School Meals Now! Slime Included In 100 Million Pounds of Ground Beef Served to 32 Million Schoolchildren

With ground beef laced with ammonium hydroxide known as "pink slime" included in more than 100 million pounds of ground beef served to 32 million schoolchildren enrolled in the National School Meal program, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand is calling on the USDA to pull the treated beef from meals served to children immediately.

Fast food chains, such as McDonald's, Burger King and Taco Bell have already eliminated the pink slime from their menus. And the USDA is giving schools the option to stop serving the ammonia-treated ground beef filler starting next fall.

"If it's not good enough for fast food chains, it certainly isn't good enough for the School Meals Program," said Senator Gillibrand in a letter to U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack. "The time is now for the USDA to abolish pink slime from school lunches. I look forward to your attention and response to this critical issue."

## For the Record: Assemblymember Kevin Cahill (From Pg. 10)

"It is simply wrong to attack the men and women dedicating their careers to public service while at the same time providing bailouts and tax breaks to the corporate institutions that caused the economic crisis in the first place."

### Casinos

Assemblymember Cahill voted in favor of a constitutional amendment to allow non-tribal casinos to operate in New York State (A.9556). The constitutional amendment would legalize up to seven full casinos, and lawmakers will make the decision as to where the facilities will be located. To amend the state constitution, two separately elected legislatures must pass identical legislation, and the amendment must win the support of New York voters.

"A proposal to amend the State Constitution will give the public the opportunity they deserve to have their voices heard on this important matter. If the amendment to allow more casinos is placed on the ballot and approved by the voters, there must be strong provisions that provide communities with a meaningful role in deciding whether to host any new gambling facilities."

### DNA Database Expansion

Legislation (A.9555) supported by Assemblymember Cahill was passed to expand New York's criminal DNA database. The new list of crimes for which DNA will be collected will include all felonies and all penal law misdemeanors, except in limited circumstances.

"DNA evidence has proven to be a critical tool when it comes to solving crimes and assuring the right people are brought to justice. This new law will give law enforcement access to the technology the need to keep our communities safe while at the same time providing those that have been wrongfully convicted the opportunity to prove their innocence."

### Federal Primary Elections

Assemblymember Cahill voted for legislation establishing the fourth Tuesday in June as New York's primary election day for both federal and state offices (A.9271-B). The federal Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment (MOVE) Act requires accommodations for citizens serving overseas in the military and others who are living abroad - necessitating the federal primary date change. The State Senate has yet to act on this bill.

"Holding State and Federal primary elections on the same day is in the best interest of New York's voters and taxpayers. This move will boost voter participation and avoid wasteful spending on an additional election."

## Hinchey Announces Start of 2012 Congressional Art Competition- Local High School Artists to Be Featured on Congressman's Facebook Page, Winner's Artwork Will Be Displayed in U.S. Capitol

Washington, DC - Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) today announced the beginning of the 2012 Congressional Art Competition. The contest is open to all students in grades 9-12 who either reside or attend high school in New York's 22nd Congressional District. For a second year in a row, the competition is going online. Submitted artwork will be featured on Hinchey's official Facebook page and Facebook users will have the opportunity to help select a finalist in the competition. The first place winner will have his or her artwork publicly displayed on Capitol Hill in Washington, DC for one year. Those wishing to participate can learn more by visiting: <http://hinchey.house.gov/art>.

"Last year, dozens of students across the 22nd Congressional District submitted some of the most impressive artwork I've seen, and I think this year's competition is going to be even better," said Hinchey. "The artistic tradition in our part of New York has a rich history, and this competition gives us a chance to demonstrate that tradition by showcasing the work of talented young students in our nation's capital. I encourage every high school student to participate, and I wish all of our young contestants the best of luck!"

On April 9, Hinchey's Facebook page will begin hosting the artwork of students participating in the Congressional Art Competition. Facebook fans can help choose a finalist for the competition by giving the thumbs up to artwork they like. Voting will continue throughout the week, and a Facebook finalist will be chosen on Monday, April 23rd at noon. The finalist in the Facebook portion of the competition will then go head to head against finalists selected from each of Congressman Hinchey's district offices. A winner will be announced on May 3rd. To receive continual updates on the competition, Facebook users can like Congressman Hinchey's page by visiting [www.facebook.com/mauricehinchey](http://www.facebook.com/mauricehinchey).

The competition, which was initiated by Congress in 1982, includes hundreds of thousands of high school students from across the nation. One piece from each congressional district will be displayed in the Cannon Tunnel of the U.S. Capitol Building in Washington, DC. The winning student will be invited to attend a ribbon cutting ceremony in the nation's Capitol.

Details for the 2012 competition can be found: [http://hinchey.house.gov/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=1581&Itemid=126](http://hinchey.house.gov/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=1581&Itemid=126)

## Senator Bonacic and Senator Seward host Flood Insurance Roundtable

Senator John Bonacic joined Senator James Seward in a roundtable discussion regarding the administration of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) in New York State and to explore ways to ensure adequate flood insurance coverage for homeowners.

Senator Bonacic noted, "Often, people cannot obtain flood insurance coverage, or do not understand what it covers. We need policies which are shorter and in plain language. We need a single point of contact and FEMA flood certified adjusters and agents who can help flood victims walk a very complex process."

Seamus Leary, Deputy Commissioner of the Orange County Emergency Management Office

applauded any effort to ensure plain language in future flood insurance policies. He noted Orange County had more residents apply for claims under FEMA Flood Insurance than any other county in the State.

Senator Bonacic has visited flood ravaged homes throughout the Hudson Valley and Catskills. "People are walking away from their homes. The National Flood Insurance Program is not working here. We need to work collectively to make things better at both the State and Federal level. We will continue to urge the NFIP to be more user friendly and will ask them to come back and tell us what they have done to improve flood coverage and accessibility," said Senator Bonacic.

## UC Executive Mike Hein on Pension Overhaul

"For too many years, skyrocketing pension costs have taken money away from vital services to New Yorkers, including our schools and police departments. The Governor's sweeping pension overhaul finally addresses these rising costs and puts in place much needed measures to help local governments. Governor Cuomo has shown true leadership on this issue, defying political gridlock and working together with the legislature to put the people before the special interests."

### POLITICAL SLANT- Frank Comando -

Saturday, I had a conversation with an old friend, who is one of the greatest leaders of our time, former Governor Mario Cuomo.

In light of the recent passage by state lawmakers to legalize casino gaming in the state, and the new bill that will amend the state constitution to allow seven new casinos to operate, I asked about the gaming issue. He stated that in his book he opposed gaming. However, he said, my son Andrew favors gaming. He then asked as any a proud Dad would looking for an outside opinion, "How is the kid doing?"

I stated, "Great, just great." The tone of his answer told me that Dad just beamed...

Now that we have the second generation of an informed, articulate leader in the body of Governor Andrew M. Cuomo some questions arise about his youth. The answers for me are simple. Look at his accomplishments as Attorney General; his supporting of the real estate "tax cap" as Governor; his changes in education that reduce waste and raises New York State's educational standard. Governor Andrew Cuomo, a man who supports gaming, believes that this one action can create thousands of jobs. The revitalization of the resort areas of our state is a must.

With the economy in dire straights, and gas prices that soared to the stratosphere, people will be more inclined to vacation closer to home, creating a new infrastructure with new jobs.

### Governor Andrew Cuomo's Reforms include:

A much needed overhaul of our New York State pension system. Our pension system's skyrocketing costs have been crippling local governments and driving up taxes. **The Governor's reforms will save the state and local governments over \$80 billion over the next 30 years** and help protect vital services;

**A constitutional amendment, and legal statute,** that will permanently reform our state's redistricting system, and put an **end to partisan gerrymandering.**

A bill making New York the first state in the nation to **require collection of DNA from individuals convicted of all crimes** in our state. Until now, DNA was collected from only 48% of those convicted of crimes in spite of its proven power as a crime-fighting tool. This new law will help to prevent and solve crimes, and to better exonerate the innocent.

**Instituting of a new teacher evaluation system,** that makes our state a national leader in education reform. The new system will help improve student achievement and school accountability.

**The first passage of a casino gaming amendment,** that if eventually ratified in a statewide vote by the people, will bring better regulation to gaming in New York as well as create tens of thousands of jobs and increase tourism throughout the state.

"We achieved this legislation by working together, but most importantly, by putting the people first. Change is never easy, but with the support of the people, it is possible." - Governor Andrew M. Cuomo -

To have your comments and/or questions, space allowing, and *Townsmen* guidelines adhered to, as posted in the masthead, your comments can be published or answered here.

Email: [politicalslant@yahoo.com](mailto:politicalslant@yahoo.com)

The following is a story in five parts, brought to you by The TV Townsman.

It is entirely fiction. All characters, incidents, names, and places are either products of the author's imagination, or are used fictitiously. Any resemblance to actual persons, whether living or dead, is entirely coincidental and unintended. It appears in slightly different form in The Neverisnk Chronicles as the next-to-last story, entitled Fiction. We're proud to introduce:

**The Rondout Blowout**

a story in five parts

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PART FIVE, THE CONCLUSION:

The ground shook for ten or twenty seconds, then came a hiss, a giant moan and a roar, as if a train were coming out of a tunnel at high speed, and the Tweety's two-story house exploded into fragments as a giant geyser of mud, rocks and water shot a hundred feet in the air.

At the Rondout Gate House a water hammer, backpressure from air and water trapped in the tunnel by the sudden, violent surge from the wide open inlet and shutter valve blew back with such force that the three ton hatch cover was blown partly through the roof of the building, thirty feet in the air, followed by a jet of water. The hatch cover came down on the roof of the dive van, flattening and destroying it, crushing Dimitry's right foot, then flipping to the floor like a giant frisbee, killing Glen Dillard. He was the first death from the disaster.

The gatehouse was filling with water. Dimitry was screaming in pain as his partially amputated, crushed foot spouted a fountain of blood. Feliciano and Beau both struggled through the rising water to help him.

"There's a medical kit in the office," Beau said. "One in the van," Feliciano gasped, taking a mouthful of water as she half-walked, half-swam toward the van, Beau following behind.

The water was over waist high, with no end in sight. Coleman made it to a window. He was screaming and beating on the wire-reinforced glass with a crescent wrench he'd snatched from somewhere, trying to break out. The glass broke after repeated blows by the frenzied dive master. Terrified, he smashed at wire and glass, enlarging the hole to man-sized, screaming and shouting incomprehensible words, as he worked his way into the window frame, unaware of the many cuts on his arms, face and hands.

Beau saw what he was trying to do, yelled across,

"No! Don't!"

Too late. Coleman was through the window. They could hear his scream as he fell forty feet into the water, cut short as he was sucked into the wide-open stop shutters and disappeared down the Rondout West Branch Tunnel.

Feliciano moaned.

"Don't." Beau said shoving her back, pushing her to the van. "We can't help him."

They got to the van and climbed in the passenger door to help the semi-conscious man inside who was in danger of bleeding to death and who was slipping into shock.

Beau wormed his way into the crushed interior while Feliciano grabbed the medical kit from its place on the wall.

"Put a tourniquet on his leg," she said. "Use your belt. Hurry up, dammit."

Seeing the sick look on Beau's face as he crawled through the gore, she said,

"Its only blood, pendejo. It won't hurt you."

Beau, moving in a daze, managed to get past Dimitry's head and shoulders, inching himself along until his face was in line with the wounded man's knees. He pulled his belt off and wrapped it around Dimitry's leg, in the middle of his calf. Beau pulled it as tight as he could and held on, having no way to secure the end.

"Here. Use my shoelace," Feliciano said, passing it over and handing it to the blood-covered Beau.

"Got it," Beau said.

"Good. Now get out of the way, cabron." Feliciano changed places, pulling the medical kit behind her. Dimitry was shivering, his teeth chattering and he was turning gray with shock.

"Stay with us Dimitry," she said. "I'm gonna take care of you. You're going to be fine, hombre. Relax."

Feliciano, now completely in charge, and applying first aid, said,

"You, call for help."

Still covered in blood, Beau looked at the flooded gatehouse. The water was waist high and seemed stable; it wasn't rising or falling. It lapped at the walls like an indoor lagoon. He started toward the office, to see if the phone worked. It was a couple of minutes after two. (Contd. Pg. 14)

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**May 5, 2012**  
(No April Supper)  
**5:30 pm**  
Sundown United Methodist Church  
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**Grahamsville United Methodist Church**

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**PUBLIC NOTICES/LEGALS:****PUBLIC NOTICE:**

Chapter 680 of the Laws of 2002 enacted General Municipal Law §209-cc, requiring the annual reporting of the presence of wild animals. Pursuant to this law, each person owning, possessing or harboring a wild animal as set forth in §209-cc must report its presence to the Town Clerk on or before April 1st. A list of common names of animals to be reported is available at the Denning Town Clerk's Office, 985-2411. Failure to file as required will subject to penalties under the law.

Joy Ann Monforte  
Denning Town Clerk

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the regularly scheduled meeting of the Town of Neversink Town Board scheduled to be held on April 11, 2012 at 7:30 pm, has been rescheduled to be held on April 17, 2012 at 7:30 pm, at the Town of Neversink Town Hall, 273 Main St., Grahamsville, NY.

Lisa Garigliano, Town Clerk  
Dated: February 17, 2012

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**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT**

There will be a RECESSED MEETING of the Town of Neversink Town Board to be held at the Town Hall, 273 Main Street, Grahamsville, NY at 7:30 P.M. on Tuesday, April 3, 2012.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the results of the public hearing for the Bond Anticipation Note any other business that may legally come before the Board.

Lisa Garigliano, Town Clerk  
Dated: March 15, 2012

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Town of Neversink  
Lisa Garigliano, Town Clerk  
Dated: March 14, 2012

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**SCVA Participates in the 19th Original GLBT Expo**

The Sullivan County Visitors Association participated in the 19th Original GLBT Expo. This event is the oldest and largest business/entertainment/lifestyle event for the Gay Community in the world. The event offered exhibitors and sponsors the opportunity to reach out to the Gay, Lesbian, Bi-Sexual & Transgender attendee.

The Expo was held on March 17 & 18, 2012 at the Jacob Javits Convention Center in New York City.

The show floor was filled with hundreds of interactive exhibits, food and beverage sampling and giveaways. Each year over 22,000 from the Gay Community attend from all over the US and the world. The Expo has helped to present the finest products and services available to the GLBT consumer. The

**The Rondout Blowout (From Pg. 13)**

Six miles south, Warwarsing was being flooded as fifty billion gallons of water were pouring from the Rondout Reservoir out through the hole where John Tweety used to live.

The gusher came down in height as the size of the hole increased. The blowout, as the hole was named, started at about fifteen feet in diameter, with rocks, mud and water shooting up a hundred feet in the air, like the Bellagio Fountain in Las Vegas. It grew in size fast, and within minutes it was a half-mile across with water burbling up in the center. The hole now crossed route 209 and was flooding Kerhonkson to the north and Napanoch to the south. The Walkill River was fifteen feet past flood stage and threatening every home and village all the way to Kingston, where it met the Hudson River. Alarms and civil defense alerts were going out all up and down the Hudson Valley as the disaster spread.

At ten minutes before two, John Tweety's feet stopped twitching. The tingling was gone too. He said,

"Hey Bob, look there my feet have quit twitching."

The words were barely out of his mouth when they felt the ground rumble and shake. Bob Orr said, "Hey, look!" and pointed at the eruption of water, mud and debris.

John Tweety looked with the binoculars. Then said, "Noooo." It came out like a howl, a long drawn-out, lip stretching howl and low moan that came from the lowest bottom of his heart.

"Ohhh-Noooo. That's my house. Jesus H. Christ. That's my house."

Bob looked through the scope on his rifle, neither one of them watching the prison yard.

John's horror grew as they watched the disaster unfolding, watching the hole grow to immense size, cutting off the highway. John snapped back to reality when he saw a mini-van plow into the spreading pool and disappear. He hit the button that set off every alarm in the prison compound and picked up the phone to the wardens office.

"We've got a situation," he said. "A bad situation."

His words were the most mild and understated of all the words spoken, printed, reported and analyzed over the next hours, days, weeks, months and years about the Rondout Blowout.

The water ran unabated for twenty-five days and nights while different temporary fixes were tried and which soon failed. The current was so strong that divers were unable to go in the water and fix the stop shutters. Electric power to the gatehouse was shut off for fear of electrocution. Temporary diesel construction generators were moved on-site but everything the engineers came up with was impeded by water. Water was flowing out of the reservoir at a rate of a billion gallons per day. The logistics of moving the kinds of

exhibitors include GLBT friendly companies from every industry, both large and small, Fortune 1000 and Gay-owned companies.

**NYS Passes Historic Reforms**

Last week, New York State passed historic reforms with the approval of five pieces of critical legislation. The major elements include the passage of:

- The Governor's sweeping pension reform plan that will save state and local governments over \$80 billion over the next 30 years, providing significant relief to taxpayers throughout the state;

- A constitutional amendment and legal statute that reforms the redistricting process in NYS by putting an end to the partisan and incumbent-protection gerrymandering that has plagued the process for over a century;

- The Governor's "all crimes" DNA databank bill, which reforms our criminal justice system to better protect New Yorkers and makes NY the first state in the nation to require DNA samples from anyone convicted of a felony or a Penal Law misdemeanor;

- A new teacher evaluation system that fosters better student achievement and school accountability;

- The first step toward enacting a casino gaming amendment that will create tens of thousands of good jobs and drive tourism throughout the state.

Go to: <http://www.governor.ny.gov/BuildingaNewNY/home> to learn more about the Governor's agenda.

**Miss Representation**

The Professional Women of Sullivan County gathered at SUNY Sullivan Theater on March 21st, where they co-sponsored with SUNY Sullivan a free showing of the documentary *Miss Representation*.

The documentary examines the negative portrayal of women in mainstream media, uncovering the tactics and techniques that create and perpetuate them. Since the film's premier at the Sundance Film Festival in

huge construction equipment needed on such short notice was a nightmare. The water kept flowing day after day.

The village of Warwarsing was destroyed beyond repair. All the homes and businesses were lost. One hundred and seventy-two lives were lost in Warwarsing alone, and close to four hundred deaths were attributed to the Rondout Blowout. Property loss was 4.75 billion dollars.

New York City of course, denied all liability, calling it an 'Act of God' and fighting each and every claim, intending to drag the litigation on for decades. Plaintiffs in some cases could die of old age without settlement, while law firms would go broke trying, and failing, to sue the City of New York for Rondout Blowout claims.

The villages of Kerhonkson and Napanoch, and Ellenville to a lesser extent, all suffered damage and were forever changed by the Blowout. The prison at Napanoch, having been built in 1905, was abandoned. After much debate, argumentation and infighting, the new higher security prison was built in neighboring Orange County. The rumors, unfounded of course, of bribery and political backstabbing went on for years.

In the aftermath of the Rondout Blowout, when Glen Dillard was buried at the Neversink cemetery, most of the town was there. Coleman Jenkin's body was never recovered. Dimitry Androvich was given a seventy percent pension, a prosthetic foot and retired in the Brighton Beach section of Brooklyn. Feliciana Morales is now a dive master and an instructor at the New York City Police and Fire academies. She is still available for dive teams in emergency situations, and is a highly regarded disaster lecturer.

Beau Shemwaller, for reasons known only to higher authorities somewhere in the City's vast and murky bureaucracy, was made a foreman at the DEP-NYC Department of Water Supply and appears to be on a fast track for higher management.

John and Betsy Tweety are living in a rented two-bedroom house in Ellenville. Their insurance company refuses to pay their claim for the total loss of their house and their personal property pending resolution of the City of New York's 'Act of God' claims. Their mortgage payment is still due on the fifth of every month and John is managing to keep it up to date by taking a part-time security guard job at the new Wal-Mart super store that was built in Monticello. His job at the NYS Department of Corrections continues, but he has to commute to Orange County, an eighty-five mile daily round trip. Betsy continues teaching and working on her Master's degree in New Paltz. They're hanging on as the litigation drags on, but just barely . . . and getting tired. Robert Tweety said at one of their now rare family meals together, "Gee Dad, this is like a fiction of the 'magination. Like at the movies."

All John Tweety could do was smile and ruffle his son's hair.

\*\*\* THE END \*\*\*

2011, it has riveted audiences nationwide with its honest, often disturbing, look at the type of gender biases that bombard us daily. Oprah Winfrey acquired the broadcast rights to the film, which interweaves stories from teenage girls with provocative interviews from the likes of Dr. Condoleezza Rice, Lisa Ling, Nancy Pelosi, Katie Couric, Rachel Maddow, Rosario Dawson, Dr. Jackson Katz, Dr. Jean Kilbourne, and Gloria Steinem to give us an inside look at the media and its message.

The next meeting of the Professional Women of Sullivan county will be held at the River Edge Restaurant April 18. Dr. Joyce Garber will lead a panel discussion "Women in the Arts".

They now have a new e-mail for the club [professionalwomenofSC@gmail.com](mailto:professionalwomenofSC@gmail.com)

**CWC Sponsors Septic Design Workshop for Engineers**

MARGARETVILLE, NY, March 16, 2012 - The Catskill Watershed Corp. (CWC) will host a workshop on Advanced Enviro-Septic Treatment Systems and standard onsite system designs Saturday, Mar. 24 from 9 to 2 at the CWC office, 905 Main St., Margaretville.

Register online at [www.cwconline.org](http://www.cwconline.org) by **Thursday, Mar. 22.**

The free workshop will be led by Presby Environmental Sessions. Four Professional Development Hours will be provided for the 4.5-hour course which is intended for engineers and designers of residential and commercial septic systems. Morning refreshments and lunch will be provided.

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

**Town of Neversink Parks & Recreation Department**

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

(845) 985-2262 extension 312

**Albi Concert** - Sunday, July 15. 5 pm-8pm Outdoor Stage Town Hall Parking Lot. Rain or Shine. Bring your own lawn chair or blanket to sit on. Hot dogs, soda & water will be for sale for \$1 each.

**Mountain Creek Water Park, NJ -Saturday, August 4** Leave Town Hall 8:30 am-return to Town Hall approximately 6:30 pm. \$12 residents/\$36 non-residents must be paid by June 26 this includes motorcoach transportation and admission.

**Free mad Science Fire & Ice Show** Wednesday, August 8. Grahamsville Fairgrounds at 5 pm. Rain or Shine. Please bring your own lawn chair or blanket to sit on. Hot dogs, soda & water will be for sale for \$1 each. Register to attend by July 31.

**Liberty Science Museum, NJ** Liberty Science Museum, NY Saturday, November 3. Leave the Town Hall at 8 am Return to Town Hall at 6:30 pm. \$22 residents/\$31 non-residents must be paid by July 2

**Shopping Colonie Center, Albany, NY** Friday, November 16. Leave the Town Hall at 8 am return to the Town Hall at approximately 7 pm. \$21 residents and non-residents must be paid by October 16.

**Transportation to NYC** Saturday, December 1 Drop off near Times Square. Leave Town Hall at 8 am, return at approximately 8 pm. \$21 residents & non-residents must be paid no later than November 8.

Permission slips can be downloaded from our website [www.townofneversink.org](http://www.townofneversink.org) or picked up in the Parks and Recreation office in the Town Hall on Tuesdays from 3 pm to 6 pm. For more information call 985-2262 ext. 312 or email [racerj12d@aol.com](mailto:racerj12d@aol.com).

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



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Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday and Monday: Closed

If you have any questions, please call the library at 985-7233.

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

**AL-ANON MEETINGS -**

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

**Monday 7:00 p.m.** United Methodist Church, 170 N. Main Street, Liberty  
**Thursday 7:00 p.m.** Immaculate Conception Church Annex, 6317 Rt 42, Woodbourne  
**Saturday 8:00 p.m.** United Methodist Church, 170 N. Main Street, Liberty

**SLAC March Meeting**

SLAC, The Senior Legislative Action Committee of Sullivan County invites you to our March 201 meeting at the Legislative Hearing Room of the Government Center in Monticello at 10 am, Friday the 30th. Featured speakers will be Maria Alvarez, Executive Director of Statewide Senior Action Council, who will discuss the 2012-13 NY State Budget and its implications for Seniors and their families and areas demanding advocacy to maintain our living conditions in these

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- 3/21/12 Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Assoc. Meeting - 7:30 PM
- 3/21/12 Neversink Fire District Meeting at 7:30 PM, Public Meeting at 8:00 PM.
- 3/24/12 Spring Fair & Luncheon Liberty UMC 170 N Main St. 11 am - 3 pm- Call 845-807-9502
- 3/24/12 Grahamsville Reformed Church **Roast Pork Dinner** 4-7 pm Call 985-7480 for more info
- 3/25/12 Grahamsville UMC **Pot Luck Supper** 5pm -New hall/**Slide Show/Stories of Ecuador Mission** trip-6pm-Old hall
- 3/25/12 Neversink/Grahamsville Fire Departments All you can eat Pancake Breakfast 7 am- 12 noon. (See Pg. 2)
- 3/27/12 Town of Neversink Parks and Recreation 7 pm Town Hall
- 4/3/12 **Grahamsville United Methodist Church Thrift Sale (9am-1pm) & Luncheon (11am-1pm)**
- 4/3/12 Town of Denning Town Board Meeting - Sundown Church Hall 7 pm
- 4/4/12 Town of Neversink Planning Board
- 4/6/12 Town of Neversink Holiday - **GOOD FRIDAY**
- 4/7/12 Sundown Methodist Church **Covered Dish Supper Canceled** - next Supper May 5th
- 4/10/12 Town of Denning Audit/Business Meeting - 7:00 pm Town of Denning Town Hall
- 4/11/12 American Legion Cook Taylor Post 111 **Spaghetti Dinner** 5 -7 pm at Post in Ellenville on Rt. 209
- 4/12/12 Dept. of Motor Vehicles Neversink Town Hall 10:00 am - 2:30 p.m.
- 4/12/12 Claryville Fire District Meeting - 6:30 pm
- 4/17/12 Town of Neversink Board Meeting
- 4/19/12 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals
- 4/21/12 Grahamsville UMC **Thrift Sale only** - 9 am - 1 pm

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

**Save the Dates!**  
June 9, 2012 -11 am - Fund Raising Country Auction sponsored by Time and the Valleys Museum (Fairgrounds)  
July 28, 2012 Time and the Valleys Museum Annual Old Time Fair and BBQ

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

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| GRAHAMSVILLE AUTOMOTIVE  | WOODBOURNE CITGO STATION           | NAPANOCH APPLIANCE     |
| CANNIE D'S               | MO'S GAS STATION (Woodbourne)      | PETER'S MARKET         |
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**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.

difficult times and Larry Parham of Citizen Action NY on Campaign Finance Reform. There will be updates on Federal Issues including ongoing threats to Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid Long Term Care. Bring your concerns, particularly concerning EPIC. SLAC Meetings are FREE and open to all! Call 985-7901 for more information.

**Pastors Bob and Sue to Present Stories and Slide Show from their Equador Mission Trip**

The community is invited to an evening of fellowship for a Pot-Luck Supper, and Pastors Bob and Sue's sharing of stories and slides from their February 2012 Ecuador Volunteers in Mission trip.

The Pot Luck and presentation will take place on Sunday evening, March 25 at the Grahamsville UMC.

Pot Luck supper will be at 5pm in the New Hall. The slideshow will be at 6pm in the Old Hall.

Come and bring a friend! A free will offering will be received. For more information, please call 985-2283.

**VAUDEVILLE in the CATSKILLS**

"Vaudeville in the Catskills" is an historical and hysterical celebration of the Borscht Belt and the Roaring '20's! It is a frolicking, fun variety show produced and directed by Victoria V. Leighton that pays tribute to the Catskill Mountains during the 1920's and to Vaudeville, a form of show business that led the way for American entertainment as well as the evolving Borscht Belt.

The production is sponsored by: The Sullivan County Historical Society and The Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop and is made possible, in part, with funds from the 2012 Decentralization Program, administered by Delaware Valley Arts Alliance. Pre-show entertainment, comedians, dancers, singers and novelty acts are currently rehearsing and will be presented along with an hilarious melodrama - accompanied by live musicians.

Performance dates are Saturday, March 31, 2012 - 7:00pm and Sunday, April 1, 2012 - 2:00pm at The Sullivan County Museum and Cultural Center, 265 Main Street, Hurleyville, NY 12747 Proceeds benefit The Sullivan County Historical Society & The Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop.

For ticket prices and information: Contact: The Sullivan County Historical Society - 845-434-8044 or The Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop - 845-436-5336

**Directs More Funding to Schools and Community Colleges and Provides Tax Relief for Working New Yorkers**

Assemblymember Kevin Cahill (D-Ulster, Dutchess) released the following statement:

"The Assembly's budget plan builds on the progress we made last year by continuing middle class tax cuts and providing new relief for the working families that need it most. We increased education funding by over \$800 mil-

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lion and sent more aid directly to struggling schools to help them effectively to meet the needs of our children.

"Our proposal strengthens our commitment to our public universities and provides for the first increase in community college funding since 2007. SUNY and our community colleges makeup the backbone of New York's economy by providing students with the tools they need to compete in today's economy. These investments will keep higher education accessible and affordable while allowing for reduced class sizes, strengthened programs and the retention of top level faculty.

"In addition to increasing state education aid, the budget commits to freezing county Medicaid costs in order to provide significant property tax relief in the long run. We took additional steps to put more money back in the hands of Hudson Valley residents by permanently eliminating the unfair MTA payroll tax for qualified small businesses and exempting clothing and footwear under \$110 from the state sales tax.

"I look forward to working with my colleagues and the Governor to finalize a spending plan that works for New Yorkers and continues to move our state forward."

**"Date Night"**

- When: Friday, March 30, 2012
- Where: Tri-Valley Elementary School (sign your kids in when dropping them off)
- Time: 5:00p.m.-8:00 p.m.
- Ages: 1<sup>st</sup>- 4<sup>th</sup> grade children who attend Tri-Valley
- There will be a nurse available in case of an emergency.
- Cost: Suggested donation of \$5 to benefit the 9<sup>th</sup> grade class.
- Feel free to send your kids in their pajamas!



**We promise to "tire" out your child!**



• You can drop off your children, go out, and have fun. There will be games, sports, reading, and crafts available for entertainment!  
\*Please return RSVP sheets to the elementary office by Friday, March 23, 2012. Please contact Matt Haynes at [matthewhaynes@trivalleycsd.org](mailto:matthewhaynes@trivalleycsd.org) or 985-2296 x4250 for further information.





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  - 3BR/1BA authentic log cabin on 20+ acs with fpl, skylights, woods that end at the Neversink River. \$299k
  - Spacious 4-5 BR/2BA turnkey colonial on 5+ level acres w/lg sep garage, in quiet Grahamsville n'hood. \$287,000
  - REDUCED 3BR/2BA contemp farmhouse on 100+ acres with spectacular views, 2 ponds, adj to State land, +cottage. \$649k
  - 3BR/2BA Wonderful home privately set on -8 acres with screened gazebo, fireplace, 1 mi to Rondout. \$299,000
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**Knarf's Classic Movie Trivia - North By Northwest (1959) suspense**



An advertising man is mistaken for a spy, triggering an excitingly, deadly, cross-country chase. *Alfred Hitchcock* directed, and starring, *Cary Grant, Eva Marie Saint, James Mason, Leo G. Carroll, Martin Landau, Jessie Royce Landis, Philip Ober, Adam Williams, Josephine Hutchinson,* and *Edward Platt*, the film is the

*quintessential Hitchcock comedy-thriller*. Not knowing why, an ad-man, played by Cary Grant, is chased cross-country by both spies (who think he's a double agent) and the police (who think he's an assassin). Memorable scenes abound, including the now-legendary crop-dusting and Mount Rushmore sequences, making this one of the all-time great films. Filmed in Vista Vision.

See it on TCM this Friday, March 23, 2012, at 12:45 PM, C- 136 min, Rated, TV-PG

**Quiz:**

- A. Name the actor who played the Professor?
- B. Name the actor who played Leonard?

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

**PHOENICIA - A GREAT CAUSE**  
*Phoenicia Author's Book, "UNCHARTED JOURNEY" is available at MAMA'S BOY CAFE & 60 MAIN A COMMUNITY STORE:* This is a piercing story of a couple's courage and tenacity in the face of metastatic breast cancer. For those living with or who love someone with cancer, the Kerns bravely offer us a window into the challenges, triumphs, and losses in dealing with this illness. -Kathleen Bollerud, Ed. D. Licensed Psychologist  
*All book profits go to the Benedictine Hospital Oncology Support Center.*

**PINE HILL - Pine Hill Community Center**  
-In addition to the programming that fills the center every week, there are some special events happening in March. *Brooklyn Storytellers* on the 24th, and the launch of Kid Stuff, a brand new free Saturday series of workshops for kids. Regular office hours are Wed. - Friday 10 is - 5 pm; Sat. 10 Am. -2pm. All activities take place as announced. Pine Hill Community Center, 287 Main St. Pine Hill NY, 12465. (845) 254-5469. [pinehillcommunitycenter.org](http://pinehillcommunitycenter.org).

**FORESTBURGH - June 12 - 24, 2012**  
Do you remember when men were men and women were dames? Then *GUYS AND DOLLS is for you*. The show is loaded with songs that have become American standards, including "Luck Be a Lady" and "Sit Down You're Rockin' the Boat." With great dance and laughs galore-*GUYS AND DOLLS* has it all! Director Norman Duttweiler. Box Office: 845-794-1194

Stay safe,  
Knarf Odbanoc  
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**ANSWER TO KNARF'S MOVIE TRIVIA**

B. Martin Landau  
A. Leo G. Carroll

**RENTALS**

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**Lifeguard - Summer Season**  
Call 845-434-8926

PT position as Front Desk Associate at Frost Valley YMCA available. Friday nights, Saturdays and also on an "as needed" basis. Must be 18 years of age or older. Reliable and responsible person with work experience in a related field is preferred. Must have strong customer service skills, communication and organizational skills. Please send application/resume to Linda Campbell, Director of Human Resources, 2000 Frost Valley Rd., Claryville, NY 12725 or email to [hr@frostvalley.org](mailto:hr@frostvalley.org). 845-985-2291 Ext. 254. EOE 3/22,3/29

**FORSALE**

**Get ready for SRING! 1995 Suzuki GSX 600** Katana Red/Black \$2000 (845) 985-0201.

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