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Watch for the Dragonfly

The Dragonfly Gifts & Flowers Shop is coming to Grahamsville. Louise Dayton will be opening her new gift and flower shop across from the post office on Main Street in Grahamsville on April 15th. The shop will be open from 1-6 pm Thursday through Monday each week. If you wish to order fresh flowers, call Louise at (845) 985-2028.

"The Great Outdoors"-Quilts Celebrating Nature

On Saturday, April 6th, 2013, Morgan Outdoors will unveil its Seventh Annual "The Great Outdoors - Quilts Celebrating Nature" show at 46 Main Street, Livingston Manor, NY. The public is invited to the Opening Reception on April 7th from 12-1 PM. Meet the quilt artists and see the world through their eyes. There's a child-friendly "Eye Spy" game and colorful quilts that make this a wonderful family experience. "The Great Outdoors - Quilts Celebrating Nature" will be on display through May 5th, 2013. Invitational quilter, Susan Balch of Reading VT, often finds inspiration for her quilts through fly fishing experiences. "Trout and salmon jumping the falls is one of nature's most wondrous sights and one of my favorite images" mused Balch. Her work, Jumping Rainbows is featured on the cover of the 2013 Livingston Manor-Roscoe Visitor's Guide. Another recently-completed quilt that will be unveiled in the 2013 show is Katharina Litchman's intense image of a wolf, titled Waya. This unique show, curated by talented quilter Sally Abrams, showcases quilts that celebrate joy in creating from nature's inspiration. There are traditional quilt patterns and abstract designs, large and small. Each quilter 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.

Christ Lutheran Church Prepares Care Packages for our Troops in Honor of MLK Birthday



In Honor of Martin Luther King's Birthday! Christ Lutheran Church of Ellenville, the little white church with a big heart prepared and sent care packages to the troops in Afghanistan. This was done in conjunction with 2 other Lutheran Churches in the Catskills "We call ourselves the CALC"

The Church wishes the troops well; we thank them with all our hearts for keeping us safe and wish them a safe homecoming.

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Liberty Museum Photography Exhibit

Liberty Museum and Arts Center opens it's 2013 season with "Moments", a photography exhibit featuring 3 local photographers, Barbara Ward-Blank and Kathy Lambert of Liberty and Rob Tuttle of Livingston Manor on April 19. The Shows runs April 19 - May 19, with Opening Reception and Artists' Talk: Saturday, April 20, 4 - 6 pm.

Liberty Museum and Arts Center is located at 46 South Main Street, Liberty, NY. Regular gallery hours are Thursday through Saturday from 12-4.

For more information call 845-292-2394.

Neversink Terminal Rolling V Bus Corp Employees Honored by Neversink Fire Department



The Rolling V Bus Corporation Employees of the Neversink Terminal were presented with a plaque of 'Thanks' from the Neversink Fire Department. The presentation was made by lifetime member Wayne Elberth.

On behalf of the Neversink Employees of the Rolling V Bus Corp., Lena Gentile, Terminal Manager

accepted the plaque. "We are all dedicated to the safety of our Community." Congratulations to the Neversink Terminal Rolling V Bus Corporation Employees for a job well done!



Brian Kelting Sworn in as Newest Member of SC Sheriff's Patrol



Brian Kelting of Hankins was recently sworn in by Sullivan County Clerk Dan Briggs as the newest member of the Sheriff's Patrol. Observing the ceremony is Sgt. Luis Alvarez. What is significant about this event is that Deputy Kelting is one of Sgt. Alvarez's former DARE students. Deputy Kelting was in the last class to graduate from Delaware Valley before the school was closed and merged into the Sullivan West School District. Deputy Kelting will start his Police Academy training in Orange County later this month. From left to right, Sgt Alvarez, Deputy Kelting and Dan Briggs.

Decorate with a Living Wreath

LIBERTY- As eco-friendly as they are enchanting, living wreaths can bring a natural beauty to your home, office, or garden. On Tuesday April 9, 2013, Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) Sullivan County's Master Gardener program will offer a hands-on event from 5:30 to 7:30 pm in which participants will create their own stunning living wreaths to take home. The event will be held at the Gerald J. Skoda Extension Education Center on 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road in Liberty.

Marian Dolan, from Butterfly Botanicals, alongside several Master Gardeners, will demonstrate how to select appropriate plants, construct, and care for a wreath that has the potential to last many years. Dolan will bring an assortment of plants to choose from and all materials are covered by a registration fee of \$40. Class capacity is limited so registration must be accompanied by payment in advance by calling 845-292-6180. Note that refunds will not be made.

Contact Susan Dollard, Master Gardener Coordinator at CCE, with any questions about this workshop or the Master Gardener program by email at smd243@cornell.edu.



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ON THE FRONT BURNER: Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven.
Luke 19:38

OBITUARY

Eugene Ganz, 85, 85, of Divine Corners, NY, passed away at Catskill Regional Medical Center on March 20, 2013. He was the son of the late Sam and Anna Ganz.

Gene is survived by his wife, Lorraine at home; son Warren and his wife, Martha of Miami, FL; son, Jay of Divine Corners; granddaughter, Melissa and grandson, Sam; sister, Lila Millstein of Boca Raton, FL; and several cousins, nieces, nephews and life-long friends.

He was in the U.S. Army until 1948 and a member of the 35th Station Hospital Alumni Association.

Gene graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree from Cornell University. He was a retired electronics instructor at Woodbourne Correctional Facility, small resort operator and poultry farmer.

Gene served on the Sullivan County BOCES Board representing the Tri-Valley District for 41 years. He was also a member of the Tri-Valley Lions since 1977, once serving as zone 2 region VI chairman.

Funeral arrangements were handled by Joseph N. Garlick Funeral Home, 388 Broadway in Monticello on Friday, March 22nd.

Days of Yore... ...Today's History

April 1, 1953 - Miss Dorothy Nora Murray, daughter of Mr. Floyd G. Murray and the late Mrs. Murray of Grand Gorge, was married Sunday to Mr. Raymond Muthig, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Muthig of Parksville in the Methodist Church at Grahamsville. The Rev. Howard F. West officiated. Mrs. Muthig graduated from Middletown High School and attended the Community College at Middletown. Mr. Muthig is now serving in the Armed forces and is stationed at Fort Dix.

Mrs. Elizabeth C. Mentnech, 66, died March 20th at Hamilton Avenue Hospital. Born March 16, 1887 at Ulster Hts., Mrs. Mentnech was the daughter of Michael and Zeltha Houghtaling Kless. She was married April 10, 1912 to Michael Mentnech. Surviving are three sons, Adelbert, Arthur and Leo; one daughter, Mrs. Gertrude Cross; two sisters, Mrs. Laura Caston and Mrs. Cynthia Wood; two brothers, Peter and Charles Kless.

March 27, 1963 - Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Turner will celebrate their 26th wedding anniversary on March 28th. Also having anniversaries are Mr. and Mrs. Ross Bonnell, 21 years on the 28th and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Muthig, 10 years on the 29th.

William George, 79, died on March 24th at Liberty Loomis Hospital. A long time resident of Liberty, he was by occupation in the awning and tent business. Mr. George was born November 4, 1883 in the Town of Denning, the son of Helwick and Lena Veit George. He was married in Claryville to the late Bertha Bennett. Known as Liberty's weatherman, William George led an interesting life. In 1905-06 he was a school teacher at Fort Shapiro in Montana where he taught the Indians. He was a former tax collector of Liberty and a former supervisor there. Surviving are two brothers, John N. George of Briscoe and Herbert L. George of Sundown and several nieces and nephews.

March 28, 1973 - Miss Elizabeth Deagle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon LeRoy of Neversink, has been notified that she has received a Presidential Scholarship amounting to \$500 from Marist College in Poughkeepsie.

Evelyn Hill Huntsberger's poem, "The Eagle", is featured in the current issue of Warblings, the bulletin of the Sullivan County Audubon Society. This poem was first published in the Alchemist III, the third poetry booklet of the local Alchemist Society.

March 31, 1983 - Five Tri-Valley Middle School students were nominated for inclusion in the book "Outstanding Young Artists in American Elementary Schools". Listed in

the book, which came out during the winter of 1982 were Christopher Ambrosino, Dana Black, Tammy Edwards, Mark Rosenshein and Valerie Williams. The listing included a brief biography of each student along with a sample of their art work.

Robin and Wayne Joray are the proud parents of a girl, born on March 19th. Sara weighed in at 6 lbs. Congratulation to the happy family.

SUNY Ulster Celebrates Cultural Diversity on April 17 with Autism Advocate Speaker

SUNY Ulster will celebrate cultural diversity with an event on April 17 featuring best-selling author, autism advocate and motivational speaker Jesse Saperstein. The annual event from 1 to 2:30 p.m., in the College Lounge, also will feature college speakers on diversity, entertainment, refreshments and art recognitions.

Saperstein will speak on his personal experiences with Asperger's Syndrome (AS), and share his challenges and successes in coping in the real world. His best-seller, "Atypical: Life with Asperger's in 20 1/3 Chapters, chronicles his journey conquering the 2,174 mile Appalachian Trail.

The program also will include remarks on cultural diversity by SUNY Ulster President Dr. Donald C. Katt; Dr. Miho Iwazaki, Professor of Sociology, Coordinator of Psychology and Department Chair Social Sciences; and Jesse Hicks, Student Government President.

Art students will be recognized for their diversity posters. Winners of the contest are: Thomas McGovern of New Paltz for his Diversity Blue Sign; Katarina Harvey of Ulster Park, Diversity Bottle; Ricardo Castro of High Falls, for two designs, iCulture and Fetus Flower; and Regina Castiglione of Saugerties for Diversity as Two Words.

SUNY Ulster students Moria Gainer of Esopus and Stephanie Mallia of Accord, accompanied by Leland Gurrieri of Kingston on piano, will sing Michael Jackson's "Man in the Mirror."

SUNY Ulster Cultural Diversity Day is free and open to the public. Refreshments, donated by the Student Government Organization, will be served. Poster contest prizes were donated by the College Bookstore. For more information on the event, call (845) 687-5262.

SUNY Ulster Wins Two Educational Advertising Awards

SUNY Ulster has won two Educational Advertising Awards from the Higher Education Marketing Report for design of an online logo and radio advertisement.

The college was recognized in the category of 2,000 4,999 students with a gold award for the logo created by B. Robert Johnson, director of printing and graphics, and a silver for the radio spot on summer classes created by Deborah Kaufman, coordinator, marketing and media services.

In its 28th year, the Educational Advertising Awards is the largest educational advertising awards competition in the country. This year, close to 3,000 entries were received from more than 1,000 colleges, universities and secondary schools from all 50 states and several foreign countries.

ASK Regional Juried Show, Juror: Christie Scheele

There will be an Opening Reception, Saturday, April 6th, 5 - 8 PM of the ASK Regional Juried Show that will run from April 6th - April 27th.

Entree: \$20 Members/ \$30 Non-Members, up to 2 pieces, \$5 per extra entries
Drop-Off: April 2, Pick-Up: April 30 (1-5:30 pm)

**HAPPY
EASTER**

A Round About Tri-Valley

- Carol Furman

The Cub Scouts' Blue and Gold Dinner was held on Saturday, March 16th at the Neversink Fire House. Four Weeblos received the Arrow of Light Award, the highest achievement in Cub Scouting. About seventy-five people attended the dinner.

Eugene Ganz from Divine Corners Road in Loch Sheldrake passed away on March 20th. He was 85. Gene was very active in the Tri-Valley community for many, many years. He will be missed by his family and friends. Sympathy is extended to his wife, Lorraine, a retired Tri-Valley teacher, and to his sons.

Jennifer Comfort, a Tri-Valley graduate, was named to the Dean's List at SUNY New Paltz. Jennifer is a Geology major.

Community Holy Week Services will be held this week. The Grahamsville Methodist Church will celebrate Maundy Thursday with a service on March 28th beginning at 7:00 pm. On Friday, March 29th, the Good Friday service will be held at the Claryville Reformed Church beginning at 7:00 pm. All are invited to attend.

Twelve Sullivan County winter athletic teams earned New York State Public High School Association distinction as Scholar/Athlete teams. Among those receiving this recognition were the Tri-Valley Girls' Indoor Track Team, the Tri-Valley Girls' Basketball Team and the Tri-Valley Boys' Indoor Track Team. Each received an award for achieving an accumulative grade point average of 90 or above. Congratulations!

Reminder: The Grahamsville Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Saturday, March 30th from 11:00 - 1:00 at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds. Rain or shine, or should I say, snow or shine!

Villa Roma Fun Day, sponsored by Neversink Parks and Rec is scheduled for Saturday, May 11th. If you plan to attend \$10. Residents/\$30. Non-residents must be paid no later than Tuesday, March 26th

A beginning dance/movement class is being planned for little girls ages 3-7 beginning in April. The class will be held on Saturday mornings at the Stone House in Hasbrouck and will be taught by Alana Sherman. If you and your child might be interested, contact Alana at shermanalana@yahoo.com. If enough are interested, Alana could schedule another class to be held from 4:00 - 5:00 pm on a week day.

The Grahamsville Reformed Church welcomed five new members into their congregation on Palm Sunday and baptized two children. An informal luncheon was held following the morning worship service.

The first day of Passover is March 26th and Easter Sunday is March 31st. Celebrate with you family!

Words of Wisdom: Discipline is like broccoli. We may not care for it ourselves, but feel sure it would be good for everybody else. (Bill Vaughan)

Spring Gardening- 'Getting Your Garden Ready for Spring' Seminar

[FERNDALE] - Sullivan Renaissance will hold a seminar on "Getting Your Garden Ready for Spring" on Wednesday, April 3 at 7:00 p.m. at the CVI Center in Ferndale. The seminar is free and open to the public.

"Getting Your Garden Ready for Spring" will be taught by Master Gardener Coordinator Susan Dollard and a team of Master Gardeners from Cornell Cooperative Extension of Sullivan County.

The seminar will cover spring garden chores, soil testing to get the garden off to a healthy start and care of garden tools.

Bring your enthusiasm and questions! Sullivan Renaissance staff will also be available to talk about the Renaissance Collection.

Susan Dollard is the Master Gardener Program Coordinator/Community Educator for Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County. A Sullivan County native, she taught for many years in the Monticello Central School District and holds a degree in art education and a masters degree in education. She worked as a floral designer and is a mixed media artist.

Pre-registration is requested. Refreshments will be provided. For more information or to register, contact Sullivan Renaissance at www.sullivanrenaissance.org or 845-295-2445.

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Bullying: Still an Issue -Shannon Smith

When students enter high school, they are told that it is a bully free zone. The teachers and staff try to make the learning place a comfortable, safe environment where a student feels welcomed. They are promised to be treated nicely, by everyone. But that is not the case for some students.

"Some people believe that bullying is not such a big deal." Says senior Dylan Jones. "But in reality, it is a big deal."

Although many schools are aware of bullying, and will not tolerate it, students still experience it throughout their high school career. All students just want to feel like they belong to a school, and can be who they are without being picked on or verbally abused by others. But with some students, bullying prevents them from opening up and experiencing a good four years of their life. Over 3.2 million students are victims of bullying each year, according to dosomething.org. With the right help, and support from family and schools, bullying can be prevented.

During this month, Tri-Valley student's grades 7 through 12 were gathered in the theatre to watch a video called *The Pledge*. Produced by Camfel Productions, *The Pledge* is a video about bullying and other negative teen pressures and how every student can make a difference in the world around them. This production video challenges students to stand up together to build up others, rather than bring them down. This video sent a message to all of the students at Tri-Valley, that bullying is not right, and no one deserves to feel like they are nothing. Although students everywhere experience bullying, there are many people who are fighting to end bullying permanently.

ED NOTES: Shannon Smith is a senior at Tri-Valley. Shannon is exploring the career of journalism and has a passion for writing. She intends to major in journalism when she attends college next year.

4-H Connects Youth to Coin Collecting

LIBERTY, NY- A hobby or collection can be the basis of a wonderful 4-H Project for youth of any age, potentially serving as a long term project that grows and becomes refined over the years. Coin collecting, the collecting of minted legal tender, is among one of the most popular. The Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County 4-H Program welcomes Dennis Muthig, a local coin collector, on Friday April 12, 2013 from 6:30 to 8 pm in presenting an overview of the "Art and Science of Collecting Coins". Guidelines on gathering, organizing, appraising, updating, and displaying your collection will be among the topics covered. This program will be conducted at the Gerald J. Skoda Extension Education Center on 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road in Liberty, NY.

Youth can participate in a hands-on activity after the presentation, by bringing 10 pennies from home. There will also be a contest for the oldest coin (any denomination) that is brought in to the workshop. Mr. Muthig will be available to offer advice on how to get collections started from there.

The program is free and open to all ages. Pre-registration is required to ensure adequate supplies by calling 845-292-6180.

Household Hints

Spring Cleaning? Whiten your grout

Has the grout between the tiles of your shower or bathtub enclosure become stained or discolored? Restore it to its original shade of white by using a toothbrush dipped in undiluted white vinegar to scrub away the dinginess.

Nature Column - Linda Comando

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

Who Is the Easter Bunny?

On the threshold of Easter one may ask is the Easter Bunny a rabbit or a hare?

The religious content of Easter is relatively easy to explain and understand. The holiday's substance starts to blur however, when it comes to a certain anthropomorphized bunny, baskets, pastel colors, and eggs. There's far too much in this semantic basket to tackle; tasty morsels for Noam Chompsky!



A hare



Rabbits

Let's start with the crucial question "what's the difference between a rabbit and a hare, and of course, a bunny?"

They look very similar, but in fact they belong to absolutely different species. Their behavior and style of life are totally different. They even prefer different food!

The hare is of the Genus/Genera, Lepus. They are mammals and give birth on the ground or dig a hollow place. They can give birth to up to five young at one time. They feed at night and at dawn. They thump on the ground to alert danger. Hares are brownish gray with a white belly.

Rabbits are of the Genus/Genera Pentalagus, Bunolagus, Nesolagus, Romerolagus, Brachylagus, Sylvilagus, Oryctolagus, or Poelagus Rabbits (a/k/a bunnies) and are small mammals. The rabbit's long ears can be more than 10 cm (4 in) long and they have large powerful hind legs.

Like hares, rabbits are in the family Leporidae of the order Lagomorpha.

The difference between rabbits and hares appears at the moment they are born. Baby rabbits are called kittens and baby hares are called leverets.

Hares can give birth to up to five young at one time. Hares are born fully furred. The leverets are able to see and are capable of independent movement. They can live on their own after one hour from their birth giving their mothers the freedom to leave them on the bare ground and hop away soon after the babies are born.

Rabbits are born completely helpless, naked and blind. A rabbit's mother is much more careful and protective of her children. She has a nest that is lined with grass, bark and soft stems. Over this is a layer of hair plucked from her own body. When 'mother rabbit' leaves the nest, she covers the bunnies with more hair and dead plants to keep them warm and hidden from enemies.

Hares are generally larger than rabbits, and have longer hind legs and longer ears with characteristic black markings. The skulls of rabbits and hares are also different. A rabbit's fur coat remains its color year-round, while hares change color from grayish brown in summer to white in winter.

Rabbits and hares have different diets, too. Rabbits prefer soft stems, grass or vegetables, while hares eat more hard food: bark and rind, buds, small twigs and shoots.

Rabbits usually live in burrows or tunnels in the ground, where they prefer to stay during daylight hours. They try to keep hidden. Hares on the other hand, always stay on the surface among plants and usually try to escape enemies by running.

Rabbits are very social animals; they live in colonies. Male rabbits will fight within a group to become the dominant male. The dominant male rabbit then mates with most of the females in the area. The opposite is true of hares that live most of the time by themselves. They come together in pairs for mating only. There is almost no fighting among hares - they just pair off.

The word hare most possibly comes from the West Germanic word *khasan* or Dutch *hase*, meaning, "gray." It was the German immigrants who brought with them the traditions of Kriss Kringle and the Easter hare. The night before Easter children would find a quiet corner in their house and make a nest out of clothing for the Easter hare to come lay eggs, the origin of the Easter basket. The word bunny, a 17th century term of endearment was a bit more fuzziy and cuddlier and was substituted as a diminutive form for young and small animals.

And the word rabbit, until the 18th century rabbits were called coneys, based on the French *cunil*, shortened from the Latin *cuniculus*. "Rabbit" first referred to the young of coneys until eventually the word took over in popularity. Incidentally, this is also the origin of the name Coney Island or Rabbit Island, one of the only references to coney that is still used in North America.

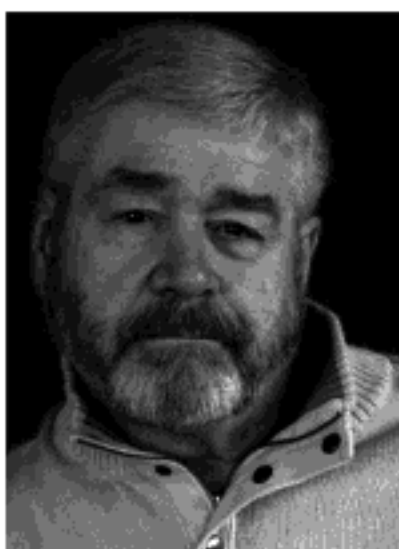
Ironically, the opening of Coney Island is particularly significant this year considering the damage the area took during Hurricane Sandy. The park's official opening day was Sunday when Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz began with the annual egg cream christening of the Cyclone!

All signs of Spring!

It is amazing that the Mother Nature has created such different in the two animals, the rabbit and the hare, and yet they look so similar.

And yet, the question of who the Easter Bunny really is still remains. Is he a rabbit or a hare?

Mysterious Book Report No. 90 by John Dwaine McKenna



All my life, I've had a fascination with and a thirst for knowledge of the great conflagration and tragedy known as World War II. Could be it's because I was born just a year after the end of it . . . and perhaps because my father and most of his generation, the fathers of friends and schoolmates were veterans of it, that I grew up with constant reminders of the war. It's not the most recent war, but it's the last one that the United States fought to win, no holds barred, no quarter asked or given, until the unconditional surrender of all of the belligerents opposing the U.S. and its allies. And maybe the reason World War II holds such fascination for many of us is because somewhere, back in the most antediluvian corners of our subconscious brains, we're afraid history might repeat itself. War on a world-wide scale might happen again . . . and we may even be in the preliminary stages right now. But for whatever reason, I've always read anything having to do with WW II that I could put my hands on. This week's MBR No. 90 Prague Fatale, (Marion Wood Putnam, \$26.95, 400 pages, ISBN 978-03969-15902-2) by Phillip Kerr is such a book. It's historical fiction, written from the point of view of Bernie Gunther, a Berlin homicide investigator. It's 1941, America hasn't yet entered the war, and commissar Bernhard Gunther, a twenty-year veteran detective in the Berlin police investigative unit known as Kripo, has just returned to Berlin from the eastern front. Sick and disillusioned at what he saw and was forced to do there, he finds that the police department has been co-opted by the Nazi's . . . he's contemplating suicide as the novel begins.

Bernie is hunting a killer who attacks his female victims at railway stations when he thwarts an apparent assault and rape in progress. He chases the perpetrator and sees him collide with a taxi cab before losing him in the dark. Helping the victim, he's drawn into an affair with her that deepens with each chapter . . . but also draws him ever-deeper into the hunt for Czech terrorists known as 'the three kings.'

But Kripo is under the control of Nazi party member and SS General Reinhard Heydrich, the newly named Reichsprotector of Bohemia, which includes all of Austria and Czechoslovakia, and is headquartered in the city of Prague. Convinced that he's targeted for assassination, Heydrich plucks Bernie Gunther from Berlin, bringing him to Prague to serve as his personal bodyguard. The troubled detective finds himself surrounded by the top echelons of the German high command, each of whom has personal influence with the highest levels of the Nazi leadership, as well as personal disputes with each other. When a murder occurs on the first night he arrives, everyone is suspect.

This novel is so full of historic characters, intrigue, suspense, danger and accurate period detail that it's impossible to comment on all of them in the allocated space of this column, but they're all woven together so well, with such deftness, that Prague Fatale is one of the best World War II novels to come along in a long, long time. If you like intricate, well-crafted and thought provoking books, you don't want to miss this one. Yeah, it's that good!

Have you been down to your local library yet? Have a library card? That's great, because for those of you who choose to read Prague Fatale and want to know what is so troubling about duty in the eastern provinces that would leave hard-boiled homicide detective contemplating suicide, I recommend the following: Ordinary Men, Reserve Police Battalion 101 and The Final Solution in Poland by Christopher Browning. It's non-fiction that reads like a Cormac McCarthy or Stephen King horror novel. I read it for Holocaust remembrance month five years ago and I still think about it. Ask a librarian to request it from interlibrary loan. It's not for the squeamish

And hey: give us a shout-out at: johndwainemckenna.com and rhyolitepress.com we'd love to hear from you. And, please don't forget to like us on Facebook and Twitter. If you look us up by name on your Kindle eReader, you'll find ten of the best-loved stories from The Neversink Chronicles are now available there for just 99 cents each. Whatta bargain! See you all next week with a brand-new and just out of the box Mysterious Book Report. --JDM

Liberty to Induct One New Member to the Wall of Fame

Alumni Glenn Zurawski, M.D., M.P.A. (Class of 1969) will be the sole inductee to the Liberty Central School District Wall of Fame this June. Zurawski joins 15 fellow inductees who were selected over the past two years, since the Wall's inception in 2011.

Zurawski, an anesthesiologist and surgeon, was devoted to the care of high-risk newborn children, focusing on intricate neo-natal anesthesia. He was instrumental in the development of new surgical

anesthesia technologies within this specialty and worked closely with the original inventor of the infant respirator to develop an updated version of this life saving technology.

Mr. Zurawski's work has been published in the New England Journal of Medicine as well as leading anesthesiology medical journals. In addition, Mr. Zurawski established a new surgery center at Mills Memorial Hospital in San Francisco, serving as medical director from 1983-1995, and established one of the first pain control clinics in the San Francisco Bay Peninsula region. Mr. Zurawski passed away in March of 2012.

The Wall of Fame was created by the Board of Education as a way to honor Liberty alumni, past employees and community members who have made a lasting and outstanding contribution to society and to the Liberty community.

Altogether, eight nominations were submitted on behalf of potential candidates. Mr. Zurawski was chosen by the Wall of Fame Selection Committee, which is made up of individuals who represent various stakeholders associated with the Liberty Central School District and the Liberty community.

Mr. Zurawski and his family will be honored at a breakfast reception on June 22, which is also graduation day for seniors. "Each nominee is fascinating and worthy of consideration," said event coordinator and Assistant Superintendent Carol Napolitano. "However, the committee felt that Mr. Zurawski's accomplishments stood out and were particularly exceptional."

The Liberty Central School District Wall of Fame is located in the lobby of the David E. Panebaker Auditorium at Liberty High School. More information as well as complete biographies of all inductees can be found at www.libertytk12.org.

Landscape Design Expert Darrel Morrison to Speak on "Landscape Design as Ecological Art" at SUNY Ulster Event is part of Elizabeth Gross Lecture Series

Acclaimed landscape design expert Darrel Morrison will give a presentation on "Landscape Design as Ecological Art," on April 16 as part of the Elizabeth Gross Lecture Series. The event will start at 2 p.m. in the College Lounge, Vanderlyn Hall. The annual horticultural series is made possible through a bequest received by the Ulster Garden Club from long-time member and Kingston resident, Elizabeth Gross.

Morrison will speak on native plants with an emphasis on the plantings at the Storm King Art Center in Mountainville, New York. The presentation will also include slides of the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center in Austin, Texas, where he served as Senior Landscape Planner and Designer.

Morrison taught at the University of Wisconsin and is professor and dean emeritus at the University of Georgia College of Environment and Design. He is currently an adjunct faculty member at Columbia University's Master of Science in Landscape Design degree program.

Morrison has done ecological design and restoration work for the New York and Brooklyn Botanical Gardens among other gardens across the country. He guest taught at Rutgers University, Utah State University, University of Michigan, Conway School of Landscape and Design, and at the University of Sao Paulo in Brazil.

He has won numerous awards for his work in horticulture design, landscape architecture, and preserving native plants. They include teaching and design awards from the American Horticultural Society, the Hutchison Medal from the Chicago Horticultural Society, and the Merit Award for the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center.

Offered through the Ulster Community College Foundation, Inc., the series presents expert lecturers in the field of horticulture, floriculture, landscape design, forestry, city planning, land management, botany, conservation and environmental studies.

The Ulster Community College Foundation, Inc. is a not-for-profit corporation that provides enhanced educational and cultural opportunities at SUNY Ulster. Fundraising initiatives support scholarships, arts and culture, technology and innovation in academic programs. The event is free and open to the public. To make reservations, call the Foundation office at (845) 687-5283.

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The Olive Jar - Carol LaMonda

Paper or Plastic?

The Olive Town Board passed a resolution (3-2) to request designation of the Route 28 corridor as a Scenic By-way. Shandaken passed the same resolution at its last meeting. Discussion and public hearings have gone on for five years with the guidelines evolving along the way.

A resolution, in fact the same one passed in Shandaken, that expressed opposition to the New York Safe Act, was tabled (3-2) at Olive's last Town Board Meeting after being introduced by Peter Friedel. Opponents of the gun control law, mostly male and many imported from out of town, expressed their fear that the law was illegal under the Second Amendment and would be "a slippery slope" that might take away their gun rights. Rather than vote in support of or against the resolution which would only serve to produce divisive arguments with no recourse, the vote to table was enacted since the Town had no jurisdiction or power to change the law. Three members expressed their decision to table the motion since the Town Board did not presume the right to speak on the behalf of all the town's citizenry. Those wishing to amend or repeal the Safe Act were advised to contact their State Representatives with personal opinions and suggestions.

So many issues are personal and divisive. Abortion rights, same-sex marriage, educational policies, capital punishment, unionization, term limits, energy sources, civil rights, and child raising techniques can be argued and debated. Rarely do the minds on conflicting issues compromise. Instead, much effort goes into defending the individual's "right" position. When a town, or club, family or friends take sides of such issues over which there is no resolution, nothing gets accomplished but spikes in blood pressure and hard feelings.

Since I have been treading on some sensitive ground, I would like to end with a lighter personal choice. A man I know well, John, was asked at the local supermarket, "Sir, paper or plastic?" Befuddled with the choices, he replied, "I guess paper. I am paying in cash."

When presented with choices, we humans have to realize that we do not all make the same choice, but we all, as Americans, have to respect the choices of others to safeguard the freedom to have our own beliefs.



RESERVOIR MUSIC NOTES- Fred Perry-Owner of Reservoir Music Center 711 Route 28, Kingston, NY 12401

This is shaping up to be a great summer for music! Touring this Spring and Summer are Eric Clapton, The Rolling Stones, Fleetwood Mac, The Black Crowes, Tom Petty and The Heartbreakers, Further, and The Eagles. I'm sure we'll hear more announcements, but I'd say that's pretty impressive, so far!

Also impressive, is the talent of a young guitarlinger whom I recently mentioned here, one Michael Johnson, of Grahamsville, NY! Michael is 17 now, and has been playing guitar since he was 9! Michael's father has been taking him to open mics since he was 12, where he's impressed the likes of Slam Allen, John and Chris Reddan, and just about everyone who's heard him play! Slam Allen said Michael plays better than most adult guitarists!

Michael loves the Blues, and his strongest influences are Jimi, Stevie Ray, Vernon Reid, and similar like-minded players. He can play anything he puts his mind to, and this week performed an acoustic version of Eric Clapton's "Tears in Heaven" with his school orchestra, at the orchestra leader's request! The electric Blues is where Michael shines though, and where he gets to really wail and put his heart and soul into his playing. It's where he gets to really cut loose and play from the heart!

Michael has won Battles of the Bands with throw together rhythm sections and no rehearsing! That's how good he is! His classmates at Tri-Valley High School voted him "Most Musical" and he's performed with the school jazz band and orchestra many times.

Now, I have been playing with Michael myself a bit lately, and I've stretched his limits by making him play Rockabilly, Country, and roots Rock n Roll, and he's stepped up and played those styles beautifully, even though his heart longs for the Blues!

Michael is currently working on developing his vocal style so he'll be in a position to lead his own band soon!

Keep an eye out for this youngster. He just might be the next young guitar star to bend his way into your consciousness, and you will sit up and take notice!

Michael graduates from Tri-Valley this year, and after graduation, will have the time to fully devote himself to his music career. I expect you'll be hearing from him soon.

Now for this week's live music picks.

Wednesday, March 27 - We start the week with a couple of Americana biggies. First, at The Beacon Theater in Manhattan, an all star bill with EMMY-LOU HARRIS, RODNEY CROWELL, and RICHARD THOMPSON! These three together bring quite a bit of star power to the Beacon. I wonder if they'll play together. My guess is yes! At Joe's Pub downtown, we find one of the Masters of the Telecaster, former Commander Cody guitarist, BILL KIRCHEN, holding court.

Thursday, March 28 - The critically acclaimed NICK CAVE AND THE BAD SEEDS will bring their huge cult following with them to The Beacon Theater tonight, and again on Friday and Saturday. Their music has been described by New Musical

Express as "gothic psycho-sexual apocalypse" music, so if that sounds good to you, go check them out!

Friday, March 29 - Former Pixie, Kim Deal, has reunited her spin off band, THE BREEDERS, for a 20th anniversary tour commemorating their album, "Last Splash". Called LSXX, for obvious reasons, the original line up has come together and will be performing that album in it's entirety on this tour, which arrives at The Bell House in Brooklyn, tonight!

Saturday, March 30 - Two very important shows tonight, one upstate, one downstate. At BB King's in Manhattan, the reunited MOVING SIDEWALKS, Billy Gibbons' band before ZZ Top, will be playing one show, and upstate, at Club Helsinki in Hudson, one of our finest singer/songwriters, TODD SNIDER, pulls into town. Both these shows are highly recommended!

Sunday, March 31 - Former Texas gubernatorial candidate, and leader of The Texas Jewboys, KINKY FRIEDMAN, will bring his cigar smokin', foot stompin', sarcastic but hilarious music into City Winery in Manhattan tonight.

Monday, April 1 - THE ROLLING STONES will be playing a double bill with the re-united BEATLES at The Bearsville Theater in Woodstock tonight. PSYCH! April Fool! We can dream, can we not? Don't forget to tune in to John Madeo's Little Delaware Jamboree tonight at 8:30 for my regular radio segment on WIOX, 91.3 FM, or online at www.wioxradio.org.

Tuesday, April 2 - Pick of the Week! THE BLACK CROWES return from hiatus with two shows at The Capitol Theatre in Port Chester, tonight and Wednesday. These guys have become one of America's best rock bands, and the only band to utilize open tunings as well as The Stones' Keith Richards. Well, maybe not as well, but close, very, very close!

If you can't make it to The Crowes, console yourself with Old 97's frontman, RHETT MILLER, at City Winery in Manhattan!

Wednesday, April 3 - More CROWES at The Cap, and a very unusual show at The Cutting Room in Manhattan. Original Sex Pistols' bassist, GLEN MATLOCK, has teamed up with original Ramones' drummer, Tommy Erdelyi/ Ramone (who has been playing Bluegrass music in recent years) for who knows what kind of music! Any way you look at it, this should be an interesting night. Recommended. Also recommended, extremely influential Arizona band, THE MEAT PUPPETS, who counted Kurt Cobain, Soundgarden, Pavement, and Dinosaur Jr. as fans, start a two day run at The Mercury Lounge in Manhattan. Tonight's show is an early one, starting at 6:30. Tomorrow at 9:30.

Thursday, April 4 - In Woodstock, THE LINDSEY WEBSTER BAND begins a month long Thursday night residency at The Bearsville Theater. Their shows here in the past have become a fun night with friends and good music, and April's shows should continue this tradition.

Have a great week!

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"There is nothing more important to me than the health and safety of the children of Ulster County," said County Executive Hein. "In this era of decreasing State and Federal aid for mental health services, we must continually look for new alternatives to continue high quality care. In fact, by utilizing innovative solutions, we have already successfully preserved and enhanced treatment for children. I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge Astor Services for Children and Families (Astor), the gold standard for children's mental health services in the Hudson Valley, for not only delivering high quality care to the children and families of Ulster County, but for now offering new services that were unavailable in the past, when County government was the provider. Today, in addition to providing all of the clinical services Ulster County had offered, Astor is providing Spanish-speaking clinicians. Also, Astor provides "open access intakes and crisis response" whereby any child can be brought to a clinic and be seen that day, rather than waiting up to three weeks for an appointment. Astor is proving its commitment to our community."

As the County Executive looked to identify additional areas for improvement, he consulted with educators like Ulster County Legislative Minority Leader Dave Donaldson, BOCES District Superintendent Dr. Charles Khoury, mental health professionals and many others to formulate a plan to further address the mental health needs of the County's children. It was determined that it was critical to review each community's needs and available services.

Because schools are increasingly functioning as community centers and are well positioned to provide access to services, BOCES became an ideal partner to work with the Ulster County Department of Mental Health (UCDMH) to conduct this assessment. County Executive Hein therefore directed the UCDMH to coordinate with BOCES on a comprehensive program to assess and address the mental health needs of Ulster County's families and children and evaluate a school-based clinic strategy. The County Executive said, "With the data they gather, UCDMH and BOCES can work with clinical partners to enhance evidence-based programs that deliver results."

Ulster County Legislative Minority Leader Dave Donaldson said, "The Democratic Caucus in conjunction with the County Executive has strongly advocated for an increased focus on the availability of mental health services in our children's schools and we are pleased to support this new partnership. As an educator I know first hand how important school based mental health services are in ensuring a safe and healthy learning environment for all our students."

"Our schools are truly on the front lines of today's most pressing health and mental health challenges. County Executive Hein has asked our department to initiate a comprehensive mental health needs and resource assessment, which will include an analysis of the most cost effective options for enhancing school, and family, mental health prevention and treatment services. It is a positive and proactive approach designed to coordinate government and community efforts that can help ensure the safety and well-being of our children and all who serve them," said Dr. Carol Smith, Ulster County Commissioner of Health and Mental Health.

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With Nearly 1.8 Million New Yorkers Earning Minimum Wage or Just Above, Gillibrand Announces new Push to Increase Federal Minimum Wage

Washington, D.C. - With nearly 1.8 million New Yorkers earning the minimum wage or just above this rate - roughly 20 percent of all workers across the state -- U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand today announced a new effort to increase the federal minimum wage from \$7.25 an hour to \$10.10 over the next three years, with future increases indexed to the rate of inflation. Senator Gillibrand is pushing to pass the Fair Minimum Wage Act of 2013, legislation she is an orig-

inal co-sponsor of that would boost the incomes of an estimated 1.8 million New York workers, according to the Economic Policy Institute, and generate an estimated \$3.2 billion in wage increases for New York workers, sparking new consumer spending at New York businesses.

"It is simply unacceptable to have so many hard working New Yorkers putting in full-time hours to provide for their families and yet still living below the poverty line," Senator Gillibrand said. "By raising the minimum wage and rewarding hard work, not only can more families raise themselves into the into the middle class, but we can grow the economy. (Contd. Pg. 10)



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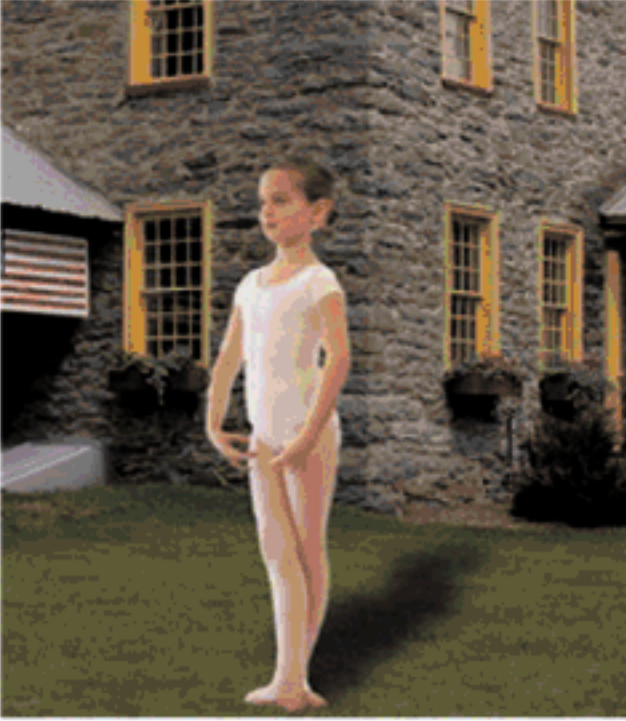
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Spring Ballet Classes at Hasbrouck Old Stone House



The 18th-century Old Stone House of Hasbrouck -- today a vibrant community arts and education center -- will this spring offer dance classes for youngsters aged 3-10. The classes will be taught by local resident and certified Dance Therapist Alana Sherman, who has been teaching for more than 30 years. Having studied ballet since she was 12, she focused much of her

professional attention on the benefits of that graceful art form. Her one-hour classes begin at 10:15 am Saturday, April 13, and continue on the seven subsequent Saturdays. The last class is scheduled for June 1. "These will be no-pressure beginner classes," said Ms. Sherman, "without competition or enormous expectations. The main point will be to learn about ballet, and have lots of fun dancing." The classes will, however, follow the customary ballet class structure -- warm-up exercises, then use of the horizontal railing known as the barre, plus so-called "center" work, with students learning how to adjust their positions and movements in relationship to all their classmates. Tuition for each student is \$10 per class, or \$65 for all eight sessions. The children of Old Stone House members get a 20% discount. Depending on overall class progress, a short ballet recital for family and friends may be scheduled in June. For complete information and registration, email Alana Sherman at sherman_alana@yahoo.com, or by phone at 845-436-0070.

Auditions for GREASE!
 Auditions for GREASE! (The Musical) will be held at STS Playhouse on Tuesday, April 2nd at 7pm. Try out for one of America's favorite musicals! GREASE! is being directed by Laurie Sepe-Marder and will run for three consecutive weekends beginning on May 31st. STS Playhouse is located at 10 Church Street, Phoenicia, NY. For more information go to our website STSPlayhouse.com, visit our Face Book page or send an email to : ArtisticDirector@STSPlayhouse.com

Rick Altman and David Oliver to Perform an Electric Blend of Original Compositions
 Rick Altman and David Oliver will perform an eclectic blend of original compositions for marimba and vibraphone on April 6, at the Pine Hill Community Center at 7 pm. \$5. The music is inspired by many sources including improvised new music, jazz, folk, and ethnic world musics. David's compositions are heavily influenced by ska, reggae, Indian, Turkish, Latin, and classical music. Rick's compositions borrow more from the traditional jazz and new age modal jazz as well as samba and salsa. Along with their compositional skills these artists are extremely gifted performers. Both musicians have decades of experience performing many styles of music. David calls the result "a wonderful percussive musical experience and an acoustical adventure to be enjoyed by all. Most of this music has only rarely been performed on these instruments, and that adds to the excitement". Rick Altman, a vibraphone and marimba player, as well as a composer, spent his early life in Los Angeles, where he studied under world famous vibes player Terry Gibbs. That led to performances and recordings with some of the biggest names in music, such as Oscar Peterson, Reggie Workman, Roy Hargrove, and bluesman Albert King, to name a few. In 1991, Rick moved to upstate N.Y. to explore music born of less urban influences. Rick's interest in the world of jazz has not diminished, but instead has broadened to include these multi-rhythmic, cross-cultural duets for vibes and marimbas. To hear samples from the duet project, go to

www.myspace.com/davidoliverandrick-altman
 The program will open with a performance of classical violin music by nine-year-old prodigy Miriam Rose. The Pine Hill Community Center is located at 287 Main Street in Pine Hill, NY. For information call 845.254.5469; info@pinehillcommunitycenter.org; www.pinehillcommunitycenter.org

Arts WAVE Drawing Club
 Do You Love to Draw and want to work alongside other artists? If so, come to ArtsWave for an evening relaxed drawing and camaraderie. Tuesdays from 6:08 pm beginning April 16th. Please come to the first meeting to discuss hiring a model. Bring your pencils, pens, paper and other material you might enjoy. All levels welcome. Adults only. ArtsWAVE is located at 12 Market Street, Ellenville, NY. Email: class@artswave.org or call (845) 443-5319.

Vendors Needed for Indoor 5K Walk to Benefit SC Federation for the Homeless
 Vendors in the health and wellness field are being sought for the 1st Annual Indoor 5-K Walk for a Cause. On Saturday, April 6th the Sullivan County Federation for the Homeless is teaming up with Any One Can Fitness for this non-traditional 5-K (the first of its kind in Sullivan County) taking place from 9am-12pm at the Federation's 9 Monticello St location in Monticello. The vendor fee is \$15.00 for non-profits, \$20.00 for other businesses. Tables will be provided upon request. The Sullivan County Federation for the Homeless is committed to developing individualized and community wide plans for disadvantaged people to break the cycles of poverty that cause homelessness and hunger. For more information on becoming a vendor or to register for the Indoor 5K Walk for a Cause, please call jessi-ann at (845) 807-6013.

Rock Music Writer Tony Fletcher Teams up with Performer Robert Burke Warren (aka Uncle Rock) at Olive Free Library

On Saturday, April 13, 2013 4:00 p.m. at the Olive Free Library located at 4033 Route 28A, West Shokan, NY

Best-selling author Tony Fletcher will bring together the subjects of two of his biographies, R.E.M. and the Smiths, for a unique presentation that will look at the importance, the influence, the similarities, the differences, and most importantly, the legacies of the leading American and British alternative rock bands of the 1980s.

Accompanying Tony Fletcher for this event only will be local musician and writer Robert Burke Warren (a.k.a. Uncle Rock), who will perform Smiths and R.E.M. songs.

Tony Fletcher is the author of the first biography of R.E.M., initially published in 1989. Updated several times over the years, with the group's co-operation, it was recently given a final overhaul in the wake of R.E.M.'s 2011 break-up. The new book *Perfect Circle* was published in March, 2013 in the U.K. by Omnibus Press and will be released July in the United States.

Fletcher is also the author of *A Light That Never Goes Out: The Enduring Saga of The Smiths*. Published in 2012 by Crown Archetype, the book breaks new ground with unprecedented access to band members and rare archive materials. Hailed by the American media, the San Francisco Chronicle observed, "Consistently perceptive... Fletcher demonstrates a great facility for placing the band's work in perspective." And the Wall Street Journal notes, "Mr. Fletcher accomplishes the key task of a music biographer, which is a richer enjoyment of the music."

Free Admission. For more information call 845-657-2482 or visit their website at: www.olivefreelibrary.org or email Katie Scott-Childress, Olive Free Library, at director@olivefreelibrary.org

SUNY Ulster Theater Presents *Waiting for Lefty* - College Performers Stage American Classic by Clifford Odets in Stone Ridge

SUNY Ulster's Theater program will present Clifford Odets' American classic *Waiting for Lefty* with eight live performances at the college's Quimby Theater in Stone Ridge. Performances are April 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20 at 8 p.m.; and April 14 and 21 at 3 p.m.

Directed by SUNY Ulster's theater coordinator Stephen Balantzian, the play consists of a series of related vignettes involving the audience as part of a meeting of cab drivers who are planning a labor strike. The characters address the audience to incite the viewers to action.

Student performers are: David Inge of Hurley in the role of Fatt; Tim Bruck of Accord as Joe; Raine DIIorio of Cottekill as Fayette; Ray Constantino, Bloomington, Irv; Matt Wilhelm, Napanoch, Sid; Tom Hansen, Stone Ridge, Clayton; Khalil Franklin, Cottekill, Agate; Adam Blank, Mt. Marion, gunman; Andrew Woltman, Kingston, Voice (Clay's Brother); Charlotte Knapp, Kerhonkson, Dr. Barnes; Jeremy McLaughlin, Woodstock, Dr. Benjamin; and Sean Haber, Kingston, man end of play.

Playing the role of Edna is Geneva Turner of Lake Hill and Quayeshawna Smith of Highland. Cast as Miller are Maggie Rappleyea of Modena and Julia Doi of Stone Ridge. Noelle Crocco of Pine Bush and Laura Bolukbasi of Kingston play Florrie. Making up the ensemble are Tyler Carelli of Woodstock, Jillian Kahn of Bearsville and Haber.

Tickets are available at the door. Free for SUNY Ulster students. Suggested donation is \$10. For box office information, call (845) 688-1959.

SCDW Announce Casting Call for "The Miracle Worker"

SCDW announces casting call for William Gibson's "The Miracle Worker" Directed by Lori Schneider. Audition dates are Saturday and Sunday, April 6, 7 from 1-3 at the Sullivan County Museum, Hurleyville

Production dates will be June 21, 22, 23, 28, 29, 30 at the Rivoli Theatre For additional information or to schedule an alternate audition time, contact Lori at (845) 701-0142 or via e-mail - MLori1962@aol.com

ACTORS NEEDED:

ANNIE SULLIVAN - Strong Actress who can play 20ish - a determined young woman - able to sustain a slight Irish accent (not a caricature) Physical role.

HELEN KELLER - Strong Young Actress who can play 7 - although only one word of spoken dialogue, a tremendous acting challenge - must be able to sustain the deaf/blind world of Helen. Physical role.

CAPTAIN KELLER - Helen's Father. Strong Actor who can play 40s - Imposing, Determined - must be able to sustain a Southern accent (Alabama)

KATE KELLER - Helen's Mother. Should be able to play mid to late 20s - able to sustain a Southern accent (Alabama)

JAMES KELLER - Captain Keller's teenage son from an earlier marriage. Sarcastic, indolent and smart-mouthed - able to sustain a Southern accent (Alabama)

VINEY - the Keller's African American maid and Nanny - should be able to play 30s. Until Annie comes along, probably the one who knows Helen best. Active, expressive - able to sustain a Southern accent (Alabama)

AUNT EV - Captain Keller's busybody Aunt - should be able to play 60s, 70s. Well-off, proper, pushy - able to sustain a Southern accent (Alabama)

MARTHA - Viney's daughter - African American child, a little older than Helen - able to sustain a Southern accent (Alabama)

PERCY - Viney's son - African American child, younger brother to Martha - able to sustain a Southern accent (Alabama)

MR. ANAGNOS - Stocky, bearded administrator of the Perkins Institute for the Blind - should be able to play 50s, 60s. Wise, caring. Slight Boston accent.

DOCTOR - Elderly, delivers Helen - Country Doctor - Southern accent (Alabama)

JIMMY - Annie's younger brother (seen only in Annie's memories) - Should be able to play 7ish - able to sustain a slight Irish accent.

WELL BEHAVED, MELLOW DOG - hound or spaniel type (a breed that looks like it would fit on an Alabama farm in the late 1800s) - must be able to interact onstage with Helen and Annie without becoming distracted. Helen will be picking up and "fingerspelling" into the dog's paw.

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Lions Honor Local Food Pantries



Left to right are Louise Domingo of Bread of Life, Fallsburg Lions Club President Miranda Behan, Al and Maria Frangipane, Kathy Kreiter of Federation for the Homeless, and Cynthia Johnston of St. Andrew's Church Food Pantry

At the Town of Fallsburg Lions Club weekly dinner meeting on March 21, District 20-0 Alert Chair Al Frangipane presented three \$500 checks to the following local food banks: Town of Thompson's Federation for the Homeless, South Fallsburg's St. Andrew's Episcopal Church Food Pantry, and Hurleyville's Bread of Life Food Bank. Earlier this month Mr. Frangipane had presented checks to Shepherd's Pantry in White Lake and St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Middletown. Lion's District 20-0 Governor Joyce Maier had made an application to the New York State and Bermuda Lions Foundation for the monetary awards to acknowledge the great team effort of local Lions Clubs to honor their neighborhood food relief agencies for stepping up during Storm Sandy this winter.

At the Fallsburg meeting, Mr. Frangipane thanked Kathy Kreiter, Cynthia Johnston and Louise Domingo, who are responsible for maintaining the Federation, St. Andrew's and Bread of Life and keeping their doors open and serving the needs of the people during the long power outages and impact of frigid weather. Over thirty Fallsburg Lion's Club members were on hand at Hurleyville's Frankie and Johnny's Restaurant to continue their long-time support of the good work done by these food pantries. Included in the audience was Benjamin Wizwer, a "Lion-in-waiting" at age two weeks.

Local Leaders Respond to Announced State Budget Agreements, Remain Optimistic

With three 2013-14 State Budget bills released so far, the New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC) remains cautiously optimistic about next year's spending plan, which takes effect on April 1st.

State Leaders announced a deal on an overall budget framework last evening. So far, three budget bills have been released: Bonding Authorization and Article VII language for Public Protection and General Government as well as Transportation and Economic Development. These three measures are currently being reviewed by NYSAC, as well as state lawmakers, constituents and other interested policy makers.

"While we do not yet know all the details, we applaud the Governor's leadership and the work of the State Legislature for another on time State Budget," said Ulster County Executive Mike Hein, president of the New York State County Executives Association. "Our State leaders have heard the concerns raised by county leaders from across the State and we anticipate a final budget that will provide tools to stabilize costs in our communities."

Among the agreements already announced, counties have focused attention on:

- An increase of \$75 million in CHIPs funding authorization for each of the next two state fiscal years, to create jobs and complete needed maintenance and construction of local roads and bridges;
- Expanded state aid support for community college students and the counties that cover a portion of these costs;
- A pension contribution smoothing mechanism;
- \$15 million increase to the Environmental Protection Fund from unclaimed bottle deposit nickels; and
- Workers' compensation reforms.

"In order to rebuild a better state, we need a strong partnership between our state and local leaders. This year's budget continues to make progress on that front," said NYSAC President Edward A. Diana, the Orange County Executive. "County officials from across the State were actively involved in this year's budget process. We communicated our need for mandate relief to the Governor and our state lawmakers. NYSAC will continue to monitor the budget process carefully as negotiations continue."

As additional budget details are drafted, counties are hoping for:

- An acceleration of the cap on local Medicaid costs;
- Home rule authority that will allow for a uniform local sales tax rate;
- Binding arbitration reforms that more consistently consider "ability to pay;"
- Public health reforms and restored funding; and
- Enhanced audit authority for counties to reduce waste fraud and abuse in preschool special education programs and Medicaid.

Schneiderman: DeMarco's Refusal To Allow Principal Write-Downs Is A Direct Impediment To Economic Recovery

NEW YORK - Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman today joined Massachusetts Attorney General Martha Coakley in leading a nine state coalition demanding new, permanent leadership at the Federal Housing and Finance Agency, the agency that oversees Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. In a letter to the President and Congressional leaders, the attorneys general write that under the current leadership of the FHFA's Acting Director Edward DeMarco, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac have been a "direct impediment to our economic recovery" by the continued refusal to give principal relief for struggling homeowners, and call for a new permanent leader to replace DeMarco, an appointee of former President George W. Bush.

"The FHFA's refusal to allow for principal write-downs that would result in more loan modifications is a direct impediment to our economic recovery and stands in way of our efforts to provide much needed assistance to homeowners in New York and across the country," said Attorney General Schneiderman. "Under the leadership of Acting FHFA Director Edward DeMarco, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac remain an obstacle to progress by refusing to adopt policies that will help maximize relief for struggling homeowners. The time has come for the President and Congress to work together to install a new, permanent leader at FHFA that will be a partner, not an impediment, in the national effort to comprehensively address the foreclosure crisis."

In the letter, the attorneys general argue that principal write-downs are a central component of the national settlement, and continue to bring meaningful relief to distressed borrowers, spurring our

nation's economic recovery. Principal reduction is a form of loan forgiveness that would help "underwater" borrowers whose mortgages are worth more than their homes.

In general, all loan modifications rely on a net-present value (NPV) analysis that serves the dual purposes of helping borrowers keep their homes and meeting the economic interests of lenders and investors. The positive impact of mortgage modifications which often include principal write-downs continues to be felt on the housing market, economy, and our local communities.

The FHFA's continued position that principal forgiveness conflicts with its goal of asset preservation is "not supported by reality," the attorneys general assert in the letter. The agency's current policy actually reduces the value of its holdings portfolio. It is far more profitable for any financial institution to hold a portfolio of performing \$200,000 mortgages that lets families keep their homes than a portfolio of non-performing \$250,000 mortgages headed toward default.

"We have worked tirelessly, along with our federal, state, and local partners to develop a multi-pronged approach to dealing with the foreclosure crisis," the letter concludes. "Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac should be among our partners in this effort, and leaders in the arena of loan modification best practices. Instead, they have been an obstruction."

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

To date, 21,535 New York homeowners have received \$1.8 billion in assistance, including \$1.2 billion in principal reductions on 1st and 2nd mortgages and mortgage refinances that lower interest rates on their loans.

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

Using a portion of New York's share of the National Mortgage Settlement, in June 2012, Attorney General Schneiderman announced the launch of the Homeowner Protection Program, his office's commitment of \$60 million over three years to fund housing counseling and legal services for struggling New York homeowners. Throughout this program, 35 legal services organizations and 59 housing counseling agencies statewide will receive funding to provide free foreclosure prevention services. By supporting the work of direct service providers who specialize in delivery of assistance to at-risk homeowners affected by foreclosures, this effort will minimize homeowner displacement and foster the stabilization of neighborhoods across the state for the benefit of the public and the State as a whole.

A copy of the letter can be read here: www.ag.ny.gov/pdfs/FHFA-joint-AG-letter.pdf

Watershed Recreation Newsletter: Annual Newsletter Serves as a Guide for Hiking, Fishing, Boating, and Other Recreational Activities on City Lands in Upstate Watersheds

The New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) today announced the release of its annual Watershed Recreation Newsletter, which serves as a guide for thousands of people who enjoy outdoor activities on City-owned land across the upstate watersheds.

"In recent years, New York City has opened more of its upstate lands and waters to recreation, helping support the tourism economy that employs local residents," Commissioner Carter Strickland said. "We invite city residents, our upstate neighbors, and people from across the region to visit the pristine watersheds and enjoy all the outdoor activities they offer."

The Watershed Recreation Newsletter provides information about the recreational boating program, which attracted nearly 1,000 boaters to the Cannonsville, Neversink, Pepacton and Schoharie reservoirs last year. It also includes details about a new pilot program for electric trolling motors on fishing boats, which will start this year at Cannonsville Reservoir. Anglers can also learn about fishing access in the Croton and Catskill-Delaware watersheds. In

addition, the newsletter features information about outdoor activities on City land, and invasive species protection.

There are now 114,833 acres of City-owned land open for recreation in the watersheds, including 80,941 acres of land, and reservoirs that comprise 33,892 acres. Of that, 52,198 acres of land are in public access areas that are open to recreation without a DEP permit. Expanding recreational opportunities in the watershed is one of the goals outlined in Strategy 2011-2014, a comprehensive strategic plan that outlines 100 distinct initiatives to help ensure that DEP is the safest, most efficient, cost-effective, and transparent water utility in the nation.

The 2013 Watershed Recreation Newsletter can be found on DEP's website at http://www.nyc.gov/html/dep/pdf/recreation/2013_spring_newsletter.pdf. A copy has also been posted to the department's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/nycwater.

DEP manages New York City's water supply, providing more than one billion gallons of water each day to more than nine million residents, including eight million in New York City, and residents of Ulster, Orange, Putnam and Westchester counties. This water comes from the Catskill, Delaware, and Croton watersheds that extend more than 125 miles from the City, and the system comprises 19 reservoirs, three controlled lakes, and numerous tunnels and aqueducts. DEP has nearly 6,000 employees, including almost 1,000 scientists, engineers, surveyors, watershed maintainers and others professionals in the upstate watershed. In addition to its \$68 million payroll and \$153 million in annual taxes paid in upstate counties, DEP has invested more than \$1.5 billion in watershed protection programs-including partnership organizations such as the Catskill Watershed Corporation and the Watershed Agricultural Council-that support sustainable farming practices, environmentally sensitive economic development, and local economic opportunity. In addition, DEP has a robust capital program with over \$14 billion in investments planned over the next 10 years that will create up to 3,000 construction-related jobs per year. For more information, visit nyc.gov/dep, like us on Facebook at facebook.com/nycwater, or follow us on Twitter at twitter.com/nycwater.

New Push Minimum Wage (From Pg. 7) Raising the minimum wage is a common sense way to grow our economy, support job creation, and rebuild America's middle class. In the Hudson Valley, there were on average over 1 million workers, nearly 200,000 of which would benefit from this increase in minimum wage, benefitting approximately 18 percent of workers.

The Fair Minimum Wage Act of 2013 would increase the minimum wage to \$10.10 in three 95-cent increments over a three-year period. To keep up with the rising cost of living, the wage would be indexed to inflation. The purchasing power of the minimum wage is currently at a historic low, with the last increase in the federal minimum wage taking place in July 2009. If the minimum wage had kept up with inflation, it would be estimated at more than \$10.50 an hour today. The legislation would also raise the minimum wage for tipped workers for the first time in more than 20 years, raising it to a level that is 70 percent of the regular minimum wage.

A majority of the lowest wage earners in New York who would benefit from an increase, or about 90 percent, are adult workers, not teenagers in after-school and seasonal jobs. 54 percent of low-wage New Yorkers who would see increased wages under this proposal are women, many with children, and about half are minorities.

Someone working full-time at minimum wage earns \$290 a week, or just \$15,080 yearly without any time off. This annual salary for a minimum wage earning working poor family of three is \$3,000 below the poverty level on an annual basis, making it difficult to make ends meet and increasing dependency on government assistance programs. The Fair Minimum Wage Act will boost the minimum wage to \$21,000, lifting those working poor families above the poverty line. Nationwide, increasing the minimum wage to \$10.10 an hour could increase America's GDP by approximately \$33 billion over the course of three years as workers spend their higher earnings at local businesses. That injection of new economic activity would generate up to 140,000 new jobs in the same time span, according to the Economic Policy Institute.

The Fair Minimum Wage Act of 2013 has broad support across the business community, including the Main Street Alliance, U.S. Women's Chamber of Commerce, Business for a Fair Minimum Wage, Business for Shared Prosperity, American Sustainable Business Council, and employers like Costco, along with New York-based organizations, including the Greater New York Chamber of Commerce, Eileen Fisher, ABC Home and BALCONY.

From the Governor's Office

Dear Fellow New Yorker,

Governor Cuomo and legislative leaders have announced an agreement on the budget for 2013-2014 that closes a \$1.3 billion deficit, creates jobs, and cuts taxes for middle class families and small businesses.

This agreement puts the state on track to pass an on-time or early budget for the third year in a row - this hasn't happened in almost 30 years.

Over the last two years, New York State has created more than 300,000 new private sector jobs with 17 consecutive months of job growth. This year's budget continues to focus on growing our economy, including cutting taxes significantly for small businesses and middle class families.

The budget launches several other critical job-creating initiatives:

- Initial funding for 10 high-tech Innovation Hot Spots across the state to incubate businesses

- Workforce training program to link our SUNY and CUNY community colleges with employers

- A third round of the Regional Economic Development Councils

The budget also includes landmark reforms to give our students a top-quality education, including:

- Full-day pre-k programs, especially for higher need school districts

- Extended learning time for students

- Community schools that integrate social, health and other services

- Increased standards for teacher certification and rewards for high-performing teachers

And finally, this budget raises the minimum wage to \$9 over the next three years because \$7.25 an hour is unfair, unlivable and unsustainable.

This year's budget proves once again that by working together, government can deliver results for the people of New York and continue the work of growing our economy and creating jobs.

New York is rising and coming back stronger than ever before.

Sincerely,

The Office of the Governor

State Senate Passes Budget Bills

State Senator John Bonacic (R/C/I - Mt. Hope), announced passage of three State budget bills. The Senate is in session on Sunday to take up legislation relating to:

State Capital Projects (S.2604E);

Public Protection and General Government (S.2605D);

Transportation, Economic Development, Housing, and Environmental Conservation (S.2608D).

The State budget consists of ten different pieces of legislation (Senate Bills 2600-2609). So far, four of the bills have passed the Senate (2602A, 2604E, 2605D, and 2608D). The Assembly has passed one of the companion bills (A3002A, a "same as" of S.2602A). The Assembly is expected to return on Thursday to take up other bills. The Senate tentatively plans to complete passage of the remaining budget bills on and by Wednesday.

"The Senate is taking steps to pass a balanced budget. Today we finalized agreement on the State's capital transportation plan. I am particularly pleased that we are able to provide an increase in CHIPS aid (highway funding), totaling \$75 million, for our local communities. This is the first increase in CHIPS aid in five years. I know our local Highway Superintendents and DPW workers use the funding efficiently for needed improvements," Senator Bonacic said.

Part of one of the budget bills passed by the Senate today (S.2605D), allows retired police officers to be hired as school resource officers waiving Section 211 of the Retirement and Social Security Law to allow such hires. Section 211 of the Retirement and Social Security Law currently limits a retiree's ability to be re-hired by public entities and earn more than \$30,000 a year.

"Police officers can typically retire at a young age - sometimes as early as 41 or 42. Encouraging retired police officers to come back and serve - at a salary somewhat higher than \$30,000, but less than a full time officer's salary, can keep our schools safer and keep make it more affordable for taxpayers," Senator Bonacic said.

"Thanks to Governor Cuomo and bi-partisan leadership in the State Senate, we have developed a mechanism to adopt balanced, on-time budgets. For too long New York did not function legislatively the way it should. We will have three years in a row of balanced, on-time budgets. There are no congratulations due or sought for

that. It is our job. We need to continue that trend and never go back. It would be my hope that the type of bi-partisan partnership we are seeing here in Albany could be emulated in Washington. Nobody is 100% happy with any State budget, but we will continue to press for a bi-partisan approach to governing, with results that serve the people," Senator Bonacic concluded.

DiNapoli: PepsiCo to Disclose Lobbying and Trade Association Ties -Thirteenth Agreement Reached on Political Spending Disclosure Since 2010

PepsiCo, a global food and beverage company with annual revenues of \$60 billion, has agreed to fully disclose all of its direct lobbying and contributions made to trade associations as well as funds paid to grassroots lobbying and tax-exempt organizations that write and endorse model legislation, according to New York State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli. In response to the agreement, DiNapoli withdrew a shareholder resolution calling for disclosure of shareholder money spent on lobbying and other political spending.

"PepsiCo has taken an important step in giving shareholders a clear view of the way it uses corporate dollars in the political arena," DiNapoli said. "Shareholder value is enhanced and reputational risks are reduced when companies disclose how corporate money is being spent in politics. Companies should follow PepsiCo's lead by embracing transparency."

The agreement among DiNapoli, PepsiCo and Walden Asset Management specifies that the company will disclose the following on its website before its 2013 annual shareholder meeting this spring:

- Direct lobbying: A list of all federal and state lobbyists with which the company directly contracts.

- Trade associations: A list of all U.S. trade associations that lobby on behalf of PepsiCo at the federal and state levels, which the company contributes more than \$25,000 annually.

- Grassroots: Any direct grassroots efforts or payments to independent organizations to which it provides funding.

- Tax-exempt organizations that write and endorse model legislation: The company is not a member of any such organization but will provide disclosure if that changes.

- Revamp website: PepsiCo will also, by the fourth quarter of 2013, review and revamp its website on political contributions, lobbying and disclosure and will further clarify how it interacts with trade associations.

Tim Smith, Senior Vice President and Director of ESG Shareowner Engagement at Walden Asset Management, said, "We were pleased that the dialogue with PepsiCo management resulted in an agreement to provide information on the company's lobbying to impact public policy, both directly and through third parties like trade associations. We believe it is critical for companies with a commitment to acting responsibly to insure that their trade associations do not take their dues payments and use them to undercut their own values and stated commitments."

DiNapoli has taken a comprehensive approach to engaging with portfolio companies held by the New York State Common Retirement Fund (Fund) to compel disclosure of political spending. In 2010, the Fund, along with other members of the Council of Institutional Investors, sent letters to 430 S&P 500 companies asking them to disclose contributions made with corporate funds.

In 2011 and 2012, the Fund filed 27 shareholder resolutions seeking disclosure of political spending, reaching agreement with 10 companies. To date, DiNapoli has filed 26 resolutions for 2013 on the issue of political spending disclosure and has reached agreement with several companies, including KeyCorp.

Last year, the Comptroller wrote to the Securities and Exchange Commission in support of a petition - which the commission has indicated it will take up in 2013 - for rulemaking regarding disclosure of political expenditures. In mid-February, the Fund jointly announced that it settled a lawsuit against Qualcomm Incorporated. The suit sought to compel the company to reveal how shareholder funds were being spent for political purposes. As a result of that settlement, Qualcomm revealed previous political spending and agreed to disclose future use of corporate funds for political purposes.

As of March 8, 2013, the Fund owned 5,177,498 shares of PepsiCo valued at approximately \$399.7 million.

Quinnipiac Poll Confirms that New Yorkers Don't Want Fracking

The Quinnipiac University poll released last week shows statewide opposition to fracking is growing. The new poll finds opponents outnumbering supporters of fracking in the survey by 46-39 percent - a new low for fracking proponents and the first time a "clear margin"

has opposed it in Quinnipiac polling. Maurice Carroll, director of the Quinnipiac University Polling Institute stated that voters are "turning negative on the basic idea..." of fracking.

According to Ramsay Adams, Mountainkeeper Executive Director, "The more that New Yorkers learn about fracking, the more they oppose it. The oil and gas industry is waging a massive, glitzy, smooth talking campaign to convince New Yorkers that they can get fracked and like it. New Yorkers aren't buying it."

Across the country, there has been a rising tide of citizen opposition to extreme energy extraction. From strip-mining for coal, to hydrofracking for natural gas, to the tar sands; more and more people are rising up to confront the devastating effects of extreme energy extraction on their communities - and people are increasingly seeing all of these struggles as interconnected - and ultimately about climate change. People from all walks of life are stepping up and going to hearings, taking days off from work to be at rallies and in some cases making the personal choice of civil disobedience to stand up for what is right.

POLITICAL SLANT - Frank Comando -
On the local scene:

REPUBLICAN BUDGET CUTS THREATEN TOURISM IN THE HUDSON VALLEY

Below is an email from Eve Fox, a MoveOn member in Woodstock, New York, who created a petition on SignOn.org

Dear MoveOn member,

The Republican conference has removed \$2 million in funding for the Catskill Mountain Rail Trail from the Senate version of the state budget. This significant funding is now in extreme jeopardy. Contact State Senator's, Cecilia Tkaczyk, Assembly Member Kevin Cahill, Assembly Member Peter Lopez, and State Senator William Larkin, which says:

I thank you for your support of the Catskill Mountain Rail Trail project and urge you to renew your efforts on its behalf, as funding for the project appears to be in jeopardy.

The Catskill Mountain Rail Trail not only means free, healthy, safe recreational opportunities for Ulster residents, but also will be a dynamic magnet for economic development and tourism growth in the scenic Route 28 Corridor, Ulster County, and the Hudson Valley. It is an investment in jobs, health, and economic growth enthusiastically supported by families, local businesses, and

walkers/hikers/cyclists/skier's.

A project deserves all of our support regardless of political affiliation! Info,
<http://www.moveon.org/r?r=288237&id=64742-18812689-2RRZp7x&t=2>

Thanks! To Eve Fox & moveon.org

TELL SENATE DEMOCRATIC MAJORITY LEADER HARRY REID GREAT JOB ON A LOGICAL SOLUTION ON GUN CONTROL

Harry Reid had the sense to separate the emotion of the grief we all felt on the loss of our innocent children, and to intelligently try to solve the problem by applying logic to correct a bad situation by removing those parts of the gun bill that are a clear violation of the 2nd Amendment.

According to the Justice Department, the ten year assault weapons ban under Clinton had no effect on gun violence.

Kudos to Senate M Harry Reid:

Monday, before last, Senator Reid gutted the Senate's gun violence prevention bill, which has been gaining momentum since it was introduced after the massacre of 20 first-graders and 6 educators at Sandy Hook. The Senate Majority Leader defied the President, Vice President, and a minority of Americans by caving to the NRA and removing the ban on assault weapons and high-capacity ammunition magazines.

In a craven political move, Senator Reid dumped key parts of President Obama's package of reforms on gun laws. The reason? To let NRA-Democrats get political background checks while avoiding a tough vote on assault weapons and high-capacity ammunition magazines in advance of next year's election.

Reid stated he would allow an up-or-down vote on an amendment banning assault weapons. This amendment will clearly fail if separated from the gun background checks bill that has overwhelming public support even from the NRA's own members.

To have your comments and/or questions published, space allowing, and townsman guidelines adhered to, as listed in the masthead, Email politicalslant@yahoo.com

**Tri-Valley Lions
Journey for Sight Annual Walk
In Memory of Donald Ter Bush
Saturday, May 4, 2013**
Register at 8:30 am on
Saturday, May 4, 2013
at the Grahamsville First Aid Squad
2.5 mile walk starts promptly at 9:00 am
from the First Aid Squad Building
COME WALK WITH US!
Refreshments will be served before and
after the walk
For pledge sheets, questions or to make
a pledge, call 985-2927 or 436-5810

Caps for Cancer



**St. Jude's
Childhood Cancer Research
Sponsored by:**

Delaware Sullivan District Chapter
Order of the Eastern Star

Please help by bringing plastic
bottle caps, jar lids (examples
milk, soda, water, peanut butter,
coffee lids, etc.) to one of the
receptacles at **Cannie D's,**
Grahamsville Deli and the **Town
Hall.** They will be presented to the
Ogdensburg Scouts in October
for sorting and recycling.

**Catskill Mt Chapter of
Hadassah Event**

Join the Catskill Mountain
Chapter of Hadassah celebrat-
ing Israeli Independence Day,

**Immaculate
Conception Church
Woodbourne**

Holy Week Services:

Holy Thursday:
Mass of the Lord's Supper:
8:00 pm
Adoration: following Mass
until 10:00 pm

Good Friday:
Liturgy of the Passion and
Death of Our Lord
Holy Communion 3:00 pm
Stations and Veneration of
the Cross: 8:00 pm

Holy Saturday:
Blessing of Easter Baskets:
12:00 Noon
Confessions: 4:00 - 4:45 pm
Solemn Easter Vigil: 8:00 pm

Easter Sunday:
Masses: 9:00 am & 11:30 am

Yom Ha'atzmaut, while
learning the basics of cake
decorating with Pam
Sussman, at Temple
Sholom, 5 East Dillon
Road, Monticello, NY, on
Wednesday, April 10th at 7
pm.

Everyone is welcome,
and will be able to decorate
their own cupcake.
Cupcakes and all supplies
for the activity will be pro-

**CLARYVILLE FIRE DEPT
ALL YOU CAN EAT
PANCAKE BREAKFAST**



SUNDAY, APRIL 21

Serving 7:00 until Noon

ADULTS \$7

CHILDREN UNDER 12, \$3

UNDER 5YRS. FREE

\$50 FROM THE BREAKFAST IS DONATED TO THE
CLARYVILLE REFORMED CHURCH FOOD PANTRY

Calvary Baptist Church

of Sullivan County - at - Loch Sheldrake
Presents

Our 8th Annual Sportsmen's Banquet Dinner
-at-
the Loch Sheldrake Fire House - Rte-52, Loch Sheldrake, N.Y.
Saturday - April 13th, 2013

Starts 4:00 p.m. - ends * 8:00 p.m.
*or until all door prizes are given out.

NOTICE:

Due to limited seating, Donations for Tickets must be made in advance to event date
and Children less than New York State Legal Hunting Age, may not be admitted!
Donation \$12.00 / person - Contact Pastor Carl Caskey - (845) - 985-7410

Trophy Display, Game Dinner,*Door Prizes
*You must be present during the drawing to win!

Special Guest Speakers

Curtis Kenyon, David Stallard, Jeff Murphy and Philip Stallard
The Call Outdoors



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**TIME & THE VALLEYS
MUSEUM**



2013 Hours - Memorial Day to Labor Day

Thursday to Sunday, noon to 4 p.m.
September and October-Saturday and Sunday, noon to 4 p.m.
Other days and times by appointment.

2013 Admission Fees

Adults suggested donation: \$5
Children (6 to 17) suggested donation: \$2
Children under 6: FREE

Town of Neversink Residents: FREE every Thursday
Town of Denning Residents: FREE first Saturday of the month
Call: 985-7700

Time and the Valleys Museum has copies of every
Townsmen printed since the beginning (1947) classified by
year for anyone to research.
timeandthevalleymuseum.org

**The Hurleyville and Woodridge United
Methodist Churches**

invite you to weekly worship:

9 am in Hurlyville,

10:30 am in Woodridge.

For more information, call

Pastor Susan Woodworth 985-2283



ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL MISSION

The Little Church with the Big Heart

Sunday, 8:15 am Service of Holy Communion

Music by Susan and Fred Van Wagner

Coffee hour follows service

All are welcome!

5277 State Rt. 42
South Fallsburg
845-436-7539

Rev. Ninon Hutchinson

www.standrewsepiscopalmmission.org

**Claryville Reformed
Church**

Claryville Road
Claryville, NY 12725
845-985-2041



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

**CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

(embraces Fallsburg, Neversink, Sundown
and Ulster Heights)

6317 Rte. 42, Woodbourne, NY

Weekend Mass schedule:

Saturday afternoon: 5:00.

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

Holy days of obligation: as announced in church bulletin.

Daily Mass schedule:

Monday afternoon 5:45 (Holy Rosary at 5:30); Tuesday,
Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday mornings: (includes Morning
Prayer)- 8:50 am

Saturday afternoon confessions: 4 to 4:45.

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

CrossWay Assembly of God

Service Times

Sunday School 9:30 am

Sunday Worship

Service/
Children's Church

10:30 am

Monday Night Home

Bible Study 7 pm

Tuesday Night Youth Home

Bible Study 7 pm

Friday Youth Night 7 pm



Ismael Berrios
Lead Pastor

P. O. Box 480

507 Hasbrouck Drive

Woodbourne, NY 12788

845-434-8263

Email:
crosswayaog@aol.com

www.crosswayaog.com

**Sundown United
Methodist Church**

Sunday Worship Service • 8:30am

**Grahamsville United
Methodist Church**

Sunday Worship Service

10:30am

985-2283

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**Geoff and Heather Hazzard
& Anthony Perito**

79 North Main Street
Ellenville, New York
(845) 647-4343

**Covered
Dish
Supper**

Apr 6, 2013-5:30 pm

April 13, 2013
**Corned Beef
Hash Breakfast**
7:30-9:30 am

Everyone Invited!
Free Will Offering
Information call: 985-2455

**Sundown United
Methodist Church**
at the
Sundown Church Hal/



**Grahamsville
United
Methodist
Church**

April 2, 2013

Thrift Sale 9am-1 pm

Luncheon 11am-1 pm

Thrift Sale Only

April 20, 2013

9 am-1 pm

St. Augustine's Chapel

Watson Hollow Rd. • West Shokan, NY

Sunday Mass - 9:30 am

Holy Days 5:30 pm

Penance 9:00 am, 2nd Sunday of the month

Rev. George W. Hommel, Pastor

Grahamsville Reformed Church

Sunday School 9:30 A.M.

Worship Service 9:30 A.M.

Rev. Paul Z. Ruter, Pastor

845-985-7480

PUBLIC NOTICES/LEGALS:

Catskill Watershed Corporation is seeking to contract with a private corporation for both the purchase of one new and unused four wheel drive sport utility vehicle and sale of 2004 Jeep Grand Cherokee Laredo. The Request for Proposal can be obtained by contacting Timothy Cox, Corporate Counsel, Catskill Watershed Corporation, PO Box 569, Margaretville, NY 12455, (845) 586-1400 Ext. 20. Respondents must submit one original and four copies of their proposal no later than 4:00 PM on April 12, 2013. EOE

3/28; 4/4; 4/11/13

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to Section 103 of the General Municipal Law, The Town of Denning is seeking sealed bids for: #1 and #2 Stone Mix (Ton) Low Abrasion, Millings (Ton), Quarry Rubble (Ton), Solite (Ton), Abrasive Sand (Ton), Low Abrasive Sand (Ton), Screenings (Ton), Gabbians (Ton), #1 Stone (Ton) Low Abrasion, #1A Stone (Ton) Low Abrasion, #1ST Stone (Ton) Low Abrasion, #2 Stone (Ton) Low Abrasion, #45 Stone (Ton), Sand - Snow & Ice Control (Yard) / No Clay, Loam or Organics, Item Sand - Snow & Ice Control (Ton) / No Clay, Loam or Organics, #4 (Ton) from Ledge Rock, Crusher Run (Ton) Tail Gate Spread, Dumped Rip Rap (Ton), Flat Bed Rip Rap (Ton), Cold Patch (Ton), Tailings (Yard), Tailings (Ton), Bank Run (Yard), Bank Run (Ton).

The material must be of such grade as to be acceptable to the Town of Denning Highway Superintendent. Sand for all locations shall be screened, clean, hard sharp and free from loam, clay, frozen lumps, loam or organic material with 100% passing through a 3/8 inch sieve.

Upon acceptance of bid price, bidder shall in turn notify the Town of Denning Highway Superintendent when he has at least 100 tons of material stockpiled for the Town of Denning in order that the testing may be done by the Highway Department or by a designated agent for final approval.

Bid forms are available from the Town Clerks Office or the Town Highway Superintendent. Forms must be in a sealed envelope with the company name clearly visible. Bids may be mailed to: Town of Denning, P.O. Box 277, Claryville, N.Y. 12725

All sealed bids must be received by Tuesday, March 5th, 2013 prior to the Town of Denning Town Board Meeting; to begin at 7:00 P.M. during SAID meeting All Bids will be publicly opened and read. The meeting is to be held at the Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Road, Claryville, N.Y. 12725.

The Highway Superintendent must be informed upon ordering of any and all fuel charges to be added to any material delivery, followed by a fax to serve as written notice.

All material must be delivered to the Town, within the confines of the Town of Denning.

The Town Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids without reason. The Highway Superintendent reserves the right to reject any unacceptable material. BY THE ORDER OF THE DENNING TOWN BOARD

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

Will hold a Special Board Meeting
On Monday, April 1, 2013 at 7:30 A.M.
In the Administration Building

The Agenda Items will Include Building Project
SEQRA and May 21, 2013 Vote Building Project
Propositions approvals.

Joy Ann Monforte, Town Clerk

NOTICE

The Town of Neversink will be accepting applications for Lifeguard positions at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds Pool for the 2013 season.

Application forms are available at the Town Hall, Grahamsville, NY Monday thru Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. **Applicants must include copies of all current certifications, length of time available to work and any needed time off when submitting their applications.** (Photocopies of certifications can be made at the Town Hall when the application is brought in.)

PLEASE NOTE: THE CUT-OFF DATE FOR RECEIVING APPLICATIONS WILL BE 4:30 PM ON FRIDAY, MAY 3, 2013.

Pool Director for the season will be Janet Carey. For further information please call Town Hall at 985-2262, ext. 305 or Mrs. Carey at 985-7391. You can also e-mail Mrs. Carey at jcarey1789@aol.com.

Town of Neversink Summer Swim Program Director, Janet Carey is also requesting applicants for WSI Instructors. Please contact Mrs. Carey at 985-7391 or e-mail her at jcarey1789@aol.com for details.

3/28, 4/11 & 4/25

**PUBLIC NOTICE
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE**

THAT the Town Board of the Town of Neversink, New York, will hold a Public Hearing on April 10, 2013, at 7:15 p.m. in the Town Hall, 273 Main Street, Grahamsville, New York, for the purpose of considering a request by Time Warner NY Cable LLC, Time Warner Cable ("TWC") for renewal of their Franchise Agreement.

A copy of the proposed Franchise Agreement may be inspected at the Office of the Town Clerk or at the offices of TWC.

March 14, 2013
Lisa Garigliano, Town Clerk

3/28

NOTICE: As of April 1st, the cost of advertising will be based on \$2.25 per column inch and the subscription rate for the Townsman will be \$30.00 per year. The weekly newstand price of fifty-cents will remain the same.

It has been over three years since we have had a rate increase in advertising and over five years since we have had a raise in our subscription rate. Unfortunately costs for the Townsman have gone up each year due to postal increases, production costs and distribution expenses.

As a result of those who support the Townsman with advertising and subscriptions, we are able to continue to promote activities for our local churches, fire districts, the Daniel Pierce Library, Time and the Valleys Museum and school functions as we have done in the past. We have and will continue to serve our community and our independent small businesses in every way possible.

The Townsman Staff wants to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support.

Bonacic: TV Tax Proposal is Dead

State Senator John Bonacic (R/C/I - Mt. Hope) today said the legislation (S.3827), proposing a tax on satellite television service is not going to pass the State Senate. The Legislation is sponsored by Senator Kevin Parker (D - NYC).

Direct TV is running advertisements on its channel telling people to call their lawmakers in opposition to the tax proposal. "The TV Tax is dead. We do not need a new tax on anything, including television," Senator Bonacic said.

"I am always happy to hear from constituents, but I want people to know the TV tax is not going

to happen," Bonacic said.

The Senator noted that Direct TV recently sent out a letter telling viewers that Direct TV is raising their rates. "On one hand Direct TV is daily sounding the alarm about this legislation, which has no chance of passing. On the other hand they are raising rates. I would not want consumers to be under the false impression that the TV tax Direct TV keeps telling consumers to call about was enacted, and that is why their rates are rising. The TV tax was not enacted nor will it be. Customers of Direct TV are paying more because Direct TV is raising rates," Bonacic said.

Public Service Commission Extends Public Comment Period in Central Hudson/Fortis Merger

(Albany, NY) Assemblymember Kevin Cahill (D - Ulster, Dutchess) announced that the Public Service Commission has agreed to extend the public comment period on the proposed acquisition of Central Hudson Gas & Electric Company by Fortis Inc. The notice from the PSC was issued in response to requests for a ninety day extension from Assemblymember Cahill and other state and local elected officials, as well as community advocates.

"It has become increasingly more apparent that residents in the Central Hudson service area are not entirely on board with the proposal as is," Cahill said. "Although we did not get a ninety day extension, I am glad to see that the PSC, who is legally required to act in the interest of the public, decided to hear further comments before making a decision." "Since the original announcement of the proposed acquisition of Central Hudson by Fortis, the news in the region has been largely controlled through the public relations apparatus of the company," Cahill said. "That changed a great deal when the recent round of public hearings was scheduled for Kingston and Poughkeepsie. I encourage folks to take advantage of the extended time to voice their opinion on this issue and recommend the PSC conduct more local hearings."

Assemblymember Cahill urges consumers to weigh in with the Public Service Commission. Comments can be sent to Empire State Plaza, Agency Building 3, Albany, New York 12223-1350 or emailed to Hon. Jeffrey C. Cohen, Acting Secretary, at secretary@dps.ny.gov. Comments should refer to "Case 12-M-0192 - Central Hudson/Fortis Merger." All comments should be submitted no later than May 1, 2013.

Ulster County IDA Announces Investment and Jobs

Kingston, New York - March 21, 2013. The Ulster County Industrial Development Agency (UCIDA) today took title to approximately 5-acre portion of a 15 acre site in the Town of Ulster in a sale lease back transaction for the MHMG-KM Kingston, LLC project. The project is fully approved for the building of an 84,000 square foot medical office complex on the vacant former industrial site across Rte. 9W from Adams. The project will protect and retain 88 jobs in Ulster County and will provide additional space for the projected growth of 58 jobs of the main tenant, Mid-Hudson Medical Group, paying an annual average salary of \$85,070.

Under the negotiated Payment in Lieu of Taxes Agreement (PILOT), the project will create over \$336,000 in new property taxes the first year with an annual 2% increase over the 20-year life of the agreement. The vacant eyesore parcel now only provides \$41,683 in tax revenue. The PILOT agreement applies only to the medical building, and additional structures including value generated by building a hotel and retail facilities on the site are not included in this agreement.

"The project would not be possible without the assistance of the Industrial Development Agency which has given the project a predictable tax schedule over the next 20 years," said Jeff Kane, of Kirchhoff Medical Properties, "We look forward to developing the site and bringing good jobs to the area."

"This project will have the benefit of providing jobs and improved tax base in the Town of Ulster," said Town of Ulster Supervisor Jim Quigley, "In addition, by redeveloping the currently vacant site, it will improve property values in the corridor."

"This project is a perfect example of where a PILOT agreement brings real value of over \$336,000 annually in new revenues to the taxing jurisdictions by bringing new development to a vacant site maximizing the use of existing water, sewer and road infrastructure," said Chair of the Ulster County Legislature's Economic Development Committee Jim Maloney. "In 17 years of reviewing PILOTS this is the best PILOT I've ever seen and most advantageous to the taxpayers."

Town of Neversink Parks & Recreation Department

www.townofneversink.org
(845) 985-2262 extension 312

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

AL-ANON MEETINGS -

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

Ulster County Crime Victims Assistance Program to Host Support Groups for Survivors of Sexual Assault and Abuse

Kingston, NY - The Ulster County Crime Victims Assistance Program is sponsoring professionally facilitated support groups for survivors of sexual assault and/or sexual abuse. Starting in April, the groups will be held in the evenings in Kingston, every other week for 10 weeks. Men and women's groups will meet separately. For more information, please call Deb Foley at 334-8126.

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- 3/29/13 Town of Neversink Holiday - **GOOD FRIDAY**
- 3/30/13 **Grahamsville Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary Easter Egg Hunt- Fairgrounds 11 am - 1 pm**
- 4/2/13 **Grahamsville United Methodist Church Thrift Sale (9am-1pm) & Luncheon (11am-1pm)**
- 4/2/13 Town of Denning Board Meeting 7:00pm Sundown Church Hall
- 4/3/13 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting- 7:30 pm
- 4/3/13 Claryville Fire District Meeting - Regular meeting
- 4/6/13 **Sundown Methodist Church Covered Dish Supper - 5:30 pm Sundown Church Hall**
- 4/6/13 Grahamsville Reformed Church Hall **Roast Pork Dinner 4-7 pm - 985-7480**
- 4/9/13 Town of Denning Audit/Business Meeting - at 7 PM - Denning Town Hall
- 4/10/13 Town of Neversink Board Meeting - 7:30 pm
- 4/11/13 Dept. of Motor Vehicles Neversink Town Hall 10:00 am - 2:30 p.m.
- 4/13/13 **Corned Beef Hash Breakfast Sundown Methodist Church Hall - 7:30-9:30 am.**
- 4/13/13 Annual Honeybee Class & Seminar **Beginning Bee Keeping** Call 647-6759 Jim Kile for info
- 4/16/13 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals - 7:30 pm
- 4/17/13 Neversink Fire District Meeting at 7:30 p.m.; Public Meeting at 8:00 p.m.
- 4/20/13 Grahamsville United Methodist Church - **Thrift Sale Only - 9 am - 1 pm**
- 4/20/13 The Community Shepherds Committee will be meeting at the Daniel Pierce Library 10 a.m.
- 4/21/13 Claryville Fire Dept. **Pancake Breakfast 7 am - Noon**
- 4/30/13 Town of Neversink Parks & Rec - 7:00 pm

Save the Dates!

Saturday, May 4th, 2013 for the Tri-Valley Lions Journey for Sight Walk and Tag Day -- in memory of Donald Ter Bush, Charter Member and President of the Tri-Valley Lions, who passed away July 16, 2012- Sign-in 8:30-9:00 Wal at 9 am at Grahamsville 1st Aid Building

June 5 - Tri-Valley Lions Rabies Clinic 6-8 pm on the Fairgrounds in Grahamsville

July 14- The second annual Matthew R Bertholf Horseshoe Tournament Neversink Firehouse

Annual Shawangunk Mountain Wild Blueberry & Huckleberry Festival sponsored by the EWCOG -Saturday August 10th-Vendor applications are available now. Coordinator is Dianne E Turner ("aka Mother Blueberry")

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

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

- SUNDOWN CAMP & BAIT SHOP
- GRAHAMSVILLE DELI
- EUREKA MARKET & CAFE
- CANNIE D'S
- BLUE HILL LODGE
- 3 GOLDENS
- VALERO MINI MALL (Loch Sheldrake)
- WOODBOURNE - CITGO STATION • MO'S GAS STATION • P.D. SMITH ENTERPRISE
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- ELLENVILLE CITGO
- ELLENVILLE REG HOSPITAL
- NAPANOCH APPLIANCE
- PETER'S MARKET

TOWN OF OLIVE MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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

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

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

Grahamsville Reformed Church Roast Pork Dinner

April 6, 2013
Saturday, 4 pm - 7 pm
MENU: Roast Pork, Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes, Suerkraut, Green Beans, Homemade Apple Sauce, Breads, Assorted Cakes & Drinks

Adults: \$12; Child 5-10 \$5.00
under 5 free

Grahamsville Reformed Church Hall
For more information please call:
845-985-7480

Thank you for your support, God Bless you!

MS Society News

On Saturday April 27, 2013 MS walk at the Blue Horizon Diner in Monticello. Free breakfast and lunch for all who participate. Many Raffles. Walk registration is online www.walkMSnyc.org or 8:00 a.m. at the Blue Horizon Diner.

You may contact the MS Society at (800) 344-4867 for more information.

Beginning May 7, 2013 at the CRMC is a support group for "Coping with MS". The support group will meet the first Tuesday of the month from 6p.m. until 7:30 p.m. Board room A 2nd floor ASB building. You may contact the MS Society at (800) 344-4867 for more information.

Trip to Mohegan Sun Casino

Mohegan Sun Casino Pocono Downs Bus Trip April 20, 2013. Leaves So. Fallsburg 9 a.m. and Monticello Shoprite 9:30 a.m. You get \$25 FREE PLAY & \$10 FOOD voucher. Cost is \$35.00 to benefit MS. Call Regina 434-9064.

Supermarket Bingo

On Friday, April 12, 2013 Revonah-Lincoln-Kiamesha Chapter #443, Order of the Eastern Star will sponsor a Supermarket Bingo evening at The Masonic Lodge, 20 Eagle Drive, Liberty, NY. The doors will open at 5:30 PM with calling starting at 6:30 PM

Admission is \$5.00 There will be door prizes; raffles and refreshments For Info Call: 845-796-1261

We hope all of you who are in the area Friday evening, April 12th will come and enjoy an evening of Bingo.

19th Annual Fiddle Fest

The 19th Annual Fiddle fest will be held on Sunday April 21, 2013 from 1:00 to 5:00 at the Neversink Fire House located at Route 55 in Neversink, NY

Featuring: Irish Fiddle, Southern Bluegrass, Gospel and country music

Ticket Prices \$10:00 - Adults \$1:00 - Students Children under 5 Free

Refreshments will be available for purchase

The Grahamsville Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary

is hosting their annual...

Easter Egg Hunt!!

The Easter Bunny will be

at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds for the

Easter egg hunt

and photo opportunity

March 30, 2013 at 11 a.m.

Rain or Shine



NEVERSINK FIRE DEPARTMENTS ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

SATURDAY, MARCH 30th

1:00PM

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 - 3BR/2 BA architect-owned/renovated farmhouse with modern addition on 1.7 acres. \$349,000.
 - 4BR/2.5 BA eyebrow colonial w/fpl, screened porch, sep dining rm on 15+ acs nr State Land. \$354,000.
 - Dramatic views from 108 acre property with huge meadows, woods, 1900s farmhse, barns & apple orchard. \$575k
 - **HANDYMAN** 3 bed/1 ba on 4.5 acres adj State land. \$50k
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 - Cute 2BR seasonal cabin on 3 acs w/fpl, screened prch \$99k
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Mobile Home for rent in Grahamsville: 2 bdrm, Walking distance to Town Park. \$550 per month + utilities and security. No pets. 845-985-7242 p3/28

Mobile Home for rent in Grahamsville: 3 bdrm, Nice cond/ Walking distance to Town Park. \$675 per month + utilities ad security. No pets. 845-985-7242 p3/28

2 BR Duplex, Rt 55, Grahamsville. Nice Apt in small community. Great Layout. \$750 +utilities. Sec & References. 985-2941 bdt4/4 rene

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

1. 2 Acres residential. Rt 55, across from Fairgrounds. Private Road. \$38,000.

2. 3+ BR., 2 baths, 2 acres, Tri-Valley Schools in Divine Corners, \$99,900. Owner financing w/25%

3. Mini Estate Loch Sheldrake near college. 4+ BR, 2 baths. Unique.

4. Handyman Special - 1500 sq ft. Loch Sheldrake. New roof. New Foundation. Needs interior. \$50K **Please Call Teresa 845-321-1919.** bdt12/1-1/31renew

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Knarf's "Classic Movie Trivia MR. LUCKY

(Tongue-In-Cheek, Love story/Crime Drama, 1943)
A Damon Runyon type Gambling-ship-owner Cary Grant intends to fleece virtuous Loraine Day, instead he falls in love with day and goes straight. This was the basis for later TV series, and has spirited cast, an engaging script. Not to mention, but do not miss that very unique Aussie rhyming slang. Directed by H. C. Potter, and starring, Cary Grant, Loraine Day, Charles Bickford, Gladys Cooper, Alan Carney, Henry Stephenson, Paul Stewart, Kay Johnson, Florence Bates. **See it, on TCM! Saturday March 30, 2013 at 11:30 PM, 100 min, Rated TV-G.**
Quiz: 1. Which actor played Joe "the Greek" Adams?
2. Who played "The Crunk?"

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

- LIBERTY -
PENNY SOCIAL BENEFITING THE SC SPCA
Friday April 5th the Sullivan County SPCA will host a Penny Social at the Liberty Firehouse, Sprague Ave. Doors will open at 4pm and calling will begin at 7pm. Proceeds will benefit the Sullivan County SPCA. Everyone gets a free hot dog and juice drink with \$2 paid admission. For more information, call (845) 292-4251

TOUR OF CASTLE & DINNER AT FROST VALLEY

Wednesday May 15. - Leave the Town Hall 6pm to have a buffet dinner and tour of the Castle at the Frost Valley. Return approximately 9 pm. -If you plan to attend \$15 residents/\$30 non-residents must be paid no later than Tuesday, April 30. This includes dinner, transportation and the tour.

ESOPUS

Sat., March 30; 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. - **VOLUNTEER TRAINING DAY,** Black Creek Preserve, Esopus. Learn about our many volunteer opportunities and how you can help us monitor and maintain our parks and preserves. A guided walk in the morning will focus on current natural resource projects and preserve highlights. After a short lunch break, we will get to work-replacing cedar steps and water bars on the Yellow Trail. Contact Anthony Coneski, 845 473 4440 Ext. 273, <http://www.scenic Hudson.org>.

The Easter Bunny is making his rounds: GRAHAMSVILLE

The **Easter Bunny** is coming to town on Saturday, 11:00 am Grahamsville Fairgrounds *See page 15 for details.*

NEVERSINK

The **Easter Bunny** is coming to town on March 30th, 1:00 pm Neversink Firehouse *See page 15 for details.*

Stay safe and Have a Happy Easter Season,
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