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FIFTY CENTS

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Sen. Bonacic Meets with Members of NYSSMA



Mike Mingo, President, SCMEA, Randolph Loder, Music Educator, Rondout Valley School, Lori Orestano-James, Principal, Monticello High School, Senator John Bonacic, Ann Trombley, Monticello Central School District, Gary Siegel, Liberty Director of Music and Kevin J. Giroux, Choral Director, Tri-Valley Central School.

Representatives from the New York State School Music Association (NYSSMA) met with Senator John Bonacic for the Joseph R. Sugar NYSSMA Day in Albany today to discuss education funding and its effect on music programs.

Dodgeball Tournament at Onteora



The Lunch Ladies played a serious game of ball at the Webb Leonard Memorial Dodgeball Tournament held last week at Onteora School in Boiceville. (More on Pg. 6)

UC Executive Mike Hein Hosts Ulster County Cultural Heritage Conference

New Paltz, NY - To assist Ulster County's many diverse cultural heritage organizations better attract visitors and work more closely with the Ulster County Tourism Department, County Executive Hein invited staff, board members and volunteers from these organizations to attend the Collaborating to Bring History Alive: Ulster County Cultural Heritage Conference. Speakers presented useful information on available resources and how best to attract visitors to cultural heritage sites. (Contd. Pg. 12)

2nd Annual Sullivan Nonprofit Summit Held at Bethel Woods



Last year's Sullivan Nonprofit Summit Steering Committee. Left to right; Darlene Fedun, Whitney Schlott, Michelle Huck, Kristin Geeslin, Alexis Eggleton, Susan Diamond, Kathy Kreiter, Amanda Langseder, Linda Hartley and Karen Minogue. (Contd. Pg. 4)

Students Come Together and Demonstrate Musical Talents



Every year young people from schools throughout Sullivan County come together to demonstrate their outstanding accomplishments and musical talents. It is through the efforts of the Sullivan County Music Educators' Association, who strive to improve and expand the many talents of young people throughout Sullivan County that this event is made possible.

This year the association brought together students from the Central School Districts of Eldred, Fallsburg, Liberty, Livingston Manor, Monticello, Roscoe, Sullivan West, and Tri-Valley who have conscientiously practiced and developed their musical talents. Through participation and performance, this festival offers students the opportunity not only to perform within an outstanding ensemble, but also to meet and develop friendships with fellow musicians in Sullivan County as they rehearse and prepare for the final performance.

Each ensemble is directed by a prominent musician in his or her field of expertise and chaired by a member of SCMEA. This year's concert was presented in two segments; Concert One was held at 2:30 pm featuring the Middle School Concert Band conducted by Erica Sechler who has worked for the Mount Carmel Area School District as an elementary band director and the Assistant Marching Band Director. The Elementary Chorus was conducted by Jason Holmes, a teacher of general and vocal music at French Road Elementary School in Brighton, NY and the Senior High String Orchestra was conducted by Analise Reed, a member of NYSSMA. A certified adjudicator, traveling throughout the state for solo and small ensemble competitions, Analise is also currently a teacher in the Newburgh School District.

Concert Two began with the Junior High Jazz Band conducted by Tom Zlabinger, a full-time lecturer of music at York College/CUNY and the Director of the York College Big Band and the York College Blues Notes & Summer Jazz Program. The Junior High Women's Chorus performed under the direction of Tony Ravinsky the choral director at Cornwall Central High School in Orange County. (Contd. Pg. 8)

Fallsburg Lions Presents Check to Heart-athon



Chair Chris Didrich, Helena Manzione of WSUL, and President Miranda Behan.

Town of Fallsburg Lions Club President Miranda Behan and Heart-a-thon Chair Chris Didrich present \$500 check to Ms. Helena Manzione, General Manager of WSUL/WVOS, Organizers of the Annual Event at Catskill Regional Medical Center on February 25, 2012.

Fallsburg HS Leo Club Serves at Heart-a-thon

Fallsburg Central School District teacher and Town of Fallsburg Lion Ms. Shari Mednick brought eight students from the High School Leo Club to answer telephones and take donations from Fallsburg Lion's Club members during the WSUL/WVOS Heart-a-thon at Catskill Regional Medical Center on February 25, 2012. (Contd. Pg. 4)

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ON THE FRONT BURNER: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. Exodus 20:2-3

OBITUARY

Clinton Hamilton, of Raleigh, NC, passed away peacefully on Thursday, March 1, 2012. He was 79

The son of the late Frank and Grace Hamilton, he was born July 13, 1932 in Grahamsville, NY. He lived in Raleigh, NC since 1965 where he worked in Duke Raleigh Hospital following his retirement from IBM. He served in the US Air Force during the Korean War.

He is survived by two brothers, Frank Hamilton and wife, Jane and Charles Hamilton and wife, Bernice; one sister, Cora Greene; a son, Keith Hamilton and a daughter, Gail Woolbright, and their spouses; four grandchildren, Jason, Lorin, Daniel and Alyse, and one great grandchild, Madisyn. He was preceded in death by a sister, Alice Maney.

A memorial service was held at Apex Funeral Home 550 West Williams Street, Apex, NC on Monday, March 5, 2012.

In lieu of flowers, please make a contribution to the Wounded Warrior Project, 4899 Belfort Rd., Ste. 300, Jacksonville, FL 32256.

Miloranka Krancun, mother of Nadia Lecei (owner of Nadia's in Hurleyville) of Monticello, NY passed on March 2, 2012 at O.R.M.C. She is survived by her 3 daughters, 6 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren. Visitation was held at the Colonial Memorial Funeral Home, 396 State Rt 52, Woodbourne on Monday, March 5 with a private funeral service Tuesday. The family asks that all condolences be sent to Nadia Lecei at PO Box 1076, South Fallsburg, 12779 or through their email at Nadias.Hurleyville@gmail.com. No phone calls please.

Birth Announcement

Neversink Population Increased by One!

Bob Drown would like to introduce you to Adele Kathleen Drown, born to Shane Drown and Mandy Argent on Feb 21 at Catskill Regional Hosp.

A picture is worth a thousand words! Congratulations to the proud and happy family of Adele.

DAYS OF YORE...

Today's History

March 5, 1952 - Miss Mardelle Matzinger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Matzinger of Liberty, was married Saturday evening to Mr. Bruce Wilson Denman, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Denman of Grahamsville at the First Presbyterian Church in Liberty. The bride is a graduate of Liberty High School. Mr. Denman, now a private in the U.S. Marine Corps, is stationed in Washington, D.C.

After twenty-six years of making home baked bread goods, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Erath have closed their bakery and are converting the store into an apartment. Their delicious home baked rye bread delighted customers for many years.

Twenty guests attended a 16th birthday party Saturday evening at Mr. and Mrs. Fernald DuBois' home on the Woodbourne Road in honor of their daughter, Ginny.

Born at Flower Hospital in New York City to Dr. and Mrs. Robert Greenwald of Mt. Vernon, N.Y., a son, James Mark, on Friday, February 29th. The grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Herbert George of Sundown, and Dr. and Mrs. Wm. Greenwald of Mt. Vernon. The great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Andrew George of Sundown.

March 7, 1962 - Dale W. Ross, son of Dr. and Mrs. W. Eugene Ross of Grahamsville, has been named to the Dean's List at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, N.Y. He is a sophomore majoring in electrical engineering.

Mrs. Robert Grey, Miss Gloria Doetsch and Mrs. Theron Hasbrouck attended a shower for Wendy Susan Smith at the Smith home in Hasbrouck on Thursday evening. Hostesses

were Mrs. Gary Tavormino, Mrs. James Mentnech, Mrs. John Dill, Mrs. Carl Denman and Mrs. Thomas Barkley.

March is a lamb and March is a lion,
It's also the time when housewives start tryin'
To scrub and to clean in a manner emphatic,
The entire shebang from cellar to attic.
KUM TO KRUM'S

March 15, 1972 - An Eagle Scout Board of Review was held Friday night and Barry Low, son of Mrs. Yolanda Low of Grahamsville, was awarded the rank of Eagle Scout, scouting's highest rank. A Court of Honor will be held in April to present Barry with his medal along with the recognition and honor for his achievement.

A surprise 25th Anniversary party was held for Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Drown on Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Bonnell. It was given by the Drown's children, David, Melanie, and Bonnie and Bill Deagle. Approximately 25 friends attended the party.

Karen Messinger of Grahamsville has been named to the Dean's List of the State University College at Oneonta for the fall semester of the 1982-83 school year. Miss Messinger is a senior majoring in liberal arts.

Congratulations to Mr. Vincent Zanetti, newly elected Vice President and Branch Administrator of the Marine Midland Bank of Southeastern New York.

March 11, 1982 - Myrtle Dean, widow of Archie Dean, Sr. of Neversink celebrated her 80th birthday Saturday. A surprise party was held for her by her children at the VFW home in Woodbourne, with about 50 relatives and friends there.

Mrs. Brooke Parker will be hosting an exchange student from Sweden during the coming school year, 1982-83. A young lady will be attending Tri-Valley and sharing her Swedish background while experiencing the life of an American home.

Ellenville Regional Hospital Wins Quality & Patient Safety Award

Ellenville, NY: On February 28, 2012, executives from the Northern Metropolitan Hospital Association (NorMet) and the Healthcare Trustees of New York State presented the Ellenville Regional Hospital Board of Trustees with a NorMet 2011 Quality and Patient Safety Award. The award was established to recognize member hospitals who exemplify the best in quality and patient safety.

The award presented to Ellenville Regional Hospital was in the Small Hospital category for its Medication and Patient Safety Collaborative. Accepting the award for the hospital was Steven L. Kelley, President & CEO; Ashima Butler, VP, Quality and Medical Staff Services; and Michael Stearns, Supervising Pharmacist.

Ellenville Regional Hospital won a 2010 NorMet Quality and Patient Safety Award for reducing the average length of stay in the Emergency Department to less than 100 minutes, and is the only hospital to win a NorMet Quality and Patient Safety award two years in a row.

For information on Ellenville Regional Hospital, call 845 647-6400.

Ellenville Regional Hospital is a 25 bed rural critical access hospital located in Southern Ulster County. The Hospital offers a wide range of services including inpatient services, rehabilitation, emergency care, physical therapy, orthopedics, gastroenterology, cardiology, cardio-stress testing, pulmonary, pain management, ambulatory surgery, laboratory, diabetes education, oncology, clinical pharmacy services, medical nutrition therapy, hospice care, women's health including bone density, mammography, ultrasound, urogynecology and imaging including CT scan, digital X-Ray, nuclear medicine, and MRI studies. The hospital has won numerous quality awards including four Patient Safety and Clinical Pharmacy Services Collaborative awards, one of each that was awarded by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) in 2009. For more information, visit www.ellenvilleregional.org

HERE AND THERE Local News from the Tri-Valley Area

Get well wishes to Wanda Cypert who is recuperating from surgery at Catskill Regional Hospital. Have a good week and God Bless. (Call Hulda at 985-2268 with your Neversink news.)

Stormwater Management Training

The Sullivan county Soil & Water Conservation District is pleased to announce they will be holding a training seminar for Stormwater Erosion & Sediment Control Management. This seminar is directed towards contractors and developers who will be disturbing soil of one acre or more. It will be held on April 6, 2012 from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm at the Cornell Cooperative Extension Building at 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road in Liberty, New York. The cost of attending the seminar is \$50 per person and pre-registration is recommended as space is limited. Photo ID is required to attend. To register, please contact the District Office at (845) 292-6552 Ext. 101, or go to the District's website at sullivancountyswcd.com.

TVCS Freshmen Class Offers a Babysitting Service

On March 30, 2012 the Tri-Valley Freshmen class will have a babysitting service at Tri-Valley Elementary School. This will allow parents to have a night to themselves. Children in grades 1-4 who attend Tri-Valley School are invited. Drop-off is at 5 p.m. and pick-up is no later than 8 p.m. There will be games, stories, coloring, and crafts for the children to enjoy. The suggested donation is \$5. Please reserve a spot for your child or children by March 23, 2012. Please fill out the medical forms, which will be sent home with your child or available on Tri-Valley's school website, trivalleycsd.org. Additional forms will be available in the Elementary School Office. Please contact Matt Haynes at matthewhaynes@trivalleycsd.org or 985-2296 x4250 for further information

TVCS FCCLA Collecting Pop Tabs



Hello, my name is Samantha Whipple and I am a member of the Family Career Community Leader of America (FCCLA) at Tri-Valley High school. This year's state conference is going to be held on March 28-31 at the Villa Roma Resort & Conference Center in Callicoon, NY. At the state conference I will be competing in a STAR (Students Taking Action with Recognition) event that revolves around pop tab collections for the Ronald McDonald house charities. The Ronald McDonald house charities find & support programs that directly improve the health and well-being of children. I will be collecting as many pop tabs as I can, along with the help of my fellow FCCLA members, and then taking them to the state conference. Every year all FCCLA members across New York State collect tabs. The collection of tabs is also helping with recycling and monies collected are used to help families within New York. If you would like to help, please drop off pop tabs at the main entrance of Tri-Valley High School. Thank you in advance. It will be greatly appreciated.

Still don't think it can make a difference? While it does vary by Chapter, RMHC Upper Midwest raises approximately \$30,000 a year through their pop tab program. Now that is a lot of pop tabs! Did you ever think it could be so easy to help families in need?

Why? Ronald McDonald Houses collect pop tabs instead of entire aluminum cans because it's more hygienic to store tabs than cans, and collection and storage is easier. The program is an easy way for people of all ages to support RMHC and know they are making a difference for families and children.

Achievement Award Winners - Sullivan Renaissance 2012 Annual Conference and Expo

Eleven businesses, individuals and organizations will receive 2012 Sullivan First Achievement Awards for their commitment to improving the appearance of Sullivan County during the Sullivan Renaissance Annual Conference and Expo on Saturday, March 10 at the CVI Center in Ferndale, NY.

This year's Sullivan First Achievement Awards go to:

- Spencer Daniels Agency of Monticello - For ongoing commitment to the Village of Monticello and for many contributions to events throughout the community.
- Aero Star Petroleum, Inc. of Monticello - For being a wonderful showcase of best practices in the landscaping of a commercial property.
- Eagle Plaza Mall of Monticello - For continued enhancements and landscaping efforts at the Eagle Plaza Mall.
- Bernie's Holiday Restaurant of Rock Hill - For landscaping efforts at Bernie's Holiday Restaurant while addressing the interior and exterior building renovations.
- Jim & Betty Lund - For outstanding and ongoing commitment to volunteer activities with the Woodbourne Action Committee.
- Dave & Phyllis Moore - For long-term volunteerism with the Neversink Renaissance and for outstanding leadership in the community.
- Laurie Kilgore - For time and artistic contributions to several community efforts including "Windows on Broadway" in Monticello, Sullivan County Museum in Hurleyville and numerous projects in Rock Hill.
- Barbara Sush - For enthusiastic, long-term volunteerism in Monticello with Sullivan First and Sullivan Renaissance and for a commitment to the beautification of Monticello.
- St. James Episcopal Church of Callicoon - For outstanding beautification efforts at St. James Episcopal Church and for the enhancement of the Hamlet of Callicoon.
- Keith Gilmour and the Recovery Center - For outstanding and ongoing commitment to Sullivan Renaissance and numerous volunteer activities in the Village of Monticello.
- Youth Economic Group of Rural Migrant Ministries - For outstanding efforts that demonstrate how young people can make a difference in their communities through volunteerism and an entrepreneurial spirit.

The CVI Center will be filled with flowers and garden exhibitors as the conference introduces the Renaissance Collection, a group of annuals and perennials that meet the challenges of gardening in Sullivan County.

The keynote address will be delivered by Joe Lamp'1 (aka Joe Gardener), host and executive producer of the award-winning series "Growing a Greener World" on public television, who will talk about gardening trends around the country. His groundbreaking series delivers the latest trends in eco-friendly living mixed with traditional gardening know-how. To view a full episode online, go to www.growingagreenerworld.com

All are welcome and there is no cost to attend. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. with breakfast and expo. The program starts at 9:00 a.m. and continues until 2:00 p.m. Door prizes will be awarded at the conference conclusion.

Applications for the 2012 grant program will be available. They are also on-line at www.sullivanrenaissance.org.

Conference workshop space is limited to the first registrants, so please RSVP by March 6. Workshops and presenters include:

- The Renaissance Collection: Vivian Multari-Ginsberg, Mary Lewis, Peter Patel
- Getting Maintenance Support: Mary Lewis
- Recruiting & Retaining Volunteers: Lori McKean, Sue Currier
- Cultivating Community Leaders: Peg Ellsworth & Helen Budrock
- Main Street Success Stories: Peg Ellsworth
- Enhance Your Storefront for Under \$200: Vivian Multari-Ginsberg
- Catskill Edible Garden Project (Two Sessions): Dan Levinson, Emily Deans
- Sullivan Renaissance Salon (Individual Appointments): Sullivan Renaissance Staff

To sign up on-line, go to www.sullivanrenaissance.org and at the top of the page, click on the "Annual Conference - Register" Quicklink. To obtain a workshop registration form, call Sullivan Renaissance office at 845-295-2445. To send in a form, fax 845-295-2746; email to sgonzalez@sullivanrenaissance.org; or mail to Sullivan Renaissance, c/o Gerry Foundation, PO Box 311, Liberty, NY 12754.

This is a recycling event; appropriate receptacles will be provided for attendees.

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

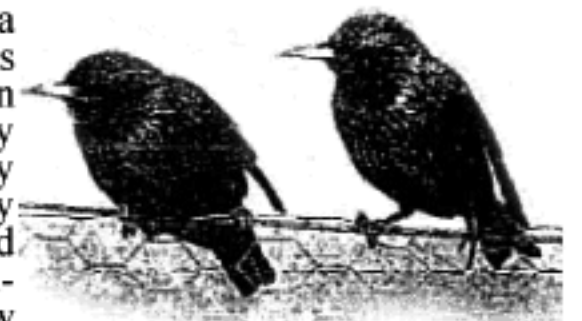
STARLINGS - BAD BIRDS

By Peggy DeWire



While visiting my family in Virginia, I saw the most astounding sight - a huge flock of 25,000 starlings that left the area each morning and returned at sunset. They had to spend the day feeding on grain left in harvested fields there in rural Culpepper County. The birds flew tightly together rising and dipping in a living black cloud. A megaflock!

The European starling (*Sturnus vulgaris*) isn't native to the USA. In 1890 a hundred birds were released in New York City and only thirty survived. But by 1990 they'd increased a million fold and now range over the whole United States. Today they flourish in every region of the world except the tropics. In fact, starlings are probably the fourth most common birds on our planet.



Starlings flock together at all times - breeding in bunches, feeding in flocks and migrating in masses. They're sturdy little birds that bully native species out of nest sites and food sources.

Once I watched a pair of starlings oust two bluebirds from their nest in a hole in a tree by carrying away each beakful of grass that the bluebirds had stuffed in the hole. When they flew away for more, the starlings watched them depart and plucked the grass out. This kept up for an hour before the exhausted bluebirds flew off to find another hollow tree.

Starlings are pretty black birds whose plumage has glossy purple and green highlights and white speckles. They have plump bodies and short tails. This is the only blackbird with a yellow beak in spring and summer, dark in winter.

The strong beak helps a starling gather a wide variety of foods: spiders, earthworms and insects. Plants include corn and grains, berries and fruits.

They use a pry-things-open approach on foods with tough skins and shells, and then follow up with open beak probing.

Starlings breed from March to September raising three broods a year. Males use wing waving (wings flap halfway) to attract females and mate with many partners.

Eggs are pale blue, 4-6 to a clutch. Because of a starling's polygamy and flocking habits, it's no wonder this species has multiplied quickly and has expanded into megaflocks like the one I saw.

Starlings coexist with people in cities and on farms with considerable economic effect. While eating pest insects, their huge flocks destroy whole fields.

When starlings become over abundant, they drive out native birds and strain the balance of nature.

Another bad mark is that starling roosts contain fungal molds, blastomycosis and histoplasmosis that can cause lung infections in humans.

At airports, starling flocks on runways and/or airborne, present a very serious danger.

I asked Culpepper County agent Carl Stafford about starling controls on farms and he told me of several:

1. Locate starling roosts and plant less desirable crops such as soybeans or sorghum near the roosts, corn, millet, and rye as far away as possible.
2. Stagger crop planting so that harvest times and the hatching of three broods of starlings don't coincide.
3. Grow hybrid corn with extra thick husks to reduce damage.
4. Use an avicide like Avitrol to poison cracked corn bait. Birds eating only a couple of kernels send distress calls that cause the flock to leave the field and not return.

Despite knowing that starlings bully native birds and destroy crops, I'd like to see another megaflock of 25,000 birds on my next visit to Virginia.Storm

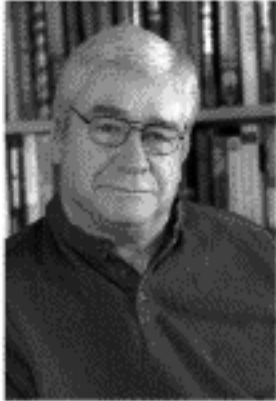
Helpful Hints - Sock it Two You!

Turn inside out a sports sock or another sock that is lumpy or loopy (they pick up more dust and debris this way). Slip the sock over a yardstick, tied in place. You can now reach ceiling corners, behind furniture and pianos, under refrigerators, behind bookshelves and other hard to reach places that need something long and thin to dust with.

Place cedar chips inside an old sock and tie closed. Hang in your closet or place in drawers or hope chests.

MYSTERIOUS BOOK REPORT NO. 39

by John Dwaine McKenna



Hey! Glad you're back for another **Mysterious Book Report**. For this week's review, I reached into the rear seat of Mister Peabody's way-back machine, and pulled out a 1934 noir crime classic that was "banned in Boston for its explosive violence and eroticism." Written by an elder statesman of the genre, James M. Cain and made into one of my most favorite noir movies in 1946, starring John Garfield and Lana Turner, and is of course, *The Postman Always Rings Twice* (Black Lizard Vintage Crime, \$13.00, 116 pages, ISBN 978-0-679-72325-7)

It's a twisted love triangle between a beautiful young woman who's married to a middle-aged man and a handsome, young, no-good drifter. The brief, but intense romance between the younger pair results in the murder of the husband; the rest of the novel deals with the aftermath: the capture, trial and the execution of one of the lovers. The prose is tight, and the dialogue is sparse, proving to me at least, that great things come in small packages. *The Gettysburg Address* for example, has only a few hundred words, yet it's still burned into our national consciousness 150 years later, while the "orator" . . . who droned on for hours as President Lincoln sat in a chair nearby, hands on his knees, patiently waiting . . . is forgotten by all but a few historians. *The Postman Always Rings Twice* has influenced generations of writers including French author Albert Camus, whose novel *The Stranger* is a staple of college literature classes worldwide. In the consumer-driven frenzy our modern

lives have become, where we're all constantly and subtly urged to buy the newest and latest "must-have" something or other, I think it's a great idea to take a step back and look at some earlier thinkers and doers, make comparisons, and reflect, about ourselves and our society. We'll do that from time-to-time, right here in the *Mysterious Book Report*. Stay tuned.

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Fallsburg HS Leo Club Serves at Heart-a-thon (From Pg. 1)



Front row left to right: Rachel Schmitt, Samantha Wiles, Lindsay Malman, and Club Advisor Ms. Shari Mednick; back row are Shorouk Abohussien, Cody Vegliante, Logan Mednick, and Adham Abohussien.

The Leos have been in existence for two years and have served at the event each year. Those present were Cody Vegliante, Rachel Schmitt, Samantha Wiles, Shorouk Abohussien, Adham Abohussien, Gregory Bedik, Logan Mednick, and Lindsay Malman

Fallsburg High School Drama Club Honors Memory of Mel Mednick

To honor the memory of Mel Mednick, long time Fallsburg High School staff and Board of Education member, the Drama Club will present a production of "Grease" in the high school auditorium on March 16 and 17 at 7 PM. Twenty years ago, Mr. Mednick resumed annual theater productions in the high school curriculum after a long hiatus. "Grease" was the show chosen for the revival of the student productions at that time. Directing the current show will be teachers Ms. Robynne Malman and Ms. Shari Mednick, Mel's daughter-in-law. Among the starring cast are Ms. Malman's daughter Lindsay as Rizzo, Ms. Mednick's son Logan as Doody, Danny Justiniano as Danny, Elizabeth Loarca as Sandy, Julian Giaimo as Kenickie, Rachel Schmitt as Frenchie, Francesca Torres as Marty, Joshua Malman as Roger, Cerrwida Brown as Jan, and Douglas Carter as Sonny. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for students and senior citizens. Contact Shari Mednick at smednick@fallsburgcsd.net or 845-434-4110 for tickets and information

Fallsburg Senior High School Presents "Grease"

Fallsburg Senior High School presents "Grease" on March 16 and 17 at 7:00 PM in the High School Auditorium. Tickets are adults \$8.00, students and senior citizens, \$5.00. The directors are Ms. Shari Mednick and Ms. Robynne Malman. The musical director is Liz Toleno and the choreographer is Jane Lawski. Information: smednick@fallsburgcsd.net or 845-434-4110.

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Second Annual Sullivan Nonprofit Summit Held at Bethel Woods (From Pg. 1)

Sullivan Nonprofit Summit 2012 was held at Bethel Woods Center for the Arts on Wednesday, March 7.

The summit will brought together leaders, staff and volunteers for a day of capacity building, fostering relationships and collaborative planning.

Keynote remarks were made by Douglas B. Bauer, Executive Director, The Clark Foundation

A panel was moderated by Dr. William Mirabito, Interim President, SUNY Sullivan.

The panelists included Paul Trader, Executive Director of Rockland CCE and founder of the Rockland Non Profit Institute, Kaytee Warren, Chief Professional Officer, The United Way of Sullivan County, Joanne Mongelli, Deputy Director, ArtsWestchester, and a representative from M&T Charitable Foundation.

A networking reception was held from 4 to 5 pm featuring Dr. Donna Singer with jazz Conversations, Jeff Otis and Larry Balestra.

The sponsors of the summit are Catskill Hudson Bank, Community Foundation of Orange & Sullivan, Jeff Bank, Marshall & Sterling Insurance, Metlife and SUNY Sullivan.

Sullivan Nonprofit Summit Steering Committee includes Co-chairs, Amanda Langseder, Cornell Cooperative Extension; Linda C. Hartley, Hartley Consulting, Inc.

Sullivan County Sheriff's Report

On Monday February 27, 2012, the Cortland Police Department requested the assistance of the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office in locating a possible suspect in the kidnapping of a woman from that city.

The Cortland police advised that the victim had been forced into a purple Dodge Neon the previous evening and that the victim's daughter had fought with the assailant and was injured as a result.

The police identified the suspect as Brian D. Valentino, 39, of Cortland, NY. A computer check revealed that Valentino had an outstanding parole warrant in addition to the warrant for the assault in Cortland. Acting on information provided by the Cortland Police and local residents, Sheriff's deputies located the Dodge Neon parked at an apartment house across the street from the Thompsonville Post Office. At approximately 10:30 AM, Sheriff's Deputies, State Troopers, and an Encon Police K-9 unit surrounded the residence on Thompson Road.

The suspect was taken into custody without incident.

The alleged female victim was located by police inside the apartment but she insisted that she had gone with the suspect voluntarily and did not wish to file a complaint.

Brian Valentino, who was on parole for burglary, was charged with assault in the 3rd degree, felony parole violation, and trespass. He was turned over to the City of Cortland Police Department for prosecution.

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The Olive Jar

The Olive Frame of Mind

By Carol LaMonda

A friend of mine, Marie Oakley, said she followed my writing even though she isn't quite an Olive resident, but, then again, she continued, "Olive is more of an attitude and frame of mind." She is right. Olive is the essence of a neighborhood that sometimes transcends the political boundaries. We, the communities of Woodstock, Glenford, West Hurley, and Shandaken share a school and lots of activities in common.



Members of the Bennett Super Heroes team

A good example of that larger community was seen at the Webb Leonard Memorial Dodgeball Tournament that was held on March 2 at the high school. The sixth grade children from Bennett, Phoenicia and Woodstock competed along with nine teams made up with teachers, staff, parents, and former students. It was friendly competition at its best. On one team, the Bennett Super Heroes, Kelly Downs had to face his wife, Crissy Downs, on the Lunch Ladies team. Crissy quickly put her husband out of the game with a direct hit. In a wild turn of events, Linda Sella, who played on the Administrator Team, was the sole survivor facing her entire staff of Phoenicia Rocks. Luckily the buzzer saved the teachers from having to hit her.

The Alba Control won the double elimination competition, but Phoenicia won the spirit award and the kids competition. Bennett bought in the most spectators. The money raised will help benefit educational field trips to the Ashokan Center and Frost Valley.

Another event that will benefit the larger community is the Blood Drive on Monday, March 12 from 2-8 p.m. at the Reservoir Methodist Church on Route 28 in Shokan.

Probably the best example of serving the larger community, the world we share with others, is the PET project. PET stands for Personal Energy Transportation Project that meets in Don DuBois' shop on Route 28. The parts for six or seven PET vehicles costs about \$400. The hand-cranked wheelchair, which looks like a kids' Big Wheel, provides mobility for over 21 million persons who have lost their legs to land mines, war injuries, polio, and accidents. Our little town with a few dedicated men and one woman produces these vehicles that are shipped all over the world. If you would like to help them build or contribute to the raw materials, contact Cary Wood at the Reservoir Methodist Church.

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TV Indoor Track State Meet Results

Last Saturday Seniors Dominique Darby and Jim Bernstein qualified and competed at the New York State Indoor Track Championship. Dominique, qualifying for her 2nd Indoor State Meet, placed 16th in the Shot Put of 36 competitors. Jim came into the competition seeded 27th of 36 qualifiers in the 1600 and ended 13th of 36.

Congratulations to both of you and good luck to both of you at the High School Nationals this weekend at the 168th Street Armory this weekend. Dominique will compete in the weight throw, Jim in the 2 mile and Brooke Gillette in the Mile Walk.

Consumer Protection Week

NY Attorney General Provides Tips to Beat Scams, Including Internet and Credit Issues - The Top Two Frauds

Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman has released the list of the top ten consumer fraud complaints received by the Attorney General's Office in 2011. Marking the start of National Consumer Protection Week, the Attorney General highlighted the scams most reported by New Yorkers and offered tips on how to avoid them in the future.

"Arming consumers with information is the best defense against frauds and abuses," Attorney General Schneiderman said. "The crime scene of the 21st century is the Internet, and it is important for consumers to not only know their rights online, but how to seek justice. In addition to taking action against those who cheat New Yorkers, our office is always a resource to stop scams before they start. I encourage New Yorkers to mark National Consumer Protection Week by learning how to recognize, avoid and report consumer frauds wherever they exist."

The Attorney General's Office analyzed the consumer complaints received from across the state throughout 2011. For the second year in a row, the highest number of complaints were Internet-related, closely followed by credit-related complaints that involved debt collection, credit card billing and identity theft. The Attorney General has provided a list of tips all consumers should use to protect themselves and their families:

1. Internet: Always make sure websites are secure before providing any financial information, such as a credit card or bank account number. Secure website addresses start with "https" and have a symbol, such as a lock. These secure sites use encryption to scramble your information as it is transmitted over the Internet to keep it secure. 2. Credit: Debt collection is the most common type of credit fraud, and consumers must

know their rights. Debt collectors may not harass or abuse consumers, nor provide misleading information - for instance claiming to represent a government agency. Anyone with credit problems should contact credit counseling agencies licensed by the New York State Banking Department for assistance in managing the situation and avoiding collection scams. 3. Automobile: Many automobile complaints relate to leasing and New Yorkers should know that they are protected by the strongest auto-leasing law in the country. The law allows consumers to shop around for the best deal when leasing a car, set limits on early termination, and even gives the Attorney General's Office jurisdiction to resolve excess wear-and-tear disputes.

4. Services: We rely on a range of services in our day-to-day living, from snow-removal to home repair to party planning. Make sure to use a written contract for all services that clearly defines restrictions and obligations of both the consumer and service-provider.

5. Landlord/Tenant: Landlords are required to keep records of all notices, inspections and repair matters related to the residence. This is especially important for issues like lead paint - which was prevalent in the 1960s and poses a significant threat to children. Ask your landlord for documentation to ensure that your building is up to code.

6. Mortgage: Mortgage rescue scams prey on homeowners in their greatest time of need. Look out for offers that will stop or delay foreclosure payments for an upfront fee or make payments on your behalf. Beware of companies that suggest a government affiliation or claim to be with the government, or those that work with attorneys but do not provide legal services.

7. Retail Sales: Retail gift cards have become increasingly popular. However, consumers should be careful to buy only from retailers they know and trust. If you buy a card from a company that files for bankruptcy or goes out of business, the card may be worth less than you what they paid. Consumers should also read the rules on the card to know what fees and conditions apply. New rules now provide that money on a gift card cannot expire for at least five years from the date the card was purchased, or from the last date any additional money was added to the card. Inactivity fees can also only be charged if the card hasn't been used for at least one year.

8. Home Repair/Construction: The biggest and most important investment families will make is their homes, and improvements should add value, not hardship. Before entering into a contract, shop around for estimates, check in with the Better Business Bureau, banks, suppliers and neighbors for references, and know your rights: you have three days after signing a home improvement contract to cancel it.

9. Mail Order: Whether ordering online or from a catalog, make sure the company has an operating customer service line and lists a real street address. Companies operating on a 'fly-by-night' basis often have no working customer service number and list only a P.O. Box.

10. Telecommunications: Calling cards remain a popular way not only to get in touch with family and friends, but also to rip-off consumers. Start with one card of a small denomination and test it to ensure that all the charges - including connection fees and rate per minute - are what the provider described.

Attorney General Schneiderman reminded New Yorkers that in addition to being vigilant consumers, they should also report instances of fraud to his office.

"Our top ten list reflects the complaints filed by New Yorkers across the state, which helped our investigators and attorneys stop scam artists in their tracks," Attorney General Schneiderman added. "It's critical that frauds are reported to the authorities when they are detected so that our office hold wrongdoers accountable, limit their damage, and protect consumers."

Consumers are encouraged to file complaints by visiting the Office's website: www.ag.ny.gov/resource_center/complaints/complaints.html or calling 1-800-771-7755.

Spring Forward at Cabaradio

Join your friends and neighbors at the Pine Hill Community Center as we turn our clocks ahead and welcome Daylight Savings Time, which can only mean one thing: It's time for another great Catskill Cabaradio. On Saturday, March 10th, the evening begins with a pot luck supper full of delicious surprises from 6 to 7pm. Then house lights dim and the Pine Hill Playboys strike up a lively tune as the broadcast begins. This installment of Cabaradio will feature beat poet Andy Clausen, who was called "The Future of American Poetry" by Allen Ginsberg, jazz cabaret duo Ann Osmond and Dennis Yerry, the ever clever advice dispenser Dorothy Greenberg, storyteller Bob Albrecht, a short radio play by the Shandakan Theater Society players and scintillating interviews with local movers and shakers. As usual there will be surprise guests and chances for our studio audience to win prizes by playing "Catskill Trivia."

Four times a year Catskill Cabaradio brings a veritable Who's Who of well known area residents to local and international audiences with its free variety show. In addition to the live studio version, which draws a large community audience, the show is broadcast on WIOX 91.3 FM, Roxbury NY and simulcast on wioxradio.org. A highly entertaining evening for all ages, each Cabaradio is an important outreach and awareness building event for the Pine Hill Community Center where Cabaradio is produced by a group of dedicated volunteers with support from the Pine Hill Community Center and individual donors.

It is truly a treat to be in the house for the show, but if you can't be there, then make sure to tune in at 7:00pm at www.catskillradio.org or www.wiox.org. And now you can email your questions for Dorothy to: yourmothershouldknow@catskillradio.org! One way or the other, you won't want to miss this show!

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The LEICC is an advisory board to the Local Early Intervention Official with regard to services provided in Sullivan County. Parents and other interested parties are invited to the session. The LEICC will be reviewing services and local data for the current and previous program years. For more information, contact Lisa Wissman, Early Intervention Manager at 292-5910, Ext. 2202.

SCVA Joins World Fishing & Outdoor Expo

The Sullivan County Visitors Association participated in the World Fishing and Outdoor Exposition that was held from March 1 to March 4, 2012 at the Eugene Levy Fieldhouse, Rockland County Community College, Suffern, Ne York.

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Hurleyville, NY - Come enjoy a taste of the old country as The Sullivan County Historical Society presents Big Sky Productions & Guests in a performance of "Shorts & Sweets for St. Patrick's Day."

The presentation takes place on Saturday, March 17 at 7:30 p.m. at the Sullivan County Museum, 265 Main Street in Hurleyville.

The evening will feature Irish music performed by Debbie Palmarini, and by the band Little Sparrow, which features Carol Smith, Aldo Troiani, Lynn Reno and Lester Wilson, with guest guitarist Jim Stickler. Other special guests may make an appearance as well.

In addition, Big Sky Productions' Carol Montana, DeLois "Cookie" House and Steve Lavelle will entertain with Irish short stories and lots of Irish jokes.

Admission for "Shorts & Sweets for St. Patrick's Day" is \$10.00 and includes free homemade desserts provided by the members of the Sullivan County Historical Society, as well as by the cast.

For additional information, call Big Sky Productions at 845-985-7783.

"Water" Regional Juried Art Exhibit Opens at SUNY Ulster

Art works by more than 75 regional artists will be on display in SUNY Ulster's regional juried show themed "Water," opening with a reception on March 9, from 6 to 8 p.m., in the Muroff Kotler Visual Arts Gallery and running through April 13.

Local artist Portia Munson judged the show.

A local painter, photographer and installation artist, Munson is best known for her "Pink Projects," made up of thousands of pink plastic objects that explore "the marketing of femininity" and for her large flower prints, scanned configurations of flowers collected from her garden.

The Muroff Kotler Visual Arts Gallery is located in Vanderlyn Hall on the Stone Ridge campus. The gallery is open Mondays through Fridays, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., and by appointment. It is closed on college holidays.

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Students Come Together and Demonstrate Musical Talents (From Pg. 1)

Dr. Emily Mason conducted the Junior High Mixed Chorus. Dr. Mason currently teaches undergraduate and graduate courses in vocal music education, and is Coordinator of the Junior Vocal Teaching Program at Ithaca College. The festival concluded with the Senior High Band performing under the direction of Scott A. Bonney, a trumpet player who holds degrees from Onondaga Community College, SUNY Fredonia School of Music, and the University of New England. Scott is currently in his tenth year in public school music education at West Canada Valley CSD in Newport, NY.



The following Tri-Valley students performed at this year's festival: Junior High Jazz Band - Zachrey Nilsen and Kayla Butler; Junior High Women's Chorus- Dorothy Monforte, Courtney Goldsmith, Amanda Schwartz, Megan Comfort, Kim Doyle, Ellen Rose Duffy, Brianna Olsen and Emma Pompeii; Junior High Mixed Chorus-Daniel CiVito, Devan Jones, Brianna Worden, LeaMae Zieninger, Rebecca Denman, Olivia Spriggins, Thomas Decker, Patrick Farran, Anthony Kessler, Ian Kurzrock, Michael Martin, Jordan Johnson Prince, Brandon Worden, Robert Worden, Joshua Zieres, Ben Kennedy, Sean Kennedy Jesse Kitzmiller, Brian Lowe, James Tierney, Joseph Vargo; and Senior High Band- Alexandria Brooks, So Woo Chon, Jared Ratner, Joey Mickelson, Chris Kitzmiller, Olivia Rehm, Hauk Boyes, Jimmy Bernstein and Kyle Rogers.

Presentations were made by Senator John Bonacic, Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther and Sullivan County Legislature Scott Samuelson at the ceremony following the opening remarks by Michael Mingo, SCMEA President, and welcoming remarks from Daniel Teplesky, Superintendent of Monticello CSD and Lori Orestano-James, MHS Principal, NYSCAME Vice President, and NYSSMA Advocacy Council Person.

Quoting Senator Bonacic's LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the Sullivan County Music Educators' Association upon the occasion of its 58th Annual All-County Music Festival, held on March 3, 2012. "...that music contributes significantly to the cultural enrichment and quality of life in the State of New York; and events that foster community spirit and cooperation merit the recognition of this Legislative Body... music has evolved to be an important part of the education of the young people of New York State."

"This festival is illustrative of the commitment of the administrators of all eight Sullivan County school districts to providing a full and comprehensive music program in their districts. Aaron Rovitz, Festival Chairperson; Michael Mingo, President of the Sullivan County Music Educators' Association; the music educators of all eight Sullivan County Central School Districts; and all those who will perform on March 3, 2012 and their parents are to be commended for their efforts in planning, preparing for and presenting a musical program which will bring pleasure to all those in attendance."

Congratulations to all of the students who participated in the 58th Annual All county Musical Festival!

Maple Madness at Frost Valley YMCA



Maple Sugaring Hike: Saturday, March 10 from 1:00-3:30

Join us for a maple sugaring hike to explore the process of crafting maple syrup from tap to table. Along the way we'll also delve into the history and science of sugaring. This **FREE** event is part of Frost Valley's Take a Hike series. **Advance registration is required**, please contact Benjamin Snyder: bsnyder@frostvalley.org or call (845) 985 2291 ext. 217

Maple Open Houses: Visit Frost Valley's sugar house to learn about how pure maple syrup is made. See the tap to table process, identify a sugar maple tree, see our evaporator, and try a sample of fresh syrup. **Advance registration is not required.** For directions visit our website at www.frostvalley.org

- March 17 and 18, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
- March 24 and 25, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Frost Valley YMCA
2000 Frost Valley Road
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Maple Hike and Two Maple Sugar Weekends Planned at Frost Valley YMCA

Claryville, NY -Free Maple Hike and Sugar Weekends are planned for March 10th, March 17-18 and March 24-25 at Frost Valley YMCA in Claryville. Frost Valley's Maple Weekends provide the opportunity for families to experience first-hand the wonders of Maple Sugar production. The Maple Hike will be from 1 - 3:30 pm and will explore our sugar bush, sugar house and the syrup making process. Weekend activities will run from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. daily with tours of the Maple Sugar House every half-hour.

Visitors at Frost Valley's Maple Sugar House in the 'forever wild' Catskills will learn about this magical tradition from start to finish. Visitors will find out how to identify a good sugar maple tree, the tree tapping process and proper boiling techniques. There will also be information detailing traditional sapping techniques as compared to modern day practices. Guests can attend for free during the day or enjoy the festivities as part of a day or overnight stay at Frost Valley. In addition to the maple sugaring theme, there will be many other seasonal activities for overnight guests to enjoy.

The northeast is the only place in the world where sugar maple trees grow and where maple syrup is produced. Frost Valley is in the heart of sugar maple country.

The event is free of charge, but visitors attending the Maple Sugar Weekends are asked to register at the Frost Valley Welcome Center at 2000 Frost Valley Road. The sugar house is located at 1920 Frost Valley Road (Ulster County Route 47) and is located approximately a half-mile east of the Frost Valley Main Camp entrance.

For information please call (845) 985-2291, ext. 217, e-mail: info@frostvalley.org or visit: www.frostvalley.org/maple-sugaring/.

Frost Valley YMCA is eight miles from Claryville and fourteen miles from Big Indian in the Catskill Mountain High Peaks. It's open every day through four seasons, welcoming school children, family, group and business retreats every week from September through June. The camp is just 2.5 hours drive from metro NY/NJ and about 1 hour from Kingston.

"Family Matters" paintings by Peter Greene

"Family Matters," an exhibit of paintings by Peter Greene opens with a reception on Saturday, March 24 from 2 to 4 p.m. at Alliance Gallery at the Delaware Arts Center in Narrowsburg, NY. The exhibit will be on view through April 14, 2012.

"Life has been rich, built around a family whose stories continue to permeate my work," says painter Peter Greene. For over 30 years, he has been portraying family life through his paintings. Whether depicting a child teasing a cat or a father playing a game with a toddler, Greene's narrative paintings explore parent/child dynamics, marital roles, and generational identities of family members. Many of the paintings are set in sparse, dreamy interiors full of shadows and ochre tones.

Trained as an abstract painter in New York City, Greene says, "The likeness of a character is secondary to a sense of the character's condition or state of mind. I am more interested in a narrative that examines how the world feels than the details of how it looks. The limited figurative drawing skills that I possessed turned out to be a gift rather than a burden. My

inability to refine figures quickly results in my having more time discover my narrative."

After becoming a husband and father, the New York native and his family moved to California where he received his master's degree at San Jose State University during which time he was a teaching assistant in the printmaking department. After graduating Greene taught painting and drawing at two community colleges and regularly showed his work on the west coast. The family then returned to New York where he and his wife started a design firm that early on adopted Internet technologies.

"I was an consistent part time painter," he recalls. Since 1992, Greene and his wife Hester have spent weekends at their cottage in Damascus, PA. After five years, with a body of work that reflected this life change, Greene accepted the offer of a solo show at the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance.

In recent years Greene retired from city life. He built himself a studio and now paints full time for the first time in his life. "Being in the studio full time has resulted in a body of new work," he says, "During the last 15 years I have by choice exhibited only in local group shows. Once again I am lucky enough to be offered a solo show at the DVAA. Living and working in this community that is so supportive of the arts has allowed me to be more productive than I have been at any other juncture in my life."

Free and open to the public, the exhibit is sponsored by the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance, the Arts Council for Sullivan County, NY, and is made possible in part by a grant from the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Legislature.

Alliance Gallery is located at the Delaware Arts Center at 37 Main Street, Narrowsburg, NY. Hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information about the exhibit call (845) 252-7576 or visit www.ArtsAllianceSite.org.

Dine Out to Support the Arts

Every April for the past three years, members and friends of Delaware Valley Arts Alliance (DVAA) have hosted dozens of house parties around Sullivan County and the Upper Delaware River Valley to raise funds for DVAA's programs and services. This year, their event is scheduled for Saturday, April 21 and has been expanded to include participating restaurants. "Arts Alive Fundraising House Parties" and "Savor the Arts - Restaurant Style" involve people coming together for a common goal that will focus support for regional arts-and the DVAA. It's a day to dine out for the arts.

Those familiar with the DVAA might invite friends to their home for dinner and extol the virtues of having DVAA in our community, thereby expanding the network of support. There are 16 house parties currently scheduled on April 21 around the region, with numbers growing. (Technically, house parties may take place anytime, but most events focus on April 21.) If you think this is a fun way to support your local arts organization and creative community, just call the DVAA office at 845-252-7576 and say you would like to host your own event. Support materials are available.

Fundraising parties may be as simple as barbecued beans and beer or as lavish as a champagne and caviar event at your home, place of business, or public space. It is up to you. Be creative, have fun, and introduce DVAA's outstanding record of over 35 years of service to your friends and neighbors. For those not attending a house party, Savor the Arts-Restaurant Style has a wide variety of venues to choose from in which you can support the arts. From a dinner, a movie, and dessert to a distillery tour and tasting, several regional restaurants are partnering with DVAA to host their special event.

We hope you will be a guest or host and experience what others have learned as past Arts Alive events-that supporting the arts has never been so much fun. For more information, call 845-252-7576.



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Samuelson Details the Need for Mandate Relief for SC's Property Taxpayers in His Testimony Today Before the State mandate Relief Council at SUNY New Paltz

Scott B. Samuelson, Chairman of the Sullivan County Legislature provided both verbal and written testimony before the New York State Mandate Relief Council this afternoon at SUNY New Paltz. "New York State is at a critical point in our State's history, and more importantly our economic future. Counties can no longer use local property tax dollars for local needs, such as road and bridge maintenance and public safety, because the funds are consumed by State Mandates. If the State wants true property tax relief, they must let local officials set the property tax levy for local priorities, rather than paying for State dictated programs," said Samuelson.

"Simply capping property taxes will not reduce the cost of government and the State mandated programs and services imposed on property taxpayers. Ironically, it preserves the status quo - that New Yorkers pay the highest property taxes in the nation. The State must reform the service delivery system to effectively reduce property taxes, and fully fund their mandates from State funds, not County property taxes," added Samuelson.

Reducing property taxes has been a priority for County leadership for decades. This has always been contingent on aggressive realignment of the service delivery structure in New York State. Counties need authority to manage State programs locally to root out waste, fraud and abuse, and run programs more efficiently.

60 years ago, County Government was very different than today - addressing needs such as roads and bridges, public safety, economic development, operating and maintaining parks, and caring for citizens through basic quality of life programs. Gradually, as the State expanded public services, it imposed the cost of these programs on the local property taxpayers. Medicaid was the first and remains the biggest State imposed property tax funded mandate.

The 2012 Sullivan County Tax Levy totals \$49,877,857. Of that amount, 93.2 % is mandated. County government has little or no control over these costs. Sullivan County's Medicaid bill will be \$21,358,117 in 2012, as mandated by the State. In 2012, about 42.8% of the County property taxes paid will pay just one bill - Medicaid. Three central program groups, including Public Assistance, Safety Net and Child Welfare will cost the County \$8,033,338, which is 16.1 % of this year's tax levy. Additional mandates, including Early Intervention services, probation, indigent defense, jail staffing levels, and youth detention, are projected to cost the County \$17,058,763 in 2012, which is 34.2 % of the tax levy. 2012 Sullivan County Tax Levy (\$49,877,857)

The New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC) has provided detailed background and thirty-seven (37) specific mandate recommendations regarding Medicaid, as well as, Public Assistance/Safety Net; Child Welfare; Preschool Special Education; Early Intervention; Indigent Defense; Probation; Youth Detention; Pensions; and other mandate relief ideas. I respectfully encourage the mandate relief council to support the complete state takeover of all Medicaid costs first and foremost, and I support the mandate relief ideas that have been submitted on behalf of all counties by NYSAC.

"Clearly, Sullivan County simply can't sustain the current levels of services that our citizenry deserves, due to the fact that 93.2% of our property tax levy is consumed to pay the bills for the State's programs. And, these bills are projected to grow at a rate that is significantly larger than the revenues that would be realized, if Sullivan County were to conform to the property tax cap law in 2013 and beyond. Governor Cuomo has proposed a "hard cap" on County proper-

ty taxpayers share of the growth of the Medicaid program costs. While I welcome the Governor's proposal, it is only a start in the right direction. A "hard cap" will result in Sullivan County funding nearly \$22 million of locally generated tax revenues to pay for a program that is in reality a federal and state partnership, except in New York and North Carolina. The "hard cap" is a significant first-step; however, our goal must be the complete takeover of all Medicaid costs by the State government, with New York State then joining forty-eight other states in our nation. Once New York State assumes all Medicaid costs at the state level, property taxes will be stabilized, and likely significantly reduced in Sullivan County, and throughout the state. In fact, Sullivan County's property tax levy would likely be reduced by more than one-third with the state assuming all Medicaid costs - just that one program alone," concluded Samuelson.

NY Attorney General Announces \$28 Million in Settlements with Two Pharmaceutical Companies for Violating Medicaid Regulations; Dava Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Overcharged Medicaid By Misclassifying Drugs In Rebate Program - KV Pharmaceutical Company Accepted Taxpayer Money For Drugs That Did Not Qualify For Coverage Under Federal And State Health Care Programs

NEW YORK - Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman today announced settlements totaling \$28 million with two pharmaceutical companies that ripped off taxpayers and the Medicaid system. In two multi-state agreements, Dava Pharmaceuticals, Inc. and KV Pharmaceutical Company will pay back New York for separate violations of the False Claims Act. Dava misclassified drugs to evade paying its obligations to Medicaid, and KV failed to advise the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services that two unapproved drugs did not qualify for coverage under federal and state health care programs, allowing the company to accept taxpayer money unlawfully. The portion of the settlements going to New York State is more than \$2.5 million.

"My office has long pledged to hold accountable pharmaceutical companies that abuse the Medicaid program and rip off taxpayers," Attorney General Schneiderman said. "The actions taken today reflect our commitment to cracking down on those attempting to waste our scarce Medicaid resources. By aggressively rooting out fraud in the health care system, our office will continue to pursue justice on behalf of New York's taxpayers."

Dava Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

Attorney General Schneiderman's office reached a settlement with Dava Pharmaceuticals regarding charges that the Delaware-based corporation underpaid their rebate obligations through the Medicaid Prescription Drug Rebate Program between October 1, 2005 and September 30, 2009. Under that program, participating drug companies are required to pay quarterly rebates to state Medicaid programs. The rebate, which is a percentage of the average manufacturing price, is based on the amount of money that Medicaid paid for each company's drugs.

The precise amount of a rebate is determined in part by whether a drug is considered an "innovator" drug or a "non-innovator" drug. Similar to brand name and generic drugs, the rebate for innovator drugs is higher than the rebate for non-innovator drugs. The participating states and the federal government found that Dava had misclassified the drugs Cefdinir, Clarithromycin and Methotrexate as non-innovator drugs for Medicaid rebate purposes. As a result, the company underpaid their rebate obligations to the Medicaid Program at the expense of taxpayers.

In the federal and multistate agreement, Dava will pay a total of \$11 million in damages to compensate Medicaid and various federal healthcare programs for its conduct. New York State will receive \$1,316,575.

KV Pharmaceutical Company

In the office's agreement with KV Pharmaceutical Company, Attorney General Schneiderman settled charges that the company failed to advise the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services that two unapproved products did not qualify for coverage under federal and state health care programs. KV, which was the St. Louis-based parent company of the now-defunct Ethex Corporation, will pay a total of \$17 million to compensate Medicaid and various federal healthcare programs for its conduct. New York State will receive \$1,189,577.

According to the settlement, Ethex submitted false quarterly reports to the government related to drugs Nitroglycerin Extended Release Capsules (Nitroglycerin ER) and Hyoscyamine Sulfate Extended Release Capsules (Hyoscyamine ER). The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) deemed the drugs-used to treat chest pain due to lack of oxygen supply, and various stomach, intestinal and urinary tract disorders respectively-"less than effective" and ineligible for reimbursement by the government health care programs, such as Medicaid, in the late 1990s.

The settlement resolves charges that despite the drugs classification as "less than effective," Ethex actively promoted Nitroglycerin ER and Hyoscyamine Sulfate ER as prescription drugs that were "Medicaid reimbursable." As a result, the government contends Ethex knowingly caused false claims to be submitted for Nitroglycerin ER and Hyoscyamine Sulfate ER. Ultimately, neither drug received full regulatory approval for safety and effectiveness, and neither product is currently on the market.

Both cases were brought under the qui tam, or whistleblower, provisions of the False Claims Act, which allow private parties with knowledge of fraud to sue on behalf of the United States. In both cases, a National Association of Medicaid Fraud Control Units team participated in the investigations and conducted the settlement negotiations with KV and Dava on behalf of the settling states. Team members included representatives from New York, South Carolina, Texas and Maine.

The cases were handled by Jay Speers, Counsel for the New York State Medicaid Fraud Control Unit, Chief Auditor for the Civil Enforcement Unit Michael Lacasse, and Senior Special Auditor and Investigator Matthew Tandle, under the supervision of Deputy Attorney General of MFCU Monica Hickey-Martin.

New Yorkers are urged to report cases of suspected Medicaid fraud to the Attorney General's toll-free Medicaid Fraud Hotline, at 1-866-NYS-FIGHT (697-3444).


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UC Executive Mike Hein Hosts Ulster County Cultural Heritage Conference

(From Pg. 1) "The overwhelming majority of American travelers include a cultural, arts, heritage or historic activity into their vacation; Ulster County has a fascinating and diverse heritage to share; and we look forward to welcoming visitors from around the world," said County Executive Hein. "Unfortunately, some of our sites suffer from a lack of awareness, visitation or support and today's event is designed to help end that. The Cultural Heritage Conference is a great way to facilitate partnership among our cultural heritage organizations so that they can all grow stronger and attract more visitors." At the conference, County Executive Hein unveiled plans for a new Cultural Heritage Trail brochure. It will include a description of each historic site, a County map with all of the sites and suggestions for visitors with particular interests.

County Executive Hein said, "Our new Cultural Heritage Trail brochure will afford both visitors and residents the ability to find our many historic and cultural sites. It is a great way to promote all of these valuable locations."

Rick Remsnyder, Ulster County Tourism Department Director, stated, "The County Executive could not have picked a better time to bring Ulster County's cultural heritage sites together. Cultural tourism assets play a huge role in drawing people to Ulster County. Each town and community has sites that bring our past to our present creating an experience for our visitors that is unforgettable."

"In the Hudson Valley, cultural tourism is a growth industry thanks to the efforts of both for-profit and not-for-profit companies. We all have to work together to succeed," said Ken Snodgrass of Locust Grove and Locust Lawn.

Speakers included: Mike Hein, County Executive; Nina Postupack, County Clerk; Mark Castiglione, Acting Executive Director of the Hudson River Valley Greenway; Lance Matteson, President of the Ulster County Development Corporation; Tim Allred, Hudson Valley Guide at Hudson River Valley Tours, Vice President of the Friends of Senate House and Member of Sojourner Truth Esopus Memorial Committee; Jim Edelstein of 33 Delivered; Cathy Ellis of Hudson River Valley Tours, LLC; Kenneth F. Snodgrass, Executive Director of Locust Grove and Locust Lawn; Erin M. Tobin, Regional Director of Technical and Grant Programs for Eastern New York at the Preservation League of New York State; Rick Remsnyder, Director, Ulster County Department of Tourism; March Gallagher, Ulster County Deputy Director for Economic Development; and Laurie Hancock, Deputy County Clerk, Office of the County Clerk Records Management.

Bonacic and Rabbitt Host "Local Government Day" in Albany - Local Officials from 42nd Senate District and 97th Assembly District Meet in Albany for Informational Forum

State Senator John J. Bonacic (R/I/C - Mount Hope) and State Assemblywoman Annie Rabbitt (R,C,I - Greenwood Lake) hosted "Local Government Day" in Albany, which connects local officials from the 42nd Senate District and the 97th Assembly District with New York State Agency officials, to share pertinent information to assist local communities.

"I organize this event every two years in an effort to help and guide our localities," said Senator John Bonacic. "This year, area officials were presented with State resources and information on; Emergency Response, Environmental Improvement Projects, Municipal Financing, SEQRA and the Local Role, Grant and Training Applications for Local Grants Funding, Water and Sewer infrastructure, Public Transportation and Open Meetings Law. I wholeheartedly believe that the more open communication, knowledge and resources we have, the better we can serve the public."

"Representing Orange and Rockland counties Senator Bonacic and I are very fortunate to collaborate with so many dedicated and hard-working local officials, and by everyone coming together here in Albany we can help continue to foster that sense of cooperation and better deliver for our collective constituents," said Assemblywoman Annie Rabbitt. "I would like to thank Senator Bonacic for his leadership and all the officials, and state agencies involved, for making the trip up to Albany and their continued partnership."

Dozens of local officials traveled to Albany to hear presentations given by State agency representatives from; the Mid Hudson Region Empire State Development Corporation, the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services, the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation, the Office of the State Comptroller, the New York State Department of the Environment, the Department of State, and the New York State

Department of Transportation. Additionally, several officials met with Senator Bonacic personally to discuss specific issues within their localities.

As Record High Number of Americans Approach Retirement, Gillibrand Announces Priorities to Improve Service for Seniors, Save Taxpayer Money - COUNTY-BY-COUNTY Estimates: 1.2 Million New Yorkers to Reach Age 60 Over Next 5 Years

With an estimate of more than 3.5 million New Yorkers currently at least 60 years old and another 1.2 million expected to reach 60 over the next five years, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand today announced her priorities to strengthen services for New York's seniors as part of the Older Americans Act, major legislation that delivers a broad range of senior services, from funding for nutrition and in-home care, to housing, transportation and other services.

"When seniors stay in their homes and maintain their independence, they live longer, healthier, happier lives, and taxpayers save millions," said Senator Gillibrand, a member of the Senate's Special Committee on Aging. "From opportunities to continue living independently, to access to better nutrition, empowering our seniors with better financial literacy and protecting them from abuse, these are the priorities I will be fighting for to ensure the Older Americans Act works for New York's seniors."

10,000 baby boomers turn 65 every day. Approximately 1.2 million New Yorkers will reach the age of 60 over the course of the next five years, according to 2010 Census Bureau estimates.

In New York City, more than 475,000 will reach the age of 60 over the course of the next five years.

In the Hudson Valley, more than 150,000 will reach the age of 60 over the course of the next five years.

Statement from Assemblymember Cahill on Public Service Commission Considering \$400,000 Penalty Against Verizon

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

"This is further evidence of Verizon's neglect of their primary service customers. For many years Verizon and their predecessors enjoyed an extremely lucrative monopoly for telephone service. The fact that they now face competition doesn't relieve them of the obligation they have engendered as a result of the significant benefit they derived from generations with out competition.

It is also troubling that the Department of Public Service and the Public Service Commission would even consider rewarding Verizon management for forcing labor negotiations to a stalemate that lead to a necessary strike.

I call upon the Public Service Commission and Verizon to act responsibly ensuring reliable, dependable, quality service to all customers regardless of their financial situation and respect legitimate rights and needs of the fine men and women who work tirelessly to bring us that service."

Hinchey Reiterates Call for Stronger Environmental Protections from Hydraulic Fracturing, More Study

Washington, DC -- Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) yesterday reiterated his call for additional protections from the environmental and public health risks associated with hydraulic fracturing while questioning U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Lisa Jackson during a House Interior Appropriations Subcommittee hearing.

As advancements in high-volume hydraulic fracturing and horizontal drilling have allowed gas companies to access previously unavailable gas reserves, I believe we're playing catch up in trying to understand the risks this process poses to the environment and public health," said Hinchey. "It seems to me that when your water has been fine for decades and then all of a sudden massive drilling operations begin and your water turns foul, it's not hard to figure out what happened."

Hinchey expressed strong support for the EPA's request for additional funding to study the risks of hydraulic fracturing and asked how new efforts will address shortcomings in the current body of research. Specifically, he asked about the EPA's release of a draft study report into ground water contamination complaints near Pavilion, Wyoming. The agency has drilled its own deep water monitoring wells and detected benzene concentrations well above Safe Drinking Water Act standards, high methane levels, and synthetic chemicals, like glycols and alcohols consistent with gas production

and hydraulic fracturing fluids.

Earlier this year, Hinchey asked President Obama to back stronger environmental and public health standards to protect against the risks of hydraulic fracturing. The congressman has also called for an expansion of the ongoing EPA study, which he jumpstarted through legislation that was signed into law in 2010. The current plan does not include a study of air pollution and other health risks that have been closely associated with fracking.

Hinchey is a leader in the effort to protect drinking water and the environment from the risks of hydraulic fracturing. He is a co-author of the FRAC Act, which would mandate public disclosure of chemicals used in frack fluid and allow the EPA to regulate fracking activities under the Safe Drinking Water Act.

POLITICAL SLANT- Frank Comando -

HIGHER PRICES AT THE PUMPS EXXONMOBIL'S STORY FROM THEIR SITE IRAN, OIL AND STRAIT OF HORMUZ

"Strait of Hormuz, for the uninformed, is the narrow passage connecting the Persian Gulf to the Arabian Sea, surrounded by countries like Saudi Arabia, Iran, UAE, Iraq and Oman. It is significant for the simple reason that about 17m barrels of oil produced in the Middle East is transported through the Strait. Right now, the strait is in dire straights. Why? For many reasons, most of it centered around oil. How? At about 54 km wide (34 miles) at its narrowest point, the strait can be blocked with ease, and Iran has threatened. Why?"

"Well, the European Union has placed an embargo on Iranian oil imports, and some sanctions on the central bank. In the US, on Dec 31, President Barack Obama has signed a bill imposing new sanctions on Iran under the National Defence Authorisation Act. This law, apart from targeting the revenue from oil imports, also targets financial institutions from other countries that conduct transaction with Iran's central bank. From March, such institutions would be barred from doing business in the US. The Lawmakers in the US are also planning to blacklist President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad and Iran's supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khomeini."

Pumping Tax Dollars to Big Oil Getting Government Priorities Right on Tax Subsidies for Oil Companies

Is it time for Congress to re-examine its priorities when it comes to tax subsidies for oil companies like ExxonMobil, which total billions of dollars a year.

ExxonMobil paid no U.S. federal income tax in 2009. In fact, it was entitled to a \$156 million tax refund. Why? The answer is more boring than you think: It overpaid its 2008 taxes. ExxonMobil was required to bolster its pension plan by \$3 billion when the market went down in 2008. According to Alan Jeffers, Exxon's media relations manager, this overpayment reduced the amount of taxes owed in 2008, but the tax adjustment wasn't made until one year later, which led to an overpayment and the refund in 2009.

But what's more interesting about this story is Exxon's effective income tax rate. Exxon has, over the past couple years, paid a U.S. federal income tax that is about 10 percent lower than its non-U.S. effective tax rate. Other oil companies also pay less, and in some years this difference has approached 50 percentage points.

Oil companies pay less in U.S. taxes in part because they receive generous tax subsidies. These subsidies will cost the U.S. government about \$3 billion next year in lost revenue and nearly \$20 billion over the next five years. The Koch brothers used the same tax dodge in certain years as a loophole to pay less or no taxes at another time.

Example of Research and development fund disburments, Oil and gas 25.7%, Ethanol 34.6%, Geothermal 0.2%, Biodiesel 0.7%, Biomass 1.5%, Hydroelectric Power 2.2%, Solar 2.8%, Wind 3.4%, Nuclear 8.7%, Oil related Subsidies total 61.2%

Taxes on big oil should be at 38% as it was when President Bill Clinton left Office.

To have your comments and/or questions, space allowing, and townsman guidelines adhered to, as listed in the masthead, your comments can be posted, or answered here

Email politicalslant@yahoo.com.

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

The Rondout Blowout
a story in five parts

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PART THREE:

The divers showed up at quarter-to-eight, forty-five minutes late, bitching about morning traffic on the thruway and an excess of State Troopers on Route 17 and 209 slowing them down. The griping and whining began as soon as Glen unlocked the gate and let them on the property. They were in a dark blue one-ton Metro van, just like the ones used by the police SWAT units, except for the round decal with the NY City seal and BWS Dept. of Environmental Protection on the front doors.

The dive master was a guy named Coleman Jenkins. The divers were Dimitry, a wiry little man who bounced on the balls of his feet when he walked, looking like he'd been

around the Horn a couple of times, and a tall woman, a Latina named Feliciano, a woman who looked as hard as she was tall. She was lithe and moved with the grace and confidence of a world-class athlete, her eyes constantly in motion, ever alert for threats.

Beau opened the overhead door and they backed the van in, stopping twelve feet from the open access shaft. As soon as it stopped rolling, the woman was out of the truck.

"Where's the ladies room?" She said.
"Back there," Beau said, pointing. "One size fits all, everyone welcome."

She hustled in that direction with Beau admiring her backside through bloodshot eyes.

"Forget it, Pal. There ain't no way. She'll cut your balls off."

Beau looked away, and his eyes met the dive master's.

"Just wanna save you some pain buddy. She's a known man-hater. She's busted balls all over the

City. My name's Coleman. Coleman Jenkins. "That guy," he pointed with his thumb at the man who'd jumped from the back door and was unloading dive equipment, "is Dimitry. The hottie in the crapper is Feliciano, the untouchable." "I'm Beau Shemwaller. The guy who opened the gate is Glen Dillard."

"Rough night?" Coleman said.

"Kinda, sorta," Beau said.

"Kinda sorta looks that way. Youse got any coffee?"

"Yeah."

Glen came in the side door, rubbing and blowing on his hands to warm them.

Coleman said, "Hey. Youse got any coffee?"

"Oh sure." Glen said. "Its over here, in the office. Want some?" (Contd. Pg. 14)

It's time for our annual
Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner!
Sat. March 10
(SNOW DATE: March 11)
4:30 p.m. until the food runs out.
Hurleyville UMC
Traditional Corned Beef and Cabbage meal
Tickets at the door:
Adults and Take-outs: \$10
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For more info, call 434-5097 or 985-2283
Come and enjoy GREAT food and fellowship@

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Beverage included
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TIME & THE VALLEYS MUSEUM
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Time and the Valleys Museum has copies of every Townsman printed since the beginning classified by year for anyone to research.
timeandthevalleysmuseum.org

The Hurleyville and Woodridge United Methodist Churches invite you to weekly worship:
9 am in Hurleyville,
10:30 am in Woodridge.
For more information, call Pastor Susan Woodworth 985-2283

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

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
For Information: Mother Joan LaLiberté 845-887-4742

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

Sundown United Methodist Church
Sunday Worship Service • 8:30am
Grahamsville United Methodist Church
Sunday Worship Service 10:30am
985-2283

Claryville Reformed Church
Claryville Road
Claryville, NY 12725
845-985-2041
Bible Class 9:00 am
Worship Services @ 10:00 am
Rev. Paul Nulton
John Bult, Organist

Covered Dish Supper
May 5, 2012
(No April Supper)
5:30 pm
Sundown United Methodist Church
at the Sundown Church Hall

Grahamsville United Methodist Church
March 17, 2012
Thrift Sale Only
9 am-1 pm
Apr. 3, 2012
Thrift Sale 9am-1 pm
Luncheon 11am-1 pm

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Weekend Mass schedule:
Saturday afternoon: 5:00.
Sunday morning: 9:00 am and 11:30 am
Holy days of obligation: as announced in church bulletin.
Daily Mass schedule:
Monday afternoon 5:45 (Holy Rosary at 5:30); Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday mornings: (includes Morning Prayer)- 8:50 am
Saturday afternoon confessions: 4 to 4:45.
Rev. John J. Lynch, Ph.D., Pastor. 434-7643.

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

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

PUBLIC NOTICES/LEGALS:

The Town of Neversink ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT for the fiscal year 2011 has been completed and filed in the Office of the Town Clerk.

The above mentioned report is available for public inspection at the office of the Town Clerk, Town Hall, 273 Main Street, Grahamsville, NY 12740, between the hours of 8:30 am and 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

LISA GARIGLIANO, TOWN CLERK
TOWN OF NEVERSINK
DATED: February 24, 2012

3/8/12

ATTENTION:**PARENTS OF NON-PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS**

The Tri-Valley Central School District in accordance with Section 3635(2) of the Education Law requires that requests for transportation to a non-public school for the 2012-2013 school year be submitted, in writing, prior to April 1, 2012.

Tri-Valley residents should submit their request to:

School District Clerk
Tri-Valley Central School
34 Moore Hill Road
Grahamsville, NY 12740

By order of the Board of Education

Martha Lee Ter Bush
District Clerk

March 1, 2012

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Grahamsville Rural Cemetery Annual Meeting**Please take notice-**

The Grahamsville Rural Cemetery held its annual meeting on February 9, 2012. Due to the growing cost of maintaining the Cemetery, the following changes will take place April 1, 2012.

1. The price of a plot has been increased to \$550.00
2. Full burials has been increased to \$500.00
3. Interments of ashes has been increased to \$250.00
4. Permit fee for placing a monument/base has been increased to \$50.00
5. There will be an additional flat Winter fee of \$350.00 from November 1st to April 1st
6. No artificial decorations will be allowed.

If there anything you wish to keep; please have it removed by April 1st.

The Trustees of The Grahamsville Rural Cemetery Thank You for your cooperation.

Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC) is soliciting for qualified vendors for steam cleaning for a public boating program on the Neversink, Pepacton, and Schoharie Reservoirs.

Responses will be accepted for individual and multiple sites. A pre-bid meeting will be held 10 am - 12 Noon, March 23 2012, at the CWC Office, 905 Main Street, Margaretville, NY. Bids must be received at CWC by 4 PM, March 30, 2012. The Request for Qualifications can be obtained by contacting Barbara Puglisi or Frieda Suess at 845-586-1400.

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The Rondout Blowout (From Pg. 13)

"Oh sure." Glen said. "Its over here, in the office. Want some?"

"Naw. I just wand'a'know if youse had any." Coleman said as he strode over and helped himself, taking the big mug, the one with the NYC-DEP seal on it, usually reserved for the supervisors on periodic inspection tours. Coleman drained the pot, set it back on the hot plate, then helped himself to a generous amount of creamer and sugar.

"Make som'more," he said to Beau, then slapped the restroom door with the flat of his hand. "Lets go darlin', don't go camping in there."

Her reply was immediate, and muffled by the closed door but it didn't sound like 'happy birthday' to Beau, and suggested a physically impossible act. He smiled and made a fresh pot of coffee. "This is gonna be one helluva day." He thought, but had no idea how prophetic he was.

Dimitry and Feliciano, in wet suits and masks, with SCUBA tanks and communication gear stepped into the wire basket Glen brought on the overhead crane. They did a commo check with Coleman, who would relay commands to Glen operating the crane. Beau's job was to operate the shutter valve, which closed the tunnel and shut off the water. It wasn't supposed to be totally shut; in fact all the BWS employees had been warned, "Do not shut the valve 100 percent." The water had to keep flowing so the deteriorating tunnel wouldn't collapse. The BWS engineers and supervisors were always warning, "DO NOT SHUT 100%" of the water flow off.

The first fifteen miles of the Rondout West Branch Tunnel had been steel reinforced because it was driven through shale, a flakey, soft rock referred to as 'rotten' by the tunnelers, who also had to deal with high concentrations of ground water. Rotten shale, ground water and lack of maintenance all add up to problems, but . . . when the concrete factor is added in . . . the tipping point for disaster is exceeded.

The concrete factor is simple, and sorry. The contractor building that section of the tunnel in 1939, '40 and '41, said he was having problems getting concrete, so he convinced the City engineers to let him manufacture his own concrete on site. With costs rising due to shortages of men and material because of the impending world war, the temptation to cut corners must have crossed his mind . . .

In the seventy years since the tunnel was built, it was completely shut down only once, in 1958. During that time the concrete was developing trillions of microscopic cracks, which were undetected by the torpedo cameras sent down the tunnel by the City. The cracks allowed water molecules to migrate throughout the concrete, making it porous, which rusted and then rotted the reinforcing steel. So when Beau Shemwaller, through inattention, ignorance and ineptitude closed the shutter valve to the full OFF position at 9:18 am, he started in motion the chain of events, which later became known as the Rondout Blowout.

*** TO BE CONTINUED ***

Read part IV in next week's *Townsmen*

DiNapoli Launches New Fraud Detection Training Initiative for Not-for-Profits

New York State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli today announced a new training program for not-for-profit officials to help them prevent and detect fraud and protect taxpayer dollars.

"New York not-for-profits manage billions of dollars. They contract with the state and other local governments to provide crucial services to New York families," DiNapoli said. "This training course will strengthen their financial management practices and ability to detect and prevent fraud."

The program includes case studies of actual fraud uncovered by state auditors and simple fraud detection tools to assist not-for-profits of all sizes. Taught by state forensic auditors in DiNapoli's office, the program also provides a risk assessment model to help identify the most cost-effective ways to fight waste, fraud and abuse, and meets continuing professional education requirements for eligible accountants.

The first training will be held at the Long Island Center for Nonprofit Leadership at Adelphi University in Garden City on March 1 at 8:30 am. A seminar will also be held in Buffalo on March 16 at 8:30am at the Meals on Wheels Community Learning Center in conjunction with the United Way of Buffalo & Erie County. Additional sessions will be scheduled around the state.

"Bad things can happen to good organizations," said Ann Marie Thigpen, Executive Director of the Long Island Center for NFP Leadership. "It is critical to protect, as best we can, our organization's mission and integrity along with our stakeholders' trust. Thanks to the Comptroller's office, we now have a resource for learning how to ensure that systems and practices are in place to minimize the opportunity for those dishonest few who prey on the good work that we do."

DiNapoli's office is responsible for reviewing and auditing not-for-profit contracts awarded through state agencies. In 2009-2010, DiNapoli met with not-for-profit leaders throughout the state about challenges they were facing in light of the severe national recession. His office also looked at the economic impact of not-for-profits in the state and made recommendations for reforming and modernizing the contracts and payment process. This new training, developed in collaboration with not-for-profit organizations around the state, will help protect limited resources.

For more on the Comptroller's Fraud Detection & Prevention seminars click on the following:

http://osc.state.ny.us/reports/other/li_ctr_nonprofit_leadership.pdf

http://osc.state.ny.us/reports/other/united_way_buffalo.pdf

Register by March 16 for Disaster Preparedness Workshop

There is still time for municipal officials to register for an informational workshop, "Are You Ready for the Next Disaster?", to be held Thursday, March 22 (weather date March 23) at the Margaretville Fire Hall, Church St., Margaretville. The event is sponsored by the Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC). Register free online, www.cwconline.org. Deadline is March 16.

The workshop will include sessions on "Preparing, and Using, an Emergency Action Plan," "Declaring a State of Emergency, and Emergency Orders," and "Responding to an Emergency."

Following a buffet lunch, workshop attendees will hear from three officials and a volunteer coordinator who will share "Lessons from Irene."

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

Training for Garden Educators

Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County's Master Gardener's Program is pleased to announce a new training for county educators and youth workers. Earn up to .5 Continuing Education Units per session beginning May 9th at CCE Sullivan County 64 Ferndale-Loomis Rd. Liberty, NY from : 10:00am -3:00 pm. The fee is \$50.00.

Session 1- Plant a Seed, Inspire Interest. This is an introduction to garden based learning. All the information is research based. It connects gardens to all sectors of work and education. In this class, you will learn how to develop a garden program that promotes positive youth development, opportunities for leadership and community and volunteer participation, and review tips on effective teaching methods. An in depth overview of Cornell Garden-Based Learning (CGBL) will be reviewed. Groups new to garden-based learning or groups struggling to get participants involved in their efforts and program structure will particularly benefit from this session.

Session 2 -Tend the Garden and Session 3- Building Capacity/Train-the Trainer will be offered at a later date.

Fee of \$50.00 must be included with registration. Checks payable to: CCE Sullivan County/ MGP

For more info call: 845-292-5250

Town of Neversink Parks & Recreation Department

www.townofneversink.org

(845) 985-2262 extension 312

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

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

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

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

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

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

Permission slips can be downloaded from our website www.townofneversink.org or picked up in the Parks and Recreation office in the Town Hall on Tuesdays from 3 pm to 6 pm. For more information call 985-2262 ext. 312 or email racerj12@aol.com.

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



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

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

AL-ANON MEETINGS -

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

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

Elementary Art Show at the SC Museum in Hurleyville

Hurleyville, NY: The Elementary Art Show is holding an opening reception on Friday, March 9th at the Sullivan County Museum in Hurleyville from 6 to 8 pm.

The reception will display the artistic talents of the students; provide live music from Sullivan County students, crafts, and activities for the kids. Each school district from around the county and BOCES

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- 3/10/12 Hurleyville Methodist Church **Corned Beef/Cabbage Meal** 4:30'til food runs out. Call 434-5097 or 985-2283
- 3/13/12 Town of Denning Audit/Business Meeting - 7:00 pm Town of Denning Town Hall
- 3/14/12 Town of Neversink Board Meeting
- 3/15/12 Dept. of Motor Vehicles Neversink Town Hall 10:00 am - 2:30 p.m.
- 3/15/12 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals
- 3/17/12 Grahamsville UMC **Thrift Sale only** - 9 am - 1 pm
- 3/17/12 Claryville Fire Dept **St. Patricks Day Corned Beef Dinner** 4 -8 pm (No Pancake Breakfast in March)
- 3/21/12 Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Assoc. Meeting - 7:30 PM
- 3/21/12 Neversink Fire District Meeting at 7:30 PM, Public Meeting at 8:00 PM.
- 3/24/12 Grahamsville Reformed Church **Roast Pork Dinner** 4-7 pm Call 985-7480 for more info
- 3/27/12 Town of Neversink Parks and Recreation 7 pm Town Hall
- 4/3/12 **Grahamsville United Methodist Church Thrift Sale** (9am-1pm) & **Luncheon** (11am-1pm)
- 4/3/12 Town of Denning Town Board Meeting - Sundown Church Hall 7 pm
- 4/4/12 Town of Neversink Planning Board
- 4/6/12 Town of Neversink Holiday - **GOOD FRIDAY**
- 4/7/12 Sundown Methodist Church **Covered Dish Supper Cancelled** - next Supper May 5th
- 4/11/12 American Legion Cook Taylor Post 111 **Spaghetti Dinner** 5 -7 pm at Post in Ellenville on Rt. 209

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

Save the Dates!

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

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

SUNDOWN CAMP & BAIT SHOP
 GRAHAMSVILLE DELI
 GRAHAMSVILLE AUTOMOTIVE
 CANNIE D'S
 BLUE HILL LODGE

ARATI GIFT SHOP (Brickman Rd.)
 VALERO MINI MALL (Loch Sheldrake)
 WOODBOURNE CITGO STATION
 MO'S GAS STATION (Woodbourne)
 P.D. SMITH ENTERPRISE (Woodbourne)
 AGWAY • J.B. MAK (Liberty)

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 Phoenicia Pharmacy • Phoenicia Deli • Mama's Boy • Brio's • Emerson Resort

TOWN OF OLIVE MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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

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

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

(grades K-8) are submitting artwork for the show.

The Elementary Art Show, sponsored by the Sullivan County BOCES Arts In Education Program and the Sullivan County Historical Society, is a great opportunity for our young artists to showcase his or her pieces of work and show off their talent.

The artwork will be on display at Museum from March 9th through March 26th. If you are interested in viewing these exemplary pieces of work the museum is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Sunday from 1 to 4:30 p.m.

For more information about the Sullivan County BOCES' Arts and Education Program please contact Lisa Pacht, Director of Instructional Technology/Arts In Education at (845) 295-4033. For information about the services Sullivan BOCES offers visit our website at scbooces.org and like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter.

ERH SHARPS Collection

Ellenville Regional Hospital will be providing free sharps collection on Tuesday, March 27 from 8:00am-10:00am. The sharps must in appropriate puncture proof containers. In addition, the hospital will distribute free sharps containers to replace the used ones that they accept.

For questions on the sharps collection, please call 845 647-6400 ext. 236.

CWC Sponsors Training for Planning, Zoning Board Members

Is your community ready for its aging Baby Boomers? Are local steps being taken to ensure that they can live independently in your community for as long as possible? Is the character of your town or village changing? Are there regulations and incentives you think would help make it more attractive?

Municipal planners and officials will want to attend a land use training session Tuesday, April 10 in Grand Gorge that will consider those questions and much more.

"Aging in the Community of Your Choice" will be presented by NYS Department of State trainers at 2 p.m. at the Grand Gorge Civic Center. It will be followed by a second workshop, "Community Design Tools - Taking Control of Your Community's Character."

The free, two-part program, sponsored by the Catskill Watershed Corp. provides town and village planning and zoning board members with three hours of mandated training. Registration is limited. Sign up by April 5 at www.cwconline.org.

The first presentation will discuss land use planning and regulatory tools to help people in your community to age in place. Topics include a variety of housing

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

choices, accessory dwelling units, Golden Zones, and senior friendly sidewalk and street designs.

The second session addresses the tools available to help shape community appearance, from simple design guidelines to regulations pertaining to architecture and landscape to design review boards. The workshop will spotlight some practical approaches that can be applied to both public and private development, and explain basic design concepts.

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

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"Date Night"

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



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





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See it on TCM this Saturday, March 10, 2012, at 10:45 AM, 61min, Rated, TV-G

Quiz:

- A. Name the actor who played Horatio Black?
- B. Name the actor who played the "The Runt"?

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

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

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ANSWER TO KNARF'S MOVIE TRIVIA

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