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Tri-Valley Lions Journey For Sight Walk - May 5, 2012



The Tri-Valley Lions had a lovely day to do their annual Journey For Sight walk on Saturday, May 5, 2012. The turn out of walkers and volunteers for the walk, along with the Tag-Day stops in Grahamsville, Neversink, and Claryville Rd, helped to raise over \$2600, which will be used 100% for charity giving causes. In the last year, the Tri-Valley Lions provided \$600 each to four local food pantries; \$500 to a Neversink family who lost their home to fire; \$1000 for Guiding Eyes for the Blind; \$150 each for The Relay For Life (American Cancer Society) and R4 (Lymphoma and Leukemia Society); \$200 for American Diabetes Association; provided for eyeglasses and eye testing for local children; \$900 for service awards to several local school graduate; and ever so much more.

Thanks so much to all the walkers, volunteers, and to those who supported the tag day and walkers with your donations. Special thanks to Meigan Dean and Cannie D's for donating all of the food and refreshments to the Journey For Sight Walk this year, as they have for the last 7 years!

If you are not yet a member, and would like to become a Tri-Valley Lion, please call Membership Chairperson, Donald TerBush at 845-985-2566.



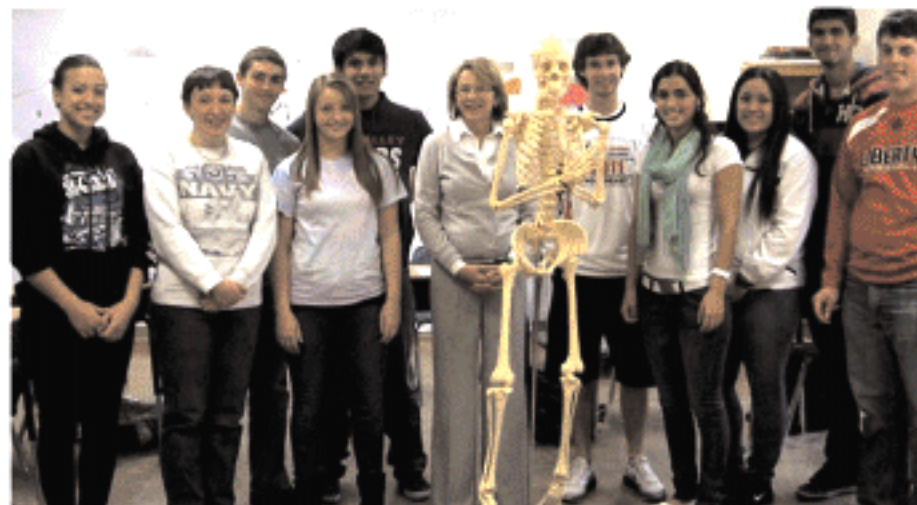
Tri-Valley Ag Teacher, Robert Hayes Recipient of Environmental Quality Award



Dana Redd, Mayor of Camden, NJ, Robert Hayes, Tri Valley Central School, Judith Enck, USEPA Region 2 Administrator

Last week, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency honored 26 individuals, organizations and businesses from across New York State with Environmental Quality Awards for their achievements in protecting public health and the environment. EPA Regional Administrator Judith A. Enck was joined by Mayor Dana Redd of Camden, New Jersey to present the awards to this year's recipients at a ceremony at EPA's offices in Manhattan. Included in the group was Robert Hayes, agriculture teacher at Tri Valley Central School, who was nominated for the award for the contributions he and his students have made to stream stewardship in partnership with Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District and New York City DEP. (Contd. Pg. 3)

Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther Discusses Public Policy with BOCES New Vision Class



Courtney Banks, April White, Robert Johaneman, Carly Klemen, Josue Ramos, Aileen Gunther, James Bernstein, Valentina Gonzalez, Selena Vargas, Dharamhet Khangura, and Cosmos Fitzpatrick

On April 23rd, Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther and Legislative Director Steve Wilkinson took time out of their busy schedules to visit Sullivan BOCES' New Vision Health class. During their visit, the students shared information about the New Vision Program and its government public policy component through Syracuse University.

Assemblywoman Gunther's took this time to talk about current legislation that tied into the student's public policy project.

For more information on the programs available through the Career and Technical Education Center browse our website at www.scbores.org or call 295-4152. For program updates, Like us on facebook and follow us on Twitter.

UC's Attorney Beatrice Havranek Educates Colleagues on UC's Charter at Statewide Conference



County Attorney Beatrice Havranek delivered a continuing education presentation to fellow county attorneys on Ulster County's charter at the annual meeting of The County Attorney's Association of the State of New York in Cooperstown, NY. Havranek has served Ulster County government since 1997 and was appointed County Attorney in 2009. (Contd. Pg. 12)

Senator Bonacic Meets with NYC Volunteers from Woodbourne



State Senator John Bonacic (R/C/I - Mount Hope) met with representatives with the New York State Volunteer Ambulance and Rescue Association from Woodbourne of Sullivan County in Albany to discuss their 2012 Legislative Priorities.

Glimpse of the Past Helped Build our Future



Gene Froelich and Tom Henderson were part of the crew that helped to build the 1981 addition on to the Daniel Pierce Library.

The Trustees of the library finalized plans for an extension to the old Daniel Pierce Library in Grahamsville on February 9, 1981 when they met with a committee from the Tri-Valley Lions Club. The groundbreaking was planned for early March of that year to begin construction on a two-story building that would consist of a 1,000 sq. ft. basement, including a kitchen, that could be used for meetings. The second floor, with the same dimensions, would be comprised of walls of book cases and shelves that were built and donated by Lion member, Gene Froelich, who hired, Ed Weitmann (the present Town of Rockland Supervisor) to give him a hand. (Contd. Pg. 9)

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

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ON THE FRONT BURNER: For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? Romans 8:24

OBITUARIES

Ruth Eck of Mount Joy, formerly of Woodbourne, passed away on Wednesday, May 2, 2012 at Rheems Nursing Rehab Center. She was 96.

She was the daughter of the late Henry and Minnie Ziehl Lepke, born on December 27, 1915 in Ulster Heights, NY.

She was a homemaker who always made her home a warm and welcoming place. She enjoyed baking and cooking and was famous for her chocolate cake and macaroni and cheese. Ruth was a longtime member of the Eastern Star. She was the widow of Frank Eck whom she married on June 2, 1935. She was a loving wife, mother and aunt who will be greatly missed.

She is survived by her loving daughter, Marie Eck of Mount Joy; many nieces and nephews; and her canine companion, Bell. She was predeceased by her siblings: Clarence Lepke, Herbert Lepke Sr., Frederick Lepke, Erna Lepke, Dorothy Whalen and Roy A. Lepke.

Funeral services were held Saturday, May 5th at the Colonial Memorial Funeral Home, Woodbourne, the Rev. David Coon officiating. Interment followed at Fantinekill Cemetery, Ellenville, NY.

Donations in Ruth's name can be made to the Ulster Heights Methodist Church, 1264 Ulster Heights Road, Ellenville, NY 12428 or the hospice facility of one's choice.

Word has been received that **Michael Ackerman**, son of Rev. Lorraine and Peter Ackerman of Hobart, NY passed away in California. Many in the community knew Pastor Lorraine and Peter when they resided in Grahamsville and Lorraine was Pastor of the Grahamsville United Methodist Church.

Cards or notes of condolence can be sent to: Rev. Lorraine and Peter Ackerman
PO Box 205
Hobart, NY 13788

DAYS OF YORE...

April 30, 1952

May 7, 1952 - Miss Barbara Lea Evans of Ellenville, daughter of Mrs. W. Wiggins of Bagley's Mill, Virginia and Mr. Oakley Evans of Ellenville, and Mr. Carl Christian Carlsen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thorvald Carlsen of Grahamsville, were married on Monday in New York City in a ceremony which was televised on "Bride and Groom." Rev. Irving Marsland Jr. of Bedford Hills, N.Y. officiated.

Mrs. Helen DuBois Moore passed away at her home in Grahamsville on May 1st. Mrs. Moore was born in Sundown on January 31, 1873, the daughter of Lewis and Eliza Jane (Sheeley) DuBois. Fifty-eight years ago she was married at Grahamsville to Sheldon Moore who died on September 7, 1946. Surviving are her two daughters, Irene at home and Kathryn of Middletown; three sons, Brice at home, Harry of Grahamsville and Donald of Middletown.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Crum of Lackawack are the proud parents of a son, Wayne Jerry, born at Veterans Memorial Hospital on April 24th.

May 9, 1962 - The Lows Corners Baptist Church was the scene of a very beautiful and impressive service on Sunday afternoon. Over one hundred people gathered together for the ordination of the Reverend Louis Carlsen. Seven ministers of the Hudson River Central Baptist Association were present with their families, as were the ministers of the neighboring churches of Grahamsville and Woodbourne.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Smith of Middletown are the proud parents of a son, Lance Owen, born at Liberty Loomis Hospital on May 7th. He weighed 7 lbs. 2 oz. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Smith of Grahamsville are the paternal grandparents and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Burch are the maternal grandparents.

Dr. William Greenwald of Bronxville, N.Y. died Sunday. He is survived by his wife; his son, Dr. Robert Greenwald who is married to the former Linda George of Sundown; one daughter, Mrs. Rosemary Wax.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Eck on their 55th Wedding Anniversary. They celebrated with family and friends at the Wawarsing Sports Club in Napanoch.

May 17, 1972 - Joseph E. Fersch, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Sullivan County National Bank of Liberty, has announced the appointment of Barbara M. DeWire to the office of Assistant Vice President. Mrs. DeWire joined the staff of the bank in 1964 and has been manager of the Grahamsville Branch Office since 1968.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. John Higgins who are the proud parents of a daughter, Kerry Lynne, born April 21st. The paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John Higgins of Sundown.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Burch celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Sunday, May 20th. The festivities took place at the home of their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Thomson.

Miss Deborah Marshalek, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Marshalek of Woodbourne, has been accepted at the State University of New York Agricultural and Technical College at Delhi. Miss Marshalek plans to follow the program in Health Services Management.

May 13, 1982 - Rev. Howard West passed away May 3rd in Florida. He served the Grahamsville and Sundown Methodist Charge from 1948 to 1960.

Fay White, a former teacher at Tri-Valley Central School died Saturday, May 7, 1982 in Bassett, Va. at the age of 52. Born July 5, 1930 in Statesville, N.C., she joined the staff at Tri-Valley on September 1, 1958 at the Home Economics teacher. She took an early retirement in June of 1979.

On Saturday, May 1, 1982, a yellow balloon came down out of the blue. Mary Tierney spotted it, and then Patrick Mickelson and Bob Yager joined in the capture. It was from Michael Spotton from St. Agnes School, 55, Croydon Street, Chatham, Ontario. There was a message that said, "Celebrating Education Week, 1982."

Customer Appreciation Day at Eureka Market & Cafe

Eureka Market & Cafe at 7991 State Route 55 in Grahamsville is celebrating its first birthday by thanking its loyal following with free pizza slices and music on Saturday, May 12, from noon - 4pm. Eureka's homemade pizza was a hit from day one, so it's fitting that we should say Thank You to our wonderfully supportive patrons by serving up some free slices. A special fixed price menu will be served that evening, featuring delectable creations by new chef Hunter Moore.

Eureka Market was founded by Jennifer Grimes in May 2011, in answer to what she felt was a need, both for the local community, and the tourists she serves through her other businesses, Country House Realty, and Red Cottage Inc. vacation rentals. Over 1,000 renters a year visit the area through Grimes's company for short-term or seasonal vacations, and were hard-pressed for places to eat and spend their money. Now they can have local produce, fresh bread, and homemade pie delivered to their fridge for their arrival. And invariably they come by for Saturday or Sunday brunch too.

When showing properties in the area, Grimes is frequently asked where people eat out and where they do their food shopping. For some properties the answers were as far as 30 minutes away. Now Eureka Market is a source for so many fresh, local and specialty food offerings that prospective home buyers feel the business is another plus for choosing to live in the area.

Menu specials including daily homemade soups, are shown on Eureka Market's online calendar. www.eureka-market.com

Cultural Program Grants Available Through Delaware Valley Arts Alliance

Administered by Delaware Valley Arts Alliance, the Sullivan County Arts & Heritage Grants Program is accepting applications for 2012 funding. The grants assist nonprofit organizations to present or produce cultural programming in Sullivan County. Sullivan County nonprofit arts groups and community organizations are eligible, such as literary groups, choral groups, historical societies, orchestras, and libraries. SCAHAG funds quality arts programs, projects, or services that focus on one of the following: visual, performing, literary, media or folk arts; local or ethnic culture; architecture or environmental arts. Attendance at a grantwriting seminar is mandatory for first-time applicants, but all potential applicants are strongly urged to attend one. They are free and open to the public, but registration is required. The seminars include information on the program's priorities and review criteria, contractual obligations, and budget and narrative development. Seminars have been scheduled for: Saturday, May 12 at 11 a.m. at the Delaware Arts Center 37 Main Street, 2nd floor Narrowsburg, NY and Thursday, May 17 at 6 p.m. at the Sullivan County Visitor's Association Conference Room 100 Sullivan Ave, rear entrance Ferndale, NY To register for one of the above seminars, call 845-252-7576 no later than the day before the seminar. Applications must reach the Arts Alliance office by Friday, June 15, 2012. This is not a postmark deadline. Faxes or emails are not accepted. For applications and more information, contact the Arts Alliance at (845) 252-7576, or visit ArtsAllianceSite.org.

The Roscoe-Rockland Garden Club is holding their annual Flower Sale

The Roscoe-Rockland Garden Club is holding their annual Flower Sale on Fri., May 18, Sat. May 19, Sun. May 20th from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm. at the Roscoe-Rockland Fire Department Community Center in Roscoe NY. There will be Annuals, Vegetables and perennials. Something for everyone! For further info: Pat Yelle - 607-498-47

Vendors Wanted!

Vendors Wanted for the third annual Sportsmen's Flea Market, sponsored by the Grahamsville Rod & Gun Club, Inc. To be held September 29, 2012, 9:00 am to 5:00 p.m., at the Grahamsville Fair Grounds in the 4-H building. Archery, Boating, Hunting, Fishing, Trapping Equipment, Knives, etc.. Guns will be allowed and there will be A Federal Fire Arms dealer on the grounds to run the required background checks.

Table Space \$15. Extra table \$10. Refreshments Available. For information please call: Gary Castle (845) 985-0292 or Mike Depuy (845) 985-2693..

NEVERSINK NEWS

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

Congratulations to TVCS Student Joe Mickelson

Striking out eight, Joe recently threw a perfect game when Tri-Valley beat Fallsburg 13-0 at an OCIAA Division V Contest. Joe needed 66 pitches to 'set down' 21 Fallsburg hitters, but Mickelson added two hits and four RBI at the plate!

According to head coach John Rusin, "Joe is having a mighty year with 40 strikeouts in 27 innings pitched, eh has yet to allow an earned run."

Hats off to Joe! Keep up the good work, the whole community is rooting for you!

Tri-Valley Ag Teacher, Robert Hayes
(From Pg. 1)

EPA presents Environmental Quality Awards annually during Earth Week to individuals, businesses, government agencies, environmental and community-based organizations and members of the media in EPA Region 2, which covers New Jersey, New York, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands and eight federally-recognized Indian Nations. The awards recognize significant contributions to improving the environment and public health in the previous calendar year.

Mr. Hayes has engaged his conservation class students in a unique collaboration with stream management staff from Sullivan County and New York City DEP. In addition to learning about stream management concepts, the students established and operated a native plant materials center which provided willows and potted plants for stream stabilization projects designed and built to protect New York City's unfiltered water supply. As they focus on the important day-to-day tasks associated with growing plants native to the Catskills, the students are part of the wider collaborative stewardship approach that has been demonstrated in the New York City watershed in which New York City and watershed residents work together to protect water quality and promote healthy ecosystems.

The learning activities are keyed to NY State curriculum goals for coursework in the National Resources cluster. Students acquire basic technical, manipulative, job-related, and societal skills in preparation for entry into employment and/or higher education in areas such as conservation, forestry, and fishery occupations.

One of the biggest contributions made by the students has been building a plant materials center to maintain potted native plants destined for stream restoration planting projects at local sites identified by the Catskill Streams Buffer Initiative. Prior to this project, the plants were in a remote location where, though near to a watering pond, access for deliveries and watering were challenging due to steep terrain.

As Tri-Valley already had a nursery developed with greenhouses and an abundance of surrounding lawn, the school proved to be an ideal site for everyone (and everything) involved - the plants, the field staff and the students! Mr. Hayes worked closely with Americorps intern, Brenden Wagner, and high school intern, Steven Vogler, to build this plant facility. The students were actively engaged repotting plants into larger containers as they were moved from the mountain location to the new school storage. Irrigation was installed along with a deer exclusion fence, and the native plant facility steadily expanded and improved.

Students provide daily support to Rondout Neversink Stream Program by Mr. Hayes and class aides Mr. Fritz and Ms. Hussey. The biggest undertaking last fall was the creation of a willow-soaking pit to prepare 9,000 live cuttings for planting in a timber crib wall at the Ulster County Highway Garage in Sundown along an important tributary of the Rondout Creek. After excavating a large ditch, the students moved over 5 tons of sand to line the pit above and below a waterproof bladder, installed to create a temporary pond. They learned how to operate many hand tools, in addition to water pumps. The most important contribution they made was their daily, physical labor. The students enthusiastically moved the willow cuttings out of refrigeration into the pit for soaking. As the weeks went by, the cuttings sprouted all along their lengths and the student crew regularly helped the field staff load them in batches for transport to the restoration site in Sundown. The students became an integral part of the project construction team and successfully completed their plant material supply function.

Visits to the restoration site were scheduled, where the students began to see the end result of all their hard work. They viewed the engineer's plans, heard about the roles of the foreman and equipment operators, learned about safety on site and studied many detailed aspects of the construction process up close, including all the materials specified in the design. When the timber crib wall was complete, the students returned to prepare a final planting of over one hundred trees, shrubs and ferns, which included digging holes, adding soil amendments, seeding and mulching.

Students reported on their accomplishments to a public audience at the December meeting of the Tri-Valley Central School Board. During their presentations, they were able to convincingly articulate the process, goals, learning and group and personal successes of the partnership experience. In addition, the field staff was invited to give a final report on the multiple benefits of this partnership: providing education and vocation for the students; caring for the nursery stock; aiding in the completion of contract deliverables for the field staff; and modeling a commitment to stream stewardship for the community.

Plans are underway now to expand this partnership over the next two years. Cornell Cooperative Extension of Sullivan County recently purchased an EMriver model stream demonstration table for use by 4H middle/high school students with a grant received from the Catskill Watershed Corporation. A curriculum is being developed by Tri-Valley, Cooperative Extension and the New York City Department of Environmental Protection to demonstrate stream stability concepts for community audiences in presentations by Soil & Water Conservation Districts during this period of post-flood outreach activity.

In addition, the following activities are planned or in progress: greenhouse propagation of native seeds (by elementary school students); development of native willow beds for use in future stream bank restoration projects; partnering with Frost Valley YMCA to plant flood-damaged streamside areas; hands-on training with riparian design experts to learn bioengineering techniques; and eradication of invasive species in the watershed. This conservation team will continue to contribute to stream protection activities in their community and inspire the wider watershed stream program to replicate successes in other New York City watershed basins.

"Change that will create a healthier and more sustainable future begins with people like those the EPA is honoring today," said Regional Administrator Judith A. Enck at the ceremony in Manhattan on Friday April 27. "They give of themselves and set a high bar in their actions to protect public health and the environment." For information about the Environmental Quality Awards in EPA Region 2, visit <http://www.epa.gov/region02/eqa/>.

New 101st Assembly District Candidate Rides his Bike through Grahamsville

Brian Maher, currently the Mayor of Walden, is running for the new assembly district which includes the Town of Neversink. You may have caught a glimpse of him as he was riding his bike through Grahamsville last week. Brian is biking from one end of the district to the other, from Orange County to Oneida County, which is about 200 miles.

Maher, who began his bike journey on Monday, April 30th, felt a bike tour would be the best way to get to know this large, seven county district that was created under the recent redistricting. The 101st District includes portions of Orange, Ulster, Sullivan, Delaware, Otsego, Herkimer and Oneida Counties.

Professional Women of SC's Scholarship Program Offers 10 Scholarships for SC Women

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

These applicants may be current students, or students who have been accepted for enrollment in a college or university in the Fall 2012. All applicants must be full-time residents of Sullivan County, and all high school seniors must attend one of the eight high schools in Sullivan County. High school girls can contact their guidance counselor for applications. Women returning to school can contact Helen Rados at 845-866-2565 (leave a message and she will get back to you), or can e-mail her at hrados@gmail.com. The deadline for applications is May 12th. The scholarships will be awarded on Wednesday, June 10th at the annual scholarship dinner at Mr Willy's restaurant in Monticello beginning at 6 pm.

About the Professional Women of Sullivan County: Formally known as Catskill Mountain BPW, Professional Women of Sullivan County (PWSC) is a member organization of New York State Women, Inc. and strives "To build powerful women professionally, personally, politically through advocacy, education and information." The group meets on the third Wednesday of each month at locations throughout Sullivan County. To obtain more information about the organization, please contact Helen Rados at 845-866-2565 or hrados@gmail.com.

The Wayback Machine tells us it is Time for Spring

Bob Drown was out and about in his Wayback Machine and 'snapped' a scene with the three C's, the coupe, Cooper and the Covered Bridge at Willowemoc camp grounds.



Bob said, "It was a nice morning so we decided to go for a nice and ride up to the bridge to take some photos"

FERNS by Peggy De Wire

Do you agree that ferns are one of summer's green glories? I think that nothing equals their lacy elegance and feathery shape. People have admired ferns since ancient times - in fact their name traces back to the Sanskrit work for feather, 'parna'.

Did you know that ferns have no flowers or no seeds? Instead, brown powdery spores produce baby ferns from nowhere like magic.

When scientists during the Middle Ages found young ferns growing, they supposed that fern seeds really did exist because all other plants have seeds. It was concluded that they were invisible. Furthermore, any lucky finder could render himself invisible.



Did you know that ferns are the only plant whose leaves (fonds) begin as tightly coiled fiddleheads that unroll as they grow, much like a party favor that you blow into? Fiddleheads taste like asparagus when cooked. The florist's asparagus fern doesn't unroll and is a lily, not a fern.

Four hundred million years ago, ferns came from the sea. They were the first plants on earth to lift upright stems through the tidal ooze toward the sun.

This stem contained a pipeline fiber that carried plant food from roots to leaves, exposing it to sunlight and BLAMMO! chlorophyll was produced. Thus began photosynthesis for all future plants to come, a priceless legacy from the vern's vascular pipeline.

With this wonderful accomplishment, ferns flourished for millions of years and their decayed remains fossilized into the vast coal beds of our times.

Today we have 6000 species of the filinacae family found worldwide except deserts and Polar Regions.

These small descendent vary from thumbnail-size water fern of our Gulf States to sixty-foot tropical fern trees called hapuu in Hawaii.

Spores grow on the underside of fronds in rows of tiny brown packets, which burst into brown dust when mature. Other spores grow in clusters like grapes on separate stalks.

Because each fern has its own distinctive spore dot pattern this is an easy and reliable way to identify ferns in a book.

When a spore packet splits open and a spore lands on a moist suitable spot, it grows into a tiny green heart-shaped pad (gametophyte) with male and female parts that join to form a fertilized cell.

This second plant (sporophyte) grows roots and leaves, eventually becoming an independent baby fern. It takes seven years from spore to mature fern.

While it's wonderful to enjoy the beautiful lacy green elegance of 'just ferns', it's lots more fun to recognize a green triangle of bracken, a delicate ladyfern, a pale-green hay-scented whose feathery fonds swivel to follow the sun across the sky.

Defensive Driving Course to be held at ERH

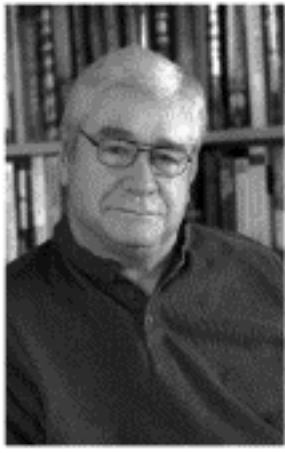
Do you want to save 10% on your vehicle liability, collision, and personal injury insurance premiums for THREE YEARS? How about reducing your driving record by up to FOUR POINTS? If so, then you should attend the Defensive Driving Course being offered at Ellenville Regional Hospital.

The course will be held on May 22 and 24 from 4:30-7:30pm. You must attend both sessions to complete the course. The cost is \$40 per student.

To register for the course, please contact Debbie Briggs at (845) 210-3043

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MYSTERIOUS BOOK REPORT NO. 48 by John Dwaine McKenna

Ever have one of those days? You know the kind I mean, they start out bad and get progressively worse until you're ready to tear your hair out, or commit an axe-murder or, I dunno, bite the next person who even thinks about saying a word . . . just one word . . . one of those kinds of days? Yeah, well, me too. But please, don't do any of those things, you could lose a lot of friends that way. And hey, seriously, all kidding aside, when I'm having a day that's one frustration after another, I pull out a book by one of my favorite authors, one I have no doubt about enjoying, and dig in. Pretty soon I'm lost in another world, living in another life, almost as if I were another person, and before you can say "Git away from me," my gripe has dropped away. Best of all, I can think clearly. A solution to the snafu I was having will usually come.

A few days ago, I was up to my uh, ears in alligators while trying to drain the swamp. It was deep, smelly, muddy, nasty, and packed full of blood-thirsty mosquitoes the size of hornets in addition to the aforementioned reptiles . . . I was getting nowhere fast, metaphorically speaking. At that point, I stopped doing what wasn't working and took a break. I retrieved a new Michael Connelly novel from the review stack and started reading.

The Drop, (Little brown & Co, \$27.99, 388 pages, ISBN 978-0-316-06941-0) by Michael Connelly, is the kind of novel other writers wish they could write. Although it is his 27th, most of which have featured the hard-driving Los Angeles detective Heironymous "Harry" Bosch, each and every one stands on its own. The character remains fresh. By that I mean Connelly's plots are always new, and never formulaic. That's when, after reading several novels featuring the same person, they become predictable. There's a kind of sameness to them: they're boring, which is never

the case with Michael Connelly.

In *The Drop*, Bosch is near the end of his career with the LAPD. He's put on the Deferred Retirement Option Plan, or DROP. In three years, he'll be forced into retirement. Eager to close as many cases as possible before he is forced to give up his badge, Bosch is on the Open Unsolved, or cold case squad. His assignment, to solve a twenty-year-old rape and murder case, in which new DNA evidence has come back, implicating a man who was only eight years old when the crime was committed. The case implies corruption in the new crime lab. Then, on the same morning he gets the sensitive cold case, another hot, live one involving a city councilman's son in a possible suicide is dropped on him like a thousand-pound bomb. It has political overtones that could lead all the way to the top of City Hall.

The two cases intertwine like a pair of love-struck boa constrictors and will keep you nailed in your favorite reading place for hours. The details of each case become more twisted with each new revelation, making *The Drop* one of Connelly's best-ever novels in a long string of 'em. This one's great!

You'll find many more great books in every size, shape and color at your local library. Been there? Done that? Have a library card? They're free you know. All you have to do is go in and fill out a form. Try it. You'll see.

You'll see all of the *Mysterious Book Reports* on my website: johndwainemckenna.com It's where you can ask questions, get answers, say hello, order a signed copy of *The Neversink Chronicles* or just take a peek at what's new in the neighborhood. You can still get signed copies at Cannie D's in Neversink, the Time and Valleys Museum Store in Grahamsville and now they're available at the Little Store in Roscoe, or at Amazon, my website, or by writing to Rhyolite Press, P.O. Box 2406, Colorado Springs, Co 80901, or ask for it at your favorite bookstore.

That's all folks. See you all next week, with a brand new MBR. --JDM

Let's Work Together to End the Mandates

Monticello - Kitty M. Vetter, Sullivan County Legislator District 3 announces County residents access to a draft letter on the Sullivan County website to encourage our State Legislators to support bills that will take the unfair mandate of paying a portion of the State's Medicaid expense off of the County's back.

"New York State mandates the County to pay a portion of the State's Medicaid expense," said Vetter "Only one other State in the nation has a similar mandate. The result of this is an increase in our local property tax burden," added Vetter.

The County has posted a draft letter on its website calling on our State Legislators to support bills that will take this unfair yoke off our backs.

All County residents are encouraged to go on the County website and copy the letters to Senator Bonacic and Assemblywoman Gunther. Please feel free to add your own comments and then print or email these letters to Senator Bonacic at bonacic@senate.state.ny.us and/or Assemblywoman Gunther at gunthera@assembly.state.ny.us.

County residents can access the letters by going to www.co.sullivan.ny.us click on the link on the left-hand side "LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD IN ALBANY" or the direct URL is: <http://co.sullivan.ny.us/Departments/DepartmentsAM/CountyLegislature/HelpEnactMandateReliefTodayDRAFT/tabid/3598/Default.aspx>

LIBERTY FREE THEATRE OPENS SEASON WITH NEW PLAY - The Way Home to Benefit Emergency Relief Fund of CROC

The Liberty Free Theatre in Liberty, New York has partnered with CROC (Citizens Reunited to Overcome Cancer) to enhance their Emergency Relief Fund with a fundraiser on Friday, May 11 at 7:30 P.M. The evening's presentation will be *The Way Home*, a new play by Constance Alexander, that follows the journeys of two women as they struggle to overcome cancer. Food and drink will be served after the performance. Admission is \$25.00. Seating is limited and reservations are suggested. Call 845 292-3788 for reservations. The regular season will begin May 31 with free performances as usual.

The cast includes Janna Comando, Dorothy Hartz, Valeria Henry, Valerie Mansi, Ellen Pavlov and Lynn Priebe. The Director is Paul Austin and the Lighting designer is Jon Jon Thomas.

Among the many services CROC provides the Orange and Sullivan County communities, the Emergency Relief fund offers financial assistance to individuals and families affected by cancer. Information about CROC can be found on their website: crocolumni.org.

Constance Alexander is Faculty Scholar at Murray State University's Teacher Quality Institute, and has been named to her third term on the board of the Kentucky Oral History Commission by Gov. Steve Beshear. An award-winning newspaper columnist, poet, and independent producer, as well as playwright, she has conducted several oral history projects documenting various aspects of western Kentucky history. According to Ms Alexander, "I wrote 'The Way Home' to honor two women from Western Kentucky who agreed to be interviewed for a documentary radio series throughout the course of their treatment. One had no health insurance, and the other was so inspired by her struggle she donated \$1,000 to launch a community fundraising effort to help. In the end, both women were hospice patients."

Partners Challenge Grant Brings African Rhythms and Textile Printing to Sullivan County

Maxwell Kofi Donkor demonstrates his drumming.

Sullivan County BOCES was recently awarded a 2012 Arts Partners Challenge Grant in partnership with artist Maxwell Kofi Donko for the "African Rhythms and Textile Printing" Project. As part of the grant, select classes from the White Sulphur Springs School and th Rubin Pollock Education Center would receive five days of hands-on training with Maxwell Kofi Donkor.

Kofi created two sessions, one working on textile printing and the other focused on rhythms. During textile printing session, Kofi provided prints for the students to wear while they learned how to create Adinkra prints. In addition to creating their individual cloth, the student worked together with their stamps to create communal pieces.

The rhythms session focused on 'Drum Circles' where students learned how to call and respond utilizing the songs Kpalogo (Harvest Time) & Fanga (Welcome). The students also learned how to build rhythms and took turns practicing for their final performance, at the White Sulphur Spring School's Spring Concert.

These interactive learning sessions gave all of the students a great sense of accomplishment and an understanding of the Ghana culture - something that will stay with them for the rest of their lives.

Maxwell Kofi Donkor has been drumming and performing for over thirty years. He directs the African Drum and Dance Ensemble Sankofa, which in the Twi language of his native Asante Kingdom in Ghana, West Africa means "going back to the roots." Kofi's workshops are hands-on and touch not only on artistic quality, he incorporates the history and culture as he presents and encourages students to fully express themselves through self-expression on both an individual and group level. He always starts with or ends with a culminating assemble where the students are given the platform to perform or display their individual art forms. All of his programs, from drumming to Adinkra printing, are done with coordination of the school's program

ERH Healing Arts

On May 12, 2012, from 4-7pm, Chuck Davidson of Cragmoor will be hosting the first in a series of Ellenville Regional Hospital Healing Arts Gallery Unique Art Experiences at his "umbrella" house in Cragmoor NY.

At this event, Chuck will display Geomorphosis art that was shown at Ellenville Regional Hospital and at the Russian Academy of Art Museum (RAA) in St. Petersburg Russia! In addition, he will re-give his presentation to the RAA Masters Program Students.

Each attendee will receive an archival, signed and dated limited edition Geomorphosis print and one lucky attendee will win an original Geomorphosis sculpture that was exhibited at the RAA! The event, which includes an Hors D'oeuvres and Wine reception, is limited to 50 attendees and tickets are selling fast! The cost is \$100 per person. All proceeds will benefit the Ellenville Regional Hospital Foundation.

Our goal is for this to be a first in a series of unique art experiences outside of our Healing Arts Gallery. If you are interested in attending, or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact Debbie Briggs at 845 210-3043.

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The Olive Jar - By Carol LaMonda

Out, Out, Darn Spot!

"Out, out, damn spot," cries Lady MacBeth as she wrings her hands in agony and rubs them furiously to rid herself of the guilt of murder. Well, "Out, out, damn spot," I echo as I say "good riddance" to a mole I innocently called "a beauty mark" but was really a melanoma on my neck. Who expected that? Surely not I.

Actually it was a tick bite that heralded the turn of events of the past three weeks. While I was sitting on the doctor's table, I nonchalantly asked about this black spot on my neck that seemed larger and darker recently. "Hmmm," was the answer followed by, "I'd have it checked." And so I did by my revered local doctor. When the biopsy used those scary words "malignant melanoma," he sent me to Kingston's best dermatologist who agreed to see me at 8:00 a.m. the very next morning. By nine, she had referred me to the country's best Melanoma specialist and plastic surgeon at Yale Medical Hospital in New Haven, Connecticut. All in three days.

So, long story, short. I have been to Yale. (I hope to get some bragging rights on that one!) Surgery

done and prognosis is 95-98% odds that that is the end of the story. Good news for me because I was in good hands with good medical insurance. Also, the thoughts and prayers helped. Now I pray that all Americans can have the benefit of the best doctors when they need them.

I will be on the sidelines as May slides into June and stitches fill the gap of a large incision. May is that hectic month that seems to have twice as many events as any other as June brides have bridal showers, the school budget comes up for a vote, mothers get remembered, and parades and picnics commemorate our veterans who have served us unselfishly. Gardeners turn to their flower and vegetable gardens. Yard sales pop up like mushrooms after a rainy season. I know students are already doing "a count down" to the last day of school.

Speaking of students, I am always proud to hear about a favorite student who does well and makes the Dean's List at college. Kudos to Jen Crego who has proven herself to be a very competent student as well as an exceptional tennis athlete. I hope all students realize that their teachers feel that burst of pride when they see their students' successes.

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Greetings all! It's late, past my deadline, I'm tired, there's not much of anything new and exciting (other than Reservoir Music's move to a new and exciting location at 711 Route 28), and not much live music to recommend this week, so I'll just say goodnight and see you next week! Psych! Actually, all true, except the last part. So, I'm gonna be brief and to the point.

Bob Dylan will be receiving the Presidential Medal of Freedom, which is the highest civilian honor given by the United States! President Bush gave this award to guys like Paul Bremmer, the overseer of the Iraq reconstruction. Obama's giving it to Dylan! Other recipients this Spring will be Shimon Peres, President of Israel (two Jews blues?); Toni Morrison, the Pulitzer and Nobel Prize winning novelist; Madeleine Albright, former Secretary of State under President Clinton; John Glenn, the first American in outer space; retired Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens, and 7 other luminaries. They're in pretty good company! I'm sure Obama will want to sing with Bob, the only question is, will it be "Blowin' in the Wind", "Chimes of Freedom", "The Times They are A-Changing" or "Mister Tambourine Man". Time will tell! I'm voting for "Tombstone Blues"!

The offerings of live musical faire this week actually is kind of slim, but here it is.

Thursday, May 10 - For upstaters, SARAH LEE GUTHRIE AND JOHNNY IRION will be at The Bearsville Theater in Woodstock. Sarah Lee is Arlo's daughter and, obviously, Woody's granddaughter. Johnny is her husband and musical collaborator. They're quite good, as you might imagine. If you're in the city and you like Rock n Roll, I highly recommend MARK LANEGAN, the former frontman of Screaming Trees, one of my favorite 90's rock bands, who's at Webster Hall.

Friday, May 11 - Again, we've got one good show if you're upstate, one if you're downstate. At The Falcon in Marlborough, the ED PALERMO BIG

BAND will be performing the music of Paul Butterfield and Mike Bloomfield, and some damn good music it is! At the Brooklyn Bowl, extended Grateful Dead family guitarist STEVE KIMOCK has teamed up with Parliament/Funkadelic keyboard player, BERNIE WORRELL, and an all star band, for what promises to be an extremely interesting juxtaposition of talent.

Saturday, May 12 - Concluding our weekend pairings of upstate and downstate shows this weekend, THE MAHAVISHNU PROJECT returns to The Bearsville Theater, playing the jazz fusion music of John McLaughlin, Jeff Beck, Jan Hammer, and Billy Cobham. (What, no Tony Williams? LOL). And Austin's own Americana rockers, RECKLESS KELLY, pull in to The Bowery Ballroom in Manhattan.

Sunday, May 13 - Well, I think we've found this week's Pick of the Week! It's just gotta be the great, the immortal, the icon, the great American, WILLIE NELSON!!! That's right, Willie's comin' to Kingston at UPAC!! This is just what we need, coming fast on the heels of the loss of our own great, immortal, American icon, Levon Helm! Maybe Willie can make us feel good again!

Tuesday, May 15 - Another American icon rides in to The Highline Ballroom in Manhattan for a very rare appearance. He's getting long in the tooth, so who knows how many more there will be, but the Brooklyn Cowboy, RAMBLIN' JACK ELLIOTT, is a man who influenced Bob Dylan, and therefore, a generation or three! His daughter made a fine documentary on Ramblin' Jack a few years ago, and I haven't heard of any live performances for at least ten years, so this is special!

Wednesday and Thursday, May 16 & 17 - WILLIE NELSON bestows his grace upon his downstate fans with an appearance at The Wellmont Theater in Montclair, NJ. Nuff said!

I just wanna conclude by reprinting the lyrics to a song written as a tribute to Levon by TJ in the Hills of Woodstock, which I think captures the spirit of the man quite well. Here 'tis.

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These hills, won't be the same without Levon Helm
Have a great week. More later!

Schumer, Gillibrand Urge U.S. Postal Service to Extend Moratorium on Postal Facility Closures

U.S. Senators Charles E. Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand today joined with a bipartisan group of 43 Senators urging the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) to extend the moratorium in place to delay postal facility closures. In December, the USPS voluntarily agreed to put in place a moratorium until May 15 on closing postal facilities. Senators Schumer and Gillibrand called on the USPS to give Congress more time to enact postal reform legislation.

"On the heels of a cost-saving postal reform bill clearing the Senate, it is critical that we allow time for this bipartisan legislation to be enacted, before post offices are closed and thousands of jobs are lost in New York after May 15th," said Schumer. "As the economy is turning the corner, it is critical to keep post offices open for business as long as possible, so that New Yorkers get their paychecks on time, small businesses aren't forced to wait for much needed revenue, and senior citizens aren't stuck without a Social Security check. The Senate passage of major postal reform in April clears a huge hurdle towards reform that preserves the Post Office's vital services in a cost-effective way, while still preventing job loss and hardship for families and businesses across the state, and I'm urging the Postmaster General to see that legislation through enactment before ending its moratorium

on postal facility closures."

"The U.S. Postal Service plays a vital role in every community," Senator Gillibrand said. "Small businesses, families, and seniors depend on these facilities daily. I hope the Postmaster General will extend the moratorium on the closures of postal facilities. In New York, thousands of jobs, 87 post offices and 7 Area Mail Processing centers must continue serving their communities while Congress works on reforming the postal service to ensure its survival."

In their letter to U.S. Postmaster General Patrick Donahoe, the Senators wrote, "On April 25, the United States Senate passed S. 1789, the 21st Century Postal Service Act. We believe this bipartisan legislation will provide the United States Postal Service (USPS) with the flexibility and tools it needs to get back on the road to financial stability. The Senate included within this legislation a Sense of the Senate that the USPS should extend the current moratorium until enactment of the postal reform legislation... This moratorium will provide the time needed to enact the reforms in the 21st Century Postal Service Act. Again, we strongly urge you to extend the current moratorium on the closing of postal facilities."

On September 15, 2011, the USPS announced plans to review its mail processing network in the hopes of reducing costs. The USPS is currently considering the elimination of overnight delivery and studying the possibility of closing 3,700 mostly rural post offices and 252 mail processing facilities.

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Train Your Pooch

The Adult & Continuing Education Program at Sullivan BOCES is now accepting students for its Dog Obedience Course starting on May 7th. The course will run on Mondays, from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm. at the Sullivan West Elementary School on the soccer field. So if you have a new puppy or a dog that needs training? The Adult & Continuing Education Program has the course for you.

Dogs must be over three months old with proof of rabies and canine distemper shots. The first session will run from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm and will include a demonstration so, please do not bring your dog to the first session. After the first session, participants will be required to purchase a suitable collar and a leash that is appropriate for the individual dog.

Participants will work with their dogs to learn the following commands: sit, heel, sit-stay, down, down-stay, stand, recall and more.

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The Family Memoir, PROSILIO...
... in Greek means "Toward the Sun," was written by Carol Olsen LaMonda. Carol writes the column "The Olive Jar" for *Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman*. This local author has been busy guesting at book clubs who have chosen this local memoir as their book choice. As summer approaches, the story of a carefree vacation in the Catskills should be added to your summer "must-read" list. The memoir is available at Amazon or Barnes and Noble on-line as a soft or hard cover or as a downloadable e-book for Nook or Kindle. Go to amazon.com or barnesandnoble.com and type in *Prosilio* in the search to order your copy of *Prosilio*

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So You Wanna Be a Star!- *By Garrett Waldmeyer*

If "all the world's a stage," as Shakespeare insisted, then Ellenville's own preeminent stage became the center of that world for a full day recently. That's when the Shadowland theatre held open auditions for all five plays in its upcoming season. Even the few roles already filled need backup actors, in case of a last-minute emergency. Nearly two dozen men and women are sought overall, ranging from an "ambitious and smart" -- and beautiful -- young campaign

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Glimpse of the Past (From Pg. 1)



Phil Coombe recently met with Lion members, Don Ter Bush, Bill Conjura and Gene Froelich, who reflected back to 1981 when they helped with the construction of the addition. The group met again last week, this time by the fireplace in the Reading Room at the Library.

Many members and organizations of the community assisted in raising the estimated \$20,000 for the cost of material for the new extension that would be for the benefit of the entire community. Tri-Valley Lions Club members supplied the labor for the project and the Town of Neversink Highway Department assisted them.

It was reported in the February 26, 1981 issue of the *Townsmen* that an Open House and Ground Breaking Ceremony would be held on Sunday, March 8th where plans and a model of the new extension would be on display.

The day came, and with a golden spade in hand, on March 8, 1981, the Library President, Kathryn Matzinger, removed the first piece of turf getting the project underway.

The 1981 Lions Club President, Tom Arielly; James Gorman, Town of Neversink Supervisor; Richard Coombe, Sullivan County Treasurer, and his wife Phyllis assisted President Matzinger. Joseph Purcell, the Sullivan County Clerk, who presided over the ceremony, joined them.

Don Ter Bush, will always be remembered as the front-runner of the Tri-Valley Lions Club. He was the club's first Charter President. Don, the Chairman of the Building Committee was also present at the ceremony and as reported in the *Townsmen*, was joined by other Lion Club members who were on the building committee including Frank Smith, Gene Froehlich, and Horace Sheeley.

Barbara Purcell, Rose Parrow, Marion Robinson, Sally Krom, Barbara Grace, Sue Ambrosino, Teresa Higgins, all Library trustees were in attendance for the occasion.

By July 16th of that year, the building was up and the electrical and plumbing work was in progress. More than half of the money needed had been raised by the community and donations in many forms continued, such as the eleven beautiful limited editions of wild life prints, signed by the artist from the Wild Life Gallery owned by Lou Resnick and his wife, Mildred, that were raffled off for the benefit of the library addition.

That was over 30 years ago! Saying our library has grown since then is an understatement! Even to those who are not familiar with the day-to-day changes at the library, it cannot be negated - our community has a magnificent building and a splendid library.

What many may not know is that the Lions Club is still one of the major supporters of the Daniel Pierce Library. Whether it is selling soft drinks at the Pumpkin Party, raising funds and making monetary donations during the year, or just sitting by the fireplace in the Reading Room at the library, as we did last week, to learn a bit more about our community's history, as we listened to the stories of the past told by Lion members, Don Ter Bush, Bill Conjura and Gene Froehlich, who worked on the 1981 extension, the Lions Club continues to add a richness to our community that is golden, and we thank them all.



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The Speckers, a family trio of old-time fiddlers, perform on Saturday, May 19 at 8 p.m. at the Tusten Theatre in Narrowsburg. Tickets are \$20.

John Specker is a Sullivan County native. He was born in Callicoon Depot and spent summers on his family's ancestral farm in Shandeele. A major force in the modern day fiddle revival, John initially made his name as a musician in Ithaca, NY, as "father of the Ithaca sound" with his band The Correctones String Band.

John's contributions to old



time fiddlin'-blood red bow-driven backbeat, and playing chordally and in tune on three strings simultaneously-still reverberate today in the music of many upstate players. The tunes he plays are simple and generally not rare, but he strips them down, chews them up, internalizes their essence, and then presents them with an intensity that has to be seen to be believed.

John Specker comes from a state of complete abandon, which helps to create his highly individualized style. He has been living in Chester, Vermont for thirty years and tours and appears at fiddle conventions with his two adult daughters Lila and Ida Mae.

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So You Want to Be an Actor (From Pg. 8) So the theatre lobby, where extensive renovation work must be finalized before the season's June 1 opening night, became home recently to men and women aspiring to fill an acting slot. Each waited patiently for the brief chance -- only a few minutes were allotted -- to impress Shadowland's producing artistic director Brendan Burke with their stagecraft. After listening to a range of solo singing and monologues, both serious and comic, Burke said of the grueling process: "For actors, this is nothing more nor less than a job interview."

The Ellenville auditions hoped to attract local talent to the region's premiere professional Actors' Equity theatre. Among those drawn to the event was Kathy Richter, an Ulster County resident with a pages-long list of acting credits. She offered Burke a few minutes of rich and raw emotion, followed almost instantly by splashes of sparkling comedy.

A short while later Richter was followed onstage by fellow area resident David Smilow, who has previously acted at Shadowland, although "there's no guarantee" of another spot this year, Burke says. Still, for Smilow, there was some consolation. He was already booked for a separate Shadowland appearance as part of a one-night Improv Nation presentation.

The local auditions would be followed by more try-outs in Manhattan before Burke makes his final picks. For the actors, if all the world's a stage, it's a local stage they'd willingly "break a leg" to fill.

TV AYSO Announces On-line Signups for Players and Volunteers

Tri-Valley American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO) announces online signups for players and volunteers! Boys and girls ages 4 to 19 are eligible to play. To complete your registration form online please go to: www.eayso.org, then bring two copies to: Trivalley Middle School Library

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At a time and place convenient for you, you can complete your registration forms online. Print out two copies of each form, sign all pages, and bring them to one of our registration events listed above. Just submit your forms and pay any player fees and you can be on your way! If you prefer, you may complete your registration forms online at the registration event and we would be happy to assist you. All children ages 4 to 19 by July 31st are eligible to play. New players must present a birth certificate at the time of registration (no copies are necessary). Registration fee: \$45.00/ player. Early registration (before June 22nd) is \$40.00! New uniforms: \$35.00 includes shirts, shorts and socks. Please bring us any uniforms you are no longer using. We would be happy to pass them along. Fees include eight weeks of soccer and insurance. Practices are once a week during the fall season (August 15th through Nov. 1st) and all games are played locally on Sunday afternoons.

For further information regarding this league, visit www.ayso.org or contact Jenny Dembergh 436-0196 or jdembergh@hotmail.com

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BOCES Career/Tech Students Take 1st, 2nd & 3rd Place in Statewide SkillsUSA Competition

Students from the Sullivan County BOCES Career and Technical (C&T) Education Program attended the annual New York State SkillsUS Spring Conference held in Syracuse, NY on April 25th, 26th & 27th.

While at the conference, students from across the state competed in various categories testing his or her vocational knowledge and skills. In addition to their knowledge, the students were also judged on their resume and professional appearance.

Coached by Gloria Cahalan, C&T Community Work Based Instructor, the BOCES Health Team took first place in the Health Knowledge Bowl competition. The team members include: Robert Johanamen (Livingston Manor Central School) - New Vision Health student, Josue Ramos (Tri-Valley Central School) - New Vision Health student, April White (Sullivan West Central School) - New Vision Health student and Carly Klemen (Monticello Central School) - New Vision Health student.

In addition to the rigorous requirements of Career and Technical Center's New Vision Health (taught by Cathy Freda), the four participants had to practice regularly and learn over 150 medical concepts to ensure their success against the other 24 teams in the SkillsUSA competition. The health team will now have the privilege of representing New York State SkillsUSA and the Sullivan County Career and Technical Center at the SkillsUSA National Conference held in Kansas City, Missouri on June 23 through June 27, 2012.

Courtney Banks (Roscoe Central School) New Vision Health student took second place for her Health Occupations Professional Portfolio. Th portfolio competition contained several components including a 25 page portfolio and a verbal presentation with Power Point that

discussed what she has accomplished in life and how it relates to health.

Joshua DeCarlo (Liberty Central School) took third place in Residential Systems Installation and Maintenance (formerly known as Electronic Applications). Josh completed the Broadband Program at BOCES last year, and is currently in the Computer Networking.

Although the sixteen other SkillsUSA students who attended the competition did not have the opportunity to place in their categories, they still won by being chosen to attend the competition and gaining valuable experience.

William Smith (LHS) Broadband Academy student competed in Residential Systems Installation and Maintenance; Stephen McKiernan (LHS) Auto Tech II student competed in Automotive Service Technology; Brett Clifford (LHS) Auto Tech II student competed in Basic Vehicle Maintenance; James Bernstein (TVS) New Visions student competed in Prepared Speeches; Corey Kavleski (LHS) Natural Resources student competed in Precision Heavy Equipment Operations; Andrew Martinez (LHS) Public Safety student competed in Criminal Justice; John Hadden (LMS) Graphic Design student competed in Advertising Design; Brina Bobbik (TVS) Early Childhood Education student competed in Pre-School Teaching Assistant; Tiffany Reed (EHS) Animal Science student competed in Small Animal Careers; Natasha Escoto (MHS) Cosmetology I student competed in Job Demonstration; Zarina Padu (SWS) Cosmetology I student competed in Promotional Bulletin Board; Michelle Edwards (TVS) Cosmetology II student competed in Cosmetology Senior; Kayla Fliieger (ECS) Health Occupations II student competed in First Aid/CPR; Crystal Lezama (RHS) Health Occupations II student competed in Basic Health Care Skills; Jahaira Giron (FHS) Health Occupations II student competed in Nurse Assisting; Valentina Gonzalez (FHS) New Visions student was the alternate for the Health Knowledge Bowl Competition.

At the competition, Kathy Poppo, Culinary II Instructor and SkillsUSA Advisory, was chosen from all of the Area 4 advisors for the prestigious title of Advisor of the Year.

SkillsUSA is a national vocational club that places an emphasis on leadership skills and offers students the opportunity to work together to accomplish goals. Students routinely attend and run meetings where they develop projects that will help them learn how to excel as leaders in the business world. An emphasis is placed on community service, as students develop projects that will help enhance the community. SkillsUSA is a partnership of students, teachers and industry working together to ensure America has a skilled workforce. SkillsUSA helps each student excel. We are proud of all of our students who attended the competition.

For more information on the programs available through the Career and Technical Education Center or the SkillsUSA competition browse their website at www.scboces.org or call 295-4152. For program updates, Like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter.

Cahill Weighs in on Central Hudson Acquisition Calling Ratepayer Benefit Inadequate

Assemblymember Kevin Cahill (D - Ulster / Dutchess), Chair of the Assembly Energy Committee released a letter to the Public Service Commission in response to the petition filed by Central Hudson regarding acquisition by the Canadian-based entity, Fortis, Inc. He called the proposed \$10 million customer benefit fund "a pittance" when compared to other major utility mergers. He demanded the inclusion of stronger ratepayer protections if the transaction is allowed to move forward.

"The so-called \$10 million community benefit fund should be renamed the shareholder protection plan. It pales in comparison to the \$275 million in ratepayer savings the Public Service Commission required the last time a major utility changed hands in New York," said Assemblymember Cahill, referring to the 2009 sale of NYSEG and RG&E to Iberdrola, a large Spanish owned utility. "The Iberdrola settlement resulted in an average savings of \$220 per customer. Central Hudson's proposal is not even in the same ballpark, coming in at less than \$35 for each ratepayer they serve. This is more than a little rounding error," Cahill said.

In addition to objecting to the inadequate benefit fund, the letter noted the deep decline in state and independent resources dedicated to consumer advocacy. Assemblymember Cahill called on the Commissioners to pay special attention to the impact the transaction would have on Central Hudson's customers and demanded the inclusion of strict accountability measures before the acquisition is approved.

"In similar circumstances in the past the Consumer Protection Board, the Citizens' Utility Board and the Public Utility Law Project fought for and won significant concessions for residential and low-income ratepayers. Unfortunately those important groups have been dissolved and de-funded leaving the average citizen without a voice during this process," said

Assemblymember Cahill. "If the sale is approved, the Public Service Commission has an even greater obligation to fill the void by demanding the inclusion of substantial consumer benefits and ensuring that Central Hudson customers receive fair and equitable treatment."

The Assemblymember also called upon the Commission to require specific workforce commitments, detailed plans for infrastructure upgrades and accountability measures designed to prevent Central Hudson ratepayers from subsidizing other Fortis operations.

Tenney Receives Herkimer County Endorsement

Herkimer, NY - Assemblywoman Claudia Tenney was endorsed as the candidate for the new 101st Assembly District by the Herkimer County Republican Party towns of Columbia, German Flatts, Litchfield, Little Falls, Warren, and Winfield at their endorsement meeting led by Herkimer County Republican Chairwoman Sylvia Rowan on Saturday, April 28 at the Waterfront Grille in Herkimer, NY.

"Assemblywoman Tenney is extremely well-qualified," said Republican committeeman J. Keith Davy of Little Falls. "Her background and experience present us with a viable candidate in an unfamiliar district. We are fortunate to have someone with her qualifications as a candidate."

"I am honored to receive the support of my neighbors in Herkimer County," said Tenney. "I am excited for the opportunity to represent the residents of Herkimer County as well as other areas of the new 101st Assembly District. I look forward to working to bring needed resources and economic growth to the region."

Assemblywoman Tenney, the incumbent, was the only candidate placed into nomination for the Herkimer County Republican endorsement. Tenney has also been endorsed by the Sullivan County Republican Committee.

UC Exec Mike Hein Declares May Older Americans Month

Kingston, NY - County Executive Mike Hein has proclaimed May as Older Americans Month. Since 1963, in May of each year, people across the country have come together to celebrate the enormous contributions of older Americans. This is a great opportunity to show appreciation and support to seniors as they continue to enrich and strengthen our community.

"The shared histories, diverse experiences, and wealth of knowledge of our older residents have helped shape our culture, economy, and local character," said Ulster County Executive Mike Hein. "When Ulster County residents spend time together, they create opportunities to encourage healthier living for all ages. For these reasons and more, I am taking this opportunity for the second year to honor Ulster County's seniors."

"Our seniors are mentoring the leaders of tomorrow, taking to heart the need for intergenerational learning to guide and inspire young minds," said Ulster County Office for the Aging Director Anne Cardinale. "They offer a take on bygone times that is not discussed in any history class and a unique perspective that sheds new light on contemporary issues."

The theme of this year's celebration is Older Americans: Never Too Old To Play, which encourages older Americans to stay engaged, active and involved in their own lives and in their communities. In fact, Ulster County's senior residents are more active in community life than ever before, thanks in part to advances in health care, education and technology. The last several decades have seen great increases in their vitality and standard of living. Seniors are out and about every day giving back, and making a difference in our community. Their passion and experience inspire us all and we are privileged to honor and care for the generations whose legacy continues to enrich our nation's future.

To help support Ulster County's senior citizens, contact the Ulster County Office for the Aging at 340-3456 to learn about volunteer opportunities with programs that help seniors to improve health literacy, increase access to quality health services, deliver food and nutrition services, provide financial counseling, sponsor social and civic activities, and more.

UC Office of Employment & Training Program for SSI & SSDI

The ULSTER WORKS OneStop Center is offering a program designed to help Ulster County's SSI and SSDI benefits recipients' instruction on how to get back to work is scheduled for Wednesday, May 17, 2012 at 1:30 pm at the OneStop at 601 Development Court in Kingston (Albany Avenue).

Reservations are required, contact: Troy Snyder, Disabilities Resource Coordinator of the Ticket to Work Program at 845-331-7202 at the Ulster Works OneStop Center.

UC's Attorney Beatrice Havranek Educates Colleagues (From Pg. 1)

The program, "New York's Newest Charter County", was the opening session of the annual meeting of The County Attorney's Association of the State of New York (CAASNY) held in Cooperstown April 30 through May 1 and affords attending attorneys continuing legal education credits in cooperation with the Albany Law School Institute of Legal Studies. The program covered legal and procedural processes for adoption of a Charter form of government as well as implementation and transition issues.

"It is an honor to have our County Attorney Beatrice Havranek selected to provide continuing legal education to her peers on our Charter. She has demonstrated leadership and outstanding public service not only as an attorney, but also with more than fifteen years prior service in town government," County Executive Hein said.

The historical, legal and procedural processes of adopting and implementing the Charter were covered as well as matters related to the transition from a legislative to executive form of government. A section was included on preparing for the Charter covering planning for and adoption of the Administrative Code. Topics covered included the separation of powers, the powers of the executive and legislative branches of government, the role of Comptroller, and the role of the County Attorney. In addition, the issue of redistricting and the redistricting lawsuit that ensued were addressed as well as the current process of revisions to the Charter.

Hinchey Statement on Interior Department's Draft Rule for Disclosure of Chemicals Used in Hydraulic Fracturing on Public Lands

Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) today released the following statement regarding the U.S. Department of Interior's release of a draft rule to require gas companies to publicly disclose the chemicals used in hydraulic fracturing operations on public and Indian lands. Hinchey is a leader in Congress of 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. The congressman also authored the appropriations language that led to the current EPA study on hydraulic fracturing.

"I am pleased that the administration is taking a first step toward requiring gas companies to disclose the chemicals they are pumping into the ground as they use hydraulic fracturing to extract natural gas from public lands. Until now, gas companies have left the public in the dark and gone about gas drilling without any true public understanding of exactly what they are pumping into the grounds we all collectively own as Americans. That's poised to change thanks to these draft rules."

"However, I believe that this draft rule must be improved. In its current form, the rule would only require disclosure after gas drilling was already completed, not before. That's not good enough. If we are truly serious about ensuring the public is well-informed about the hydraulic drilling process -- and we need to be -- then the American people deserve to know what chemicals gas companies are going to use before they commence drilling. Knowing after the fact is nice, but does not allow for any steps to be taken if the chemicals being used are of concern to the public. I urge the Interior Department to strengthen this rule."

"Finally, as I've said all along, public disclosure is only part of the answer. It's time to repeal the Safe Drinking Water Act exemption granted to the gas industry under the 2005 Bush-Cheney energy bill. No industry should be exempt from our laws to protect drinking water. If gas drilling is completely safe to drinking water supplies as gas companies claim it to be, then those companies should have no objection to the EPA monitoring the process."

"Passing the FRAC Act in Congress would require full public disclosure for all fracking activities in the U.S. and restore the EPA's ability to oversee fracking and its impact on drinking water supplies. It's time for Congress to pass that bill."

Hold Down Student Debt Rates, for the Good of U.S. -By KIRSTEN GILLIBRAND

The keys to the American dream in the 21st century start with a college education. Unfortunately, the cost of higher education continues to become increasingly out of reach for too many students. Everyone agrees this is a trend that needs to be reversed, however, if Congress doesn't end the partisan gridlock and act soon, the interest rates on federal loans will double July 1.

This would be disastrous for our nation's students and their families, who are doing nothing but working

hard, playing by the rules and meeting the requirements asked of them.

America is home to the best colleges and universities in the world, and our most precious natural resource is our students. Our community and technical colleges are preparing more students every day with the skills they need for the new jobs of the new economy. Just two years of additional education or training can change a person's life with higher income throughout their career, keep families on stable ground and help grow our entire economy.

If we are going to maintain our competitive edge and out-innovate, out-educate and out-build the global competition - it is these students who will lead the way in creating new economic opportunities as we rebuild our economy. I believe their promise is unlimited, but today's students are starting off too far behind as it is - paying tuition that has tripled over the last 30 years, and entering a job market unlike any before this.

Young adults suffer from the highest unemployment rate than anyone else in America at 16.3 percent - almost double the national average.

Those lucky enough to land a job in this tough market are earning less than any other age group, with wages falling 6 percent over the past five years. Instead of finishing college and staking their own claim, they are moving back in with their parents.

Already, student loan debt in the U.S. has topped \$1 trillion, even higher than credit card debt. This is a major economic issue that Congress must address in a bipartisan fashion. In 2010, graduates who took out loans left college owing an average of more than \$25,000. Fifteen million students benefited from the action Congress took five years ago to lower interest rates on Stafford Loans each year to a low and manageable rate of 3.4 percent.

Now, Congress needs to act again to keep interest rates from doubling to 6.8 percent. If we do not, 7 million students will pay an average of \$845 more each year in added interest, including more than 420,000 students in New York who will have to pay an additional \$340 million starting July 1. That's an extra \$6.3 billion in debt in just one year.

When we price young people out of a college education, we all pay a price. When we limit opportunity, we hold our entire country back - robbing ourselves of a future engineer or biologist. We need young people today to be the ones who develop the next big ideas that spark new businesses, create the jobs of the future, and reach the next great scientific breakthrough capable of curing humanity's oldest and deadliest diseases, saving lives and improving lives for generations to come.

American exceptionalism relies on our ability to equip our students with knowledge and opportunity to achieve their full potential, and more importantly, to take our country to new heights.

That starts by making college more affordable, opening the door of higher education for any young person who is willing to work their hardest and earn it - allowing them the same opportunities for success as those who were born into it.

Congress shouldn't stand in their way of getting a fair shot at the American dream. It is time to change the rules of student loans to reward hard work and responsibility - instead of risk.

We all know the consequence we face. And we all know the one simple step we can take right now to begin to rein in the massive amount of student debt this nation carries. There is no excuse for inaction.

So instead of putting the fate of our young people's ability to pay for college and pursue their dreams in the hands of partisan politics, let's take this commonsense step today to hold down interest rates on student loans.

Schneiderman: Equal Justice Is Only Meaningful With Access To Legal Representation

In a speech marking Law Day delivered at the Court of Appeals in Albany, Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman today reaffirmed his commitment to ensuring that every New Yorker is afforded equal justice under law. Focusing on the foreclosure crisis, Schneiderman cited his efforts to protect the rights of New Yorkers facing foreclosure by ensuring that they are represented by lawyers.

"As we are reminded by the theme of Law Day this year, equal justice under law is only meaningful when there is equal access to the courts. 'No courts, no justice, no freedom,'" Attorney General Schneiderman said in prepared remarks. "And access to the courts is only meaningful when people are represented by lawyers."

Attorney General Schneiderman recently announced that his office will fund foreclosure prevention legal services and housing counseling for the next three years for homeowners facing foreclosure. Funding for the state's foreclosure prevention program was set to expire on April 1st. The program was saved when Attorney General Schneiderman announced that \$15 million from the recent multi-state settlement with the five largest mortgage servicing banks would be used to provide these services.

In his remarks Schneiderman related the story of a Brooklyn woman who almost lost her home, but was saved by a legal services organization of the kind that his office is funding. "With the influx of funds for legal serv-

ices that my office is providing, we will give New Yorkers much stronger protection from wrongful foreclosure," Attorney General Schneiderman said. He also credited reforms to the foreclosure process that have been implemented by Chief Judge Jonathan Lippman with making the process fairer and more efficient.

In his remarks, the Attorney General also endorsed a proposal made by Chief Judge Lippman to require law students to complete pro bono hours in order to be admitted to the bar, saying that it would advance the goal of equal justice under law by increasing access to legal representation.

"The legal services [law students] provide can be life changing for clients who couldn't otherwise afford attorneys, and for many students, that experience of making a difference will inspire a lifelong commitment to pro bono service," Attorney General Schneiderman said.

From the Governor's Office

Dear Fellow New Yorker,

Governor Cuomo is making sure that New York State remains a leader in energy production and environmental protection. Last week, the Governor announced a series of innovative clean energy and environmental initiatives that will lower energy costs for New Yorkers and create tens of thousands of jobs.

Continuing his commitment to reduce energy consumption in state buildings by 20% over the next four years, Governor Cuomo announced \$450 million for cost-effective energy efficiency projects. In 2011 alone, energy efficiency upgrade projects saved New Yorkers \$9 million and created 3,000 jobs. The upgrades involved no cost to New York taxpayers as the upfront investments will be repaid with energy-bill savings.

New York continues to lead in solar energy development as well with the Governor's announcement of the NY-Sun Initiative, which will help quadruple annual solar development by 2013. The initiative expands financial incentives for large- and small-scale commercial and residential solar projects.

The Governor also understands that New York must continue to attract emerging energy technologies; new solar and wind testing labs in New York State announced last week will make it easier for New York manufacturers to get products certified and ready for market.

These latest announcements underscore our state's leadership role in clean energy development and environmental protection and build upon previously announced initiatives. The Governor's On-Bill Financing Program is enabling qualifying NY homeowners to finance energy efficiency improvements through savings on their energy bills - with no cash up front. Together, we're building a cleaner future for all New Yorkers.

POLITICAL SLANT- Frank Comando - DENNING DEMS

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM THE CHAIR OF THE DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE OF THE TOWN OF DENNING, FRANK COMANDO -

The Democratic Board Of Elections Spring Brunch was a great success. Several Questions came up at the brunch about who is where, and in which district? It is a little confusing and this should be the final plan. Most of the disputes are in other Assembly and State Senate Districts.

New Assembly Districts

101st AD Towns of Denning, Hardenburgh, Shawangunk, and Wawarsing

102nd AD Town of Saugerties

104th AD Towns of Lloyd and Marlborough,

103rd AD - Towns of Esopus, Gardiner, Hurley, Kingston, Marletown, New Paltz, Olive, Plattekill, Rochester, Rosendale, Shandaken, Ulster, Woodstock and the City of Kingston.

New State Senate Districts

39th SD Towns of Marlborough and Plattekill

42nd SD Towns of Denning, Gardiner, New Paltz, Rosendale, Shawangunk, and Wawarsing

46th SD City of Kingston, Towns of Esopus, Hurley, Kingston, Lloyd, Marletown, Saugerties, Ulster, and Woodstock

51st SD Towns of Hardenburgh, Olive, Rochester, and Shandaken

The above statements is compiled projected information provided by Ulster County Election Commissioner Vic Work.

Thanks Vic.

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


GARAGE SALE
MAY 26 9-4 PM - RAIN OR SHINE
SULLIVAN COUNTY MUSEUM - 265 MAIN ST ♯ HURLEYVILLE, NY
 Cost: \$15 PER TABLE ♯ For information or reservations call: 845-434-8044 TUESDAY - SUNDAY

Pot Roast Dinner
Christ Lutheran Church
 105 Center Street • Ellenville, NY
 Saturday, May 12, 2012 • From 4:30 pm to 7:00 pm
 Adults \$12 • Children 6-12 \$6 • 5 and under free!!
 Assorted desserts and beverage will be served
 Takeout available!! 647-9054

Rummage and Yard Sale!!!
 May 17, 18 - from 9-2 • May 19 - from 9-3
 May 24, 25 - from 9-2 • May 26 from 9-3
 Sat. May 26th - Bag Day!!!

Enjoy an Afternoon with Pastors Bob and Sue as they Present Another Opportunity to See Slides and Hear Stories of VIM Trip to Ecuador
 Pastors Bob and Sue are offering another opportunity to see their slides and hear stories from their Feb. 2012 VIM trip to Ecuador. On Tuesday, May 15, at 12:30pm, they will share their slides in the Old Hall of the Grahamsville United Methodist Church. That is also the day of the next Thrift Sale and Lunch at the church, so one might make an outing of it - come for lunch, and then enjoy an Ecuador presentation!
 A free will offering will be received, in support of Ecuador VIM 2013 trip, and Pastora Blanca, the pastor with whom we worked in Ecuador.
 For more information, please call 985-2283

TIME & THE VALLEYS MUSEUM
 GRAHAMSVILLE, NY
 2012 Season: Open Noon-4 p.m. Thurs.-Sun., and by appointment; opens noon May 5
 332 Main St., Grahamsville
 Price: \$2, \$1 ages 6-15; free age 5 and younger
 Call: 985-7700
 Time and the Valleys Museum has copies of every Townsman printed since the beginning classified by year for anyone to research.
timeandthevalleysmuseum.org

CrossWay Assembly of God
Service Times
 Sunday School 9:30 am
 Sunday Worship Service/ Children's Church 10:30 am
 Monday Night Home Bible Study 7 pm
 Tuesday Night Youth Home Bible Study 7 pm
 Friday Youth Night 7 pm

Ismael Berrios
 Lead Pastor
 P. O. Box 480
 507 Hasbrouck Drive
 Woodbourne, NY 12788
 845-434-8263
 Email: crosswayaog@aol.com
www.crosswayaog.com


Sundown United Methodist Church
 Sunday Worship Service • 8:30am

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


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 (845) 647-4343

WOMEN'S SOFTBALL TWO PITCH TOURNAMENT
 TO BENEFIT THE ALLIANCE FOR LUPUS RESEARCH
 Featuring teams and players from the Sullivan County Women's Softball League
Saturday, May 19, 2012
 Grahamsville Fairgrounds
 Starting Time: 9:00 AM
 --All Day Event--
 CONCESSION STAND
 SOUV. DRAWINGS
 RAFFLE
 VENDOR FAIR
 Papered Chef, thirty-one, Edible Art by Erin, Ann, Silada, Tupperware, Tastefully Simple, Celebrating Home, Party Lite, Mary Kay and more!
 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
 COME WATCH THIS FAST PACED TOURNAMENT, CHEER ON YOUR FAVORITE PLAYERS AND TEAMS WHILE SUPPORTING LUPUS RESEARCH! (100% of all donations go directly to medical research)
 For more info about the tournament or the Alliance for Lupus Research call 292-2643 or 292-2949

CLARYVILLE FIRE DEPT.
ALL YOU CAN EAT

PANCAKE BREAKFAST
SUNDAY, MAY 13
 Serving 7:00 until 12: Noon
ADULTS \$7
CHILDREN AGE 5-11, \$3
UNDER 5 YRS. FREE
 \$50 FROM THE BREAKFAST IS DONATED TO CLARYVILLE REFORMED CHURCH FOOD PANTRY

Grahamsville Reformed Church
Chicken & Biscuits Dinner
 May 19, 2012
 Saturday, 4 pm to 7 pm
 Menu: Chicken & Biscuits, Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Salad, Bread, Peach Shortcake, & Drinks
 Adults: \$12.00, Child 5-10 \$5.00 under 5 free
 *Takeouts Available!
 Grahamsville Reformed Church Hall
 For more information please call: 845 985 7480
 Thank you for your support and God Bless You!


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


ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL MISSION
 The Little Church with the Big Heart
Sunday, 8:15 am Service of Holy Communion
 Music by Susan and Fred Van Wagner
 Coffee hour follows service
 All are welcome!
 5277 State Rt. 42 South Fallsburg
 For Information: Mother Joan LaLiberté 845-887-4742

Claryville Reformed Church
 Claryville Road
 Claryville, NY 12725
 845-985-2041

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

CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
 (embraces Fallsburg, Neversink, Sundown and Ulster Heights)
6317 Rte. 42, Woodbourne, NY
Weekend Mass schedule:
 Saturday afternoon: 5:00.
 Sunday morning: 9:00 am and 11:30 am
Holy days of obligation: as announced in church bulletin.
Daily Mass schedule:
 Monday afternoon 5:45 (Holy Rosary at 5:30); Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday mornings: (includes Morning Prayer)- 8:50 am
Saturday afternoon confessions: 4 to 4:45.
Rev. John J. Lynch, Ph.D., Pastor. 434-7643.

Woodstock Chimes®
WAREHOUSE SALE!
UP TO 80% OFF
 MANY ITEMS BELOW WHOLESALE!
Thurs, Fri, Sat & Sun
9am - 5pm
May 17
May 18
May 19
May 20
 This sale has a huge selection of spring products including fountains, one of a kind chimes as well as in-stock chimes, crystal chimes, drums, gongs, bells, beautiful wooden ducks, kid's instruments, discontinued products and much more!
 Directions: From the Kingston roundabout, west on Rt. 28, 10.5 miles to DuBois Road, Shokan, follow the signs.
www.chimes.com/sale
 Beautiful Melodies for the Home

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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


 Covered Dish Supper
June 2, 2012
 (No April Supper)
5:30 pm
 Sundown United Methodist Church
 at the Sundown Church Hall


Grahamsville United Methodist Church
May 15, 2012
 Thrift Sale 9am-1 pm
 Luncheon 11am-1 pm
Thrift Sale Only
May 19, 2012
 9 am-1 pm

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

LEGAL NOTICES/PUBLIC NOTICES:**IT'S TIME FOR SPRING CLEANUP!!!
THE TOWN OF NEVERSINK WILL BE CONDUCTING THEIR ANNUAL SPRING CLEANUP PROGRAM ON:**

May 12, 16 & 19, 2012

THE PROGRAM IS SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING LIMITATIONS:

1. Only those holding a GOLD 2012 Transfer Station Permit will be admitted,
2. Three Pick-up loads per household. (Permit Cards will be punched for each load.)
3. TVs & other Electronic equipment can be disposed of without fee. No batteries or ballasts. Fees will apply to fluorescent bulbs. Please keep all these items separate. Only checks can be accepted at the Transfer Station-NO CASH.
4. Tires, Refrigerators, Freezers, Dehumidifiers and Air Conditioners will not be accepted during this time. Please do not bring them during cleanup.

REMINDER: Scrap metal and large recyclable items can be taken any time throughout the year. Because of the high volume of traffic during Spring Cleanup time, the Town Board requests that these items be brought at a time other than during Spring Cleanup.

The Town of Neversink Transfer Station is open only to those persons who reside (have their household and generate their waste material) in the Town of Neversink.

OWNERSHIP OF VACANT LAND DOES NOT QUALIFY FOR USE OF THE FACILITY.

"The Municipal Cleanup Initiative Program is made possible by the Sullivan County Legislature."

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Robert Green Truck Division Gets Ready for "Dump Truck Driveaway"

Robert Green Truck Division will be hosting a "Dump Truck Driveaway" on Tuesday, May 15, 2012. Over fifty Dodge Ram 3500 chassis, each equipped with a Crysteel E-Tipper dump body, will be featured at Dodge Ram dealerships throughout the Northeast.

On the day of the event, approximately 60 Dodge Ram Commercial Truck Specialists will meet at the new Robert Green Truck Division headquarters in Monticello, where they'll then depart in succession to deliver the fifty plus heavy-duty trucks to Dodge Ram dealerships throughout New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Vermont, Rhode Island, Massachusetts and New Hampshire.

There is a tremendous market demand for 1 ton dump trucks. This Driveaway Event will afford Ram Truck Dealers throughout the Northeast the opportunity to provide a high quality dump truck at a very reasonable price.

About Robert Green Auto and Truck Dealerships:

Robert Green Auto Dealership is located in Monticello, NY and has been serving Sullivan County and beyond for almost 50 years. They sell commercial and Ram trucks as well as Chevrolet, Mitsubishi-Fuso Trucks, Chrysler, Dodge and Jeep vehicles. For more information call 845-794-6161.

Ready to Take Your Certified Nurse's Aide Exam? We can help you prepare!

Adult & Continuing Education Program at Sullivan BOCES is offering various preparation courses for the Certified Nurse's Aid (CNA) exam.

The Complete CNA Exam Preparation course is being offered May 11 through 21st from 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm. The fee for the course is \$199.00.

The Written Exam Preparation course is being offered May 11, 17 and 21 from 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm. The fee for this course is \$79.00.

The Clinical Exam Preparation course is being offered May 14, 15, 16, 18 and 21 from 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm. The fee for the course is \$139.00.

Students must register for state exams at least 10 days prior to exam date.

To register and find out more information about the course please contact the Adult and Continuing Education Program at (845) 295-4900 or 791-4070 between the hours of 8:30 am and 3:30 pm or visit us at scoecs.org, like us on facebook and follow us on Twitter.

Daniel Pierce Library Operating Budget Hearing

A public hearing on the 2012 Daniel Pierce Library operating budget will be held on Tuesday, June 5, 2012, at 7:00 p.m., in the Community Room of the Library. Budget materials will be available at the Front Desk, beginning Thursday, May 31, at 10:00 a.m. All registered voters of the Tri-Valley School Central School District are eligible to vote. The vote will be held on Tuesday, June 12, from noon to 9:00 p.m., in the Library.

UC Closes 2011 with a \$3.5 Million General Fund Surplus

Kingston, N.Y. - Ulster County Executive Mike Hein announced that Ulster County Commissioner of Finance Burton Gulnick Jr. completed and filed the 2011 Ulster County Annual Financial Report with the New York State Comptroller on April 28, 2012.

**Daniel Pierce Library***Between the Bookends*

Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 6, 2012 - our 27th Annual Giant Pumpkin Party and Children's Parade! The theme for the 2012 floats is "Dream Big-READ!" Also, we will soon be preparing our all important Pumpkin Party Booklet and asking local businesses and groups to support our efforts by placing ads or messages of cheer in this booklet. If you have never participated in the booklet and would like to do so, please call the library at 985-7233.

The following juvenile and young adult books, DVDs, and other items have recently arrived at the library for your enjoyment.

Juvenile Picture Books

Pinkalicious and the Pink Pumpkin, a lift-the-flap book by Victoria Kann, will delight readers as Pinkalicious searches to find the perfect pink pumpkin.

Hug Time by Patrick McDonnell, features Jules the kitten who knows that hugs can make the world a better place.

Plant a Kiss by Amy Krouse Rosenthal, proves that one act of love can grow very quickly.

A Boy Called Dickens by Deborah Hopkinson, is a delightful way to introduce children to this classic author. They will see the London where he lived as well as authentic illustrations of the time period.

Juvenile Fiction Books

Chomp by Carl Hiaasen, will appeal to mystery readers who also enjoy animals and nature. Wahoo Cray, the main character, lives in a zoo and moves this humorous plot along very well.

Beyond The Pawpaw Trees by Palmer Brown, is a fantasy story that could have taken place in Oz. A young girl sets out on a trip and meets a variety of very interesting characters.

The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate. This fantasy story is based on a real gorilla who lived in a shopping mall before being moved to a zoo in Atlanta. It is a story of friendship, art, and hope.

The Great Cake Mystery: Precious Ramotswe's Very First Case by Alexander McCall Smith, features a young female detective named Precious who is convinced that authorities have mistakenly accused one of her classmates for stealing a piece of cake from the classroom.

Juvenile Fiction Series Books

Meg Mackintosh Mysteries by Lucinda Landon. This series chronicles two young detectives, Meg and Peter, who go cross country to solve historical mysteries. Readers will be entertained while learning about American geography and appreciating our country's diversity.

"Through strong financial management and conservative budgeting techniques Ulster County was able to return a surplus to the fund balance amidst very challenging financial conditions," said Ulster County Executive Mike Hein. "We must continue to aggressively protect and rebuild the County's fund balance in order to ensure that Ulster County can achieve long term financial sustainability."

The 2011 Unassigned General Fund Balance was \$ 17.5 million, net of reserves. In 2010, the Unassigned General Fund Balance was \$ 14.9 million. It is recommended by the State Comptroller's Office that municipalities maintain an Unassigned Fund Balance of between 5% and 10% of their total general fund budget. The \$ 17.5 million represents approximately 5.97% of the County 2012 general fund budget.

The Commissioner of Finance reported that in 2011 the total general revenues were \$279 million and the 2011 total general expenditures were \$275.5 million. Therefore, the 2011 fiscal year finished with a surplus of \$ 3.5 million due to an increase in sales tax and the County Executive's fiscally responsible spending policies.

Juvenile Non-Fiction Books

The Golden Book of Family Fun by Peggy Brown, will be enjoyed by both parents and children. It is filled with time-honored activities and projects that families can do together.

The Lego Ideas Book: Unlock Your Imagination by Daniel Lipkowitz, will enable children to unlock their imaginations when they see this visual treasury of building ideas which includes medieval castles, pirate ships, and jet planes.

Saving Audie: A Pit Bull Puppy Gets a Second Chance by Dorothy Hinshaw Patent, is the story of a dog who was being groomed to participate in an illegal dog-fighting ring. He is ultimately rescued and becomes a "canine coach" who teaches other dogs good behavior.

Young Adult Fiction

The Girl Who Circumnavigated Fairyland in a Ship of Her Own Making by Catherynne Valente, is the story of a young girl who accepts an invitation to go on an adventure where she will retrieve a talisman and make new friends.

Princess on the Brink by Meg Cabot, is the eighth book in this series and finds Princess Mia struggling with her high school studies while also facing an emotional problem with her boyfriend who is off to Japan for a year.

Delirium by Lauren Oliver, challenges the theory that love is a good thing. Scientists have discovered a way to eliminate love and the government has ordered that upon reaching the age of eighteen, all citizens must receive the "cure" for love.

Seekers: The Quest Begins by Erin Hunter, is about three bears who accidentally encounter each other in the wild. They experience both adventure and suffering as they move toward a new life.

Juvenile DVDs

Puss in Boots stars Antonio Banderas and Selma Hayek. This PG movie was voted best animated film of the year. Audiences will see Puss in Boots team up with Kitty Softpaws, Humpty Dumpty, and the evil Jack and Jill.

The Ezra Jack Keats Collection is a Caldecott Medal Winner that contains seven different stories that include *The Snowy Day*, *Whistle for Willie*, *A Letter to Amy*, and more.

The Princess Frog This entertaining Disney movie explains what really happened after the princess kissed the frog.

Juvenile Floor Puzzles

Bella Ballerina is a 48 jumbo piece floor puzzle produced by Melissa and Doug. Children will enjoy the challenge of seeing the colorful pieces become a very pretty picture.

Fairy Tale Castle is also made by Melissa and Doug. Children will be enchanted by this true to life medieval castle.

Tyrannosaurus Rex is an actual dinosaur-shaped puzzle from Melissa and Doug that will inspire children to learn more about these amazing creatures.

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>

Mon- 7:00 p.m. United Methodist Church, 170 N. Main Street, Liberty
Thurs- 7:00 p.m. Immaculate Conception Church Annex, 6317 Rt 42, Woodbourne
Sat- 8:00 p.m. United Methodist Church, 170 N. Main Street, Liberty

Because We Care

Because We Care, a family caregiver information fair and forum, will be held on Wednesday, May 23 from 12- 4 pm presented by the Caregiver Resource Center. It will be held at Cornell Cooperative Extension of Sullivan County (64 Ferndale-Loomis Road, Liberty). Many Sullivan County agencies will be present to help current and future informal family caregivers learn about available services and how to tap into this assistance.

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- 5/10/12 Dept. of Motor Vehicles Neversink Town Hall 10:00 am - 2:30 p.m.
- 5/13/12 Claryville Fire Dept. **Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast** 7 am - Noon
- 5/15/12 **Grahamsville United Methodist Church Thrift Sale** (9am-1pm) & **Luncheon** (11am-1pm)
- 5/15/12 TVCS Budget Vote and Election 11:30 A.M.- 9:00 P.M.
- 5/16/12 Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Assoc. Meeting - 7:30 PM
- 5/17/12 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals - 7:30 pm
- 5/19/12 Grahamsville UMC **Thrift Sale only** - 9 am - 1 pm
- 5/19/12 **Women's Softball 2-Pitch Tournament** 9 am Fair Grounds- **Vendor Fair** 10:00 am - 2 pm
- 5/19/12 Grahamsville Reformed Church **Chicken and Biscuits Supper** 4-7 pm - 985-7480
- 5/22/12 Claryville Fire District Meeting - 6:30 pm
- 5/23/12 Neversink Fire District Meeting at 7:30 PM, Public Meeting at 8:00 PM
- 5/25/12 Grahamsville Reformed Church Ladies Aid Bake Sale -9 am till sold out!
- 5/28/12 Town of Neversink Holiday - **Memorial Day**
- 5/29/12 Town of Neversink Parks and Recreation 7 pm Town Hall
- 6/2/12 Sundown Methodist Church **Covered Dish Supper** - Church Hall 5:30 pm
- 6/5/12 **Grahamsville United Methodist Church Thrift Sale** (9am-1pm) & **Luncheon** (11am-1pm)
- 6/5/12 Town of Denning Town Board Meeting - Sundown Hall - 7 pm
- 6/6/12 **Tri-Valley Lions Club 1st Rabies Clinic** 6-8 pm Grahamsville Fairgrounds Pet must be 3 months old
- 6/6/12 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting - 7:30 pm
- 6/9/12 Fund Raising Country Auction sponsored by Time and the Valleys Museum (Fairgrounds)
- 6/12/12 Town of Denning Audit/Business Meeting - 7:00 pm Town of Denning Town Hall
- 6/13/12 Town of Neversink Board Meeting - 7:30 pm

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

June 9, 2012 -11 am - Fund Raising Country Auction sponsored by Time and the Valleys Museum (Fairgrounds)

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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.

The afternoon will allow caregivers to circulate and meet with each agency representative and gather helpful materials. Starting at 1pm each agency will formally present their services followed by an open forum to answer questions from the caregivers in attendance. Topics for discussion during this forum may include: during a care-transition how should I advocate for my loved one; who do I turn to if I can't find help; and what are the new Medicaid changes for covering community services. Agencies attending include: Achieve Rehabilitation and Nursing Facility, Alzheimer's Association, Catskill Regional Medical Center, Sullivan County Office for the Aging, Sullivan NYConnects, Sullivan County Adult Care Center and Adult Day Center, Sullivan County Public Health, Wellness Home Care and several others.

Please contact Cornell Cooperative Extension at 292-6180 to register. This Caregiver Resource Center program is free, supported by the NYS Office for the Aging Caregiver Grant. Coffee, light refreshments and door prizes will be provided!

Sullivan NYCONNECTS: Choices for Long Term Car

The Long Term Care Council is the advisory board for SULLIVAN NYCONNECTS, the single Point of Entry for information on long term care services in Sullivan County.

The next meeting of the Long Term Care Council will be Wednesday, May 16, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Legislative Committee Room (2nd floor) in the Sullivan County Government Center. Meetings of the Long Term Care Council are open to the public and all are welcome to attend.

There are membership openings on the Council at this time. For more information, please go to the Sullivan County website at www.co.sullivan.ny.us and click on "Board Vacancies."

For further information about the Long Term Care Council, please contact Martha Scoppa, Point of Entry Coordinator, SULLIVAN NYCONNECTS, Office for the Aging, 100 North Street, P.O. Box 5012, Monticello, New York 12701 or (845) 807-0257.

SUNY Sullivan to hold Pinning Ceremony and Commencement Exercises May 19

Loch Sheldrake (May 3, 2012) - Dr. William J. Murabito, president of SUNY Sullivan will officiate at his first commencement exercises in the Paul Gerry Fieldhouse at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, May 19. The college will confer associate degrees upon 380 students during SUNY Sullivan's 48th annual commencement ceremony.

SUNY Sullivan nursing graduates will be recognized for their accomplishments at the college's nursing pinning ceremony at 9:00 a.m. in the Gerry Fieldhouse.

The Honorable Aileen Gunther, New York State Assemblymember (District 98) and the Honorable Scott Samuelson, Chair of the Sullivan County Legislature will address the graduates, their families and friends to what will be a big moment in the lives of 380 SUNY Sullivan students. Nicholas P. Speranza, in his first year as chair of the college's board of trustees will both welcome the commencement

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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>

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guests and also assist Dr. Murabito and Dr. Robert E. Schultz, Vice President for Academics and Student Affairs, in conferring the degrees upon the eligible candidates.

Dr. Murabito and Dr. Schultz will present the prestigious 2012 Chancellor's awards. The award for excellence in teaching will be presented to Arlene Gordon, associate professor, division of health, social sciences and behavioral sciences. Rose Hanofee, director, learning and student development services, will be presented the award for excellence in professional service. The award for excellence in classified services will be presented to Kathleen Birkett, administrative assistant, office of student activities.

Dr. Cindy Linden, SUNY Sullivan's honor's program coordinator, will present the faculty award for general excellence to Alexandria Hercules and Rosalie Siciliano. Ms. Hercules will have the added honor of addressing her classmates.

"This is a big day for our graduates," said Dr. Murabito, president, "many of whom are the first ones in their families to earn a college degree. I will be filled with a great sense of pride as I hand out degrees to these students because I know how hard they worked to earn the right to be called a college graduate. And as I applaud the graduates, I will also be applauding our fine faculty and staff because they played such an important part in making so many dreams come true."

During the college's commencement exercises 14 students who are part of the College for Educational Enrichment will also be recognized for their achievements. The invocation and benediction will be offered by Rev. Sara Thompson-Tweedy, Dean of Student Development Services

Dave Seigerman Speaks to Fallsburg Lions Club

At their monthly dinner meeting on May 3, 2012, the Town of Fallsburg Lions Club listened to Dave Seigerman share about his long career as a New York City Police Detective, his experience on the Homicide Squad, service in the

Department of Investigation, and tenure as bodyguard for the NYC Commissioner of Investigations. After retirement from the NYC Police Department, he moved to Sullivan County where he now serves as Director of Public Safety/Peace Officer at SUNY Sullivan in Loch Sheldrake. He is responsible for the safety and security of more than 2000 students, staff, faculty and visitors. Seigerman was very proud of his staff and students when they answered the call by helping set up and service the temporary shelter at the community college field house for the fire victims at the Grandview Palace. The dinner meeting was held at the Milestone Restaurant in Liberty.





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Knarf's Classic Movie Trivia - Bringing Up Baby (1938) comedy

A madcap heiress upsets the staid existence of a straight-laced scientist. Directed by Howard Hawks, starring Cary Grant, Katharine Hepburn, Charlie Ruggles, May Robson, Barry Fitzgerald, Walter Catlett, Fritz Feld, and Ward Bond. In her sole venture into slapstick, Hepburn plays a madcap heiress-- "Baby" is her pet leopard--who sets her sights on absent-minded zoologist Grant, inadvertently proceeds to make a shambles of his life. Not box office when first released, this is now considered one of the best screwball comedies and one of the fastest, funniest films ever made; grand performances by all. **One of my favorite comedies. See it on TCM this Saturday, May 12, 2012, at 1:15 PM, 102 min, Rated, TV-G.**

- Quiz:**
A. Name the actor who played Mr. Gogarty?
B. Name the actor who played "Baby, the leopard"?

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SHANDAKEN - J. ROCCOS STEAK HOUSE BIGGEST BURGER IN THE CATSKILLS on Route 28. See ad in this issue page 8.

GRAHAMSVILLE - Have you seen the new exhibits at the Time and the Valleys Museum? If not, you are missing some very interesting local watershed history. The Time and the Valleys Museum is now open for the 2012 season. See page 13 for information. Keep watching the **Townsmen** for updates on new exhibitions and events.

While you are there, check out the Daniel Pierce Library.

LIBERTY - THE GREATER LIBERTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PRESENTS, A MOMERIAL WEEKEND CELEBRATION, STARTING ON SATURDAY, MAY 26 at LA POLT PARK at 12 noon. There will be a Talent Contest, plus great food with all the trimmings. Also right next store visit **CHARLIE'S RESTAURANT AND PIZZERIA**. They have a new face-lift, to bring you more room to Party, and Party you will with great Italian food and music. Come around to our Catering Hall and enjoy! **CHARLIE'S RESTAURANT AND PIZZERIA**, 77 North Main Street Liberty NY Tel. 845.292.1112

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