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Chestnut Creek Covered Bridge Repair

After 37 years our community landmark needs a new roof. The estimated cost of the project is \$2,200.00. The Neversink Agricultural Society and the Town of Neversink are accepting donations and asking for volunteers.

Checks can be made out to Neversink Agricultural Society Covered Bridge Repair. They can be dropped off at Town Hall or sent by mail to: Neversink Town Hall; PO Box 307; Grahamsville, NY 12740

The Project date is Sunday June 3rd, 2012. Start time is 8:00 AM to "COMPLETION"

To volunteer for this community event please call Gary TerBush at 985-7628 or Sign up at the Town Hall in the Clerk's office.

"Let's restore one of the signature landmarks in our community where so many of our annual events begin."

Thank you for all your anticipated help!

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.

"Old Time Remedies from Your Kitchen Cabinet" a talk at the Time and the Valleys Museum

[Grahamsville, New York] To help celebrate NYS Museum Week (May 31st to June 6th) the Time and the Valleys Museum is hosting a special program: Old Time Remedies from Your Kitchen Cabinet, on Sunday, June 3rd at 2 p.m. - 7:00 for more information. (Contd. Pg. 3)



Greater Liberty Chamber of Commerce hosted a Variety of Memorial Day Weekend Activities

For the 9th year in a row, the Yard Sale-O-Rama, a huge success, was one of the many weekend activities in Liberty this past weekend. There was music, a talent show, art in the park, a Soap Box Derby, Sidewalk Sale, as well as a parade. (Contd. Pg. 8)

Hurleyville School to Celebrates One-hundredth Birthday

The Hurleyville School House, home of the Sullivan County Museum, will celebrate 100 years on Sunday, June 16, 2012, with memorabilia, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Museum, 265 Main Street Hurleyville, NY. The school house was built in 1912 and served as a grammar school. The building was later expanded to include the high school grades. The gymnasium was added in 1929-30. The last graduating class was in 1945 and had but three students. (Contd. Pg. 3)



UC Executive Mike Hein & Shandaken Supervisor Bob Stanley Officially Open Phoenicia's Bridge Street Bridge - Bridge opens ahead of schedule and in time for Memorial Day Weekend



Phoenicia, NY - County Executive Mike Hein is extremely pleased to announce that the Bridge Street Bridge in Phoenicia is open in time for the tourism season to begin. Phoenicia, a hamlet in the town of Shandaken, has been ranked one of the coolest small towns in America. It is a tourist destination. This bridge, one of two linking Phoenicia to Route 28, was severely damaged during Hurricane Irene and area business owners and residents have been eager for it to reopen. County Executive Hein, recognizing the importance of the Bridge Street Bridge to the Phoenicia business district and to the citizens of Phoenicia, made a promise to the community that this bridge would be open by the July 4th Weekend. (Contd. Pg. 9)

NYC DEP Opens Neversink Reservoir to Canoes, Kayaks and Sailboats

The New York City DEP officially opened the Neversink Reservoir to canoes, kayaks and sailboats on Friday May 25, 2012. The Neversink Reservoir will be open now for boaters to enjoy from today through Columbus Day Weekend.

At an opening ceremony, held at Chandlers Cove, DEP personnel, dignitaries from the County and towns, CWC representatives and residents applauded the new regulations that allow the use of the Neversink Reservoir and the surrounding area for recreational use. Roberta Byron-Lockwood commented, "Sullivan County has looked forward to the opening of the Neversink, a valuable asset to add to our many green, eco-friendly attributes that SCVA promotes to the visitors coming to Sullivan County. It will be an economic boost to the tourism industry and businesses around the reservoir."



Upgraded access points at Chandlers Cove and Kramers Cove located on the western side of the Neversink along Aden Road are shown on a beautiful brochure printed by the Catskill Watershed Corporation. The brochure details the permit requirements, regulations, types of boats permitted, launch sites and boat rental and steam cleaning businesses located near the reservoir.

"This is a great day for Town of Neversink residents and all welcomed visitors to enjoy, in my opinion, the most picturesque body of water in Sullivan County," said Neversink Supervisor Mark McCarthy. "A really big thank you to the City of New York and the Catskill Watershed Corporation working together to make recreational boating on the Neversink Reservoir become a reality. This is a win-win for everyone and I am looking forward to seeing people enjoy one of the prettiest places on earth. Let's go boating!" (Contd. Pg. 4)

Senator Bonacic Inducts Major William H. Payne of Ulster County to the NYS Senate's Veteran's Hall of Fame



Senator John Bonacic (R,C,I - Mt. Hope) honored William H. Payne of Ulster County as his 2012 Inductee to the New York State Senate Veterans' Hall of Fame.

"It is my honor to recognize Bill, today," said Senator Bonacic. "Bill bravely served as a Marine in Vietnam and has made great sacrifices to protect and serve our country. Bill has tirelessly served not only his country but also his state and community. He is an outstanding citizen and embodies the definition of integrity." (Contd. Pg. 10)

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ON THE FRONT BURNER: If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things?
John 3:12

COLLEGE NEWS

Bethany Ann Hamilton of Kingston (formerly of Grahamsville) has recently completed the requirements for a Master of Arts Degree in Teaching with a concentration in Literature at Bard College in Annandale-on-Hudson, NY. She is now New York State certified to teach Language Arts/English in grades 7-12

Bethany is a 2002 graduate of Tri-Valley Central School and is the daughter of Douglas and Jona Hamilton of Grahamsville.

DAYS OF YORE...

June 4, 1952 - Raymond Denman was the winner of the tractor operators' contest held in Hurleyville last week. The purpose of this contest was to select the 8 boys with the best scores following the tractor maintenance course recently completed. In addition to having Ray in first place, Tri Valley had Frank Carlsen in 6th place. These two boys will be trying to win the honor of representing Sullivan County at the State Fair.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Terwilliger of Lackawack have announced the engagement of their daughter, Betty Terwilliger to James Caruso Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. James Caruso of Ellenville. Miss Terwilliger is employed by H. Rosenstock & Sons. Mr. Caruso is presently serving in the United States Navy. No date has been announced for the wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. George B. Smith held an open house at their home on the Sundown Road to celebrate their 35th wedding anniversary. Over seventy guests attended in spite of the discouraging weather.

May 30, 1962 - Western Union has recently completed the installation of a micro-wave tower on top of Thunder Hill. This is one of a chain, spaced about twenty or twenty-five miles apart, stretching from Boston to California and due to be completed in September.

Manville B. Wakefield has received word of the selection of his oil, "The White Fence" for hanging in the 27th Annual Regional Exhibition of the Albany Institute of History and Art.

The men of the R.D. Church met one evening last week to discuss ways and means of getting water into the church hall.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Krom who were married last Saturday. The now Mrs. Krom was guest of honor at a bridal shower on last Tuesday evening given by the Willing Workers of the Lows Corners Baptist Church.

Mr. Eugene Fuller of the Woodbourne Road was very much surprised while fishing in the Sawkill Creek by the visit of a rattlesnake. He killed the snake and has a souvenir of eleven rattles and a button.

June 7, 1972 - At the annual poster contest sponsored by the Sullivan County Sportsmen's Show, first place was won by Mark Peterson, a senior at Tri-Valley. Mark will be awarded a \$25 savings bond as a result of his effort. Second honors were taken by Simone Murphy and Debby Wakefield who tied. Third place was awarded to Marty Rubenzahl.

The Neversink Boy Scouts were asked to conduct a fund-raising campaign for the 1972 March of Dimes. Several scouts from Troop 87 volunteered to participate in the drive, they were: David Morris, Joe McAber, Donald Bardwell, Robert Friedman, Arty, Marty and Murray Rubenzahl and Ricky Fairbairn. These scouts raised a total of \$70.00.

June 3, 1982 - On Tuesday evening, the Ronech Chapter of the National Honor Society held its annual induction ceremony. The new members are: Dawn Crowfoot, Susie Davis, Dean Hall, Lori Kelly and Jill Manell.

Susan Cross, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Cross of Hurleyville, was crowned Sullivan County Dairy Princess for the 1982 year at a ceremony held at the Delaware Youth Center in Callicoon. Susan's crown was placed by the 1981 Sull. County Dairy Princess, Nancy Conjura, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Conjura of Grahamsville.

Elyse Hornbeck, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hornbeck received recognition at the Honors Convocation for being on the Dean's List for 4 semesters at Brockport State University. Elyse was also recognized for outstanding academic achievement.

4-H Dog Obedience Classes

Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County 4-H Youth Development Program is pleased to offer the 2012 4-H Dog Obedience Classes with Liz Keller, founder and CEO of Glen Wild Animal Rescue in Cherry Valley, NY. Classes will be held Tuesday evenings for seven weeks starting June 5th at 5:30 pm in the parking lot of the Gerald J. Skoda Extension Education Center in Liberty, NY.

Cost for the class is \$35 for 4-H youth ages 8-18 and \$55 dollars for adults. Class size is limited and youth will be given priority. Canines must be at least 4 months old and have current vaccinations for distemper, hepatitis, rabies and parvovirus. Leptospirosis is recommended, but not required. Pre-registrations with payment must be received by June 1, 2012. To register or receive additional information, please contact Cindy Niven, 845-292-6180 or via email cn55@cornell.edu.

Assemblywoman Gunther Helps Pass Bill to get Man-made 'Pot' off Streets- Synthetic Marijuana a Rising Threat to Teens

Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther (D.C-Forestburgh) announced that the Assembly passed legislation she co-sponsored that would add synthetic cannabinoid compounds to the controlled substances list - effectively banning the sale and possession of such drugs (A.9855-A). Possession with intent to sell synthetic cannabinoid compounds would be punishable by up to seven years in jail under the Assembly's legislation.

"The use of synthetic marijuana is a dangerous trend that is rapidly growing, especially among our teenagers and young adults," Gunther said. "By making these substances illegal, we can crack down on its distribution and protect Hudson Valley teens."

Synthetic marijuana - also known as Spice or K2 - is any substance with features and effects similar to those in Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), which is the main compound found in marijuana. Synthetic marijuana is often sold as herbal incense and labeled not for human consumption, allowing manufacturers to avoid government regulation.

"With synthetic marijuana available for purchase at head shops, convenience stores and online, its accessibility and legal status makes it a drug of choice among many teens," Gunther said. "In the past year alone, one in nine high school students have used synthetic marijuana. This legislation will help keep these drugs out of vulnerable hands, as using them can have serious and fatal consequences."

In 2011, there were almost 7,000 calls made to poison-control centers about exposure to synthetic marijuana. Recently, the New York State Department of Health placed a ban on the sale of synthetic marijuana in an effort to protect more New Yorkers from the damaging effects of these drugs.

Synthetic substances are chemically manufactured in laboratories where the effects of marijuana are enhanced, resulting in a dangerous and addictive drug. Using these drugs produces symptoms such as hallucinations, paranoia, rapid heart beats, high blood pressure, violent behavior and death. Other physical signs of use include increased agitation, pale skin, seizures, vomiting, profuse sweating and uncontrolled body movements.

ADAM and EVE and Other Improvisational Stories

Nancy Ostrovsky, considered one of the pioneers of live action painting and Stan Strickland, multi reed musician, singer, and actor reunite for another exciting performance on Saturday, June 30th at 8 PM at the Rosendale Theater 408 Main Street Rosendale New York. Tickets are \$15

The duo will premiere Adam and Eve, and Stan Strickland, one of Boston's most versatile and well-known jazz musicians will be performing excerpts from his one-man theatrical show *Coming Up for Air* - an AutoJAZZography. Based on a true-life near death experience when Strickland almost drowned off the coast of Hawaii and literally had his life and career flash before his eyes. Their appearance in Ulster County is a unique opportunity to see and hear them in their unique collaboration.

Local Tri-Valley News: Send your news and local happenings to: ivtownsman@yahoo.com

"Old Time Remedies from Your Kitchen Cabinet" a talk at the Time and the Valleys Museum (From Pg. 1) Betty Shaver will talk about the many items kept in an early 19th century kitchen, including plants, herbs and tonics used to help heal, take pain away and to make life easier. Attendees are invited to bring their old-time remedies and memories to share.

The program is FREE with Museum admission. All Museum visitors will receive a special gift during New York State Museum Week May 31st to June 6th!

Current Museum exhibitions are: The Impact of Water on the Life and Growth of the Valleys, a history of the watershed areas from geological times to the 1930's, NYC'S Water Supply System and the Rondout and Neversink Watersheds, and the temporary exhibition, The Family Farm: 1920 to 1950. The Museum also has a Museum Shop stocked with local history publications, locally made crafts, toys and gifts (open during Museum hours), and a local history research center open Thursday and Sunday 1 p.m. to 4 p.m..

Located on St. Rt. 55 in Grahamsville, the Museum is open Thursday to Sunday, Noon to 4 p.m. It is easy to get to from Ellenville by St. Rt. 209 to St. Rt. 55, from Liberty by St. Rt. 55 east and from Monticello by St. Rt. 42. Admission is \$2 adults, \$1 children and children under 6 and members are free. Group tours of children and adults are available by appointment. For additional information please call the Museum at 985-7700 or go online at www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org.

The Time and the Valleys Museum is a living and interactive resource that preserves the past, educates the present and ensures the uniqueness of the Rondout and Neversink watersheds for all generations.

Fishing, the Focus of June 8th 4-H Connects

Fishing is one of the oldest and most popular of outdoor sports. Like most activities, fishing requires a degree of knowledge and skill for success. The June 8th 4-H connects program aims to introduce youth to the sport and some of the resources available to guide them.

4-Hers Ashlynn and Travis Ratner will join 4-H Community Educator Marilyn Jones and others in introducing Fishing as a youth project or hobby during the June "4-H Connects Kids to Cornell" meeting, Cornell University Extension Building, 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road in Liberty.

The 6:30-8pm program will feature a presentation by Travis Ratner about local fish, and the raising, grading and stocking of local waterways. Ashlynn Ratner will demonstrate how to clean a fish and provide tips on keeping your catch safe for consumption. 5th generation trout farmer, Gary Tyler Shaver will also be on hand to share information about the Beaverkill Trout Hatchery, New York State's largest private hatchery, as well as provide gift certificates for admission to the Fishing Preserve. Participants will have the opportunity to learn how to tie an improved cinch knot, the basic knot needed to tie the line to a hook, swivel or lure.

"4-H Connects" is a bi-monthly program that seeks to engage families in youth development projects and is open to all community members. To find out more about 4-H Youth Development or your Cornell University Cooperative Extension office, please contact Marilyn Jones, 845-292-6180 or e-mail mlr34@cornell.edu.

Hurleyville School (From Pg. 1)

The building continued to be used as an elementary school until June 1967. The Hurleyville Fire Department became the next owners. In 1971, the building was acquired by Sullivan County. An elevator was added to the front of the building in 1990-91.

In addition to housing the Sullivan County Museum, and the Sullivan County Historical Society Archives, it is the headquarters for the Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop and the Frederick A. Cook Society.

If you have memorabilia or stories connected with the building you would like to share or for more information: (845) 434-8044 or <http://schs@sullivancountyhistory.org>

Take Root Training Session II

Take Root! Trainings are open to educators and youth workers interested in, or already implementing, garden-based learning into their work. You do not have to take session I to take session II. All are welcome.

This training will cover: Develop an intentional, long-term approach to garden-based programs, expand existing programs; Using a logic model as a tool, we introduce methods to create project sustainability; Groups with an existing garden program hoping to expand and increase project sustainability are a good fit for this session;

For information call Sullivan County Cornell Cooperative Extension call 845-292-6180. Registration Required. \$50.00 Fee includes lunch, Susan M. Dollard, smd243@cornell.edu and Liz Falk, efalk@cornell.edu

Make a Father's Day Gift at a 4-H First Saturdays Craft Class

First Saturday Crafts with 4-H is an affordable year round program open to all youth in the community. Parents and adult leaders are always welcome to attend and youth under 9 years must bring an adult.

Just in time for Father's Day, the two classes planned for Saturday, June 2nd will feature gift worthy projects. Both classes will be held at the Cornell Cooperative Extension building on 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road in Liberty. "Garden Stepping Stones" is the featured project from 10am to 12pm; cost is \$10 for materials and instruction. From 1-3pm a "No-sew Remote Holder" project will be offered for a \$5 fee covering materials and instruction. Youth taking both classes will receive a discount. Pre-registration is necessary to hold your seat in class by calling 292-6180.

Hinchey Announces Winner of 2012 Congressional Art Competition

Kingston, NY -- Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) today announced that Grace Park a junior at Highland High School has won the 2012 Congressional Art Competition for New York's 22nd Congressional District. Park's work, entitled "Peterpan Syndrome" will hang alongside artwork from congressional districts throughout the country in the U.S. Capitol.

"The pieces of art submitted in this year's competition were absolutely stunning," Hinchey said. "It is wonderful to see that our part of New York is filled with so many talented young artists who will undoubtedly contribute to our culture for many years to come. I congratulate this year's winner, Grace Park, for painting a stunning piece of artwork that will now hang in the U.S. Capitol and I applaud all of the entrants who produced so many marvelous pieces. I am so pleased that my colleagues in the House and visitors to the U.S. Capitol will be able to enjoy this excellent artwork from our part of New York."

This year's competition saw more than 50 young artists participate from the Hudson Valley to the Southern Tier. Hundreds of area residents helped select a finalist by viewing and voting for their favorite pieces of artwork at Hinchey's official Facebook page. Park was the Facebook winner of this year's competition. The other three finalists by region included:

- "Cresting" by Kyle Williams of Owego Free Academy
- "A Clip From the Past" by Alexandra Coulum of Kingston High School
- "Loves Emotions" by Alanna N. Noriega of Middletown High School

The winner was selected by a panel of judges from the Southern Tier. The finalist judges included John Brunelli, Gallery Director and Curator at Anthony Brunelli Fine Arts; Orazio Salati, a local artist and painter; and Terry McDonald, Executive Director at the Roberson Museum and Science Center.

The competition, which was initiated by Congress in 1982, includes hundreds of thousands of high school students from across the nation. One piece from each congressional district will be displayed in the Cannon Tunnel of the U.S. Capitol Building in Washington, DC.

CAS Arts Center- Calling All Member Artists: Submit Work for the Summer Members Show

From June 16 through July 15, 2012 the Catskill Art Society will present its third annual Summer Members Show, an exhibition of work by CAS member artists appearing throughout the CAS Arts Center, 48 Main Street, Livingston Manor, from June 16 to July 15. All CAS member artists are invited to drop off up to two works for the Summer Members Show at the CAS Arts Center on Friday June 1 from 3-6pm, and Saturday, June 2 from 11am-2pm.

The entry fee for CAS member artists is \$15 for one work and \$20 for two. All work must be wall ready with securely attached wire (nothing visible, please) and for sale. Artists will receive 75% of all sales. You have the option to replace sold work at no additional entry cost.

CAS Member Shows are open to current CAS members. If you are not a CAS member, you are welcome to join and participate in the summer show. And if your membership has expired, you may renew at any time. Annual CAS memberships start at \$40 for seniors and students, \$50 for other individuals and \$75 for families. All CAS members receive discounts on classes and programming and are invited to exhibit work during Member Shows, currently held twice a year. CAS members also receive discounts from several participating merchants.

If you are interested in participating in the Summer Members Show, please call 845-436-4227 or email ann@catskillartsociety.org to let us know how many pieces you are planning to submit. Gallery hours are Thursday - Saturday and Monday from 11am-6pm, an Sunday 11am-3pm. The CAS Arts Center is wheelchair accessible. June 16, 2012 6-8pm - Opening Reception Catskill Art Society will host an opening

reception for the Summer Members Show, on Saturday, June 16 from 6-8pm. All are welcome and light refreshments will be served.

SC Tea Party

Thursday, June 7 at 7:00 PM the monthly meeting of the Sullivan County Tea Party Patriots will be held at 240 Chestnut Street, Liberty. Guest speaker Richard S. Baum, Esq. will explain the possible ramifications of important Supreme Court decisions expected in June. All are welcome and refreshments will be served. For further information contact Marta at whrotties@netzero.net.

A YELLOW PERCH FISH FRY



By Peggy DeWire

Wham! Bam! Somebody pounded on my back door and I recognized the voice of my neighbor's son Fred shouting "Come quick and see what I've got."

I joined him on the porch as he proudly held up a string of yellow perch and we exchanged high fives.

"I just caught them in the brook behind our house."

Then I took a picture of the jubilant fisherman.

Yellow perch are the ideal for anglers to start with because they travel in schools and bite on whatever bait is offered, even during the brightest part of the day.

They're abundant predators in ponds, streams and lakes across the east and mid-west and have been introduced in the west. They swim in groups feeding on minnows, crayfish and insects. Perch will even rise to an artificial dry fly during insect hatches.

This is an easily recognized pretty fish with an olive green back shading to brilliant yellow sides and belly. Dark stripes are along the sides. It has two dorsal fins, a spiny one followed by a soft-rayed one. Its lower fins are bright orange, especially during breeding season in spring. Yellow perch (*Perca flavescens*) spawn in roving schools during March - April, the fishes shoaling according to size.

They don't make nests but lay eggs in long jelly-ropes twined around water weeds in the shallows. In depositing them the female glides over the weeds shedding eggs which are then fertilized by one or more attendant males.

Each egg in its jelly capsule is 1/8" across and there are thousands stuck together in ropes looped around water plants like garlands on a Christmas tree. One large female can lay 100,000 eggs which hatch 8-18 days later, depending on warm weather conditions.

The transparent baby perch "long, immediately spirals to the surface to fill its air bladder. After this it hangs hidden among water plants. For a month the fry feed on small plankton, graduating to mayfly and mosquito larvae and an occasional leech.

In July at two months old. There's a tendency toward cannibalism in schools of tiny yellow perch. Percy mature at three years to a foot long and weigh 1 pound. The oldest recorded was ten years and the biggest was 3 lbs. 8 oz., caught in 1982 in Lake Erie, a record still standing.

These small camouflaged predators hide among stems of water weeds waiting to dart out suddenly and grab prey. Their mouth is small but opens to a surprisingly wide gape.

A perch's main sense is sight but it can hear and smell too. Nostrils on each side of its head let water flow in and out of a special nasal pouch lined with very sensitive tissue that keeps the fish in touch with its environment.

In winter perch move to deeper water in ponds and lakes, staying quiet to conserve air. Scientists believe that perch may draw oxygen from the air bladder for minimal breathing.

While not considered a prime sport fish, yellow perch are fun to catch and are good eating. A licensed fisherman in New York can catch any number and any size all year long.

For tasty fried perch, put an equal amount of cornmeal and flour in a zippered bag and shake well. Dust perch in this and season to taste then fry in a medium hot skillet until brown, about five minutes on each side. Fish is done when it flakes easily with a fork.

Fred must have read my mind because he lifted the string of fish saying, "Come over for dinner tonight, we're having a perch fry."

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MYSTERIOUS BOOK REPORT NO. 51 - by John Dwaine McKenna

Memorial day weekend is by tradition the start of summer, and the beginning of vacation season. It's when we look forward to ice cream, baseball and garage sales . . . as well as "lazy hazy days," halter tops, short shorts, sandals and flowers blooming for three months or more. A lot of us think it's the best time of the year . . . when we hop in the car and go places to see things. And that's why I'm kicking off the summer reading season with one of the most kick-ass road trip novels I've read since Jack Kerouac.

The novel is *Head Games*, (the Hector Lassiter Series, Black House Books, PB, 2007, \$14.95, 300 pages, ISBN #978-0-615-44110-8) by Craig McDonald.

It was nominated for an Edgar in 2008, for Best First Novel, (more about the Edgar's in next weeks MBR) and is "Equal parts road novel, crime caper and historical fiction: a black comedy and wistful ballad of lost America rooted in borderland myth and history." That quote from the liner notes. Book one is subtitled, *1957: The Land of Hope and Dreams*, and the first sentence reads: "We were sitting in a backroom of a cantina on the outskirts of Ciudad Juarez, three drinks in, when Bill Wade reached into the dusty duffel bag he had tucked under the table and plunked down the Mexican general's head."

The head is that of Doroteo Arango; known to all the world as Generalissimo Francisco "Pancho" Villa, the charismatic leader of the peasant army who nearly won the Mexican Civil War in the first quarter of the twentieth century. Yeah, that guy . . . Pancho Villa. A huge bounty is being offered for the head by Prescott Bush, the director of the CIA, a member of the infamous, and secret, Skull and Bones society at Yale University, the father of George Herbert Walker Bush, and grandfather of George W. Bush. Yeah. Those Bush's. That plan is opposed by about ten-thousand Mexican criminals, drug loads and their murderous, crazy, armed-to-the-teeth thugs, all of whom are bent on keeping the icon in Mexico. Within a few pages of the first sentence, an all-out machine-gun and pistol fight takes place that leaves almost all the participants dead, and the narrator/protagonist Hector Lassiter fleeing for his life, running for the border in his '57 Chevy Belaire, with two carloads of unidentified hostiles in close pursuit. The chase, and the gun battles, run from Texas, to California, to New Haven, Connecticut and back to Texas as everyone tries to get the head. This one will leave you on the edge of your seat gasping for air and calling for more while laughing your butt off. It's fast and furious and fun in equal measures.

Now do you see what I've been telling you? You never know what you're going to find in the stacks of books at your local library. But you won't know if you don't go, so give it a try, stop on by, grow mental wings and fly . . . down at the library.

Have you missed an MBR? Want to re-read one? Make your own comment about one? Go to my website: johndwainemckenna.com

Where you'll find all fifty one of them. It's where you can click on the CONTACT button to leave any kind of message you dream up. In addition to the reviews, you'll find reading lists, links to Rhyolite Press, Face book, Twitter, and my blog . . . which is expanding with several new posts each week. Stay tuned, Rhyolite has three new books we're bringing out this year, as well as another author named Bert Entwistle, a polished writer with hundreds of magazine articles to his credit. We're excited about his talents, and his book. It's a 300 page mystery-thriller titled *The Drift*, which I'll have more to say about in the coming weeks. And hey, I've got another surprise for you in the form of a 125 page novel called *The Whim-Wham Man*, a coming-of-age story and murder mystery all wrapped up in one. We'll have further details in coming weeks, and on the blogs. *The Neversink Chronicles* continues to attract new readers and fans all across the country, and around the world. Signed copies are available at *Cannie D's* in Neversink, the Time and Valleys Museum Store in Grahamsville, The Little Store in Roscoe, on my website and from rhyolitepress.com. Regular copies are available at Amazon, or your favorite bookstore as an eBook on Kindle, or Apple's iPad, iPod, iPhone or your in local library's eBook section. Next week: the Edgar's. Have a pleasant week . . . it's time for summer reading fun. Don't get left behind, start reading a book today! See you next week. --JDM

NYC DEP Opens Neversink Reservoir to Canoes, Kayaks and Sailboats (From Pg. 1)

Throughout the recreational boating season, rowboats, canoes, kayaks, sculls, and small sailboats with removable center boards will be allowed to access the four reservoirs provided they have a valid DEP access permit (available free of charge at DEP's website) and certification that the boat has been steam cleaned by a DEP-certified vendor. Several certified vendors in the vicinity of the reservoirs are participating in the program. In addition, boaters must have a wearable personal flotation device for each person on the boat. Children under the age of 12 must wear such devices at all times. Boaters can obtain a free DEP access permit online at www.nyc.gov/dep. Locally, *Cannie D's* in Neversink and *Eureka Market & Cafe* in Grahamsville are participating certified vendors where you can have your boat steam-cleaned.

Since 2003, DEP has significantly expanded the amount of City-owned water supply lands open for recreation to 108,000 acres - more than double the amount available in 2003. Of the 108,000 total acres open to recreation, 75,000 are land areas and 33,000 are on water. Last year, DEP opened approximately 6,600 more acres in the watershed to recreation. In 2010, DEP opened 9,895 acres. Most of the properties acquired by the City will be opened for public access, including hunting, hiking and fishing, as well as economic activities like hay cropping that help local community businesses.

Expanding recreational opportunities in the watershed is one of the goals outlined in Strategy 2011-2014, a far-reaching strategic plan that lays out 100 distinct initiatives to make DEP the safest, most efficient, cost-effective, and transparent water utility in the nation. The plan is available on DEP's website at www.nyc.gov/dep.

DEP manages the city's water supply, providing more than one billion gallons of water each day to more than nine million residents, including eight million in New York City, and residents of Ulster, Orange, Putnam and Westchester counties. This water comes from the Catskill, Delaware, and Croton watersheds that extend more than 125 miles from the City, and the system comprises 19 reservoirs, three controlled lakes, and numerous tunnels and aqueducts. DEP employs nearly 6,000 employees, including almost 1,000 scientists, engineers, surveyors, watershed maintainers and others professionals in the upstate watershed. In addition to its \$49 million payroll and \$132 million in annual taxes paid in upstate counties, DEP has invested more than \$1.5 billion in watershed protection programs-including partnership organizations such as the Catskill Watershed Corporation and the Watershed Agricultural Council-that support sustainable farming practices, environmentally sensitive economic development, and local economic opportunity. In addition, DEP has a robust capital program with a planned \$13.2 billion in investments over the next 10 years that creates up to 3,000 construction-related jobs per year. For more information, visit www.nyc.gov/dep, like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/nycwater, or follow us on Twitter at www.twitter.com/nycwater.

For more information or to request a Neversink Recreational Boating Program brochure on this great new recreational opportunity, call the Sullivan County Visitors Association at 1-800-882-2287 or go to www.nyc.gov/dep.

DEP Enhances Stream Flow and Snow Monitoring Programs to Improve National Weather Service Flood Forecasts and Improves Stream Gauge; Program Efficiency - New Snow Monitoring Equipment Improves Reservoir Operations and Provides Data to NWS; New Turbidity-Monitoring Gauge to be Installed in Lower Esopus; Improved Program Efficiency Will Produce More Than \$80,000 in Annual Savings

Deputy Commissioner for Water Supply Paul Rush announced enhancements to DEP's stream flow and snow monitoring sensor network, enhancing the forecasting ability of the National Weather Service while also improving DEP reservoir management throughout the watershed. As part of the system improvements, DEP will expand its network of snow pillows from the current nine to 35 in total, distributed throughout Delaware, Sullivan, Ulster, Greene, Schoharie, Putnam, and Westchester Counties. Snow pillows measure the amount of water in snow packs, providing real-time operational data for DEP reservoir operations and for the National Weather Service to improve stream flow forecasts. The additional data will also help bolster DEP's state-of-the-art Operations Support Tool to better manage operations and planning throughout the water supply system. DEP has also identified more than \$80,000 in annual savings by eliminating funding for six unnecessary gauges in its stream gauge program. In addition, DEP will install a new gauge to monitor stream flow and turbidity in the Lower Esopus at Lomontville, and add new turbidity monitoring equipment to an existing gauge at Mt. Marion. This commitment is solidified in the recent Administrative Order on Consent from the State Department of Environmental Conservation, concerning DEP's permit to add alum to the Kensico Reservoir.

DEP's stream gauge program is a partnership with the United States Geological Survey (USGS) that provides critical information needed to manage and operate reservoirs while also providing data to local communities about stream and river levels. The program consists of a network of more than 50 stream gauges within the watershed, assisting in water supply operations by measuring the flow of tributary streams. In FY 2012, funding for the USGS gauge program totaled \$840,000.

The six gauges identified are: USGS 01374654; Name: Middle Branch of the Croton River near Carmel, NY County: Putnam; USGS 01413088; Name: East Branch of the Delaware River at Roxbury, NY County: Delaware; USGS 01421610 Name: West Branch of the Delaware River at Hobart, NY County: Delaware; USGS 01421618 Name: Town Brook southeast of Hobart, NY County: Delaware; USGS 0143400680 Name: East Branch of the Neversink River Northeast of Denning, NY County: Ulster; USGS 01434021 Name: West Branch of the Neversink River at Winnisook Lake near Frost Valley, NY County: Ulster

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Mega-developments have Neighbors Alarmed - Lori Schneider-Wendt

(Hurleyville, NY) Alarmed by the proposal of densely populated mega-developments effecting the Towns of Thompson and Fallsburg, concerned neighbors have formed a coalition. An organizational, strategy meeting for area neighbors opposed to the magnitude of the Gan-Eden/Kelli Woods development proposal has been scheduled for Wednesday, May 30th at 7 pm at the Hurleyville Firehouse. Residents of Columbia Hill, Hurleyville, Old Liberty Road and Anawana Lake Road as well as concerned Thompson and Fallsburg residents (including those with seasonal homes in this pristine area) are invited to attend the meeting in order to share information and plan how best to respond collectively.

The Gan-Eden proposal is for 885 units - garden apartments, town houses, senior housing, "convenience store" (in a rural, residential area as opposed to a commercially zoned area?) being built on 212.6 acres (29.2 acres of which are wetlands) on what was the old Columbia Hotel property outside of Hurleyville. The property lies both in the Town of Thompson (199 acres) and the Town of Fallsburg (13.6 acres). Kelli Woods proposes an additional 160 units - similar to GanEden and tied into the larger development for water and sewage on 90 acres (37.8 acres of which are wetlands) on Anawana Lake Road. It appears that the Town of Thompson Board changed the zoning from rural to suburban four years ago, with a public hearing, notice of which was buried in a small legal notice in the newspaper - leaving little room for comment from people who had no idea what was about to transpire - and certainly without notifying neighboring property owners of the impending change.

Local residents are concerned about the environmental impact, devastating changes to the rural character of the area, changes in traffic patterns, the endangering of the 67 acres of wetland which are home to countless species of wildlife and flora, and the upheaval of adding a small village's population to this concentrated area. The May 30th meeting is open to anyone interested in preventing these mega-developments from damaging our local environment and changing our way of life.

For information, contact Roger Better at rbettters@hvc.rr.com or Donna Nestler at dnestler@hvc.rr.com

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The Olive Jar - By Carol LaMonda

Yard Sales

Memorial Day weekend seems to be the calendar winner of the YARD SALE prize. It is the target date to clean out those closets and cabinets and exchange your excess stuff for other people's coins. There is a special mindset of a yard sale shopper. They might haggle over a quarter at a sale when they might pull out a VISA card and splurge on the same item at a department store. Shopping is reduced to the lowest common denominator of a bargain.

It isn't just the purchase...it is the chase of the purchase. Finding just the right item at a rock bottom price inspires endorphines to kick in causing the shopper to glow with the pride of accomplishment.

Another aspect of "yard-saling" is that the "yard-saler" might buy something just because it is a bargain. At the sale today, we put out items that we could not identify. "What do you think it is?" I asked. "I don't know, but put fifty cents on it. Someone will buy it." was the answer. And someone did. I can picture the same conversation later in the day. "What is it?" he will ask, and she will reply, "I don't know, but it was only fifty cents." Guaranteed it will be recycled and returned to the next yard sale, perhaps sold for a quarter.

Memorial Day is also the official start to backyard grilling. Millions of people will simultaneously crave hotdogs, hamburgers, potato salad and lemonade. So long to meatloaf and mashed potatoes. It is the start of summer cuisine. The oven can rest idle until the first chill of fall.

Hopefully, Memorial Day weekend was celebrated by remembering those who kept America free and safe so we could shop those sales and grill those burgers. We will be going to Olive's parade and Memorial Service as we do every year. The fifteen minute parade and simple patriotic service is the concentrated essence of why each of us is proud to be an American.



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Greetings, and welcome to Reservoir Music Notes! I didn't comment too much about Mick Jagger's SNL appearance last week, but after reviewing the clips, I gotta say, Mick's appearances with Foo Fighters and The Jeff Beck Group should serve as a wake up call to the rest of The Stones, because Mick was in top form and he proved, finally, that he can play with somebody other than Keith and The Stones, and still kick butt!

Mick's solo albums have been rather dry and sterile and lacking in soul, except for a few tracks here and there. Every time he tried to do his own thing, all that happened was that he proved that he needs The Stones!

Enter Foo Fighters! Foo Fighters are without question, the greatest, and pretty much the only, rock band success story of the past twenty years! Not to take anything away from them, they are a great band of musicians and songwriters in any era! Never was this more self evident than last Saturday night when they backed Mick Jagger on a medley of Stones' hits. Foo Fighters are able to rock out with the best of 'em, while retaining just enough interesting, unexpected moves to bring something different to the tried and tested three chord formula. They threw in just enough of their own musical personalities to improve on The Stones without losing the spirit of the originals. It was something like when Jimmy Page toured with The Black Crowes, who proved they could play, and Chris Robinson could sing, Led Zeppelin, better than Led Zeppelin!

Now, although The Stones proved they're still The World's Greatest Rock and Roll Band when they want to be, in the Martin Scorsese documentary, "Shine a Light", on most nights they've lost a step or two. Still better than most bands out there, just not compared to themselves! Foo Fighters are the exception to this rule! They take it to another level, one The Stones themselves haven't been on for a long time! Like I said, Keith and The Boys can go there whenever they want. They just have to be inspired, which maybe they aren't to be playing with Mick anymore! But Mick could tour with Foo Fighters and it would be the most exciting musical event of the year, and I hope he does it!

This week's live music choices are few, but very high level. Pick of the Week is EILEN JEWELL and LOS STRAITJACKETS at Club Helsinki in Hudson on June 1st. These are both artists I've championed in the past and will do so again. Check out Jewell's "Sea of Tears" and anything by Los Straitjackets. There'll be a hot time in the old town tonight! Don't miss this!

Not really familiar with ANDERS OSBORNE, but The Village Voice called him a "New Orleans guitar demon", and that's good enough for me! Bowery Ballroom, June 2nd.

LINDSEY BUCKINGHAM was always one of the bright spots of Fleetwood Mac. BB King's, June 4th.

Reggae royalty JIMMY CLIFF stops by the Prospect Park Bandshell in Brooklyn on June 5th. Always a great spot to see a band, doesn't hurt that Cliff is still rockin' 40 years later!

Have a great week!

Albany Update: Five weeks of Legislative Session Remain

The scheduled legislative 2012 session will end on June 21. Last week lawmakers in Albany acted on several important measures to advance their end-of-session priorities. In the Senate, lawmakers unanimously passed a bill that would create a Statewide Justice Center for the Protection of People with Special Needs. A high priority of the Governor, the bill, S7400 is sponsored by Senator McDonald, chair of the Senate Mental Health Committee. The legislation remains stalled in the Assembly as lawmakers there are working with advocacy groups and considering changes to the measure. Supporters of the bill are hailing it as an important initiative that will transform how the state protects over one million New Yorkers in State operated, certified or licensed facilities and programs.

Meanwhile, the Assembly moved to pass A9148 by Assemblyman Wright, which would raise the state's minimum wage from \$7.25 to \$8.50 an hour. Promising to be a campaign issue for several members, the bill passed the Assembly by a 98-49 vote, almost exactly along party lines. The bill, sponsored in the Senate by Senator Klein, is not supported by the Republican majority conference. It is unclear whether they will work with the Assembly and the Governor to modify the proposal to enact a version of minimum wage reform before the end of the legislative session.

Local governments are still hopeful for action on meaningful mandate relief during this legislative session. Currently, the Governor's Mandate Relief Council is accepting comments from the public on mandate reform proposals that have been submitted to them by local governments. To view these proposals and submit comments, visit:

<http://www.governor.ny.gov/webform/mandatereview-publiccommentform>

Pine Hill Community Center Events

There are lots of exciting things happening at the Center in June besides our regular daily activities. Please join us as often as you can.

Our wonderful series of children's workshops takes place every Saturday from 10 am. - noon.

- June 2 - Karen Certain . Terrariums in a bottle. Each child will plant a terrarium with local plants.
- June 8. Catskill Mountains Acoustic Slow Jam. 6-9pm. A group of friendly acoustic musicians meets once a month to play Bluegrass, Old Time, Irish, and Catskills Contra in a low-key, non-competitive atmosphere. You can pick up standard tunes across genres, become more proficient on a 2nd or 3rd instrument, or improve your improvisational skills, all at a slower pace. For advanced beginners to intermediate and professional players. Come play music and have fun with other musicians without the pressure of performing for an audience!
- June 9. Artist Tara Hu will introduce the Oriental Treasure Box. The children will affix materials of interest such as Asian newspapers, maps, stamps, joss papers, train tickets to create treasure boxes. They will also be decorated with Chinese coins, hand-made traditional Chinese knots, tassels, jade, and Asian beads.

Soil, Seeds, Supper!

On June 9th, the Pine Hill Community Center, in collaboration with Andes Sprouts and Catskill Cabaradio, will plant a garden that will produce ingredients for the September 8th Cabaradio Community Supper. Everyone is invited to bring plants or seeds and to help plant the garden with salad and rattatouille ingredients and then stay to participate in that evening's community supper and Catskill Cabaradio performance and live radio broadcast. Andes Sprouts (www.andessproutsresidency.wordpress.com), located on 23 acres in Andes has a hybrid mission to support artists and local producers with a competitive residency program, workshops, performances, and lectures that can be classified with the art/farm spectrum.

Pine Hill Community Center has two small plots that are suitable for planting, and Madalyn Warren of Andes Sprouts and Ann Epner, Executive Director of Pine Hill Community Center are excited about the idea of a community planting for a community harvest.

If you have plants or seeds to donate to the

garden, please bring them to PHCC by 4pm on June 9th. We are looking for the following plants to transplant into the garden: (5) tomato plants; (5) eggplants; (5) sweet peppers; (3) hot peppers; (3) cucumbers; (4) Basil; (4) summer squash; (4) parsley; Seeds; Beans; Carrots; Beets;

The gardens have limited space, and we request you check in with Ann Epner about donations. Call at (845) 254-5469 or info@pinehill-communitycenter.org

During the week before Cabaradio on September 8, come harvest the goodies and prepare a special dish for the Cabaradio Community Supper. The garden vegetables and herbs will be ready to harvest and Rattatouille is on the menu! Come and share a community meal harvested from the PHCC garden.

Catskill Cabaradio in Full Bloom for June 9th - A Free Family Event

Make new friends and see old ones at the Pine Hill Community Center on Saturday, June 9th, for the latest scintillating Catskill Cabaradio. The evening begins with a pot luck supper full of delicious surprises from 6 to 7pm. Then house lights dim and the Pine Hill Playboys strike up a lively tune as the broadcast begins. As usual, this installment of Cabaradio will feature musicians young and old, poets, storytellers, and interviews with local movers and shakers of all types and stripes. Of course there will be surprise guests and chances for our studio audience to win prizes by playing "Catskill Trivia."

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

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From the Governor's Office:

Dear Fellow New Yorker,

Since Governor Cuomo's proposed Justice Center for the Protection of People with Special Needs was launched, over 30,000 people have visited www.Justice4SpecialNeeds.com. Thousands more have signed up to support the Governor's plan and voiced their support on Twitter and Facebook. The Governor's Coalition for the Protection of People with Special Needs continues to grow: 119 advocacy groups, providers and non-profits have now joined, spreading the Governor's message to nearly 10,000 New Yorkers.

The Governor and his Commissioners have been making stops throughout the state to present this crucial legislation directly to New Yorkers. At these events, many New Yorkers with special needs and their families have been brave enough to share their experiences with abuse and neglect in the system. Visit www.Justice4SpecialNeeds.com to watch these New Yorkers' powerful stories.

John from Syracuse tells a particularly heart-breaking story. After witnessing and reporting abuse against his co-resident in a state-run institution, John himself suffered serious abuse at the hands of the same abusive caregiver.

As the Governor said, "Justice delayed is justice denied." For these New Yorkers, one more year is too long to wait. That's why Governor Cuomo is working with legislators to make sure the Justice Center bill is passed this session.

But he also needs the continued support of the public to make sure the rights of people with special needs are protected. Please visit www.Justice4SpecialNeeds.com to learn more and find out what you can do to show your support.

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of an unsuspecting diner, one tennis shoe causes a surprising crisis between man and wife, a woman receives an unexpected response for trying to feed a mystery animal, another woman finds herself on the other side of the looking glass when she attempts to claim her laundry. The cast includes Cass Collins, Janna Comando, Tom Delfavero, James Heisel, Valeria Henry, Valerie Mansi and Dennis Raymond. The plays were directed by Paul Austin. The lighting was designed by Jon Jon Thomas.

Shel Silverstein began writing when he was twelve years old. He would have preferred to be playing ball with children his age, but he had no athletic ability. Also, girls showed no interest in him, so he began to write. He was a staff cartoonist for Playboy. His books for children include Where the Sidewalk Ends and Light in the Attic. He wrote the lyrics for and composed "A Boy Named Sue" in 1969, which became a number one hit for Johnny Cash. He began writing plays in 1981.

**Liberty Chamber of Commerce- Three
Generations of Music Opens the Season at
Talent Show** (From Pg. 1)

The weather proved perfect this past Saturday as Liberty Chamber of Commerce began the holiday weekend with a Community Talent Show that included comedy, acting, magic,



singing, poetry, dancing, etc. A familiar face, Frank Sinatra, a/k/a Frank Comando was recognized by the audience as they cheered him on to this year's performance. Frank



opened with "Let Me Try Again". Talent runs in the family as proved when Frank introduced his daughter, Janna and granddaughter, Brianna, who sang a duet, "Jar of Hearts". Brianna also sang A capella "A Thousand Years".

The talent show was produced by the coordinated effort of Cindy Fracasse, owner of Liberty Fitness Center in Liberty, NY and the Liberty Chamber of Commerce.

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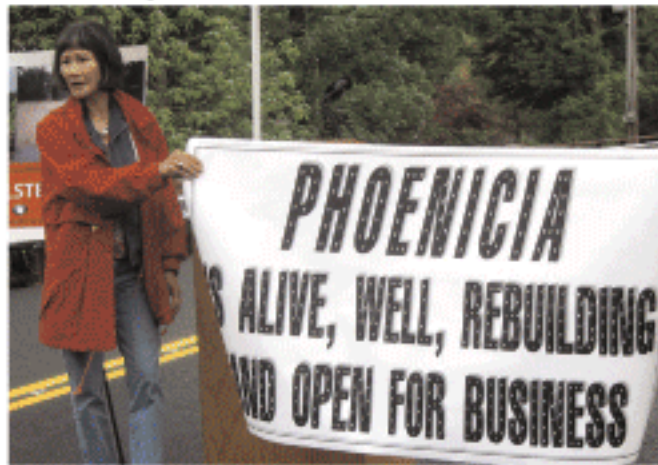
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County Executive Mike Hein Opens Phoenicia's Bridge Street Bridge (From Pg. 1)



Otia Lee, an organizer of the event, makes a statement as she hangs the banner, 'Phoenicia is alive, well, rebuilding and open for business'.

"I am pleased to announce to the residents of Phoenicia that Ulster County's Department of Public Works has completed the reconstruction weeks ahead of schedule and the Bridge Street Bridge will be open in time for tourists visiting on Memorial Day Weekend," said County Executive Hein. "As you are well aware, Hurricane Irene was the worst natural disaster in our County's history,

causing over \$15 million in damages to County infrastructure. The reopening of this bridge is another important step toward the County's overall recovery from Hurricane Irene."

"I want to express thanks and gratitude to Ulster County Executive Mike Hein and the Ulster County Department of Public Works for their expediency in finishing the Phoenicia Bridge Street Bridge well ahead of schedule. We were looking forward to the bridge opening midsummer and are thrilled that it will be open for Memorial Day Weekend," said Shandaken Town Supervisor Robert Stanley. "We are looking forward to many visitors crossing this bridge for years to come."

"I want to personally thank Michael Hein. I am very grateful to him for making this a priority," said Sue Taylor, owner of Sweet Sue's. "This bridge is really, really important to the people in this town and I am impressed that they got it done so quickly."



Robert Stanley, Supervisor of the Town of Shandaken commends the UC Public Works crew and was loudly applauded when he stated, "the opening of the bridge is pivotal to the local economy."



Members of the UC Public Works crew, who were key to completing this project in a timely fashion, were praised by each of the speakers for their efforts.



... and once again, we can drive over the Bridge Street bridge in Phoenicia!



UC Legislator John Pareto is one of the speakers.



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Investing in the Market -Social Security Retirement

Dear Sirs:

The Social Security has long been under a death sentence. Now the experts tell us that it is going to go broke sooner than was expected, in 2033 not 2037. Their only fixes are to raise the retirement age again and to cut benefits. While raising the retirement age might be feasible for sedentary jobs, for active physical jobs it will just increase the frequency of disability retirements. Cutting benefits will dangerously impoverish more of our citizens. After all, Social Security and Medicare are the only retirement many of our people will ever have. Instead of those measures of desperation, we should turn Social Security into a real retirement system.

It certainly has not been treated like a retirement fund. Its assets were dumped into the general budget in 1971 to make the budget deficit appear smaller. Since then the US Treasury has held its assets (now approaching 83 trillion) and paid the lowest possible interest on them, 2% currently. Even now, an investor can do better than that. The Treasury is still benefitting from the arrangement since the System is still taking in more money than it is paying out.

Between a worker and his employer 15% of the worker's salary, up to \$102,000 per year, is contributed to Social Security. For a worker making \$30,000 per year that amounts to \$4,500 per year. That amount invested every year in a decent mutual fund over 40-year working career, earning an average of 9% per year would total \$1.5 million. (Don't get too excited, inflation and other bumps skew that result and a million dollars isn't what it used to be). The point is that he should be better off than the \$13,000 per year he might get from SS, even without cutting his benefits.

Contrast SS with the New York State Teachers' Retirement System. According to its January 2012 report, it made an investment return of 23% last year and 12% the year before (not the 2% that SS made), more than making up for losses in the financial crash of 2008-2009. Perhaps more to the point, the system is fully funded to meet its future projected obligations. Eighty-seven percent of those funds are from earnings on investments (the fund is 90 years old), 3% are from employee contributions and 10% are from employer contributions. Employer contributions are adjusted to keep the fund's liabilities fully covered. From 1989 to 2011 "the employer rate was in the single digits. In six of those years, the rate was below 1.5% of pay." Over the last 25 years the system's investment return has averaged 9% per year. The investment itself is done by professional money managers under contract.

In effect, the teachers' retirement system is conservatively managed mutual fund, investing in a wide variety of assets. Turning Social Security into something similar would have a number of benefits, even other than for pensioners. However, initially there would be some awkward problems. The first step would be to make the system an independent agency with the assets now held for it by the Treasury. People now in the system will perhaps need to be guaranteed a benefit equal to their discounted expected benefit. Deriving a formula for benefits from that point would probably be the most contentious part of the transition.

In the long run, however, the benefits of the transition would be great. A lifetime of contributions would secure a decent retirement for worker at less cost per year to the worker and to his employer. The contributions would be invested, not stowed away in the Treasury, and be available for new capital investment worldwide (read "jobs"). Since SS will soon be paying out more than it is taking in, perhaps by 2015, the Treasury will lose no benefit by cutting loose the SS System. The assets that will go with it are already counted as public debt. Like so much of public domestic debt, it's just a switch from one of Uncle Sam's pockets to another. For budget hawks the best part of the switch is that that debt shrinks as the old treasury obligations are cashed or sold. Eventually the treasury would not be in debt to the SS system.

But all this could come about only if the system is protected from raids by outsiders. In NYS the state's attorney general has long been the sole trustee of the retirement systems. As such, AGs in the past have prevented a couple of governors from "borrowing" retirement money. They could do that under a provision of the law that makes the funds available only for the welfare of the system's members. A necessary provision.

This proposal has not discussed a number of serious problems that would arise. But it is better than wringing our hands and wailing "nothing can be done."

Sincerely,
John John Higgins
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UC Exec Mike Hein Hosts Ribbon Cutting at Newly Built Bridge in Big Indian

On August 28, 2011, as a result of Hurricane Irene, the Cascade Brook turned into raging flood waters, severely damaging Oliviera Road/County Route 47 in Big Indian. The damage to the road was so extensive it created a crevasse 24' deep by 50' across, requiring a bridge to be built in a place where no bridge had previously been needed. Incredibly, the Ulster County Department of Public Works was able to install a temporary crossing in less than 48 hours. The Ulster County Department of Public Works Engineering Division and Bridge Crew then designed, built and installed a new bridge, which was completed within six months of the destruction.

After consulting with Town Supervisor Stanley, the County Executive will be requesting the Ulster County Legislature name the bridge the "Steven F. Fischer Memorial Cascade Brooke Bridge" after Ulster County native Steven F. Fischer. Steven was a 20-year public servant at the Ulster County Department of Public Works who tragically passed away on September 1, 2010. He was highly respected for his vast knowledge.

Senator Bonacic Inducts Major William H. Payne (From Pg. 1)

William H. Payne enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in 1968 and served in the Vietnam war. He has received countless awards including; the National Defense Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with four battles stars, USMC Rifle Marksman badge, the New York State Defense Liberty Medal, the NYS Long and Faithful Service Medal, the NYS Medal for Merit, and many more. Additionally, Bill has spent his civilian life serving the community in various capacities within the Probation Department, serving as parole officer and also as a law enforcement instructor.

Bill is a published author who recently penned *The Veteran* in a New Field, a Civil War mystery novel of the Irish Brigade set in Saugerties, NY at the Mountain House in 1866. He is currently working on his second novel.

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SC District Attorney Jim Farrell Announces Enforcement of new local law regulating second hand dealers in gems and precious metals

District Attorney Jim Farrell announced today that the forms required for compliance with the new Sullivan County Local Law that regulates the second hand sale of precious metals and gems are available for download on the Sullivan County web site at www.scgnet.us/http://co.sullivan.ny.us/Departments/DepartmentsAM/DistrictAttorney/tabid/3118/Default.aspx. The forms can also be found on the County Clerk, Daniel Briggs' page, as well (<http://co.sullivan.ny.us/Departments/DepartmentsAM/CountyClerk/tabid/3373/Default.aspx>). Under the new law, those engaged in the second hand dealing of precious metal and gems must obtain a license from the County Clerk. Instructions for completing the application are also available on both web pages. Precious metals include gold, silver, and platinum, among others, and precious gems includes diamonds, rubies, sapphires, and pearls, among others. The local law contains a complete list of all precious metals and precious gems. The entire law can be found at <http://www.ecode360.com/SU1732>, at Chapter 167, "Secondhand Dealers".

In addition, the new law requires the businesses to report certain information regarding all purchases of qualifying items to the District Attorney, electronically. Businesses are instructed to complete a Precious Metal 12(A) Report Form and the instructions for complying with this reporting requirement are also posted on line on both the District Attorney and County Clerk's web pages. "I have tried to make the process of complying with the requirements of the law as easy as possible. All the business owner needs to do is complete the report form with all required information and transmit that form, and digital pictures of the ID provided and the items purchased, digitally, via email to my office", Farrell said.

The law also requires the business to hold all property purchased for 15 days before melting it or otherwise conveying it to someone else. "This requirement will help law enforcement to attempt to retrieve those jewelry items that are irreplaceable and have been stolen from law abiding citizens and sold on the secondary market" Farrell said.

The law and all of its requirements will be enforced after a 60 day grace period, commencing July 9, 2012. "I expect to have everyone in full compliance with the requirements of the law by July 9, 2012, and will seek to enforce the penalties for those businesses that either fail to comply or ignore the law. I am serious about the burglary problem in Sullivan County and will do everything in my power to protect our citizens' property and valuables from being lost forever", Farrell said

UC Exec Mike Hein Announces the Consolidation of the Real Property Tax Service Agency and Dept of Finance-Current Director Dorothy Martin Retiring After 25 Years of Service to Ulster County

Kingston, NY - County Executive Mike Hein has announced his proposal for the merger of the Real Property Tax Service Agency (RPTSA) into the Department of Finance upon the retirement of RPTSA Director Dorothy Martin. RPTSA is currently a separate County department headed by an appointed Director. The County Executive proposes instead, operating the Real Property Tax Service as a division within the Department of Finance, to be headed by a Deputy Commissioner of Finance/Director of Real Property Tax Service. The merger will streamline government services and improve efficiency resulting in cost savings to taxpayers.

"First and foremost, I want to congratulate Dorothy Martin on her retirement and thank her for her amazing twenty-five years of service to the people of Ulster County," said Ulster County Executive Mike Hein. "Her long career in public service, including the last six years as Director of the Real Property Tax Service Agency, has seen many accomplishments."

County Executive Hein continued, "I have always been committed to doing everything in my power to protect our taxpayers, streamline county government and provide the highest quality service for the people of our community. This consolidation of the Real Property Office into the County's Finance Department will succeed in all of these areas and is part of my administration's overall commitment to incorporate statewide best practices."

"I want to thank County Executive Mike Hein for the opportunity to serve in his administration as the Director of the RPTSA," said Dorothy Martin. "His vision for the merger of the Agency with the Department of Finance is prudent and well planned; I fully support it."

County Executive Hein will introduce a local law to the Ulster County Legislature for its consideration at the June meeting to authorize the merger of the Real Property Tax Service Agency into the Department of Finance. The potential savings resulting from this consolidation are estimated at \$46,000 for the balance of 2012 and \$450,000 over the next 5 years.

The state-mandated function of the RPTSA is to provide services that assist local government officials in achieving and maintaining equitable property assessment administration. The goal is to provide a sound, reliable, fair and easily understood foundation for tax equity within and between municipalities in Ulster County.

Dorothy Martin began her career by serving 17 years in county government in real property assessment in her home state of Michigan. She relocated to New York in 1985 continuing her work in real property assessment. She lives in Highland with her husband Anthony. They have four children and two grandchildren.

Cahill calls for Transparency Regarding Future of Health Care in the Region

(Kingston) Assemblymember Kevin Cahill (D-Ulster, Dutchess) released a letter to David Lundquist, CEO, HealthAlliance Inc., requesting a collaborative effort to convene public and open forums to discuss the future of the health care in our community. This letter was a result of the recent disclosure that HealthAlliance is considering the closure of one of its Kingston based hospitals.

"We have been here before and know the importance of having open and honest communication," said Assemblymember Cahill. "The discussion about the important decisions regarding the future of health care in our community should not be made behind closed doors and without the consent of the people who will be directly affected."

In 2006 and 2007, when faced with the same threat of limited access to care, Assemblymember Cahill played a vital role in conducting countless hours of hearings and meetings to solicit public input. The success of the merger was largely due to the participation of the community. The collaboration of HealthAlliance, local government and the area's residents, combined with the \$47.5 million secured from New York State, allowed the hospitals to continue providing the kind of quality care they were known for, while cutting costs by eliminating duplicative services and streamlining administrative functions.

"At critical times like this, it is even more important to assure that our community has an opportunity for a fair give and take with decision makers. I am looking forward to significant outreach and I hope we will do so in conjunction with HealthAlliance," said Assemblymember Cahill. "I am optimistic that if we work together as we did the first time around, we can arrive at a solution that will improve health care and save and create new jobs in our community."

The following is a copy of the letter to CEO David Lundquist President and CEO, Health Alliance of the Hudson Valley, Inc., Kingston Hospital:

Dear Mr. Lundquist:

I write regarding recent developments concerning the future of health care in our community. Over the years, I have worked closely with you and your predecessors to advocate at the local, state and federal levels for assurance that our institutions receive the resources necessary to offer access to high quality health care to the people they serve. Your recent disclosure that HealthAlliance is considering the closure of one of our hospitals has uniformly resulted in grave concern.

Please accept this letter as my formal request to convene open and public meetings throughout the area served by HealthAlliance to completely discuss all aspects of the current situation and to fully participate in any and all future plans. I once again offer my services to coordinate and host these forums. If, however, you prefer to proceed without my participation, please be aware that I will likely do the same. It is important that we have open and honest discussions concerning the future of the organization in order to identify ways we can work together to maintain the viability of health care for area residents. In my view that can best be accomplished working together.

In 2006, communities across New York State faced the forced closure of longstanding hospitals and nursing homes. Here at home, we pulled together to advance our own solution. I worked closely with hospital leaders and members of the Commission to engage and involve the public in deliberations that ultimately resulted in the agreement to form HealthAlliance and its approval by the regulatory agencies and the Berger Commission.

Our successful collaboration, combined with the \$47.5 million grant I helped secure from New York State, allowed the hospitals to continue providing the kind of quality care they were known for, while cutting costs by eliminating duplicative services and streamlining administrative functions. The merger, in theory, should have brought us closer to a coordinated health care delivery system with the potential to grow into a regional center for excellence. In turn, the institutions should have been braced for the economic challenges they ultimately faced.

I have already heard from many corners that the exclusion of the public from discussions thus far of restructuring the organization is disconcerting and frustrating. Many of these people are the same folks who were so crucial to the process that created HealthAlliance in the first place. I look forward to your immediate attention and reply. Working together we can fully engage our community in planning for the future of health care in Ulster County and the Hudson Valley Region.

Sincerely,

Kevin A. Cahill, Member of Assembly

Legislature Introduces Bill to Strengthen Home Rule Sales Tax Authority

A two house bill (S5629-B/A6575) designed to provide counties the authority to control their local sales tax rate up to 4 percent without State legislative action has been introduced in both houses of the State Legislature.

The proposed legislation would end the practice of requiring state approval and renewal for local sales tax rate changes, up or down, that do not exceed four percent. This will allow county officials to manage their local sales tax rates in a way that is most efficient for local tax payers. This will reduce waste and redundancy in state and local legislative procedure.

NYSAC strongly supports this home rule legislation as it provides mandate relief and enhanced fiscal management tools for local governments. County and State legislative staff, along with elected officials, currently spend significant time and energy in order to deal with the renewals of existing local sales tax rate legislation every two years under the current State legislative model.

NYSAC is encouraging county officials to urge their State representatives to co-sponsor and support this legislation. (Dave Lucas)

POLITICAL SLANT- Frank Comando - IS SOMETHING WRONG HERE?

REPORT: OPEN BORDERS AND INTEGRATED SUPPLY CHAINS BREAK DOWN GLOBAL TRADE BARRIERS, (Oliver Cann, Associate Director, Communications, E-mail: Oliver.Cann@we-forum.org)

New report finds that traditional notions of trade are becoming outdated, with global value chains requiring new measurement policies, and cooperation The Enabling Trade Index assesses 132 economies worldwide on their ability to enable trade. Asian economies show strong performance, while the US, China and India fall in the rankings. More information on the report can be found at www.weforum.org/getr

Geneva, Switzerland, 23 May 2012 - East Asian economies have recorded marked improvements in their ability to enable trade, while traditional frontrunners Singapore and Hong Kong retain a clear lead at the top of the global rankings, according to the Global Enabling Trade Report 2012, released today by the World Economic Forum.

The report, which is published every two years, also confirms strong showings for Europe's major economies, with Finland and the United Kingdom both advancing six places to 6th and 11th, respectively, and Germany and France remaining stable at 13th and 20. Other large economies fare less well: the US continues its decline to 23rd, as does China (56th) and India (100th). Among emerging economies, Turkey (62nd) and Mexico (65th) remain stable while Chile (14th), Saudi Arabia (27th) and South Africa (63rd) climb in the ranking. ASEAN members Thailand (57th), Indonesia, (58th) and the Philippines (72nd) also improve.

"The adoption of policies that enable trade will become increasingly important, not only for enhancing development in individual countries but also for generating prosperity in their trading partners," said Robert Z. Lawrence, Albert L. Williams Professor of Trade and Investment at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. Lawrence is the academic adviser and a co-editor of the report.

The report is a product of the Enabling Trade Programme, developed by the Forum's Industry Partnership Programme for the Supply Chain and Transport sector, and supported by A.B. Volvo, A.P. Möller Maersk, Agility, Brightstar, Deutsche Post DHL, DNB Bank, FedEx Corporation, Panama Canal Authority, Stena, Swiss International Airlines, Transnet, UPS and Volkswagen, in close collaboration with the project's data partners: Global Express Association (GEA), International Air Transport Association (IATA), International Trade Centre (ITC), World Customs Organization (WCO), United Nations Conference on Trade, and Development (UNCTAD), The World Bank and the World Trade Organization (WTO). 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

St. Francis de Sales Church
is holding a
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at the Parish Hall
109 Main St., Phoenicia
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Drawing at 7:30 pm.
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Door prizes, 50/50 raffles
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range of improvements, from
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façade improvements.
"Beautifying Businesses" is
being held on Wednesday, June
6, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the CVI
Building in Ferndale, sponsored
by Sullivan Renaissance.
Sullivan Renaissance Director
Glenn Pontier will moderate the
panel:
Heinrich Strauch, Executive
Director of Liberty Community
Development Corp., established
in 2005 as the joint community

**Grahamsville
Reformed Church
Italian Dinner**
June 16, 2012
4-7 pm
For information call
(845) 985-7480

development entity for the Town and Village of Liberty. Its mission is revitalization of Liberty in fulfillment of a strategic plan developed by community residents that focuses on housing, youth and economic development.
· Pat Pomeroy, Executive Director of Hudson Valley Regional Council, offering planning and assistance on public policy issues. HVRC develops an annual Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy for the seven-county Hudson Valley Region with priority projects for federal funding consideration; active work groups consider regional solid waste initiatives, water quality, storm water management and green infrastruc-
ture.
· Mary Lewis, Sullivan Renaissance Maintenance and Design Consultant, helps the organization evaluate past garden and landscaping projects to determine the kind of maintenance program needed to sustain them in the future, and helps fashion a program to raise garden design standards in new projects.
Strauch and Pomeroy will speak about their experi-
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Pre-registration is requested. Refreshments will be provided. For more information or to register, contact Sullivan Renaissance at www.sullivanrenaissance.org or 845-295-2445.



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A \$5 donation per animal is appreciated

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LEGALS/PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS**TOWN OF NEVERSINK
NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

Notice is hereby given that sealed proposals are requested for demolition and disposal of structures at the Tom Mitchell Little League Complex located at 54 Sundown Road in the Town of Neversink. Work is pending upon FEMA approval of a relocation project for this facility. The work will be done in two phases and shall include providing all labor, materials and equipment necessary to:

- a) Remove and dispose of existing structures and related materials with the facility
- b) Cleanup and re-grade all disturbed surfaces.

Bid forms may be obtained at the office of the Town Clerk, 273 Main St., Grahamsville, NY, phone (845) 985-2262 x300 or 307 between the hours of 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM, excluding holidays.

Sealed bids must be received by the Town Clerk at the Neversink Town Hall by 10:00 AM on Wednesday, June 13, 2012, at which time they will be opened and read aloud.

5/31/12

Runners and Ramblers to Raise Funds for Fight Against Leukemia & Lymphoma in SC Father's Day Tradition

Runners and ramblers from throughout the Hudson Valley will support a great cause during the 20th Annual Rhulen Rock Hill Run & Ramble (R4) on June 16th in Rock Hill.

The 5K walk/run will continue to raise funds for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society of America, the R4 Patient Fund, Catskill Regional Medical Center, and other worthy charities.

The event has raised more than 1,000,000 dollars for national and local charities and is one of the longest running road races in the Hudson Valley and Catskills.

"The Rhulen Run & Ramble is a traditional Father's Day-weekend event that raises people's awareness of blood-related cancers, and although the event is lots of fun, and focuses on health and wellness, we must remember why we do it-to save lives" said Suzanne Rhulen Loughlin, Race Director and daughter of the race's honoree, the late Walter Rhulen.

"This year has been a sad one for the R4. We lost several friends near and dear to us-Josh Depew, Tammy Reichenbaugh and Erik Rosen. In their names, we will continue to raise funds to support the research needed to develop cures for blood related cancers and make a difference in the lives of patients."

"We will continue to raise funds for the R4 Patient Fund which helps people with the uninsured portions of their medical bills, as well as for the necessary things that insurance never pays for, like gas money and hotels while undergoing treatment; tires that are worn out from all the driving; wigs to preserve the dignity of young girls and women undergoing treatment; eyeglasses for the patient whose vision has changed because of the treatment."

The R4 also hosts a bone marrow drive, which began in 2008 when it was learned that 21-year-old Monticello resident Jared Carlew needed a transplant. Sadly, Carlew died before a transplant could be arranged, which happens to many patients because of the lack of available donors. Our community has lost other great people, like Gil Sandvoss of Monticello, N.Y., a retired employee of Arthur Glick Truck Sales, and Roy Chelsen, 49 of Warwick who worked Firehouse Engine 28 Ladder 11 for 22 yrs. He was in the WTC collapse on 9/11 and saved many firefighters' lives.

According to DKMS, although there are 13 million worldwide included on the bone-marrow registry, 6 out of 10 patients NEVER receive the lifesaving transplant they need. "These aren't faceless nameless people that are searching for the match. They are people in our own community, young and old, of every ethnicity. You may be that match. You may save a life. A simple swab of the cheek is all it takes to start this life-saving process," said Loughlin.

Last year almost 900 runners and walkers participated in the Rhulen Rock Hill Run & Ramble. The 2011 Rock Hill Run & Ramble raised more than \$65,000 and donated \$35,000 to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society; \$14,000 to the R4 Patient Fund, benefiting Heather Mustavs, a 14-year-old from Roscoe; \$2,500.00 to Catskill Regional Medical

Center; \$1,500.00 to DKMS, a national bone marrow bank; \$1,500 to the United Way; and \$1,000 to other individuals in need.

This year's R4 Patient Fund recipient will be Brian Scott, age 50, from Jeffersonville. Brian was diagnosed with Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma just before Christmas 2011. He is currently undergoing treatment with Crystal Run Healthcare and Catskill Regional Medical Center. Brian, a single father, resides with his three children, Nicholas, Christopher and Brittney, in Jeffersonville, N.Y. Funds are raised for the Patient Fund through the sale of raffles. The raffle sales will be used to help Brian offset the costs of medical treatment and expenses. To buy raffle tickets or help sell tickets, please call Resa at 845.794.3600.

The race begins at 9 a.m. at the Frontier Insurance Building on Lake Louise Marie Road in Rock Hill and loop around scenic Lake Louise Marie. On-site registration starts at 7 a.m.; race officials are encouraging participants to pre-register by visiting the official race website at www.rockhillrun.com. Pre-registration fee for the Run & Ramble, before June 8, is \$22. After June 7th the registration cost is \$25. Registration for children 10 and under is \$10. T-shirts are guaranteed to the first 900 registrants.

Awards will be presented to the top three finishers in each age group. The overall 1st, 2nd and 3rd male/female runners will receive cash prizes of \$500, \$300 and \$200. Awards will be given to the top three in each age group, as well as to the top three individual fundraisers who raise monies through donations, pledges or raffle sales, (as well as to the top three largest teams).

Raffle prizes include: iPad 3; Bethel Woods Tickets; Curves Certificates; Villa Roma Golf; Day of Golf/Lesson at E. Gaynor Brennan; Golds Gym & Fitness Factory Annual Membership; Holiday Mountain Season Ski Passes & Fun Park; Mets Tickets; Monticello Car Wash Certificates; Morgan House Skis & Bindings; Sneaker World Gift Certificates; Weekend at 'newly renovated' Lodge; Vineyard Case of Wine; Radiant Yoga Certificates; Rock Hill Trading Post Certificates; Restaurant Certificates from Bernie's, Buona Fortuna, Crust, Dutch's Old Homestead, Yiasou Café; theater tickets, and much more.

Entertainment includes live music, a pasta luncheon, and the opportunity to gain valuable information at 'the best health fair under the tent'! Local health care businesses to attend include: Catskill Regional Medical Center, Crystal Run Health Care, The Center for Discovery, Children's School of Yoga, Cornell Cooperative, Dolson Avenue Medical, Family Foot Care, Premier Care Physical Therapy, Radiant Yoga of Mountandale, SullivanArc, United Way of Sullivan County, Wurtsboro Medical Associates- Dr. Stuart Tashman, and YMCA of Monticello/Middletown.

Services available at the Health Fair will include blood pressure screenings, cancer education and outreach, diabetes screening, weight assessment, massage, nursing supervisors, physicians, physical therapists, and much more.

The 5K walk/run is held in honor of Walter A. Rhulen, a dedicated runner and local humanitarian who lost his battle with Leukemia in 1998. Rhulen was the founder of Frontier Insurance Group in Rock Hill.

For more information, contact Race Director Suzanne Rhulen Loughlin at 845.796.9811 or log onto: www.rockhillrun.com.

Volunteers to Gather in a Human Line of Hope Across America to Support Childhood Cancer Research -Unique St. Baldrick's Foundation fundraiser event to raise money for life-saving research

Eldred, New York / May 22, 2012 - It takes a human line of hope to cure childhood cancer. On Sunday, September 9 volunteers of all ages, from cities across the U.S., will participate in the fifth annual Human Line of Hope. Participating teams will gather together while each person holds a letter, spelling out the name or phrase of their choice while holding hands, creating a Human Line of Hope. Messages can spell out the names of loved ones lost to cancer or words of inspiration. Each letter is a donation of \$10, with all proceeds benefitting the St. Baldrick's Foundation, a volunteer-driven charity dedicated to funding childhood cancer research.

New this year will be a secret 50 word nationwide message that relates to childhood cancer. Each participating state will be given one word from the 50 word message to display during or after their Human Line of Hope. Photos from each group will be put together in a collage to finally reveal the hidden message for all to see - 50 states uniting to spread awareness and funds for life-saving pediatric cancer research.

This year's goal is to have all 50 states participate in the Human Line of Hope. Currently, participating states include Arizona, California, Florida, Hawaii,

Illinois, Iowa, Louisiana, Minnesota, Missouri, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Texas, Virginia and Wisconsin.

If you would like to join the Human Line of Hope in your area or have friends or family living in another state that would like to participate please email lineofhope@hvc.rr.com or visit the event page here.

The first Human Line of Hope was organized in 2008 by Lou Monteleone in Eldred, N.Y. Once again, this year's Eldred N.Y. St. Baldrick's event will include a Human Line of Hope, Conga Against Cancer traveling dance line and volunteers will also have a chance to shave their heads in solidarity with kids who have been affected by cancer.

About the St. Baldrick's Foundation

The St. Baldrick's Foundation is a volunteer-driven charity committed to funding the most promising research to find cures for childhood cancers and give survivors long and healthy lives. The Foundation funds more in childhood cancer research grants than any organization except the U.S. government. St. Baldrick's funds are granted to some of the most brilliant childhood cancer research experts in the world and to younger professionals who will be the experts of tomorrow. Funds awarded also enable hundreds of local institutions to participate in national pediatric cancer clinical trials, a child's best hope for a cure. Since the Foundation's first grants as an independent charity in 2005, it has funded over \$78 million in childhood cancer research. For more information about St. Baldrick's, call 1.888.899.BALD or visit StBaldricks.org.

"Patterns" An Art Exhibit Sponsored by Liberty Museum & Arts Center and Catskill Artists Gallery

The members of the newly re-formed Catskill Artists Gallery (CAG) will be exhibiting recent work at the Liberty Museum & Arts Center, 46 South Main Street, Liberty, New York, from June 15 through July 8, 2012. The exhibit will be open from noon to 5 p.m. on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday each weekend during that period.

There will be an opening reception on Saturday, June 16, from 4-8 p.m., offering CAG's usual delicious assortment of food and drink, with the artists available to meet visitors and discuss their work as it relates to the theme of "patterns."

In addition to the "Patterns" show, guests may view the Museum's permanent display of some of the engaging history of Sullivan County, and hear about the Museum's exciting plans for the future.

CAG recently closed its "bricks-and-mortar" store after nine years on Main Street in Liberty to become a "gallery without walls." The eight members have built an exciting new website, are attending art/craft fairs in various areas, and are teaming up with other entities for local events. This collaboration to produce a new local exhibit has been exciting for both the gallery and the museum. CAG will also be exhibiting at The Old Stone House Gallery in Hasbrouck in August.

CAG will be exhibiting in art/craft fairs in Montvale, NJ on June 3 and at Riverfest (Narrowsburg) on July 22. Look at the website www.catskillartistsgallery.com for more details on these and other upcoming events.

The museum also has events this summer: Liberty High School art students will have a show from May 19 to June 9; and the 17th Annual Sullivan County Architectural Tour is on Saturday June 16 from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. The Museum's 15th Anniversary Celebration is on July 28 at 7 p.m. Its website is www.LibertyMuseum.com

Members of the "new" CAG are: Nada Clyne, Robert Friedman, Cate Gundlah, Margaret Helthaler, Kathy Jeffers, Tom Kelemen, Buff McAllister, and Hank Schneider.

Sullivan IDA receives \$500,000 in USDA Microloan Funding Funding to Boost Business Lending, Job Creation and Strengthen Sullivan County's Economy

Monticello, New York (May 19, 2012). The County of Sullivan Industrial Development Agency ("CSIDA") announced completion of the funding initiative through the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program ("RMAP"). The funding, authorized by the Food, Conservation and Energy Act of 2008, is intended to boost small business development, create jobs and strengthen rural communities. CSIDA is the only organization in Mid-Hudson to be funded through the RMAP, receiving a \$440,000 loan and a \$60,000 grant to provide financial and technical assistance and training to rural microentrepreneurs. (Contd. Pg. 15)

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 racerrj12d@aol.com.

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



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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

Beaver Dam Club
Beaver Dam Road
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Rules

- Electric motors only
- All fish weighed must be alive
- Artificial lures only
- Catch & Release
- Two (2) people per boat
- All prizes awarded are cash
- Three (3) heaviest fish - 1st, 2nd, 3rd
- 50% of entry fee returned as prizes

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- 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
- 6/5/12 Town of Neversink Parks & Rec Budget Meeting 7 pm - Neversink Town Hall
- 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) 11 a.m.**
- 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
- 6/14/12 **Dept. of Motor Vehicles** Neversink Town Hall 10:00 am - 2:30 p.m.
- 6/15/12 Edgar Award winner Steve Hamilton guest speaker at Daniel Pierce Library 7:30pm
- 6/16/12 **Grahamsville UMC Thrift Sale only** - 9 am - 1 pm
- 6/16/12 Grahamsville Reformed Church **Italian Dinner** 4-7 pm (845) 985-7480
- 6/17/12 Claryville Fire Dept. **Father's Day Pancake & French Toast Breakfast** 7 am - Noon
- 6/19/12 **Grahamsville United Methodist Church Thrift Sale** (9am-1pm) & Luncheon (11am-1pm)
- 6/20/12 Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Assoc. Meeting - 7:30 PM
- 6/20/12 Neversink Fire District Meeting at 7:30 PM, Public Meeting at 8:00 PM
- 6/21/12 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals - 7:30 pm
- 6/26/12 Claryville Fire District Meeting - 6:30 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)
July 28, 2012 Time and the Valleys Museum Annual Old Time Fair and BBQ
August 5 - Halls Mills Covered Bridge Centennial Celebration

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

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- GRAHAMSVILLE DELI
- GRAHAMSVILLE AUTOMOTIVE
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- NAPANOCH APPLIANCE
- PETER'S MARKET

TOWN OF OLIVE MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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

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

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

Sullivan IDA receives \$500,000 (From Pg. 14)

For more than a quarter century, CSIDA has been making microloans to support business development in Sullivan County. Through its various programs CSIDA has provided over 50 microloans totaling over \$1,000,000. Additionally, CSIDA provides sales, mortgages and real estate tax abatements to qualifying applicants looking to create or retain jobs by investing in Sullivan County. The Agency has also issued over \$200,000,000 in tax exempt bonds. The CSIDA has provided matching funds of \$125,000 increasing the total available RMAP Fund to \$625,000.

"I am pleased that the Agency has received this \$500,000 award and made a \$125,000 program commitment because I know that an investment in our County's economy will pay dividends for years to come," said CSIDA Chairman Ira Steingart. "The funding awarded to the Agency from the USDA RMAP will allow CSIDA to make investments in small businesses throughout Sullivan County, creating jobs and fostering economic expansion".

"The USDA Rural Development has been an important partner to Sullivan County in promoting small business development and community revitalization," stated Congressman Maurice Hinchey. "This new federal investment will allow SCIDA to continue its critically important economic development efforts in order to expand employment and business opportunities throughout the County."

"CSIDA's experience in providing assistance to rural small businesses in Sullivan County was recognized by their selection as one of only four recipients of an award under the Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program in New York", said Scott Samuelson, Chairman of the Sullivan County Legislature. "We thank USDA Rural Development, a recognized leader in delivering programs that create jobs and foster economic growth in New York's rural communities".

For more information about the CSIDA's small business lending efforts, including its Rural Microenterprise Assistance Program, please visit the Agency's website at <http://www.sullivanida.com> or call Jennifer C.S. Brylinski, Executive Director at (845) 295-2603.

"TWO OLD KNIGHTS DANCING"

On Tuesday, June 5th at 6:30 PM, the ASK Playwrights Lab will host the reading of "TWO OLD KNIGHTS DANCING" by Joe Cosentino.

Like the broken railing between them, senior citizens Jonah and Hans are in need of repair. As their friendship grows stronger, Jonah begins to share his memories of the Holocaust with his new friend. Hans in turn shares a secret that jeopardizes each man's most valued possession. With Lewis Gardner, Adele Calcevecchio & Roger Hendricks Simon.

Special Guest, Roger Hendricks Simon -Roger Hendricks Simon is the artistic director of The Simon Studio in New York City and Poughkeepsie, and an actor, director, and teacher who has worked with such luminaries as Michael Douglas, Shia LaBoef, Josh

Town of Denning Message Board: <http://www.denning.us>
Town of Neversink Website: <http://townofneversink.org>
Daniel Pierce Library - <http://www.danielpiercelibrary.org>

Time and The Valleys Museum -
<http://timeandthevalleysmuseum.org>
Tri-Valley CSD: <http://tvcs.k12.ny.us>
Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman On-Line Edition:
<http://thetownsman.com>

Brolin, John Travolta, John Lithgow, James Earl Jones, James Woods, Samuel L. Jackson and Tovah Felshuh.

Joe Cosentino -Joe Cosentino has appeared in principal acting roles in film, television, and theatre, opposite stars such as Bruce Willis, Rosie O'Donnell, Nathan Lane, and Jason Robards. He has written and directed many touring musical plays for family audiences. His one-act plays "Infatuation" (Manhattan Punch Line) and "Neighbor" (Interborough Repertory Theater) were performed Off-Off-Broadway. Locally his plays "An Eye For An Eye" and "Reach for the Sky" had staged readings by Queen City Stage and Half Moon Theatre respectively. He is currently Head of the Department of Performing, Visual Arts, and Communications at Dutchess Community College in Poughkeepsie.

Lewis Gardner- Lew Gardner has appeared on stage and in films, including music videos for groups such as Born of Osiris and the Fabulous Thunderbirds. Also a playwright, his "Pete & Joe at the Dew Drop Inn" is included in Best American Short Plays 2008-2009.

Adele Calcevecchio -Theater and acting in particular are singularly important in Adele's life. She was cast in her first speaking role at age 10 and has been performing ever since. She has worked in leading roles on Ulster County stages since 1971 with Performing Arts of Woodstock, Coachhouse Players, Shandaken Theater Society, New York Conservatory for the Arts, Clove Valley Theatre, Ulster County Community College, and many independent productions, as well as ASK.

Renewing your HazMat Endorsement?

MONTICELLO - The Adult and Continuing Education Program at Sullivan BOCES is offering a preparation course for the CDL HazMat Endorsement Exam on Saturday June 2nd and June 9th at St. John Street Education Center in Monticello, from 8:30 am - 4:30 pm.

The HazMat Endorsement Preparation course is structured for CDL holders who wish to obtain their HazMat endorsement and for drivers who already possess a HazMat Endorsement, but need to renew it. This course prepares you for the renewal-written test that New York State requires by law. Renewal tests must be taken once every 2 years in order for you to renew your endorsement. The cost is \$191. To register for either course or to obtain more information 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 scooces.org, like us on facebook and follow us on Twitter



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- NEW Tasteful 4 BR home on Hastings Dr with sunroom, bar, fpl, formal DR, lg deck, 2 car garage, on 1.58 acres. \$259,900
- 2-3 BR seas cabin on Neversink River with 2 acs. \$140k
- Farmhse on 108 acs with stunning views, barns. \$659k
- REDUCED Cute 2BR seasonal cabin on 3 acs on dead end road with fpl, screened porch. \$105k
- Former church approved as 1 BR home. \$69k
- Bright 3 bed/1 ba cottage on 4.5 acres adj State. \$99k
- Working farm featuring 163 bucolic acres, farmhouse with exceptional views, barns, sugar house, etc.. \$1.378m
- 3BR/1BA authentic log cabin on 20+ acs with fpl, skylights, woods that end at the Neversink River. \$299k
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REDMAX Back Pack Blower - Red/Black - lost on Route 42 between Hall Road and the blinking light in Grahamsville. Please call Ben Knight anytime at 845-985-0516. A small reward is offered for its return.

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Knarf's Classic Movie Trivia - THE WILD ONE, (1953) Crime
 Motorcycle-riding delinquents take over a small town. Directed by, Laslo Benedek. Starring, Marlon Brando, Mary Murphy, Robert Keith, Lee Marvin, Jay C. Flippen, Jerry Paris, Alvy Moore, Gil Stratton, Jr.

This original motorcycle film, with Brando's renowned performance as a pack leader terrorizing small town residents. Dated, but well worth viewing. Script by John Paxton, based on a story by Frank Rooney produced by Stanley Kramer. See it! On TCM! This Saturday, June 2, 2012, at 3:00 PM, 79 min, Rated, TV-14.

Quiz:

- A. Name the actor who played Chino?
- B. Who played the ingénue?

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

GRAHAMSVILLE - EDGAR AWARD WINNER STEVE HAMILTON will be the guest speaker at the Daniel Pierce Library's Local Author Evening, on Friday, June 15, at 7:30 p.m. Steve won the 2011 Edgar for his mystery novel *The Lock Artist*. The Edgar Award is widely acknowledged the most prestigious award in the genre. The library's **First Friday Book Discussion** Group sponsors the Evening. *Refreshments* will be served. Thank you for your support. Please do not forget to vote on Tuesday, June 12, at the **Daniel Pierce Library**, from noon to 9:00 p.m., and please attend our informational meeting on Tuesday, June 5, at 7:00 p.m.

SHANDAKEN - J. ROCCOS STEAK HOUSE & SPEAKEASY, You never know who you'll run into. *Live Music, 7159 Route 28 Shandaken. See ad Page 8 this issue...*

MONTICELLO - The Sullivan County Philatelic Society will hold their **40th Annual Stamp & Coin Show** at the Ted Stroebele Recreation Center, 2 Jefferson Street on June 10, 2012 from 10:00 am to 4:00 Pm. This year the theme is the 100th Anniversary of Girl Scouting for further information call Art Rosenszeit at 845.794.2586, see ya there.

PINE HILL - THE COLONIAL INN - If you want a 20th Fox Motion Picture type of Romantic atmosphere when dinning, see the COLONIAL INN AD in this issue on page 9. Your tummy will love you for it. You and your date will be drenched in an old world romantic setting. Tell'em Knarf sent you... Located at 305 Main Street Pine Hill NY Tel:(845) 254-5577

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