



Proud to be
an American

Tri

Ye Olde TOWNSMAN

Valley

"The Best Journal Published by a Dam Site!"

VOL. 7 NO. 46

GRAHAMSVILLE, NY 12740

NOVEMBER 17, 2011

FIFTY CENTS

Olive Muse - Charlie Blumstein - Pg. 6 • *The Olive Jar* -Carol Lamonda- Pg. 6

REMINDER: Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman will not be printed next week in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday. On behalf of the entire Townsman Staff, we all wish you a Happy Thanksgiving!

Christmas 2011 -- Birth of a New Tradition Begins with a Townsman Volunteer

Submitted by: Barbara Barkley

As the holidays approach, the giant Asian factories are kicking into high gear to provide Americans with monstrous piles of cheaply produced goods --merchandise that has been produced at the expense of American labor. This year will be different. This year Americans will give the gift of genuine concern for other Americans. There is no longer an excuse that, at gift giving time, nothing can be found that is produced by American hands. Yes there is! (Contd. Pg. 3)

GFD Ladies Auxiliary to Hold a Holiday and Repurpose Sale this Weekend

Grahamsville Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary will hold a Holiday and Repurpose Sale on November 19th from 10 am to 3 pm. We will be doing our yearly raffle for the Thanksgiving Basket that day also and still have tickets available to purchase. We will be doing a luncheon with soup, sandwiches and dessert for anyone interested. We still have some tables available for anyone interested and can contact me at 985-2819.

Also, it is not too soon to mark your calendars for December 11th when Santa will make his annual visit to Bicentennial Square in Grahamsville. He will be there from 11am to 1pm at the square

Grahamsville UMC to Host a Holiday Craft Fair and Luncheon

The Grahamsville Methodist Church will be hosting a Holiday Craft Fair and Luncheon on Saturday, December 3, 2011 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm in their Fellowship Hall. The church is located on Route 55 in Grahamsville. There will be watercolors, pottery, stained glass, baked goods, etc. The Christmas Cafe will offer soups, sandwiches and desserts for lunch. Come and do your holiday shopping! Call 985-7427 or 985-2283 for more information.

Piano Jazz this weekend at Eureka!

On Saturday, November 19, Neversink resident Tommy Haynes will provide background piano in Eureka Market & Cafe's newly-opened dining room, aka "The Fishbowl", from 6-9pm. Born in Piedmont, NC and a student of jazz theory and technique, Haynes is influenced by New Orleans honky tonk, blues and Jerry Lee Lewis, among others. For more information, visit www.eureka-market.com or call (845) 985-5152.

Holiday Market at Round Barn

Halcottsville, NY - The Pakatakan Farmers Market will host its annual Holiday Market on Saturday, Nov. 26 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Round Barn on Route 30, Halcottsville. More than 20 vendors will be offering an assortment of products made and grown in the Catskill Region. Goods will include: maple and honey products, cheese, pottery, meats vegetables, jewelry, seasonal decorations and many gift items. Admission to the Holiday Market is free. The Round Barn is located on Route 30, approximately five miles north of the communities of Arkville and Margaretville. For more information, please call 845 586-3326 or visit: pfmarket.org.

Just in Time for the Holidays Time and the Valleys Museum Shop



Lynn Priebe of Claryville, a former teacher and current Museum volunteer reviews the "Our Town" coloring book. "Our Town" is a coloring book includes many illustrations of local historical sites and is a great gift suitable for the young artists

[Grahamsville, N.Y.] -The Time and the Valleys Museum is pleased to announce the opening of a Museum Shop at 332 Main Street, Grahamsville, Sullivan County and an updated on-line shop at www.time-andthevalleysmuseum.org just in time for the holiday season!

The Museum Shop, both at the physical location and on-line, was created to encourage and further interest in Catskill and Sullivan County history and the environment, and to help support the Museum's many program and projects to interpret and preserve local history. The Museum Shop has a wide variety of books on local history, geology, environment, folklore and Native Americans, handmade gift items made by local artisans, historical toys, stationary and even candy.

There is something for everyone on your holiday list, from hard to find local historic books, to finely crafted hand-made pottery and wooden bowls, to lovely prints, photos and note cards inspired by the beautiful Catskill Mountains," according to Donna Steffens, Museum Director. "When doing your holiday shopping, think of our site first. It is quick and easy, and you are purchasing quality gifts while supporting the Museum at the same time". (Contd. Pg. 3)

The Magic is Back Again! The Santa Express Makes 7th Trip to Sullivan County - Adds 2nd Night and Two New Towns!



Yes Virginia, there is a Santa Claus and he's arriving in style atop a 50' lighted, musical sleigh! On Saturday, December 10th beginning at 5:00 pm at the Corner in Eldred, New York, The Santa Express will begin a 50 mile trek bringing smiles to the faces of children in western Sullivan County. On board will be the jolly ol' man himself... Santa Claus! Joining Santa from the North Pole will be the lovely Mrs. Claus, Rudolph, Frosty, the Gingerbread Man, the Christmas Mouse, the North Pole elves and a host of other Christmas favorites. (Contd. Pg. 4)

Lights on Broadway! - Congressman to Speak at Monticello Dedication Ceremony

[MONTICELLO] - The Village of Monticello will dedicate 64 new decorative street lights on Broadway on Monday, November 21 at 2:30 p.m. at the corner of Broadway and St. John Street. The dedication ceremony will include remarks by U.S. Representative Maurice Hinchey and other project partners, including the Village of Monticello, Delaware Valley Job Corps (DVJC) and Sullivan Renaissance. (Contd.Pg. 4)

Cornell Cooperative Extension Wants You to Shop Safely this Holiday Season.

Ferndale, NY. Sean Welsh, Consumer and Financial Educator at CCE, will be teaching a class called "Consumer Smarts" November 23rd, 2011 at 5:30pm. This class is a must before you start your holiday shopping! Learn strategies to protect yourself and your family around the holidays. Become a savvy consumer, protect yourself from scams and learn how to shop safely, especially online.

This class also covers what to do when a consumer problem does arise, how to check your credit report and how to prevent identity theft. Lots of helpful tips! If you're planning on buying some big ticket items this holiday or not, learn about protections to and ways to deal with problems if the arise. Pre-registration and a \$5.00 fee is required

To Register contact Cindy at: 1-845-292-6180, E: cn55@cornell.edu

YE OLDE TRI-VALLEY TOWNSMAN

OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER FOR

THE TOWN OF DENNING AND THE TOWN OF NEVERSINK
Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman (USPS #009 398 - ISSN 1558-9013) is published weekly except Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's week for \$25.00 per year by Gnome Home, Inc.. Periodical postage paid at Grahamsville, NY. POSTMASTER: Send change of address to:

The Townsman • P.O. Box 232 • Grahamsville, NY 12740
EDITOR: Linda Comando - 985-0501
COLUMNIST/NOTICES/TYPIST: Barbara Slater - 434-3969
HERE AND THERE: Polly Hill - 985-2255
NEVERSINK NEWS - Hulda Vernoy - 985-2268
DAYS OF 'YORE' - Barbara Slater
GETTING IN TOUCH WITH NATURE - Peggy DeWire
COLUMNIST/TYPIST - Karen Curry
LEGALS - Gloria Beavers
CIRCULATION/SALES MANAGER: Frank Comando 985-0501
Email: tvtownsman@yahoo.com
Website: thetownsman.com

POLICY ON SUBMISSIONS AND LETTERS TO THE EDITORS:

1. **ALL submissions** should be typewritten or printed legibly.
2. Letters should contain no more than 300 words.
3. Letters should offer worthwhile comments and avoid libel or bad taste.
4. Letters must be signed with the writer's own name. No letter will be published without a signature.
5. The writer must provide his/her full name, address and telephone number (for verification). This information will be kept on file in the YE OLDE TRI-VALLEY TOWNSMAN office.
6. Copies of letters or third-party letters will not be accepted.

Opinions expressed in Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman belong to the writers and are not necessarily the viewpoint of Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman or its staff.

To renew or receive a new subscription to the TOWNSMAN, please fill out the form below. Mail form to the address above or place in the TOWNSMAN drop box located on the porch of the First Aid Building in Grahamsville. Make checks payable to: *Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman*

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

SUBSCRIPTIONS: \$25.00 PER YEAR

NEW _____ RENEWAL/DATE EXP. _____ Check # _____

Subscription renewals must be received by the last Saturday of the month preceding subscription renewal date to avoid interruption of the paper or renewal notices.

A change of address must be received a month prior to change in order to make the necessary changes in our computer. All changes of address, whether seasonal or permanent, are the responsibility of the subscriber.

ADVERTISING DEADLINE:

3:00 P.M. FRIDAYS • FIRM - Drop Box, FAX, Mail or Email

WEEKLY ADVERTISING RATES

Classified ads - \$6.00 for the first 20 words and 20 cents each additional word.

- 1" Boxed ad (1" x 3") - \$6.00 per week (\$2.00/ sq in)
- Business card ad (2" x 3") - \$12.00 per week (\$2.00/ sq in)
- (3" x 4") - \$24.00 per week (\$2.00/ sq in)
- (3" x 6") - \$36.00 (\$2.00/sq in)
- (4" x 6") - \$48.00 (\$2.00/ sq in)
- 1/4 pg (5" x 7") - \$70.00 (\$2.00/ sq in)
- (6" x 8") - \$96.00 (\$2.00/ sq in)
- 1/2 pg (7" x 10") - \$140.00 (\$2.00/ sq in)
- (Full page - 10" x 14") - (\$2.00 sq in) \$280 B/W
- (Full back page - 10" x 14") - (\$3.00/sq in) \$420.00 B/W
- NEW offering:** (Full back page in Color - 10" x 14") - \$630.00

Rates are based on **B/W Camera-ready copy**. All display advertising will be based upon \$2.00 sq inch (1"x1"). Guaranteed placement is available for a 25% surcharge on a first-come, first-served basis on all pages except the front page, page 2 & page 3. **All advertising must be pre-paid** unless other arrangements have been made.

All inserts/flyers must be pre-paid. Please send the correct amount of money along with **1,500 copies** of your flyer. If the insert/flyer is printed only on one side, the rate is \$40.00 per week. If the insert/flyer is printed on both sides, the rate is \$60.00 per week. The customer must provide the correct number of pre-printed flyers. If you wish *Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman* to print the flyers the charge for a one-sided flyer based on **1,500 copies (white paper)** \$95.00; (color paper) \$125.00. If both sides of the flyer are to be printed the charge based on **1,500 copies (white paper)** \$145.00; (color paper) \$175.00.

Deadline for all submissions is 3:00 p.m. Friday.

NO EXCEPTIONS

If you are submitting your advertising by email, our email address is: tvtownsman@yahoo.com. If you do choose to send ad copy via the internet please send it in either PDF (Acrobat) files or JPG format. All press releases/articles should be sent as Microsoft Word Documents

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

Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman
P O Box 232
Grahamsville, NY 12740
Email: tvtownsman@yahoo.com

Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman on-line:
<http://thetownsman.com>

ON THE FRONT BURNER: Yea, in the way of thy judgments, O Lord, have we waited for thee; the desire of our soul is to thy name, and to the remembrance of thee. Isaiah 26:8

THANK YOU:

Dear Friends,

I would like to take this opportunity to say "Thank you" for your vote of confidence. I am truly honored and humbled by the support the people of the Town of Neversink showed to me.

Whether you put up with me approaching you at the Transfer Station, a pancake breakfast, or knocking on your door, people were always friendly and responsive. I received many kind words of encouragement, advice, handshakes and even some hugs. Some took signs and some passed on my message to friends. I will never forget those moments and I will never forget that I serve all of you. I promise to always remain approachable, willing to listen, and to put the interest of the town above all.

I would also like to thank the other candidates; Bryan, Mike, and Don. Early on Bryan approached me and said, "as long as we are going to do this, let's have fun doing it". From that day on I looked forward to every day... and it was fun. It was challenging, exciting, friendly and I am pleased to say, a clean race. Overall, the experience has reaffirmed my appreciation of the town and its people. Thank you again.

Most sincerely yours,

Chris Mathews

P. S. I also need to thank my wife, Caryn, and my daughters; Ashlyn and my 11 year old "Campaign Manager", Gillian.

DAYS OF YORE....**Today's History**

November 14, 1951 - Mrs. George Mitteer, 54, of the Woodbourne Road, died suddenly on Saturday. She is survived by her husband, two daughters, a son and grandchildren. Mr. and Mrs. Mitteer lived on the old John Condren farm.

Reconstruction of Route 17 across New York's southern counties will provide an ultra-modern "Quickway," comparable to the more famous state thruway. This was disclosed by the State Public Works Dept. which said that it had a top-priority plan calling for reconstruction of the southern, cross-state route into a "modern high capacity highway without undue delay."

Coon hunters are reaping a big harvest this year. Ray Hornbeck of Rocky Hill and Claude De Puy of Peekamoose bagged eight in one evening and to date have not once returned from the hunt with nothing to show for their efforts.

Work on the job of clearing and grubbing the area of the dam basin at Neversink was started on Monday by Shanahan Construction Co. of Ellenville. Shanahan, whose bid of \$733,000, was the lowest of five submitted to the Board of Water Supply of N.Y.C.

November 8, 1961 - Mrs. Betty Bosworth, 41, of Monticello died on Tuesday at Overlook Hospital in Summit N.J. after a long illness. She was born May 15, 1920 in Grahamsville, the daughter of Oscar and Florence Doughty. She was married to Carlisle Bosworth on September 28, 1940 in Grahamsville. She was a member of the Grahamsville Methodist Church.

Miss Janice Allison, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Allison of Grahamsville has become the bride of William Decker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Decker of Grahamsville. Dr. John H. McCombe performed the ceremony at the Grahamsville Methodist Church on Saturday, November 4th. The bride attended Tri Valley Central School. Her husband, a graduate of Tri Valley Central School, is self-employed. After a wedding trip through the southern states, they will live in Lackawack.

Louise Ellen Eighmey, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Eighmey was christened Friday evening at the Methodist Church in Grahamsville by the Rev. John McCombe. The godparents were Marie and David VanValkenburg.

November 17, 1971 - Seaman Harold M. Hinkeldire, Jr., the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hinkeldire has been assigned to Engineman School, New London, Conn. He will receive his training in diesel engineering, maintenance and repair of marine propulsion plants of nuclear submarines. He graduated from Tri-Valley School in 1970.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Hook had their daughters Brenda, Robin, Rosemary and Sarah baptized this Sunday at the United Methodist Church in Grahamsville.

November 12, 1981 - Fred E. Wright of

Neversink, a retired farmer and lifelong area resident, died Friday in Neversink. He was 91. The son of the late Edwin and Elizabeth Simpson Wright, he was born Sept. 18, 1890 in Neversink. He was a charter member and organizer of the Neversink Fire Department.

A daughter, Megan Elaine, was born to Mark and Elaine Condon of Central Islip, N.Y. on October 17th. The proud grandparents are Ed and Caroline Condon.

We are happy to report that Faith and Lee Osterhout are the proud parents of a daughter, Rebecca Ellen Osterhout born Thursday, October 5, 1981. Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Brooks of Sundown are the proud maternal grandparents and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Osterhout are the proud paternal grandparents.

Tri-Valley Lions Club News

At our member meeting on September 6th the guest speaker was Stuart Wizwer, Pas District Governor. The new 2000 District Governor is Pete Lyons. Zone Chair, Ilene Wizwer also spoke. The clubs are being encouraged to obtain new members.

Our second Rabies Clinic was held on September 7th.

Lions Pauline Vetter and Donald TerBush attended the Guiding Eyes for the Blind meeting presenting them our donation.

We served at the Soda Booth for the Youth Sportsman Day on the 10th, the Antique Machinery Show on the 17th and 18th and to finish our year, the Pumpkin Party on October st.

The new International President is focusing on youth, hunger, vision and membership with a special project of one million trees to be planted.

The Peace Poster Contest is now in progress. Good luck to all participants.

A Happy Thanksgiving is wished for everyone.

November Is Family Caregiver Month

"Identifying Family Caregivers" is the theme of November 2011 National Family Caregivers Month shared by the Sullivan County Caregiver Resource Center program. Caregiving facts, provided by the National Family Caregivers Association (NFCA), include:

- o More than 65 million people in the United States provide care for chronically ill, disabled or aged family members or friends during any given year.

- o Those 65 million people spend 20 hours a week providing that care.

- o That care is valued at \$375 billion a year, which is almost twice as much as is spent on homecare and nursing home services combined.

The Caregiver Resource Center of Sullivan County (a co-partnered program of Cornell Cooperative Extension and Office for the Aging) thanks family caregivers for providing dedicated help to family members and friends and reminds our communities to extend a helping hand during the upcoming holidays. (Contd. Pg. 12)

I would like to say
'THANK YOU'
to the all of the
Town of Denning
voters for
their support
Joy Monforte

NEVERSINK NEWS - Hulda Vernooy

No news this week.
Have a good week and God Bless.
(Call Hulda at 985-2268 with your Neversink news.)

Just in Time for the Holidays Time and the Valleys Museum Shop (From Pg. 1)

Visit the Museum Shop (open through the holidays on Saturdays, noon to 4 p.m., and other times by appointment) go to the website www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org, call 845-985-7700 or write Time and the Valleys Museum, P.O. Box 254, Grahamsville, New York 12740, for a more information or to place an order. All purchases support the Museum and their many educational activities. To make shopping even easier, the Museum will wrap and ship your purchase with a holiday card, directly to your gift recipient!

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. The Museum is located at 332 Main Street (St. Rt. 55) in Grahamsville and has three floors of exhibitions, a local history research center and a Museum Shop stocked with local history publications, locally made crafts, toys and gifts. Current exhibitions are: A History of the Watershed areas from Geological Times to the 1930's, and The Rondout and Neversink Watersheds: Before, During and After

STARTING NOVEMBER 1ST: the Museum will be open on Saturdays only, from noon to 4 p.m. The Local History Research Center hours are SATURDAY, noon to 4 p.m. and by appointment on Thursday, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.. Admission to the Museum 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 on the Museum please call us at 985-7700 or go online at www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org.

Neversink Renaissance "Winter Wonderland"

The "Winter Wonderland" project of the Town of Neversink Renaissance will be presented to the public on December 4th at 5:00. The project is a salute to the winter season, a time when beauty is sometimes forgotten as the cold weather descends upon us. The Bicentennial Park on Main Street in Grahamsville will be the month long location. Christmas trees, donated by the East Mountain Tree Farm will be decorated by local organizations, businesses and school groups. Some trees will display a theme while others will just be decorated. This is always a challenge since each tree has to be weather and wind proof. The lights will go on at five on Sunday, December 4th. There will be music and refreshments. The display will be on each evening during the entire month of December.

Everyone is invited to "Winter Wonderland", a Renaissance presentation. Why not bundle up and join the festivities on December 5th? See you there!

Christmas 2011 (From Pg. 1)

It's time to think outside the box, people. Who says a gift needs to fit in a shirt box, wrapped in Chinese produced wrapping paper?

Everyone -- yes EVERYONE gets their hair cut. How about gift certificates from your local American hair salon or barber?

Gym membership? It's appropriate for all ages who are thinking about some health improvement.

Who wouldn't appreciate getting their car detailed? Small, American owned detail shops and car washes would love to sell you a gift certificate or a book of gift certificates.

Are you one of those extravagant givers who think nothing of plunking down the Benjamins on a Chinese made flat-screen? Perhaps that grateful gift receiver would like his driveway sealed, or lawn mowed for the summer, or driveway plowed all winter, or games at the local golf course.

There are a bazillion owner-run restaurants -- all offering gift certificates. And, if your intended isn't the fancy eatery sort, what about a half dozen breakfasts at the local breakfast joint. Remember, folks this isn't about big National chains -- this is about supporting your home town Americans with their financial lives on the line to keep their doors open.

How many people couldn't use an oil change for their car, truck or motorcycle, done at a shop run by the American working guy?

Thinking about a heartfelt gift for mom? Mom would LOVE the services of a local cleaning lady for a day. My computer could use a tune-up, and I KNOW I can find some young guy who is struggling

to get his repair business up and running.

OK, you were looking for something more personal. Local crafts people spin their own wool and knit them into scarves. They make jewelry, and pottery and beautiful wooden boxes.

Plan your holiday outings at local, owner operated restaurants and leave your server a nice tip. And, how about going out to see a play or ballet at your hometown theatre.

Musicians need love too, so find a venue showcasing local bands.

Honestly, people, do you REALLY need to buy another ten thousand made in China, lights for the house? When you buy a five dollar string of light, about fifty cents stays in the community. If you have those kinds of bucks to burn, leave the mailman, trash guy or babysitter a nice BIG tip.

You see, Christmas is no longer about draining American pockets so that China can build another glittering city. Christmas is now about caring about US, encouraging American small businesses to keep plugging away to follow their dreams. And, when we care about other Americans, we care about our communities, and the benefits come back to us in ways we couldn't imagine.

THIS is the new American Christmas tradition.

Ed Notes:

Thank you Barbara! What a great idea!

TO ALL LOCAL BUSINESSES -If you offer gift certificates, please accept our holiday invitation!

To promote this idea, if you are a business and have a service or product and offers gift certificates, please let us know. If you haven't offered gift certificates in the past, perhaps it is a good time to start and this idea could work for you.

To promote local business "Made in America" products and services, if your business offers Gift Certificates, *The Townsman* will post your business name, address and phone number and the service/product you offer in each issue of *The Townsman* published before Christmas (Three issues: Dec. 1; Dec 8; and Dec. 15). The quicker you let us know, the better. You can send us your information: by email - tvtownsman@yahoo.com; *The Townsman*, P O Box 232, Grahamsville, NY 12740; or you can drop it off at the drop box on the porch of the First Aid Building in Grahamsville.

For those with computers, we have posted Barbara's email on *The Townsman* web site: <http://thetownsman.com>. Why not copy and paste it and forward it to everyone on your mailing list -- post it to discussion groups -- throw up a post on *Craigslis*t in the *Rants and Raves* section in your city -- send it to the editor of other local papers and radio stations, and TV news departments.

This is a revolution of caring about each other, and isn't that what Christmas is about?

Eureka Market & Cafe Welcomed to the Grahamsville!



Neversink Town Supervisor Greg Goldstein shared a light moment with Jennifer Grimes last Wednesday as he officially welcomed Eureka Market & Cafe to Grahamsville and accepted a box of their homemade chocolate chip cookies. The occasion comes just as Eureka Market opens "The Fishbowl", which is their expanded dining area, and prepares to host their first live music event on Sat., Nov. 19. For more information www.eureka-market.com or call (845) 985-5152.

AMERICAN WILD TURKEY
By Peggy DeWire

"Gobble, gobble," said the wild tom turkey sitting on a limb in a maple tree almost hidden in the leaves. "You caught me resting after my lunch of grasshoppers and seeds. I'm called Tom Two Toes and I'll tell you how I got named."

He settled himself more comfortably on the limb fluffing out his beautiful brown plumage, tail hanging down neatly folded and beard tassel on his chest swinging to and fro.

Two years ago when I was a small chick, my Mom moved me and my twelve brothers and sisters away from our nest on the ground hidden in the woods to the edge on an open field.

There we watched how she pecked at ants, bugs and berries (strawberries are my favorite). She showed us things that are good to eat. She walked along very slowly to keep her brood together and stopped often, spreading her wings so we could rest under their shade.

We came to a pond on our way to the next open meadow and the whole family waded in with Mom cackling at us to stay together and paddle quickly

across. All the splashing caught a snapping turtle's attention and it investigated, managing to bite off two toes of the last chick to struggle up on land, safely across. I limped along at first but I kept right up with my family after that awful experience.



I also remember my first flight one summer day when I was about two weeks old. Mom and all of us were feeding together in a field pecking at ants and grass seeds. My keen eyesight helped me get the smallest bits of food as well as keep a sharp lookout for danger.

Suddenly Mom flew up into a tree and landed on a limb six feet off the ground. From there she called perk, perk encouraging us to join her. One by one we flapped out little wings to get up there, the smaller chicks landing short on the ground and launching themselves again and again till they succeeded. I made it on my first try and snuggled beside Mom proudly. After that day we never slept on the ground but always in a tree.

By the end of my first summer I was nearly as big as Mom and looked like her in my new brown-bronze plumage. My head and wattle turned red, white and blue, my wing feathers brown with white edging. Half-inch long yellow spurs grew on my legs. A grand five-inch brown bristle beard drooped from my chest.

My brothers and I practiced loud gobbling, dragging wing tips on the ground and spreading our tail feathers into wide showy fans.

All this gobbling commotion was too much for Mom and she drove all her young toms out of the flock with loud yelping cries, and led our sisters off and away.

During the winter it was very hard to find enough food until we joined some deer that scraped snow aside uncovering moss and grass. While they foraged, we turkeys with sharp eyesight watched every alert for danger. And then we ate.

I'm now a full-grown gobbler who controls the clearing you're standing in looking up at me. This spring I fought another tom and beat him in a knock-down fight for this spot.

He grabbed me by the neck but I spurred him hard enough on the chest to draw blood. He let go and fell flat on the ground defeated. I jumped on his back and did a victory march to and fro. Then I let him escape.

Now I gobble to attract hens to my clearing where I'll be the alpha male for the next ten years, barring a hunting accident.

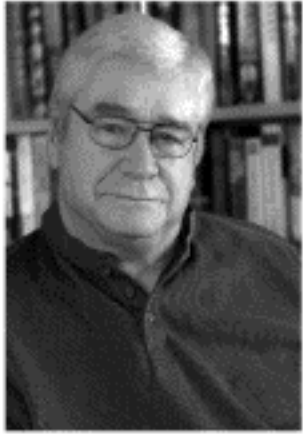
I think it's easier for you to call me Tom Two Toes rather than my full name, *Meleagris gallopavva*.

Helpful Hint from Mary Don't Throw that Sponge Out!

Instead of throwing away a sponge that has a stale odor, simply toss it in the dishwasher and wash it with the next load of dishes. It will come out clean and fresh smelling and will kill any bacteria in the sponge, so it's a good idea to toss your sponges into the dishwasher often.



MYSTERIOUS BOOK REPORT NO. 26 - By John Dwaine McKenna



Who says there's no such thing as magic? Of course there's magic in the world, and to prove it, this week, through the magic of literature and books, the MBR will take us from Africa to China, just by finishing one book, and beginning another. Poof! like magic, we're instantly transported from one world to another of a wholly different kind, where we'll be introduced to new cultures, customs and peoples in the blink of an eye and a finger's-touch. If that's not magic, please, tell me what is. And so, without smoke and mirrors, arcane words or prestidigitation . . . here's MBR Number 26, *Flower Net*, by Lisa See. (Random House Paperback, \$14.95, 333 pages, ISBN 978-0-8129-7868-1). Many of you may already be familiar with Lisa See, the author of *Snow Flower and the Secret Fan*, a best seller, read by many book clubs. Before that however, she debuted with a wonderful mystery entitled *Flower Net*, the subject of our Mysterious Book Report this week, and it's a dandy. The novel begins with the discovery of a body, frozen in the ice of a popular skating lake in Beijing, China. A few days later a second body is discovered aboard a foundering merchant ship off the coast of California. The vessel is filled with illegal Chinese immigrants and abandoned by the crew. The bodies, one Chinese and one American, have been murdered in a gruesome . . . and mysterious way that draws the attention of assistant U.S. attorney David Stark in California and Lin Hulan, a detective with the Ministry of Public Security, or MPS, in Beijing. When the victims are identified as the son of the U.S. Ambassador to China, and the son of a dragon, a Chinese man of formidable wealth and power, the governments of both countries agree to investigate co-operatively . . . thus setting the stage for the two unlikely allies to be drawn deeper into a plot that takes a new twist on almost every page. If you're a fan of mystery novels, this one's

sure to appeal to you. Have fun, it's a perfect book for those long, cold and wintry nights.

You can have fun at the Daniel Pierce Library and Time and the Valleys Museum too. Drop in and see what's the latest in books and exhibits, they're always coming up with new . . . and new-old things. Remember what Confucius, (Kung Fu-Tse 551-479 BCE) said . . . "You must read, or surrender to ignorance."

I'm sorry to report that there's been a printing snafu, and *The Neversink Chronicles* won't be released until December first. We hope. Keep your fingers crossed and please accept our apologies for missing the November 15 deadline.

All of the Mysterious Book Reports can be seen on my website: johndwainemckenna.com where you'll also find reading lists, a short story, news and information about me, or Rhyolite Press, you can ask questions, make comments, kvetch, gripe, whine or report the local news and weather . . . you can pre-order a copy of *The Neversink Chronicles* which I'll cheerfully sign and inscribe, with a personal message if you want. Signed copies will be available on December first at *Cannie D's* in Neversink, if you're just dying to get your hands on it. You can do all the above at: POB 2406, Colorado Springs, CO 80901.

Have a happy Thanksgiving. See you on December first. ---JDM

Lights on Broadway! (From Pg. 1)

Hinchey was instrumental in obtaining funding for Sullivan Renaissance, which purchased \$90,000 worth of lamp posts for the village. "The installation of dozens of attractive new street lights on Broadway complements and caps off the reconstruction of Broadway and is literally a shining example of the progress being made in revitalizing downtown Monticello. I was delighted to partner with Sullivan Renaissance, the Delaware Valley Job Corps, and the Village of Monticello to make this wonderful project possible, and I encourage people in the region to visit Monticello and see for themselves the incredible transformation of Broadway that has occurred in the past few years," Hinchey said.

Hinchey also arranged for Job Corps students to be involved in the installation of the 15-foot-tall lights as part of their training as electricians helpers, under the supervision of instructor Eric Possemato. "These students come from all across the country to receive job training through our programs and learn skills that will help them find gainful employment in this challenging economy. This project presented a unique opportunity for hands-on learning, while helping the community at the same time," said DVJC Director Dr. Curtis Price.

The village contributed over \$20,000 to purchase materials and hire McDowall Electric to supervise and coordinate. "We are appreciative of all the work the Job Corps students did to help the village," said Monticello Mayor Gordon Jenkins, "By partnering with Job Corps, we saved village taxpayers over \$50,000 and we couldn't have done this without their help."

In addition to beautification projects, there are several other initiatives designed to revitalize the downtown business district. The Sullivan County Division of Planning recently announced a micro-enterprise grant program to help entrepreneurs open businesses on Main Streets, and the village board has grants pending to assist property owners with building renovations. The village is also reviewing zoning regulations to encourage reinvestment on Broadway. Finally, the Monticello Business Association has been collaborating with village officials to create events and is developing a brochure to market properties to potential investors.

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

Santa Express (From Pg. 1)

The Santa Express will arrive at the Corner store in Eldred at 5:00 PM. It then heads down Proctor Road to Circle Park in Glen Spey. After stopping there, Santa will head to the River Market in Barryville to greet everyone there and then head to the four corners in Yulan. The final stop will be in front of the School in Narrowsburg at Approx. 8:00 PM. At each stop Santa and friends will greet the children and parents, hand out cookies and candy canes, and conduct a sing-a-long with the Snow Queen onboard his sleigh. All children should make sure they bring their letters to put into Santa's onboard mailbox and also make sure they add their names to Santa's list.

This year the Santa Express has added a 2nd night to his Christmas agenda. On December 17th the Santa Express will head towards the town of Bethel at 5:30 PM and then head out to the folks on main street in Liberty. This will be the first trip for the Santa Express to those towns and he couldn't be happier.

Families are encouraged to be on the lookout for Santa either from their homes or at any of the stops. Signs and banners welcoming Santa are encouraged. A fun filled night of holiday cheer your family will remember forever. The Santa Express is a 50' foot long

Christmas scene filled with thousands of lights, lighted reindeer, Christmas decorations, an 8000 watt generator, and a 2000 watt sound system.

For more information on The Santa Express, please contact Lou Monteleone at (845) 557-3321 or visit his Facebook page at www.facebook.com/santaexpress. You can also get more details by listening to the official Santa Express radio stations by dialing in to 98.3 (WSUL) & 95.9 (WVOS FM) or picking up a copy of the Sullivan County Democrat or River Reporter. Be the Santa in you this Holiday season and come out and enjoy the best Christmas event you will ever see.

Fanslau presents 2012 Tentative Sullivan County Budget

Monticello - County Manager David Fanslau has filed the 2012 Tentative Sullivan County Budget with the Clerk of the County Legislature, in compliance with the County Administrative Code and New York State Law. Fanslau issued the following statement: "This 2012 Tentative Sullivan County Budget complies with the New York State Property Tax Cap Law, while continuing services at the current levels, keeping our workforce intact and providing the services that our citizenry deserves and expects."

Sullivan County's budget is predominantly driven by the unfunded mandates imposed by the New York State Government - mandates that support some of the most expensive social services in America. Without substantive mandate reform and relief, coupled with substantive reform and repeal of the property tax exemption statutes - the programs and services that are provided by the County Government are unsustainable. The County Legislature will have to take specific actions to address the financial feasibility of remaining in business models that require supplements from the property taxpayers, particularly those programs that are dictated by the New York State Government. Moreover, more than ninety-three percent (93%) of Sullivan County's property tax levy is consumed to pay the bills for the services that the State Government requires to be provided on the State's behalf, and yet the State fails to fund their own programs. Therefore, only seven percent (7%) of the County's property tax levy is available for the discretionary spending that includes Public Works and Public Safety.

The 2012 Tentative County Budget appropriates a total of \$193,845,603, an increase of \$2,869,594 from the 2011 adopted budget. I would note that this increase in spending is directly connected to the uncontrolled growing bills from the State to Sullivan County for the State's programs, as opposed to increased spending for local priorities, such as public works and public safety. This appropriation was also necessary to address increases associated with the various collective bargaining agreements. I have also provided for salary increases and longevity payments as part of the 2012 budget in compliance with various collective bargaining agreements.

This is neither a time to override the property tax cap law, nor a time to layoff a large number of our employees. However, it is the time to hold Governor Cuomo to his often repeated promise that relief from State mandates will follow the enactment of the property tax cap law. The property tax cap law was enacted last June, and counties are waiting for action by the Governor and the State Legislature on the promised substantive relief from their mandates. This budget is developed, in part, based upon the Governor's commitment that New York State will provide the needed, significant, and substantive relief from State mandates. We must also call upon Sullivan County's representatives in the New York State Senate and the New York General Assembly, and request that their top priority in the upcoming State legislative session must be for New York State to join forty-eight other States, and to takeover the full costs of Medicaid, and to take the Medicaid expenses off of the

backs of the property taxpayers of Sullivan County. This single move will realize a cost avoidance of more than \$21 million in 2012, and the single move that would stabilize and reduce Sullivan County's property tax levy for years to come.

There is also a prudent policy need to comprehensively examine any possibility to enhance the County's revenues, outside of the property tax levy, as cutting expenses will require the reduction or elimination of programs and services. Therefore, I would recommend that the Legislature charge the Management and Budget Committee, together with the County Manager, Budget Office, and County Treasurer to examine possible revenue enhancements that may be employed in 2012, with an initial report to the Legislature by the end of the first quarter of 2012.

The required Tax Exempt Impact Report is included as a part of this 2012 tentative budget document. Sullivan County has about \$10.17 billion of equalized value real property assessments. However, more than \$1.995 billion is exempt from real property taxation. If all non-governmental properties were subject to the real property tax, there would be an additional \$7.386 million realized at the proposed 2012 County tax rate. Therefore, the County Legislature should demand that the New York State Legislature seriously undertake the issue of tax exempt reform. Furthermore, if all non-governmental tax exempt real property were presently subject to real property taxation there would either be a net reduction of the property tax by 14.8 percent (14.8%), or there would be no appropriation of Fund Balance or a greatly reduced appropriation of Fund Balance. At the very least there should be an ability authorized by New York State to realize revenues from the impacts of providing County government services associated with improvements on tax exempt properties, so that the eighty percent (80%) of the balance of taxable real property owners do not have to shoulder the burden of one hundred percent (100%) of the property tax levy.

This 2012 Tentative Sullivan County Budget places our residents and taxpayers first, by complying with the New York State Property Tax Cap Law, and not reducing services. However, to accomplish these necessary goals, I have recommended that a certain level of the County's undesignated and unreserved Fund Balance be appropriated to fund a gap that would have otherwise existed between revenues and expenses. Without relief and reform of State mandates, the Legislature must make certain decisions no later than the first quarter of 2012. A fundamental reality is that Sullivan County will have to ultimately choose to reduce or eliminate services, or override the property tax cap law, IF Governor Cuomo and the New York State Legislature fails to follow through with the promised mandate relief.

The formal reorganization of the Sullivan County Economic Development Corporation should be the County's primary conduit to the business community, retaining, recruiting, and expanding job opportunities for Sullivan County residents. The Planning Commissioner has been directed to Sheppard the EDC, and as a result the County has submitted more than \$52 million in grant application through the Governor's Regional Economic Development Council. This \$52 million, if awarded, will have a total project cost of more than \$707 million, with \$641 million in leveraged sources. Most importantly, the award of this \$52 million request would realize the creation of 2,068 jobs in Sullivan County. The accomplishments of these efforts reflect upon the prudent decision last year to relocate the Center for Workforce Development within the Division of Planning and Environmental Management.



Reduce the Amount of Confidential Information
& Paper Clutter Being Delivered
To Your Public Mailbox

Sign up Today
For
e-Statements!



Visit www.catskillhudsonbank.com today to sign up
Or call your Branch for assistance

4 Schumway Road, Suite 3, Neversink 845-796-9560
With 12 branch locations in Sullivan, Orange & Ulster Counties



Your COMMUNITY Bank from the Catskill Mountains to the Hudson River



Napanoch Appliances

~ Sales and Repairs ~

Will pick up your old washer or dryer free of charge

115 Canal St. • Ellenville, NY 12428

845-532-0789

845-210-1100

VERNOOY EXCAVATING

2331 Ulster Heights Road ♦ Woodbourne, NY 12788

- ♦ REASONABLE PRICES ♦ FREE ESTIMATES
- ♦ ALL WORK GUARANTEED



Contact John Vernooy
845-434-7781



to the point
graphic design studio

Why in the World Would YOU Want a Website?

visit:
<http://tothepoint.50megs.com/whyaws.htm>
...and you may get the answer!

The
Gnome Home
<http://gnomhome.net>

LOCH SHELDRAKE WINE & LIQUOR
759 Loch Sheldrake Rd. • Loch Sheldrake, NY 12759
(Next to Valero Gas Station)
OPEN UNTIL 11:30 PM DAILY

LOCH SHELDRAKE VALERO
1141 State Rt. 52 • Loch Sheldrake, NY 12759
We have Western Union/Money Orders
We Cash Payroll Checks (Up to \$9999.00)
We Accept Food Stamps
- Starting June 1st -
FREE \$50.00 Gas Giveaway Every Week!
(See store for details)
845-434-5957 or 845-434-3150

MARTIN HERSH
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW

A firm dedicated to the practice of elder law and disability planning

- Elder Law
- Medicaid Planning
- Probate
- Wills and Trusts
- Guardianship
- Special Needs Trusts
- Planning for Incapacity
- Real Estate Transactions

4 Asthalter Road Phone (845) 292-9345
Post Office Box 567 Fax (845) 292-9349
Liberty, NY 12754 elder.law@verizon.net
www.martinherish.com

GRAHAMSVILLE AUTOMOTIVE
Foreign and domestic car and light truck repairs
SPECIALIZING IN AUDI/VW
Direct importer of original equipment foreign car parts
Audi, VW, BMW, Mercedes, Porsche, Volvo, Saab
Tel: 845-985-5014 • 7430 State Rt 42 ("The Old Sugar Loaf Garage" - under new management)
Grahamsville, NY 12740

SUPERIOR BUILDING SUPPLY

DO IT CENTER
Distributors of Quality Building Supplies
Aside Vinyl Products, U.S. Plastic Lumber, Superseal Vinyl Windows, Survivor Vinyl Windows, Weathershield Windows, Therma Tru Doors, Fabral Metal Roofing, Atas Commercial Metal Roofing, Seamless Gutters, Dietrich Metal Wall Systems, Dow Foam Insulation, Guardian Fiberglas Insulation, Cedar Pressure Treated and Common Lumber and Wood Sidings, DeWalt Power Tools. Do it Best Paint, Hardware and More.

Call Today For The Quote
On Your Next Building Project

(845) 985-7693 • Fax: (845) 985-7697

Web: www.supbldsup.com

FREE DELIVERY
Open Mon.-Fri. 'til 5 P.M., Sat 'til 1 P.M.
Rte. 55, Mutton Hill Rd., Neversink, N.Y. 12765

Sprague & Killeen, Inc.
Commercial & Personal Insurance Services
Since 1867

116 Canal Street, Ellenville, NY 12428

(845) 647-9100
Fax (845) 647-8660

Dwight W. Coombe, C1C
President

Denman Agency, Inc.
Insurance

P O Box 357
Grahamsville, NY 12740
Tel: 845-985-2284 - Fax: 845-985-2498

Certified Diesel Specialist
24-Hour Road Service

TRUCK PRO
Heavy Duty Truck Repair

Factory Trained • Cummins • Caterpillar • Eaton Axels
• Eaton/Road Ranger • Waterous/Hale Pumps •
NYS Heavy Truck Inspection Station

SHOP (845) 707-4342 HARRIS, NY 12742
CELL (845) 798-2348 FAX (845) 707-4327

WILLIAM A. BRENNER
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELOR-AT-LAW

157 Main Street • Box 369
(Route 55 at Route 42)
Grahamsville, NY 12740

Tel. (845) 985-7411, Fax: (845) 985-0274
Toll Free: 1-877-638-6011
E-mail: williamabrenner@hotmail.com

SALES/PURCHASE HOMES
AUTO ACCIDENTS/INSURANCE CLAIMS
• IMMEDIATE HOSPITAL & HOME VISITS
• FREE CONSULTATION & QUESTIONS

• CRIMINAL DEFENSE LAW •
FOR FREE "MIRANDA RIGHTS" CARD, PLEASE CALL 984-7411

Garigliano Contracting LLC

James T Garigliano
Custom Homes-Additions-Renovations

PO Box 559
Grahamsville, NY 12740

845.985.7514
gariglianocontractingllc@yahoo.com

K & M Home Maintenance & Excavation
LANDSCAPING TO ADDITIONS AND ALL IN BETWEEN

Kenneth Haag
Owner

164 Sundown Rd
Grahamsville, NY 12740

(845) 985- 2288
kmhomemaintenance@gmail.com
insured

AGWAY

LIBERTY AGWAY HOME, GARDEN & PET INC.

11 Bon Jovi Lane
Liberty, NY 12754

Garden Center Pet Center
845-292-7220 Fax: 845-292-1257 845-292-1255
Deb Milling dmilling10@yahoo.com Bob Milling

(845) 985-7116
Email: rdubas@hughes.net

Robert Dubas Contracting, Inc.
COMPLETE SITE CONTRACTOR

EXCAVATING • LANDSCAPING • BLACKTOP • CONCRETE
"Quality Isn't Expensive...It's Priceless"

23 Wagner Road
Neversink, New York 12765

The Olive Jar - by Carol LaMonda -

One Percent

I never really understood math. It was too precise. No room for creative solutions. It was right or wrong, black or white. I am more of a "shades-of-gray" person. When the catchphrase circulated the media using the One-Percent vs the Ninety-Nine, I got to understand the math's sociological implications. Using the smallest and the largest numbers that add up to 100%, the polarity of our economic society is glaring. We are becoming, more so than in the past, a society skewed to rich and poor. The middle class has morphed, unevenly, into the economic levels of wealthy and struggling. The rich are getting richer and the less fortunate more so.

I recently had surgery to remove all hardware, plates and screws that were used to put my fractured wrist back together from a fall last year. A nasty infection, osteomyelitis, of the bone developed from or at the surgical site. The follow-up involves eight weeks of daily infusions of antibiotics. It meant 56 rounds trips to Kingston to sit and let an IV drip "bug juice" into my bloodstream. It also meant additional weekly blood tests at the lab.

I don't know the exact percentage, but I felt like the 1% when I was told my health insurance would allow a RN to come to my house, teach me the infusion process, change dressings and that a pharmacy would send me all the medicine and equipment. The nurse would also draw blood to deliver to the lab. With joy equivalent to winning the lottery, I left the medical center knowing that all Medicare, Medicaid and lesser plans provided no such service. I had survivor's guilt being given the "stretch limo" version of the same treatment. The 99% had to feel righteously jealous that treatment options were that unfair.

Most of the time, I am probably in the 99%, but being the 1% on this one health plan gave me a new perspective. There is no Utopian socialist solution, but the 99% points out the problem. The Occupy Protests springing up across the nation are but a symptom of our economic realization that the comfortable plateau of The Middle Class has eroded into an abyss of "Lower Class," and the sharp pinnacle of "Upper Class" is further away. The mathematical formula of work hard and save equals success doesn't add up.

As I sit and receive a half hour of IV treatment in the comfort of my own home, I will ponder a solution. The protestors have done their part in making us aware of the discrepancy in wealth distribution. The next step is to derive a solution that will, once again, foster the good old "Work Hard--Get Ahead" value that made America strong. Good paying jobs and good health treatment should be there for all Americans.

J & G Log Homes, LLC
Since 1978

Northwoods Custom Homes
Log, Timber Frame & Panelized Homes

We Also Carry Rustic Furniture

Visit Us at the Log Cabin Complex
4088 Route 28, Boiceville, NY 12412
Call Cindy Johansen @
(845) 657-6445

(845) 657-8873 Closed Tuesdays

SNYDER'S TAVERN

Route 28-A
West Shokan, New York 12494

Where Good Friends Meet



RESERVOIR MUSIC NOTES-
Fred Perry, Owner of Reservoir Music Center,
3179 Route 28, Shokan, NY 12481. 845-657-6127.



very prominent and well known members in Luther and Cody, there is a tendency for the two brothers to suck the oxygen out of the room, but I feel special mention must be made of bassist Chris Chew, a mountain of a man who holds his bass strung high on his chest, plays lefty, and of course, with no pick. Covered in tattoos and looking like he'd be more at home in a hip hop crew than a rock band, Chris has nevertheless managed a mind meld with the two skinny rock n rollers and, in the process, they've all driven the Blues into the 21st century!

I'd be remiss if I completed this review of the band's performance without mentioning that during one song, Cody sat at the drums, keeping the beat going with his feet, and at the same time picked up a guitar and soloed with Luther! He plays the guitar as good as he plays drums, and maybe, just maybe, is a better guitarist than his brother! It makes you wonder what else this multi-talented group is capable of. I, for one, will be watching and listening to find out!

My thanks to WDST for bringing this fine band to town, and to Drew at the station for making this review possible.

A picture is worth a thousand words!

These pictures are of the North Mississippi Allstars, that was mentioned in this column last week, but due to technical difficulties, the pictures were not available until this week.

The North Mississippi Allstars opened their recent Bearsville Theater show with a smokin' version of "Sitting on Top of the World".

The drummer for the North Mississippi Allstars, Cody Dickinson, has the music in him! and was in the groove from beat one.

Following Cody's lead, the band set up the groove, and when, and only when, the groove was established, did they start the actual song! That's just how I like it done! I wanted to go out for a smoke, but I was transfixed! I literally was not able to leave the room until the song ended!

The band plays at a level far beyond their years, and why shouldn't they? Both Cody and his brother Luther have a second generation musical pedigree handed down from their father, Memphis legend Jim Dickinson. You could do a lot worse than absorbing music at the feet and on the knee of Jim Dickinson. That's how you get the music in you!

The Allstars are mostly a blues band, but at times I could swear I was listening to The Grateful Dead or The Allman Brothers Band, circa 1971! It's these small variations on a theme that keep the Blues eternal!

In a band such as the North Mississippi Allstars, with two very prominent and well known members in Luther and Cody, there is a tendency for the two brothers to suck the oxygen out of the room, but I feel special mention must be made of bassist Chris Chew, a mountain of a man who holds his bass strung high on his chest, plays lefty, and of course, with no pick. Covered in tattoos and looking like he'd be more at home in a hip hop crew than a rock band, Chris has nevertheless managed a mind meld with the two skinny rock n rollers and, in the process, they've all driven the Blues into the 21st century!



I, for one, will be watching and listening to find out!

Olive Muse- Charlie Blumstein- Home Rule

Three Quarters Of One Percent

Newly re-elected Town of Olive Supervisor Berndt Liefeld delivered on his promise to keep the 2012 tax levy below the 2% NYS tax cap, not including storm damage which will be mostly covered by FEMA storm damage reimbursement. Facing a little more headwind than in past years, Supervisor Liefeld attributed the nearly even election outcome to the fallout resulting from Tropical Storm Irene. Usually, Supervisor Liefeld wins by a two to one margin. We wish Supervisor Liefeld the best of luck in these trying times.

Peter Friedel and Donald Van Buren won the 2 Olive Town Council seats and the Hon. Ronald Wright received the largest number of votes by far to be re-elected to Town Justice.

Olive Boy Scout Troop 63 carried out a very successful food drive to help restock the Olive Food Pantry. Troop 63 also visited the seniors last Monday and made wood-fired pizza for the seniors and some neighbors. Don't think for a moment that our seniors don't know how to party, they do.

Ange's Café on Rt. 213 in Olivebridge has music Thursday's, some Saturday's and most Sunday's for brunch. Call 845-251-1029 or check out Ange's on Facebook for the latest music lineup. Robin makes a real taste treat called "Red Hot Mama's", (Next Col.)

tortilla chips dipped in chocolate which are sublimely addicting.

Olive Assessor Bill Cook has been keeping his pencil sharp so fasten your seatbelts.

Onteora Central School District:
Year 1998-1999, 2,469 enrollment; 172 teachers.
Year 2011, current enrollment, 1452; 167 teachers.
A loss of over a thousand students results in five less teachers.

Other professionals: 1999; 30
Other professionals: 2011 32, for a gain of 2

Paraprofessionals: 1999; 77
Paraprofessionals: 2011; 89, for a gain of 12.

The district wide total expenditure per pupil in 1999 was 12,141, in 2011, it is 27,794, an increase of 129%. Folks, I guess we just have to figure out how to get by on much less. How far can the thermostat go down? Soon, instead of calling us consumers, they will call us pedestrians.

Have a great week and I hope that you are enjoying the fabulous weather!
waverider75@earthlink.net

SUNY Sullivan Students inducted into Phi Theta Kappa

Loch Sheldrake (Nov. 11, 2011) In recognition of their academic achievement and leadership abilities 21 SUNY Sullivan students were inducted into Phi

Theta Kappa at a special ceremony at the college on Thursday, November 10.

Students who are inducted into Phi Theta Kappa must have completed a minimum of 12 credits and have a 3.5 career GPA.

Phi Theta Kappa, a national honor society has a two-fold mission: one: to recognize and encourage the academic achievement of two-year college students and two, to provide opportunities for individual growth and development through participation in honors, leadership, service and fellowship programming.

"The college is extremely proud of this year's inductees," said Frank Sinigaglia, Academic and Personal Success Advocate/Phi Theta Kappa Faculty Advisor. "They join a long list of former inductees who have gone on to complete their undergraduate degrees at public and private four-year colleges or who have taken their associate's degrees from SUNY Sullivan and entered the workforce."

The following SUNY Sullivan students were inducted into Phi Theta Kappa:

Cuddebackville: Jacqueline Thompson; Ellenville: Jessica Colon and Nick Kentop; Gardiner: Ralph Fuhrmann; Grahamsville: Troy Ackerley and Shayna Greenspan; Liberty: Jason Levine and Tanairi Morales; Monticello: Lauren McLachlan, Magdalena Potok and Catherine Rivas; Mountaintale: Daniel Massarini; Narrowsburg: Christina Seti; Newburgh: Terelle Vaughn. Neversink: Pamela Curry; Rockhill: Brian Tedaldi; South Fallsburg: Lois DiStefano; Woodridge: Sarathi Hansen and Joycelyn Jordan. From outside the area: Bronx: Nia Boone; Brooklyn: Teddy Dennihy-Bailey.

Save time... Call your order in!

JAMES'
General Store

Coffee
Cappuccino
Hot Chocolate

Main Street • Napanoch
647-5973
Open 7 Days • 6 AM to 7 PM

- Breakfast 6 am- 11 am
- Lunch Specials
- Deli Sandwiches
- Hot Sandwiches
- DVD Rentals •

ATM Machine
We now accept 

We Have MEGA MILLIONS LOTTO

SUNDOWN CAMP AND BAIT SHOP
745 Sundown Road • Sundown, NY 12740
985-7560

Live Bait and Tackle
SAWBELLIES (when available)
Hunting and Camping

Fire Wood
Ice
Snacks

www.sundowncampandbait.50megs.com

OPEN 7 DAYS 6 AM TO 9 PM

(845) 436-9234
PETE SMITH

P. D. SMITH ENTERPRISES
SPECIALIZING IN
AUTO & TRUCK REPAIR - LIGHT & HEAVY DUTY
24 HOUR TOWING

8 RIVERSIDE DR.
P.O. BOX 193 WOODBOURNE, N.Y. 12788

Scott A. Woolsey
Custom Woodwork and Design
Complete Home Improvements
KITCHENS • CABINETS
BATHROOMS • ADDITIONS

P.O. Box 107 (845) 985-2334
Claryville, NY 12725 sawoolsey51@yahoo.com

Erts Mechanical, Inc.
d.b.a. Erts Plumbing, Heating & Air Conditioning

Specializing in: Plumbing Heating Air conditioning Buried water & sewer installation & repair

Solar Dx Geothermal Radiant heat Water pumps Bonded & insured

John G. Erts - President
Glenn C. Erts - Vice-president
21 Jordan Ave. Phone: (845) 292-4571
Liberty, NY 12754 Fax: (845) 292-8142
e-mail: johnerts@ertsplumbing.com

Conklin's General Contracting

- Backhoe & Dump Truck • Roads & Driveways •
- Septic Systems • Site Clearing • Water/Sewer/Electric •
- Lines • Snowplowing •
- Topsoil & Stone • Sand & Gravel •

Call PAUL - (845) 985-2844
McGuire Road, Neversink, NY

"Kitchen Cookin' Deli ~ In-Store Bakery ~ Choice Meats
Fruit Baskets and Deli Platters for All Occasions!"

PETERS MARKET
THE NATURAL ALTERNATIVE

Serving our Community for over 35 Years

Supermarket and Natural Food Store

Dick and Pat Peters

Route 209 • Napanoch, New York 12458 • (845) 647-6990

RA Mickelson & Son LLC

Quality work to last a Lifetime

custom homes additions, renovations all phases of construction

est. 1972 Patrick Mickelson (845)434-5176 home (845)807-8363 cell

www.ramickelsonandson.com

KEITH ZANETTI NYS Inspections

Zanetti's Service Center

Complete Automotive Service - Foreign & Domestic
24 Hour Towing

Phone: (845) 985-7786 7922 State Route 55
Grahamsville, NY 12740

THE MISNER AGENCY, INC.
Insurance from a trusted friend.

Proudly representing more than thirty insurance carriers, including Peerless Insurance Company.

GENERAL INSURANCE

489 State Route 52, Post Office Box 87
Woodbourne, New York 12788
Tel: 845.434.7755 | Fax: 845.434.7763
www.misneragency.com

J.B.MAK
BUILDING & RENTAL CENTER

J.B.MAK Building & Rental Center Inc.
"Think Outside the Box"
(845) 292-6338

- SEAMLESS GUTTERS
- Building Supplies
- Windows and Doors
- Roofing
- Siding
- Mill Work
- Insulated Concrete Forms
- EQUIPMENT & TOOL RENTALS

Visit our new PROSOURCE CENTER

4 Bon Jovi Lane
Liberty, NY 12754
(Across from Agway Home & Garden)

Sean Boyes Keith Torrens (845) 295-5462

BOYES & TORRENS CONSTRUCTION, INC.
Custom & Log Homes, Additions, Garages
Vinyl Siding - Seamless Gutters
Replacement Windows - Roofing - Decks
Metal Roofing Specialists

Aden Rd. • PO Box 651
Neversink, NY 12765

Fully Insured

What's Happening at Pine Hill Community Center?

On Thursday, November 18, enjoy The Writers' Nook. Bring your notebook or laptop and curl up in a cozy space, sip some hot tea, and let your creative juices flow. Wi-Fi access, computers available.

On Friday, the 19th Active Seniors Stretch, Strength and Balance classes with Cathy Carey. In this exercise class students will use light hand weights and stretch bands for a series of exercises that strengthen the body. Students will also practice exercises that strengthen abdominal muscles, improve balance and gently stretch the body. Exercise helps improve general fitness, raise energy levels, improve bone density; regular exercise helps improve your overall energy level to help you have more fun! This class is appropriate for all levels and exercises can be modified for students with tight muscles, joint pain, or other physical limitations. If you have a pair of 2 or 3 pound hand weights please bring them, if not they will be provided. Kathy Carey has been teaching yoga and fitness classes for 18 years. She is a certified yoga, fitness instructor and personal trainer. She is also a certified Master Reiki Practitioner. K This program is funded, in part, through a grant from the A. Lindsay and Olive B. O'Connor Foundation and the Community Foundation of Ulster County. Suggested Contribution: \$1.50.

On Saturday, November 19, from 10am -4 pm don't forget the Pop-up Thrift Store at 302 Main. St.

Gently worn items donated in the aftermath of Irene. Take what you need, pay what you can. All proceeds to MARK Project for flood relief. Also, on Saturday, Saturday, Nov. 19 (11am.-7 pm) and Sunday, Nov. 20 (12:30 -3:30) Coffee's Ready. The grass pellet stove is burning brightly. Delicious baked goods, beautiful crafts available at the Arts and Crafts Shop and Gallery. Check out the Golden Treasures Thrift Shop. Come meet your neighbors, catch up on what's happening. Browse.

At the Gazebo



Bob Drown and Cooper were out and about in the "Wayback Machine". There won't be many more good days for riding around and taking photos, so they took advantage of the decent day.

It won't be long and this fall scene will be turning into a "Winter Wonderland"!

The SC Human Rights Commission Open Forum

The Sullivan County Human Rights Commission presents an Open Forum on Tenants Rights & Responsibilities. The speaker will be Housing Attorney Jaime Samarel, Esq. of Legal Services of the Hudson Valley. The Forum will take place at 6:30 P.M on Thursday, November 17, 2001 at the Liberty Free Methodist Church on Route 52, Liberty, NY.

To find out more about this event, contact the Sullivan County Human Rights Commission's Executive Director, Eric Monroe at eric.monroe@co.sullivan.ny.us

Reminder: HEAP Program Kicks Off November 16th

Liberty - County Manager David P Fanslau has announced that plans are in place for the accepting of applications for the HEAP program. "Sullivan County residents should be advised that the 2011-12 Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) will begin on Wednesday, November 16, 2011. HEAP is a federally-funded program that issues heating benefits to supplement a household's annual energy cost, and may help residents pay for electricity, propane, natural gas, wood, oil, kerosene, coal or any other heating fuel. In the 2011-2012 HEAP season the emergency benefit will be available on and after January 3, 2012.

SEND YOUR HOLIDAY GREETINGS BY WAY OF THE TOWNSMAN

Each year *Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman* publishes holiday greetings to your friends, neighbors and family. This year our holiday issue will be published on December 15th. The deadline for all holiday greetings is Friday, December 9th, 2011. **Businesses are welcome to send greetings too!**

Please use our "Holiday Wishes" order blank when ordering your greeting. Thank you and have a wonderful Holiday Season!



Please circle the greeting you want and then write the Holiday message you wish to include in your greeting:

Send this form along with your check for \$10.00 for each holiday greeting you wish to: *Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman* • P O Box 232, Grahamsville, NY 12740 by December 9, 2011. All greetings will be published in our holiday issue, December 15th, 2011.

NAME _____


Telephone _____

Nadia's

222 Main Street, Hurleyville, NY

We will be offering a Thanksgiving buffet
at 3:00 for only \$15.00

BYOB



Live Jazz Music
featuring
Donna Singer

Limited seating, please R&VP **693-5104**
or let us know here.

Young Artist a Hit at Old Stone House Show



Photo by Garrett-Waldmeyer

"Jonathan Jimenez close-up with one of his large, colorful pieces at his show's November 6th opening reception."

Jonathan Jimenez, a 21-year-old Sullivan County artist, proudly presented his fledgling career's latest work in a one-man exhibition at the Old Stone House in Hasbrouck.

The show, which runs through November 27, includes several large and dramatic artworks created through paint, burnt and carved wood, and other techniques. Jimenez' pieces always demand closer attention -- drawing visitors to mere inches away -- even when a more distant impression is already satisfying.

The young artist emerged from a federal jobs program in Sullivan County to attend SUNY Sullivan, where his talents took hold. His impressive range of styles and subjects demonstrates, he says, the value of supportive teachers and a nurturing environment.

The exhibition is open to the public on Saturdays from 5-7pm, and 1-4pm on Sundays. For more information, visit www.oldstonehouse.catskill-life.com, or Jonathan's own web site at www.myloneeaglegraphics.co, or email the artist at j.jimenez724@yahoo.com.

"Art in Sixes" at Alliance Gallery Seventh Annual Small Works Group Show

"Art in Sixes," an exhibition of small works by local artists, opens at the Delaware Arts Center's Alliance Gallery on Saturday, November 19, with a reception from 2 - 4 p.m. The exhibit will be on view through December 21.

"Art in Sixes" has become the premier year-end art event in Sullivan County and the surrounding area. This group exhibition includes a wide range of studio mediums-painting, drawing, sculpture, fiber, ceramics, and photography-all smaller than six inches in any direction. Art enthusiasts will discover hundreds of tiny handmade works of art by regional artists. All works of art are for sale.

"Over the past six years, 'Sixes' as the show has been dubbed by area artists, has become a finely tuned exhibition of mini-masterpieces," says gallery director Rocky Pinciotti. "The innovation and quality of the work is amazing. This show has taken on a life of its own thanks to the over 70 artists who have participated."

Running simultaneously next door at Signature Gifts at the Delaware Arts Center is "Valley Artists Holiday Show and Sale," where over 60 artists, specializing in wood, photography, painting, jewelry, ceramics, textiles, and sculpture are highlighted. Also featured are books by local authors, holiday cards, calendars, gift wrap, as well as selected antiques.

Gifts for children include a great assortment of wood toys, art- and nature-inspired stickers, books, games, and art supplies. Gifts for adults include clocks, books, bowls, wood boxes, vases, silk scarves, journals, and jewelry.

Alliance Gallery and Signature Gifts are located at the Delaware Arts Center at 37 Main Street, Narrowsburg, NY. The exhibit and the sale are both open through Wednesday, December 21, with hours of Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call (845) 252-7576 or visit www.ArtsAllianceSite.org.

The Perfect Holiday Gift

Keep in touch with friends and neighbors!

Order a one-year subscription to **Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman**

Fill out the order form and send it along with a check for \$25.00 to:

Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman
P O Box 232 Grahamsville, NY 12740

Upon receipt of your order a greeting card announcing your gift will be sent to the person(s) receiving your gift.

All holiday subscription orders must be received by January 1, 2012. Gift subscriptions will begin with the January 5, 2011 issue.

NAME OF PERSON YOU WISH TO SEND A GIFT SUBSCRIPTION TO: _____

ADDRESS: _____

Your name: _____ Telephone #: _____

Now available:

COUNTRY CALENDAR 2012

BY ANN HIGGINS
34 WALKER ROAD
GRAHAMSVILLE, NY

ADDRESS _____
CITY _____
STATE _____ ZIP _____
PHONE _____

QUANTITY _____
PRICE: \$4.00 EA.
(TAX INCLUDED)
20 OR MORE: 3.50 EA.
SHIPPING: \$1.25 EA.



Santa's Village and Trees of Giving at the Piazza in Eldred- Special Christmas Trees Highlight Five Special Causes

Eldred, NY-: The holidays come alive this year at the corner Piazza located at the four corners in Eldred. A miniature sized Santa's village will be displayed featuring Santa's home, Santa's toy workshop, and Rudolph's barn. Starting Thanksgiving weekend folks will be able to visit this new addition to the town of Eldred while spending time with Santa, Mrs. Claus, and others throughout the month of December leading right up to Christmas.

The Santa Express arrives at Santa's Village in December 10th at 5:00 PM. Enjoy great music, dancing, caroling, hot cocoa, hot apple cider, and more on this great night of holiday fun. Santa will hand out small toys to all children who visit. Additional dates are also in the works.

In addition to the miniature buildings that make up Santa's village, we'll showcase five special Christmas trees decorated and lighted appropriately to it's theme. The first tree will be a tree dedicated to all our troops serving overseas. You'll be able to place a special troop snowman ornament or an ornament of your own on this tree as a way of saying we're thinking of you during this special time.

Another tree will be displayed to benefit the Sullivan County food pantry and all those that struggle to put food on the table this holiday season. You'll be able to place non perishable food items under this tree throughout the holiday season. All items will be sent to the food pantries of Sullivan County. Our next tree will be a tree dedicated to all pet owners and animal lovers. This specially decorated tree, themed to all types of animals, will accept pet items of all kinds. Pet

food, toys, clothing, gift certificates, etc... can be placed under its branches and will benefit the animal shelters in the area. This year we also added a special St. Baldrick's tree for all those children battling cancer. Ornaments you can personalize will be available for a donation to the foundation and can be placed on this special tree.

Finally, we also added a special pink Christmas tree for all those suffering from



Live Music Nov 19, Pies for Thanksgiving

Sat, Nov 19, local pianist Tommy Haynes will be bringing his brand of New Orleans honky tonk/ blues to "The Fishbowl", our new dining room, from 6-9pm. So come grab some dinner & enjoy!

We're taking orders for apple, pecan, mince or pumpkin pies, so let us know if we can help with your holiday preparations.

7991 Route 55 • Grahamsville • 845.985.5152
www.eureka-market.com • eurekamarket@me.com
www.facebook.com/EurekaMarket

GET FRESH AT EUREKA MARKET

breast cancer. This awareness tree will also be fitted for donations to help in the fight against this terrible disease. Santa's village will be open 7 days a week 24 hours a day for you to stop in and drop something off under those trees. All items collected will then be sent out right after the New Year.

Make it a point to visit this very special place during this holiday season and give the gift of giving to help those a bit less fortunate this year. The Piazza is owned and operated by the Corner in Eldred and is located at 577 Rt. 55 in Eldred. Visit us online at:

<https://www.facebook.com/treesofgiving>.

Be the Santa in You!

Blue Hill Lodge & Café

WELCOME HUNTERS

Special Hearty Menu

Chili, Beef Stew, Pea Soup w/ Hungarian bacon, Borscht w/garlic, Pierogie, Pelmeni and lots more...

Russian beer "Baltica" and Ukranian "Obolon Lager"

Weekend Specials

Prime Rib Rib Eye Steak Lamb Chops

Blue Hill Wine & Spirits

Stock up for your Thanksgiving needs, Fine Wines and wide range of Vodka and Brandy

.....
Claryville Centre
1471 Denning Road, Claryville NY
(845) 985-0247
www.BlueHillCafeLodge.com



FAMILY DINING
Boiceville, NY 845-657-2240

Happy Thanksgiving, 2011!

COMPLETE "Soup to Nuts" includes

Choice of Soup or Salad

Entrees w/ ALL the Trimmings

Roast Turkey w/ Stuffing \$20.00

Grille Boneless Rib Eye Steak \$23.00

Grille Fresh Salmon \$23.00

Eggplant Rollatini \$20.00

Dessert Table & Basket of Fruit & Nuts

Serving from 1:00-6:00 Reservations Suggested

Check out Landmarkgrille.com & Facebook

Harnett Designs
Chainsaw Sculpture, Signs and Custom Furniture

Located on Rt. 55 just past Grahamsville Methodist Church

Visit Harnettdesigns.com
To See Art and Woodwork Combined

845-985-2104
Best to call ahead
...walk-ins always welcome!



STEVEN G. TRAST, CPA, CSRP
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT
CERTIFIED SPECIALIST IN RETIREMENT PLANNING

70 MAIDEN LANE KINGSTON, NY 12401

PHONE (845) 331-9002
FAX (845) 331-6295

SHEELEY OIL & EXCAVATING INC

Driveways Septics Excavating & Bulldozing

P. O. Box 255 Claryville, NY 12725
PHONE: 845-985-2231
FAX: 845-985-0186
Email: suesheeley@gmail.com

Fuel Oil Kerosene Budget & Pre Pay Plans



985 - 2941

PERMA FIX
PLUMBING & HEATING

New Construction Heating Systems Water Systems
Licensed - Insured - Guaranteed
SIMPLY THE BEST

DAVID TRESTYN - DALE DONOVAN - Props.
GRAHAMSVILLE, N.Y. 12740



Rt. 55 & Mutton Hill Road
NEVERSINK, NEW YORK

(845) 985-2398

NEED SIDING?
DEAN CONSTRUCTION & HOME IMPROVEMENT CORP.
INSULATED VINYL SIDING
ALUMINUM & CUSTOM WOOD SIDING
VINYL REPLACEMENT WINDOWS
STORM DOORS & WINDOWS / INSULATION / ROOFS
SEAMLESS GUTTERS

Fully Insured Free Estimates

Blooming Green Lawn and Landscape Service
Ben Knight
845-985-0516 • 845-985-2931

• Fall Cleanups •
Firewood - Seasoned 3 months
Seasoned Firewood Sold Out!

Custom Complete Lawn Care • Edging
Raised Flowerbeds • Mulching • Light Landscaping
Over 20 years experience • Residential and Commercial
Fully Insured

Check out our website:
www.bloominggreenlawnandlandscape.com
"If it grows by day, have it cut by Knight"

NOW OPEN IN ELLENVILLE
Accepting New Patients At Both Locations

Prompt, Quality, Compassionate Service with evening & Saturday hours available (by appointment only)

RENU S. JERATH, M.D.
The Doctor Who Listens and has been caring for residents in our community for over 22 years.

• Allergy • Asthma • Arthritis • Acupuncture
• Holistic Medicine • Internal Medicine
• Pain Management


www.renusetthjerathmd.com
124 South Main Street • Ellenville, NY 12428
20 Broadway • Woodridge, NY 12789
(845) 434-6333



CRAFT CHIROPRACTIC

Dr. Richard H. Craft
(845) 647-5430

38 N. Main Street
Ellenville, NY 12428



distilleries to the area. Tuthilltown Spirits in Gardiner is New York's first whiskey distillery since Prohibition. Host a Mad Men party with their Hudson Baby Bourbon distilled from 100% New York State corn, or gift a favorite uncle with their vodka from apples grown at the local orchard. Palates preferring a sweeter libation will want to try the fruit brandies and liqueurs at Warwick Valley Winery. Savor the Sour Cherry Cordial and pear brandy. The steam fired German copper still produces exceptional dessert quaffs that make great hostess gifts.

Equally tasty, local brews can be found throughout the region. The Captain Lawrence Brewing Company in Pleasantville crafts award-winning beers produced on the premises including seasonal brews such as Pumpkin Ale, Golden Delicious, Nor'easter Winter Warmer and Smoke. Tour the brewery and sample these golden elixirs for yourself in the tasting room. There's nothing like a good beer paired with wonderful food, and the Taproom at Brown's Brewing Company in Troy features over a dozen ales and lagers on draught. The hand-crafted standards are renowned for their freshness, character and taste. Right now, Oktoberfest and Pumpkin Ales are on draught, and November and December feature monthly Beer Suppers with a delightful holiday menu. Beers at both breweries are available for sale and make a wonderful accompaniment to Thanksgiving dinner.

Speaking of the grand turkey day, the Bavarian Manor Country Inn in Purling will do all the work for you with a traditional dinner featuring freshly roasted turkey and slow baked smoked country ham with autumn vegetables and side dishes that go with an American Thanksgiving. Sip a glass of wine or beer while your table is served family-style with leftovers wrapped for you to take home!

Wineries are known for their charm and ambiance; two in the Hudson Valley come to mind. The Winery at St. George is located in an historic church in Mohegan Lake. Limited edition wines are produced from three grape varieties grown locally: Cabernet Franc, Seyval Blanc, and Noiret (a Pinot Noir hybrid). Taste it in the sanctuary, but recognize that this goes far beyond communion wine! Brotherhood Winery in Washingtonville actually stayed open during Prohibition because it produced communion wines. As the oldest winery in the United States, the renovated facility housed in hundred year old buildings boasts a beautiful new tasting room with stations for different varieties.

Don't miss the chance to sip some super vintages on November 19th at Millbrook Winery's Grand Portfolio Tasting. It's a good chance to explore everything their winemaker has to offer, including limited editions of previous vintages. Tastings are accompanied by light hors d'oeuvres and special wine discounts. That same day, Hudson-Chatham Winery in Ghent is hosting their Bread, Wine & Cheese Celebration from 12-5PM. Local creameries and bakers bring savory cheeses and breads to pair with the dry reds the winery is known for as well as their usual selections from dry to sweet to sparkling. For

something a little different, check out "Hudson Valley Art & Wine - A Grand Celebration," the exhibit at Albany Heritage Area Visitors Center. Hudson Valley artists display works inspired by the region's wineries to create awareness of the art, wine and cultural experiences that have a deep-rooted history in the Hudson Valley region. The exhibit remains on view until January.

Come experience our Hudson Valley holidays with the unique combination of wine, liquor, beer, art, and farm fresh food at dozens of wineries and breweries throughout the region. Their gift shops are filled with interesting items for giving, and the tasting rooms are poised to pour you their best. Hudson Valley Tourism, Inc. is the 10-county region designated by I LOVE NEW YORK to promote tourism for the area. Counties include Albany, Columbia, Dutchess, Greene, Orange, Putnam, Rensselaer, Rockland, Ulster and Westchester. The Valley welcomes over 20 million visitors a year who spend \$3 billion annually. Regional information can be obtained from any of the county tourism offices, the Hudson Valley Tourism website, www.travel-hudsonvalley.com, or by calling 845-615-3860.

Buy from a propane company you can trust.

Current gas company wants to charge a switching fee? We'll pay it!

- No tank installation, rent fees
- Above & underground tanks of all colors and sizes
- Price cap & 12-month level payment plans
- Dependable automatic deliveries
- Discount for prompt pay & auto bank withdrawal

Combined Energy Services
Locally owned & operated for more than 50 years

845.343.5353
845.791.HEAT
845.647.6767
combinedenergyservices.com
*Call for details Find us on [facebook](https://www.facebook.com/ceservices)





Denman Construction
Builder of Fine Custom & Log Homes

Additions & Renovations
Heavy Equipment Work
Septic Systems
Drainage Work
Stone Work
Fireplaces
Flood Damage Repair

General Carpentry
Interior & Exterior
Painting & Staining
Wood Floors
Tile Work
Driveways
Road Building

Log Home Specialists
Poured Concrete Foundations
Complete Site Work
denmanco@hvc.rr.com
DEC Approved Flood Control Contractor
We Build the American Dream

Rich 985-2212 Jim 647-4059

Matthews Pharmacy
Professional Personalized Service
Continuous Operation Since 1858
Prescription Specialists

School Supplies, Greeting Cards, Gifts, Fine Fragrances, Walkers, Wheel Chairs, Canes, Ostomy Supplies, Nebulization Supplies

Home Diagnostic Specialists
647-6222
Fax 647-1558
101 Canal St., Ellenville
www.matthewspharmacy.com

Vitamin & Nutrition Center



Caregivers' Month (From Pg. 2)

In honor of National Family Caregiver Month the CRC invites all caregivers to the annual celebration on November 30 (Wednesday) at 6pm for free dessert and coffee at the Liberty Diner. A caregiver package consisting of gift-giving tips and caregiving through the holidays will be shared, as well as other treats!

The CRC also invites caregivers to three free ongoing support groups; a caregiver can join any or all groups each month - no reservations are required. All meetings offer educational materials as well open discussion for caregivers to share their concerns or thoughts on caregiving. Coffee and refreshments are always served.

Share the Care (Hortonville group) meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 10am in the historic Presbyterian Church. Caring for the Caregiver (Grahamsville group) meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 6pm in the second floor board room within Daniel Pierce Library and Caregiver Conversations (the Liberty group) meets on the last Wednesday of the month at 6pm within Cornell Cooperative Extension. (Please note: no December meetings for the Hortonville and Liberty groups will be held).

Caregivers can contact the CRC at Cornell Cooperative Extension at 292-5250 for further questions.

Hinchey to Announce Start of LIHEAP Application Period Congressman Will Speak Out Against Proposed Cuts to Federal Heating Assistance

On Monday, November 14, 2011 Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) held a press conference to announce that the regional Low Income Heating and Economic Assistance Program (LIHEAP) office will begin accepting applications for the program on Wednesday, November 16. Representatives from Ulster County Social Services were on hand to provide details on the application process.

Hinchey stressed his opposition to cuts to the LIHEAP program that have been proposed by both the U.S. House and Senate. Hinchey fears the regional office will run out of funding if cuts to the program move forward.

DiNapoli: Uncertainty Continues to Impact Budget Projections

A report released today by New York State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli as part of the state's Quick Start budget process projects a current year shortfall that appears manageable, but finds that out-year deficits are likely to increase. Over the three-year forecast period, revenue and spending could deviate from current estimates by more than \$1.5 billion. The report will be revised following the release of the Mid-Year Update to the Financial Plan. "The current year enacted budget made positive strides in addressing the ongoing structural deficit," DiNapoli said. "However, we still face challenges and risks and there is much that could undermine some of the good work of the last year. Fiscal pressures - particularly on the revenue side - pose a significant challenge, and achieving balance will require an ongoing commitment by state leaders to live within our means." DiNapoli's report notes there remains risk that some of the actions taken in the SFY 2011-12 Enacted Budget to eliminate a \$10 billion gap and reduce future spending may not be as effective as projected. While the structural imbalance has been reduced, variables including global market volatility, lower Wall Street employment and income, high state unemployment and the struggling housing market continue to pose budget risks. Economic uncertainty has the potential to affect the state's revenue estimates, and makes accurate forecasting more difficult. The report stressed that close monitoring is critical to ensure that actual results comport with projections. The Comptroller's report projects structural gaps in future fiscal years, with All Funds spending expected to reach \$137.3 billion by fiscal year 2013-14, while All Funds receipts are projected to only be \$134.4 billion. DiNapoli warned that this year's revenue collections are currently below Financial Plan projections and may be slow to bounce back due to the state's reliance on revenue related to employment and consumption. DiNapoli's report also found:

0. Current projections in the First Quarterly Update to the SFY 2011-12 Enacted Budget Financial Plan, released in August, remain too optimistic for both spending and tax revenue.

0. The Comptroller's report projects that All Funds spending could be \$97 million higher than current Financial Plan estimates; even taking into account the spending limits enacted in the 2011-12 Budget

for Medicaid and school aid. All Funds receipts are estimated to be \$214 million lower than currently anticipated in the Financial Plan.

0. The Comptroller's report projects that All Funds spending in 2012-13 could be \$82 million higher than current Financial Plan estimates; All Funds receipts are estimated to be \$546 million lower than currently anticipated in the Financial Plan.

0. The Comptroller's report projects that All Funds spending in 2013-14 could be \$75 million higher than current Financial Plan estimates; All Funds receipts are estimated to be \$498 million lower than currently anticipated in the Financial Plan.

0. While more than 75 percent of the actions taken to reduce the 2011-12 budget gap were intended to be recurring, there is risk that the level of savings anticipated could be difficult to achieve. However, given the enactment of spending limitations in Medicaid and school aid, the most significant risk to the Financial Plan relates to tax collections.

DiNapoli has recommended and continues to advocate for a series of reforms to improve the budget process and solve the state's chronic long-term structural budget gaps including improved budget transparency, restricting the use of non-recurring revenue, improving plans to close budget gaps, strengthening capital planning and using a binding revenue consensus forecast.

A copy of the full report can be found at <http://www.osc.state.ny.us/reports/economic/2011quickstart.pdf>

Statement from NY Attorney General Schneiderman Regarding the Feds' Proposed Fracking Regulations

Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman issued the following statement in response to revised draft hydrofracking regulations posted today by the Delaware River Basin Commission (DRBC), with the approval of its supporting federal agencies.

"By issuing these modified draft regulations, the federal government continues to ignore New Yorkers' concerns about the impact fracking may have on our environment, health and homes. Though modified, these regulations still lack the benefit of a full environmental impact study, which is required by law and dictated by common sense. Without it, the federal government does not have a complete understanding of the health and safety risks fracking poses, even as it stands to open up the Delaware River Basin to thousands of new gas wells. These regulations are both inadequate and illegal, and I will continue to use the full authority of my office to require that the federal government meet its clear legal obligation to fully study the environmental impacts of fracking in the Basin."

Gillibrand: Our Servicemembers put Their Lives on the Line for the Country and Deserve to Come Home to Good-Paying Jobs

As Veterans' Day approaches, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand called on her Senate colleagues to swiftly pass legislation to address unacceptably high rates of unemployment among veterans including incentivize their hiring and ease their transition into the work force. The VOW to Hire Heroes Act of 2011, which includes bipartisan job training provisions from both the House and Senate Veterans' Affairs Committees, aims to ensure that all troops returning from Iraq and Afghanistan have the necessary tools for a seamless transition from military service to the civilian workforce.

"The unemployment rate among our veterans is a national crisis," said Senator Gillibrand, a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee. "Our men and women in uniform have put their lives on the line in the service of this country and deserve to come home to good-paying jobs and the genuine opportunity to support their families and advance their careers. Our troops represent some of our most talented, courageous and productive citizens and it is our moral imperative to provide them with the necessary tools to compete in today's difficult job market."

The VOW to Hire Heroes Act represents the latest effort by Senator Gillibrand in her long-established commitment to combating rising joblessness among veterans. Last February Senator Gillibrand hosted roundtables across New York State with local veterans and business leaders to seek out solutions to unemployment among veterans. The new bill, which was introduced this week, reflects the approaches discussed at the roundtable and expands upon Gillibrand supported legislation.

The VOW to Hire Heroes Act of 2011 contains a series of tax credits available to employers hiring veterans including a credit worth up to \$2,400 for employers who hire veterans unemployed for over four weeks, a credit worth up to \$5,600 for veterans unemployed for over six months, and a credit worth of up to \$9,600 for unemployed veterans with a service-

connected disability. The credit is based on 40 percent of first year wages of qualified individuals, up to the caps noted above.

In addition, the bill expands and improves upon several existing benefits aimed at helping service members find jobs. The legislation would make mandatory the Transition Assistance Program (TAP) which provides career counseling and job search skills to service members, and would allow troops to begin the federal employment process while still serving in the military. The bill would also provide up to one year of additional training benefits for disabled veterans through the Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment program. Finally, the bill would expand education and training opportunities for nearly 100,000 veterans from past eras by providing an additional year of Montgomery GI bill benefits to be put toward programs at community colleges and technical schools.

POLITICAL SLANT- Frank Comando -**SULLIVAN COUNTY 2011 ELECTION WINNERS**

Sullivan County Legislator's,
District 1-Richard Lander R,
District 2-Kathleen LaBuda, D,
District 3-Kathleen Vetter R,
District 4-Jonathan Rouis D
District 5-Cindy Kurpil Gieger D,
District 6-Cora Edwards, D,
District 7-Gene Benson D,
District 8-Ira Steingart D,

NEVERSINK: Supervisor-Mark McCarthy D, Town Council- Christopher Mathews, R, Bryan Delaney D,

LIBERTY: Supervisor-Charlie Barbuti D; Town Council, Thomas Hasbrouck R; Dean Farrand R,

FALLSBURG: Town Council -Arnold Seletsky D; Joe Levner D

THOMPSON: Receiver of Taxes, Doreen Huebner R; Supervisor- Anthony Cellini D; Town Council- Peter Briggs D; Scott Mace R; Town Justice- Philip Conaty R, Perry Meltzer D

VILLAGE OF WOODRIDGE-FALLSBURG
District 1-Trustee Arlene Messina NP, Joan Collins, NP

ULSTER COUNTY 2011 ELECTION WINNERS

County Executive, Mike Hein (D)
District Attorney- Holley Carnright (R),
Legislature - District 15-TJ Briggs D
Legislature - District 18-Richard Parete D
Legislature - District 19-Robert Parete D
Legislature - District 22-John Parete D,
Legislature - District 23-Donald Gregorius D

DENNING

Town Supervisor, Bill Bruning R
Town Clerk / Tax Collector, Joy Ann Monforte R
Superintendent of Highways, Daniel VanSaders R
Town Justice, Jonathan Follender D
Town Council- Mike Dean R, Paul Schoonmaker R

OLIVE Supervisor- Berndt Leifeld D; Town Council Peter Friedel R, Donald VanBuren R,

WAWARSING- Supervisor, Scott Carlsen R; Town Council- Terry Houck R, Dan Johnson R, Ellenville Trustee,- Raymond Younger D; Francisco Oliveras D,

SHANDAKEN, Collector of Taxes- Joyce Grant D; Superintendent of Highways- Eric Hofmeister D; Supervisor,- Robert Stanley R,
Town Council- Vincent Berstein R, Alfred Higley Jr. R

MARBLETOWN TOWN Council, Joe Borzumato D; Brooke Pickering-Cole D

WOODSTOCK- Supervisor-Jeremy Wilber D

Have something to say send it; it must be less than 200 words, e-mail politicalslant@yahoo.com.

Letter to the Editor/Townsmen Readers:

A Welcome Sight on Our Road

I want to welcome two new residents on our road. One appears permanent and the other may be just passing through.

The first is sleek and slender topping out at 142 feet. Its arms are busy waving away as the hillside winds power it. I can see this tribute to wind power from my kitchen window. You might wonder how I can be so welcoming... if we think beyond the moment of today; we know that our world needs to power up on more than foreign oil. Hence - this wind turbine may be a symbol of hope for our future. Here's to many more of them!

The second welcome sight is normally 31 inches in length with a wingspan of 80 inches. Imagine my surprise to find a mature bald eagle flying right in front of my car and parallel with my windshield. At first, I thought it was a rare event. Now I'm hearing more stories of sightings on our road right next to the bridge crossing the brook.

There is too much not going well with the world. I am happy to report on these two positive events.

Carol Smythe

Veteran's Day At Tri Valley School

Thursday a number of military Veteran's participated in a truly memorable morning at Tri Valley School. "the Veteran's Day Assemblies". The administration and selected teacher prepared a truly inspiring Veteran's day remembrance.. Three separate programs were presented ; one for grades K thru 3, a second for grades 4 thru 6 and a final assembly for Middle and High School students. For the lower grades, several students primarily Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts, prepared and delivered short messages of the need to SERVE--Serve your country, but also serve your family your community your school, and your neighbors.

A number of veteran's were invited to attend.; men representing those who had who served in every war from the Second World War to the more

recent Middle East Fighting In the lower grades each veteran was asked to tell the children about their experience in military service .For the upper grades, Jim Richardson , a Vietnam veteran and past Commander of the VFW and the DAV delivered an excellent talk on military service. Each Assembly concluded with the singing of a patriotic song, and in the program for the older students, with a rousing medley played by the Tri Valley High School Band. What a great way to honor not just those who served their country but to instill in each student the need to serve the broader community, their school, their family, and their neighbors ---right now and right here in TriValley. What a great message TriValley School is sending to these students. Keep up the good work,

Michael Schiffer USMC , Retired

TIME & THE VALLEYS MUSEUM
GRAHAMSVILLE, NY


Current exhibits

- Impact of Water on the Life and the Growth of the Valleys
- The Rondout and Neversink watersheds: Before, During and After
- Photo exhibition on view entitled: *A Glimpse into the Building of the Rondout and Neversink Reservoirs and Connecting Tunnels:* Photos from the DEP Archives.

Time and the Valleys Museum has copies of every *Townsmen* printed since the beginning classified by year for anyone to research.

Open Saturdays 12-4, and other times by appointment. Research by appointment Adults: The current admission is \$2, Children under 16 -\$1, and children under six are free. For more information call: 845 - 985-7700 or go to the website:
timeandthevalleysmuseum.org


CLARYVILLE FIRE DEPT.
WELCOME HUNTERS
ALL YOU CAN EAT
PANCAKE BREAKFAST



SUNDAY, NOV. 20
Serving 5:30 until 12:00 Noon
ADULTS \$7 CHILDREN 5-11 \$3,
UNDER 5 FREE
\$50 FROM THE BREAKFAST IS
DONATED TO USMC SGT EDDIE RYAN

Grahamsville Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary
will hold a Holiday and Repurpose Sale
November 19th from 10 am to 3 pm.
Vendors Needed.
If you are interested
contact Penny Hennessey at 985-2819.

Mark your calendars: December 11th
Don't forget, **Santa** will make his annual visit to
Bicentennial Square in Grahamsville.




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

数字は単数に限る

		9	1			5	
5				4			
					9		2
					1		4
8				5			
		3	6				8
	3	5	2	1			6
	8			7			
	2	4	5	8			7

CrossWay Assembly of God

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



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



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


St. Augustine's Chapel
Watson Hollow Rd. • West Shokan, NY
Sunday Mass - 9:30 am
Holy Days 5:30 pm
Penance 9:00 am, 2nd Sunday of the month
Rev. George W. Hommel, Pastor



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

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

Claryville Reformed Church



Claryville Road
Claryville, NY 12725
845-985-2041

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



Covered Dish Supper

Dec. 3, 2011
Sundown United Methodist Church
at the
Sundown Church Hall



Grahamsville United Methodist Church

Trift Sale Only
9 am-1 pm -
Nov 19

RAMSAY'S FUNERAL HOMES, INC
Serving Sullivan County Since 1896

66 John Street, Monticello, New York (845) 794-2700
275 S Main Street, Liberty, New York (845) 292-7100
Route 55, Kauneonga Lake, New York (845) 583-5445

CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION (embraces Fallsburg, Neversink, Sundown and Ulster Heights)

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

Loucks Funeral Home
Geoff and Heather Hazzard & Anthony Perito
79 North Main Street
Ellenville, New York
(845) 647-4343

Grahamsville Reformed Church

Sunday School 9:30 A.M.
Worship Service 9:30 A.M.

Rev. Paul Z. Ruter, Pastor

845-985-7480

LEGAL NOTICES:**TOWN OF NEVERSINK
NOTICE: PARKS & REC VACANCY**

The Town of Neversink announces a vacancy on the Town of Neversink Parks & Recreation Department Advisory Board. The term is a five year term beginning 1/1/2012 and ending 12/31/16.

Please send a letter of interest to Greg Goldstein, Supervisor, Town of Neversink, PO Box 307, Grahamsville, NY 12740 or drop it off at the Town Hall. Letters of interest should be received by December 1, 2011. Please address any questions to Greg Goldstein, Supervisor at (845)985-2262, ext. 301.

10/20; 11/3; 11/17

LEGAL NOTICE**Town of Neversink
Notice of Budget Adoption**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Town of Neversink Town Board, Sullivan County, New York has met and considered the Preliminary Budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2012 and conducted a public hearing thereon November 2, 2011 as required by Town Law, Section 108, and

FURTHER NOTICE IS GIVEN, that the Preliminary Budget is hereby adopted as the Annual Budget of the Town of Neversink for the fiscal year beginning on January 1, 2012. Copies of said budget are available at the Office of the Town Clerk, 273 Main Street, Grahamsville, NY during normal business hours.

By order of the Town Board
Lisa Garigliano
Town Clerk
November 4, 2011

11/17/11

PUBLIC NOTICE:**ANNUAL ELECTION OF THE NEVERSINK
FIRE DISTRICT - DECEMBER 13, 2011**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE That the Annual Election of the Neversink Fire District will take place on December 13, 2011 between the hours of 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. at the Neversink Fire House Community Hall, located on NYS Route 55, Neversink, New York for the purpose of:

Electing one commissioner for a five (5) year term commencing on January 1, 2012 and ending December 31, 2016.

Candidates for District Office of Commissioner must submit their Letter of Intent to run for office to the District Secretary at PO Box 394, Neversink, NY no later than November 23 to be placed on the ballot.

All residents of the Fire District duly registered with the Sullivan County Board of Elections as of November 21, 2011 to be eligible to vote.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS OF THE NEVERSINK FIRE DISTRICT

Allison Mehr-Ruef, District Secretary

Please Note

THE TRI-VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL
DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

A Regular Board Meeting
Will Be held

On Thursday, November 17, 2011 at 7:00 P.M.
In the Secondary School Lower Library Level,
Grahamsville, New York

TRI-VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL

GRAHAMSVILLE, NY 12740

AGENDA

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

November 17, 2011

7:00 pm. - Board Meeting

6:30 pm. -Executive Session

Secondary School Library Lower Level

6:30 Executive Session: Personnel

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A. GUESTS

B. TREASURER'S REPORT

C. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. Minutes

2. CSE Recommendations

3. Building Use Forms

4. Personnel

a. Substitute Nurse: Kayla Mickelson

5. Discards/Obsoletes

D. OLD BUSINESS

1. Red Cross

E. BUSINESS REPORT

1. Warrants

F. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Personnel: Potential Discipline of Staff

G. ADJOURNMENT

**Annual Town Holiday Tree
Lighting Ceremony to be Held**

On Sunday December 4, 2011 at 5:00 PM the Town of Neversink will hold its Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony in Bicentennial Square on Main Street in Grahamsville.

There will be caroling in the Square, special music, holiday readings and refreshments. This will officially open the holiday season in the town.

Any organization or group that would like to take part should contact the Town Clerk's Office at 985-2262, x-307.

**Sullivan Chapter of Holistic Moms Meet at
Daniel Pierce Library**

The Holistic Moms Network is a national non profit organization connecting parents who are passionate about holistic health and green living. With more than 120 chapters across the U.S., it's a place where parents can find support and connect with others who share their interests.

On Tuesday, October 11, 2011 the local chapter of the Holistic Moms Network met at the Daniel Pierce Library to cook chili for the Grahamsville United Methodist Church food pantry. Each member donated an ingredient for the recipe. Together, in the Community Hall kitchen, they cut, chopped, sauteed and made two large pots of chili which were portioned out, frozen and then donated to the food pantry. For their November 8th meeting, the group met with an expert on maximizing energy efficiency in their homes.

The chapter meets once a month at the Daniel Pierce Library. New members are always welcome. The next meeting will be held on January 17th, 2012 at 6:30 pm at the Daniel Pierce Library. Learn more about HMN on their website at www.holisticmoms.org, or by contacting the chapter co-leaders Christine at 845-985-0473 or Kylie at 201-424-1864 or by emailing them at sullivanholisticmoms@gmail.com.

Skater's Oil Change

Livingston Manor, NY A well-sharpened pair of skate blades offers the best possible experience gliding across the ice. Treat yourself and your skates to a professional skate sharpening or fitting this winter. On Sunday, December 4, 2011, make a date with premier skate technician Christopher Bartlett, owner of Skater's Landing in North Haven CT, and give yourself an edge on the ice. Chris, a Double Gold Medalist in figure skating and a former professional figure skater with Disney On Ice, will bring his craft to the Catskills for one day only at Morgan Outdoors, 46 Main Street in Livingston Manor, NY.

Appointments are available between 12:00pm and 3:00pm for either sharpening or professional skate fitting at a cost of \$15 per pair. Call 845/439 5507 or stop in at Morgan Outdoors to reserve your desired time.

Chris has worked in every capacity of the ice industry from business owner to coach and served as the Chief Technician at numerous US National and World Championships. Chris has provided services to Stars On Ice, Champions On Ice, and such iconic skaters as Oksana Baiul, Dorothy Hamill, Brian Boitano and Sasha Cohen.

This is a great opportunity to get a professional sharpening right in Livingston Manor, a town known for its outdoor skating rink and annual Ice Carnival,

both made possible by the Livingston Manor Rotary.

Morgan Outdoors is located at 46 Main Street, Livingston Manor, NY. Hours are 10am - 6 pm Monday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, and 10am - 4 pm Sunday. Check www.morgan-outdoors.com for more information.

**SC BOCES Highlights New Board Member
for School Board Recognition Week**

LIBERTY - Each year New York State designates one week to recognize the efforts of all school board members. Members of New York's school boards are community leaders who provide an invaluable resource as local decision makers, responding not only to the respective educational needs of their communities, but also serving in the interest of school children and their futures. These men and women are dedicated to children, learning, and their community, devoting many hours of service to elementary and secondary public education as they continually strive for improvement, excellence, and progress in education.

Newly elected in July, Sullivan County BOCES added Frank Conklin to its Board of Education. Mr. Conklin represents the Liberty Central School District filling the seat of Joyce Teed who sat on the BOCES Board since 2008.

Mr. Conklin is a strong advocate of education. He joined the BOCES Board because he believes in the educational system as the best path for our future. Frank also feels being involved is key in helping our children achieve their goals. During his term, he is hopeful that his efforts along with the other BOCES Board members will be able to help improve educational opportunities for students and help local districts find cost effective solutions to increase student performance and operational efficiencies.

Frank Conklin moved to Eldred during his senior year of high school, where he was involved in a number of sports. Frank is a former local small business owner who spends a lot of his time working with children through the American Youth Soccer Organization, the Liberty United Soccer League, the Liberty boys' varsity soccer program, and the music program at Liberty. He currently serves on the Liberty American Youth Soccer Organization Board and has been a member of the Liberty Rotary Club. His future goals are to run for the Liberty School Board and perhaps the Liberty Town Board.

During the short time Frank has sat on the BOCES Board, he has proven to be a valuable member who will be instrumental in driving the education system forward.

The BOCES Board of Education is composed of one representative from each of its component school districts, as well as one member at large. The current at large seat is held by the Fallsburg School District.

Together, the nine Board members strive to increase student performance in all component districts and communities through leadership, cooperative services and collaborative efforts in an economic and efficient manner.

**Robert Green Truck Division Gets
Ready for "Snow Plow Driveaway"**

(Monticello, NY) - Robert Green Truck Division is teaming up with Meyer Products and Ram Trucks to host a "Snow Plow Driveaway" on Wednesday, November 16, 2011. Over twenty Ram 2500 pickups, each equipped with a Meyer Super-V2 snow plow, will be featured at Dodge Ram dealerships throughout the Northeast.

On the day of the event, approximately 60 Ram Commercial Truck Specialists will meet in Monticello, where they'll then depart in succession to deliver the 20 - 30 heavy-duty trucks to Dodge Ram dealerships throughout New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Massachusetts and New Hampshire.

Owner Robert Green notes that drivers will appreciate the capabilities of the Ram 2500 and Meyer Super-V2 not just in winter weather but throughout the remaining autumn season as well: "Since the unexpected October snowfall left millions of people suddenly stranded, this Driveaway couldn't come at a better time," says Green. "It's never too early to get ready for the snow, and having the right vehicle along with top-quality equipment will help keep drivers safe and give them peace of mind."


About Robert Green Truck Division: Robert Green Truck Division is a full-line truck upfitter located in Monticello, NY and has been selling and servicing high-quality truck equipment for over 25 years. The Truck Division services commercial, municipal and dealer customers throughout the Northeast. Robert Green has been a Meyer snow plow distributor since 1986. For more information call 845-794-0300.

Town of Neversink Parks & Recreation Department
www.townofneversink.org
 (845) 985-2262 extension 312

Watch the *Townsmen* for future events of hosted by the Town of Neversink Parks and Recreation Department.

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

Have a Happy Thanksgiving, and a very happy Holiday Season!



Daniel Pierce Library hours of operation beginning September 1, 2011.
 Tuesday: 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
 Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 Thursday: 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
 Friday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
 Sunday and Monday: Closed
 If you have any questions, please call the library at 985-7233.
 The Library Board of Trustees meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month. On occasion, a meeting date is changed. Please call ahead to confirm.

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

Monday 7:00 p.m. United Methodist Church, 170 N. Main Street, Liberty

Thursday 7:00 p.m. Immaculate Conception Church Annex, 6317 Rt 42, Woodbourne

Saturday 8:00 p.m. United Methodist Church, 170 N. Main Street, Liberty

SLAC November Meeting

SLAC, The Senior Legislative Action Committee of Sullivan County will have its monthly meeting a week early on Friday, November 18 in the Legislative Hearing Room of the Government Center in Monticello at 10 am.

Our speaker will be County Treasurer Ira Cohen, discussing what's ahead for Sullivan County. There will be a question and answer period following his talk. The meeting is open to all. Come and bring a friend!

The December meeting will be held on Friday, December 16th at the Neighborhood Center.

SUNY ULSTER Winter*net Courses Offer Students Affordability + Convenience Available to Students from Any College

College students can earn credits quickly and economically during their holiday break by taking online or classroom courses through SUNY Ulster's Winter*net program, which lets them earn three credits in three weeks. Open to students at any college, registration runs from October 10, through Dec. 16, with classes running from Dec. 26, 2011 to Jan. 13, 2012.

SUNY Ulster's comprehensive Winter*net schedule includes such popular courses online

- 11/16/11 Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Assoc. Meeting - 7:30 pm
- 11/16/11 Neversink Fire District Monthly Meeting 7:30 -Public Meeting 8:00 pm
- 11/17/11 Dept. of Motor Vehicles Neversink Town Hall 10:00 am - 2:30 p.m.
- 11/19/11 Thrift Sale -Grahamsville Methodist Church Hall - 9 am - 1pm
- 11/19/11 Grahamsville Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary **Holiday and Repurpose Sale** 10 am to 3 pm.
- 11/20/11 Claryville Fire Dept **Pancake Breakfast** - (Opens 5:30 am for hunters - noon)
- 11/22/11 Claryville Fire District Meeting
- 11/24-25/11 Town of Neversink Holiday - THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY
- 11/26/11 Claryville Fire Department **Spaghetti Supper - 4 - 8 pm**
- 11/29/11 Town of Neversink Parks & Rec Meeting - 7 pm Neversink Town Hall
- 12/3/11 **Grahamsville United Methodist Christmas Craft Sale/Luncheon 10 am - 3 pm**
- 12/3/11 **Sundown Methodist Church Covered Dish Supper - 5:30 pm** Sundown Church
- 12/3/11 Grahamsville Reformed Church Roast Pork Dinner 4-7 pm
- 12/4/11 **Town of Neversink Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony** in Bicentennial Square in Grahamsville- 5:00 pm
- 12/6/11 Town of Denning Board Meeting - DenningTown Hall - 7 pm
- 12/7/11 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting
- 12/8/11 Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting
- 12/11/11 **SANTA WILL VISIT BI-CENTENNIAL PARK** in Grahamsville - from 11am to 1pm at the square
- 12/13/11 Caring for Caregivers - Daniel Pierce Library - 6 pm
- 12/13/11 Claryville Fire District -Budget Hearing
- 12/13/11 Town of Denning Business Meeting Denning Town Hall 7 pm
- 12/14/11 Town of Neversink Board Meeting
- 12/20/11 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals

GAMES & SOCIALIZING -FREE FUN every **FRIDAY** afternoon 1- 4 pm in the upstairs meeting room in the Neversink Town Hall.
SAVE THE DATE! December 4, 2011 **Town of Neversink Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony** in Bicentennial Square in Grahamsville- 5:00 pm
December 11, 2011 Santa will visit Bi-Centennial Park in Grahamsville from 11 am to 1 pm!

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

- | | | |
|--------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------|
| SUNDOWN CAMP & BAIT SHOP | ARATI GIFT SHOP (Brickman Rd.) | JAMES NAPANOCH GROCERY |
| GRAHAMSVILLE DELI | VALERO MINI MALL (Loch Sheldrake) | MATTHEW'S PHARMACY |
| GRAHAMSVILLE AUTOMOTIVE | WOODBOURNE CITGO STATION | NAPANOCH APPLIANCE |
| CANNIE D'S | MO'S GAS STATION (Woodbourne) | PLEASANT STONE FARM |
| BLUE HILL LODGE | P.D. SMITH ENTERPRISE (Woodbourne) | PETER'S MARKET |
| | AGWAY • J.B. MAK (Liberty) | |

NEW LOCATIONS in the TOWN OF OLIVE & SHANDAKEN

The Good Stuff Cafe • Boiceville IGA • J & G Log Homes, LLC • Ange's • Tetta's • Boiceville Florist • Reservoir Music • Snyder's
 Phoenicia Pharmacy • Phoenicia Deli • Mama's Boy • Ricciardella's • Emerson Resort

TOWN OF OLIVE MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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

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

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

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>
Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman On-Line Edition: <http://thetownsman.com>
 To find out what is happening at Tri-Valley CSD: <http://tvcs.k12.ny.us>

Turkey Trot on Thanksgiving Day

The 8th Annual New Paltz Turkey Trot will be held on Thanksgiving Day, November 24th.

Registration will begin at 8 a.m. Free Mashed Potato Kids is a free 1/2 mile Fun Run (10 and under); 9:30 AM Turkey Trot 5K race, fun run, & walk; 10:30 AM Awards Ceremony.

The race starts and ends at Water Street Market, Main Street, New Paltz.

This event is a fundraiser and all monies raised directly benefit the Family of New Paltz. Family of New Paltz providing the community with a food pantry, a 24 hour hotline, support groups, and shelter.

This event has become a New Paltz tradition and is looked forward to by the entire community that come out and participate.

Last year's event attracted more than 1,500 people - including Turkey Trot runners and walkers, mashed potato kids runners, volunteers and spectators! Several local Tri-Valley families have attended this event and make it part of their Thanksgiving Day tradition.

Last year they were able to raise close to \$28,000 for the food pantry and Family's crisis-services.

For more information and registration forms visit: www.newpaltzturkeytrot.com

Christkindlmarkt- A Traditional German Christmas Market

Christkindlmarkt, a traditional German Christmas Market, with unique ethnic & American giftware, handmade crafts, decorations, home baked goods, Elves' Table, Cafe for German & American food & refreshments. will be held on Fri. Dec. 2, 3-7pm and Sat. Dec. 3, 11am-6pm. at the Kingston Maennerchor & Damenchor located at 37 Greenkill Avenue in Kingston.

This event is free and open to the public.
 For more information call 845-338-3763 or 845-757-5135.

Art Exhibit of SUNY Students at Albany

SUNY Chancellor Nancy Zimpher officially opened the Fall SUNY Student Exhibition at SUNY Plaza in Albany. This exhibition highlights the work of art majors throughout the SUNY system. Eight of SUNY Ulster's visual art majors were accepted for this exhibition. Chancellor Zimpher has been highly supportive of this exhibition series, as it supports the SUNY & the Vibrant Community category of the Power of SUNY Strategic Plan.

ranging from Biology, Business Law, Marketing, and General Psychology to Western Civilization, Modern Japan and American History and Spanish.

In addition to the full schedule of online offerings, there are traditional classroom courses, and a hybrid class on Information Literacy that will be offered that combines face-to-face classroom learning with the flexibility of online instruction.

"Winter*net is ideal for current SUNY Ulster students, students from other public or private colleges in the region or those returning home during their mid-semester break," said John Ganio, the college's dean of academic affairs. "The online format and accelerated class schedule can help students get a jump start on the semester, complete a required course or explore a new area of interest."

For registration information, visit www.sunyulster.edu and click on Winter*net or call 800-724-0833. The cost per credit hour for New York state residents is \$95, plus a \$10 per credit fee for online courses.

Grahamsville Reformed Church

Roast Pork Dinner

December 3, 2011

Saturday, 4 pm to 7 pm

Menu: Roast Pork, Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetables, Tossed Salad, Homemade Apple Sauce, Bread/Rolls, Homemade Apple Cake, & Drinks

Adults: \$11.00, Child 5-10 \$5.00
 under 5 free

Grahamsville Reformed Church Hall

For more information please call:
 845 985 7480

Thank you for your support and God Bless you all!

3	4	9	1	6	2	8	5	7
5	7	2	8	9	4	6	1	3
1	6	8	3	5	7	9	4	2
2	5	6	7	3	8	1	9	4
8	1	7	9	4	5	2	3	6
4	9	3	6	2	1	7	8	5
7	3	5	2	1	9	4	6	8
6	8	1	4	7	3	5	2	9
9	2	4	5	8	6	3	7	1

SULUI WA TANSU NI KAGIRU
 ANSWER



GRAHAMSVILLE REALTY

New York State Licensed Real Estate Broker
135 Peekamoose Road
Sundown, NY 12740
grahamsvillerealty@yahoo.com

http://www.grahamsvillerealty.com

LISTINGS WANTED



845-985-0501

FOR SALE: Prime Commercial Property in Grahamsville



NEW! - Just listed - Private, out-of-the-way, 3 bedroom, on 3 acres along the banks of the East Branch of the Neversink River.

If privacy is your game, this property is situated in one of the most private parts in Ulster County on a dead end street.

CountryHouse REALTY 7991 State Rte 55
Grahamsville, NY 845.985.5116

Grahamsville/Claryville/Sundown/Napanoch:

- **NEW** Basic hunting cabin with stone fireplace on 3.6 acs adjacent to hundreds of acres of State Land. \$49,500
- **NEW** 3 bed/1 ba cottage on 4.5 acres on dead end rd. \$115k
- 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 stone fireplace, skylights, woods that end at the Neversink River. \$319k
- Darling 3BR/1BA cottage on quiet rd near G'vl. Charm galore, fireplace, picture windows, lawns. \$195k
- **REDUCED** Immaculate 3 BR/2 BA on 5 private acs, built 2005. Fireplace, radiant floor heat, a/c, large garage. \$279k
- **REDUCED** Spacious 4-5 BR/2BA turnkey colonial on 5+ level acres w/lg sep garage, in quiet Grahamsville n'hood. \$287,000
- Beautifully-updated 3 BR G'vl Victorian in town with outbuildings, ample parking, creek and lawn. A gem. \$219,000
- 3BR/2BA contemp farmhouse on 100+ acres with spectacular views, 2 ponds, adj to Fire Twr, +cottage. \$669,000
- 4BR/2.5BA split level ranch on nearly 2 acs with central a/c, mature trees, views and Tri-Valley schools. \$239,000

For our full roster of real estate listings, visit our site:

www.CountryHouseRealty.net

Jennifer C. Grimes • Licensed Broker • GREEN® • CBR

Knarf's "Classic Movie Trivia - Ten Little Indians (1966) - One of my favorite mysteries, the story unfolds as party guests at a remote mansion are murdered, we find that they have been brought together to pay for past crimes. Directed by George Pollock Cast: Hugh O'Brian, Shirley Eaton, and Fabian. This is one of the best mystery classics. see it on TCM Sunday, November 19, 2011 at 9:15 AM, C-90 min, TV-14.



Quiz:

- A. Who played Hugh Lombard?
- B. Who played Mike Raven?

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

GRAHAMSVILLE - "EUREKA MARKET AND CAFE," Saturday 6:00 - 9:00 Pm on November 19, 2011 come to Rte 55, and experience **LIVE MUSIC**, featuring our own homegrown pianist, **Mr. Tommy Haynes**, and "his own style" of **New Orleans Honky Tonk Blues**.

SUNDOWN - Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman wishes to take this opportunity to thank our readers, advertiser's, and to wish all a **Happy, and a healthy Thanksgiving.**

At the start of this holiday season, - Don't forget Santa (a jolly old gnome!) and the Christmas spirit! Happy Holidays!

GRAHAMSVILLE - Tri-Valley Musical production of "The Pajama Game" coming December 3, 2011 starting at 7 pm at the Tri-Valley Central School. Tickets \$3.00 students and seniors.

BOICEVILLE - LAND MARK GRILL is open. Fine food and spirits are yours, enjoy...

BOICEVILLE FLORIST, flowers, art crafts and more do not miss visiting this eclectic shop.

NAPANOCH - Saturday, November 19, 2011 6:00p Murder Mystery Party: MURDER AT THE DEADWOOD SALOON at the **Napanoch Fire House**, 1st Annual **Old Western Party**, Pre-sale tickets \$12, at the door \$15. Must be 18 & over to drink (ID required) Please be sure to arrive between 6:00 and 6:30 p.m. Dress to impress in your best western apparel. Serving western appetizers, drinks, & desserts. For tickets, contact any **Napanoch Ladies Auxiliary** member or Firefighter. For questions, please contact: Anne (845) 750-0013 Maria (845) 283-5076

Have a very
Happy Thanksgiving!

Knarf Odnaroc
Gnome

ANSWER TO KNARF'S MOVIE TRIVIA

A. Hugh O'Brian
B. Fabian

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

HOUSE FOR SALE: Ranch style house in the town of Neversink, Tri Valley Schools sits on 1.4 acres. Has 3 bedrooms, 1.5 bathrooms, attached garage with a full basement that is partially finished. For more information please call (845)985-2410.

RENTALS

BUILDING FOR RENT: In **Grahamsville** (Old Post Office) Rent - 985-7411.

FOR RENT: 1 - 2 bedroom apartment 1 - 3 bedroom apartment. Call 845-985-0107.

Charming 3 bedroom house for rent on Denman Mt. Road. This two-story Cape Cod includes a kitchen, living room, dinning room, den with fireplace and a large yard adjacent to NYC DEP land. Beautiful red oak floors throughout the house and lots of windows. \$1,000/month. (845) 985-0370

2nd Floor in town. Quiet single preferred. \$650 includes heat. No pets. Available soon:

2 Bedroom trailer on creek. Newly renovated. No pets. \$750 + utilities.

2 Bedroom trailer: No pets- \$700 + utilities

2 Bedroom duplex Huge bedroom up, large bedroom 1st floor. \$700 + utilities. No Pets, Security & References 985-2941.

1+ bedroom house in woods, private; long driveway, 30+ acres. Available after November 1. Wood stove & oil heat. \$800 + utilities. Security, references. 693-4464 b12/15dt

Mobile Home for rent in Grahamsville: 2 Bdr, walking distance to Town Park, \$550 per month + utilities and security-No pets. 985-7242. pd12/1

FORSALE

1995 Suzuki GSX 600 Katana Red/Black \$2000 (845) 985-0201.

Electric Guitar Jackson Kelly 6-string Black & Blue Striped Coffin Case - for more information call 845-866-0699. tfn

Black Leather Couch - 91" - 2 years old. Excellent condition. \$500.00 -985-7189

Timberline cast iron fireplace insert in excellent condition. 25"wide, 21" high, 24" deep. Surround of 34"x32". \$200 call 845-985-7314. pd11/10

FOR SALE: office/computer/exercise equipment; washer and dryer must go. Great prices on Total Gym, bike and treadmill. Just in time for Christmas. Call Linda at 985-2921"

YOGA/REIKI CLASSES/HEALTH

YOGA • REIKI

Close to Neversink Dam on Lindholm Rd

Yoga Class schedule:

Mon, Wed & Sat a.m. - Tues & Thurs p.m

Includes gentle stretches to ease and prevent back & joint pain.

Reiki energy sessions by appointment

Please call for details
JOY 845 292 7870

Beauty of Birth • Doula Services

The word "doula" comes from ancient Greek and is now used to refer to "a woman experienced in childbirth who provides continuous physical, emotional, and informational support to the mother before, during, and just after childbirth."



For more information call:

JANNA COMANDO

DONA Trained Doula Services

(845) 417-6165

beautyofbirthdoula@yahoo.com

HELP WANTED

Want to hire a woman to crochet. Work at home.. Commissioned work (small details) All materials will be supplied. Call 845-985-2162 or email: ruzini2003@gmail.com pd 1/8

SERVICES

Piano Lessons Blues, Rock & Roll, Jazz , Music Theory \$40.00 per hour \$25.00 per 1/2 hour Tommy Haynes- Neversink 845-985-2697 b 11/17

Big Sky Public Relations

Because First Impressions are Forever
Services include Public Relations, Press Releases, Copy Writing, Copy Editing, Proofreading and Photography

Call Carol Montana

845-985-7783

bigsky1952@aol.com