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FIFTY CENTS

TOWN OF NEVERSINK FLU CLINIC AT NEVERSINK TOWN HALL

There will be a Flu Clinic at the Town of Neversink Town Hall on Thursday, **October 21, 2010 from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon.** The Town Hall is located at 273 Main St. in Grahamsville. Flu vaccine is FREE to adults who bring their Medicare card, all others will be charged. The fee for the flu vaccine is \$15.00. A limited supply of pneumonia vaccine will also be available. For more information please call the Public Health Information Line at 292-5910 option 2.

FREE MOVIE NIGHT: "UNDER OUR SKIN" IN NEW PALTZ

"A gripping tale of microbes, medicine & money, UNDER OUR SKIN exposes the hidden story of Lyme disease, one of the most controversial and fastest growing epidemics of our time. Each year, thousands go undiagnosed or misdiagnosed, often told that their symptoms are 'all in their head.' Following the stories of patients and physicians fighting for their lives and livelihoods, the film brings into focus a haunting picture of the health care system and a medical establishment all too willing to put profits ahead of patients."

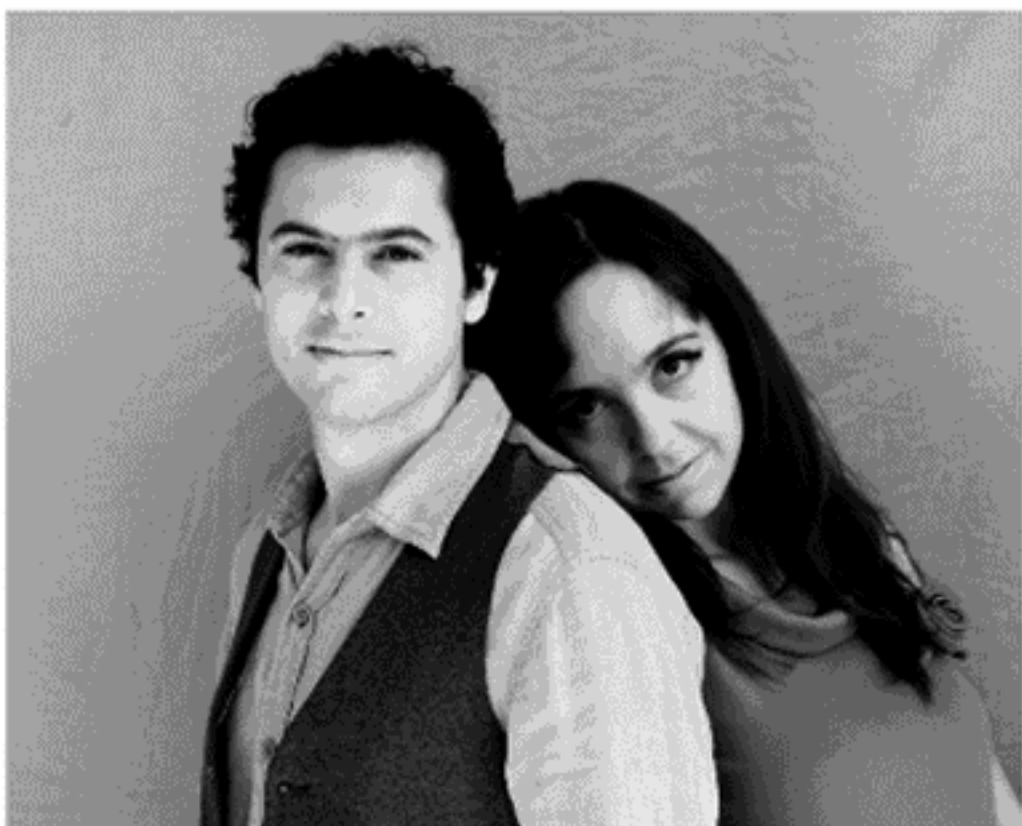
Free to the public on Friday, October 22nd at 8:15 pm at the Elting Library, New Paltz, NY.

LIBERTY FREE THEATRE OPENS FALL SEASON -John Patrick Shanley play makes area debut

The Liberty free theatre will open its fall season with John Patrick Shanley's *The Dreamer Examines His Pillow*. Performances are October 28-31 and November 4-7, Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays at 7:30 P.M. and Sundays, at 3:00 P.M. Admission is free. Seating is limited and reservations are recommended. The audience is invited to gather after the performance for food, drink, and music. The theatre is located at 109 South Main Street, Liberty. Call 292-3788 for reservations and information.

The play, which features Dana Priebe, Marshall Shnyder and Gabriel Sloyer, was hailed by New York Magazine as "pungent, thought-provoking, original and poetic." The Village Voice described it as a 'philosophic dream comedy about love, marriage and maturity.' Paul Austin is the director, sets are by Alexis Siroc and Lights are by Jon-Jon Thomas. John Huppke is the Stage Manager. (Contd. Pg. 8)

MIKE AND RUTHY FOLK/ROCK CONCERT AT TUSTEN THEATRE



Fiddler, guitarist, and singer Ruthy Ungar and her husband, the guitarist, banjoist, and singer Mike Merenda perform songs from their new CD, "Million to One" at the Tusten Theatre on Saturday, October 30 at 8 p.m. (Contd. Pg. 8)

SINK YOU TEETH INTO 'DRACULA' AT THE RIVOLI...



Before Buffy had any vampires to slay, well before vampires kept diaries and 'Twilight' made its way into popular culture, the original vampire came to us by way of the classic Bram Stoker tale - 'Dracula.' (Contd. Pg. 9)

BASKETBALL FILLS LIFE OF THREE SUNY SULLIVAN ALUMNI



While college ball usually signals the end of the line for most student athletes, that isn't the case for three SUNY Sullivan players who continue to follow their passion on the hardwood floor. Everage Richardson '06, Jason Johnson '07 and Donte Harrison '07 have gone from amateurs to professionals. (Contd. Pg. 3)

GRAHAMSVILLE UMC MISSION TEAM TO SHARE STORIES AND PICTURES

On Sunday, October 24, 2010, from 5-7 p.m., the entire community is invited to a Pot-Luck Supper, and a program of stories and pictures, shared by the Grahamsville UMC Mission Team.

The Team looks forward to sharing about the experiences from their August, 2010 mission trip to Henderson Settlement in Frakes, KY. Henderson Settlement is part of the Red Bird Missionary Conference of the United Methodist Church. Fourteen folks from Grahamsville and Neversink made the trip to the Appalachian Mountains, where they worked on building an addition onto the home of a single Mom and her three sons.

Plan to come, bring a dish-to-pass, and a friend! A free will offering will be taken. For more information, please call 985-2283.

SC RESIDENTS INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE STATE'S EFFORTS TO INCREASE HIGH-SPEED INTERNET ACCESS

County Manager David P. Fanslau has announced that Sullivan County residents are invited to participate in a process that will contribute to New York State's efforts to increase high-speed Internet access by testing the speed of their broadband Internet connection. (Contd. Pg. 3)

SC LONG BEARDS NYS Chapter, NWTF ANNUAL PHEASANT HUNT



Amy, Kevin & Nicholas and Dave, Sue and Travis Davis enjoyed the event. Kevin and Travis proudly show off their game.

The Sullivan County Long Beards, NYS Chapter NWTF held it's annual Pheasant Hunt for their EXTREME JAKES members. All EXTREME JAKES who signed up as members were put into a raffle and 36 lucky EXTREME JAKES, who had already taken a hunter safety course, received the gift of a Pheasant hunt at Catskill Pheasantry. The EXTREME JAKES are the older youth (ages 12-17) of the NWTTF JAKES program.

The pheasant hunt came complete with skeet shooting and 2 birds per child. Lunch was very graciously donated by Landers Food Mart and Catskill Pheasantry gave them a very nice discounted rate. This facility is great, the workers there are very helpful and this year the parents were allowed to go into the Pheasantry's property to watch their kids shoot the birds. (Contd. Pg. 6)

YE OLDE TRI-VALLEY TOWNSMAN
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Rates are based on **B/W Camera-ready copy**. All other display advertising will be based upon \$3.00 per column inch. 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.

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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 (**Word Document with an extension of .doc**).

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

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ON THE FRONT BURNER: Oh Lord, thou hast pleaded the causes of my soul; thou hast redeemed my life. Lamentations 3:58

NOTE OF THANKS

I would like to thank everyone for all the cards, calls, prayers and visits during my recent stay at the Catskill Regional Medical Center. My 5-week stay in the rehab. Unit has helped me get back on my feet and I'm able to be home again.

Thank you all for your encouragement.
Sincerely, Don Erath

DAYS OF YORE....

Today's History

October 18, 1950 - The Edward R. Hewitt property on the Neversink River below Claryville has been sold to the City of New York for the sum of \$60,000, according to a deed filed with the Clerk of Sullivan County. The estate consisted of 1,315 acres. Mr. Hewitt is a descendant of the founder of the Cooper Institute in New York City.

Mrs. Fannie Smith Hamilton, 56, of Woodbourne, died October 11th at the Hamilton Ave. Hospital, Monticello. Mrs. Hamilton was born May 3, 1894 to Owen and Ada Smith at Eureka. She was married to Walton Hamilton. Beside her husband, she is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Florence Whittaker of Woodbourne and one son.

Mabel Lord Childs, wife of Richard T. Childs, passed away on Long Island on October 11th. After her funeral at Richmond Hill, L.I. on Saturday morning, her body was brought to Grahamsville for the burial services at which time the Rev. Howard West officiated.

October 19, 1960 - Louis Rubenzahl, son of Mr. and Mrs. Max Rubenzahl of Neversink, has received notice that he passed the examination for admission to the New York State Bar. Louis was a 1953 graduate of Tri Valley Central School.

Miss Carol May Jansen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Jansen of Kingston, and Stewart Hammond, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Miller of Woodbourne Road, Grahamsville were married in the First Baptist Church, Kingston on Sunday, October 2nd.

Mr. and Mrs. William Clark of Napanoch are the parents of a daughter, Connie Lee, born October 15th at Veteran's Memorial Hospital, Ellenville. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson VanWagner are the maternal grandparents; Mr. and Mrs. Ben Davis of Grahamsville are the paternal great-grandparents.

"Best Wishes" to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ingram who were married Saturday in St. Peter's Church in Liberty. Mrs. Ingram is the former Mary McGuire, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John McGuire.

Mr. and Mrs. Albro Brown Jr. are the parents of a daughter born at the Hamilton Avenue Hospital on Saturday morning, October 15th. Mr. and Mrs. Roderick Holmes are the maternal grandparents; Mr. and Mrs. Albro Brown Sr. are the paternal grandparents.

October 28, 1970 - Other than the large number of election ads, commercial ads and letters pertaining to the liquor referendum, there was no news in this issue.

October 16, 1980 - James Elmer Barkley, 95, of Liberty, formerly of Grahamsville, passed away Saturday, October 11 at Harris Hospital.

He was born March 28, 1885 in Stanford, N.Y. to Tom and Ladusca Barkley. He was married to the late Florence Secor who died in 1963. He was a lifelong member of the Lows Corners Baptist Church.

Random thoughts from a Sundown reader: Words, Words, Words. I made friends with a horse today - without words. Folks, why is it that our 4-legged friends can be so friendly to each other and to us (a hungry belly excepted) without words? When God gave us a voice, did he bless us or curse us? The Annual Meeting of the Daniel

Pierce Library, Grahamsville was held last week. Barbara Purcell, Marion Robinson and Rose Parrow were all returned to office for another 3-year term. The President, Katherine Matzinger, gave her report of the accomplishments of the library during the past year.

CATSKILL MOUNTAIN HOUSE AND THE WORLD AROUND, A FILM BY TOBE CAREY

The story of the rise and fall of the Catskill Mountain House is a compelling tale of steamboat and railroad empires, bitter rivalries, exclusive private preserves, fabulous art and picturesque landmarks that celebrated the Catskills as part of the American "Grand Tour" and as America's "First Wilderness."

Jay Blotcher in Roll Magazine says: "A monumental sense of hubris seemed to guide the construction of The Catskill Mountain House, the grand 19th century hotel that is the topical foundation of local documentarian Tobe Carey's latest film, The Catskill Mountain House and The World Around.

...Carey, who began the film three years ago, takes pains to conjure the era in which the Greek Revival-designed Mountain House was erected, and grandiose rivals also materialized on adjacent alpine settings.

...Through a robust array of old photographs, engravings, paintings and songs, as well as the running commentary of several area historians...Carey takes us on a beguiling time-travel."

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The film is titled "The Catskill Mountain House and The World Around" and will be premiered in Hunter, New York on October 23rd..

TAU CHAPTER OF THE DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL FALL DINNER MEETING

Tau Chaptr of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International will hold its Fall dinner meeting October 20th at Albert's Restaurant located at Triangle Plaza, 23 Triangle Road, Liberty, NY.

Cocktails at 6:00 pm, Dinner at 6:30 pm. New members will be initiated. Livingston Manor members will be the hostesses for this meeting.

CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION TO HOLD CHICKEN BBQ & 96TH ANNUAL MEETING

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Sullivan County will hold its Chicken Barbecue and 96th Annual Meeting on October 22nd at the Jeffersonville Firehouse in Jeffersonville, NY starting at 7:00 p.m.

The dinner will feature the famous Cornell Barbecue Chicken along with delicious side dishes and homemade apple crisp. In addition to the business meeting, there will be raffle drawings all evening, an Enrollment Round-up and some outstanding volunteers will be recognized.

We will also be announcing our photo contest winners and unveiling our 2011 Calendar.

Tickets are available for \$10.00 for adults and \$8.00 for youth in advance or \$13.00 for adults and \$11.00 for youth at the door. Take outs will be available starting at 3:30 p.m.

To reserve tickets or takeouts, contact Cornell Cooperative Extension at (845)292-6180.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: - Hulda Vernoy

I hope the person or persons who stole the Halloween decorations from the sign in Bradley really enjoy them. Ruth and Mike Curley did a nice job and it's very sad that we can't see the decorations.

HERE AND THERE

On Monday, October 11, the First Annual Reunion of Tri-Valley Retirees was held at the Grahamsville Reformed Church Hall - and what a delightful occasion it was! Those present represented administrative, teaching, and support staff members, and included several spouses. Former superintendent Bob Kelz was the first to address the group, saying that he had been asked to say "a few words," which he did graciously, as always. The committee members who planned and organized this first-time event did a superlative job in locating present addresses for those who have moved away; making all the arrangements; planning (and providing!) the luncheon itself; and of course, the setting up and clean up of the party site. Those committee members were: Carol Furman, Chairman, Spencer Quick, Sandy Blade, Rose Ann Knox, and Alice Elberth. Thanks to their efforts, the Retiree Reunion was a rousing success, and all those present were unanimous in supporting a repeat event next year.

Dick Wynkoop is home after a week's hospitalization, and the report is that he is enjoying satisfactory recuperation. Best wishes, Dick, from all of us. Please keep Trudy Erceg of Big Hollow Road in your thoughts and prayers. She is seriously ill following a stroke recently.

Fall foliage seems to have reached its color peak locally for the most part, but in some areas trees stand fully bedecked in vibrant hues. And then there is the huge maple on our lawn, which is still dressed in full green, with only a few leaves on the ground beneath. Don figures he'll have to mulch leaves wearing mittens.

For 'special days,' we have eleven people who will celebrate within five days of mid-October, four of them on the same day. On Oct. 17 (last Sunday), Town Clerk Lisa Garigliano blew out candles, as did our nephew, Robert Schmitz; they could have joined Robert and Brendan Worden, twin sons of Rob and Janna Worden, for a super celebration the same day. On Oct. 19, Gloria Stevens and Wanda Terwilliger celebrate; my list also includes Matt Costa, Eric Goldstein, and Tim Yager on that day. On Oct. 20, senior citizen Fred Ahrens enjoys another birthday, making it 82 now. And on Oct. 21, young miss Kaylee Poppo, daughter of Joe and Kathy (Hans) Poppo, will be 5 years old. Happy Birthday to all!

Last week millions of people all over the world watched and heard the dramatic rescue of the 33 miners who had been trapped under the earth for 69 days. Undoubtedly, a great many of those people uttered prayers, in varied languages and in keeping with their various faiths, for the safety of men they did not know and would never meet. Once again we are reminded of John Donne's words: "No man is an island, entire of itself; Every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main" (from "For Whom the Bell Tolls") We are all members of the family of man.

That's it for today. Take care of yourselves - and each other - in the coming week. (pah)

NEVERSINK NEWS - Hulda Vernooy

Happy Birthday to Gloria Stevens of Grahamsville who celebrated a birthday on October 19th, and to Russell Turner Sr. who celebrated his special day on October 20th.

Get well wishes to Dick Wynkoop of Grahamsville. Hurry and get well soon, Dick.

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

SC RESIDENTS INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE STATE'S EFFORTS TO INCREASE HIGH-SPEED INTERNET ACCESS (From Pg. 1)

A newly launched website, www.nyspeedtest.org, allows residents to partake in the speed test that will help New York map unserved and underserved areas. The mapping will facilitate deployment of high-speed Internet access across the State, increase digital literacy programs, and spur economic development.

The speed-testing initiative is being conducted as part of New York's Broadband Mapping Program. The State has received approximately \$2.5 million in American Reinvestment and Recovery Act funding, through the U.S. Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications and Information Administration, for broadband mapping and planning activities. Governor David Paterson has designated the New York State Office of Cyber Security (OCS) as the lead agency for broadband mapping in New York State.

The speed test website is hosted by the University at Albany's Center for Technology in Government (CTG), which is partnering with OCS to independently test and collect the speed of broadband service available to New York residents.

CTG is recruiting residents from all (Next Col.)

areas within the State where broadband Internet service is available to take the speed test from their home computers. Taking the speed test is fast and simple. The test measures the time it takes for a resident's computer to send (upload) and receive (download) information. Residents will be able to view real-time information about the quality of their broadband connection, as well as information about the speed they need in order to access the types of Internet services of most interest to them.

CTG will collect, analyze, and report the results to OCS, which will use the data within state-of-the-art electronic mapping systems to increase the overall accuracy and completeness of the statewide broadband map.

"Increased broadband access and faster speeds are critical tools for enabling citizens to better connect with government, creating jobs, promoting public safety and education, and delivering essential services such as healthcare," said Fanslau. "Sullivan County has a number of areas that currently don't have broadband access or service, and the County has received a federal grant to study the broadband needs of our residents and businesses," added Fanslau.

By 2015, New York State has set a goal to achieve an average network connectivity speed of at least 20 megabits per second for both uploading and downloading, and 100 megabits per second in each direction within the Digital Corridor, which includes the greater New York City region and areas near the Thruway. The speed test results will help New York State to obtain a richer, more detailed picture of the current broadband environment.

"The Office of Cyber Security is the lead for New York State's broadband mapping program and we're pleased to move into this phase of broadband speed verification," said Thomas Smith, OCS Director. "We encourage New Yorkers to participate in this speed testing initiative, which will provide valuable input and assist us in furthering the State's efforts to enhance broadband access."

"According to surveys, most New York State residents don't know the speed of their internet connection," said Donna Canestraro, program manager at the Center for Technology in Government. "Knowing their speed and why it matters can help support a whole new level of innovative Web-based applications that can have enormous benefits to consumers, but will require download and uploads speeds much faster than what most consumers are currently experiencing."

New York State residents are encouraged to take the speed test by visiting: www.nyspeedtest.org

For more information about the broadband mapping program, visit the NYS Office of Cyber Security at <http://www.cscic.state.ny.us/broadband/>.

For more information about the Broadband RBOG grant, please contact David Fanslau at (845) 807-0450 or Planning Commissioner Luiz Aragon at (845) 807-0527

BASKETBALL FILLS LIFE OF THREE SUNY SULLIVAN ALUMNI (From Pg. 1)

Chris DePew, director of athletics, has nothing but good things to say about the three SUNY Sullivan alumni. "They were all standouts when they played for the Generals," he said. "They brought their individual skills to the game and it not only paid off for us, it helped pave the way for them to continue playing the game they love."

Harrison made headlines recently when he signed with the legendary Harlem Globetrotters. He is currently traveling around Europe with their premier team. While playing for SUNY Sullivan Harrison helped guide the Generals to their perfect 32-0 season in 2007 and was instrumental in capturing the coveted National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Division III national championship. Harrison averaged over 11 points and rebounds per game during his tenure at SUNY Sullivan. He went on to Hampton University (VA) where he continued to make headlines for the Pirates.

Johnson, the 2007 NJCAA player of the year and first team All-American, was another standout player for the Generals. He continued his education on a full scholarship at South Carolina State where he earned All-MEAC (Mid-eastern Athletic Conference) honors his junior and senior years. Johnson was also the 2009 MEAC defensive player of the year. After graduating from South Carolina State, Johnson accepted an offer to play on the British Premiere Professional Basketball League. He was named the league's 2010 national player of the year.

Richardson, a two-time NJCAA All-American, ranked among the top Generals players, racking up 977 points during his SUNY Sullivan Career. He took his game to Costal Carolina University on a full scholarship. Richardson looked to playing overseas to advance his career. He landed a spot on the TUS Treiskarden Baskets' roster where he was named Germany's professional basketball (Next Col.) second tier player of the year and a member of the all-

star team. Richardson will continue to play in Germany in the upcoming season.

Nearly 70% of the SUNY Sullivan men's basketball team go on to play at NCAA Division I schools, many of them attending on full scholarships. Donte Harrision, Jason Johnson and Everage Richardson count among the Generals' success stories. Chris DePew predicts there will be more.

Founded in 1962, SUNY Sullivan is a two-year community college and a unit of the State University of New York. It offers 40 associate degree and certificate programs, as well as a variety of continuing education and specialty courses, on its 405-acre campus, online and through its distance learning program. For more information, visit the college website at www.sunysullivan.edu.

THE RARE RAVEN

By Peggy DeWire



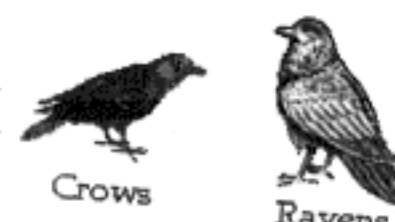
Recently a friend in Claryville said to me, "Peggy, I heard this big funny-sounding crow yesterday calling Kruck Kruck in a deep hoarse voice instead of Caw Caw -"

I interrupted, "Was it really, really a big crow?"

He nodded and I continued, "Chances are pretty good it wasn't a crow but a raven!"

"Folks here have been seeing them around and in fact, last week I thought I saw one."

Although crows and ravens are all black birds in the same family (Corvidae), you can spot the differences between them in flight. A crow's tail is fan-shaped while the raven's is pointy wedge-shaped.



A crow is pigeon-sized but a raven is hawk-sized at more than two feet long with a three-foot wingspan. It's the biggest in the crow/raven genus Corvus. Also, a crow flaps along with wingtips turned up. A raven soars on wings held horizontal.

Another overall distinguishing feature is feathers. A crow's are round-tipped and make a smooth body covering whereas a raven's are pointed and lie jaggedly, ending up around the neck in a spiky mane called a "ruff".

The last visible difference is the raven's big powerful black beak, 3 1/2 inches long, partly covered with bristle hairs at the base. Crows have a proportionately smaller bill.

But both male and female ravens are glossy black with purple or blue shine. A Mexican species has a white neck.

Ravens range around the world except Antarctica, favoring coastal forests and wooded mountain ranges. Though uncommon in eastern U.S., in New York they're found in the Adirondacks and Catskills south to the Blue Ridge chain.

Ravens (Corvus corax) live 25-50 years and mate for life. Both parents build a big nest of sticks lined with soft grass and decorated with colorful tidbits of string and feathers. The female lays 4-7 eggs, greenish with lavender and brown spots.

Both parents incubate the clutch for twenty days and feed their fledglings for the next six to ten weeks on insects, berries, seeds and meat, fresh or dead.

Ravens are exceptionally smart hunters of rodents and small animals. They teach their youngsters how to hunt cooperatively for larger meals of venison by following a pack of coyotes or wolves to share the kill.

Indian and Eskimo legends tell how ravens trail sick moose by hovering and calling - knowing they'll soon feast on a gut pile.

Ravens have the intelligence to solve problems such as the one that German raven researcher Bernd Heinrich designed by hanging a piece of meat on a string from a platform perch. Some crows and other birds attacked it without success.



However, one raven surveyed the tempting scene for an hour before solving the problem. As recorded by Herr Heinrich, it flew to the perch carrying the meat in its beak, put its foot on the string and with each pull kept it secured. Finally success and dinner!

No wonder that ravens are totems and "Trickster" spirits in Indian legends and an otherworld voice to poet Edgar Allan Poe.

During late winter ravens put on spectacular courtship displays - diving, looping, chasing and soaring in formation wingtip to wingtip.

I hope you folks in Claryville will be lucky enough to see this show.

PUBLIC NOTICES/LEGALS

NOTICE

PURSUANT TO SECTION 205A of Highway Law, the Town of Neversink Superintendent of Highways has designated the following Town Roads as **SEASONAL LIMITED USE HIGHWAYS** for the period beginning **DECEMBER 1, 2010 UNTIL APRIL 1, 2011:**

Town Road Number	Town Road Name	Description
14	Donovan Rd.	Full Length
22	Flugertown Rd	Starting 2.4 miles West of Pole Rd. to Town Line
32	Moore Hill Rd.	Intersection of Glade Rd. to Town Line
40	Blue Hill Rd.	From Basil Demy's Property to Kelcourse Home
51	Coombe Rd.	Starting at .1 miles South of C.R. 156 to Town line
59	Denman Mt. Rd.	From Bailey House to Intersection with Moore Hill Rd.
65	North Side Rd.	Full Length
69	Shields Rd.	From Hartung Property to End
72	Slater Rd.	From Dave Treston property to End
84	Friend's Rd.	Full Length

THE TRI-VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

A Regular Board Meeting Will Be held On Thursday, October 21, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. In the Secondary School, Lower Library Level, Grahamsville, New York

ANNOUNCEMENT

The following positions are available at Tri-Valley Central School for the 2010-2011 school year Fall/Winter Sports Seasons:

- JV Cheerleading Coach
- Alpine Skiing Coach

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WHAT WILL WE GET FROM 'FRACKING'?

Halliburton Co. reports its net income more than doubled in the third quarter as higher natural gas drilling in the U.S. offset a slump in offshore drilling activity following the Gulf oil spill. The Houston petroleum services company reported earnings of \$544 million for the three months ended Sept. 30. That compares with \$262 million, for the same period last year. Revenue also increased 30 percent to \$4.67 billion.

The results show how a surge in U.S. shale gas is making up for a loss of business in the offshore Gulf of Mexico. Only about 6 per cent of Halliburton's \$8.15 billion of revenue for the first half of this year came from operations in the Gulf of Mexico. Meanwhile, its land-based operation has benefitted from the rush to find natural gas in America's vast formations of shale. The number of rigs searching for oil and gas in the U.S. has jumped more than 70 per cent in the past 12 months, according to Baker Hughes Inc.

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE TOWN OF NEVERSINK, SULLIVAN COUNTY, New York:
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section §4-120.1 of the Election Law of the State of New York that at the GENERAL ELECTION to be held on TUESDAY succeeding the first MONDAY in November (NOVEMBER 2, 2010) The following Proposal may be lawfully voted for, to wit:

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VOTE FOR ENTIRE PROPOSAL VOTE: YES OR NO

QUESTION NUMBER ONE: OMIT

QUESTION NUMBER TWO: RESTAURANT ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE

Shall the operator of a full-service restaurant be allowed to obtain a license which permits the restaurant operator to sell alcoholic beverages for a customer to drink while the customer is within the restaurant. In addition, unopened containers of beer (such as six-packs and kegs) may be sold "to go" for the customer to open and drink at another location (such as, for example, at his home)?

QUESTION NUMBER THREE: OMIT

QUESTION NUMBER FOUR: OMIT

QUESTION NUMBER FIVE: RETAIL PACKAGE LIQUOR OR WINE STORE LICENSE

Shall a person be allowed to obtain a license to operate a retail package liquor-and-wine or wine-without- liquor store, to sell "to go" unopened bottles of liquor or wine to a customer to be taken from the store for the customer to open and drink at another location (such as, for example, at his home)?

QUESTION NUMBER SIX: OFF-PREMISES BEER AND WINE COOLER LICENSE

Shall the operator of a grocery store, drugstore or supply ship operating in harbors of Lake Erie be allowed to obtain a license which permits the operation to sell "to go" unopened containers of beer (such as six-packs and kegs) and wine coolers with not more than 6% alcohol to a customer to be taken from the store for the customer to open and drink at another location (such as, for example his home)?

QUESTION NUMBER SEVEN: OMIT

Faith Kaplan
Faith Kaplan

Rodney Gaebel
Rodney Gaebel

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One of the most dangerous aspects (Next Col.)

of the gas drilling process known as hydraulic fracturing, or fracking, are the fluids injected into the ground in order to force out natural gas. Unfortunately, thanks to a move by Congress in 2005 during the Bush administration, Vice-President Dick Cheney crafted the so-called Halliburton Loophole and fracking is exempt from regulation under the Safe Drinking Water Act, so drillers don't have to disclose what is contained in their fracking fluids. This exemption, included in the 2005 Energy Act, has become known as the "Halliburton Loophole." Prior to its adoption, the Safe Drinking Water Act forbid any underground injection activity to endanger drinking water sources by introducing a contaminant that may adversely affect human health. According to the National Resource Defense Council (NRDC), in 1997, the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that "hydraulic fracturing activities constitute 'underground injection' under Part C of the SDWA (Safe Drinking Water Act)."

With this major decision pending, will drilling in Sullivan County be the next to surrender or the first to put the brakes on industries exempted by the Halliburton Loophole?

LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

Dear Editor:

With the ban on alcohol sales in Neversink on the Nov. 2 ballot, and as the new owner of the former Chestnut Woods building, I'd like to weigh in on the discussion. I should preface this by saying my office for Country House Realty and Red Cottage Inc. will be the initial installment into the building, and the possibility of an eatery in the other half largely depends on the outcome of the Nov. 2 ballot. So if you would like a place to relax with family and friends of an evening, then I would ask that you consider voting for the repeal of the ban so that a decent restaurant will be attracted to our area, whether it's in my building or elsewhere.

As residents of this exceptionally beautiful, rural area, we experience challenges to both our quality of life and to our economic vitality, in that most areas do not have access to cell coverage or broadband internet. It is a fact that this holds back the prosperity of our community, and yet there is nothing we can really do about that as individuals. On the other hand, we have it within our power to enjoy the rights most Americans have to have a glass of wine with dinner in a restaurant (or to buy beer on the way home), but have up until now chosen to restrict ourselves. For many this is just one more hardship that reduces our quality of life, and suppresses our sense of community rather than enhancing it.

On ancillary issues, like under age drinking, I submit that a) there is already a law governing the legal age to purchase alcohol, and b) it is the job of parents, not the government, to rear children, and not appropriate to withhold the rights of a community in an attempt to prevent kids from doing things they can do 10 miles down the road.

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With a thick array of lies and misinformation being pushed to seniors regarding the new health care law, Hinchey invited experts from the Center for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS) and the Social Security Administration who answered questions from seniors who are being purposefully misled by deep-pocketed special interests who wish to privatize the programs. The forum was opened to the public and was held at the Rosendale Recreation Center in Rosendale.

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HEARINGS SCHEDULED ON MUNICIPAL AGRICULTURE AND FARMLAND PROTECTION PLANS

County Manager David P Fanslau has announced that the Sullivan County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board will hold three public hearings on the Municipal Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plans, pursuant to Article 25-AAA of the Agriculture and Markets Law.

These three hearings will take place on Wednesday, October 20th, 2010 at the Town of Callicoon Town Hall, 19 Legion Street, Jeffersonville, New York, at which time all interested parties will be given an opportunity to be heard. The public hearing for the Town of Bethel's Plan will take place at 7:30 pm, the public hearing for the Town of Delaware's Plan will take place at 8:00 pm, and the public hearing for the Town of Callicoon's Plan will take place at 8:30 pm.

The plans advocate for a variety of economic, educational, governmental, regulatory and other actions that the Towns can take to protect farms and farmland, and promote agriculture as a critical part of local life. They may be reviewed at the Sullivan County Planning Office, 100 North Street, Monticello, New York, or online at www.planningbetterplaces.com

MC GUIRE CAMPAIGN GETS BOOST FROM BAR ASSOCIATION

The Sullivan County Bar Association has released its Judicial Qualification Survey for the 2010 County Court Judge race.

Liberty Attorney Mike McGuire has been rated Qualified and Highly Qualified by over 90% of the members of the Bar who responded.

Challenger Cindy Barber was rated Qualified and Highly Qualified by only 38% of the members who responded to the survey.

"It is apparent that Ms. Barber's lack of experience in county court weighed heavily on the minds of the Bar Association members", said Mary Ann Schares, a spokeswoman for the McGuire Campaign. "Ms. Barber has been an attorney for 16 years and has yet to try a single case in the very court she wants to be judge in"

UC SHERIFF STATEMENT ON GIGA INVESTIGATION

Sheriff Paul VanBlarcum reports that the investigation and subsequent arrest of Richard N. Giga, age 24, a resident of the Renaissance Project in the Town of Wawarsing, is at this time still ongoing. An autopsy has been conducted and the Sheriff is awaiting the report.

A meeting between the Sheriff and members of the Ulster County District Attorney's Office took place today. The defendant is scheduled for a preliminary hearing in the Town of Wawarsing Court at 2:00 p.m. tomorrow.

Giga was charged with Murder in the Second Degree for the stabbing death of 60-year-old security guard Leland C. Wood, of Napanoch, at the Renaissance Project. Giga was arraigned while at the Kingston Hospital and remanded to the custody of the Ulster County Sheriff without bail.

The second victim of Mr. Giga, a night nurse, was picked up by an individual who happened to be passing by the scene of an accident involving the nurse, who had overturned her vehicle after having been stabbed by Giga. She was transported to Ellenville Hospital by private vehicle, where she was later transferred to St. Francis Hospital due to the nature of her injuries. As of last week, she was still hospitalized in stable condition.

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Wood is a Fellow of the International College of Surgeons and completed a Yale New Haven Hospital Residency. He earned his medical degree from the Milton S. Hershey Medical Center at the Pennsylvania State University. He has been a Hudson Valley surgeon since 2002, and personally sees his patients from start to finish.

Dr. Wood will be seeing patients in the Hospital's Specialty Clinic on Mondays beginning October 18th. For appointments or for more information regarding his practice, please contact Ellenville Regional Hospital at (845) 647-6400 ext. 314.

WITH JUDGE ORDERING END TO 'DON'T ASK, DON'T TELL,' UDALL, GILLIBRAND, 19 OTHER SENATORS URGE WHITE HOUSE NOT TO APPEAL

After a federal judge in California ordered a halt to the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" law banning gays from serving openly in the military, U.S. Senators Mark Udall (D-CO) and Kirsten Gillibrand (D-N.Y.) wrote a letter signed by 19 other Senators, urging U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder not to appeal the judge's original decision and to allow the injunction to stand.

Not appealing the decision would allow Congress to act to repeal the unconstitutional law, which harms our national security, the Senators argued in their letter. An appeal of the recent federal court decision - and of the injunction issued today - could set back those congressional efforts, they added.

Udall and Gillibrand originally sent the letter to Holder in September. They are now joined by Senators John Kerry (D-MA), Charles Schumer (D-N.Y.), Roland Burris (D-IL), Sheldon Whitehouse (D-R.I.), Mary Landrieu (D-LA), Bernard Sanders (I-VT), Jeff Merkley (D-OR), Jeanne Shaheen (D-N.H.), Tim Johnson (D-S.D.), Al Franken (D-MN), Barbara Boxer (D-CA), Russ Feingold (D-WI), Frank Lautenberg (D-N.J.), Richard Durbin (D-IL), Bob Menendez (D-N.J.), Michael Bennet (D-CO), Barbara Mikulski (D-MD), Sherrod Brown (D-OH), and Ben Cardin (D-MD). The additional signatures are a testament to the support in the U.S. Senate for repeal of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell."

"In light of important national security concerns, we respectfully request that you, in your capacity at the Department of Justice, refrain from appealing this decision or the permanent injunction granted against this law," the Senators wrote.

"President Obama, Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates and Admiral Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs, have all publicly advocated for the repeal of this harmful law," the Senators continued. "There is no legal or military justification and not one shred of credible evidence that supports continuing the discriminatory DADT law, and considering the guidance of the commander-in-chief and the nation's top two defense officials, we urge you to refrain from seeking an appeal. The federal court decision was a step in the right direction, and we are confident that the Senate will take the (Next Col.)

ultimate step by voting this fall on the fiscal year 2011 National Defense Authorization Act to permanently lift the ban on gays in the military. Although we understand that only action by Congress can bring real finality to this issue, we believe an appeal of the recent federal court decision could set back those congressional efforts. Therefore, we request your assistance in ensuring that we can eradicate this discriminatory law permanently and urge the Justice Department to choose not to appeal any court decision that would keep this law in place.

SOLDIERS DESERVE EXPLANATION, BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY, ACTION, TO ENSURE BALLOTS ARRIVE ON TIME

State Senator John J. Bonacic (R/I/C - Mt. Hope) is calling on the Chairpersons of the Senate and Assembly Elections Committees, to direct the Commissioners of Elections in all counties which did not meet the October 1, 2010 deadline to send out military ballots, to explain in writing, under penalty of perjury, why the deadline was not met.

The Obama administration had extended the national deadline for New York to send out military ballots. The new deadline granted by the Obama administration was October 1. Still, several counties, including the City of New York, reportedly have missed the deadline.

"The right to vote is sacred to our democracy. Denying military voters the ability to vote is offensive. While they are out in Afghanistan and Iraq and elsewhere around the world, promoting democracy, their rights are being trampled at home by bureaucrats in Washington and Albany. Our soldiers deserve an explanation and a promise that it will never happen again, and deserve it to be made right this year," Bonacic said.

Bonacic stressed this was both about accountability for this year's disastrous effort to get the military ballots out, but also about ensuring future mistakes are not made. "The blame game does not fix past mistakes, but it does ensure accountability for the errors which were made, and helps the State and local governments see what they can do to make sure this mistake does not happen again," Bonacic said.

Bonacic noted that one county in his Senate District reportedly sent the ballots out Monday, October 4th, instead of the deadline, Friday, October 1, because there was flooding throughout that county on October 1.

"There may be some good excuses, but to me, with something this important, if the ballots could have gone out on Monday, they could have just as easily gone out the Thursday before, unless the ballots were not in hand at the local board of elections. These are the questions that the voter deserve to know the answers to, and the Boards of Elections must figure out how to avoid these mistakes next year."

Bonacic has urged the Chairpersons of the Senate and Assembly Elections Committees to follow up with local Boards of Elections and the Department of Defense to monitor receipt of the ballots overseas, and to ensure whatever steps necessary are taken to ensure the ballots reach overseas in time for the soldiers to vote. "I agree with Senator Schumer - put the ballots on a plane and start flying the ballots now," Bonacic concluded.

UC REPUBLICANS EMBRACE PALADINO FOLLOWING HATEFUL STATEMENTS

Two days after Republican gubernatorial candidate Carl Paladino distributed a speech condemning "dysfunctional homosexuals" and just a day after he doubled-down on his bigotry, saying that he did not regret his statements at all, Ulster County Republicans welcomed Paladino to New Paltz and Kingston. Paladino also stated that children should not be "brainwashed" into thinking that homosexuality is "an equally valid option" and criticized Andrew Cuomo as not "normal" for permitting his children attend a gay pride parade. Paladino himself has a child from an extramarital affair. Paladino's anti-gay tirade comes as suicides among gay youth and hate crimes against gays are on the rise, including a horrific gang assault just days ago in the Bronx. In the wake of the candidate's hateful rhetoric even the State Chairman of the Republican Party has distanced himself from Paladino, stating that the candidate can "speak for himself" and formally condemning "any remarks that can be construed as homophobic." (Next Col.)

No such condemnation has been forthcoming, however, from the Ulster County Republican Party or its candidates. The Ulster County Republican Party was a strong early supporter of Paladino, formally endorsing him in the Republican primary in September.

Ulster County Democratic Chair Julian Schreiber called on the Republican leadership and candidates to take a stand against bigotry and repudiate Paladino's divisive rhetoric. "It is bad enough that Chairwoman Yess, Fawn Tantillo, Peter Rooney and the other candidates have all been silent in the face of Paladino's outrageous attacks, but now they are welcoming this spokesperson for hate to our community. If they embrace the messenger, voters must conclude that they embrace the message."

HINCHEY STATEMENT ON KARL ROVE'S SECRETIVE BILLIONAIRE-BACKED GROUP SPENDING AT LEAST \$300,000 IN ATTEMPT TO BUY NY-22 FOR CORPORATE AMERICA

Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) released the following statement regarding the announcement that American Crossroads -- a secret billionaire-backed, out-of-state, special interest group led by former President George W. Bush's top adviser Karl Rove -- will be spending at least \$300,000 in an attempt to defeat him.

"This election is about who you stand with: the middle class or big corporations. People know who I side with, and now they know who sides with George Phillips.

"Karl Rove is running a secretive group backed by billionaire-barons who are spending \$300,000, if not more, in an attempt to elect Phillips. They won't tell us who their donors are - but we know it is being run by corporate and foreign special interests who back the same policies George Phillips supports.

They're fighting against holding banks, insurance companies, credit card companies, predatory lenders and job exporting corporations accountable. They fight against ending tax-incentives for companies that ship our jobs overseas, and for huge new tax breaks for corporations and the extremely wealthy.

"In this economy, we need someone who stands with the middle-class - not someone who is backed by secretive foreign and corporate special interests. That's why I'm going to do everything I can to ensure that voters in the 22nd District see through the lies and the smears and look to where this message is really coming from - big corporates special interests who want to elect George Phillips to move their anti-middle class agenda forward.

"I'm calling on each and every resident in this congressional district, Democrat, Republican, Independent or otherwise to spread the word about what is being done. Our democracy depends on it. I also call on George Phillips to reject American Crossroads' involvement in this campaign and to call on the group to disclose its donors so that campaigns across the country aren't bought by secret corporate donors."

FREE GASLAND SCREENING

On Sunday, October 24th at 3:30 pm there will be a free screening of the 2010 Sundance Film Festival Special Jury Prize winning documentary *Gasland*, to be shown at the Cobleskill-Richmondville High School Theater. The film explores the potential impacts of hydrofracking (gas drilling) on the drinking water of rural communities across the country. As the possibility of wide-spread gas drilling looms in Schoharie and surrounding counties, this film becomes extremely important for both those who may be considering leasing their land for drilling and those who may live near potential drilling sites. This event is FREE to all and is handicap accessible.

Sponsored by Schoharie Valley Watch, Bethany Yarrow and Catskill Mountainkeeper. Schoharie Valley Watch and Catskill Mountainkeeper are 501 (C)(3) non-profit citizens groups. Bethany Yarrow is an acclaimed musician and community activist. For more information email info@catskillmountainkeeper.org or call 845-482-5400

LIBERTY FREE THEATRE OPENS FALL SEASON (From Pg. 1)

John Patrick Shanley's big breakthrough came in 1987 with the screenplay for the romantic comedy *Moonstruck*, which received an Oscar for Best Original Screenplay. He also received a Tony Award and a Pulitzer Prize for (Contd. Pg. 9)

his play *Doubt*.

Dana Priebe is a graduate of SUNY New Paltz where she studied performance and visual arts. At New Paltz she appeared as Ismene in *Antigone* and designed costumes for Company. She has been an integral part of the Liberty Free Theatre since its founding. She has appeared in *Face Divided*, *Why We Have a Body* and *Final Placement* among others at the theatre. Marshall Shnider is making his Liberty Free Theatre debut. He attended the Juillard School for Drama. His film work includes *Superman*, *Bang the Drum Slowly* and *An Unmarried Woman*. His TV appearances include *Kojak* and *The Doctors*. He's been on stage at the American Stage Festival, McCarter Theater, Goodman Theater, Philadelphia Drama Guild, Folger Theater and the Kennedy Center. On stage he has been seen as Richard III, Benedick, the Son in *Six Characters in search of an Author*, and Torvald in *The Wild Duck*. Gabriel Sloyer is also making his Liberty free Theatre debut. He has performed at The Puerto Rican Traveling Theater, The Baryshnikov Arts Center, the SoHo Playhouse, Yale Repertory Theater, and Gardzienice in Poland. With the Moscow Art Theater he performed the role of Andrei in *Three Sisters*. Gabriel studied acting at Yale University, appearing as Shakespeare's Romeo, Eddie in *Fool For Love*, and Orpheus in *Project O: Don't Look Back!* Gabriel grew up in Narrowsburg and is participating in the growth of Stranahan Theater for the Arts on Main Street.

SENIOR WRITING WORKSHOP IN WOODSTOCK TO CELEBRATE 25TH ANNIVERSARY - Will Publish Anthology of Members' Work

To celebrate its 25th anniversary, the Writers Workshop of the Woodstock Senior Recreation Program will publish a collection of short stories, poems and non-fiction written by its current and former members.

Writers at all levels of experience age 55 and above are invited to join the group, which meets in the Community Center, Rock City Road, Woodstock, from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. on the first and third Thursdays of each month.

No fee is required to participate in the workshop or anthology. The workshop stresses trying out new forms and content in a supportive atmosphere. For further information, phone (845) 679-2880.

SINK YOUR TEETH INTO 'DRACULA' AT THE RIVOLI... (From Pg. 1)

Just in time for Halloween, the Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop presents a steamy, scary stage version of 'Dracula' for six performances (October 22 - 31) in the newly restored Rivoli Theatre in South Fallsburg.

Adapted for the stage by Hamilton Deane and John L. Balderston, 'Dracula' remains one of the great mystery thrillers of all time. Lucy Seward, whose father is in charge of an English sanatorium, has been attacked by a mysterious illness. Dr. VanHelsing, a world-famous scientist, determines that the girl is the victim of a vampire - a creature that survives by moving at night and living off the blood of its victims. Under the inspired direction of Matt Meinsen, the show features solid acting by a competent cast comprised of Jill Carroll, Rich Hotaling, Jim Pillmeier, Sal Polichetti, Ken Tschan, Tom Delfavero, Ellen Pavloff and Meinsen, himself in the title role. Nancy Briggs-Talarico is the seasoned Stage Manager. Talented Technical Direction by Jim Schmidt, period costumes by Ed Berens, makeup by Melissa McTague and Ann Finneran and sets by Matt Meinsen and Harold Tighe all combine to make this production truly spectacular. Set all in greyscale - black, white and shades of grey comprise all set pieces, costumes - even the makeup.

The Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop has been producing quality, award-winning live theatre in the Catskills since 1950 - closing its 60th Anniversary Season with 'Dracula.' Exciting, sensual, and with a few surprises, the classic tale arrives just in time for Halloween to the newly restored, heated, Nartoff-Wells Auditorium of the Rivoli Theatre, 5243 Main Street (Route 42), South Fallsburg, NY. Performances of 'Dracula' are Friday and Saturday, October 22, 23, 29, 30 at 8:00 pm, Sunday, October 24 at 2:00 pm and on Halloween - Sunday, October 31 at 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$15 for Adults, \$12 for Senior Citizens (60+) and \$7 for Students with a valid Student ID. Please note, the show contains fog effects, sensuality, smoking and scenes in complete (Next Col.)

darkness. Parental discretion is strongly advised. Don't miss our Friday night specials - in an effort to make live theatre more accessible, for those unable to afford regular ticket prices, attend any Friday performance, set your own price and "pay what you can!" Advance ticket sales available online @ www.ShowTix4U.com or tickets will be available at the box office one hour prior to curtain for each performance. 'Dracula' is presented by special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc. For additional information, phone (845) 436-5336 or visit www.scdw.net

MIKE AND RUTHY FOLK/ROCK CONCERT AT TUSTEN THEATRE (From Pg. 1)

The new album, which threatens to break all the rules of the rock-folk-Americana genre, weaves together folky banjo with bar-room blues and the gorgeous harmonies of Mike and Ruthy, who have clearly been spending the last ten years honing their vocal blend. With its soft, breathy delivery, Mike's voice (not to mention songwriting) has been compared to Paul Simon, and indeed the vocal duets on this album will call to the listener's mind that particular quintessential duo.

Mike and Ruthy met in New York City, just out of college. Daughter to Hudson Valley fiddling legend Jay Ungar and folk-singer Lyn Hardy, Ruthy's past was steeped in the folk tradition. Mike had his musical roots planted in the ska-punk and rock scene. The two formed the folk-rock behemoth The Mammals. Now married and settled outside Woodstock, NY, they tour both as a duo and with a full band.

Tusten Theatre is located at 210 Bridge Street, Narrowsburg, NY. Tickets are \$15 and are available through the Tusten Theatre box office at 845-252-7272, or at the door that evening. DVAA members receive a \$2 discount on advance sales. For more information, visit www.ArtsAllianceSite.org.

Presented by Delaware Valley Arts Alliance (DVAA), the Tusten Theatre fall season is made possible in part by a grant from the Presenting Program of the New York State Council on the Arts, celebrating 50 years of building strong, creative communities in New York's 62 counties.

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Suggested donation of \$10. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. For reservations or more information, please call ASK at 845-338-0331.

NOVEMBER BRINGS ANIMAL HOUSE AND A SOLO SHOW BY VINDERS WIXOM TITLE CROSSINGS; BORDERS/BRIDGES/BARRIERS TO ASK

The Arts Society of Kingston (ASK) is proud to welcome "Crossings: Borders/Bridges/Barriers," featuring the artwork of its Executive Director, Vindora Wixom, to the Main Gallery during the month of November. The Lounge Gallery will feature "Animal House," a Members' Exhibition. The shared opening reception will take place during (Next Col.)

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"Crossings: Borders / Bridges / Barriers"

Vindora Wixom's art is truly a family affair: she started painting and working in wire media in earnest around 1992, following her father's sudden death in Germany. Ervin Hontscher, an ethnic German born in Constanza, Romania, had been an extremely talented watercolorist. As so many who work in this difficult medium, he was very fast, and the first impression had to count. He painted many scenes from his native Constanza, some of which Vindora brought to America in 1985 when she came to be with her husband, Richard Wixom, in Kingston.

As it turned out, the artistic talent extended to Vindora's daughter Romina: from an early age Romina showed talent, interest, and enthusiasm for drawing and painting, so it was only natural that mother and daughter began taking painting classes together. One of their first endeavors was a mother-daughter show in the local library, where their works graced the children's section for several years. Romina is now completing her master's degree in Art Education at Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, and hopes to begin a career in arts education.

Vindora's November show at ASK represents a longstanding invitation by the ASK Gallery Committee, where she serves as the part-time Executive Director and volunteer in chief. In recognition of Vindora's long association with and important contributions to the success of ASK, the Gallery Committee asked her to provide the work for a solo show in the Main Gallery. The result of a long preparation is "Crossings," a show that incorporates Vindora's globe-encompassing life stages: from her work as a cruise director on the Black Sea and the Danube some images of the Bosphorus Bridge, linking Asia and Europe, and the Iron Gate of the Danube. Defecting from Communist Romania in 1975 via the Danube in Vienna, Vindora made her way to Germany, represented by the Rhine and the Cologne Cathedral in her "Cologne on the Rhine" image; and finally to America and her beloved Hudson Valley, where she finds inspiration from the Kingston-Rhinecliff Bridge, with our beautiful Catskills as a backdrop.

In addition to the oil paintings, a special installation in wire will represent her entanglement in the Iron Curtain, a barrier she broke through along with so many others seeking the simple freedoms we all enjoy in the West. Many other works in wire are whimsical and fantastic, and represent a humorous or fantastic view of their subjects.

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WHO IS JACK?

Nursery Rhymes have historically been used to express opinions that could not be spoken freely. Some seemingly silly rhymes included political statements which if they had been spoken straightforward, would have been punishable by death.

The actual history of nursery rhymes goes back centuries to when the written language was scarce or limited to the highly educated gentry. A quarter of nursery rhymes are believed to be at least 200 years old. While their reflections of society may be outdated, their popularity and message is not. Peek-a-boo is probably the oldest of all English language nursery rhymes with the earliest documented variation mentioned as early as 1364.

Most nursery rhymes were from Europe, particularly England, but a few came from others areas of the world. Rhymes seem to be a branch of poetry and an expression of speech which was not a right in many countries of Europe.

We all recall the popular Jack, in many of the rhymes, who was sort of an archetypal hero. For example, it is believed that Jack and Jill is based on French history. Jack, personifying King Louis XVI, who was beheaded in 1793 (lost his crown) followed by his Queen Marie Antoinette, Jill (who came tumbling after).

The first copy of the rhyme was actually found in print two years later in 1795.

There are two theories about Jack Sprat. One version of this English rhyme is that Jack Sprat is King Charles I (1625-1649) and his Queen Henrietta Maria (1609-1669). When King Charles (Jack Sprat) declared war on Spain, parliament refused to finance him (leaving him lean). So after the angered King dissolved Parliament, his wife imposed an illegal war tax (to get some fat).

The second theory portrays Jack Sprat as Richard the Lionheart (Richard I, 1157-1199) and his younger brother King John (1166-1216).

In 1189 John (Jack Sprat) married Joan, the ambitious and greedy daughter and heiress of the Earl of Gloucester ("Joan ate all the fat").

When King Richard went on Crusade, 1190-1194, John attempted to take the crown of England. On his return from the Crusades King Richard was taken hostage by Duke Leopold demanding a ransom of 150,000 marks. John reluctantly had to raise the ransom, leaving the country destitute for years and reducing John's inheritance (they picked it clean). The ransom was paid and Richard was released.

John was crowned King of England following the death of Richard in 1199. He had his marriage to Joan annulled and then ditched her, therefore she was never acknowledged as queen. She then married again to Geoffrey de Mandeville and when that didn't work, she married her third husband, Hubert de Burgh.

And of course, we were all reminded last week of a familiar old-timer, Jack Frost. In English folklore, Jack Frost appears as an elfish creature who personifies crisp, cold, winter weather; a variant of Father Winter (also known as "Old Man Winter"). Some historians believe this representation of Jack originated in Germanic folklore specifically in the Anglo-Saxon and Norse winter customs. Tradition holds Jack Frost responsible for leaving frosty crystal patterns on windows on cold mornings.

Despite the fact that "Jack is Back" in the area, the chill that is in the night air did not stop a number of hearty campers from enjoying the great outdoors this weekend at the Peekamoose Campgrounds in Sundown.

It has been a busy year at the campgrounds, and based on the past few years, the camping season for some even goes through the winter. Last year, there were several campers who set their tents up in the snow! Very beautiful to look at, but I am so happy we live just down the road where our old woodstove adds just the right atmosphere, while the thermostat does the real trick!

It has been a beautiful fall, and certainly we cannot really complain about the cold yet, but we know it is coming! So get out those warm blankets and wooley warm long Johns. Interesting, Jack is a diminutive form of the name John, is that just a coincidence? That will take a bit more research when young Jack Frost begins to evolve into Old Man Winter, and I have a bit more time as sit in my warm cozy chair next to the crackling fire in woodstove!



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CONGRESSMAN CALLS FOR FBI OFFICE TO BE RELOCATED IN NEWBURGH

Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) today requested that the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) relocate the FBI's Hudson Valley Resident Agency office from Goshen to the City of Newburgh. Hinchey cited the high incidence of drug and violent gang crime in Newburgh, stressing the need to locate critical federal crime fighting resources in a community that is struggling to combat high rates of violent crime and gang activity. The full text of Hinchey's letter to Acting Regional GSA Administrator John Scoria follows.

October 13, 2010

Mr. John Scoria
 Acting Regional Administrator, Northeast and Caribbean Region
 US General Services Administration
 26 Federal Plaza
 New York, NY 10278

Dear Mr. Scoria:

I am writing to urge the General Services Administration to relocate the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Hudson Valley Resident Agency offices from Goshen to the City of Newburgh. The FBI's full-time presence in Newburgh, New York would be invaluable to local crime fighting agencies in combating the high incidence of drug and gang related violence in the City of Newburgh and provide a strong message of hope to this struggling community.

As you know federal, state and local law enforcement agencies collaborated in an unprecedented show of force resulting in the arrest of 72 gang members during a sting operation in the City of Newburgh in May. This coordinated undertaking was a much-needed first step to combat the high incidence of gang-related crime that has plagued this city. Unfortunately, the issue of drug and gang violence in Newburgh remains far from resolved. A permanent presence by the FBI in Newburgh would certainly help to address the city's unacceptable crime rate and thereby support efforts to revitalize this historic community and return it to its former glory as the "Jewel of the Hudson."

Relative to other municipalities across the country, Newburgh, has seen disproportionately high rates of assault and murder in the last several years -- making Newburgh among the most violent cities per capita in the nation. The problem of gang violence is fueled by a significant market for illegal drugs that are purchased in Newburgh and distributed throughout the state. The violence in this small city of 29,000 residents is so pronounced that it has drawn national media attention and prompted statements of concern from both President Obama and Attorney General Eric Holder. Clearly, the crime problems demand increased attention and resources from all levels of government.

I strongly support the requests from the Newburgh community to relocate the FBI's Hudson Valley Resident Agency offices to the City to provide additional crime fighting support and help to alleviate the high incidence of drug and gang violence that currently cripples the city. Thank you in advance for your consideration and assistance in this important matter.

Sincerely,
 Maurice D. Hinchey

cc: Robert S. Muller III, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

HINCHEY WORKING TO HELP RURAL HOSPITALS

Ellenville, NY - Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) today joined the United States Department of Health and Human Services Region II Director Jaime Torres and staff from Ellenville Regional Hospital for a conversation on what the federal government is doing to help rural hospitals attract the staff they need to provide adequate health services for area residents. Hinchey highlighted a number of recent pieces of legislation he voted for to help rural hospitals attract qualified nurses and doctors. He also discussed efforts the Ellenville hospital has undertaken to advance recruitment through a new program called HealthMatch, which is being done in conjunction with the Catskill Hudson Area Health Education Center.

"Hospitals in rural settings face a unique set of challenges and there are a number of initiatives I have worked on to help address those challenges," said Hinchey. "One of the problems they face is trouble recruiting an adequate number of qualified nurses and doctors. What I've worked to do is to expand the National Health Service Corporation, which provides scholarships and student loan repayment assistance to help nurses and doctors who agree to serve in a designated Health Professional Shortage Area. It's been a tremendously popular program. We've made some great progress, but today was a good chance to check in and listen about what else is being done and what else can be done to address this situation."

Ellenville Regional Hospital is located in a Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA); a geographic area, population group, medical facility, or other public facility the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has designated as having an inadequate supply of qualified health care providers.

Hinchey voted to pass the Affordable Care Act, now law, which reauthorizes and expands numerous existing health workforce programs. The law also creates several new workforce programs to increase training experiences in rural areas. Research has found that location and experience during residency training is an important factor in determining future practice.

The health care reform law also expanded a program to provide scholarships and student loan repayments for medical students, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, and others who agree to a period of service as a primary care provider in full-time clinical practice in a federally designated HPSA.

In addition to discussing federal resources available to Ellenville Regional, Hinchey also listened to a presentation on HealthMatch, a collaborative new doctor recruitment effort between the hospital and the Catskill Hudson Area Health Education Center.

HealthMatch is a health professional recruitment service designed specifically for small and rural communities in New York State. It provides the expertise and real-world experience to effectively match the right primary care providers with communities in need. The collaborative effort helps bring the commitment of health care, business, and civic leaders together in order to provide increased local access to quality healthcare throughout New York State.

In March, Hinchey voted to pass the Affordable Care Act, which is the most significant piece of health care reform legislation since the creation of Medicare in 1965. He was also present for the president's signing of the bill into law at the White House. The measure improves coverage for 415,000 residents in the congressman's district who already have insurance. It provides tax credits to make health care more affordable for another 158,000 families and 15,100 small businesses, and extends coverage to 47,000 uninsured residents. It has already ended insurance denials to children with pre-existing conditions and is helping 10,900 residents with pre-existing conditions find insurance. In addition, 68,000 young adults are now able to obtain coverage through their parents' insurance plans until their 26th birthdays.

PROPERTY TAX CAP MUST INCLUDE MANDATE REFORM- CAP SIMPLY LOCKS IN HIGH PROPERTY TAXES

Any property tax cap proposal in New York State must be accompanied by real reform to the State's broken public service delivery system that requires county property taxpayers to fund Medicaid and a full array of State human service programs, according to the New York State Association (Next Col.)

of Counties (NYSAC).

NYSAC this week launched a campaign to raise awareness to the fact that county property tax levies are set in the State Capitol, not in county legislative chambers.

Today, the association released a presentation discussing the impact that Medicaid and other State mandates have on county budgets and property tax levies. To view the video, visit http://www.nysac.org/Policy_and_Research/9_For_90_Slideshow.php.

Currently, 9 State mandates consume 90 percent of the county property tax levy statewide. In some individual counties, the percentage of the tax levy is much greater than that. The mandated programs include: Medicaid; Public Assistance/Safety Net; Child Welfare; Preschool Special Education; Early Intervention; Indigent Defense; Probation; Youth Detention; Pensions

"In Rockland County, Medicaid alone consumes more than 100% of the property tax levy," said NYSAC Executive Director Stephen J. Acquario. "If we want to reduce property taxes-and we need to-then we must remove Medicaid from the property tax equation. Property taxpayers are footing the bill for the State's decisions and programs and that must stop."

In 2010, county property taxes collected statewide (outside of New York City) was approximately \$4.4 billion. Nearly \$4 billion of these taxes are dedicated to fund these State programs. Medicaid alone (outside of New York City) consumes more than \$2 billion, or 45%, of the statewide county property tax levy.

HINCHEY SLAMS PHILLIPS FOR MEETING WITH GROUP OF WALL STREET CAMPAIGN DONORS Effort to Raise Funds from Those Responsible for Economic Collapse Underscores Whose Side Phillips Is On

Congressman Maurice Hinchey today slammed George Phillips for participating in a meeting this morning with Wall Street executives in an attempt to win their campaign contributions. These are the same Wall Street executives whose greed and risky gambles helped lead to the recent economic collapse.

The news report of Phillips's planned attendance at the 'Monday Meeting' with Wall Street executives comes less than one week after American Crossroads, a group of secret corporate donors led by Karl Rove, began operating as an offshoot of the Phillips campaign and launched hundreds of thousands of dollars in vicious smear ads against Hinchey.

"The Wall Street executives that George Phillips is meeting with today and the corporate billionaire backers of American Crossroads are supporting him because they know that he would be their mouthpiece in Congress. They know that if they help elect him, that George Phillips would take their marching orders and advance their interests since they financed his campaign. George Phillips has already said that he wants to start privatizing Social Security, which would put more taxpayer money in the hands of these same Wall Street executives while jeopardizing the very existence of the program," Hinchey said.

"There is a reason these groups and individuals are opposing me: it's because I've spent my entire life fighting against their corporate greed and standing up for the middle class. Watching corporate money from outside special interest groups flood the airwaves along with this latest attempt to secure funding from Wall Street executives demonstrates quite clearly whose side George Phillips is really on. The future of our democracy is at stake in this election. We cannot allow this election to be bought by the highest bidder" The election is on November 2.

REP. MURPHY AND USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT PRESENT A \$49,841 RENEWABLE ENERGY GRANT TO COLUMBIA COUNTY RECIPIENT

Rep. Scott Murphy (NY-20) joined U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development State Director Jill Harvey Tuesday morning to award a \$49,841 renewable energy grant to Columbia Falls.

The presentation took place at Solaqua Power and Art in Chatham. Jody Rael, owner of Columbia Falls and Solaqua Power and Art, accepted the ceremonial check.

The financing will be used to install a 40.3 kilowatt photovoltaic system that will power SunDog Solar's solar equipment manufacturing division at Solaqua Power & Art and to power the Solaqua Solar Center, where renewable energy technologies classes are held.

"We need to continue to invest in clean, renewable energy," said Rep. Murphy. "With this funding,

SunDog Solar will be able to power (Next Col.)

a new manufacturing division through a photovoltaic solar system. By providing funding to new and innovative groups, such as SunDog Solar, we will help create jobs here in Columbia County and work to bring new economic development into the region."

"Renewable energy and energy efficiency projects like these are good for the economy, good for the environment and good for the farms and small businesses that save money by installing it," said Jill Harvey, State Director for USDA Rural Development in New York. "The Rural Energy for America Program grant process is an extremely competitive one and our recipients had to demonstrate their project's merit and provide matching funds to qualify. I congratulate Columbia Falls on its success."

The funding was made available through USDA's Rural Energy for America Program (REAP), which provides grants and loan guarantees to farms and rural small businesses for renewable energy systems, energy efficiency improvements, feasibility studies and energy audits. The program requires matching funds on the part of the farmer or business owner and grants are limited to 25 percent of a project's total costs. Loan guarantees can cover up to 75 percent of project's costs, which is also the limit for those who receive both grants and loan guarantees.

USDA Rural Development's mission is to increase economic opportunity and improve the quality of life for rural residents. Rural Development fosters growth in homeownership, finances business development and supports the creation of critical community and technology infrastructure. Further information on rural programs is available by calling the state office at (315) 477-6400 or by visiting USDA Rural Development's web site at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/ny>.

PONZI CASE PENDING

U.S. Senate hopeful Joe DiGuardi prides himself on his accounting expertise but said he had "nothing to do" with an alleged \$1.7 billion Ponzi scheme that federal authorities have been probing, despite being paid a consultant for a subsidiary of the company that is now in question.

The Daily News reported that the former Republican congressman accepted \$5,000 a month from Medical Capital Corp., a subsidiary of Medical Capital Holdings, which is in the midst of the Securities and Exchange Commission investigation for bilking investors. The case is pending.

According to reports prosecutors in the case said, "DiGuardi is not 'new' management, but rather an 'old crony' of 'the management charged with fraud' and has been on their payroll since at least 2004."

Since the managers didn't tell the court about DiGuardi's background with the company, the SEC said their "attempt to hide their connections to so-called 'new' management shows that there is a genuine danger that 'new' management is connected to the original fraudulent scheme."

DiGuardi agreed to help the company reorganize to avoid bankruptcy after the SEC charges were disclosed, a campaign aide said. A judge denied MCH's request.

DiGuardi, a certified public accountant from Ossining, is running against Democrat Kirsten Gillibrand.

YOUNGSVILLE SCHOOL IS CONDUCTING AIR QUALITY TESTING

On October 13th, Sullivan County BOCES started the preparation process at the Youngsville School to undergo air quality tests to ensure the building is in compliance with the Environmental Protection Agencies (EPA) protocols. BOCES has contracted with Jennings Environmental Management Inc. to complete the testing.

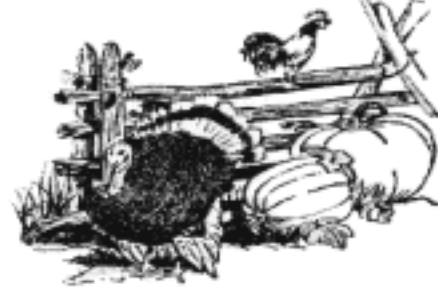
As a precaution the basement and one remote closet have been sealed off to ensure the safety of students and staff by eliminating any exposure to any hazardous material in the event that the testing disturbs any hazardous material such as asbestos, which is known as a standard material used to construct buildings prior to 1985.

The air quality samples will be sent to an independent testing laboratory. It is expected to take 10 to 14 days to get the results back. If for some reason, the results require any corrective action BOCES will work with the environmental company to complete any recommendations.

The air quality testing will have no instructional impact on the school and will remain open to students.

If you have any questions please contact Larry Thomas, District Superintendent at Sullivan County BOCES at (845) 295-4015.

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 Serving 7:00 until 12:00 Noon
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ADULTS \$8
CHILDREN 5 TO 11 YEARS \$4,
UNDER 5 YEARS FREE
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Cornell Cooperative Extension of Sullivan County's
96th Annual Meeting
 Friday, October 22, 2010
 Jeffersonville Firehouse
 7:00 p.m. Chicken BBQ Dinner
 8:00 p.m. Business Meeting
 Raffle drawings all evening

Tickets in advance: \$10.00 adults-\$8.00 youth
 Tickets at the door: \$13.00 adults-\$11.00 youth

Winners of our calendar photo contest will be announced and displayed at this event!
 Calendars will be available for purchase.

Christmas Craft Fair
 November 6th from 10:00 - 4:00
 United Church of Roscoe
 Sponsored by the Women's Auxiliary

Vendors, baked goods, with light lunch available.

VENDORS WANTED!!
 Margie: 607-498-6056

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Pancake Breakfast

Hot Pancakes
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Sausage Gravy
 Real Maple Syrup from Muthig Farms
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Sunday, October 24, 2010
7 am to 12 pm
at the Neversink Fire Hall

Adults: \$7.00
Children under 12: \$3.50
Under 5: free

Benefit for the Youth Holiday Party Fund


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

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 The Little Church with the Big Heart
 Sundays 8:15 a.m. - Communion
 Music by Susan and Fred Van Wagner
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 845-887-4742




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 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
Nov 6, 2010
Sundown United Methodist Church
at the Sundown Church Hall

Thrift Sale 9-2 & Luncheon 11-1
Grahamsville United Methodist Church
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Nov. 2, 2010

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 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.
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Grahamsville Reformed Church
 Sunday School 9 A.M.
 Worship Service 10 A.M.
 Hymn Sing & Covered Dish Supper
 5:30/630 P.M. - 1st Sunday of the Month
 Looking for a Lifeguard?
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CONGRESSMAN HINCHEY'S EFFORTS EXPOSE MEDICARE FRAUD AND LEADS TO 40 INDICTMENTS

Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) received notification that his efforts to expose Medicare fraud led to a major crackdown today by law enforcement agencies. In a letter sent today from the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), Hinchey was notified that his efforts have helped federal prosecutors indict more than 40 people who had illegally billed Medicare for more than \$100 million in payments. The perpetrators allegedly used stolen identities of doctors and patients, including thousands from the Orange Regional Medical Center, to file false reimbursement requests for Medicare for procedures that were not performed. A number of local constituents had brought this issue to the attention of the Congressman's office.

"I am writing to give you some good news," read the letter from the CMS official. "In the past couple of years, you have written to us on behalf of several of your constituents who reported Medicare billings and payments for services they did not receive.... We are happy to report that law enforcement agents have identified the perpetrators of the crime and made multiple arrests throughout the country today."

According to a Department of Justice press release, across the country seventy-three defendants, including a number of alleged members and associates of an Armenian-American organized crime network, were charged in indictments unsealed today in five judicial districts with various health care fraud-related crimes involving more than \$163 million in fraudulent billing. According to the indictments, the defendants allegedly stole the identities of doctors and thousands of Medicare beneficiaries and operated at least 118 different phony clinics in 25 states for the purposes of submitting Medicare reimbursements.

"I've been concerned about reports of Medicare fraud for a number of years now because we simply cannot afford it and such crimes undermine this tremendously important healthcare program," said Hinchey. "Those who steal from Medicare put health care for millions of seniors at risk and need to be caught and punished for their crimes. I want to specifically recognize Carmel Wilson in my Middletown District Office for her vigilance in carrying this issue forward after multiple reports from local seniors. We will continue to work to hold accountable those who steal from and abuse the Medicare trust fund, and I encourage anyone out there who is aware of any similar type of fraudulent activity to report that activity to my office immediately."

Hinchey has long fought to preserve and strengthen Medicare. Most recently, he voted to pass legislation that extended the solvency of the Medicare trust fund for nine years. This legislation also contained provisions to reduce payment errors, waste, fraud and abuse to make Medicare more efficient while returning those savings to the Trust Fund to strengthen Medicare for years to come. Hinchey has also worked to improve the prescription drug benefits offered through Medicare. He voted to eliminate the gap in prescription drug coverage known as the donut hole, and had been a tireless advocate for provisions which would allow CMS to negotiate drug prices - an action which would save taxpayers \$156 billion over ten years.

CAHILL URGES NEWS CORP AND CABLEVISION TO LEAVE VIEWERS OUT OF CONTRACT DISPUTE -World Series and NY Giants Broadcasts at Risk

Assemblymember Kevin Cahill (D-Ulster, Dutchess) is insisting that representatives from Cablevision Systems Corporation and News Corporation provide access to full programming for his constituents while they negotiate for a new contract. The current agreement between the two corporations expires today, and if no agreement is made, customers will be denied viewing privileges to WNYW and WWOR (NY channels 5 and 9) which are home to very popular fall sports line ups, including the World Series.

"New York fans should not have to suffer through a stand-off between two corporate giants while being robbed of the opportunity to watch the real Giants stifle opposing offenses or Derek Jeter take on Roy Halladay or Tim Lincecum," said Kevin Cahill. "I hope News Corporation and Cablevision can settle their differences without dragging their paying viewers into the middle of their dispute."

"The stakes for consumers are particularly high given that WNYW will air the National League Championship Series and then the World Series, where in all likelihood, the winner of the NLCS will be facing our New York Yankees," Assemblymember Cahill said. "WNYW is also the carrier of many New York Giant games following the October 15, 2010 expiration. Whatever differences the parties have over price or terms, under no circumstances should the programming on WNYW and WWOR- and its exclusive sports broadcasts - be denied to New York fans."

Cablevision and News Corp. have been in a battle over increased fee charges for this year - a hike from \$70 million to \$150 million - that in turn has led to a standoff between the two companies.

"Viewers deserve full access to the programming for which they have paid and expect to receive. In no way should they be forced to suffer on account of this dispute. New York fans are passionate about their sports teams and to prohibit their access to the biggest events of the season is just not fair," said Assemblymember Cahill.

AT SENATOR GILLIBRAND'S URGING, USTR TO INVESTIGATE CHINA'S UNFAIR GREEN TECHNOLOGY TRADE PRACTICES - Feds Will Have 90 Days To Formally Investigate The Claims And Propose Corrective Action Petition Accuses China Of Providing Hundreds Of Billions Of Dollars In Illegal Subsidies And Support To Local Firms, Violating WTO

At U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand's urging, the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) will investigate alleged practices by the Chinese government that protect Chinese producers of renewable and alternative energy products - including wind turbines, solar panels, next generation batteries and energy efficient vehicles. Last month, the United Steelworkers (USW) filed a petition to the asserting that China has provided more than \$200 billion in subsidies and support to their local firms in violation of their World Trade Organization (WTO) agreements. Senator Gillibrand immediately called on the USTR to investigate these practices and not allow China to grant its producers an unfair upper hand. The USTR will have 90 days for formally investigate the claims and propose corrective action.

"We must make sure that America's renewable energy producers and manufacturers are on a level playing field with their Chinese counterparts," said Senator Gillibrand. "New York is poised to seize tremendous economic opportunity in the renewable energy sector. However, we must ensure that American manufacturers and innovators are on a level playing field. We cannot allow other countries to corner the market through unfair and illegal trade practices. I am pleased that the USTR will investigate these practices and urge them to take strong action to enforce our trade agreements to protect New York jobs."

China has been accused by many observers of providing export subsidies for Chinese alternative energy firms and placing export restrictions on key components and resources needed by companies around the globe to develop green technologies.

America's trade balance has shifted from a surplus in high-tech goods during the 1990s to a deficit of over \$135 billion today. Currently, more than 70 percent of the components of clean energy systems are produced outside the U.S. China spends \$51 million a day on clean energy manufacturing, using unfair subsidies and discriminatory tactics.

The USW petition lists a number of steps China has taken a number of steps that have the effect of unfairly damaging U.S. producers of clean energy technologies in favor of their Chinese counterparts. Many of these actions appear to be violations of China's accession agreements to the WTO and WTO membership rules. The petition allegations include that China is illegally blocking foreign access to green energy materials of production, providing subsidies for Chinese exports, reducing clean energy imports, and demanding foreign investors hand over trade secrets.

For example, China effectively requires foreign firms seeking to engage in joint investment ventures in China to transfer technology to their domestic partners. This potentially undermines years of American investments in research into clean energy technology and makes America less competitive. Recent news reports have identified additional subsidies and benefits granted to Chinese exporters of green products, from exceptionally low interest loans to access to low-cost land in prime areas.

HINCHEY HIGHLIGHTS TAX CUTS AT REGIONAL SMALL BUSINESS FORUM

Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) hosted a Hudson Valley Region Small Business Forum at the State University of New York at New Paltz. The purpose of the event was to help inform small business owners of federal and state tax credits and new lending initiatives designed to spur new investment and job creation.

"As I've listened to small business owners throughout the Hudson Valley, I've heard over and over again about the struggles they face, particularly the high taxes and the limited access to loans and lines of credit," said Hinchey. "What I've found is that quite a few of these employers are not fully aware of new tax credits and financing programs that are available to them. That's why we held this forum today - because small business owners need to know about and access these incentives. Small business owners work hard and create the majority of new jobs. We've accomplished a lot in the past few years to support our local businesses, but there is so much more we've got to do. I'm going to continue fighting to do it."

Hinchey discussed the president's recent signing of the Small Business Jobs and Credit Act, which establishes a Small Business Lending Fund to extend \$300 billion in loans to small businesses. It also provides \$12 billion in small business tax cuts to spur investment, growth, new starts and hiring. Hinchey also noted that, in all, eight small business tax relief provisions have been passed into law during the current congress. They are as follows:

1. A payroll tax holiday for businesses that hire unemployed workers and an income tax credit of \$1,000 for businesses that retain these employees. According to the Treasury Department, between February and June 2010, businesses had hired 5.6 million workers who had been unemployed for 8 weeks or longer, making those businesses eligible for HIRE Act tax exemptions and credits. (HIRE Act, PL 111-147)
2. \$40 billion in tax credits to help small businesses offer employee health insurance coverage - if they choose to do so. These tax credits cover a portion of the premium costs for employees' coverage. More than 4 million small businesses are eligible for these credits. (Affordable Care Act, PL 111-148)
3. An allowance for small businesses to use net operating losses to offset profits from five previous years, up from two years. (Worker, Homeownership and Business Assistance Act, PL 111-92;)
4. Enhanced small business expensing, doubling the amount small businesses can immediately write off their taxes for capital investments and purchases of new equipment. (Recovery Act, PL 111-5) The HIRE Act also extended the enhanced small business expensing provisions for investments and purchases made in 2010. (HIRE Act, PL 111-147)
5. Increased bonus depreciation for businesses that made investments in new plants and equipment to help businesses quickly recover costs of new capital investments. (Recovery Act, PL 111-5; Small Business Jobs and Credit Act)
6. An exclusion of 100 percent (up from 50 percent) of capital gains from taxes for investors in small businesses who buy stock and hold it for more than five years. (Recovery Act, PL 111-5, Small Business Jobs and Credit Act)
7. A Reduction to the required estimated tax payments for certain small businesses. (Recovery Act, PL 111-5, Small Business Jobs and Credit Act)
8. Tax relief for taxable corporations converting into S corporations achieved by reducing the built-in gains holding period from 10 years to 7 years (with gains held for the holding period exempt from tax). (Recovery Act, PL 111-5)

A panel discussion with federal and state agency representatives detailed the available tax credits and other incentives for small business and included a question and answer period following opening remarks by Hinchey. The event was free and open to the public, and cosponsored by SUNY at New Paltz School of Business, Business Alliance of Kingston, Dutchess County Regional Chamber, Kingston Uptown Business Association, Gateway to Entrepreneurial Tomorrows, Hudson Valley Economic Development Corporation, New Paltz Region Chamber of Commerce, Orange County Business Accelerator, Orange County Chamber of Commerce, Orange County Partnership, Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce, Sullivan County Partnership for Economic Development, Ulster County Development Corporation, Ulster County Industrial Development Agency, and Ulster County Regional Chamber of Commerce.

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GAMES & SOCIALIZING -FREE fun every Friday afternoon 1 pm - 4 pm in the upstairs meeting room in the Town Hall.

Look for coming details about Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 4

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Quote of the Week

No Goodness - No Peace
Know Goodness - Know Peace
-Anonymous-

AL-ANON MEETINGS

Monday 7:00 p.m. United Methodist Church, 170 N. Main Street, Liberty
Thursday 7:00 p.m. Immaculate Conception Church Annex, 6317 Route 42, Woodbourne
Saturday 8:00 p.m. United Methodist Church, 170 N. Main Street, Liberty
http://www.al-anon.alateen.org

GRAHAMSVILLE UMC THRIFT STORE UPDATES

The season of Tuesday Thrift Sales and Lunches is winding down at the Grahamsville United Methodist Church. The last Tuesday sale and luncheon is scheduled for November 2. Once again this winter, the first floor of the Thrift Building will remain open to receive donations of gently used clothing, household goods, and toys. In addition, Thrift Sales will be held on the third Saturday of each month throughout the fall and winter from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Don't miss these opportunities to shop and find special items and treasures!

The Food Pantry is gearing up for heavy use, responding to ever-increasing needs of individuals and families in our community. Donations of non-perishable food items and cash are always gratefully received. We are preparing now for delivery of Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets. Thank you to all of you who so generously support these ministries.

WORKING TO STOP AN INVASIVE PLANT Education Grant Awarded to Upper Delaware Scenic Byway

Sullivan Renaissance has awarded a 2010 Environmental Initiatives Grant to the Upper Delaware Scenic Byway, Inc. (UDSB) for a public education project targeting the invasive plant species Japanese Knotweed.

A campaign featuring a new brochure and a series of seminars will raise awareness of the detrimental effects of Japanese Knotweed (Polygonum cuspidatum) on the Upper Delaware Scenic Byway corridor and offer potential eradication strategies.

The aggressive proliferation of this hardy, herbaceous perennial threatens to displace the river valley's native plants and diminish the region's viewshed appeal.

A working group comprised of representatives from UDSB, Inc., the Lumberland Environmental Council and the National Park Service's Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River Resource Management Division began meeting in October.

UDSB and its partners will research, draft, and publish a brochure that updates a May 2005 "Spread the Word, Not the Weed" pamphlet that was produced by the Japanese Knotweed Initiative under the sponsorship of the Callicoon Creek Park Committee, Delaware River Foundation, and New York State Council of Trout Unlimited. A direct mailing to property owners will aid in the brochure's distribution in early 2011.

A series of four free seminars, with (Next Col.)

- 10/24/10 Grahamsville Methodist Church Pot-Luck Supper/stories and pictures, shared by the Grahamsville UMC Mission Team. 5-7 p.m.-bring a dish-to-pass, and a friend! 985-2283.
10/24/10 Neversink Fire Dept All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast-7am-12 noon
10/26/10 Town of Neversink Parks & Recreation 7 pm - Upstairs Meeting Room 10/2/10
10/26/10 Basic Caregiving Skills Cornell Cooperative Extension SC 4-6 pm -RSVP at 292-5250 by October 22
10/28/10 Time and the Valleys Trustees Meeting 7:00 pm
10/29/10 SLAC Monthly meeting Legislative Hearin Rm Govt. Ctr Monticello - 10 am
11/1/10 Time and the Valleys Work Committee Meeting 12:30
11/2/10 Grahamsville Methodist Church Thrift Sale (9-2) and Luncheon (11-1)
11/2/10 TOWN OF NEVERSINK HOLIDAY - ELECTION DAY
11/3/10 Town of Denning Board Meeting 7:00 pm Denning Town Hall
11/3/10 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting
11/4/10 First Thursday Readers - Danial Pierce Library - 1:00 pm. All invited.
11/6/10 Sundown Methodist Church Covered Dish Supper - 5:30 pm Sundown Church Hall
11/6/10 12TH ANNUAL VETERAN'S DAY PARADE Rt 42/52 (Main St.) Woodbourne - 1:00 pm
11/6/10 Grahamsville Reformed Church Roast Turkey Dinner - 4 - 7 pm
11/9/10 Town of Denning Business/Audit Meeting
11/10/10 Town of Neversink Town Board Meeting
11/11/10 VETERAN'S DAY - Town of Neversink Holiday
11/16/10 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals
11/17/10 Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Association
11/17/10 Neversink Fire District Monthly Meeting 7:30 -Public Meeting 8:00 pm
11/9/10 Town of Denning Audit Meeting 7:00 pm Denning Town Hall
11/20/10 Claryville Fire Dept Spaghetti Supper 4-8 pm.
11/23/10 Claryville Fire Dist regular meeting 7:00 pm
11/25 & 26/10 THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY - Town of Neversink Holiday
11/28/10 Claryville Fire Dept. Pancake Breakfast 7 am - Noon

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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

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

- SUNDOWN CAMP & BAIT SHOP
GRAHAMSVILLE DELI
GRAHAMSVILLE AUTOMOTIVE
CANNIE D'S
BLUE HILL LODGE
3 GOLDENS CONVENIENCE STORE
ARATI GIFT SHOP (Brickman Rd.)
E & H PAINTBALL (Loch Sheldrake)
VALERO MINI MALL (Loch Sheldrake)
WOODBOURNE CITGO STATION
MO'S GAS STATION (Woodbourne)
P.D. SMITH ENTERPRISE (Woodbourne)
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JAME'S NAPANOCH GROCERY
MATTHEW'S PHARMACY
NAPANOCH APPLIANCE
PETER'S MARKET

expert speakers and handouts, will follow at diverse locations and timeframes next spring throughout the UDSB region. Participants will receive information on Japanese Knotweed's characteristics, discussions of natural and chemical controls, and tips on how to prevent the invasive plant's further spread.

Sullivan Renaissance's \$1,900 grant will help UDSB to meet the required local match for a Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) National Scenic Byways Program grant that will provide \$12,400 in reimbursement funding for both the Japanese Knotweed campaign and an unrelated project to design, fabricate, and install eight UDSB interpretative panels in each member municipality along New York State Route 97.

For more information about the UDSB's Japanese Knotweed project, please call (845) 252-3022 or e-mail info@upperdelaware scenicbyway.org.

To learn about the UDSB organization and request a free travelogue brochure, visit: www.upperdelaware scenicbyway.org.

REFORMATION & THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION

On Sunday, November 14, 2010 at 4:00 pm, St. Paul's Lutheran Church at 24 Chestnut Street in Liberty, NY (next to the post office) will hold a concert with multi-church choir, vocalists, organ, piano and violin music, appropriate readings and a special visit from Martin Luther (impersonator, actually).

Following the concert, all are welcome to join in fellowship at a covered dish supper. Come, enjoy, share and socialize.

PHILLIPS ENDORSED BY KOCH

It is not at all surprising that the Phillips campaign is looking to change the subject from the economy and job creation after President Clinton gave a rousing endorsement of Congressman Hinchey's economic record to a packed-house crowd of more than 800 supporters.

What is surprising is how Phillips is going about it: Holding an awkward conference to trot out the same Ed Koch, who in 2004 endorsed George Bush because of his support for the war in Iraq. This isn't the best way to convince voters of your own foreign policy credentials. While most New Yorkers abhor the foreign policy of George Bush - Ed Koch and George Phillips seem to embrace it. That should send up red flags for everyone. We are already losing \$3 trillion and thousands of lives on George Bush's war.

The truth is that Phillips is trying to make the subject "anything but jobs," because everyone (Next Col.)

knows that he endorses the exact same policies that got us into this mess: more tax cuts for billionaires, tax incentives for companies that ship jobs overseas, no new rules for banks and predatory lenders and less support for middle-class families struggling to make ends meet as a result of the mess these policies created. These policies are as popular as dog food to people in Upstate New York - so it's no wonder he won't talk about them.

Ed Koch knows as much about Upstate New York today as he did back in 1982 when he famously noted that living in Upstate is equivalent to "wasting your life," adding that he was above "wasting time in a pickup truck when you have to drive 20 miles to buy a gingham dress or a Sears Roebuck suit."

At the beginning of this year, New York City's Mayor Bloomberg made a statement regarding Upstate New York and fracking. "The consequences are so severe that it is not a risk that I think we should run. I do not think that we should allow fractured drilling anywhere near our water supply."

According to the Huffington Post, "Although land can be fenced in, water can't be. It flows underground, it rises into clouds, it's borne by the winds, and released by the rains, far from its source."

"While the Mayor nobly aims to protect the immediate area surrounding the city's upstate water reservoir, so far no studies have investigated how far water-borne contaminants from throughout the state could flow downstream to impact NYC, or it's water supply. Fracking originated in arid western regions, and its proponents don't know the extent of pollution possible in a region of interconnected rivers and frequent rains like New York and New England."

"In New York State, gas drillers hope to use fracking in the regions of the New York City Watershed, the Delaware River, the Finger Lakes, and upstate watersheds, the source of waters that flow downstate to New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware."

According to a recent study, conducted by the Environmental Working Group (EWG), just one drilling site deploys harmful chemicals sufficient "to contaminate more than 100 billion gallons of drinking water to unsafe levels ... more than 10 times as much water as the entire state of New York uses in a single day."

Perhaps that is why Mayor Bloomberg has not endorsed Phillips and Koch did as Phillips is a proponent of gas drilling and admitted at a recent event in Saugerties, that he has indeed accepted campaign money from the gas companies.

We can't drink gas, and without jobs, there will be no Social Security!



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The U.S. Chamber of Commerce is the poster child for corporate corruption of our electoral system.

Halliburton once headed by Republican, Dick Cheney, is a leader in transnational business. HB now sells about \$40 million a year worth of oil field services to the Iranian Government. Suspect? We are at war with factions from there that support terrorism. **Why Halliburton?**

Halliburton has been by its history a questionable organization. Let's consider, why Halliburton HQ, CEO may be moving to Dubai.

Halliburton will remain a US company subject to US laws, but Dubai has no extradition agreement with the United States, meaning that **Mr. Lesar could not be compelled to return to the US to testify, stand trial or serve any sentence related to any Halliburton activities under investigation.**

Last month, Congress was told that \$2.7 billion paid to Halliburton and its subsidiaries and subcontractors for work done in Iraq was either excessive or unsupported.

Another upcoming investigation that affects **Halliburton** is the current **scandal at Walter Reed Army Medical Center.** The Washington Post reported that the Army agreed to privatize the operation of Walter Reed by awarding a \$120 million contract to IAP Worldwide Services, a contractor with connections to KBR, a Halliburton subsidiary.

To explain the **move to Dubai**, Lesar stated, "The Eastern Hemisphere is a market that is more heavily weighted toward oil exploration and production opportunities and growing our business here will bring more balance to Halliburton's overall portfolio." He did not mention the investigations or the legal effects of the move.

The Bush Administration offered Vice President Dick Cheney's company and other favored enterprises no-bid contracts for work in Iraq. Past President Bush has recently purchased an estate in Paraguay. Paraguay has an extradition treaty with the United States, but there have been few, if any, extraditions in the past half-century.

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Quiz:

- A. What were the names of Dan Evens' sons?
- B. Who played the character "Emmy"?

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A. Mathew and Mark
 B. Felicia Farr