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## Get Your Climate Questions Addressed

NY-NACL Theatre will host the community conversation "Everything You Ever Wanted to Ask about Weather and Climate" with research scientist and Town of Highland resident Elaine Matthews of NASA's Goddard Institute for Space Studies (GISS) on Monday, October 7 at 7:00 PM.

The FREE event is part of NACL's The Weather Project, a massive community arts and science exploration designed to bring residents, artists, and scientists together around the subject of the weather and climate science. (Contd. Pg. 8)

## Yarnslingers Storytelling Event Reunions



Members of Yarnslingers gathered for a performance at the Cooperage. Their newest show, "Reunions," will play the CAS Arts Center on October 19.

The Catskill Art Society will present the storytelling group Yarnslingers for an evening of true stories titled "Reunions" at the CAS Arts Center at 48 Main Street, Livingston Manor, NY on Saturday, October 19 at 7:30pm. Tickets are available for a suggested donation of \$10.

Yarnslingers, an adult storytelling group that specializes in their own true confessions, will appear at CAS Arts Center on October 19 for a hilarious as well as poignant show. The event will be hosted by Yarnslingers' Director, Ramona Jan, and some of the storytellers will include: Jonathan Fox; Rebekah Creshkoff; Donna Fellenberg; Maura Stone; Marie D'Antoni; Lahary Pitman; Joanna Hartell; Joanne Dickson-Geraine; Stacy Rogers; Harry DeVries; Debby Brown; Lillian Browne; and Janice Minott

The show runs approximately 60 minutes with no intermission. The performance will be followed by a free reception with refreshments.

Tickets are available for a suggested donation of \$10. Advance reservations are highly recommended as seating is limited. For reservations, call the CAS Arts Center at 845-436-4227 or e-mail [info@catskillartsociety.org](mailto:info@catskillartsociety.org).

## Ruthie Pincus of Brooklyn Book Reading

The Catskill Art Society will present local author and artist Helena Clare Pittman for a book signing and memoir experience introducing her newest book "Ruthie Pincus of Brooklyn" at the CAS Arts Center at 48 Main Street, Livingston Manor, NY on Friday, October 18 at 7pm.

A Reading, Author Presentation, Book Signing and Memoir Experience

Children's book author and illustrator Helena Clare Pittman will read selections from her recently published novel "Ruthie Pincus of Brooklyn." Pittman will also talk about her experience of writing from her memories of childhood, and the process of putting them together for this episodic novel that crosses over from children's to adult reading. Books will also be available for sale and signing.

Growing up in a middle class Jewish neighborhood in post-war 1950s Brooklyn, Ruthie Pincus is coming of age. Through her eyes, we experience the unfolding dramas: comedy and tragedy, that make up the heart of the life of her family. (Contd. Pg. 8)

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## The Pumpkins are Here! The Pumpkins are Here!



What is a pumpkin celebration without the pumpkins! Well this year, there will be plenty of pumpkins at the 28th Annual Giant Pumpkin Party, Saturday, October 5th from 9 am to 5 pm!

There will be a Giant Pumpkin Contest, a Guess the Weight of the Giant Pumpkin Contest, a Pumpkin Decorating Contest and even pumpkin pies! There will be pumpkins for decorating, big and small ones to buy and those gigantic pumpkins that are entered into the Giant Pumpkin Contest. In addition to the Giant Pumpkin Contest, there will be a Design a Scarecrow Contest, a Country Bake Contest, and the 21st Annual Hay Bale Throw Contest. Check the Library's website at [www.danielpiercelibrary.org](http://www.danielpiercelibrary.org) for a complete schedule, entry forms and contest rules.

The Tri-Valley School Band starts the Party right after the Costume March and while you are here, you will be entertained all day long by musical guests, games for the children, pony rides, petting zoo, hay rides, raffles, a Better Book sale, craft and food booths.

Come and play WIN IT IN A MINUTE, where guests will have the opportunity of beating the clock to compete in several different challenges throughout the day. Each task will be a 60-second contest using regular household items. Get your name on the Wall of Fame for each challenge that you beat! You will be both amazed and amused as you watch the excitement unfold every minute! Back again this year, is the popular "BOOK NOOK", a custom-made nine-hole miniature golf course. Each hole has a different theme, based on a popular children's book. Don't miss this year's Obstacle Course. There are two courses according to age and trophies will be awarded to the winner of each category.

Join the fun at the 28th Annual Giant Pumpkin Party and Children's Parade at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds. Rain or Shine. Parking and Admission are always free. For more information, call the library at (845) 985-7233. See you there!

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**ON THE FRONT BURNER:** The Lord is thy keeper; the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand.  
Psalm 121:5

**OBITUARY**

**Jane Ann (Norris) Brown, 81**, a former resident of Youngstown, Ohio, and the Frost Valley YMCA in Claryville, N.Y., died on September 17, 2013. She resided at Orchard Valley, Wilbraham, MA at the time of her death.

Jane was born on November 8, 1931, in Youngstown, Ohio, to Norman and Harriet (Guy) Norris. She was raised with her younger sister, Josephine, at the family home in Churchill, Liberty Township. The home passed through five generations of her family, and provided many happy childhood memories for Jane and Jo.

Jane graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Lake Erie College in 1953, with a degree in economics and sociology. She was the first woman hired to the professional staff of the YMCA in Youngstown, where she served as Assistant Youth Director at the Youngstown YMCA and Girls' Camp Director at Camp Fitch on Lake Erie. It was here she met David Halbe Brown, "Halbe," who was the Boys' Camp Director. Jane and Halbe were married on March 14, 1958, in Poland, Ohio, with Halbe's father, Rev. Thomas Brown, officiating. In 1966 they moved to the Frost Valley YMCA in the Catskill Mountains of New York. Jane's career of more than forty years was dedicated to the YMCA, and to the campers, counselors, families, and board members with whom she worked. In grateful recognition of her decades of devoted service, she was inducted into the Frost Valley Hall of Fame in 2011. She was recognized for her ability to connect individuals of all ages to each other and to the broader mission of the Frost Valley YMCA.

Jane mentored children and youth throughout her life. She served as a second mother to many young people. Her home was always open, with a pie in the oven, for anyone who arrived and needed a warm welcome. Jane was a church member and Sunday school teacher at the Claryville Reformed Church in Claryville, N.Y. and the Barre Congregational Church (UCC) in Barre, Vt. She served on the Parent-Teacher Association for the Tri-Valley School in Grahamsville, N.Y., for many years.

In 2001, Jane and Halbe moved to Barre, Vermont, where they continued to host family reunions with their four sons, daughter, and thirteen grandchildren. In 2009, they moved to Massachusetts to be closer to their children and siblings.

Jane will be remembered for her graciousness, steady optimism, selfless generosity, and commitment to those in need. She dedicated her life to serving others and never forgot a person she met. Her quiet faith and abiding belief in the goodness of others were the source of her strength.

Jane was predeceased by her husband of 54 years, David Halbe Brown; parents Norman and Harriet Norris, and sister Josephine Mellinger; son-in-law Jeffrey Bickart; brother-in-law David Sano; and nephews David Sano and Thomas Sano. She is survived by children Jeffrey David (Wendy) of Yellowstone National Park, WY., William Thomas (Katherine) of Canton, N.Y., James Norris (Fumiko) of Westhampton, Mass., David Halbe (Diane) of Denali National Park, Alaska, and Jennifer Lynn Bickart of Elmore, Vt.; grandchildren Ellie, Kai, Laura, Becca, Grace, Hana, Halbe, Sarah, Sam, Alex, Laura, Ben, and Isabel; and 11 nephews and nieces.

She is also survived by Halbe's siblings, with whom she was close: Virginia (Richard) Gamble of Youngstown, Ohio., Thomas (Lynn) Brown of Old Greenwich, Conn., Helene Sano of Alliance, Ohio., Mary Ellen (William) Webster of Northborough, Mass., Paul Brown of Claryville, N.Y., and Paula (Tom) Holland of Duxbury, Mass.

A memorial service will be held in the Ketcham Chapel at the Frost Valley YMCA in Claryville, NY on October 20, 2013 at 10:30a.m.

Friends and family can honor Jane's life through gifts to the "Halbe and Jane Brown Memorial Fund" at the Frost Valley YMCA.

**Thank You -**

We would like to thank all the friends and family who assisted us over the last few years in caring for Fred and Marilyn Costa. Whether you came to visit, brought a meal, took them out for a meal, or offered support to any of us - we are very grateful. Marilyn is settling into her new home in North Carolina. Many have asked for her address to send her letters/cards which at this time would likely bring her much happiness. The address is as follows: Horizon Bay Assisted Living, Marilyn Costa Room 220, 1501 Zion Church Road East, Concord, NC 28025. Sincerely, The Costa Family

**DAYS OF YORE....**

**Today's History**

**October 7, 1953** - Mr. and Mrs. Otis Donaldson will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with an Open House on October 11th from 2 to 6. Mr. and Mrs. Donaldson have one daughter, Mrs. Ralph Caldwell and one son, Mr. Earl Donaldson.

Douglas Hasbrouck is playing lead "sax" with the Freshman "Red Caps" at R.P.I. Douglas played 1st sax in Tri Valley's Senior Band since its beginning under the direction of Arlington Visscher. This is the second student from the band who has left us and still is making good use of Mr. Visscher's training. Albro Brown Jr. is playing with the Navy band.

Neversink is the first Tri Valley hamlet to be slated for an industry sponsored by the Tri Valley Citizens Association. This will begin with the reopening of the LeRoy Mill by the Stockport Lumber Company which will cut dimension stock for furniture. Work for between 25 and 50 men is contemplated. The mill's output will go to a kiln in Pennsylvania and eventually to a factory at Jamestown.

**October 2, 1963** - Wave Airman Apprentice Joyce A. Ingram, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ingram of Beaver Dam Road, Grahamsville, has completed a 10-week training course at the U.S. Naval Training Center, Bainbridge, Md. Miss Ingram, whose sister, Janet, became a Wave two years ago, is a graduate of Tri Valley Central School. She will spend a 14-day leave with her parents before departing for the Naval Air Station, Glynco, Ga.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hill had their infant son, Glen Benjamin, christened on Sunday at the Methodist Church. Mr. and Mrs. William Scully were the godparents.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. James Nash on the birth of a daughter on September 13th and to Mr. and Mrs. John Krupka on the birth of a son on September 21st.

**October 24, 1973** - The Tri-Valley Elementary School won an honorable mention in the annual design competition sponsored by the New York State Society of Architects. The Tri-Valley building was selected from many buildings constructed in the last year throughout the State. The award was presented at the Annual Conference of Architects held at Kutcher's Country Club on Tuesday evening.

Irene A. Keator, 45, of Liberty, died last Tuesday at Liberty Community General Hospital after a short illness. Mrs. Keator was a bookkeeper for the Sullivan County National Bank. She was born Nov. 5, 1927 in Liberty to Elmer and Irene Hunt Atkins. She married Benson Keator on Jan. 9, 1948 in Liberty.

**October 6, 1983** - John Wolf, former manager, bartender, storyteller of the old Blue Hill Lodge, died October 1, 1983 in Jersey Shores, Pa. He will be remembered for his friendly ways, his good humor, his love of good jokes and his love of sports and especially for his kindness. He and his wife, Ethel, moved to Jersey Shores several years ago from the Grahamsville area.

Have you missed a familiar face at the Post Office? Last Friday, Sept. 30th, Thelma Gorton and Alida Allison retired from the Postal Service. Thelma started working with the postal service twenty seven years ago in Fallsburg. Was Asst. Postmaster in 1966 and was appointed Postmaster in 1976. Alida joined the ranks ten years ago as a Sub Rural Carrier and became a permanent Rural Carrier in 1976. Best wishes to both on their well earned retirement.

**LIGHTS IN THE FIRE TOWERS**

On the evening of August 31, after the thunderstorms moved through, you may have seen a light coming from the Red Hill Fire Tower or one of the other refurbished Catskill Fire Towers. Volunteers put lanterns in the towers and used flashlights to signal other towers and community members in their surrounding areas. From Red Hill, we were able to signal Laurie & Tom Rankin in the tower on Balsam Lake Mt. which is nine and a half miles away. We also received signals from Claryville, Denning, Red Hill Knolls and Blue Hill. Among the friends of the fire tower who signaled us were Helen & George Elias, Kathy & Herb Akerley, Bobbie Gorman and Mike & Lorraine Dean. Forest Ranger Rob Dawson, with us on Red Hill, was able to contact Ranger Marie Ellenbogen, at the Mt. Tremper Fire Tower, via radio. Ranger Ellenbogen reported to us that she saw signals from the Overlook and Hunter Mt. Fire Towers. We are looking forward to trying this again next year and inviting more people to take part. The Red Hill Fire Tower Committee would like to thank everyone who participated in this fun event.

## A Round About Tri-Valley

-Carol Furman

Sympathy is extended to the Whipple Family on the passing of Amanda Paige Whipple. Amanda, age 21, passed away on September 13 after a long, courageous battle with cancer.

Condolences are also extended to the Espada Family of Neversink. Jayden Espada, age 4, died on September 20.

Neversink Parks and Rec has some good trips planned for the near future; Ice Skating at Ice Time on Saturday, November 2, and Disney on Ice at the Prudential Center in Newark, NJ on November 23. Call Jamie Brooks at the Town Hall if you are interested in either of these trips.

The Woodbourne Reformed Church, had it still been operating as a house of worship, would have celebrated it's 210th anniversary this fall. How times do change- this Church used to be well attended by worshipers.

Missy and Joe Iatauro are now official State of Georgia residents. Their address is: 405 Ridgewater Lane, Waleska, Georgia 30183.

Sunday, October 6, the ParksvilJe Methodist Church will host another ParksvilJe, USA Concert at 3:00 pm. A Lyric Quartet, music of the seasons will be performed. For info call 845-747-4247.

The Tri-Valley PTO is collecting candy for Trunk of Treat. If you would like to donate some candy for the children, call 985-2296 X4242.

I hear that Tom Byrne has purchased the former Owen and Shirley Davis home on Van Wagner Road in Grahamsville. Tom and his fiance' are busy planning a January wedding.

It's really beginning to look like fall. The leaves have started to turn colors, mornings are chilly, the flower baskets around town have been taken down, the fountain in Bicentennial Square has stopped flowing and Maas' fruit and flower stand has closed for the season. Soon the "snowbirds" will be going south. All are signs that summer, which went by so quickly, has come to an end.

Congratulations to Omar Lopez, a former Tri-Valley student, who was honored by being named the NJCAA Division III male runner of the week. Omar, who is a freshman at SUNY Sullivan, was the top junior college finisher at the Bard Invitational on September 21.

The annual Pumpkin Party and parade is this Saturday. Let's hope for good weather!

**Words of Wisdom:** Ask someone, "What's half of eight?" Receive the answer, "Zero," and your first reaction is "Nonsense!" But stop a moment. The figure eight is composed of two small zeros piled on top of one another. Take it further. If a line were drawn down the middle of an eight, you would have two threes standing face to face. By seeing things differently, we can make all kinds of discoveries. We can replace old perceptions with new ones and combine old ideas in new ways, bringing into being something which didn't exist before. (Christopher News)

## The Value of the Contact....

What can be said about the value of reaching out to another person who is in need, homebound, alone and has nobody to talk with to receive a reassuring word or help when they might need it. In our county there is a vast group of people in that situation. YOU CAN HELP.

Join our Telephone Reassurance Program ... TOUCHSTONE. You will help in providing isolated seniors a "friendly voice" and assist OFA outreach staff. Maintaining regular contact with those seniors can help emotionally and physically. You can do it from your own home when it is convenient for you. We are also looking for seniors who are in need of this service in our county ...if you know someone please refer them to us.

Your Voice can make a difference in someone's life! Call: Caryn Mathews, RSVP Project Director @807-0251 to join or refer

RSVP offers a full range of volunteer opportunities with over 40 local and national organizations. With RSVP, you choose how and where you want to serve. You choose the amount of time you want to give. And you choose whether you want to draw on your skills or develop new ones. In short, you find the opportunity that's right for you.

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And remember: When you volunteer, you're not just helping others-you're helping yourself. Volunteering leads to new discoveries and new friends. Plus, studies show that volunteering helps you live longer and promote a positive outlook on life. Our most pressing need is for Medical Transport Drivers. Medical transportation is a cen-

tral part of the RSVP program keeping our communities elderly healthy and independently living in their own homes longer.

If you are 55+ and reside in Sullivan County get involved, and join RSVP today!

Call: Caryn Mathews, RSVP Project Director @807-0251

## TRIAD Hosts 4th Annual Senior Safety Day Conference

LIBERTY, NY- Sullivan County TRIAD, a three-way partnership between senior citizens, law enforcement, and agencies assisting seniors, continues to focus on keeping seniors safe, preventing abuse, and maintaining the quality and integrity of life for our older citizens. The 4th Annual Senior Safety Day, hosted by TRIAD, including Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County Caregiver Resource Center, will be held on Wednesday, October 16, 2013 from 10 am to 1 pm in the Monticello Neighborhood Facility on 2 Jefferson Street in Monticello. The conference immediately follows the Office for the Aging (OFA) Annual Public Hearing, registration for which begins at 9 am. The conference is free and all county residents are invited to participate.

Five presentations will focus on various topics to help preserve safety in later years. Lectures include:

- Stay Safe During Inclement Weather
- Dementia and Home Safety
- Stay Safe and Strong! Senior Strength and Flexibility
- Safety through Knowledge (Hudson Valley Senior Source)
- NEW Scams and Safety Tips

Representatives from New York State Electric & Gas utility company, or NYSEG, (Brenda Patton), Alzheimer's Association (Donna Davies, LCSW), Wellness Home Care (Judy Balaban, RN/BSN), Liberty and Fallsburg Police Departments, and Tweed's Gymnastics (Pedro Tweed) will present this comprehensive program.

During the course of the conference there will be a Senior Resource Fair with representatives from government organizations, health-based entities, law enforcement, long-term care, and non-profit organizations. Door prizes will be awarded at the conclusion of the conference as guests enjoy a buffet lunch with homemade desserts. YELLOW DOT packets will be available for guest's cars, intended to help save time in life-threatening situations, such as a motor-vehicle accident.

Individuals are strongly encouraged to pre-register by calling 845-807-0241 at the Office for the Aging.

The Sullivan County Caregiver Resource Center is a co-partnered program of Cornell Cooperative Extension and Office of the Aging.

## Professional Women of SC Meeting

The Professional Women of Sullivan County will be holding their next meeting at River Edge Restaurant, located at 951 State Route 17B, Mongaup Valley, NY on Wednesday, October 16th. Networking begins at 6 pm, followed by dinner at 6:30 pm. Our guest speaker is Pam Henning, who will talk about Women's Health. The dinner entrée choices are: Teryaki Glazed Salmon, Chicken Marsala, Sliced London Broil w/Mushroom Sauce, and Pasta Primavera. The dinner, which includes salad, bread/butter, potatoes, veggies, coffee/tea, and dessert is \$25 per person (tax and tip included). A cash bar is available. Pay at the door with cash or check; sorry no credit cards. Please RSVP with your dinner entrée choice by Monday, October 14th, to Marilyn Stein at 845-791-4501 or mjcat12@hotmail.com.

Don't forget our meetings are open to all men and women interested in our organization and/or our speakers. Feel free to bring a friend.

About the Professional Women of Sullivan County: Formally known as Catskill Mountain BPW, Professional Women of Sullivan County (PWSC) is a non-profit, member organization of New York State Women, Inc. and strives "To build powerful women professionally, personally, politically through advocacy, education and information." The group meets on the third Wednesday of each month at locations throughout Sullivan County. To obtain more information about the organization, please contact Adrianna Mayson Greco at (803) 767-7721 or professional-womenofsc@gmail.com.

## Nature Column - Linda Comando

A tribute to the memory of all of the Townsman ladies that we have lost and loved so much... Peggy DeWire, Avril Pappa, Joan Hall and Polly Hill.

## Much Ado About Pumpkins

This is the week that almost everyone in the Tri-Valley area is talking 'pumpkin'!

People will be baking pumpkin pies, pumpkin bread, pumpkin muffins, and pumpkin cookies. Pumpkin is the subject of many conversations. Why? It's time for the Annual Giant Pumpkin Party and the Children's Parade! Fun! Fun! And more fun!

Interestingly, pumpkins are believed to have originated in Central America. Seeds from related plants have been found in

Mexico, dating back over 7000 years to 5500 B.C. And there is evidence that the Native Americans depended on pumpkins as a main food source long before the arrival of European explorers. They used the sweet flesh in numerous ways: roasted, baked, parched, boiled and dried. They ate pumpkin seeds and also used them as a medicine. The blossoms were added to stews. Dried pumpkin were stored and ground into flour. The Native Americans pounded strips of pumpkin until they were flat, dried them, and wove them into mats for trading.

The pilgrims living in the new world heartily embraced the sweet, multi-purpose fruit using pumpkin not only as a side dish and dessert, but also in soups and they even made beer from it!

Pumpkin refers to certain cultivars of squash, most commonly those of Cucurbita pepo. A pumpkin is really a squash. It is a member of the Cucurbita family which includes squash and cucumbers!

Pumpkins, like other squash, are native to North America. They typically have a thick, orange or yellow shell, creased from the stem to the bottom, containing the seeds and pulp.

Since some squash share the same botanical classifications as pumpkins, the names are frequently used interchangeably, although pumpkin stems are more rigid, prickly, and angular than squash stems, which are generally softer, more rounded, and more flared where joined to the fruit.

Traditional Cucurbita pepo pumpkins generally weigh between 6 and 18 pounds, with the largest cultivars of the species Cucurbita maxima, reaching weights of over 75 pounds. The color of pumpkins is derived from the orange pigments abundant in them. The main nutrients are lutein and both alpha and beta carotene, the latter of which generates vitamin A in the body.

Pumpkins are a warm-weather crop and are usually planted in early July. The specific conditions necessary for growing pumpkins require that soil temperatures three inches deep are at least 60 °F and soil that holds water well. Pumpkin crops may suffer if there is a lack of water or because of cold temperatures and sandy soil with poor water retention or poorly drained soils that become waterlogged after heavy rain. Pumpkins are, however, rather hardy, and even if many of the leaves and portions of the vine are removed or damaged, the plant can very quickly re-grow secondary vines to replace what was removed. Pumpkins produce both a male and female flower. Honeybees play a significant role in fertilization.

The word pumpkin originates from the word pepon, which is Greek for "large melon". The French adapted this word to pompon, which the British changed to pumpkin and later American colonists changed that to the word we use today, "pumpkin"

Another interesting pumpkin point: The world record held at 459 pounds until 1981, when Howard Dill of Nova Scotia broke the record with a pumpkin weighing 493.5 pounds. Dill patented the seeds used to grow this giant pumpkin, deeming them Dill's Atlantic Giant seeds, and drew growers from around the world. Dill was credited for all of the giant pumpkins, most of which are borne from crossing and re-crossing his patented seed with other varieties. By 1996, giant pumpkins had crossed the 1,000-pound mark. The current world record holder is Ron Wallace's 2,009 pound Atlantic Giant pumpkin, which in September 2012 surpassed Jim and Kelsey Bryson's previous 2011 record of 1,818.5 pounds!

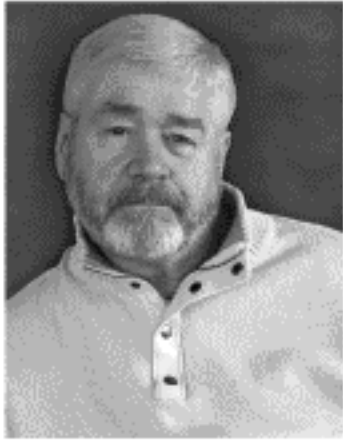
I wonder who will win this year's giant pumpkin competition and how big that pumpkin will be. I guess we will just have to wait until Saturday, go to the Giant Pumpkin Party and see this year's Giant Grahamsville Pumpkin for ourselves. Of course you won't want to miss all the other fun, too. So get to the Giant Pumpkin Party and Children's Parade early. The festivities begin at 9:00 am.

## Household Hints

When you're finished frying, clean up grease splatters from your stovetop, walls, range hood, and surrounding countertop by washing them with a sponge dipped in undiluted white vinegar. Use another sponge soaked in cold tap water to rinse, then wipe dry with a soft cloth.

**Follow Her Home**

**Mysterious Book Report No. 117** by John Dwaine McKenna



As regular readers of the Mysterious Book Report, know we work to search out and find debut mysteries written by first-time authors and grow as fans with them, rather than bowing and scraping at the feet of the mega-writers with seven or eight figure publishing contracts from the giants of the industry-although we do admit to occasionally genuflecting near them, by occasionally reviewing the masters in order to serve the entire reading public. But, our focus will always be on finding our next great author rather than our most favorite old ones. This week we've got a new author and book and, guess what, it's aimed squarely at the lady readers in the crowd! It's unique, it's good, and, there's no Irish tough guy cops to be found anywhere in it. That's because *Follow Her Home*, (Minotaur Books, \$24.99, 278 pages, ISBN 978-1-250-00962-3) by Steph Cha is about a Korean-American amateur detective named Juniper Song, who has a thing for the novels of Raymond Chandler and his hard-boiled detective, Phillip Marlowe. (The character played by Humphrey Bogart in *The Maltese Falcon*, and always referred to simply as Marlowe.)

The mystery begins at a party when Song is asked by her white Yale University classmate, Luke, if she thinks his father, a prominent and powerful Los Angeles lawyer, is having an affair with a young, eighteen year old Korean beauty named Lori. Song agrees to investigate and the mystery begins, interwoven with a back story about Iris, Song's tragic younger sister, also involved with an older white man in a case of what author Cha refers to as 'yellow fever,' or older white men who are infatuated with young Asian women and pursue them in trans-racial relationships which are frowned upon by most Asian parents.

*Follow her Home* is dark, brooding, noir-ish and full of references to Phillip Marlowe. It's fun, entertaining and a fast read. But, with sentences like this on page 171, "... she wore a raspberry cap-sleeve cotton dress with a full skirt and Peter Pan collar with tan ballet flats." It's definitely not a guy type novel. The ladies however, will love it!

Everyone loves the library. Go. Find out for yourself. And hey! Take the kids, grandkids or neighbor kids with you. There's plenty to do for everyone, and you'll be giving them a helping hand in life by improving their reading and learning skills...

The next time you're surfing around on the internet, surf around in our new and improved websites at: johndwainemckenna.com and rhyolitepress.com. Catch up on the newest news and the latest what's happenings out here in the west, "By the Sun Mountain Sitting Big." Intrigued? That quote comes from George Douthit's great book, *The Boy Who Slept With Bears*, just published by Rhyolite Press.

While you're there pick up a copy of *Colorado Noir*, John Dwaine McKenna's newest, which is getting rave reviews. Whatever you're doing, keep reading! We'll be back next week with another new and thoughtful MBR. --JDM

**Statement from Commissioner Carter Strickland on DEC Proposed Modifications to Consent Order Regarding Releases from Ashokan Reservoir and Future Dredging at Kensico Reservoir**

"The details released today by the state Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) of proposed modifications to the draft consent order are an important step for the City and our neighbors along the Lower Esopus Creek. The proposed modifications include a number of important projects that will help everyone understand and balance the operation of Ashokan Reservoir and issues related to the Lower Esopus Creek that include water quality, flood protection, the health of the fishery, and recreation.

"In accordance with the proposed modifications DEP will pursue two new projects in the Upper Esopus Creek to improve water quality coming into Ashokan Reservoir. We look forward to partnering with the Ulster County Soil and Water Conservation District and the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County, who have helped us complete similar projects since the 1990s. DEP will also fund \$2 million for projects to improve the banks and flow of the Lower Esopus Creek, in addition to \$200,000 to develop a stream management plan for the creek.

"To gather a body of science and understand these issues better, the state will oversee a comprehensive study of the Lower Esopus Creek. The study aims to understand how different flow rates from Ashokan Reservoir affect the creek and its floodplains, identify sources of turbidity, measure the health of the fishery, and more. This work will be incorporated into an Environmental Impact Statement that will be subject to extensive public review and input. Importantly, DEP will provide \$80,000 to the Ashokan Release Working Group (ARWG) - which includes local government officials, community residents, and nonprofit groups - to hire a technical consultant to help them be active and informed participants in that study. The contents and goals of the study will ultimately be determined by DEC following a public scoping session.

"The importance of this analysis cannot be underscored enough. The study will gather a considerable amount of scientific data about the Lower Esopus Creek for the first time. That data will be used by DEP, DEC, and the downstream communities to make informed decisions together about potential changes to the release protocol for Ashokan Reservoir, which has been in place since 2011.

"The proposed modifications also acknowledge that it is prudent to postpone dredging of Kensico Reservoir. Under a state permit, DEP is required to dredge to remove remnants of the water treatment settling agent alum, which has been used over the years to help control turbidity in the water entering the distribution system. However, dredging the reservoir sooner would likely have meant that a second round of dredging would be required upon completion of the important bypass-tunnel project on the Delaware Aqueduct, which has recently started and will finish sometime in 2022.

"As we look toward beginning projects outlined in the consent order, the City also wants to redouble its commitment to keep communities along the Lower Esopus Creek informed about operations at

Ashokan Reservoir and other topics of interest. DEP posts water quality, reservoir release, and reservoir storage data on its website so that the public can track trends on their own, not only during the extreme weather events of 2011, but also during regular operations. In addition, our staff has met regularly with the ARWG over the past two years. We have gathered valuable feedback from these meetings, and local officials have even helped DEP obtain land owner permissions needed for the upcoming study. We are confident this spirit of cooperation will continue and grow."

As with any settlement of a claim, the draft consent order is subject to the approval of the New York City Comptroller.

DEP manages New York City's water supply, providing more than one billion gallons of water each day to more than 9 million residents, including 8.3 million in New York City, and residents of Ulster, Orange, Putnam, and Westchester counties. This water comes from the Catskill, Delaware, and Croton watersheds that extend more than 125 miles from the City, and the system comprises 19 reservoirs, three controlled lakes, and numerous tunnels and aqueducts. DEP employs nearly 6,000 employees, including almost 1,000 scientists, engineers, surveyors, watershed maintainers and others professionals in the upstate watershed. In addition to its \$68 million payroll and \$157 million in annual taxes paid in upstate counties, DEP has invested more than \$1.5 billion in watershed protection programs-including partnership organizations such as the Catskill Watershed Corporation and the Watershed Agricultural Council-that support sustainable farming practices, environmentally sensitive economic development, and local economic opportunity. In addition, DEP has a robust capital program with over \$14 billion in investments planned over the next 10 years that will create up to 3,000 construction-related jobs per year. For more information, visit [www.nyc.gov/dep](http://www.nyc.gov/dep), like us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/nycwater](http://www.facebook.com/nycwater), or follow us on Twitter at [www.twitter.com/nycwater](http://www.twitter.com/nycwater).

**Assemblywoman Claudia Tenney Announces New Chief of Staff**

Assemblywoman Claudia Tenney (R,C,I-New Hartford) today welcomed a new Chief of Staff, Christian Ragosta, to her Assembly office. With next year's Legislative Session rapidly approaching, Tenney looks forward to utilizing Ragosta's years of political experience to provide even better service and support to the residents of the 101st Assembly District.

"I am pleased to announce that Christian Ragosta has joined our office as the new Chief of Staff. His insight into the inner workings of the legislative process and knowledge of the lifestyle and culture of upstate New York will be a valuable addition not only to my office, but to the residents of the 101st District. His firsthand experience working with local communities, organizations, government entities and members of the Assembly will greatly benefit this office and our community," said Tenney.

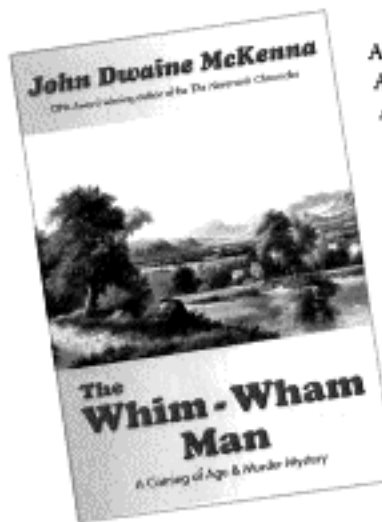
Ragosta was formerly employed by the New York State Assembly Minority as a Coordinator of Member Services, and has experience with both local and national elections. He is a graduate of SUNY Geneseo, with a Bachelor's Degree in Political

Science. Ragosta grew up in Tully, New York.

"I am honored to be given the opportunity to work with Assemblywoman Tenney to help the people of the 101st Assembly District. The issues and concerns of these families and businesses mirror those of my family and friends, and I look forward to doing my part to help the assemblywoman make the communities she represents even stronger," said Ragosta.

In addition to Assemblywoman Tenney and Ragosta, the New Hartford office is staffed by Karen Newton (constituent liaison) and Danelle "Danny" Miller (community liaison). Matthew Watkins continues to serve as community liaison in the Wallkill satellite office, and Katrina Sierson continues to serve as legislative aide in the Albany office.

For assistance on any local or state issue, constituents may contact the New Hartford district office at 315-736-3879 Monday through Friday from 9a.m. to 5p.m., or the Wallkill office at 845-895-1080 on Tuesdays from 1p.m. to 4p.m., Thursdays from 9a.m. to 1p.m., and Fridays from 11a.m. to 2p.m.



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## The Olive Jar - By Carol LaMonda

### Fall Into Place

Fall is aptly named. Things fall into place as summer ends and people fall back into the routine of school and work. We close the chapter on vacations and backyard get-togethers and fall back into schedules and days that require special attention. Do you realize that summer months of July and August are devoid of holidays? We have a span of sixty or more days without a special event that requires shopping, costuming, or tradition. Now every month will have a holiday needing our attention. Fall asks that we fall back into line of responsibility.

The Reservoir Methodist Church in Shokan will install its new Pastor, Mark Allen, on Sunday in a special service at 4:00 p.m. followed by a pot-luck supper. Come and welcome him and his wife to our community. Pastor Allen has been here since July and has already made great strides in gathering people to worship and community service.



Speaking of community service, many ladies in Olive help out with the Linus Project that provides handmade quilts to fire departments, hospitals and shelters. Last Saturday, the fifty-six quilts were blessed and ready to be distributed to children in distress.

Jo Ostrander has turned her fourth annual Oktoberfest, planned for October 19, into a fundraiser for the Denise family that lost their house in a fire. Another example of neighbor helping neighbor.

Football season is underway with Onteora's team raising money through its Brooks' Brothers Barbecue. The team is gaining confidence in winning

a few games in its pre-season scrimmages. Players have quite a support system with parents cheering them on and hosting pasta parties.

George and Sherry Thomas have begun their Line Dancing Lessons for beginners and Intermediates on Thursday nights at the Reservoir Methodist Church. Fall into line for fun and exercise.

Potter Brothers held its Swap and Shop Ski Event luring skiers in to buy the shorter skis that are vogue this year. The Farmer's Almanac is predicting a colder and snowier winter, and I would concur with personal observation. The skin on vegetables is thicker, and there is an abundance of nuts and berries.

Everyone seems to be in a state of preparedness. Halloween candy, decorations, and costumes are everywhere. I have already bought, and eaten, my first batch of Trick-or-Treat goodies.

Someone wrote on FaceBook that her Christmas shopping is done. If I didn't like this person so much, I would "unfriend" her for being such an over-achiever. I, for one, am not even close to putting away summer clothes and digging out a fall wardrobe. I intend to just throw on a jacket and call it "Winter White."



### RESERVOIR MUSIC NOTES - Fred Perry-Owner of Reservoir Music Center -

711 Route 28, Kingston, NY 12401 -

A couple of weeks ago, I wrote a column about the grand opening of The Anchor, a new club in Kingston. This week, in an effort to give equal time and recognition to other venues that are helping to keep live music alive in the Hudson Valley, I turn my attention to BSP Lounge in Kingston!

BSP is a place that has had its share of ups and downs, but since Trevor Dunworth came aboard as manager, it's come alive! Nice room, good music, hip crowd, it's one of the hottest spots around, in my opinion! Very sophisticated, urbane, and cosmopolitan. Not your average Hudson Valley nightclub!

Their booking policy has brought all sorts of national acts to Kingston in the past few months. Former Captain Beefheart guitarist, Gary Lucas was there in June, former Stiff recording artist, Wreckless Eric and Amy Rigby in July, they've had Grace Potter and The Nocturnals and Assembly of Dust on a double bill, Neko Case (who just tore it up at Radio City Music Hall!), Marco Benevento, 3, Mercury Rev, and last Saturday night, BSP brought Sean Lennon to Kingston, with Charlotte Kemp Muhl, and their band, The Ghost of a Sabre Tooth Tiger!

The place was packed with the hippest people for miles around, the opening bands, Parakeet and Brother JT, were awesome! Parakeet performing a long ambient piece of music and Brother JT waking up the crowd with their punk infused original songs! Brother JT must be singled out for special mention, and I am planning a longer piece on them, as soon as I can! They were intense, weird, and great!



Sean Lennon at BSP Lounge - Photo John Gullo

But everyone was there to see Sean, and he didn't disappoint! Hanging out at the bar before they went on, Sean seemed to be, like his father, a man of the people. Very casual, very relaxed, seemingly very comfortable in his own skin. Sean and Charlotte took the stage like experienced pros!



Charlotte Kemp and Sean Lennon - Photo John Gullo

Fred Perry-Owner of Reservoir Music Center -

I didn't know what to expect, because people had warned me that Sean had more of his mother in him than his father (not necessarily a bad thing), and was heavily into electronic music, but I'm happy to report that Sean channeled both of them and added his own thing to emerge as a real artist in every sense of the word! The show was marvelous! The band was rockin', the songs were good, and, without being slavishly imitative at all, were very John, with a Sean filter. Really, really good stuff! Not Electronica at all! Just Rock and Roll, and a splendid time was had by all in attendance! Come back Sean! You said Kingston was hip from the stage, now come back and give us some more love, brother!

In an effort to meet my deadline, let's get right to this week's live music picks!

Wednesday, October 2 - There's a great venue that I just discovered called The B Side Ballroom. It's up in Oneonta, and after I go there for their first anniversary celebration tonight, to see the iconic BILLY JOE SHAVER, I just might write something about this promising venue. It sounds like my kind of place. We shall see. Stay tuned. Back in Kingston, the uncompromising, unusual, and very unique DUKE MCVINNIE BAND starts their October residency at BSP Lounge in Kingston. Check [www.bspkingston.com](http://www.bspkingston.com) for more info. Just another example of the fine work they're doing at BSP! In the city, STEELY DAN are on the third night of their 7 shows in 9 nights run at The Beacon Theater, and THE RAVI COLTRANE QUARTET are on the second night of a 6 night run at the legendary Village Vanguard.

Thursday, October 3 - The WOODSTOCK FILM FESTIVAL starts tonight and continues all weekend. [www.woodstockfilmfestival.org](http://www.woodstockfilmfestival.org) for more information. For you rockers in the city, MARKY RAMONE AND ANDREW WK are at Irving Plaza tonight, and again on Saturday night.

Friday, October 4 - Big show tonight at Roseland Ballroom, so why not make it a Pick of the Week? BLONDIE and X together should make this a night to remember! My old friend GARY LUCAS is out at Brooklyn Academy of Music tonight and tomorrow with his band, GODS AND MONSTERS, performing The Edge of Heaven, his tribute to some of the greatest Chinese singers of the last century! Very esoteric, as Mister Lucas always is! Up in the Hudson Valley, the great CKS is at The Falcon in Marlborough, and AMY HELM PRESENTS FRIDAY NIGHT AT LEVON'S BARN in Woodstock! [www.levonhelm.com](http://www.levonhelm.com) for more info.

Saturday, October 5 - Couple of really big shows tonight, as Ed Sullivan used to say, in the city! LIVING COLOR reforms for a show at Ginny's Supper Club in Harlem, and RUFUS WITH SLY STONE are at BB King's! I'm not expecting much from Sly because he is way out there, but this could be great, so I'm making both of these shows Picks of the Week, with a stronger nod going to Vernon Reid's Living Color, which will be more rockin'!!

Wednesday, October 9 - GINGER BAKER starts a five night engagement at Iridium in Manhattan tonight!

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SUNY Ulster will offer an Academic Travel program to Panama again this winter to study the ecology and biodiversity of the Neotropics. The trip is open to the community.

The three-credit course will be held Jan. 2 to 14, on site in Panama and be taught by SUNY Ulster biologist Dr. David Lemmon. Registrations still are being accepted for this program, which also is open to non-students and for audit. The trip is part of SUNY Ulster's Winternet offerings that enable students to earn credits during the break.

The trip will include visits to a wide array of habitat types from highland cloud forest (some reached by horseback), to lowland rainforest and coastal systems, which will include snorkeling in coral reefs on an island off the Pacific coast.

Taking the course directly contributes to the conservation efforts in Panama because a portion of the trip costs are contributed back by the tour agency for cloud forest conservation.

Dr. Lemmon will be accompanied in Panama by bilingual naturalist guides. In addition, there may be guest lectures by scientists from area field research stations. This will be the college's 15th Neo Tropical Ecology course.

The trip costs about \$2,490 and includes all transportation, tuition, food and lodging. Participants can raise money for the trip using Project Travel, a peer-funding organization that helps make educational travel for individuals and groups possible.

Project Travel and SUNY Ulster are working together to make domestic and international education travel programs more accessible to SUNY Ulster students. Project Travel provides a peer-funding platform and advising to students who want to mobilize their community to raise money and social support for these important experiences. SUNY Ulster provides access to the programs themselves, as well as program and financial aid advising.

For information, contact David Lemmon, (845) 687-5239, [lemmond@sunyulster.edu](mailto:lemmond@sunyulster.edu).

### New Yoga Class at Olive Free Library

A new mixed-level yoga class will be offered at the Olive Free Library in West Shokan on Saturdays at 10 a.m. beginning October 19. The class will be taught by Kathy Carey, a popular hatha yoga teacher who has taught yoga for many years in the Catskills. The cost is \$10 per class.

The Olive Free Library will add a new yoga class to their regular weekly class offerings with a Saturday morning mixed-level yoga class. (The library currently offers a gentle yoga class on Wednesday mornings and Thursday evenings.) The class will be held in the library's community room.

The class will emphasize stretching, strength training, gaining balance, proper alignment and posture through yoga and some mat exercises. Hatha yoga promotes overall health and wellness by relieving stress and strengthening and toning the body. Participants are asked to bring a yoga mat and to wear loose fitting or stretchy pants. This class is suitable for beginners and for those who want to advance their yoga practice. To find out more please call the library at 845-657-2482.

### SUNY Ulster Holds Nursing Information Session October 10

SUNY Ulster will hold an information session about its Nursing degree program on Thursday, October 10, at 4:00 p.m. in room 121, at the Business Resource Center in Kingston. Due to limited openings, SUNY Ulster's Nursing Program is only available to residents of Ulster County.

This session will provide information on the admissions process, the program curriculum including pre-requisites and co-requisites, as well as new testing requirements. For further information and reservations, phone the Admissions Office at (800) 724-0833 or email [admissions@sunyulster.edu](mailto:admissions@sunyulster.edu). Further information about the Nursing program can be found at [www.sunyulster.edu](http://www.sunyulster.edu).

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**Story Time**  
 Beginning Saturday, October 5th, The Literacy Volunteers of Sullivan County will sponsor their monthly Story Hour from 11:00am to 12:00pm at the Read it Again Book Store located at 63 North Street in Monticello, NY. All children must be accompanied by an adult, who will remain with them throughout the hour. Stories will be read to the children, and an activity will follow, time permitting. The next story times are scheduled for November 2nd, and December 7th, and will continue throughout the following year on the first Saturday of each month.

Story Time is FREE, and open to all children in Grades K-3. For more information, please contact the Read It Again Book Store at 845-794-0017.

**Statement from Ulster County Sheriff Paul VanBlarcum**  
 In response to County Executive Mike Hein's recent announcement that there would be no layoffs of members of the Sheriff's road patrol, Sheriff Paul VanBlarcum made the following statement, "The announcement by the County Executive is welcomed by everyone at the Sheriff's Office. It shows the Executive's continued support for the Sheriff's road patrol and for law enforcement in Ulster County. Mike Hein has always made the safety and security of Ulster County's citizens and visitors a pressing priority. I and members of this agency look forward to continuing to provide to the public the dedicated service that has always been the hallmark of the Sheriff's Office."

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**Get Your Climate Questions Addressed** (From Pg. 1)

The October 7th conversation will welcome questions from the community, and Matthews will address common themes such as: what can we learn from climate history, how is temperature measured globally, what causes temperature change, why is it difficult to measure small changes over time, what responses to temperature change have been observed, what do we expect in the next 50-100 years?

"If all greenhouse gas emissions were shut off today, the climate would continue to warm from them for about 60 years," says Matthews, whose research focuses primarily on exchanges of greenhouse gases, especially methane, between the Earth and the atmosphere with the goal of understanding causes for changing atmospheric methane levels and their impact on climate.

Matthews has estimated past and future methane emissions related to human activities (including domestic cows, trash and fossil fuels) and from natural wetlands which are the world's largest methane source and very sensitive to climate variations. She has worked on research projects with elementary and high school students, and given presentations to a range of groups including 5th-12th grade students, formerly incarcerated students in a GED program, a girl's group in a New Jersey mosque, and the Brecht Forum in NYC.

For more information go to [www.nacl.org](http://www.nacl.org) or visit [facebook.com/theweatherproject](http://facebook.com/theweatherproject) or call 845-557-0694. You can also follow The Weather Project on Twitter at @naclweather.

NACL is a not-for-profit theatre company now in its 13th season in Highland Lake, NY. The theatre has created more than 17 original performances, toured internationally, and produces a season of innovative new performance from companies and artists from across North America.

**The Project**

The Weather Project is a massive community arts and science project designed to bring residents, artists, and scientists together around the subject of the weather and climate science. The project will take place over the next 12 months to conclude in August 2014 with a weather and climate science exhibition and a spectacular outdoor theatrical performance directed by NACL artistic director, Tannis Kowalchuk. The project components include:

- 1) The creation and presentation of a large-scale outdoor theatre performance with professional artists and residents directed by NACL Theatre's Tannis Kowalchuk.
- 2) A visual art show of processional banners painted by esteemed local artists, a school poster contest, and umbrellas painted by children in the community.
- 3) A series of scientific lectures, demonstration and events by

specialists and scientists in the fields of weather and climate science.

- 4) Community data collecting of meteorology, weather stories and phenology.

**Community Partners**

This innovative arts engagement project is sponsored by NACL Theatre and The Town of Highland, with the participation of Sullivan Alliance for Sustainable Development, Western Sullivan Public Libraries, Delaware Valley Arts Alliance, Delaware Highlands Conservancy/Eagle Institute, local schools, Catskill Arts Society, North School Studio, Strike Anywhere Performance Ensemble, Spiral Q Puppet Theatre, Hospitality Green, Catskill Mountainkeeper and a number of professional theatre and visual artists. Filmmakers Tina Spangler and Isaac Dieboll-Green are making a documentary film about the year-long project. The project is supported with an NEA Our Town Grant, New York State Council on the Arts, and from a sponsorship from Lizanne Haines and Jeffrey McMahon, Inc.

NACL asks local communities to join in and help create a work of science and art about the weather, energy, and sustainability.

Residents of Sullivan, Delaware, Wayne, and Pike counties can take workshops on Stilt Walking and Creativity (every Monday night at NACL), sound-painting, visual art, weather data collecting and energy efficiency. Other initiatives include umbrella-painting workshops, puppet-building, collecting weather stories with the library oral history project, a curated art exhibit, chorus, and historical and scientific research.

**Ruthie Pincus of Brooklyn Book Reading**

(From Pg. 1) Intrepid, sensitive, funny and creative, nine-almost-ten-year-old Ruthie Pincus narrates these heartfelt family stories, which plumb the depths of relationships between four siblings and their parents, living in a Jewish neighborhood in 1950s Brooklyn. Encountering her challenges, conflicts, sorrows and joys, Ruthie finds her courage, her place in her family, and herself. "Ruthie Pincus of Brooklyn" is written for young adults, and for those others who remember their own childhoods, and so remain forever young. The novel is based on the author's childhood, and was 25 years in the writing. No matter what your background, Ruthie Pincus will conjure memories and touch feelings that seem familiar.

Several stories about these characters have appeared

in "Cricket" magazine, and "Pappa and Ruthie" are featured in the author's "Uncle Phil's Diner" (Carolrhoda Books, 1998) which was a Smithsonian List Book.

Following the reading, Helena, who teaches memoir writing at Queens College, Daniel Pierce Library, and the Catskill Art Society, will offer a memoir-writing experience for anyone who would like to dip their toes into writing from their own life. Helena's memoir class, "A Lifetime of Stories," will take place at the CAS Arts Center over 4 Friday evening sessions beginning November 1. For more information or to enroll, contact the Catskill Art Society at 845-436-4227 or [info@catskillartsociety.org](mailto:info@catskillartsociety.org).

Helena has shown her work in galleries since the 1980s, including a two-person show with her son, the painter Galen Pittman. She has written and illustrated books for children, 17 of which have been published to date. She has written as many stories for "Cricket" and "Cicada" magazines. Three chapters of her newest novel "Ruthie Pincus of Brooklyn" were published in "Cricket" prior to the book's debut in 2012. Learn more about the author at [www.helena-clarepittman.com](http://www.helena-clarepittman.com).

**Liberty Free Theatre Presents "Krapp's Last Tape" at NACL**  
Play by Nobel Laureate, Samuel Beckett

Highland Lake - The Liberty Free Theatre will present "Krapp's Last Tape," by Nobel Laureate Samuel Beckett at the NACL Theatre in Highland Lake for two performances only on Saturday, October 5 at 7:30 P.M. and Sunday, October 6 at 3:00 P.M. Paul Austin will be featured as Krapp.

Performance poet Marina Mati will be featured in "Morocco," by the internationally-acclaimed German writer, Botho Strauss in the curtain raiser for the evening. Mimi McGurl is the Director. The NACL Theatre is located at 110 Highland Lake Road in Highland Lake, NY. For reservations and information call 845 557-0694.

Samuel Beckett was born in 1906 and died in 1989. His large output of plays, screenplays, poetry and fiction arguably provide the most telling chronicle of the existential spirit of 20th Century life. "Krapp's Last Tape" is a masterful evocation of the conflict between the need for human intimacy and the drive to find a personal vision. The New York Times referred to it as a "piercing commentary on the vaporous quality of happiness." Paul Austin is the Founder and Director of the Liberty Free Theatre. He has worked extensively all across the country as actor, director, writer and teacher. Local audiences last saw him as Mark Rothko in the play "RED." Performance Poet, Marina Mati, has appeared throughout the tri-state area and co-hosted a series at Speakeasy in the West Village. She has been published in numerous magazines and in "cave-speak," a chap book collection of her poems. Mimi McGurl has directed in NYC and the Liberty Free Theatre and is a resident Director at NACL where she will direct "Will's Sister" with Tannis Kowalchik.

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498-5464. Order tickets now!!! Limited seating so please orders your tickets early to avoid disappointment. Tickets must be paid in full prior to show.

Dress up is highly encouraged. There will be Sing- a-longs.

Players: Jason Rogers, Peter Johnston, Kendra Harris, Laurie Kuehn, Joyce Conroy, MaryAnn Lawrence. and cameo appearances by others.

**Jim Gaudet and the Railroad Boys**

Jim Gaudet and The Railroad Boys, a national bluegrass band on the rise, will open the Tusten Theatre's fall season on Saturday October 5 at 8 p.m. With the Railroad Boys, Mat Kane (violin), Bobby Ristau (upright bass) and Sten Isachsen (mandolin), Gaudet, the lead guitarist and singer, anchors his songs in classic roots music with a driving style firmly rooted in Americana.

Forestburgh native Mat Kane plays violin in the quartet. Picking up the fiddle at the tender age of five, Kane was exposed to bluegrass early on through playing with his uncles, singer-songwriter Kieran Kane and instrumentalist Richard Kane of the O'Kanes. After graduating from college, Kane lived in Beijing, China for two years where he played electric violin with Chinese rock legends Shazi, Cui Jian and Tang Dynasty. After moving back to the United States, Kane became the fiddler for the cajun/country band The Doc Marshalls for seven years. Presently he's a proud Railroad Boy.

The band's fourth CD, "Reasons That I Run," highlights the latest collection of Jim's stories and songs, with stories that range from not wanting to dance to a DJ at a family get together (I Ain't Getting' Up), to the murder of a gypsy boy in the quest of rescuing the girl with the golden hair (Justify My Soul). Tickets are \$20 (\$18 advanced sales for DVAA members).

The Tusten Theatre is located at 210 Bridge Street, Narrowsburg, NY. The fall series is presented by Delaware Valley Arts Alliance. For tickets or information call 845-252-7272 or visit [www.ArtsAllianceSite.org](http://www.ArtsAllianceSite.org). For more about the band, visit <http://www.jimgaudet.com>.

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The trio is called "Spiritual Harmony". Lead singer Naima Williams is from Liberty, New York was born and raised in New Orleans, was professionally musically trained, has recorded a bestselling record, is still awaiting her royalty and, undaunted, continues to explore the vocal interpretations she craves. This intimate setting gives her that musical freedom.

Al DeFino of Hurleyville, New York is renowned for his traditional flamenco mastery of his Gibson Spanish electric guitar.

On tenor saxophone, Larry Ravdin of Liberty, New York is well known for his backup and touring work with numerous musicians. Larry's latest major gig was background for Larry Chance and the Earls at Seelig Auditorium at the Sullivan County Community College.

On some weekends, Naima Williams is back at Uccelli's by, blues guitarist Cecil Allen of Monticello, one of the famous musical brothers consisting of Slam Allen and Buddy Allen on saxophone.

As for the food, Robert Uccelli, the owner and chef, is a cook with a unique cooking background.

Robert immigrated from Italy in 1986 at age 23. In New York City, he worked his way up from busboy, maitre de, bartender and manager until he opened his own restaurant, the first Uccelli's in Williamsburg in 1995. When the cook quit, Robert became chef, then went to a cooking school in New York City for two years and graduated with a "Chef Degree, specialty Italian cooking".

In 1998, Robert moved Uccelli's Restaurant to Loch Sheldrake, then became chef at Christopher's in Hurleyville until it burnt down.

In 2010, he opened Uccelli's Restaurant in Mountaintaledn his own Italian restaurant image. Located in the center of town at the corner of 4 Post Hill Road and Main Street, on Saturday night it is the only open and lit store in town except for the supermarket next door which Uccelli also owns and where he gets his fresh vegetables and meats.

The tables are small and square seating four, with a lit candle and a flower. The restaurant closes at IOPM on Saturday. To date, no reservations are required .. Naima Williams and her "Spiritual Harmony" trio perform by the front window. Their music can be heard out on the quiet deserted street.

Uccelli's Restaurant is that unique, secret place to go for a special occasion like a small intimate anniversary or birthday dinner or an early romantic interlude. For information call Robert Uccelli at (845) 434-4447.

**Movin' It and Framin' It Exhibit Opens at SUNY Ulster**

Movin' It and Framin' It, an art installation by SUNY Ulster's visiting artist Keiko Sono, will be on exhibit at The Muroff Kotler Visual Arts Gallery from Oct. 10 to Nov. 8.

The opening reception with slide lecture will be held Oct. 10 at 7 p.m. in Vanderlyn Hall Room 205, the College Lounge.

The exhibit will feature collaborative projects produced by artists who have participated with Sono at Flick Book Studio, a stop-motion animation studio in Saugerties that she directs. The exhibit also will include three-dimensional art work and an interactive diagram of the community.

The exhibit illustrates the richness and vibrancy of the arts community of the Hudson Valley, while actively contributing to such richness by making and strengthening connections within and beyond the arts community as the installation gets built.

The installation also will show small segments of the artists' lives, such as a transplanted corner of an artist's studio and a sampling of wardrobe from another's closet,

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demonstrating that creativity is not confined to finished products. The show will be interactive and informational, providing samples of different types of animation, video and media communication, including a station where visitors make their own stop-motion animation. Sono also will offer two animation workshops to SUNY Ulster student art student while the show is in the gallery.

The project is an organic and flexible experiment by a team of artists, with a blog documenting the process.

Participating artists include Christy Rupp, Kathy Ruttenberg, Neal Hollinger, Jacinta Bunnell, Polly Law, Beth Humphrey, Ken Greene, Wayne Montecalvo, Anne Gorrick, Dean Jones and Marlon DuBois. The exhibition team is made up of Suzy Jeffers, Alicia Mikles, Dave Hebb and Neal Hollinger.

The Muroff Kotler Visual Arts Gallery is open Mondays through Fridays, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., and by appointment. It is closed on college holidays. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, call (845) 687-5113.

**S. C. Tea Party Patriots October Meeting**

Thursday, October 3 at 7:00 PM the monthly meeting of the Sullivan County Tea Party Patriots will be held at 240 Chestnut Street, Liberty. All are welcome and refreshments will be served. For further information contact Marta at [whrotties@netzero.net](mailto:whrotties@netzero.net) or Barbara at 845-439-5401.

**Assemblymember Kevin Cahill Unveils Levon Helm Memorial Boulevard Signs**

(Kingston, NY) -Assemblymember Kevin Cahill (D-Ulster, Dutchess) participated in the dedication ceremony of roadway signs designating New York State Route 375 as "Levon Helm Memorial Boulevard." The highway spans from New York State Route 28 in West Hurley to New York State Route 212 in Woodstock. Legislation which created this honor, sponsored by Cahill, enjoyed wide public support from those who knew and loved Levon as well as people locally and nationwide who were inspired by his music.

"Levon Helm was not just a worldwide musical legend, but a pillar of the Woodstock community. This highway is a testament to Levon's life and work. It travels from farmland in the heart of the Catskills in Hurley right into the Village of Woodstock. The beautiful, prolific countryside has long been the backdrop for Levon's amazing lyrics. I'm pleased that this designation has been issued," said Cahill.

Helm's biggest contribution to the region came in the form of his infamous "Midnight Rambles," a series of live performances hosted by Helm himself at his studio in Woodstock. Beginning in 2004, Midnight Rambles often featured friends including Emmylou Harris, Elvis Costello, Little Sammy Davis, and the Muddy Waters band. Fans traveled from across the nation to Ulster County to experience the intimate concerts which often featured potluck suppers and songs sung around the hearth in his pitched roof living room. The Rambles helped to make the Hudson Valley a world class destination for thousands of music enthusiasts who came to enjoy the show but often stayed to take in all the area has to offer. (Contd. Pg. 14)

**Calling Citizen Scientists for Invasive Species Identification Training**

LIBERTY, NY- Research has shown that the best strategy to deal with invasive species is to identify and eradicate them before they become established. An Invasive Species Identification Training will be offered by Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) Sullivan County on Tuesday, October 8, 2013 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. This Catskill Regional Invasive Species Program (CRISP) course will be held at the Gerald J. Skoda Extension Education Center on 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road in Liberty.

This training is designed for people who are interested in participating in an early detection and reporting process of invasive species that will help officials target eradication and control efforts throughout the region. The public in our region is encouraged to join in this important undertaking; the more eyes looking for these invaders, the more quickly and effectively they can be dealt with.

There will be a short update about Emerald Ash Borer and Hemlock Woolly Adelgid, two invasive insect species which are already causing harm to New York forests including the Catskill Mountains.

Space is limited for this free program, so pre-registration is required by Monday, October 7, 2013. Registration and more information can be obtained by calling the CCE office at 845-292-6180 or emailing [smd243@cornell.edu](mailto:smd243@cornell.edu).

This training is made possible through a partnership between CCE and CRISP.

**Kids Show off Your Culture**

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Drop off Artwork on Saturday, November 9, 2013 12-4PM at 12 Market Street, Ellenville, New York 12428 For more registration bland or more information: [class@artswave.org](mailto:class@artswave.org) or call Florence Lasicki 845.443.5319

**Authentic Companion: Care in the Last Days of Life & Presence at the Bedside**

Caregivers and health care professionals are invited to a class entitled "Authentic Companion: Care in the Last Days of Life and Presence at the Bedside" on Saturday, October 19, 2013. From 9:30 am to 1:30 pm, Padma Dyvine, RN, MA, CHPN, End of Life Care Practitioner, will provide guidance in this free workshop held at the Gerald J. Skoda Extension Education Center on 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road in Liberty.

Ms. Dyvine, a retired Hospice Nurse, is offering this 4 hour workshop to family, friends, interested community members, and professionals who provide care to people who are dying. Using both instructive and experiential techniques, participants will have the opportunity to deepen their understanding of themselves, the dying process,

and the caregiving process as it changes in the last days.

"End of life care is demanding, exhausting, rewarding, and an honor," said Bonnie Lewis, RN, Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County Caregiver Resource Center (CRC) Coordinator and educator, "The workshop reinforces that caregivers need to care for themselves as they care for others during this period of time."

Participants will be nurtured as they practice deep listening and centering skills and will be encouraged to ask questions and share with others as they prepare for this very challenging time.

Participants are to bring their own lunch, but coffee, tea, and dessert will be provided by the CRC program. Registration is encouraged by calling 845-292-6180 by Wednesday, October 16.

The Sullivan County Caregiver Resource Center is a co-partnered program of Cornell Cooperative Extension and Office of the Aging.

**"Celebrating the Past. Shaping the Future"**

The Ulster Community College Foundation, Inc. will celebrate SUNY Ulster's 50th Anniversary, "Celebrating the Past. Shaping the Future." at its 14th annual gala on October 4th.

The honorees for this year's event are: Beth Alden, DVM, Professor of Biology, Coordinator of SUNY Ulster's Veterinary Technology Program; Alfred C. Bedell, Professor Emeritus, Lieutenant-Commander U.S. Navy, (ret.); Patricia O'Reilly Murphy, author, Past President, Friends of Historic Kingston; and Dennis A. O'Brien, CPA, Kimball & O'Brien, PC, Vice-Chair, Ulster Community College Foundation, Inc.

The public is invited to attend this celebration at the Hillside Manor in Kingston, starting at 6 p.m., with a cocktail hour featuring a complimentary bar,hors d'oeuvre, and a silent auction followed by dinner. For reservations, contact the Foundation at (845) 687-5283.

Since 1976, the Ulster Community College Foundation, Inc. has partnered with the College to provide special enrichment opportunities including programs, speakers and technological resources that enhance the learning experience at SUNY Ulster. The Foundation sponsors events throughout the year that are open to the community. It also awards more than \$180,000 annually in scholarships, funded by contributions from individuals, members of the campus community, corporations and service organization

**Call to Artists for CAS Winter Members Show**

The Catskill Art Society will present its annual CAS Winter Members Show, an exhibition of work by CAS member artists displayed throughout the CAS Arts Center at 48 Main Street, Livingston Manor, NY from November 23 through December 31.

CAS is issuing a Call for Artists to all current CAS members to include up to two works of art in the CAS Winter Members Show. Submission forms and artworks may be delivered to the CAS Arts Center during regular gallery hours from October 17 through November 18. The entry fee for member artists is \$15 for one work and \$20 for two works. All work must be wall-ready with securely attached wire (nothing visible, please!) and available for sale. Artists will receive 75% of all sales. You have the option to replace sold work at no additional entry cost. Deadline for submission delivery is Monday, November 18 at 6pm.

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

If you are interested in participating in the CAS Winter Members Show or joining CAS as a member, please contact Bradley Diuguid at [bradley@catskillartsociety.org](mailto:bradley@catskillartsociety.org) or 845-436-4227 for a submission form. Forms can also be downloaded at [www.catskillartsociety.org/submissions](http://www.catskillartsociety.org/submissions).

November 23, 2013 2-4pm - Opening Reception- The Catskill Art Society will host a free opening reception for the CAS Winter Members Show on Saturday, November 23 from 2-4pm. All are welcome and light refreshments will be served.

All artwork will be available for sale, with proceeds benefiting the artists and the nonprofit CAS Arts Center. Gallery hours at the CAS Arts Center are Thursdays - Saturdays 11am-6pm, Sundays 11am-3pm, and Mondays 11am-6pm. The CAS Arts Center is wheelchair accessible.

**Ticket to Work**

Kingston New York: On Friday, October 11, 2013 at 2:00 PM, The ULSTER WORKS One-Stop Center and the Ulster County Office of Employment and Training will hold a workshop for SSI and SSDI consumers on how to return to the workforce. A trained counselor will offer tools for finding employment, job training and the best ways to gain self-sufficiency in the workplace. The workshop is open to the general public, professionals, and agencies who work with SSDI and SSI recipients. All are encouraged to attend who are interested in learning about the Social Security Work Incentives and the Ticket to Work Program.

The workshop will explore work incentives available in the Ticket to Work Program established by the Social Security Administration that allow SSI and SSDI benefit holders to increase their income and avail themselves of training opportunities. The trained counselor has a network of key employers who are willing and able to provide jobs, with a goal towards self-sufficiency in the workplace.

This program is scheduled for Friday, October 11, 2013 at 2:00 PM at the One-Stop at 601 Development Court (Albany Avenue) in Kingston. Reservations are required. Job seekers should contact: Troy Snyder, Disabilities Resource Coordinator of the Ticket to Work Program at the Ulster Works OneStop Center on Albany Avenue at 845-331-7202.

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## Governor Cuomo signs Assemblywoman Gunther's Bill Allowing Pharmacies to Take Back Controlled Substances

Monticello, NY – Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther (D,I,WF-Forestburgh) announced that Governor Andrew Cuomo recently signed legislation that would include pharmacies as a disposal site for unused controlled substances (A1101-B) once federal regulations are adopted.

"Seventy percent of prescription drug abusers get their drugs from a family member or friend," said Assemblywoman Gunther. "This legislation is a proactive step to getting unused prescription drugs out of the home and away from people who would sell or abuse them."

Under current federal rules, only law enforcement agencies are qualified disposal sites. In 2012, the US Drug Enforcement Agency published proposed regulations that would expand options for drug disposal. Assemblywoman Gunther's legislation directs the Commissioner of the New York State Department of Health to include pharmacies as qualified disposal sites on a voluntary basis and develop regulations for the anticipated change in federal rules.

## 30 New Environmental Police Officers Join Ranks to Protect Water Supply for More than Nine Million New Yorkers - DEP Police Protect Drinking Water Supply and Critical Infrastructure for Nearly Half of State's Residents

New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Commissioner Carter Strickland today presided over a graduation ceremony for 30 new Environmental Police Officers (EPO) who completed 31 weeks of training at DEP's Environmental Police Academy. The officers will immediately be deployed to protect a 2,000 square mile watershed and critical infrastructure across nine counties that supply roughly half of New York State's population with reliable, high quality drinking water. This year's class is one of the most diverse in the history of the academy, first launched in 2002, as the first-of-its-kind in the nation to provide training and concentrated course work in advanced environmental law. The new graduates, who reside in 12 different counties and speak seven different languages, completed training in police science, the use of firearms, and counterterrorism. In addition, the new police officers completed courses in environmental conservation law, land navigation, fish and wildlife science, and watershed protection. Today's ceremony took place at the Ulster Performing Arts Center in Kingston, NY. This class brings the DEP police force to 211 sworn members.

"Reliable, safe, and high quality drinking water is the lifeblood of New York City," said Commissioner Strickland. "I am proud to welcome our newest class of Environmental Police Officers to the ranks of a force with more than a century of tradition and accomplishment."

Originally from the United States, China, and India, and fluent in Albanian, Cantonese, Italian, Malayalam and Tamil, Ukrainian, Mandarin, and Spanish, the new class brings cultural diversity and essential skills to the DEP Police force. The graduating class named EPO Thomas Curran as the class leader and EPO Nicola Cavallo, EPO Christopher Correa, and EPO John Little as squad leaders. During the graduation ceremony several EPOs were recognized for their outstanding performance during the more than seven months of training. EPO Michael Nasti received the Academic Proficiency Award; EPO John Rispoli received the Firearms Proficiency Award; and EPO Curran

received the Physical Fitness and Best Overall Officer Awards.

The complete list of graduates and their home counties: Liridon Ahmedi, Suffolk; Corey Ashe, Putnam; Ethan Berghammer, Delaware; Joseph Brites, Suffolk; James Carpitella, Suffolk; Nicola Cavallo, Delaware; Christian Chaparro, Orange; Huanxin Chen, Kings; Christopher Correa, Orange; Emanuel Crespo, Kings; Thomas Curran, Putnam; Christopher Guziczek, Westchester; Gregory Kelemen, Orange; Vincent Lahara, Queens; John Little, Delaware; Andrew Mattson, Delaware; Alvin McKinney, Westchester; John Miller, Putnam; Spencer Moore, Columbia; Michael Nasti, Westchester; Jermaine Patterson, Westchester; Wendy Perroth, Richmond; Tamara Raczynsky, Queens; John Rispoli, Dutchess; Robert Rohr, Westchester; Sachin Scaria, Kings; Steven Specca, Orange; Peter Viti, Dutchess; Joseph Zane, Westchester; Richard Zimmer, Bronx.

The Bureau of Water Supply (BWS) Police was originally created through legislation enacted in the 1906 Water Supply Act. It was not until 1907 that the first provisional appointees were hired and assigned and, on July 9, 1908, the first permanent police officers were appointed and assigned to precincts in Peekskill, Garrison, Browns Station, and High Falls. The BWS Police force was the first in upstate New York with a multi-county jurisdiction. In 1983, the Bureau of Water Supply became the Department of Environmental Protection and the New York State Legislature revised New York Criminal Procedure Law to include DEP police officers. In 1999, DEP jurisdiction was extended to include the five boroughs of New York City. In 2004, the highest court in the state, the New York State Court of Appeals, affirmed the DEP Police Department's jurisdiction throughout the watershed. The DEP Police Department maintains jurisdiction in 14 counties, including the five boroughs of New York City, and its members are New York State certified police officers. The department has full-time Aviation and Emergency Services Units, Marine and K-9 Patrols, and a Detective Bureau.

## NY Attorney General Schneiderman Announces Arrest of Former Nonprofit Director For Involvement in Scheme to Steal More Than \$5 Million

New York State Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman today announced the arrest of William Rapfogel, former Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer of the Metropolitan Council on Jewish Poverty ("Met Council") who has ties with Sullivan County, on felony charges of grand larceny, money laundering, criminal tax fraud, and conspiracy, among others. The Attorney General's complaint charges Rapfogel with conspiring with others to inflate the rate of insurance policies paid by Met Council while pocketing the difference in cost, amounting to more than \$5 million stolen from the organization over roughly 20 years. Rapfogel received payments on a regular basis in envelopes of cash and in the form of checks for personal expenses, such as payment for a home contractor.

The investigation to date has revealed that Rapfogel received approximately \$1 million himself and shared the remainder with his co-conspirators. Rapfogel also directed an owner of the insurance company - Century Coverage Corporation ("Century") - to make donations to politicians and political organizations in an effort to benefit Met Council. The criminal investigation into

Rapfogel's scheme is being conducted in conjunction with New York State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli as part of the Joint Task Force on Public Integrity.

"It's always sad and shocking when we discover that someone used a charity as their own personal piggy bank-but even more so when that scheme involves someone well-respected in government and his community," said Attorney General Schneiderman. "New York has the greatest nonprofit sector in the nation, but a case like this reminds us of the need to remain vigilant and strengthen our oversight of the industry. I want to thank both Comptroller DiNapoli for his continued partnership in our mission to root out public corruption and ensure taxpayer money is protected, and to the Met Council Board for bringing this activity to light and cooperating with our investigation to date."

"The scale and duration of this scheme are breathtaking," State Comptroller DiNapoli said. "When individuals in the mission of helping others instead help themselves, it is particularly egregious. But eventually, fraud, no matter how cunning, unravels. I want to commend Attorney General Schneiderman for ensuring that our Joint Task Force on Public Integrity creates a higher level of accountability in New York, as well as the Met Council for its cooperation."

Rapfogel is charged with Grand Larceny in the First Degree, Money Laundering in the First Degree, Money Laundering in the Second Degree, four counts of Criminal Tax Fraud in the Third Degree, Conspiracy in the Fourth Degree, five counts of Falsifying Business Records in the first Degree, and three counts of Offering a False Instrument for Filing in the First Degree.

In the course of the investigation, which began in August following Rapfogel's termination from Met Council, attorneys and investigators from the Attorney General's Office uncovered details of a scheme stretching back to the early 1990s. Shortly after becoming Executive Director of Met Council in 1992, Rapfogel agreed to participate in an arrangement with other conspirators to inflate the cost of insurance policies obtained by Century for Met Council. For the duration of the scheme, the co-conspirators decided how much they would inflate the annual cost of insurance policies, with the inflated amount gradually increasing over time. In August, investigators recovered more than \$400,000 in cash that was hidden in Rapfogel's homes, though the amount he was said to have received personally was more than \$1 million. Rapfogel has a home in Monticello, NY and according to reports, state investigators found a portion of the \$400,000 there, which supposedly is part of the \$1 million that Rapfogel had acquired from the scheme.

In addition to taking cash kickbacks and checks for personal expenses - such as a payment of approximately \$27,000 for a contractor working on his home - Rapfogel directed a co-conspirator at Century to make political donations on behalf of Met Council using money obtained from the inflation scheme. This individual regularly delivered checks for political donations to Rapfogel, who in turn gave the checks to various politicians and political organizations. During this scheme, various candidates for New York City, New York State, and federal elective offices reported receiving tens of thousands of dollars in contributions from Century owners and employees.

Rapfogel was arrested last week and arraigned in Manhattan Supreme Court. The investigation is ongoing, with the assistance of the New York City Department of Investigation and the New York State Department of Financial Services.

The Joint Task Force on Public Integrity is a cooperative effort between

Attorney General Schneiderman's and Comptroller DiNapoli's offices to root out public corruption and maximize the resources of each office.

## POLITICAL SLANT

-Frank Comando  
Press Release

This article on Andrew Cuomo's, Moreland Commission, is a reminder of our government in action. Public corruption cannot be endured if you prize your freedom.

On July 2, 2013, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo appointed the "Commission to Investigate Public Corruption" under the Moreland Act and Executive Law Section 63(8) to probe systemic corruption and the appearance of such corruption in state government, political campaigns and elections in New York State.

Attorney General Eric Schneiderman will appoint the members of the Commission as Deputy Attorneys General giving the Commission broad investigative authority to probe matters that "involve public peace, public safety and public justice".

The Commission will have the power to issue subpoenas and examine witnesses under oath. They will be tasked with among things, reviewing the adequacy of existing state laws, regulations and procedures involving unethical and unlawful misconduct by public officials and the electoral process and campaign finance laws. They will also examine whether existing laws and regulations have been fairly and vigorously enforced and what changes must be made to such enforcement. The Commission is directed to make recommendations to toughen and improve existing laws and procedures.

Areas where the Commission will focus its investigation include but are not limited to:

- Criminal statutes for corruption and misconduct by public officials, such as bribery laws;
- Campaign financing including but not limited to contribution limits and other restrictions; disclosure of third-party contributions and expenditures and the effectiveness of existing campaign finance laws;
- Compliance of outside organizations and persons with existing lobbying laws, including but not limited to organizations engaged in lobbying and other efforts to influence public policies and elections and the effectiveness of such laws;
- Adequacy and enforcement of the State's election laws and electoral process including the structure and composition of the State and County Boards of Elections, the Board of Elections' enforcement and the effectiveness of and compliance with existing election laws.

The Commission is comprised of 3 co-chairs and 22 members. It also includes 1 Special Counsel and 3 Special Advisors.

The Commission will issue a preliminary report by December 1, 2013 and any additional report(s) by January 1, 2015.

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**"The Delaware River and the Universe"**  
 "The Delaware River and the Universe," an exhibit of paintings by Kathe Frantz opens with a reception on Friday, October 4 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Delaware Arts Center's Alliance Gallery in Narrowsburg, NY. The exhibit will be on view through November 2, 2013.  
 "The subjects of my work are landscape and concepts of visual process," explains painter Kathe Frantz, who uses saturated pigments in her oil paintings in order to explore concepts of vision, reality, and interpretation.  
 "Part observation, part reflection, and part creative, I present an experience of being in the dynamic natural world," she explains. "When we look at something, we see compositions embedded with fragments of days, time, and places of memory."  
 Frantz has showed her work in solo and group exhibits throughout the region in venues including 80th Street Gallery (New York, NY), Chamot Gallery (Jersey City, NJ), AFA Gallery (Scranton, PA), and Catskill Art Society (Livingston Manor, NY). She received her BA from Brooklyn College, and recently relocated from Sullivan to Orange County, NY.  
 "I am fortunate to be in the Upper Delaware Region, at this time, among some brilliant artists, including my partner, Charles Farless, who keep the wonder of this exquisite communication flowing."  
 Free and open to the public, the exhibit is sponsored by the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance, the Arts Council for Sullivan County, NY, and is made possible in part by a grant from the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Legislature.  
 Alliance Gallery is located at the Delaware Arts Center at 37 Main Street, Narrowsburg, NY. Hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information about the exhibit call (845) 252-7576 or visit [www.ArtsAllianceSite.org](http://www.ArtsAllianceSite.org).

**Art-In-The-Park at the Liberty Fall Harvest Festival**  
 Art-In-The-Park from 10am-4pm in LaPolk Park, Liberty. We hope you can join us for a small gathering of artist and crafters in the LaPolk Park on Main Street in Liberty during the Annual Liberty Fall Harvest Festival on October 12, 2013.  
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**PUBLIC NOTICES/LEGALS:****Legal Notice of Public Hearing on the Budget**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the proposed budget of the Claryville Fire District of the Towns of Denning and Neversink, State of New York will be presented to the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Claryville Fire District, for its consideration.

A PUBLIC HEARING will be held at 6:30 p.m. at the Claryville Volunteer Fire Department Community Hall, 1500 Claryville Road, Claryville, NY 12725 in the Town of Denning, State of New York on the 15th day of October 2013.

Pursuant to Town Law §105, the Board of Fire Commissioners must hold a public hearing on the budget, make the proposed budget available to the public prior to the public hearing, allow the public to comment on the budget at the public hearing. This public hearing must be held to allow maximum public participation in the hearing. The purpose of the public hearing is to allow any person to be heard in favor of or against the proposed budget as it is submitted, of for or against any item or items contained in the proposed budget, and hearing all persons interested in the subject concerning same.

That a copy of the proposed budget is available at the Office of the Town Clerk(s) of the Town(s) of Denning, 1567 Denning Road, Claryville, NY 12725; Neversink, 273 Main Street, Grahamsville, NY 12740 and Fire District Secretary at 1500 Claryville Road, Claryville, NY 12725 where it may be inspected by any interested person during office hours.

September 16, 2013  
Board of Fire Commissioners  
Claryville Fire district  
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Claryville, NY 12725

**SC Office for the Aging Public Hearing**

The Sullivan County Office for the Aging has scheduled a Public Hearing on Wednesday, October 16, 2013 at the Ted Stroebele Recreation Center, 2 Jefferson Street, Monticello, NY to gain input from older residents, baby boomers, and other interested parties on programs and services provided by the agency. The Public Hearing begins at 9:00 am with registration and a free continental breakfast.

The Office for the Aging provides such programs as home delivered meals and congregate meals, in-home services, assistance to informal caregivers, information and assistance, Health Insurance Information Counseling and Assistance Program (HIICAP), Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), Sullivan NYCONNECTS, shopping bus and medical transportation. Information gathered at the public hearing will be used in the development of the Agency's Annual Plan for services which must be submitted to the New York State Office for the Aging by December 2, 2013.

Following the Public Hearing, TRIAD (a collaborative partnership of senior

representatives, law enforcement, and county senior advocates) will be

hosting the fourth annual Senior Safety Day - "Seniors Growing Stronger Safely." The membership continues to focus on senior concerns, and strives to reduce the victimization of the elderly as well as improve the quality of life for our seniors. It begins at 10:00 am with host speakers presenting:

Preparing for and staying safe during inclement weather (Brenda Patton/NYSEG)

Dementia and home safety (Donna Davies/Alzheimer's Association)

Tips to improve senior strength and flexibility (Pedro Tweed/Monticello Gymnastics Club)

Regional resources to help community members age safely in their place of choice (Judy Balaban/Hudson Valley Senior Source)

Safety advice by officers from the Liberty and Fallsburg Police Departments (Chief S. Kinne and Detective B. Pavese)

There will be a buffet lunch followed by a raffle of wonderful door prizes (must be present to win). The event is free, but donations are appreciated. To register for this event please contact the Office for the Aging at 845-807-0241.

**Out of sight, out of mind? Check your septic!**

This is SepticSmart Week and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is encouraging homeowners to take action to ensure their septic systems are functioning properly. We couldn't agree more!

Failure to maintain a home's septic system can lead to system back-ups and overflows, which can result in costly repairs, polluted groundwater and streams, as well as risks to public health. Homeowners should have their system inspected and pumped every three to five years. If your system was installed after November 1995, the CWC may be able to help pay for a pump out. And if it's older than that, and you're experiencing some problems, you may be eligible for full or partial reimbursement for repairs. Call us: 845-586-1400.

Meantime, avoid pouring fats, grease, and solids down the drain, don't pour coffee grounds, dental floss, disposable diapers or wipes, feminine hygiene products, cigarette butts or cat litter into the toilet. Fix plumbing leaks and install water-efficient fixtures. Do not park or build on your system's drainfield.

**Governor Comes to Margaretville**

Gov. Andrew Cuomo, right, chatted with Jim Eisel, chairman of the Delaware County Board of Supervisors and a member of the CWC Board of Directors, following an appearance at Margaretville Central School September 18. The Governor brought encouragement to local officials and to a committee that is working to develop a plan for the village's renewal as one of several Community Reconstruction Zones (CRZ). The effort is part of New York Rising, a program to rebuild communities hard hit by the Irene, Lee and Sandy

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floods. The Governor was travelling through Margaretville when Irene struck August 28, 2011.

**Agudas Achim Community**

At 1:00 p.m. on Sunday October 13th, the Agudas Achim community will be gathering at the synagogue to recall and reflect on the experiences of Jews in Livingston Manor and the history of the congregation. Those attending will share their personal reflections and stories passed to them from others. Everyone attending is encouraged to bring pictures, news clippings and other artifacts they may have to share. Marian Kleinman our soloist will also be presenting a musical program to make the afternoon more enjoyable.

Everyone is encouraged to attend and bring their friends. This is the final program in the synagogue's 100th Anniversary celebration and is open to the public. Everyone will be encouraged to share something from their life. An article written by Ben Halpern about our history and this event is featured in the most recent edition of the New York State Folklore Society Journal. He will be here to help lead the program. Ben's family was one of the first Jewish residents of Livingston Manor. He was raised in the community by his parents who operated stores for many years on Main Street. Refreshments will be served. Anyone seeking more information should call (845) 439-5708 or email agudasachim@hvc.rr.com

**Assemblymember Kevin Cahill Unveils Levon Helm Memorial Boulevard Signs**

(From Pg. 9)  
"I can't think of anything more fitting than to have this beautiful stretch of highway named after Levon. So many of us travel this road many times a day and each trip will now have special meaning. It will also be the road that people forever remember as leading them to Levon Helm Studios, also known as 'the barn'. This is where Levon's life-long dream of hosting The Midnight Ramble became a reality. This is what he called home. This is a wonderful tribute to a man who was such an integral part of this community. His spirit, his legacy, his generosity, his music and now - his name - will be remembered forever," said Barbara O'Brien of Levon Helm studios.

**Public Hearing on Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System Annual Report**

A public meeting is to be held on October 7, 2013 from 2:30pm - 4:30pm in the Sullivan County Government Center Legislative Hearing Room in compliance with NYSDEC Phase II Stormwater Regulations. The meeting is to solicit public comment on the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Annual Report prepared by the SCDPW, for General Permit GP-0-10-002 issued by the NYSDEC.

For further information please contact the Sullivan County Division of Public Works at 845-807-0461.

**To the Voting Community of Tri-Valley:**

In a little over a month voters from both the Town of Neversink and the Town of Denning will be voting for local candidates for the positions of Supervisor, Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Councilmen and Judges.

Both the Town of Denning and the Town of Neversink make up the majority of what is known as the Tri-Valley community, therefore it is conceivable to note the importance of the duties of our elected officials who will serve in both towns.

For example both the Claryville Fire Department and the Grahamsville Fire Department each serve both towns, as does the First Aid Squad, and the Daniel Pierce Library also serves both the Town of Neversink and the Town of Denning. Over the years, the Town of Denning has enjoyed many of the recreational activities sponsored by the Town of Neversink including the Town of Neversink pool; events sponsored by the Town of Neversink Parks and Recreation, and now, the newly proposed Little League Field, just to name a few.

It has been over two years since Irene, and almost three years since the 'big snow storm' of 2011. Both bring back memories of how our small communities worked together.

Traveling on snowshoes, many of us recall Mark Mc Carthy and Pastor Bob going beyond the call of duty to make sure that everyone had food and was warm and safe in Sundown during the big snowstorm when we lost power for several days.

During Hurricane Irene, again Mark McCarthy was among those who helped make sure that everyone in Sundown was safe, as did Dave Brooks.

This was not part of a political campaign, but rather practical caring good neighbors with common sense!

The other side of the Town of Denning, Claryville, was completely cut off, and they too, had their woes that were equally supported by good caring neighbors.

We all made it through both the snowstorm and Hurricane Irene/Lee and were safe in our homes with our memories and stories of both weather events!

Not so for our elected officials! Their work had just begun. Most of us are not aware of the paper trail that had been created to restore our roads, homes, etc. especially after Hurricane Irene/Lee, not to mention last year's Hurricane Sandy.

Voting in this year's election for Town Supervisor in the Town of Neversink and the Town of Denning should not be a popularity contest, based on propaganda, nor should it be filled with promises, but rather an act of good conscience of each voter in the entire Tri-Valley community. That means we need to have elected officials that not only have integrity and the ability to cross geological and political boundaries, but we need to elect Supervisors in both towns who have already established communication and a good record by their own unchanging reliable actions in our communities. We need to elect Supervisors that we can call 'honorable role models'.

We are proud to know both Dave Brooks, who is running in the Town of Denning for Supervisor and Mark McCarthy, who is running for Supervisor in the Town of Neversink. We are proud to have both Dave and Mark as members of our community and good neighbors.

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Revere won a Best Supporting Actress Oscar as Taylor's mother. Screenplay by Theodore Reeves and Helen Deutsch, from Enid Bagnold's novel. Directed by Clarence Brown, and starring Mickey Rooney, Elizabeth Taylor, Donald Crisp, Anne Revere, Angela Lansbury, Reginald Owen, Norma Varden, Jackie "Butch" Jenkins, Terry Kilburn. Followed years later by INTERNATIONAL VELVET and a TV series. **See it on TCM 4:00 PM, Saturday, October 05, 2013, C-124min, Rated TV-PG.**

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