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First Foreign Casualty in Ukraine has Local Ties

According to a Facebook post by Ukrainian Interior Ministry adviser Anton Herashchenko, the only American known to have fought alongside Ukrainian forces against pro-Russian separatists was killed in eastern Ukraine and has reportedly become the first foreign casualty on the Ukrainian side of the military conflict against Russian mercenaries and Kremlin-backed forces in eastern Ukraine.



Mark Gregory Paslawsky, 55, died while fighting with the volunteer Donbas Battalion.

Paslawsky, who fought under the nom de guerre "Franko," was killed on August 19 during fighting in the town of Ilovaysk, near the Ukrainian city of Donetsk.

Paslawsky was born in 1959 in New York and grew up in a tight-knit Ukrainian-American family in New Jersey.

A graduate of West Point and a former investment banker, Paslawsky completed volunteer training in Ukraine before joining the National Guard, according to the post, suggesting the move was a demonstration of Paslawsky's willingness to serve among the rank-and-file.

Paslawsky moved to Ukraine around two decades ago and informed his family earlier this year that he planned to volunteer for the Ukrainian Army, according to his brother, Nestor Paslawskyy, the manager at the Soyuzivka resort in Kerhonkson where a memorial service was held on Monday evening. He is survived by his mother, brother and a sister who will head to Kiev for his burial.

"We were concerned about the situation he was going into, understanding what the theater of operations look like, of course," Nestor Paslawsky says. "We were concerned about this, but I think we were also proud of his decision."

He said his family learned of Paslawsky's death from the Internet. "We grieve for him but we are proud of him as well," he said. "He was a true American and Ukrainian patriot who supported both countries."

Local Runners, Family & Friends Run in 100K Catskill Mountain Road Race



If you were out on Sunday, August 10, 2014, you may have noticed people running on the road depending on where you were in Ulster and Sullivan Counties. The runners were participating in the Catskill Mountain 100K Road Race & Relay (CMRR) which started in Phoenicia, and ended in West Shokan.

The CMRR is basically a relay race that consists of (10) 10K legs (a total of 62 miles) with teams of anywhere from 5-10 people. Runners can also enter the race to run the whole 100K solo.

The race started at 5:30 a.m. in Phoenicia, then went through Shandaken and Big Indian, up Winnisook Hill (by Slide Mt.), past Frost Valley YMCA, through Claryville, Grahamsville and Sundown, up Peekamoose Hill and finally ended in West Shokan.

One of the teams participating this year in the relay race was the "Artful Amblers." Evan Edwards, a sophomore and member of the Cross Country and Track Teams at Tri-Valley Central School, was part of this 5-person team. Also on the team with Evan was his uncle, Daniel Curry, a 1992 graduate of Tri-Valley, from Springfield, Virginia, Dan's wife Kristy, Dan's brother-in-law Ross Branstetter also from Springfield, VA, and friend Jill Salatti from Dingmans Ferry, Pennsylvania. Each of them ran (2) 10K legs. They finished the race in 9 hours, 41 minutes.

The teams had to self-support during the race, providing their own water, food, etc. The support crew for the Artful Amblers consisted of Robert Curry, Tony Salatti, and Kim, Nial & Brian Edwards.

Dan and Kristy have been talking about doing this race for a couple of years, and finally this year they were able to get a team together. While the CMRR was very challenging (there were many hills involved!), everyone agreed that it was a lot of fun, "a blast," and they would do it again.

If you or someone you know would be interested in participating in this race next year, you can check out their website at <http://todjen.wix.com/catskillmountain100K>.

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PRASAD Children's Dental Health Program a Proud Recipient of the 2014 Give Kids a Smile Award



Hurleyville, NY - PRASAD Children's Dental Health Program is honored to be a recipient of the 2014 Give Kids a Smile Award, given by the New York State Dental Foundation. The award is in recognition of the program's excellence in caring for the oral health care needs of children in Sullivan County.

Since 2007, the New York State Dental Foundation (NYSDF) has given its Give Kids a Smile Award (GKAS) to recognize programs which provide oral health care for children.

Laura Leon, Executive Director of the New York State Dental Foundation, presented the award to Dr. Cecilia Escarra, Program Administrator of PRASAD CDHP. Ms. Leon commented, "It is unusual for the NYS Dental Foundation to give the award to an organization more than once. Today, PRASAD CDHP is receiving the award for the third time, which is a testament to the good work that PRASAD is doing to help children and mothers receive dental care despite the obstacles of the rural community. There is tremendous support from the stakeholders and leadership in the community, which bolsters PRASAD's efforts to advocate for oral health." PRASAD CDHP previously received the award in 2009 and 2011. (Contd. Pg. 4)



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ON THE FRONT BURNER: Thus saith the Lord of hosts, behold, evil shall go forth from nation to nation, and a great whirlwind shall be raised up from the coasts of the earth.
Jeremiah 26:32

OBITUARY



Susan Mary (Roesch) Butler, 52, of Woodbourne, died unexpectedly at home on Sunday, August 17, 2014. Born in Middletown, NY on April 30, 1962, she was the beloved daughter of Sheila (O'Brien) Roesch and the late George F. Roesch, III of Middletown. She was a proud graduate of the John S. Burke Catholic High School Class of 1980.

She received an undergraduate degree and Master's degree from Fordham University. Throughout her life, she was employed in the service and teaching professions where her generous spirit and great sense of humor were loved and admired by many. Her love of family was unsurpassed and was the most important thing to her.

She is survived by her husband, Richard Butler of Woodbourne and her beloved children, Courtney Butler of Providence, RI, and Kyle Butler and Kayla Butler at home. She leaves to mourn her devoted sisters, Ellen S. Roesch of Albany, Anne E. Dunitz (Jeremy) of Middletown, Carol F. Roesch (Phil Aiken) of Sharon, MA; and her brother, Matthew Roesch (Daria) of Rochester, NY. She is also survived by many aunts, uncles, cousins and nieces and nephews who will always cherish many memories of fun and exciting adventures with their Aunt Susan. She will be forever remembered with tremendous love by her family who wish her godspeed on the yellow brick road.

Contributions in Susan's memory may be made to The Neuropathy Association - www.neuropathy.org.

WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT



Melanie Karkkainen and Adam Hornbeck exchanged wedding vows on Saturday, August 23 at the pavilion at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds.

Melanie is the daughter of Francis and Helen Karkkainen of Long Eddy, NY and Adam is the son of Raymond and Elise Hornbeck of Grahamsville, NY.

Melanie is a beautician at Claudia's Salon at 91 Main Street, Liberty, NY. Adam works for the NYC Watershed as a surveyor.

After their honeymoon to Maine, the couple will reside at their home in Grahamsville.

THANK YOU NOTE:

On behalf of the Ulster County Town Clerks & Tax Collectors Association I would like to thank all of the wonderful women who made lap blankets for the WWII Honor Flight to DC next month: Maureen Hamilton, Gladys Van Wagner and Gloria Cargill as well as the ladies of the Sundown Church Ladies Auxiliary, Jane Carminati and the ladies of the Claryville Quilters, Marjorie Teller and her daughter. Many thanks to all of the Town Clerks who also donated.

Joy Monforte
UCTXCA Pres.

COLLEGE NEWS:

Jim Bernstein of Grahamsville, NY, was selected to serve as a SUNY Oneonta Orientation Leader for the 2014-2015 academic year. In addition to leading activities for new students and their parents during 10 summer orientation sessions, Orientation Leaders welcome new students into their new community by leading small groups, answering questions about the college and college life, and mentoring new students through the first few weeks of the semester. Orientation Leaders are selected through a rigorous application and inter-

view process. They receive a stipend for their work. Bernstein, a junior majoring in Biology, is a graduate of Tri-Valley High School.

Veronica Marquez Navarro of Liberty, NY, has been admitted to SUNY Oneonta as a member of the Class of 2018. Approximately 1,100 new students, selected from 11,589 applicants, will begin their studies at SUNY Oneonta on Monday, Aug. 25. Marquez Navarro, whose major is Biology, is a graduate of Liberty High School.

Woodbourne, NY resident, Adam Hurwitz, has enrolled at James Madison University for the fall 2014 semester. Hurwitz plans to major in Biology.

Zuly Sanchez of Ellenville took part in an off-campus internship this summer through SUNY Oswego's Experience-Based Education program. A senior majoring in public relations, she interned with Wilhelmina Model and Talent Management Agency in Rochester.

Joseph Newhall of West Lake Street in Liberty. He last studied at Sullivan County Community College, and intends to major in adolescence education at Oswego.

Nicole Rose of Chestnut Street in Liberty. She last studied at Sullivan County Community College, and intends to major in human development at Oswego.

Sophie K. James of Napanoch has reserved a place among more than 1,450 freshman at SUNY Oswego. Fall 2014 classes will begin Aug. 25. She is a graduate of Rondout Valley High School.

DAYS OF YORE....

Today's History

September 15, 1954 - Otto Hillig, 78, photographer and a veteran of one of the earliest single engine plane flights across the Atlantic, died Sept. 12, 1954 at Liberty Loomis Hospital. Mr. Hillig was born in Steinbruechen, Germany in 1876 and came to the United States when he was 16. In 1947 Mr. Hillig retired from business and in recent years he lived in the castle which he built long ago on top of Washington Mountain.

A daughter, Virginia Marie, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Everett Christiana Jr., of Cream Ridge, N.J. at Veterans Memorial Hospital on Sept. 3rd. Mrs. Christiana is the former Jean Sheeley of Lackawack.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Eaton of Washington, Michigan announce the engagement of their daughter, Ann Clair, to Richard George Krom, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Krom of this village.

August 26, 1964 - Mrs. Lula Kortright, 69, died suddenly at her home in Neversink on Sunday, August 23rd. She was married on August 24, 1944 at Sundown to Earl Kortright. Mrs. Kortright was a member of the Neversink Fire Co. Ladies Auxiliary. She had made her home in Neversink for 20 years. Surviving are her husband; two sons; six daughters; seven stepsons. Also two sisters; two brothers; 48 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

The first three winners in Senior Showmanship at a recent dairy show were Tri Valley FFA members. First for the second year in a row was Brian Mitteer, second was Eugene Slater and third was Ricky Strangeway.

September 4, 1974 - Among the winners at the "Art in the Square Show" in Ellenville on Saturday, August 24th was Becky Brenner of Pepacton Hollow, Grahamsville. She won first prize in Sculpture in the professional category with her 3-D showing of "Ye Olde Colonel", an authentic replica of a Grahamsville neighbor. Although this is the first time Becky has entered

her sculpture in Ellenville, she is no stranger to Sullivan County art exhibitions, winning prizes in shows in Monticello, Fallsburg, Hurleyville and our own Grahamsville Fair.

Michael Costigan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Costigan, is at Central Connecticut State College on a partial athletic scholarship. He plans to major in Liberal Arts. Mike's brother, Philip, recently fulfilled his requirements for his Master's degree at Colgate University and will be teaching Spanish at Rye, N.Y.

September 6, 1984 - Miss Julie Kaye Schulte, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Schulte of Grahamsville became the bride of Bruce Edward Raymond, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Raymond of Grahamsville on Saturday, September 1, 1984 at the Grahamsville Reformed Church, the Rev. Harlan Nyhof officiating. Mrs. Raymond is currently employed as a R.N. at Community General Hospital, Harris. Mr. Raymond is serving in the U.S. navy aboard a nuclear submarine stationed in San Diego, California.

A Round About Tri-Valley

-Carol Furman

Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Susan Butler of Woodbourne who passed away at the age of 52 on August 17th. I worked with Sue when she taught at Tri-Valley and she was a wonderful person. She was always willing to go out of her way to help both staff and students. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

Kudos, again to Barry Lewis who finished first in the 4-Mile Walk at Middletown's "Run 4 Downtown". Barry finished the walk a quite a bit faster than the second place finisher!

Get well wishes to Mary Ann Ronkese of Grahamsville who had knee replacement surgery and to Mike Mickelson who was in the hospital. They should remain in our thoughts and prayers.

Congratulations to Grahamsville's Jerry Curry who recently won his second consecutive Sportman Race at Bethel Speedway.

John Singh, a Tri-Valley graduate, was a very good golfer during his high school career. He continued playing golf after graduation and recently, while on vacation in Martha's Vineyard, he had the honor of caddying for President O'Bama, who was also on vacation in Martha's Vineyard. Way to go, John! John's Dad is a golf pro at Lochmore.

It was nice to see Helen McShane, formerly of Claryville, visiting the Grahamsville/Claryville area again during Fair weekend.

The Grahamsville Reformed Church ladies will be having a Bake Sale on Saturday, August 30th beginning at 9:00 am. The Church will also be hosting a Roast Beef Dinner on Saturday, September 6th from 4:00 - 7:00 pm.

All Tri-Valley area children between the ages of 3 and 12 are invited to attend Sunday School at the Grahamsville Reformed Church beginning on Sunday, September 7th at 9:30 am. Sunday School meets every Sunday from 9:30 - 10:30 am. For more info, contact Cathy Bender or Julie Furman.

The antique farm machinery at the entrance to the Grahamsville covered bridge looks great! Thank you to members of the Neversink/Rondout Antique Tractor Club for painting and refurbishing these farm implements! Things have a way of getting done around the community, and we thank all those who volunteer to make our town a nicer place. Unless one happens to see someone caring for a garden spot or picking up litter along the roadway, the volunteer doing the kind deed remains anonymous. But... your caring is appreciated!

Editor's Note: See page 8 for 'who dunnit' and a picture of the refurbished mowing machine.

Words of Wisdom: The best things in life aren't things!

A champion is a dreamer that refused to give up!

Thank You Note from the Daniel Pierce Library

Thank you to the many volunteers who helped at our booths at the Little World's

Fair and to everyone who stopped by to say, "Hello," and buy books, raffle tickets, strawberry shortcakes, and yogurt parfaits. The funds raised will be used for the children's programs and to purchase needed books for all age groups. A very special thank you to the dedicated members of the Fair Association who, each year, produce such a wonderful event for our community!!!

Cleaning House? Donate Your Children's Books to a Good Cause!

Jacqueline Kennedy once wisely said, "There are many little ways to enlarge a child's world. Love of books is the best of all."

Our community strives to encourage literacy among young people. You can help the Daniel Pierce Library enlarge a child's world by helping to put books into the hands of children!

Children frequent the library daily, and a number of young people enjoy taking home books of their very own from under our reasonably-priced, summertime *Book Sale under the Big Top*. Our book sale under the tent is very popular among the young, and therefore, we have a very happy problem. We are currently experiencing a *shortage of children's books* for the book sale!

If you are looking for a good home for your used children's books, please consider donating them to the Daniel Pierce Library. Your donations will be placed under the tent to be sold for a reasonable donation or included in our Book Sale at the Giant Pumpkin Party on October 4, 2014. The proceeds from the book sales support children's programming at the Daniel Pierce Library.

Books may be dropped off during regular library hours. (Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Wednesdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., or on Saturdays, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.) For information, please contact the library at 985-7233.

Lighting the Fire Towers

On Saturday, August 30, 2014 fire tower volunteers and DEC personnel at Red Hill, Balsam Lake Mt., Mt. Tremper, Overlook Mt. and Hunter Mt. will put lights in the fire towers from around 8:30 - 10 pm. This is the second year of this event. Last year many community members came out after an evening of thunderstorms to look for the light on Red Hill and signaled the fire tower with their own lights.

If you plan on coming out to signal the Red Hill Fire Tower, call Doug Hamilton (985-7427) with your location in advance and we will try to identify you by your signal. The rain date will be Sunday, August 31. We look forward to seeing your lights!

Online Video Addresses Teens' Concerns about Stuttering

Stuttering is a frustrating and embarrassing problem for millions of people, but it can be especially tough on teenagers. Help is available with an online video Stuttering: Straight Talk for Teens at <http://www.stutteringhelp.org/content/stuttering-straight-talk-teens>.

"It's meant to encourage teens, to tell them that there is hope out there," said Professor Peter Ramig of the University of Colorado at Boulder. Ramig is one of three nationally recognized experts appearing in the video produced by the nonprofit Stuttering Foundation.

David Wilkins, a high school student who stutters, narrates the video. It features students from junior high school through college talking about their experiences with stuttering and what they found to be helpful. They talk openly about the ridicule they faced from classmates and how their stuttering affects their lives.

"We really try to emphasize the embarrassment and frustration factor, and we think teens will relate to that," adds Ramig. He appears in the video along with speech-language pathologists Dr. Barry Guitar of the University of Vermont and Dr. Hugo Gregory of Northwestern University.

The three experts answer questions about stuttering, refute myths and misconceptions, and present examples of therapy sessions showing how stuttering can be reduced.

More than three million Americans stutter, yet stuttering remains misunderstood by most people," said Jane Fraser, president of the Stuttering Foundation. "Myths such as believing people who stutter are less intelligent or suffer from psychological problems still persist despite research refuting these erroneous beliefs."

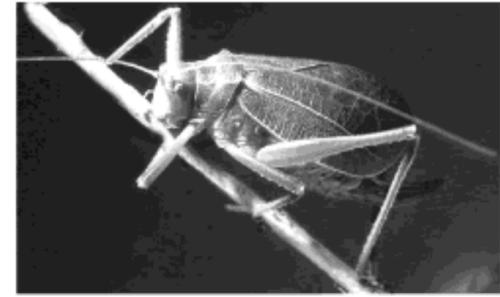
Several books and DVDs produced by the 67-year-old nonprofit Stuttering Foundation are available free to any public library. A library that will shelve them can contact the Foundation at 1-800-992-9392, e-mail info@stutteringhelp.org, or visit www.stutteringhelp.org or www.tartarumdez.org.

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, Polly Hill and Joyce Lockhart.

Counting the Days of Summer with the Katydid

The katydids have been signaling us that the countdown to the end of summer has begun in the Catskills. They have been considered a prophet of weather to come. According to legend, when the katydids first start their song at night it means the first frost will occur in three months. Later in the summer when the katydid is heard during the day singing from the deep shadows, the first frost is but six weeks away. On the last day before the first hard frost, the katydid will sing its own fare well song.



I have heard reports that people in Neversink have heard the katydids for several weeks now, but I am

wondering (no hoping) that it was only at night and perhaps there will still be time for the tomatoes to ripen!

Katydid is just about everywhere throughout the Catskills. They are insects of the Tettigoniidae family and are commonly called katydids, bush-crickets or long-horned grasshoppers. They are more closely related to crickets than to grasshoppers.

There are more than 6,400 species of katydids that live in forested areas, in thickets or even in fields where there are plenty of shrubs and trees. They are often heard and not seen as they usually stay at the tops of the trees where more leaves are available. Most katydids are vegetarians and eat leaves of deciduous trees and shrubs, especially oaks.

Some katydids can grow over two inches in length and are a bright leafy green color. They have long oval shaped wings which are held vertically over the body resembling roof shingles. The wings have lots of veins and actually look like leaves. They have very long antennae often extending beyond the tip of the abdomen.

Both male and female katydids make sounds. They rub their front wings together to "sing" to each other. Katydid hear each other with ears that are located on their front legs.

Their breeding season will soon begin in the Catskills during the late summer and early fall. Females will lay eggs on stems of plants. The eggs will hatch the following spring into nymphs, that look like katydids, just not fully grown. Katydid nymphs eat and grow, molting their skin several times. Each time the nymph sheds its skin it looks more like an adult. Finally, after its last molt, the nymph will have changed into an adult katydid.

Katydid can fly short distances when threatened, but they prefer to walk and climb. When they do fly, it is more of a downward flutter. If you see a katydid land on the ground, watch it and it will probably walk to the nearest tree and begin to climb.

Enemies of the katydids are birds, bats, spiders, frogs, snakes, and other insect-eaters.

Their brilliant green color makes katydids attractive to the eye. They don't bite or sting. Best of all katydids bring music to the night, often commanding the chorus of summer evenings for us to enjoy. Their sound brings back memories of open windows and falling asleep to nature's lullaby.

Most will agree that it was not an exceptionally hot summer in the Catskills and we did not have the windows open through the night too often. Perhaps you are like me, savoring every thought of summer while trying to convince ourselves the katydids are still only singing during the night.

But, we all know, it won't be long and we will hear their song all day long and once the katydid's song is no longer heard in our backyards, we will also know the quiet of winter will soon settle in the Catskills.

Household Hints

Vinegar Spray Bottles

Next time you are ready to dispense with the room deodorizer spray bottle - don't - recycle it!

In addition to your regular bottle of vinegar, this is a really useful item. Ideally, you want two—one with pure vinegar, the other with a half vinegar, half water combination. Having vinegar in a dispenser of this type makes its use much simpler and keeps it handy. In fact, it might not be a bad idea to keep spray bottles of vinegar not only in the cleaning supply cabinet, but one in the kitchen, one in each bathroom, and don't forget the garage!



Then We Take Berlin Mysterious Book Report No 160

by John Dwaine McKenna

I've always enjoyed reading historical fiction or crime and espionage novels, as well as most anything to do with World War II and the early cold war period. When I found an unfamiliar author who had just written a novel that combined all those elements into one project . . . I couldn't wait to get a copy and dive in, see if all the publicity and book jacket blurbs were accurate, or just hype. I'm happy to report that this week's MBR more than meets expectations, and uncovers another high-quality, but often over-looked author named John Lawton. His new novel *Then We Take Berlin*, (Grove Atlantic Inc., \$26.00, 418 pages, ISBN 978-0-8021-2196-7) takes place in Berlin during the aftermath of World War II; when the city was isolated behind the Iron Curtain and divided into four sectors controlled by the US, Britain, France and the USSR . . . an unsettled few years during which governments were being reestablished, the process of rebuilding Europe was getting underway, and, because the basic necessities of life weren't readily available . . . there was a thriving black market. When combined, those factors made Berlin a thieves bazaar . . . and a smugglers paradise. Into this cauldron of fomenting hardship and discontent, author Lawton introduces us to Joe Wilderness, a British orphan who survived the Blitz, using his skills as a burglar and three card Monte hustler . . . he's a cocky criminal with an astonishing ability to remember all that he sees, reads or is told. When we engage as readers with him, Wilderness has been drafted into Great Britain's RAF, or Royal Air Force, where he's in prison, for insubordination and faced with a lengthy sentence. He's freed, under the auspices of a British Secret Service officer and given an accelerated college education in German and Russian languages, including advanced studies in art, culture and nuclear physics at Cambridge, then posted to Berlin as the war ends. He spends his days interviewing ex-Nazis and doing occasional burglary jobs for the British Secret Service. At night, he teams up with Frank, an American Office of Secret Services, or OSS officer, and Yuri, a Major in the Russian Secret Service, or NVKD and they proceed to set up a monumental smuggling operation with the intention of making themselves rich. Then, Wilderness meets Nell, an aristocratic German girl who possesses "all the scruples that he lacks," and things become even more complicated, culminating in President John F. Kennedy's 1963 visit and *Ich bin ein Berliner* speech that rocked the world.

This excellent, well-written and erudite novel will captivate, delight and educate you about an important, but overlooked part of mid-twentieth century history. It's a great read!

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Grahamsville Resident Remains Watchful While Being the Victim of a Recent Scam

We received a call from a local person who was at first reluctant to call the Townsman. But she did.

Alice received a call telling her that she won a large sum of money; all she had to do was send a check for \$400 and she would receive her money.

Quick thinking Alice said, "I will send you the \$400 when I have the money in my hand and the police are here with me," and then she hung up the phone.

Alice noted that her caller I.D. revealed the person who had made the call was from Jamaica. Alice had once lived in Jamaica, NY, and thought it was possible that was where the call had been made from. Alice was persistent and called the phone company and was told the number that she read back was from a person calling from the Jamaica located in the Caribbean not New York!

We are happy that Alice, a local senior citizen called and told us about this. Perhaps if we are all alerted to these scams and no one buys into them, the scammers will stop, or at least not scam us.

Ironically, only a few minutes after speaking to Alice, I received an email from Governor Cuomo on the very subject - SCAMS!

Stay vigilant and if you believe you have been a victim of a scam, visit <http://www.dos.ny.gov/consumerprotection> or call the Consumer Assistance Hotline at 800-697-1220. The Division can also be reached via Twitter at @NYSConsumer and Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/nysconsumer>.

Thank you Alice for being so vigilant and letting our readers know that this could happen to them or to anyone, anywhere.

Division of Consumer Protection Outreach Coordinators to Span the State Offering Older Persons Fraud Prevention Tips

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo has announced that he will dispatch the New York Department of State's Division of Consumer Protection to conduct training sessions for older New Yorkers on how to protect themselves against fraud. Older individuals are the most vulnerable popula-

tions to scams, and it is estimated that various schemes cost seniors in America more than \$3 billion per year.

"Scams that target and defraud elderly individuals are shameful and will not be tolerated in New York State," Governor Cuomo said. "Our administration is actively working with New York's senior population to educate them on the ways scammers may try to defraud them, and how they can protect themselves now and in the future. I encourage all New Yorkers to learn more about protecting themselves and their loved ones from this kind of abuse and deception."

Older individuals are among the likeliest targets of the unscrupulous scammers who prey upon them. According to the AARP, roughly one-third of all scam victims are 65 or older. AARP estimates that fraud cost older Americans more than \$3 billion a year, but the true figure is many times higher, because most of these crimes go unreported out of embarrassment.

New York Secretary of State Cesar A. Peralas said, "I commend Governor Cuomo for taking action and protecting older individuals against those who are intent on harming their stability and financial well-being. As scams aimed at seniors continue to grow, so will our efforts to better protect them."

New York State Office for the Aging Director Corinda Crossdale said, "When it comes to protecting yourself from scams, information is the best protection. Scam artists are always coming up with something new, so learning about the scams and how to protect against them is important. The State Office for Aging's network of 59 local Offices for the Aging provides information on how to detect, and report fraud and abuse. I applaud Governor Cuomo's directive to educate and protect older New Yorkers from being scammed."

Governor Cuomo also encourages seniors and those who care for seniors to be on the lookout for suspicious solicitations. The top three fraud categories affecting seniors, according to complaints to the Division of Consumer Protection, are:

Internal Revenue Service Scam: The caller states they are an IRS agent or police officer calling about a past due tax balance. Unless the debt is paid immediately with a Green Dot Card Money Card or Western Union MoneyGram, the caller claims that officers will arrest the victim that day. These scammers often use caller ID hacks or spoofing technology so that the caller ID name or number appears to be that of the IRS. The Division of Consumer Protection alone received 78 formal complaints on this type of scam in 2013, compared to 62 in 2012.

Grandparent Scam: A senior receives an urgent phone call from someone who claims to be a grandchild who has an emergency, is out of town and needs money fast. The caller begs the grandparent not to tell his parents and to wire the funds quickly. Scammers might use actual relatives' names and information they get from social media or other sources. The Division of Consumer Protection alone received 51 formal complaints on this type of scam in 2013, when complaints first surfaced.

Free Grant Scam: Caller tells senior that they have been randomly selected and qualified for a "free government grant," for reasons such as: paying taxes on time or being debt free. In one

instance, the caller claimed that the grant was available to people starting small businesses. The victim will either be required to pay money upfront before receiving the grant money and/or be asked for personal and financial information which will be used to commit identity theft. The Division of Consumer Protection alone received 48 formal complaints on this type scam in 2013, compared to 39 in 2012.

The Division of Consumer Protection, in partnership with The Harry & Jeannette Weinberg Center for Elder Abuse Prevention at the Hebrew Home at Riverdale, the State Office for the Aging, AARP and the Free Community Papers of New York, also hosts a monthly toll-free "Senior Consumer Information Line" which allows seniors Statewide to access free information they can use to stay safe, maximize their independence and improve their everyday lives. Seniors can access the line by dialing 1-800-503-9000. All information on the phone line is available in English and Spanish. Each month focuses on a new topic applicable to seniors.

For more information on additional Division of Consumer Protection presentations to seniors, to request a presentation for your group or organization or to file a consumer complaint, visit <http://www.dos.ny.gov/consumerprotection> or call the Consumer Assistance Hotline at 800-697-1220. The Division can also be reached via Twitter at @NYSConsumer and Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/nysconsumer>.

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UC Comptroller Internship Program at Ulster County Comptroller's Office

Ulster County Comptroller Elliott Auerbach announces openings in his FALL 2014 Internship Program.

The program, in its sixth year, is supervised by the professional staff of accountants, auditors and attorneys. The internship, which can be taken for course credit or work experience, is tailored around each individual student's academic discipline and schedule. Both undergraduate and graduate students form a variety of disciplines including Accounting, Finance, Economics, Business, Public Relations, Communications and Social Media have benefited from participating in the program.

The internship program has attracted students from SUNY New Paltz, Siena College, Marist, SUNY Albany, SUNY Binghamton, Princeton University, Mount St. Mary and SUNY Ulster.

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Victims Assistance Program has been Selected to Receive NYS Grant Funding - The Grant Will Provide \$1,118,366 Over A Three Year Period

Kingston, NY - Ulster County Executive Mike Hein is pleased to announce that the Ulster County Crime Victims Assistance Program (CVAP) has been awarded a New York State grant of \$1,118,366.25 for the period October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2017. Ulster County's CVAP is scheduled to receive \$367,829.85 for 2014-2015; \$374,640.05 for 2015-2016; and \$375,896.35 for 2016-2017 subject to County legislative action. CVAP serves victims of crime, including victims of DWI, elder abuse, survivors of homicide, adult and child victims of assault (including sexual assault), and victims of domestic violence, and victims of robbery and gang-related violence.

"In the aftermath of a crime, no victim should have to recover on their own," said County Executive Hein. "Ulster County's Crime Victims Assistance Program can help a victim navigate through what can sometimes feel like a daunting system while providing real assistance during emotional and trying times. This grant will play a very important role in ensuring that any victim of a crime has services readily available to help them recover in their time of need. Our excellent Crime Victims Assistance Program offers critically important services such as: a 24 hour hotline; crisis counseling; advocacy; accompaniment and support; information; referrals to appropriate outside agencies; and assistance in preparing Victim Impact Statements for Pre-Plea and Pre-Sentence Investigation Reports."

"Through continuous grant funding and the support of County Executive Hein and the Department of Probation, we have been able to offer comprehensive victim services to many innocent Ulster County crime victims," said Melanie Mullins, Ulster County Probation Director. "In addition to enhancing our

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services to crime victims, the funding will enable us to hire an additional Crime Victim Counselor. Our team is dedicated to continuing our advocacy on behalf of all victims, as well as providing comprehensive services to all members of the community."

The Ulster County Crime Victims Assistance Program is the only New York State Department of Health certified rape crisis program in Ulster County. This allows for confidential services to victims of sexual assault, a critically important service.

The CVAP Hotline is 845-340-3442 and additional information can be found at www.ulstercountyny.gov/probation/crime-victim-assistance.

The Olive Jar - By Carol LaMonda

HOPE FOR HANNAH CONTINUES

People in Olive and Shandaken are doing what they do best to help out people in need of support. Hannah has a long road to recovery, so various fundraisers are being put into place.

The Olive First Aid Squad is selling T-Shirts - Please visit <http://teespring.com/hopeforhannah>, a website where a T-shirt can be ordered for \$17.00. It is black with the logo "Hope for Hannah" on the front.

Cindy Daniels O'Connor is organizing a Brooks Chicken Barbecue on September 16 to raise money for those medical and travel expenses.

Deborah R. Broekema Baldwin has set up a link on FaceBook to <https://fundly.com/m2/hannah-low> in hopes of raising \$10,000 in donations. They are over halfway there.

Cards, donations, and good wishes can be sent to Hannah Lowe, PO BOX 542, Shokan, N.Y. 1248. To quote her mom, Kathy, "It takes a village..." We are that village whose thoughts, prayers and donations will provide HOPE FOR HANNAH.

Hannah Lowe, just sixteen years old, was struck by a car on Morton Boulevard while walking from Hoffman Car Wash on Ulster Avenue to the Mid-Hudson Valley Federal Credit Union at the northern end of Morton Boulevard in Kingston.

SUNY Ulster Holds Academic Travel Information Session

SUNY Ulster will hold an information session highlighting its Academic Travel opportunities from 1-2 pm on Wednesday, September 3rd in the College Lounge on the Stone Ridge Campus. Learn about upcoming trips, services offered to those who want to travel, and a discussion led by a panel of past trip participants.

SUNY Ulster has a robust Academic Travel program that allows both students and the general public to experience other cultures while learning. Students earn credits while building a resume for transfer to complete their baccalaureate degree.

Past trips have included Tropical Field Ecology at SUNY Ulster's Permanent Biological Research Station in the Amazon, a Sketch Tour of Paris, a visit to the Humana Festival of New American Plays in Louisville, Kentucky, and more.

A seat for this session may be reserved by calling Chris Seubert, Program Coordinator of Academic Travel at (845) 687-5134 or emailing cjseubert@sunyulst

News from:

Pine Hill Community Center

Can't believe that the summer is nearly over? Where did it go? But things continue to happen at the Center.

Every third Thursday - that's today - we meet in our Story Circle at 3 pm. Bring a tale or come and listen. Free. And there's coffee.

Just got a call from Eve and David Smith who distribute vegetables and fruit to families with children. They have lots of extras and will bring them by the Center today. Come by and pick up tomatoes, cucumbers, peppers, carrots and some surprises. Our garden has lots of ripening tomatoes - if fried green tomatoes are your thing, come by and pick. (and weed a little if you're so inclined) Our thanks to Andrew Messinger, Pamela Martin and Regina Fink for doing most of the work to keep our garden growing this summer.

Friday, August 22 is our last Kool Kamp for Kool Kids session. Francesca Warnes has done a sensational job keeping the fun going all summer long with outings, crafts, games and inventive play.

No Super Saturday 8/23. Lots for kids to do at Shandaken Day at Big Indian Park. We'll be setting up for the Kim and Reggie Harris concert on Sunday at 1 pm. Come out and hear these iconic performers. \$5.00

No Active Seniors Yoga on Monday, August 25 or on September 1, Labor Day.

Tuesdays Together on September 2 brings singer songwriter Elly Winger in to lead a singing, dancing, rythem morning for newborns to 5 year olds and their caretakers. Everyone gets to sing along, move and groove. Free.

Coming right up on September 13, Catskill Cabaradio, our very own live radio broadcast and potluck dinner. The fun starts with the best potluck in

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And save the date for The Cupcakes in concert on Sat. October 18th at 7:30. Elly Winger, Janice Hardgrove and Lyn Hardy blend their lovely voices in songs that are funny, bluesy, upbeat and always provocative.

Our hardworking volunteers are busy getting out the annual appeal letters letting you know how much we need and appreciate your financial support to keep the Center open and thriving. Don't wait for the letter to arrive. Send your contribution to us at the address below or use your credit card by going to our website - pinehillcommunitycenter.org and click on "Donate". Every contribution, no matter how big or small makes a difference in our efforts to make this your community center bringing you everything you would like us to be doing for you.

The Pine Hill Community Center is located at 287 Main Street Pine Hill, NY 12465 for info call: 845.254.5469 or

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Ulster County Legislature Votes to Survey Students

(KINGSTON, NY) While post secondary education provides opportunities to develop the knowledge and skills

needed to keep and maintain a competitive workforce, the Ulster County Legislature sought reasons for the adverse imbalance in a chargeback program in which, according to State law, the County of Ulster must spend millions of dollars in "chargeback" tuition fees to other counties due to Ulster County residents attending community colleges outside of Ulster County.

Legislators have heard from experts in the field and with a quarter of the Legislature having, itself, attended or graduated from SUNY Ulster, the understanding as to why students chose community colleges outside of Ulster County in the past is acknowledged. Yet, with a "Community College Chargeback Payments Report of Examinations" from Ulster County Comptroller Elliot Auerbach, the Legislators deemed it unacceptable to simply write off the chargeback program deficit as a typical, recurring, and annual deficit for the County of Ulster.

"This chargeback system was put in place when New York State was paying a third of the cost of community college tuition; but over time, Albany's number keeps getting smaller, and our number keeps getting higher," stated Auerbach at the time of the report's release. "We have recommended a study of the reasons

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why so many Ulster students choose to attend out-of-county community colleges."

On Tuesday, August 19, 2014, the Ulster County Legislature voted unanimously to review the reasons for the adverse imbalance in the chargeback program so that, in conjunction with UCCC, they may jointly develop policies, programs and capital projects, as necessary, to address the identified factors which are leading to residents seeking their community college experience outside of Ulster County.

Ulster County Legislative Vice Chairman David Donaldson noted after the vote, "This expenditure has increased by \$1 million in just three years. The students of today will help us to develop the policies of tomorrow and hopefully, turn this fiscal deficit around."

UC Sheriff Office to Sponsor NYS Young Operators and Adult Certification Course for Snowmobile

Ulster County Sheriff Paul J. VanBlarcum announces that the Sheriff's Office will be sponsoring a New York State Young Operators and Adult Certification Course for snowmobiles. The course is required for riders between the ages of 10 and 17 by New York State law. It is offered free of charge and takes place on the following Saturdays, from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, at the locations specified:

November 8th: West Hurley Firehouse, 24 Wall Street, West Hurley

November 15th: Tillson Firehouse, 5 Tillson Rd.

December 6th: Milton Fire Company, 21 Main St., Milton

The intent of the course is to instruct young snowmobilers in proper riding habits, safety equipment, and laws and rules of the trail. The New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation: Bureau of Marine and Recreational Vehicles prescribes this

course. It is also available to adults. Training is by certified instructors with more than 50 years of combined experience snowmobiling in both the U.S. and Canada.

Anyone interested in enrolling oneself or one's child should contact the Ulster County Sheriff's Office at (845) 340-3803. A parent or guardian must accompany a child to the beginning of class to sign a state-required permission form.

This course is part of the Ulster County Sheriff's Office's youth-oriented training to make recreational sports safer. Co-sponsoring the course are the TT Trailblazers Snowmobile Club of Rosendale, NY; the Fire Departments of Tillson, West Hurley and Milton; with donations made by Arctic Adventures and Antonio's Pizzeria of Rosendale; Kirky's Deli of Milton; Hannaford Stores of Kingston, Ulster and Highland; the Stewart's Shop of Rosendale, the Tillson American Legion, the Sons and the Ladies Auxillary Post 1219 and the Ulster County Deputy Sheriff's PBA.

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Who Refurbished the Mowing Machine ?

- Picture and story by Bob Drown



Last Fall during the annual two day Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Association's show at the Grahamsville Little World's Fair grounds the fair association asked if the club could refurbish the McCormick horse drawn mowing machine that has sat to the left of the Covered Bridge at the entrance to the fairgrounds. The club said they could do so and over the course of the winter and spring it was cleaned and repainted by members of the Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Club. The mowing machine dates from the 1920's. It was replaced back in its normal spot at the entrance to the fairgrounds just before the fair started this year.

Shandee Music Festival & Bethel Woods Center for the Arts Partner for Shandee's 21st Season Grand Finale

BETHEL, NY (- For the grand finale of its 21st Anniversary Season, the Shandee Music Festival partners with Bethel Woods Center for the Arts to co-produce a concert featuring internationally award-winning artists Lana Trotovek, violin, and Anna Shelest, piano.

The "Afternoon of Chamber Music" will take place at the magnificent Bethel Woods Event Gallery on Sunday, September 7, 2014 beginning at 3:00 p.m.

Winner of several international competitions and prizes, Slovenian violinist Lana Trotovek made her debut in 2012 with the Mariinsky Theatre Orchestra, meeting with standing ovations and ecstatic reviews. Trotovek has given recitals in the United Kingdom, Vienna, Venice, Amsterdam, Germany, Spain, Portugal, France, Finland, Sweden, Slovenia, Croatia, Serbia, China, UAE and the USA. She also has an extensive chamber music repertoire, and was the leader of the Greenwich Piano

Trio, which won a number of prizes and awards including the George Solti Award. From 2011 - 2013, Trotovek was the leader of the Badke Quartet, the winners of the Melbourne International Chamber Music Competition. She plays on a Pietro Antonio dalla Costa violin made in 1750, on loan from a private benefactor.

Anna Shelest has been hailed by *The New York Times* as a pianist of "a fiery sensibility and warm touch." Recent engagements included debuts at Alice Tully Hall, Stern Auditorium at Carnegie Hall in New York, and The Kennedy Center. At the age of 11 Shelest performed at the UNESCO Headquarters in Paris as the youngest prize winner of the Milosz Magin International Piano Competition. She has been a soloist with some of the world's most renowned orchestras, including the Montreal Symphony Orchestra, St. Petersburg Philharmonic Orchestra, Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra, and the Netherlands Symphony Orchestra and has performed in Canada, France, Japan, Mexico, Netherlands, Russia, Ukraine, South Africa and the United States. Shelest's chamber music collaborations include performances with the Amernet String Quartet, Cincinnati ARC Ensemble, and musicians from the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra. In June 2011 she was the first musician to present a recital at the newly rebuilt 7 World Trade Center in New York City.

Trotovek and Shelest will perform Beethoven's Sonata for Violin and Piano no. 5, "Spring," Arvo Part's "Fratres," Franck's "Sonata for Violin and Piano," and Gershwin's "Concert Fantasy on Themes from Porgy & Bess" arranged by Igor Frolov.

Tickets are \$25.00 for adults and \$10.00 for students 17 and under, and can be purchased from the Shandee Music Festival at www.shandee.org/concerts/tickets.htm or by calling 845-439-3277. Tickets are also available at www.BethelWoodsCenter.org, Ticketmaster or by calling 845-745-3000. The Bethel Woods Center for the Arts Event Gallery is located at 200 Hurd Road, in Bethel, NY, and is completely handicapped accessible.

Narrowsburg Music Day

On Sunday August 31st the Delaware Valley Chamber Orchestra partners with local businesses to present Narrowsburg Music Day, a series of music events taking place on and near Main Street, Narrowsburg:

At 2:00 p.m., a free open-air concert by the Joe Piela Band will take place on the Main Street deck in Narrowsburg. Overlooking the Big Eddy by the Eagle Observatory, pianist Joe Piela will be joined by Chacho Ramirez on drums, Tony

DeCicco on bass, and Carolyn on flute. Sponsored by Narrowsburg Electric.

At 7:30 pm in Tusten Theatre, the 24th annual Music of Our Time concert will showcase Emerald Trio -- Karen Bogardus, flutes, Orlando Wells, violin and viola, Matthew Castle, piano. Emerald Trio received first prize in the Continuo Arts Foundation Carnegie Hall Debut Competition in 2010. Their concert in Tusten Theatre will include an astounding arrangement by Mr. Castle of Stravinsky's "Firebird Suite," world premieres of new works by Kevin Vertrees and Larry Lockwood, plus works by Mr. Castle and Carolyn Steinberg.

Tickets for the Tusten Theatre concert are \$15 (2 for \$25, under age 21 free) and available at the door, or by calling the Box Office, tel. (845) 252-7272.

At 9:00 p.m., live music continues across the street at Gerard's River Grill, where the house band (led by Bob Lohr, bass) will host several local jazz musicians. Enjoy the post-concert reception and light dinner menu as the singer Sandra Toll, pianist Kevin Vertrees, and drummer Chacho Ramirez help bring Narrowsburg Music Day to close.

For updates, look for "Narrowsburg Music Day" on Facebook, or email dvcomusic@gmail.com.

Family Council Welcomes the Shandelee Music Festival

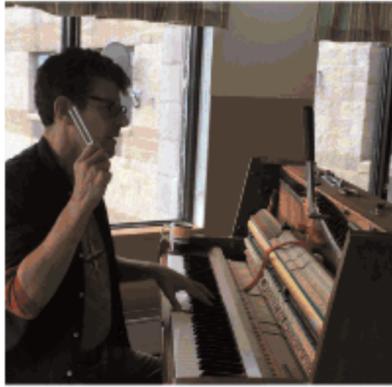
On Friday, August 15 residents, registrants and employees of the Sullivan County Adult Care Center welcomed eighteen-year old pianist Anna Han in a special Shandelee Music Festival Outreach Concert at the Liberty facility.

Described by the Washington Post as "prodigiously gifted ... a display of imagination, taste and pianistic firepower far beyond her years" Ms. Han of Chandler, Arizona started taking piano lessons at the age of five and made her orchestral debut with the Chandler Symphony at age eleven. Since then she has won a number of prestigious international piano competitions, including the first prize of the 2012 New York International Piano Competition. An alumnus of the National Public Radio show, From The Top, she was also awarded a 2013 Silver Award by the National YoungArts Foundation.



Behind the piano: Barbara Konvalin, Family Council Treasurer; Birgit O'Connell-Blatt, Assistant Director of Nursing; Susan Southerton, Director of Nursing; Eileen Trickey, Supervising Social Worker; Susan Carmichael, Day Health Program Coordinator. On piano bench: Ann Krupski, SMF Youth and Outreach Program Director; Anna Han, pianist

Her brilliant performance at the Adult Care Center featured works by Johann Sebastian Bach, Ludwig van Beethoven, Avner Dorman and Frederich Chopin. As Shandelee Music Festival's Youth and Outreach Program Director, Ann Krupski said afterwards to those in atten-



Christopher Kennedy tuning the piano in the first-floor dining area of the Adult Care Center.

dance "You were an incredible audience - you would have been able to hear a pin drop during Anna's performance!" Noting her audience's enthusiasm Anna Han graciously offered an encore, the late Earl Wild arrangement of Embraceable You. Family Council's Treasurer Barbara Konvalin encouraged those in attendance to speak with Ms. Han, who very graciously signed autographs and spoke with a number of residents who had tears in their eyes in obvious awe of her incredible ability.

Before Anna Han and Ann Krupski left to return to the Festival grounds, they were introduced to the Occupational Therapy rabbits - Mom, Dad and four, 3-week baby rabbits. It was a wonderful way to end a magical afternoon.

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Blissful and Bright Blessings - L. Comando

We often hear about the luck of the Irish but what about the luck of the Finns?

Saturday began as a very overcast and damp day. By 1:55 in the afternoon when Frank and I arrived at the fairgrounds, the blue sky began to separate the dark clouds announcing the sun would soon be shining.

Just as the music began by the band, Rugged Finch and the young bridal attendants strew bright flowers along the path that the bride would moments later walk upon to begin her new life as Mrs. Hornbeck, the sun began to shine, reflecting in all the blue eyes, including my sister Elise's, that were joyfully watching as Melanie Karkkainen and Adam Hornbeck exchanged their wedding vows.



It was a very magical moment.

There were many familiar and not so familiar faces. It looked like a picture post card of a Scandinavian celebration! And it was!

Adam, who I knew not only has roots on the Hornbeck side, but on my sister, Elise and my side, too, that go back to our grandfather (Adam's great-grandfather), Methodius Adrian Grönroos who was born in the very little town of Korpo, Finland around 1870. Korpo is an island located in the Turku archipelago.

It is no wonder the wedding had the magical Scandinavian feel; Melanie's grandfather on her father's side of the family was born in that very same little town of Korpo, Finland, whose population today is just a bit over 800!

What are the odds of that? It can only be the luck of the Finns!

As Elise and I privately toasted, as our grandfather always did, "Du Skål, mig

Skoal, alla vackra flickor Skoal" (You skoal, me skoal, all the girls skoal) memories of the past resurfaced.

A I looked around the pavilion at all the 'blue eyes' I could feel my father and his father's blue eyes looking down upon the gathering and sending the blessings from all the ancestors, too. Of course, I am one of those Scandinavians who does not have blue eyes, but that was all part of the day. We all knew, friends and family, that we were all one and celebrating one of the greatest sacraments of life - the love between two people, now becoming one.

Good luck and a long life of love to you both, Melanie and Adam and may our families and friends continue to celebrate love and life together for many years and generations to come.



Exhibition "Watch Your Step" Opens Saturday, August 30, Featuring Artwork by Ruth Hardinger and Lucienne Weinberger

Livingston Manor, NY - The Catskill Art Society is proud to present "Watch Your Step," an exhibition of artwork by Ruth Hardinger and Lucienne Weinberger at the CAS Arts Center, 48 Main Street, Livingston Manor, NY from Saturday, August 30 through Sunday, October 5.

Take the plunge and immerse yourself in this three-dimensional exhibition, pairing two distinct artists exploring texture, surface, and weight both literally and figuratively. Whether crafted by human hands or birthed by happy accident, their art compels us to consider the reality of our environment and the steps we take to preserve it.

Ruth Hardinger's sculptural series "Conundrums" and "Envoys" speak to totemic powers that are captured in secular formats and constructed with the reality of weight. At CAS, these concrete and cardboard constructs are installed as a sequence of steps—a storied journey with many participants. This installation addresses spacing relationships—activity generated starting from below, rising up and above surfaces—along with predicaments of material matter. The works on paper, "Pathways," are an expressive harkening to geological forms and their construction and modification. These works imagine a complex expression of life's vitality underground; an area that when interrupted could open pathways or channels that instigate migrations.

In her paintings, digital photographs, and mixed media constructions, Lucienne Weinberger's abstract work is improvisational and unpremeditated. Although she does explorative sketching, her pieces begin with the choice of an element such as a shape, color, a shape cut out cardboard or wood, that serve to suggest possibilities. Taking steps by progressive association, the work evolves until it seems completed—expressive in composition and color with a vitality that brings connection, emotional response and pleasure to the viewer.

Ruth Hardinger graduated with BA in Classical Studies, Hunter College, NYC. Her work has been exhibited recently at Brian Morris Gallery, Cooper Union, Creon, Sideshow, Masters and Pelavin, Lesley Heller Gallery, Van Deb, Kentler Fine Art, Islip Museum and Carriage House, and Exit Art. She received an IIE Grant to Mexico, administered by the Fulbright Foundation for art. Her art/environment projects in progress include the Marfa Dialogue/NY sponsored by Cooper Union/Institute of Sustainable Design, and a project regarding pre-Columbian art and mythology was accepted in the NYFA Fiscal Sponsorship Program. The Museum of Modern Art Library, Artist Book Collection, Chase Manhattan Bank, and Edward Albee Foundation, are among public and private collections of her art. She is on the Board of Directors and Steering Committee for Damascus Citizens for Sustainability.

Lucienne Weinberger was born in New York and spent many years living and working both in the city and in Sullivan County. She studied woodblock printing with a Japanese printmaker before moving to Paris to paint for three years. Upon returning to New York, she received a scholarship to work at the Art Students League and later received a fellowship at the MacDowell Colony in New Hampshire. Her work has been shown extensively in New York, both in solo and group exhibitions, as well as the DVAA and Nutshell Galleries in Sullivan County.

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.

Saturday, August 30, 2014 - Artist Talk and Opening Reception
CAS will host an Artist Talk on Saturday,

August 30 at 3pm, followed immediately by a free Opening Reception from 4-6pm. All are welcome and light refreshments will be served.

Saturday, September 13, 2014 - Public Tour Series

CAS will lead a free public tour of this exhibition on Saturday, September 13 at 2pm. Participants of all ages are encouraged to drop in to make observations, ask questions, and experience the exhibit in a group environment, with an informed guide on hand to lead with behind-the-scenes information. Tours last about 45 minutes. No reservations are required, but large groups are encouraged to call 845-436-4227 for booking.

Sprucing up the SpCA- Day of Service Donated by Sullivan Renaissance Interns

[ROCK HILL] - The SPCA complex in Rock Hill was spruced up on Monday as Sullivan Renaissance Interns spent the day volunteering to make improvements. The interns planted flowers, mulched gardens, painted the cat room and even touched up the sign, as they worked together to accomplish their planned activities. Interns also donated almost 300 pounds of pet food collected from their communities.

The day of service was part of the internship program, chosen and planned by the interns as a group.

The 2014 Sullivan Renaissance Interns include Joseph Aitken, Jennifer Avila, Hannah Bisland, Celina Castellano, Blake Costa, Collin Frost, Brittany Fuller, Taylor Goudreau, Jane Hyman, Matthew Kerendian, Madison McCormack, Jordan Mirch, Ronj Padu, Sabrena Smith, Djani Torres and Manuel Valentin.

The Sullivan Renaissance Youth Development and Internship Program is a partnership between Sullivan Renaissance and the Center for Workforce Development that provides paid work experiences for Sullivan County youth between the ages of 16-20. Each intern is placed with a Sullivan Renaissance project to assist the volunteers with planting, watering and caring for the gardens.

For more information contact Sullivan Renaissance at 845-295-2445. Sullivan Renaissance is a beautification and community development program principally funded by the Gerry Foundation. Sponsors include Bold Gold Media Group/Thunder 102, FisherMears Associates, Kristt Company, Robert Green Dealerships, Sullivan County Democrat, The River Reporter, Thompson Sanitation, and WSUL/WVOS.

The Hold Steady Headlines

Brooklyn at Belleayre

Highmount, NY - The 2014 season wraps up in ultra-cool style with The Hold Steady headlining a packed lineup of Brooklyn@Belleayre bands at the Belleayre Music Festival on Saturday, Aug. 30 starting at 6 p.m.

Joining the hard-rocking The Hold Steady will be up-and-coming bands Big Data, Lily & the Parlour Tricks and Joni Fatora. This concert begins at 6 p.m. and will be held on several stages.

Come celebrate Labor Day Weekend as the Belleayre Music Festival presents "Brooklyn at Belleayre," featuring some of Williamsburg Brooklyn's brightest upcoming bands, DJs and brands. This festival-style event will be a great way to hear the coolest, cutting edge music and to sample some iconic Brooklyn brands. Williamsburg has become a notable home for live music and an incubator for new bands. Beginning in the late 1980s, a number of unlicensed performances, theater and music venues operated in abandoned industrial buildings and other spaces in the streets surrounding the Bedford Avenue subway stop. Gradually, a music scene developed with musicians and artists who had varied approaches and opinions and all the bands sounded

completely different.

What makes the new Brooklyn scene remarkable is that it is impossible to classify. Out of Bedford Avenue came Vampire Weekend, MGMT, Grizzly Bear and Dirty Projectors, along with a string of their alternative rock hits.

Ticket sales from this event will also benefit Brooklyn's Horizon Foundation, providing academic support and enrichment to students in grades K-8, as well as the Belleayre Conservatory.

The Hold Steady

In the 2000s, the Hold Steady developed a rabid fan base and a reputation as the best bar band in America - even though they graduated from playing bars early in their career and opened for the Stones in 2007. The band's songs worked sly updates on classic rock, mixing huge riffs and shout-along choruses. Singer Craig Finn's spluttered and often hilarious lyrics chronicle the lives of hard-drugging rock & rollers and damaged young persons - tramps seeking salvation, religious or otherwise.

Finn, guitarist Tad Kubler and bassist Galen Polivka formed the Hold Steady in Brooklyn in 2002 after Finn and Kubler had built an underground following in the Minneapolis indie outfit Lifter Puller. They recruited drummer Judd Counsell to fill out the lineup. After a year of gigging throughout the East Coast, they released their first record, *Almost Killed Me* in 2004. The record was a hit with critics, appearing on a number of year-end best-of lists.

Their second record, the concept album *Separation Sunday*, picked up where *Almost Killed Me* left off. *Separation Sunday* follows girl-gone-wrong Hallelujah (Holly for short) and the battle between her Catholic faith and hard-partying rock lifestyle.

The Hold Steady signed with Vagrant Records before the release of their third LP, *Boys and Girls in America* (Number 124, 2006), which featured bigger, shinier production. The album broke into the Billboard 200 and garnered the band some mainstream attention, including an appearance on *The Late Show* with David Letterman.

Throughout 2007, the band, who put on one of the best live shows in rock, toured constantly. Longtime Minnesota Twins fans, they also recorded a lilting rock version a "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" for use during the seventh-inning stretch of Twins games and covered Bob Dylan's "Can You Please Crawl Out Your Window?" for the soundtrack to the 2007 Dylan biopic *I'm Not There*.

The band's current release, "Teeth Dreams," was released this year to critical praise. The band will be opening for The Replacements on September 19 at Forest Hills Stadium. - Rolling Stone

Big Data

Formed in 2013 Big Data are an Electro-Rock project based out of Brooklyn, founded by producer + composer Alan Wilkis and vocalist Daniel Armbruster.

The duo "aims to explore the relationship between man and machine and how the Internet has reshaped the human experience."

In October 2013, Big Data came out with a 4-track CD simply titled "1.0." The set includes the Alternative Songs top 40 hit "Dangerous."

Lily & The Parlour Tricks

Lily & The Parlour Tricks' influences range from The Andrews Sisters and The Everly Brothers to Nine Inch Nails and The White Stripes. They pay respect to the past, indulge in the present, and march steadily into the future with their idiosyncratic brew of siren-song harmonies, thundering bass + drums and wickedly distorted guitar. They provided the soundtrack to a new BMW commercial with their single "Belle Gunness", a "...tense, stomping electric gospel [which] definitely takes things to the next level with a newfound sonic boldness" (The Deli Magazine).

They are presently working with producer Emery Dobyns on a series of new recordings in Nashville, set for 2014 release.

Tickets for the Brooklyn@Belleayre range from \$66/56/46/26 lawn. For tickets or information, please contact the Belleayre Music Festival, Belleayre Mountain, Route 28, Highmount, at 800 942-6904, ext. 1344.

E-mail: belleayremusicfestival@gmail.com or visit: belleayremusic.org

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Belleayre Music Festival concerts are held on the grounds of Belleayre Mountain in Highmount.

Third Annual Big Eddy Film Festival Announces Film Selections

The Big Eddy Film Festival is pleased to announce the official selections for its third annual event taking place in Narrowsburg September 19 to 21, 2014. The Festival opens with the IFC Films release "Goodbye to All That," directed by Angus MacLachlan and starring Paul Schneider, Melanie Lynskey, Amy Sedaris, and Heather Graham.

Twenty-seven new independent films have been selected, including an inspiring documentary about the use of music to reawaken memories in those with dementia ("Alive Inside").

Tina Spangler, Program Director of the Big Eddy Film Festival, said, "The festival will feature an exciting array of new work by established and emerging filmmakers covering fascinating subjects and captivating characters."

The film selection includes four documentaries, two narrative features, and 21 short films, plus a program of films currently being made by local youth. A total of 31 directors will be presenting works at the Festival. Five of the film selections have a local connection to Sullivan County and/or the Catskills region. There are two programs of family-friendly short films.

Tickets and All-Access Festival passes will be available at BigEddyFilmFest.com or by calling 845-252-7576. Opening night film tickets are \$15. All other individual tickets are \$10. All-Access Festival passes are \$100, and include admission to a Saturday evening cocktail party. Children under 12 may attend any film for \$5; children under 5 attend for free. A 11 screenings take place at the Tusten Theatre, 210 Bridge Street in Narrowsburg, NY. For more information and tickets, visit BigEddyFilmFest.com or call 845-252-7576.

Farmers to Receive Free Education, Lunch, & Pesticide Credits at CCE Field Day

A free, educational Corn Plot Field Day for producers will be offered on Monday, September 8, 2014 from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm by Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County (CCESC). Participants will earn 2.0 pesticide credits within Department of Environmental Conservation categories 1A, 10, 21, and 23. Lunch will be provided. Site is located near Cocheton Mills on My Place Road in Cocheton, NY.

Area farmers can learn how to effectively manage crop fields, including corn plots, with lessons on pesticide use. Ken Wise, Cornell University Integrated Pest Management professional, will cover corn rootworm IPM and new insects, pests, and diseases of field corn. The field day will feature a demonstration plot with variety descriptions and field observations of corn to examine for performance.

Pre-registration is encouraged in advance. Registration and more information can be obtained by calling CCESC at 845-292-6180 or emailing Ag Community Educator Michelle Lipari at mml249@cornell.edu.

This free program is made possible in part through sponsorships from CCESC, Cocheton Mills, Delaware Valley Farm & Garden, and Penn State Cooperative Extension Wayne County.

Sportsmen for Gibson Coalition Launched

Wawarsing, NY -- Congressman Chris Gibson announced the launch of the Sportsmen for Gibson Coalition. The Sportsmen Coalition is one of several to be launched this cycle by Congressman Gibson. Recognizing Gibson for his dedication to protecting second amendment rights, President of New York State Rifle & Pistol Association Tom King attended as a special guest speaker at the Sunday afternoon event.

"We in New York State know all too well the importance of electing officials who will stand up for our right to bear arms," said King. "As a retired Army Colonel, an outdoorsman, and an ardent defender of the entire Bill of Rights, Chris Gibson can be counted on to protect our Second Amendment Rights in Washington."

"Upstate New York is a particularly beautiful part of our country. I'm honored to have the support of outdoorsmen, including hunters, anglers, and conservationists, who are strong guardians of our nation's landscape. Through my work on the Farm Bill and standalone legislation such as the Conservation Easement Incentive Act, I have worked to enact federal policies that will help to preserve our natural resources for future generations of sportsmen," said Gibson.

Coalition leader John Grossbohlin welcomed over 100 enthusiasts from dozens of sportsmen groups across several counties. Additional coalitions will be announced in the coming weeks.

Governor Cuomo Launches Program to Transform New York's Solar Market into Self-Sustaining Industry; Merging of Multiple Solar Programs under NY-Sun Initiative Will Result in 3,000 MW of Solar - Enough to Power 400,000 Homes

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced that the state's multiple solar programs are transitioning to the single, statewide NY-Sun Incentive Program. This effort is designed to support the State's vibrant solar economy through the \$1 billion NY-Sun initiative, which will significantly expand deployment of solar across the state, add more than 3,000 megawatts (MW) to the State's solar capacity and ultimately transform New York's solar market into a self-sustaining industry.

"Merging these programs into the NY-Sun Incentive Program will stimulate development of solar projects across this state, and sends a clear message that New York is a leader in solar energy innovation," Governor Cuomo said. "This approach will help the industry plan for the future, spur new development and aid in New York's transition to a cleaner, cheaper and more efficient energy grid."

NY-Sun is part of Governor Cuomo's commitment to protect the environment, grow the clean energy economy and lower energy costs for all New Yorkers. The plan involves deploying public funds in a strategic manner to drive industry to scale and reduce burdens on ratepayers. The program provides financial support for solar projects and uses a proven MW block system approach that is responsive to changing market conditions, allowing the solar market in each region of the state to grow at its own pace. It will eliminate incentives sooner in regions where the market conditions can support it, based on market penetration, customer

demand, and payback. The program expects to add more than 3,000 MW of installed solar capacity in the State by 2023.

John B. Rhodes, President and CEO, New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA), said, "The days of start-and-stop solar incentive programs are over. The NY-Sun Incentive Program will provide much needed funding certainty and transparency to the market to stimulate continued private sector growth of the solar industry. Governor Cuomo's commitment to solar will enable significant growth in New York's clean energy economy."

The MW block system divides the state into three regions - Con Edison territory, Long Island and Upstate. Each region is assigned separate MW blocks and incentive levels for residential solar projects up to 25 kilowatts (kW) and small non-residential solar projects up to 200 kW. When the MW target for the first block in each sector (residential or small non-residential) within a region is reached, that block is closed and a new block for the sector is started with a new MW target and a lower incentive level. Once all of the blocks for a particular region and sector are filled, an incentive for that region and sector will no longer be offered.

NYSERDA will work closely with PSEG Long Island, which will locally administer the program on Long Island, New York Power Authority staff and the photovoltaic industry during the transition, which will be complete by August 28, 2014. The MW blocks and incentives for large commercial systems over 200 kW will be available in 2015.

Customers can access financing for solar projects through Green Jobs-Green New York.

Gil C. Quinones, New York Power Authority (NYPA) President and CEO, said, "The NY-Sun Incentive Program is another dimension to New York State's efforts to advance the use of clean solar power installations. Its structure of reducing incentives as specific goals are achieved makes this truly a model incentive program - and one that will benefit New Yorkers across the state, including New York Power Authority customers."

While growth of solar in the residential sector has been very successful on Long Island, small non-residential solar growth has been slower. The NY-Sun Incentive Program increases the size of non-residential systems eligible for incentives from 100 kW to 200 kW and also provides incentives for non-residential systems that are installed through Power Purchase Agreements and leases, a strategy that is expected to stimulate market investment.

David Daly, President and CEO of PSEG Long Island, said, "PSEG Long Island is committed to bringing more efficient and cleaner generation to the electric system through solar PV. With the launch of the NY-Sun Incentive Program, the State is continuing to make good on its promises to further stimulate the local solar PV market. We are excited to work alongside NYSERDA to locally run the incentive program, which will help keep Long Island's solar PV market going strong. From solar PV to other advanced energy technologies and distributed resources, PSEG Long Island is providing its customers on Long Island and in the Rockaways with more choices, future cost savings and a more reliable and resilient electric grid."

NY-Sun is a comprehensive initiative that includes components in addition to the MW block system, such as:

- o NYS Unified Solar Permit and the Photovoltaic Trainers Network to

work with local officials to streamline solar inspection and permitting processes and to help firefighters and other first-responders safely work on buildings where solar is installed;

- o Community Solar/K-Solar to provide communities and schools with the tools and expertise to bring solar energy to their communities and school facilities and to help schools act as community hubs for solar education;

- o Low- to Moderate-Income Photovoltaic Working Group to identify ways to make solar accessible for low- and moderate-income New Yorkers;

- o Consumer education so potential solar customers understand photovoltaic options;

- o Photovoltaic balance-of-system research and development projects supported by NYSERDA and the New York Power Authority to reduce costs of photovoltaic components other than the solar module;

- o New York Power Authority's support for increased solar use has also included its Solar Market Acceleration Program, which reduces solar balance-of-system costs in New York State.

In the first two years of NY-Sun, a total of 316 MW of solar photovoltaic has been installed or is under contract, more than was installed in the entire prior decade. Approximately 116,000 tons of greenhouse gas emissions will be avoided with the installation of the NY-Sun projects, which is the equivalent of removing 23,000 cars from the road. For more information about the NY-Sun Incentive Program, visit www.ny-sun.ny.gov.

With this initiative, New York's role as a leader and first mover in shaping the future of energy remains firmly in place. By developing innovative market solutions, the State is delivering on Governor Cuomo's commitment to transform the energy industry into a more resilient, clean, cost-effective and dynamic system. Working with State, citizen and industry stakeholders, New York's energy policy is moving to a more market-based, decentralized approach. This means preserving the environment, decreasing energy costs, and creating opportunities for economic growth for current and future generations of New Yorkers. In advancing these new energy systems and solutions, New Yorkers will have improved energy affordability and efficiency without sacrificing the ability to live in a cleaner, resilient and more sustainable environment.

POLITICAL SLANT -Frank Comando

BRITAIN SAID TO BE 'CLOSE' TO IDENTIFYING ISIS SUSPECT IN JOURNALIST'S BEHEADING

The British ambassador to the United States said last Sunday that investigators were close to identifying the young militant with a British accent who beheaded the American journalist James Foley on a video released last week by the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria.

The ambassador, Peter Westmacott, said in an interview on CNN that British counterterrorism officers, supported by their American counterparts, were making progress in using clues in the video to pick the killer out of the hundreds of British Muslims who had joined ISIS.

"I do know from my colleagues at home that we are close," he said. "But forgive me if I can't go much further than that at this point." Mr. Westmacott said investigators were trying to match the killer's voice against recordings of known British militants now in Syria and Iraq. "We're putting out a great deal of resource into identifying this person," he said. "And there are some very sophisticated technologies, voice identification and so on, which people can use to check who these people are."

If Mr. Foley's killer is identified, it might give intelligence officials insight into the ISIS kidnapping cell still holding another American reporter, Steven J. Sotloff, and other hostages, and could lead to criminal charges.

But with extremists in control of large parts of Syria and Iraq, it would be hard even to locate the suspect and highly risky to try to take him into custody any-time soon. An attempt early this summer by American Delta Force commandoes to rescue Mr. Foley and others held in Syria failed because the hostages had been moved."

If things stay the way they are now, it would be difficult to kill or capture the suspect, said a senior American law enforcement official, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because of the continuing investigation. The official said that the F.B.I. and C.I.A., working with their British counterparts, MI5 and MI6, had narrowed to "a short list" the suspects in Mr. Foley's killing.

Some are saying because of the British accent, and other reasons, that this is just another plot to discourage the American people in the war of emotion, words, and the waste of human life.

SYRIAN OFFICIALS WARN U.S. TO NOT BOMB ISIS WITHOUT COUNTRY'S PERMISSION

The foreign minister of the war-torn country cautioned the White House Monday that any strikes inside Syria without the consent of the Syrian government would be considered aggression.

While offering to assist any international effort to fight Islamic State militants, Syria's foreign minister warned the U.S. Monday not to conduct air strikes against the group inside Syria without Damascus' consent, saying any such attack would be considered an aggression.

Walid al-Moallem's words appeared timed to try to pre-empt any U.S. military action in Syria. President Barack Obama has resisted ordering U.S. military action in Syria for three years, even after a deadly chemical weapons attack a year ago near Damascus he blamed on President Bashar Assad's government. Now, Obama faces pressure from his own military leaders to go after the Islamic State group inside Syria.

Despite threats to the contrary, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff insisted the Islamic State terror group is a regional threat and said he would not recommend U.S. air strikes in Syria until he determines that they have become a direct threat to the U.S.

Gen. Martin Dempsey, speaking to reporters on board a military plane traveling to Afghanistan, said Sunday that he believes the Sunni insurgent group formerly known as ISIS is not currently plotting or planning attacks against the U.S. or Europe.

Editorial: An answer to Mr. Walid al-Moallem, foreign minister, 'Millions of Americans of the working classes of the U. S. will ask the President to do as our friends on Facebook are suggesting, "Any more beheadings of any human being is unacceptable to humanity. Especially when they are non-combatants that are there to plead your case, and are killed heinously. Many here state this calls for radiation treatments of your country. You know Mr. Walid al-Moallem, E=MC2, get the message. No! We are not advocating another Hiroshima but the killing must end!"

Whether you take a person's life, or destroy their creditability and ability to earn a living by rumor and innuendo, the life ends.

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Amtrak to Run Five Trains Daily to the New York State Fairgrounds in Syracuse

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced that Amtrak will continue its tradition of providing train service to the Great New York State Fair, with five trains dropping passengers off daily for the 12 days of the fair, which runs from Thursday, August 21 to Monday, September 1. At the Governor's urging, Amtrak and CSX Corporation reached an agreement Monday to continue the service.

"The 2014 State Fair will be an unparalleled opportunity to experience some of the best agricultural products and entertainment that New York has to offer, and this train service will be a convenient and affordable travel option for visitors from all over," Governor Cuomo said. "I am pleased we were able to work with Amtrak and CSX to make this service possible, and I encourage all New Yorkers - by train, car or plane - to visit the State Fair this year."

The Governor intervened during negotiations over providing train service to the Fair, which were particularly difficult this year because CSX freight traffic has increased on the Empire Corridor west, already its busiest corridor in the nation. Because Amtrak passenger trains travel on CSX tracks, it makes adding an additional stop for Amtrak trains a dispatching challenge. Amtrak wanted to assure that

its passenger trains would not be unduly delayed by the addition of the Fair stop. The Governor's intervention helped resolve the impasse.

The Fair, which is themed "Summer's Best in Show," has a train stop on the fairgrounds at Gate 11, just outside the Horticulture building entrance.

New York State Department of Transportation Commissioner Joan McDonald said, "Governor Andrew Cuomo knows how important a robust transportation system is for mobility and a robust econo-

my. Train service to the Great New York State Fair helps ensure that this great summer tradition is available to everyone."

The following trains will be serving the New York State Fair:

- Daily Service**
 Train 284 Empire Service Eastbound 9:32 a.m.
 Train 63 Maple Leaf Westbound 12:50 p.m.
 Train 64 Maple Leaf Eastbound 3:15 p.m.
 Train 281 Empire Service Westbound 3:52 p.m.
 Train 283 Empire Service Westbound 6:59 p.m.
 Sunday, Aug. 24, and Monday, Sept. 1, only
 Train 288 Empire Service Eastbound 5:44 p.m.
 For reservations or information, visit Amtrak.com or call 1-800-USA-RAIL.

The 49th Ellenville Regional Hospital Auxiliary Luncheon

co-chaired by
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The event will be held
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The cost is \$34.00 per person

For reservations call:
Maggie Heath at 845-647-9857
 before August 29, 2014
All proceeds will be donated to the hospital.

Grahamsville Reformed Church
Roast Beef Dinner

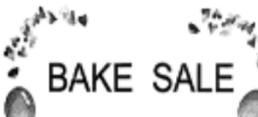
September 6, 2014
 Saturday, 4 pm to 7 pm

Menu: Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes, Corn on the Cob, Lettuce Salad, Bread, Assorted Desserts & Drinks
 Adults: \$12.00, Child 5-10 \$5.00 under 5 free

Grahamsville Reformed Church Hall
 For more information please call:
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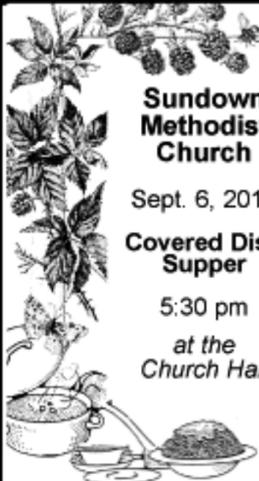
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PUBLIC NOTICES/LEGALS:

The Catskill Watershed Corporation is seeking qualified consultants for review of valuation reports of Ashokan Reservoir lands and improvements in the Town of Marletown. Bids must be received at CWC by 2 PM, August 29, 2014. Bid documents can be obtained by contacting Timothy Cox at 845-586-1400. EOE

8/14; 8/21 & 8/28

Schumer, Gillibrand Announce more than \$275,000 in USDA Rural Business Funding to Support Hudson Valley Businesses - Funding will go to the Delaware County Local Development Corporation and the Sullivan County Division of Planning and Environmental Management, to Support Local Businesses

Washington, D.C. - U.S. Senators Charles Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand today announced \$277,900 in U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) funding to support Hudson Valley businesses. The funding was allocated through USDA's Rural Development Enterprise Grant (RBEG) and Community Facility Grant programs. Sullivan County benefits from its federal Rural Economic Area Partnership (REAP) Zone designation, one of five special economic development zones supported by the Senators and reauthorized in the Farm Bill. The designation helps give the county priority access to federal funding from the USDA to help grow the local economy and revitalize rural communities. The Senators wrote letters to USDA Secretary of Agriculture Thomas Vilsack, in support of the applications.

"Our small businesses are the lifeblood of our economy, and this much-needed funding will help support our entrepreneurs in Sullivan and Delaware Counties," said Senator Schumer. "This direct USDA assistance will help them generate economic revenue, create jobs and provide employee training, making it a win-win for our local small businesses and area residents."

"Small businesses are the drivers of our economy," Senator Gillibrand said. "As we strengthen our efforts to generate an economic recovery, we need to make sure that New York's small business owners and entrepreneurs are not left out. This USDA funding will provide Hudson Valley businesses with the resources they need to get their businesses off the ground and boost their local economies."

"A primary economic development goal of the County is to expand and diversify small business development opportunities," said Scott Samuelson, Chairman of the Sullivan County Legislature. "This award will allow the County to make progress toward this goal by providing direct assistance to businesses and build upon the work being done by our local economic development agencies in assisting small businesses in the County."

The Delaware County Local Development Corporation will use the \$57,900 USDA grant to purchase brewery equipment that they will lease to Natural Gardens LLC. Natural Gardens will use this equipment to expand and support their micro-brewery business. This project will turn Natural Gardens into an agricultural tourism attraction that will provide recreation and education for visitors and create more than 20 new jobs.

The Sullivan County Division of Planning and Environmental Management will use the \$200,000 USDA grant to support their Microenterprise Assistance Revolving Loan Fund. This fund will be used to provide financial assistance and entrepreneurial training for local start-ups and small businesses throughout Sullivan County.

The Liberty Community Development Corporation will use the \$20,000 USDA Community Facility Grant to purchase storage equipment for a community kitchen. The kitchen supports start-up businesses and connects small food entrepreneurs with the local

agricultural community, helping enable them to scale up to larger facilities and production levels. The facility hosts nutrition and cooking skills classes for the general public with the goal of improving public health and food education in the economically distressed county. Senator Gillibrand visited the community kitchen in August 2013.

USDA Rural Business Enterprise Grants are available to towns, State agencies, tribes and non-profits. They are used to support development of rural small businesses, distance learning networks and adult job training education programs.

RMBS Task Force, Co-Chaired By Schneiderman, Secures Settlement That Includes \$800 Million For New Yorkers, Including, For The First Time, Relief For Borrowers With FHA-Insured Loans-

NEW YORK - Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman today joined members of a state and federal working group he co-chairs to announce a \$16.65 billion settlement with Bank of America. The settlement is the largest in U.S. history with a single institution, surpassing the \$13 billion settlement with JPMorgan Chase that was secured by the same state and federal working group last November. The settlement includes \$800 million - \$300 million in cash, and a minimum of \$500 million worth of consumer relief - that will be allocated to New York State. As part of today's settlement, Bank of America acknowledged it made serious misrepresentations to the public - including the investing public - arising out of the packaging, marketing, sale and issuance of residential mortgage-backed securities (RMBS) by Bank of America, as well as by Countrywide Financial and Merrill Lynch, institutions that Bank of America acquired in 2008. The resolution also requires Bank of America to provide relief to underwater homeowners, distressed borrowers, and affected communities through a variety of means, including relief that for the first time will assist certain homeowners with mortgages insured by the Federal Housing Administration (FHA) who were ineligible for relief under previous settlements.

The settlement requires Bank of America to pay \$9.65 billion in hard dollars and provide \$7 billion in consumer relief. New York State will receive at least \$800 million: \$300 million in cash and a minimum of \$500 million in consumer relief for struggling New Yorkers. The settlement was negotiated through the Residential Mortgage-Backed Securities Working Group, a joint state and federal working group formed in 2012 to share resources and continue investigating wrongdoing in the mortgage-backed securities market prior to the financial crisis. Attorney General Schneiderman co-chairs the RMBS working group.

"Since my first day in office, one of my top priorities has been to pursue accountability for the misconduct that led to the crash of the housing market and the collapse of the American economy," said Attorney General Schneiderman. "This historic settlement builds upon our work bringing relief to families around the country and across New York who were hurt by the housing crisis, and is exactly what our working group was created to do. The frauds detailed in Bank of America's statement of facts harmed countless of New York homeowners and investors. Today's result is a major victory in the fight to hold those who caused the financial crisis accountable."

The settlement includes an agreed-upon statement of facts that describes how Bank of America, Merrill Lynch and Countrywide made representations to RMBS investors about the quality of the mortgage loans they securitized and sold to investors. Contrary to those representations, the firms securitized and sold RMBS with underlying mortgage loans that they knew had material defects. Bank of America also made representations to the FHA, an agency within the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, about the quality of FHA-insured loans that Bank of America originated and underwrote. Contrary to those representations, Bank of America originated and underwrote FHA-insured mortgages that

were not eligible for FHA insurance. Bank of America and Countrywide also made representations and warranties to Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac about mortgages they originated and sold to those Government Sponsored Entities (GSE's). Contrary to those representations and warranties, many of those mortgages were defective or otherwise ineligible for sale to GSE's.

As the statement of facts explains, on a number of occasions, Merrill Lynch employees learned that significant percentages of the mortgage loans reviewed by a third party due diligence firm had material defects. Significant numbers of loans-50% in at least one pool-that were found in due diligence not to have been originated in compliance with applicable laws and regulations, not to be in compliance with applicable underwriting guidelines and lacking sufficient offsetting compensating factors, and loans with files missing one or more key pieces of documentation were nevertheless waived into the purchase pool for securitization and sale to investors. In an internal email that discussed due diligence on one particular pool of loans, a consultant in Merrill Lynch's due diligence department wrote: "[h]ow much time do you want me to spend looking at these [loans] if [the co-head of Merrill Lynch's RMBS business] is going to keep them regardless of issues? . . . Makes you wonder why we have due diligence performed other than making sure the loan closed." A report by one of Merrill Lynch's due diligence vendors found that from the first quarter of 2006 through the second quarter of 2007, 4,009 loans that were part of loan pool samples reviewed by the vendor were not in compliance with underwriting guidelines or applicable laws and regulations, and were waived in to purchase pools by Merrill Lynch. This conduct, along with similar conduct by other banks that bundled defective and toxic loans into securities and misled investors who purchased those securities, contributed to the financial crisis.

Attorney General Schneiderman was elected in 2010 and took office in 2011, when the five largest mortgage servicing banks, 49 state attorneys general, and the federal government were on the verge of agreeing to a settlement that would have released the banks - including Bank of America - from liability for virtually all misconduct related to the financial crisis. Attorney General Schneiderman refused to agree to such sweeping immunity for the banks. As a result, Attorney General Schneiderman secured a settlement that preserved a wide range of claims for further investigation and prosecution.

In his 2012 State of the Union address, President Obama announced the formation of the RMBS Working Group. The collaboration brought together the Department of Justice (DOJ), other federal entities, and several state law enforcement officials - co-chaired by Attorney General Schneiderman - to investigate those responsible for misconduct contributing to the financial crisis through the pooling and sale of residential mortgage-backed securities. The negotiations for settlement, which were led by Associate Attorney General Tony West of DOJ, were part of the RMBS Working Group.

Under the settlement, Bank of America will be required to provide a minimum of \$500 million in creditable consumer relief directly to struggling families and communities across the state. The settlement includes a menu of options for consumer relief to be provided, and different categories of relief are credited at different rates toward the bank's \$500 million obligation. The agreement also requires Bank of America to provide minimum amounts of creditable relief under certain priority categories in New York. The Consumer Relief Credit Menu, available here, details the how each category of relief will be credited and the minimum amounts for each category where applicable.

The most significant priority on the Consumer Relief Credit Menu is a change that will allow first lien principal reductions for certain types of FHA-insured mortgages. Borrowers with these types of loans have previously been excluded from getting the benefits of principal reduction under past settlements, despite the fact that a significant number of distressed loans fall into this category.

According to data collected by the Office of the Attorney General, roughly 23% of all distressed loans in New York have FHA insurance, and FHA-insured loans represent the largest portion of Bank of America's remaining distressed loan portfolio in New York.

Attorney General Schneiderman made it a high priority to extend principal forgiveness to FHA-insured mortgages in negotiations with Bank of America, and their inclusion in this settlement represents a huge step forward in Attorney General Schneiderman's ongoing commitment to helping families move past the foreclosure crisis.

"Empire Justice Center is very pleased that the settlement with Bank of America provides for principal balance reductions on FHA-insured loans," said Kirsten Keefe, Senior Attorney at the Empire Justice Center. "This is a critical component that has not been included in prior bank settlements. It has left homeowners with FHA loans at a disadvantage when trying to negotiate with their bank to save their homes. We thank Attorney General Schneiderman for making this a priority in the Bank of America Settlement."

Bank of America will provide a minimum of \$60 million in first lien principal reductions in New York, including the FHA-insured portfolio. Other New York-specific minimum requirements for consumer relief under this settlement include:

- o A minimum value of \$20 million in donations, including cash and contributions of vacant and abandoned properties to land banks, units of local government and other nonprofits. Bank of America estimates that this will help address as many as 300 vacant properties-also known as zombie properties-across the state of New York.

- o The bank must also earn at least \$35 million in credits for making cash donations to legal service providers, housing counseling agencies, land banks and other community development nonprofits. These relief options are a direct compliment to the investment Attorney General Schneiderman has made to these types of programs over the past three years, including more than \$60 million in funding to support a network of housing counseling and legal service provider across the state under the Homeowner Protection Program (HOPP), which has provided free, high-quality services to more than 30,000 homeowners since launching in 2012.

- o Bank of America must also provide \$125 million in credits to create and preserve hundreds of units of affordable rental housing across New York State. This initiative is particularly critical in New York, where affordable rental housing is scarce and many families are struggling to find decent and affordable alternatives to homeownership following the economic crisis.

New York City Mayor Bill DeBlasio said, "We're in the midst of an affordability crisis hitting New Yorkers from the very poor to those once solidly middle class. We are deeply grateful to the Attorney General for securing a historic settlement that will make a real difference for families struggling across the city and state. We are pushing hard to build and preserve an unprecedented amount of affordable housing to meet this crisis, and the Attorney General's continued advocacy is proving vitally important in supporting that effort."

"We applaud AG Schneiderman's efforts to hold the too-big-to-fail banks accountable to lower income communities," said Josh Zinner, Co-Director of New Economy Project. "We are hopeful that this settlement will provide relief to people and communities that have been hardest hit by predatory lending and high rates of foreclosure."

Compliance with the settlement will be overseen by an independent monitor who will be responsible for ensuring that targets under the settlement are met and that quarterly reporting requirements, which will measure how relief is being allocated at a Census Tract level, are made available to the public.

This matter was led by former Deputy Attorney General for Economic Justice Virginia Chavez Romano, Chief of the Investor Protection Bureau Chad Johnson, Senior Enforcement Counsel for Economic Justice Steven Glassman, and Assistant Attorneys General in the Investor Protection Bureau Hannah Flamenbaum and Melissa Gable.

Town of Neversink Parks & Recreation Department
www.townofneversink.org
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Oct 16 - **Trolley Tour Luncheon** (at Sycamore Grill) Show at Shawnee Playhouse - Leave Town Hall 8:30 am \$40/Neversink Residents & Tri-Valley Students; \$69 non-residents. **Must be paid by Sept 2.**

Oct 11 **Stormville Flea Market** - Leave Town Hall 8:00 a \$3/Neversink Residents & Tri-Valley Students; \$15 non-residents. **Must be paid by Sept. 2.**

Oct 17 - **Headless Horseman** - Leave Town Hall 5:30 pm 12 years and older. Everyone 12 - 15 must be accompanied by an adult. \$20/Neversink Residents & Tri-Valley Students; \$55 non-residents. **Must be paid by Aug 12.**

Dec 6 - Transportation to NYC Leave Town Hall 8:00 am return approx. 8:00 pm. \$22 Neversink Residents/Tri-Valley Students/ non-residents. **Must be paid by Nov 5.**

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The Library Board of Trustees meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month. On occasion, a meeting date is changed. Please call ahead to confirm.

VETERANS always **Free** search of the Archives for family or history of Sullivan County at the **Sullivan County Museum**, 265 Main St., Hurleyville, NY. For information call 845-434-8044.

AL-ANON MEETINGS-
<http://www.al-anon.alateen.org>
Mon- 7:00 p.m. United Methodist Church, 170 N. Main Street, Liberty
Thurs- 7:00 p.m. Immaculate Conception Church Annex, 6317 Rt 42, Woodbourne
Sat- 8:00 p.m. United Methodist Church, 170 N. Main Street, Liberty

Ballroom/Swing Latin Dance Party

Come dance the Night Away at Liberty Fitness Center with the Amazing Jackie Horner on Saturday, September 6th from 7:30pm to 10:30pm She's got the moves and Grooves to keep you Dancin' all night!! Various dance music throughout the evening as well as Complimentary Lessons. All Levels welcomed and Singles needed.

Wine/Cheese and sweets available also!! \$10 per person please!

Supermarket Bingo

A Supermarket Bingo event will be held on Friday, September 19, 2014 Sponsored by Revonah-Lincoln-Kiamesha Chapter #443, Order of the Eastern at The Masonic Lodge, 20 Eagle Drive, Liberty, NY

Doors Open at 5:30 PM - Calling Starts at 6:30 PM

Admission is \$5.00. There will be Door Prizes; Raffles; Refreshments. For Info Call: 845-434-0660

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- 8/27/14 Concert in the Park Shawangunk Senior Center, 70 Main Street, Napanoch 6pm RIVERS EDGE- 647-7015
- 9/1/14 Town of Neversink Holiday - LABOR DAY
- 9/2/14 Town of Denning Board Meeting - 7:00 pm - Denning Town Hall
- 9/3/14 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting- 7:00 pm
- 9/6/14 Sundown Methodist Church **Covered Dish Supper** - 5:30 pm Church Hall
- 9/9/14 Grahamsville United Methodist **Church Thrift Sale (9-1) & Luncheon (11-1)**
- 9/9/14 Town of Denning Town Board Business Meeting 7:00 pm Town of Denning Town Hall
- 9/10/14 Town of Neversink Town Board Meeting
- 9/11/14 Dept of Motor Vehicles - Neversink Town Hall 10:00 am - 2:30 pm
- 9/11/14 Claryville Fire District Meetings 6:30 pm -Regular Meeting/Budget Preparation - Claryville Firehouse
- 9/11/14 Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting - 7 pm Denning Town Hall
- 9/13/14 Time & the Valleys Museum - *Around Neversink* lecture by author Carol Smythe 2 pm Community Rm
- 9/15/14 Grahamsville Fire Dist. Board of Fire Commissioners - 7:00 pm
- 9/16/14 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals - 7:30 pm
- 9/17/14 Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Association Monthly Meeting 7:30 pm
- 9/19/14 Supermarket Bingo -Masonic Lodge, 20 Eagle Drive, Liberty, NY Info Call: 845-434-0660
- 9/20/14 Grahamsville United Methodist Church **Thrift Sale** 9am-1pm
- 9/20-21/14 - **Neversink-Rondout Antique Machinery Tractor Show & Swap Meet** Grahamsville Fairgrounds

Save the Date!

Sat, Sept 20 & Sun, Sept 21 - **Neversink-Rondout Antique Machinery Tractor Show & Swap Meet** at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds

Sat, Sept 20 & Sun, Sept 21 - Grahamsville Rod & Gun Club **Sportsman's Flea Market** at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds (4-H Building) - 9 am to 6 pm

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- ELLENVILLE REG HOSPITAL
- NAPANOCH APPLIANCE
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- CANNIE D'S
- BLUE HILL LODGE
- 3 GOLDENS
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- Phoenicia Hardware • Phoenicia Pharmacy • Phoenicia Deli • Mama's Boy • Brio's • Emerson Resort
- Big Indian Market & Deli • Colonial Inn Pine Hill • Pine Hill Community Center

TOWN OF OLIVE MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Unless otherwise noted, all **Town Board meetings** are held at the Town Meeting Hall, Bostock Road, Shokan at **7:00 pm.** Town Board Meetings are the **second Tuesday of each month** with the **audit/workshop meetings** being held the **Monday preceding the second Tuesday.**

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

Learn how to Protect Your Family from Lead Poisoning
Bring Home a Free Bag of Groceries

Ulster County Executive Mike Hein, Ulster County Department of Health's Child Lead Poisoning Primary Prevention Program (CLPPP) and ShopRite of Kingston are working together to educate the community with a nutrition program about the health hazards of lead. On September 9, 2014, from 10:00 to 11:00 AM, members of the community can come to the Shop Rite in Kingston to take this free class. A 20-minute PowerPoint presentation will demonstrate the harmful health effects lead can have on young children and pregnant women, how to prevent lead poisoning, and how to reduce lead absorption in your body. Following the presentation, a guided tour of the store will be provided, and all participants go home with a free bag of healthy and delicious groceries.

Donna Greenfield, Lead Prevention Program Coordinator for Ulster County, will introduce the CLPPP and talk about the morbidity of lead poisoning. There will be the opportunity to sign-up for a free home lead inspection and to learn about the EPA lead renovator free classes. Rachel Robinson, the dietician at ShopRite will discuss nutritional options, and will take the participants on a tour of the store highlighting the foods that will reduce lead absorption into the body. Coloring books and crayons will be provided for the young children who attend with their care giver. Snacks that contain calcium, iron, and/or Vitamin C will also be provided.

To register, please call Donna Greenfield at (845) 340-3047 or Rachel Robinson at (845) 332-9920

Seed Saving Workshop with Sullivan County Extension & Dirt Diva

LIBERTY, NY - The public is invited to learn techniques for seed saving at a Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County (CCESC) Master Gardener workshop on Tuesday, September 9, 2014. Participants will learn methods for harvesting, extracting, and storing seed from garden flowers, familiar herbs, and vegetables using commonly available materials. This program will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 pm at the Gerald J. Skoda Extension Education Center on 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road in Liberty.

Adrienne Picciano, owner of local gardening business Dirt Diva will teach the difference between hybrids, open pollinated, and heirloom varieties of vegetables and will specify those from which seed can be saved. A show-and-tell portion of class will cover various seed-pods and fruit containing seeds from Picciano's 2014 collection. Everyone will have an opportunity to take samples of seeds home.

Cost is \$10 per person. Pre-registration with non-

refundable payment is required in advance. Registration and more information can be obtained by calling CCESC at 845-292-6180 or emailing Master Gardener Coordinator, Susan Dollard at smd243@cornell.edu.

Presence at the Bedside: CCE Workshop on Care in the Last Days of Life

LIBERTY, NY - End of life care is demanding, exhausting, rewarding, and an honor. A free educational program to address care for loved ones during their last days of life will be offered on Saturday, September 27, 2014 for family, friends, interested community members, and professionals who provide care to people who are dying.

Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County's (CCESC) Caregiver Resource Center (CRC) will hold "Presence at the Bedside; Care in the Last Days of Life" from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm in the Gerald J. Skoda Extension Education Center on 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road in Liberty, NY.

Padma Dyvine, RN, MA, CHPN, End of Life Care Practitioner and retired Hospice Nurse will use both instruction and role playing techniques to help caregivers deepen their understanding of oneself, the dying process, and the caregiving process as it changes in the last days.

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. Dyvine will share compassionate care skills with the group as they eat lunch. The program will conclude with a closing ceremony.

Pre-registration for this program is encouraged by calling CCESC at 845-292-6180 before September 17. Participants must bring their own lunch. Beverages and desert will be sponsored by the CRC.

Caregiver Resource Center educational programs are provided under funding from the NYS Office for the Aging as an essential service to informal family caregivers.

All Aboard!
Join the Fun!
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Festival September 14th

Knarf's "Classic Movie Trivia

(Western, 1953)



A mysterious drifter helps farmers fight off a vicious gunman. D: George Stevens, and starring, Alan Ladd, Jean Arthur, Van Heflin, (Walter) Jack Palance, Brandon de Wilde, Ben Johnson, Edgar Buchanan, Emile Meyer, Elisha Cook, Jr. Former gun-fighter Ladd comes to defense of homesteaders and is idolized by their

son. Palance is unforgettable in role of creepy hired gunslinger. Classic Western is splendid in every way. Breathtaking cinematography by Loyal Griggs won an Oscar. Screenplay by A. B. Guthrie, Jr., from the Jack Schaefer novel. Arthur's final film. Shot in 1951. Later a brief TV *See this film on TCM. 8:00 PM Sunday evening, August 31, 2014, C - 118 min*
Quiz: 1. Who played Fred Lewis? 2. Who played Marian Starrett? (hint: This was her last film.)

What's Going On In The Gnome Neighborhoodtm This Week? -

NEVERSINK

Who is "RUGGED FINCH"?- A band I heard last Saturday at the wedding of Adam & Melanie Hornbeck, who with down home sounds covered Tom Petty, Fleertwood Mac and many others. Bass & vocals Jesse Noren, Guitar & vocals Eric Lambert, Guitar & Vocals Joe Noran, Drums Dave Stewart. give a listen you won't be disappointed..see band and wedding pics centerfold.

ELLENVILLE MISU DANCE

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GRAHAMSVILLE

Sept. 6 - Roast Beef Dinner at Grahamsville Reformed Church starting at 4:00 pm (See pg 13 for details)

SUNDOWN

Sept. 6 -Covered Dish Supper - 5:30 pm at the Sundown Methodist Church Hall (See pg 13 for details) ... and don't forget to get your tickets for the Annual Chicken BBQ at the Sundown Church on Sept. 13 starting at 4 pm. Eat in or take out. Buy your tickets by September 5th. Call Louise for more info. 985-2028

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