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## TVCS Student Steven Vogler Demonstrates Stream Table at the Fair



Steven Vogler, left, explains how streams work - and how bridges, culverts, debris and riparian vegetation affect normal flow - to a group of young people at the Little World's Fair in Grahamsville August 17. The stream table was purchased by Cornell Cooperative Extension of Sullivan County with a CWC Education Grant that also trained several Tri-Valley Central School students to do public demonstrations. Steven, a junior at Tri-Valley, is considering a career in stream science or environmental studies.

## Forestburgh Playhouse Wins Sullivan Renaissance 2012 "Best Overall Showing of Flowers" Playhouse Gardens Praised for their Beauty and Diversity



Forestburgh, NY. When Sullivan Renaissance recently awarded the winners of beautification grants in the A, B, and C categories, they also announced separate awards for the most beautiful flower gardens in the county with the "Showing of Flowers" awards. The gardens at the Forestburgh Playhouse won First Prize as well as a grant of \$5,000. (Contd. Pg. 4)

## Catskill Distillery Brings Home Double Gold

Peace Vodka, distilled in the Heart of the Catskills at the Catskill Distilling Company in Bethel, NY was judged by the Fifty Best for domestic spirits. Peace Vodka is distilled from locally grown whole wheat and pure Catskill Mountain water. (Contd. Pg. 4)

## Ribbon Cutting Marks Official Grand Opening at Santi's Pro-Fitness in Ellenville



With the ceremonial scissors in hand, assisted by the Ellenville-Wawarsing Chamber of Commerce, Town of Wawarsing Supervisor, Scott Carlen had the honor of cutting the golden ribbon that signaled the Official Grand Opening at Friday's Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at Santi's Pro-fitness, Ellenville's newest enterprise. The young entrepreneur and Ellenville native, Daniel Santiago, explained that Santi's Pro-fitness offers personal training, small group fitness, related workouts for individuals, muscle strengthening, muscle endurance, toning, weight loss and weight gain programs as well as Circuit Training, a form of body conditioning training, resistance training and high-intensity aerobics. It is designed for developing strength, endurance, flexibility and coordination. An exercise "circuit" is one completion of all prescribed exercises in the program. (Contd. Pg. 4)

## UC Executive Hein Ceremonially Signs Local Law Prohibiting Hydraulic Fracturing Brine "Fracking"



UC Executive Hein and Ulster County Legislators Ken Wishnick and Hector Rodriguez

Ulster County Executive Mike Hein ceremonially signed Local Law Number 6 of 2012, which prohibits the use of fracking brine on Ulster County property and roads. This law codifies County Executive Hein's Executive Order Number 1 of 2012 and creates criminal penalties for violations.

"Hydraulic fracturing has inherent dangers and potentially adverse environmental impacts. I commend Ulster County Legislators Wishnick and Rodriguez for striving to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Ulster County with this law. Although fracking brine has never been used on Ulster County property, Legislator Wishnick's efforts ensure that it never will and our community remains well informed about this important issue. Both Legislator Wishnick and Rodriguez are protectors of Ulster County's environment." (Contd. Pg. 10)

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**ON THE FRONT BURNER:** The Lord is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples. Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is he!  
Psalm 99:2-3

## OBITUARY

**Alfreda "Alfie" Newman** of Grahamsville died Tuesday, August 21, 2012 at Vassar Brothers Hospital. She was a retired teacher's aide of 34 years at Tri-Valley Central School.

Alfreda was born May 18, 1939 to Leslie D. Sheley and Edna VanWagner Sheley.

She enjoyed crossword puzzles, reading, gardening, baking, watching NASCAR and the NY Yankees and was interested in American Indian culture.

She was widowed by her husband, Ronald J. Newman. She is survived by one son, Keith Kristoff of Napanoch; three daughters: Danita Kristoff and her companion, Al Spence of Grahamsville Ronda Newman of Grahamsville and Cora Newman and her companion, Ron DeGraw of Neversink; two grandchildren, Brandon Joseph Vogler and Daniel Amanda Graham; one sister, Verna Amondson of Grahamsville as well as several nieces.

Funeral services were held Saturday, August 25th at Loucks Funeral Home, Ellenville, NY, the Rev. Larry Powell officiating. Interment followed at Grahamsville Rural Cemetery.

Memorial contributions in Alfie's name may be sent to St. Joseph's Indian School, P.O. Box 500, Chamberlain, SD 57325-0500.

## THANK YOU NOTE:

"We would like to thank everyone who participated in the Matty Bertholf Inaugural Horseshoe Tournament held on July 15, 2012 at the Neversink Pavillon. Many people participated as either a player, sponsor, helper or friend which made it a great success!! Matty has been sorely missed since his untimely death but his friends and family wanted to keep his memory alive through the creation of the Matthew R. Bertholf Scholarship Fund. All proceeds from this tournament went towards this scholarship fund which will continue to be an annual event. Thank you all for your support and we look forward to seeing you all again next year!"

## Days of Yore....

## Today's History

**September 3, 1952** - Miss Adelle Brown, daughter of Mr. Austin Brown of Lackawack, and Mr. Paul Henderson, don of Mrs. Mary Henderson and the late Robert Henderson of Yeagerville, were united in marriage on September 2, 1952 at St. Mary's R.C. Church in Ellenville.

Something new has been added to the already exciting list of fair events, with the announcement that the Aerial Charltons will put on their thrill packed act at the 73rd annual fair. Two of the world's outstanding aerial acrobats and gymnasts, the man and woman team will veritably defy death as they execute thrilling stunts on their ladder and double trapeze apparatus when they appear at the Grahamsville Fair on Wed., Sept. 10th.

**August 22, 1962** - Mrs. Philip Hamilton, the former Rosemarie Singer, has earned her Master's Degree at the University of Arizona. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Singer, formerly of Peekamoose, and now living in West Shokan. She graduated from Tri Valley School in 1952 with the first senior class to graduate from the new Central School.

James J. McCarthy, former chairman of the English department at TVCS, is the new administrator and head of studies at the Grier School, Tyrone, Pa. Before joining the staff at Tri Valley, he spent two years in the Army Signal Corps, engaged in psychological research for the Electronic Warfare Department. Mr. McCarthy is also taking doctoral work at Teachers College,

Columbia University.

The Little World's Fair is the place to be, for a day that's happy, without a care.

There's lots to do and eat and see, Heigh ho! Come to the fair.

KUM TO KRUM'S

**September 6, 1972** - Patricia Gorman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Gorman of Parkville, and a member of the Tri-Valley Chapter of the F.F.A., won the Tri-States F.F.A. Speaking Contest at Syracuse on August 29th. Pat, a Tri-Valley senior, beat the contestants from New Jersey and Pennsylvania. She will next compete in the North Atlantic Regional contest at Springfield, Mass. on September 15th.

Turkey calling, a new and special feature, has been added to the already impressive list of events at the 7th Annual Sullivan County Sportsmen's Show this weekend. Billed as the first New York State Turkey Calling contest will return cash prizes and trophies to those persons adept enough to impress the judges with their artistry.

**September 2, 1982** - Anna M. Furman of Benton Hollow Road, Woodbourne, a life-long area resident, died Friday in Narrowsburg after a long illness. She was 78. The daughter of the late George and Lea Bell VanInwegan Burnham, she was born July 21, 1904 in Thompsonville. She was a member of the Concerned Citizens of Hasbrouck and was the widow of Harrison Furman.

Teresa Banks and John W. Crowfoot were married on August 21 in the Sundown Methodist Church with the Rev. Clyde Bradway officiating. The bride is the daughter of Richard Banks of Liberty and the bridegroom is the son of John and Ginny Crowfoot of Sundown.

Not every church commemorates the 100th anniversary of its church building by putting on a new roof, but that's just what the Grahamsville Reformed Church has done. The church is actually 138 years old but along the way, in 1882, it outgrew the original church, built in 1844 at the cost of \$1,000. This charming church can still be seen in Wawarsing. On November 2, 1882, at a cost of \$2273, the present church was dedicated.

## The Storm is Over, but the Effects Remain

This past weekend marked the anniversary of Hurricane Irene, that was quickly followed by further devastation from Hurricane Lee.

The state released a report last Thursday chronicling its response to the tropical storms Irene and Lee and have catalogued how much money in state aid has been given out thus far. Some of the interesting figures reported were:

- \$574 million has been distributed by the state thus far.

- \$297 million went to repairing roads and bridges.

- \$277 went to households, businesses and communities through direct aid.

- \$137 million went to the seven counties hardest hit by the storms - Schoharie, Greene, Broome, Essex, Orange, Tioga and Delaware.

- Schoharie County has received \$48.2 million to date, the most out of the seven most severely damage counties. Greene County was second at \$46.7 million.

The state also announced it will give the town of Prattsville in Greene County, perhaps the hardest hit by Irene, an additional \$500,000. Efforts will also be made in tandem with the New York Power Authority to improve cellphone service in the Catskills and Schoharie Valley, the state said.

For the entire report go to: <http://www.scribd.com/doc/103732677/Irene-Lee-One-Year-Report>

**HERE & THERE****Best wishes to Dick and Audrey**

The Sunday, August 26 service at the Grahamsville United Methodist Church was a setting for mixed emotions among the church-full of attendees present.

Dick and Audrey Strangeway are leaving the community which has been their home since 1950. Their contributions to community, church and school are countless. Obviously, they have touched many lives in those years. They will be remembered - and missed - for many years to come.

Best wishes to these wonderful friends... our love and prayers go with you.

(pah)

PS If you would like to keep in touch with Dick and Audrey, they will be residing at:

Mr. & Mrs Richard Strangeway  
750 South East Gary Pkway - Apt 117  
Gary, North Carolina 27511

**Tri-Valley Teachers Assoc Trip to NYC**

TV Teachers Assoc. will sponsor a Trip to New York City on Sunday, September 16th. Leaving Liberty at 7:30 am & returning at 7:30 pm. Enjoy the city on your own. \$22 per person. Contact Tanya ASAP for more info. (845)807-7502 or [tanyastours@mail.com](mailto:tanyastours@mail.com)

**TVSD Retiree Luncheon-**

-by Carol Furman, Luncheon Chairman

The third annual Tri-Valley School District retiree luncheon was held at Memorial Hall in Grahamsville on Thursday, August 23rd. Fifty Tri-Valley retirees, some with spouses, were present to enjoy a lunch, catered by Denise Brown, and to renew old acquaintances.

Past Tri-Valley School District Superintendent, Bob Kelz, welcomed all present. During dessert, Carol Furman, luncheon chairman, introduced guest, Mr. Bob Peters, the new Tri-Valley School District High School Principal. Mr. Peters told those present a little about himself, some facts regarding Tri-Valley, and discussed some NYS educational standards, past and present. The retirees enjoyed listening to Mr. Peters and found him to be informative and friendly. He also seemed to have a great sense of humor!

We all wished him well in his new position and welcomed him to the Tri-Valley community.

**AARP Driver Safety Program**

AARP Driver Safety Program will be held at the following location: South Fallsburg Community Center, Laurel Avenue, South Fallsburg, New York on Saturday, September 15, 2012 from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM and on Saturday, September 22, 2012 from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

PLEASE ARRIVE AT 8:45 AM

To Register - Call Sonny Smith at 434-8922 (Leave Message). PLEASE CALL AFTER 9:00 AM IN THE MORNING.

Sonny Smith, an AARP-Certified Instructor, will give this course in one full day session, which will consist of a lecture, discussion and video presentations. Participants will receive a certificate which entitles them to apply for a discount on their automobile insurance.

The fee is \$17 for AARP members and \$19 for non-members; make checks payable to AARP, and mail to Sonny Smith. Please enclose your phone number with payment. Classes are limited to 35, so apply early.

This course is instructed by a Retired & Senior Volunteer Program (R&SVP) volunteer and is sponsored by the Sullivan County Office for the Aging.

**Respiratory Care Information Sessions at SUNY Sullivan**

Loch Sheldrake, NY (August 22) - Health care experts are projecting a growing need for respiratory care professionals. If you've ever thought about becoming a respiratory care therapist, now's the time to learn what it takes to enter this exciting health field. SUNY Sullivan invites you to attend a Respiratory Care information session.

The college will be hosting two information sessions: Tuesday, August 28, 2012 from 9:30 to 10:30 am and on Wednesday, August 29, 2012, from 6 pm to 7 pm. Both information sessions will take place in room A109.

SUNY Sullivan's new respiratory care program will begin in the spring 2013 semester. Working with area health care facilities, students in the respiratory care program will be prepared to work in a variety of health care settings: patient's bedside, emergency rooms, intensive care units, laboratories, newborn ICU, doctor offices, sleep labs, as home care respiratory therapists.

The hour you spend with us at one of our respiratory care information sessions could open the doors to a new career. Call us today at 845-434-5750 ext. 4276 to register.

**Sullivan County Philatelic Society News**

The Sullivan County Philatelic Society will have a special video program as well as a five lot mini auction on Sunday afternoon. To be held on September 9th at 1 pm in the Ted Stroebel Recreation Center, 2 Jefferson ST., Monticello, NY.

Also on the agenda is election of new officers, as Max Cohen, President is retiring at the end of this year. Anyone in the club who is interested, please contact the Club Secretary, Art Rosenzweig at 794-2586.

We are in the process of making a new schedule for 2012, so members will be called to give us a hand as usual.

**St. Paul's Church Sponsors JONAH Bus Trip**

St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Narrowsburg, NY, is sponsoring a bus trip to see the biblical musical "Jonah" at the Sight & Sound Theatre in Strasburg, (Lancaster County) PA, on Wednesday, October 24th, 2012. The tickets are \$110 for adults, Teens (12-18) \$95, Children (3-12) \$75. The price includes bus transportation, a stop at the Bird in Hand Farmers Market where you can buy lunch or eat your own brown-bag lunch, the 1pm show at the theater, and a smorgasbord dinner after the show at the Shady Maple Restaurant. The bus will leave the parking lot of St. Francis Xavier Roman Catholic Church on Bridge St. in Narrowsburg promptly at 7am and will return at 10pm. There is a possibility for pick-up in Beach Lake/Honesdale. Seating is limited to 47 people on the bus. Deadline to purchase your ticket is October 1st, 2012. For more information or to book your seat, contact Loretta Kratz (845-887-9943).

**There is Still Time to Send in Your Best Photos "How do you enjoy living in our beautiful county?"**

Ferndale, NY- Enter a photo that best represents Sullivan County activities that you enjoy with your friends and family. Start snapping away. It can be boating, fishing, hunting, skiing, gardening or even going to yard sales. Think of the various things you do throughout the year and keep in mind that the winners will be displayed on a calendar, so consider all seasonal activities. Don't forget about fall and winter. Everyone is welcome to send no more than 5 photos for consideration. We prefer they are sent electronically as an attached jpg file. The 12 best will appear on our third annual calendar to be sold this fall by CCE, as a fund raiser. All entries must arrive by August 31, 2012 to be considered. If you have questions please call Susan Dollard at 845-292-6180. Entries are to be sent to [smd243@cornell.edu](mailto:smd243@cornell.edu)

**Calling All Local Artists and Businesses**

Looking for donations of products or services, for a Silent Auction Fundraiser and Concert, on Sept. 2, 2012 at the International Center for a Culture of Compassion in Woodbourne. Proceeds will go to helping young Artists and Musicians. Several artists have already signed up. For information please call Cush Solberg at (845) 399-1020 or visit our website: [www.theensemble.or](http://www.theensemble.or)

**Liberty Free Theatre Presents Poetry and Jazz**

Barry Wallenstein, Steve Carlin lead in to Labor Day LIBERTY - The Liberty Free Theatre leads into Labor Day with a special evening of poetry and jazz on Friday, August 31 at 7:30 P.M. Poet Barry Wallenstein will read and sign from his recent collection selected and new poems, Drastic Dislocations and jazz guitarist and composer, Steve Carlin will play and accompany Wallenstein in their celebrated collaborations of poetry and jazz. The will be joined by special guests, bassist Tony DeCicco and saxophonist Larry Ravdin in what promises to be a swinging evening. Admission is free. Seating is limited and reservations are recommended. The audience is invited to gather after the performance for food, drink, and music. The theatre is located at 109 South Main Street, Liberty. Call 292-3788 for reservations and information.

Barry Wallenstein is the author of seven collections of poetry, the most recent being Drastic Dislocations: New and Selected Poems. His poetry has appeared in over 100 journals here in the US and abroad. He has had resident fellowships at The Macdowell Colony, Hawthorn Castle in Scotland, Fundacion Valparaiso in Spain and most recently, Casa Zia Lina on Elba. He has made seven recordings of his poetry with jazz, the most recent being Lucky These Days, to be released by Cadence Jazz Records in September 2012. A previous CD, Euphoria Ripens, was listed among the "Best New Releases" in the journal, All About Jazz (December

2008). Barry is an Emeritus Professor of Literature and Creative Writing at the City University of New York and an editor of the journal, American Book Review. Steve Carlin is a composer / guitarist, He studied guitar with John Scofield, Mike Santiago, and 20th century music with musicologist Ralph Blauvelt and earned a BS in Music from Empire State College. He has produced and hosted his own live radio show called "Rhythm Changes," on WJFF public radio. And was a frequent quest performer on Live From Studio B, WJFF S jazz program. His quartet, Inner Urge performed at the Bethel Woods Performing Arts Center ribbon cutting event. His CD's, Acoustic Jazz and Euphoria Ripens with Wallenstein and the recently released, Explorations. Larry Ravdin, saxophonist, has worked at The Concord and Grossingers, and for the last 20 years has traveled the world working with bands and stage shows for the Holland America Cruise Lines. He's accompanied Sammy Davis Jr., various Motown groups, Rita Moreno and Chita Rivera., among others. Tony Decicco, bassist, has been featured internationally in concerts and recordings since 1972 as a Jazz soloist and side man playing Spontaneous Composition, Bebop, Rock and Classical Music. He recently released Explorations with the Universa Trio and Over the Edge on Unseen Rain label.

**AMERICAN CHESTNUT**

By Peggy DeWire



Many older houses and barns around Grahamsville have floors and beams of chestnut whose wide grain and tawny color are beautiful.

Chestnut forests once covered the whole Eastern seaboard so thickly (every fourth tree was a chestnut) that a squirrel could travel from Maine to Georgia without ever coming to the ground.

The American chestnut (*Castanea dentata*) was a magnificent tree reaching a hundred feet high and eight feet across the stump.

Its oval leaves were six inches long tapering to a point with dainty sawtooth edges and bright green color.

After the greenish long calkins bloomed in June-July, two or three nuts squeezed together in brown prickly burs.

For forty million years chestnuts were staple food for wildlife and humans worldwide since the tree also grew in Europe and Asia. Its beautiful wood was prized for homes, barns, fences and furniture. It was durable because of the tannic acid it contains.

Chestnuts grow to great age and size. A European one in Gloucestershire, England is a thousand years old.

Another in Sicily grew from a stump bearing five saplings that united into a single trunk one hundred feet around.

Then in 1904 disaster struck the American species. A fungus blight was imported on Chinese nursery stock. Our trees had never evolve resistance to the foreign fungus. One year later, all our chestnuts were dead. None survived.

Today you might find scrawny saplings here and there in the Catskills that live several years and then die before producing chestnuts.

However, for the past fifty years American tree scientists have worked with genetics to produce a chestnut tree that is American in every aspect AND has the fungus resistant gene of the Chinese tree.

They finally succeeded after much cross breeding and around 2005 were able to offer healthy American chestnut seedlings to plant in National parks, tree farms, and commercial garden centers.

What a comeback one hundred and three years after the blight.

**Household Hints****Use Vinegar to Wipe away mildew**

When you want to remove mildew stains, reach for white vinegar first. It can be safely used without additional ventilation and can be applied to almost any surface -bathroom fixtures and tile, clothing, furniture, painted surfaces, plastic curtains, and more. To eliminate heavy mildew accumulations, use it full strength. For light stains, dilute it with an equal amount of water. You can also prevent mildew from forming on the bottoms of rugs and carpeting by misting the backs with full-strength white vinegar from a spray bottle.

**MYSTERIOUS BOOK REPORT NO. 64 - by John Dwaine McKenna**

It is an acknowledged truth and accepted fact that we are witnessing the death-struggles of the daily newspaper. Newer, faster methods of news gathering and information distribution has eclipsed them. As one who has been a newspaper affectionate since the age of four . . . when I could only read the 'funny pages' as the comics were called . . . I'm sad to see them go, and mourn their passing. And while the daily papers are in trouble, the weeklies are just fine at present, as they're vehicles for hometown news and advertising and operate on a skeletal budget, dependent on volunteerism to put out each edition. The plain truth of the matter is that all of the downsizing and bankruptcies have put a helluva lot of writers and photographers out of work. But, it's not all bad news . . . because some of those writers are putting their skills to work in other ways and are doing some outstanding work. This week's *Mysterious Book Report* is a case in point; as well as a great chance to get in on the ground floor of an exceptional writer whose work is already recognized: his first novel won an Edgar. *Cliff Walk*, (Forge, \$24.99, 318 pages, ISBN 978-0-7653-3237-0) by Bruce DeSilva is by all accounts exemplary hard-boiled crime-fiction. At the same time, it's an excellent account of a seasoned reporter struggling to keep his job on a dying newspaper, something the author did for forty-one years.

*Cliff Walk* is set in Providence, Rhode Island and told in the first person by a serial character named Liam Mulligan, an old-fashioned investigative reporter. Because prostitution had been legalized in Rhode Island, Mulligan is chasing the threads of a story about the governor taking payoffs to prevent the law allowing it from being overturned. At the same time, pieces of children begin showing up in garbage used to feed pigs at a commercial farming operation and the body of one of the biggest pornography producers is found at the base of a cliff . . . someone Mulligan had seen whispering in the governor's ear at a society party the night before. He senses a much-larger story is at hand, and an odyssey begins that will take him deep into the sex business . . . and leave him questioning the moral values he was brought up with. This one is a burner. It left me craving more and sorry to see the last page turn up. DeSilva, like Leonard, Connelly, and James Lee Burke, is on my Don't Miss list. I'm going to find a hardcover first edition of *Rogue Island*, Bruce DeSilva's debut, and put it on the shelf with all the other crime-fiction giants. He's that good.

It's good to go to the library too . . . but'cha gotta get up off your big, fat, La-Z-Boy and go! You'd sure do it if they were giving out hundred dollar bills, wouldn't ya. The library is where you'll find something even more valuable . . . knowledge. It's \_\_\_\_\_ (fill in the blank. Hint: starts with the letter 'P'). Have you visited my website yet? [JohnDwaineMcKenna.com](http://JohnDwaineMcKenna.com)

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### Forestburgh Playhouse Wins Sullivan Renaissance 2012 "Best Overall Showing of Flowers" (From Pg.1)

In awarding the prize, Sullivan Renaissance announced that "the Judges were impressed by the overall number of gardens; an abundance of color, unique designs and 2012 Renaissance Collection; the artistically themed container vignettes; creative use of structures incorporated in the gardens; cohesive use of perennials, annuals, tropicals, shrubs and trees; and the meticulous maintenance of the gardens."

"We are honored and humbled to receive such recognition of our gardening efforts here at the Playhouse," said Producing Director and chief gardener Norman Duttweiler upon hearing of the award. "Of course our regular patrons were not surprised, but the acknowledgement is very satisfying. We invite anyone who is interested in gardening to drop by the Playhouse anytime and wander through the gardens - they are open to the public and the more people can enjoy them the better."

### Ribbon Cutting Marks Official Grand Opening at Santi's Pro-Fitness in Ellenville (From Pg. 1)

After graduating from Ellenville High School in 2000, Daniel Santiago went into the military where he served our country for ten years; 2 terms in Iraq and 1 term in Afghanistan. Upon returning stateside Daniel went back to school, where he trained to become a Certified and Insured Personal Trainer.

His assistant, Alvin Wright is also a Personal Trainer. Wright explained that his expertise lies in Plyometrics, or "plyos" for short, which are a type of exercise designed to produce fast and powerful movements. They are generally used by athletes to improve performance in sports, especially those that involve speed, quickness and power.

Daniel Santiago is a fine example of a new millenium renaissance man. He had a vision, and with determination brought his dream home, adding to the resurgence of business in Ellenville. Santiago's aspirations continue as he is currently making plans to expand into two additional store fronts, adjoining Santis Pro-fitness, that will be offering martial arts and other fitness training programs.

So if you have always wanted to get in shape, and have a vision of a healthier life style, now is the time to stop by Santis Pro-fitness located at 95 Canal Street, Ellenville, NY, where you will find personal training at an affordable cost in a friendly, fun work-out environment. For more information call: 845-943-9115.

### Catskill Distillery Brings Home Double Gold (From Pg. 1)

America has been distilling spirits for centuries, but there has clearly been a resurgence with an influx of hand-crafted, artisanal vodka. Practically every state in the country now hosts micro-distillers that produce vodka. There are no less than eight states boasting five or more craft vodka distilleries, including: California,

Colorado, Michigan, New York, Oregon, Texas, Washington, and Wisconsin. And their numbers continue to grow.

Much like craft brewers and vintners, the highly entrepreneurial master distillers proudly use local grains (or potatoes, corn, grapes, honey, apples) and water to produce their small batch craft vodkas. These "homegrown" ingredients impart distinctive character and flavors to the finished products.

The expertise and dedication of American distillers is inspiring, and their local craft approach has proven successful. Even though most of the domestic vodka brands are available only within their home states, the carefully limited inventories usually sell out. If we're lucky, national distribution will introduce these craft vodkas to the enjoyment of aficionados everywhere.

#### The Tasting:

The Fifty Best held a "blind" tasting of 20 small batch handcrafted American vodkas with 18 pre-qualified judges. Strict tasting rules were applied. The order of service was established beforehand by lottery. Each of the vodkas were poured into fresh glasses from new sealed bottles, and served at slightly above room temperature. Only ice water and neutral unflavored crackers, unsalted nuts and bar snacks were available to cleanse the palate. The judges tasted through two flights of 7 vodkas and one flight of 6 vodkas.

The judges wrote down their impressions of each product on score sheets. The scoring was done on a 5-point system, with 5 as the best. Double-Gold, Gold and Silver medals are awarded based on a set range of final point scores received from the judges.

The Catskill Distilling Company is located in Bethel, NY and is open for tours and tastings. Other recent distilled spirits from Catskill Distillery include Curious Gin, Big Bethel Bourbon and Wicked White Whiskey.

### Ballet Begins at Janice Center

Register now for ballet classes that are scheduled from Sept 8 through December 1 at Janice Center and you will receive a complimentary pair of shoes. For more information call 482-3324 or visit their website: [www.janicecenter.com](http://www.janicecenter.com)

### Sullivan County Website Adds Features to Improve Access to Legislators

Monticello - Scott B. Samuelson, Chairman of the Sullivan County Legislature has announced that some improved and new features have been added to the County's website - [www.co.sullivan.ny.us](http://www.co.sullivan.ny.us) - that will provide the citizenry better access to their legislator's information. The website provides basic contact information for each legislator, including email addresses and office telephone numbers.

"In consultation with legislators, and constituents, I wanted to improve the ease of use of the County's website for each legislator's respective constituency to access basic contact information that will encourage communication between the elected officials and

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the public," said Samuelson. "One of our goals is to have a user-friendly website that will provide opportunities for our residents to interact with their legislator in a variety of forms that they may utilize as most convenient to them," added Samuelson.

The Sullivan County Legislature may be accessed under the Government tab on the County's website that also provides information about the County's Towns and Villages - <http://co.sullivan.ny.us/Tabs/Government/tabid/3379/Default.aspx> - and that would link to the contact information for the County Legislators that will serve through 2015 - <http://co.sullivan.ny.us/Departments/DepartmentsAM/CountyLegislature/CountyLegislators/tabid/3104/Default.aspx>

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## The Olive Jar - Carol LaMonda SOMETIMES A PICTURE IS WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS.



**RESERVOIR MUSIC NOTES-**  
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Yippee ti yi yo yo yo yo yo whatsup? That was one of the introductions we used to use for The Brooklyn Cowboys. Another one I used to like was, "And now, from Nashville, The Brooklyn Cowboys". I had a lot of fun with that band. We made three great CD's and a cool video, toured the US and Europe, made the charts, got airplay in 50 countries, and are still getting played today, all over the world. Y'all should check us out at [www.brooklyncowboys.com](http://www.brooklyncowboys.com), where this column is posted as Fredro's Blog. There's not a music player on the site, but there's lots of video, and links to our Reverb Nation (#1 for over 3 years), My Space, Facebook, and other pages where there are music players. If you like Gram Parsons style Cosmic American Music AKA Country-Rock, you'll like The Brooklyn Cowboys. In fact, my partner in the band, Walter Egan, wrote the Gram classic, "Hearts on Fire", which we also recorded on our first CD, "Doin' Time on Planet Earth", now out of print, and there is also a Gram/ Walter co-write on that CD that has never been released anywhere except on our record.

The Brooklyn Cowboys was kind of like if Marmaduke from The New Riders stayed cool, Gram didn't die, and they started a band, according to John Arnold, a fan and friend of Buddy Cage, our pedal steel guitarist, who held that seat in The New Riders for their entire career, ever since he replaced Jerry Garcia early on. You can find the CD's online, they're also available through the website, and I have them at Reservoir Music. Stop by, pick one up, and buy a guitar while you're there. LOL. (Contd. Pg. 8)

### "Nature's Will/Material Will"

"Nature's Will/Material Will," an exhibit of installation and prints by Robin Dintiman opens with a reception on Friday, September 7 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Delaware Arts Center's Alliance Gallery in Narrowsburg, NY. Dintiman will lead an artist's talk on Saturday, September 8 at 2 p.m. at the gallery. The exhibit will be on view through September 29, 2012.

"I have found reverie as well as inspiration in the natural environment. I am sure it is the 'waitingness' of it, as well as the 'beckoning' of it, that captures me," says printmaker and sculptor Robin Dintiman.

Whether she is working directly with objects found in nature in her sculptures or taking nature as her subject in her prints, Dintiman captures the intimate, emotional quality of natural settings through her photogravures, etchings, collographs, and sculptures.

As part of "Nature's Will/Material Will," Dintiman created organic sculptures comprised of twigs, branches, and urethane foam. "When working on sculpture, a material's will and my decision making create a product reflecting the process of these two issues," Dintiman says. "If I am not vigilant, the form slides from beauty into a sloppy mess."

Her photogravures capture a soft, timeless woodland, somewhere between color and black and white. "In the photogravure process, I focus on how to accentuate the numinous quality of landscape," she explains. "Trees with their digging into dark earth to grow, then reaching to catch the light, resonate their intent."

Dintiman was born in Texas and grew up in the Hudson River Valley, to which she returned in 2002 after 25 years in Northern California's Bay Area. As an undergraduate at Moore College of Art, Dintiman received a fellowship to apprentice in Kyoto, Japan, where she was trained in techniques including hand blockprinting and stenciling. She continued her studies through scholarships to Haystack School in Maine and Pratt Graphics in Manhattan, ultimately receiving an MFA in Sculpture and Printmaking with high distinction from the California College of the Arts.

She is currently a board member and faculty at the Manhattan Graphics Center (formerly Pratt Graphics), the only non-profit print facility in New York. Her work-including sculptures, prints, drawings, and collages-has been exhibited in museums throughout the country. The Philadelphia Art Museum, the National Museum for Women in the Arts, the Arkansas Art Center and the Chrysler Museum have her work in their collections.

"Free and open to the public, the exhibit is sponsored by the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance, the Arts Council for Sullivan County, NY, and is made possible in part by a grant from the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Legislature.

Alliance Gallery is located at the Delaware Arts Center at 37 Main Street, Narrowsburg, NY. Hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information about the exhibit call (845) 252-7576 or visit [www.ArtsAllianceSite.org](http://www.ArtsAllianceSite.org).

### What's TRENDING in Ulster County?

**9/1-Labor Day Train on the Kingston City Shuttle:** Wear a hard hat & save \$1 off fare. Departures: 1pm, 2pm, 3pm, 4pm. \$6/Adult, \$4/Children, under age 2 free with paid adult fare. Catskill Mountain Railroad, Westbrook Lane (near Hannaford, Kingston Plaza), Kingston. 688-7400; [catskillmountainrailroad.com](http://catskillmountainrailroad.com)

**9/1-Stockade National Historic District Walking Tour:** Includes tour of Fred J. Johnston Museum. 2 pm. \$10/Adults, \$5/under 16. Special exhibit in Gallery (free). Friends of Historic Kingston Gallery, 63 Main St., Kingston. 339-0720; [fohk.org](http://fohk.org)

**9/1-Paintings of Todd Samara:** Art Opening 5pm - 8pm. Exhibit thru Sept. 29. The Storefront Gallery, 93 Broadway, Kingston. 338-8473; [thestorefrontgallery.com](http://thestorefrontgallery.com)

**9/1-Byrdcliffe Artists In Residence Open Studio:** 60+ visual artists, writers & composers participate in Program. View work & processes in Villetta Inn studios, followed by a Potluck dinner & a short presentation by writers & composers. Donations of food welcome. 5pm-8:30 pm. Byrdcliffe Art Colony, Upper Byrdcliffe Rd., Woodstock. 679-2079; [byrdcliffe.org](http://byrdcliffe.org)

**9/1- 9th Annual Wall Street Jazz Festival:** Great performances. Sets from 6pm - 9pm. Dancing in the Streets! Free. Corner of Wall & North Front Streets, Uptown Kingston. If rain, inside Theater at BSP, 323 Wall St. [wallstreetjazzfestival.com](http://wallstreetjazzfestival.com)

**9/1 -Music of Led Zeppelin: A Rock Symphony:** Final concert of 2012 Belleayre Music Festival. Featuring Guest Conductor Brent Havens, Vocalist Randy Jackson & Band. 8pm. \$25 (lawn), \$46, \$56, \$66. Belleayre Mountain, 181 Galli Curci Rd., Highmount. 254-5600; [belleayremusic.org](http://belleayremusic.org); [Ticketmaster.com](http://Ticketmaster.com)

**9/1 & 2Barn Sale:** Artwork, jewelry, books, CDs, much more great stuff. Free admission. Sat. & Sun, 9am-4pm. Early Birds - Sat, 8 - 9am, Free for members, \$10 non-members. Unison Arts Center, 68 Mountain Rest Rd., New Paltz. 255-1559

**9/1 & 2 - Woodstock Fringe - Festival of Theatre & Song:** Sat. "First Looks", staged readings of new plays, 1 pm, free. "Fried Chicken & Latkes", brilliant play, 8 pm. Sun.: Cabaret/Vicky & Wallace & Bill. 8 pm. More info: 810-0123; [woodstockfringe.org](http://woodstockfringe.org)

**9/1, 2, 3- Woodstock/New Paltz Art & Crafts Fair:** Over 300 of the finest juried artists & craftspeople. Demos, wines, specialty foods, music, more. Free parking. Rain or shine. No dogs please. Sat, Sun, 10am - 6pm; Mon, 10am-4pm. \$8, \$7, under 12 free. Ulster County Fairgrounds, 249 Libertyville Rd., New Paltz. 246-3414; 679-8087; [quailhollow.com](http://quailhollow.com)

**9/1, 8 - Maverick Concerts:** 9/1 - Chamber Orchestra Concert: La Bonne Chanson - a celebration of French song. 6pm. 9/8 - Jazz at the Maverick: "Autumn in Paris". Fred Hersch, piano. 6:30pm. Maverick Concert Hall, 120 Maverick Rd., Woodstock. More concerts & Info: 679-8217; [maverickconcerts.org](http://maverickconcerts.org)

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**9/1 - 30 -Hurd's Family Farm Weekend Fun:** Outdoor family fun on the farm. Every weekend has different activities & themes. Pony rides (extra fee). 9am-5pm. 2187 Rt. 32, Modena. 883-7825; [hurdsfamilyfarm.com](http://hurdsfamilyfarm.com)

**9/2- Hooley on the Hudson:** Day-long Irish festival with live music; cultural exhibits; food; crafts; children's activities; story telling; step dancing; bagpipes, more. 11:30am - 9pm. Free admission. T.R. Gallo Park on the Rondout, lower Broadway, Kingston. 338-6622; 246-7195; [ulsteraoh.com](http://ulsteraoh.com); [events@ulsteraoh.com](mailto:events@ulsteraoh.com)

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**9/3 - 120th Labor Day Fair:** Fair from 8am - 4pm. Live entertainment 10 am - noon, music, hand crafts, antiques, collectibles, books, refreshments, raffles, Yum Yum Booth, more. Take-out Chicken Bar-B-Que Dinner noon - 3 pm, \$12, 1/2 chicken \$6. High Woods Reformed Church, 1290 Church Rd., Saugerties (just off Glasco Tpke near Opus 40). Reservations or information: 246-3318; 246-9492

**9/5 - 9 HITS-on-the-Hudson VIII:** Finishing the 2012 season with the best Olympic-style equestrian show jumping! Gates open Wed. - Sun, 8am. Sun, Sept. 9 - HITS \$250,000 Hunter Prix Final, 8am; Diamond Mills \$500,000 Hunter Prix Final 11am; Opening Ceremonies 1:30pm; Pfizer \$1 Million Grand Prix, 2pm. Famed recording artist, Michael McDonald in Concert, 5pm. Tickets: \$25/Advance, \$30/at gate. Age under 12 free with paid adult ticket. Ample Parking. 454 Washington Ave. Est., Saugerties. 246-8833; 246-5515 during Horse show; [HitsShows.com](http://HitsShows.com)

**9/5, 19 -Follow the River Lecture Series:** 9/5 - "The Ulster County Poorhouse", Susan Stessin-Cohn, Speaker. 9/19 - "Kingston: Past & Present", Dr. John Peter Roberts, Speaker. Lectures at 7pm. \$5 suggested donation. At the Green Room, Hudson River Maritime Museum, Kingston. 338-0071 ext. 15; [hrmm.org](http://hrmm.org)

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... in Greek means "Toward the Sun," was written by Carol Olsen LaMonda. Carol writes the column "The Olive Jar" for *Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman*. This local author has been busy guesting at book clubs who have chosen this local memoir as their book choice. As summer approaches, the story of a carefree vacation in the Catskills should be added to your summer "must-read" list. The memoir is available at Amazon or Barnes and Noble on-line as a soft or hard cover or as a downloadable e-book for Nook or Kindle. Go to [amazon.com](http://amazon.com) or [barnesandnoble.com](http://barnesandnoble.com) and type in **Prosilio** in the search to order your copy of **Prosilio**

**Congressional Candidate Julian Schreiber and Congressman Paul Tonko Discuss The Future of Medicare**

Hudson Valley/Catskills Congressional candidate Julian Schreiber and U.S. Congressman Paul Tonko recently spoke to a community of seniors in Coxsackie, NY about the future of Medicare. Schreiber is running to represent New York's 19th Congressional District, which includes and described to the audience areas where he sees ways to strengthen the program.

"Before Medicare, only half of older Americans had any kind of health insurance. Since then, it has been one of the most treasured and respected American institutions," said Schreiber. "We are now at a crossroads between exploring ways to strengthen the program so that our children may enjoy its benefits, or endangering Medicare by turning it into an underfunded coupon program."

During his presentation, Schreiber explained how Congressman Gibson voted for the Paul Ryan budget in 2011, which would have turned Medicare into an underfunded coupon program. He outlined four major consequences the Ryan budget would have on Medicare, including:

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2. The Failure of the Ryan Plan to Pay the Full Cost of Seniors' Insurance  
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"I know first-hand the impact the Ryan-Romney Republican voucher plan would have on seniors in my district that rely on Medicare," said Congressman Paul Tonko. "The insensitive nature of the Ryan plan ends the Medicare guarantee, depriving seniors that have worked hard and played by the rules their whole life the opportunity at a decent retirement in their golden years. I will continue to stand firm and fight the forces of the majority party in Congress in order to protect Medicare and keep our promise to America's seniors and middle class."

Schreiber also outlined four steps to strengthen Medicare, including:

1. Reform The Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit - When this benefit was put in place, Congress prohibited Medicare from bargaining for lower drug costs, requiring Medicare to pay whatever big pharmaceuticals demanded. This is a waste of taxpayer dollars.

2. Continue to Explore and Promote Ways to Coordinate Care - Lack of coordination among providers drives up both direct health care and administrative costs. We must continue to look for ways to incentivize doctors and hospitals to modernize their information infrastructure in order to promote coordination and efficiency, and reduce costs.

3. Continue Cost Control Measures - We must continue implementing measures that control costs, such as a value-based purchasing program, which emphasizes the quality of health care outcomes, not just the quantity of tests and procedures.

4. End Needless Subsidies to Insurance Companies - Right now, our government spends millions of dollars in tax-payer subsidies to health insurance companies without achieving any reduction in costs. If we stop these subsidies and turn that money over to Medicare, we can continue to strengthen the program.

"If elected, I will fight not only to implement these common-sense ways to strengthen our Medicare system, but also fight against those like Congressman Gibson and the Tea Party who would try to take Medicare away from our seniors and our children."

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**Reservoir Music Notes**  
 (From Pg. 6)

Last week, I went down to Bethel Woods Center for the Arts, thanks to the hospitality of Julie Goodman, Public Relations Director at Bethel Woods, to see Stone Temple Pilots. Now, as I mentioned in my last two columns, STP lead singer, Scott Weiland, is one of the most exciting, dynamic, electric performers ever. I based this opinion on his time with Velvet Revolver, who I saw when they first came around at Roseland Ballroom in Manhattan. Scott was amazing with them, moving non-stop like a serpent around the stage! With STP Wednesday night, Scott toned it down a little bit, but you could tell the serpent was



"Lead singer, Scott Weiland of Stone Temple Pilots at Bethel Woods Center for the Arts, August 22, 2012"

Photos by C3 Photography, Catharina Christiana



"Scott Weiland and guitarist Dean DeLeo of Stone Temple Pilots rock out at Bethel Woods Center for the Arts last Wednesday"

there, coiled inside him, waiting to explode! And the band did not disappoint, rolling through all their hits in record perfect form! The only negative was that this band could really benefit from a second guitar player to keep the rhythm going while Dean DeLeo solos, but that was not enough to take the shine off their performance. Stone Temple Pilots showed why they were one of the most successful rock bands of the 90's, winning a GRAMMY, and selling 40 million records worldwide, with 16 top ten singles, half of which reached number one! They've got the songs, they've got the moves, and they've got the chops! A great band, and a splendid time was had by all in attendance! My thanks again to Julie Goodman from Bethel Woods for making it possible.

Moving on to Friday night, I stopped by The Bearsville Theater for Chris Robinson of The Black Crowes. Now, I was looking forward to this for months, and I made it last week's Pick of the Week. I love The Black Crowes, but they are inconsistent, probably based on whether or not the two brothers, Chris and Rich, are fighting that day or not. (What is it about brothers in a rock and roll band? They all seem to hate each other. Well, not all maybe, but a lot. The Kinks, The Crowes, Oasis, Screaming Trees. I suppose, on the other side of that coin, you've got Van Halen, Stone Temple

**Fallsburg Seniors Take a Tour of the Time and the Valleys Museum**



A group of thirty-six Fallsburg Senior Citizens recently had an interesting afternoon as they toured the Time and the Valleys Museum in Grahamsville. Barbara Purcell and Elise Hornbeck, volunteers from the museum, took them on a journey back to the days before the Neversink and Rondout Reservoirs existed, to current times, explaining the uniqueness of the the Rondout and Neversink Watersheds and New York City's Delaware Water Supply System.

The Time and the Valleys Museum located at 332 Main Street in Grahamsville (St. Rt. 55), is a living and interactive resource that preserves the past and educates the present about the history of the Rondout and Neversink watershed areas. For information about group tours at the Time and the Valleys Museum call 845-985-7700 or Fax 845-985-771. Information is also available at their website: timeandthevalleymuseum.org

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Pilots, and The Beach Boys (although the cousins in The Beach Boys battled), but in the large majority, brothers in rock bands seem to be at odds with each other. Or maybe they're just the ones who get the notoriety and the press coverage. But I digress. The Crowes, when they are on, are one of the hottest rock bands on the planet, but at the last minute, I remembered that Chris Robinson has a hippy dippy side (kind of like Robert Plant used to), and I worried that this would be showcased in his solo project, rather than The Crowes Stones' influenced, rockin' style of music. So I went online and listened to some of Chris' solo work with his new band, Brotherhood, which kind of sounds like a dig at his brother. I was horrified to find the Chris Robinson Brotherhood's record is unlistenable! But, I thought, he's GOT to do Some Black Crowes' music live, right? Wrong! Not one Crowes' song was heard. Expecting The Black Crowes, I got instead, The Grateful Dead! (Chris has played with Phil Lesh, and apparently has been hanging out at Terrapin Crossroads a little too much. LOL). Opening with the Hank Ballard classic, "Let's Go, Let's Go, Let's Go", it was all downhill from there, until I went through the five stages of grief and accepted that I wasn't gonna hear anything rockin'. Once I got that out of my mind, it got a little better, but overall, this show was one of the biggest disappointments ever, and made me realize, that, just as Keith is with The Stones, Rich Robinson, not Chris, is the power behind The Black Crowes! When Rich played Club Helsinki a few months ago, I missed it, which now seems to have been a big mistake! Next time, I'll skip Chris and catch Rich. My guess is that's where the rockin' is with the Robinson brothers!

And speaking of The Grateful Dead, I recently tried to listen to some live Dead CD's, and had an interesting experience. The CD started off with "Dancin' in the Street", and it was killer, but suddenly, the music degenerated to the most unlistenable, boring crap I've ever heard! Now, I dig The Dead. I've been to hundreds of shows, almost always had a great time, and they partially changed my life, but after my recent attempts at playing their music at home, not in a live situation, I realized what The Grateful Dead are, is flashes of brilliance and genius, mixed with unlistenable, boring garbage. Now, oddly enough, this works in a live setting, because when they go into it, it's time to get a drink, use the head, or socialize with your friends! Then they start rockin', and it's back to the music, which is great! Very strange juxtaposition, but that's what they do to get from one musical section to the next. And, I was listening to live performances, and everybody always says The Dead have to be seen live, but I guess that's it! They have to be seen live, not listened to. If I had played one of their albums that people say is not representative of what they do live, I would have heard a great collection of songs, and loved it! I just don't need John Cage mixed with my Rock & Roll!

In other news, there will be a big concert honoring our dear, departed friend, Levon Helm, on October 3rd at IZOD Center in New Jersey. The line up is huge, extensive, all star, and too large to list everyone (Google it!), but a partial list includes John Mayer, John Hiatt, Jorma, My Morning Jacket, Gregg Allman, Warren Haynes, Bruce Hornsby, Robert Randolph, Mavis Staples, Joe Walsh, and The Levon Helm Band, with, undoubtedly, more to be added! I can feel a good one comin' on!

And finally, one of the greatest musical outfits of all time, local resident, Graham Parker, and his former band, The Rumour, will be reuniting after three decades, for a new album, "Three Chords Good", to be released on November 20, 2012. Hopefully, a tour will follow. In other GP news, a documentary film on Parker and The Rumour is being prepped for release this year. Sounds like there's gonna be a Graham Parker revival!

Now for this week's live music picks.

Thursday, August 30 - LUKAS NELSON, Willie's son, will be at Club Helsinki in Hudson, with his band, PROMISE OF THE REAL.

Saturday, September 1 - LUKAS NELSON AND THE PROMISE OF THE REAL stop by The Brooklyn Bowl, and in Woodstock, RENNIE CANTINE'S WOOD-STOCK GUITAR ALL STARS will be putting on a very special show at The Bearsville Theater, featuring many of the top area musicians. Booked so far are Harvey Sorgen (Hot Tuna), luthier Stuart Spector, guitarist Jimmy Eppard, bassist Steve Rust, guitarist Joe Beesmer, and horn ace Pete Buettner.

Sunday, September 2 - BOB DYLAN AND HIS BAND at Bethel Woods.

Tuesday, September 4 - BOB DYLAN AND HIS BAND re-open The Capitol Theatre in Port Chester. This will be historic!

Wednesday, September 5 - The Grateful Dead's MICKEY HART pulls into The Bearsville Theater for a show.

My promised profile of the band, Love, will have to wait until next week. There was just too much going on this week to fit that in.

Have a great one!

**"Cars, Crafts & Country" Coming to DeBruce This Labor Day**  
DeBruce, NY "Cars, Crafts & Country" are coming to the DeBruce Labor Day Parade on Monday, September 3, 2012. And for the third year in a row, the festivities will benefit the Livingston Manor Free Library.

The gathering begins at 10:00 a.m. with the parade starting at 11:00. The parade will feature floats, The MountainTones Marching Band, Farmer Jim and His Clan, the antique "Parksville" fire truck, over 50 antique cars, and the BIG CHAIR. And the party will include entertainment by Lorena the Flamenco Dancer, Rainbow Fire Hoops, Kelly Curtis Juggling & Face Painting, and Balloon Art by the Balloon-a-tic.

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There will also be crafters including soap from Moxie Alley Bath & Body Botanicals, Wooden Toys and 18" Doll Clothes from Grandpa's Wood'n Toys, and a kids' craft table with art teacher Val Taggart, plus Naomi's handmade dolls. Stop by and say hello to community-minded businesses and organizations such as Morgan Outdoors, The Plunk Shop, Manor Ink, the Pie Lady, and Livingston Manor Renaissance.



The festival will also include a special appearance by Evan Madison, one of the winners of the inaugural Sullivan County Soap Box Derby, and a karate demonstration by Axel Robinson, Andrew Helmes and Matt Heintz - three students of Emeric Arus, 10th Dan Karate and former Olympic Fencer.

Plus, there will be a raffle drawing for a Maple Wood Carved Beaver masterfully crafted by Dick Kelly. And, for the first time ever, craft beer.

Lunch items for sale will be provided by volunteers from the Livingston Manor Free Library, and additional food items will be available from Flour Power Bakery, Early Bird Cookery Ice Cream and the Rolling River Café.

The fun starts at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, September 3 - The 2012 DeBruce Labor Day Parade. Come dressed "a little bit country," march in the parade, then stay for entertainment and family fun at "Cars, Crafts & Country." It's all happening at 21 Goff Road, DeBruce, NY, Exit 96 off Route 17, five miles east of Livingston Manor. For more information call the Livingston Manor Library at 845-439-5440.

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## UC Executive Hein Ceremonially Signs Local Law Prohibiting Hydraulic Fracturing Brine "Fracking"

(From Pg. 1) "I am pleased that Ulster is the first county in the state to act responsibly on this important environmental issue," said Ulster County Legislator Ken Wishnick. "Several local governments in central New York have already been enticed into obtaining so-called free road deicing waste water from the gas industry, but the Brine Prohibition Act ensures that it does not happen here. I congratulate the legislature's Environmental Committee for its hard work, the environmental community for coming out to meetings en masse and offering solid suggestions to strengthen the law, the entire legislative body for approving it unanimously and County Executive Hein for signing it into law."

According to Ulster County Legislator Hector Rodriguez, "Prohibiting fracking brine on county highways is a major first step forward in the struggle to protect our environment. It was my great honor to work with County Executive Hein and Legislator Wishnick on this important initiative. Fracking is the greatest threat to our drinking water this decade and we will look at further legislation to protect our citizens."

Local Law 1 of 2012 prohibits applications of fracking brine (a mixture of used fracking water and substances injected at high volume to fracture rocks in the Earth thereby enabling natural gas to escape and be captured) on Ulster County roads and properties; requires that when relevant bid specifications are put out, that bidders acknowledge that fracking brine is not used; provides for civil remedies, including breach of contract actions; provides for a finding of an "irresponsible bidder" status if a corporation violates the ban and uses fracking fluids; and authorizes criminal penalties including fines of \$25,000 per incident and/or up to 15 days in jail.

## Ignite Your Child's Imagination -Join the 2012 Summer Reading and Exercise Challenge

(Kingston) - Assemblymember Kevin Cahill (D-Ulster, Dutchess) reminds area students to keep up the good work completing the State Assembly's annual Summer Reading and Exercise Challenge. Children who participate in the program receive a New York State Assembly Excellence in Reading and Exercise Certificate for their work. Assemblymember Cahill is once again coordinating efforts with our Libraries to get the word out about summer reading and the value of our free public library system.

"Think of the places you can visit and the people you can meet by simply opening a book," Assemblymember Cahill said. "You can travel across the country, learn about another continent and take a trip through your imagination, just by turning the page."

To participate in the program, children must read alone or with a family member or friend for at least 15 minutes each day, as well as participate in a physical outdoor activity such as playing ball or taking a walk. Students mark the days off on a calendar and send it to Assemblymember Cahill's office. Participants will be rewarded with their reading and exercise certificate at the annual awards ceremony held in October at the Kingston Library.

"The Assembly is working to ensure that our children get a quality education. The Summer Reading and Exercise Challenge is a vital part of that effort," Assemblymember Cahill said. "Reading improves a child's critical thinking and vocabulary. Besides, you can take a book anywhere. It's portable, inexpensive and fun, and that combination is hard to beat. It is also important that children make time to get outside in the fresh air and find a physical activity they find enjoyable."

Exercise helps to build muscle, strength and endurance and research has shown that children who keep fit perform better in reading and writing. "It is important for our children to be physically active as part of a healthy lifestyle," said Assemblymember Cahill. "Encourage your children to engage in a minimum of 30 minutes of movement each day over the summer."

"Above all, we want young people to read," Assemblymember Cahill said. "Reading a book is an excellent way to learn something new and studies show that kids who read do better in school. In today's tough economic climate, picking up a book also makes financial sense. The only cost is a trip to the library and a few minutes of your time."

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## "Framing the Landscape" at the CAS Arts Center

From September 1 - October 7, "Framing the Landscape," a three person exhibition featuring photographs from Gregory T. Davis and Chip Forelli and oil paintings by Kit Sailer at will be displayed at the CAS Arts Center, 48 Main Street, Livingston Manor, NY.

Gregory T. Davis lives and works as an artist in Kentucky. Davis will show a collection of color photographs in "Framing the Landscape" that are an examination of the dichotomy of vision within one space, separated by a single lens. He is a professor of photography at the University of Kentucky.

Chip Forelli is an award-winning assignment and fine-art location photographer who specializes in black and white landscapes. Forelli describes his creative quest as "... the discovery of visual gifts - those precious instances of unrevealed beauty that we unknowingly encounter every day." He lives in Damascus, PA.

Kit Sailer will present oil paintings of sites in northwest Sullivan County where she has a second home in Callicoon. Sailer also lives in Jersey City, NJ, where she teaches painting and drawing to adults at the Visual Art Center of New Jersey and to K-12 teachers at the Artist/Teacher Institute.

CAS Gallery hours for this exhibition are Thursday - Saturday and Monday 11am - 6pm, and Sunday 11am - 3pm. The CAS Arts Center is wheelchair accessible and open to the public.

There is no cost to attend the following events and all are welcome:

Saturday, September 1 - Artist Talk at 3pm, Opening Reception 4-6pm CAS will host an artist talk for "Framing the Landscape" with Chip Forelli and Kit Sailer from 3-4pm on Saturday, September 1. An Opening Reception will follow from 4-6pm. Light refreshments will be served.

## Zeppelin Show Closes Belleayre Season in Hard-Rocking Style

Highmount, NY - The Belleayre Music Festival season wraps up in hard-rocking style with "America's No. 1 Tribute Show" The Music of Led Zeppelin - A Rock Symphony on Saturday September 1 at 8 p.m.

Bridging the gulf between rock-n-roll and classical music, conductor/arranger Brent Havens takes the podium to present "The Music of Led Zeppelin," a soaring, orchestral interpretation of some of rock's most classic tunes.

Performed by a full orchestra and amplified with a full rock band and the Robert Plant-like vocals of Randy Jackson, Havens and his ensemble capture Led Zeppelin's "sheer blast and power" riff for riff while cranking out new musical colors. The two-plus-hour concert features 18 Zeppelin tunes, including "Stairway to Heaven," "Heartbreaker," "Black Dog" and "Immigrant Song."

The rock band, orchestra and elaborate lighting will combine to make this the biggest show ever produced at the Belleayre Music Festival.

The music features a massive array of songs from the Zeppelin catalog, many of which already had some orchestration. It was a perfect fit for Mr. Havens' vision. Whether the orchestra is playing the lush harmonies afforded the songs or reimagining the lick-based lines that were created by Plant, Jimmy Page and John Paul Jones, the driving tunes allow the musicians to dig into their instruments and rock with the band or play counterpoint melodies to the guitar solos or singer.

The Music of Led Zeppelin was begun in 1995. Finding Randy Jackson to handle the part was fortuitous and he was a perfect fit for the show.

Much of the Zeppelin catalog already had some orchestration, so it was a perfect fit for this concept. Whether the orchestra is playing the lush harmonies afforded the songs or playing the lick-based lines that were created by Plant, Page and John Paul Jones, the driving tunes allow the musicians to dig into their instruments and rock with the band or play counterpoint melodies to the guitar solos or singer.

The idea was to keep the band as close to the original recordings as possible and to wrap the orchestra around the band as one big entity. Rather than the orchestra being a separate part of the music, it becomes another instrument within the band. The show even features an electric violin.

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### AFL-CIO Endorses Julian Schreiber for Congress

(Kingston, NY) Julian Schreiber, Hudson Valley/Catskills Congressional candidate, announced today that the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO) has endorsed him in his race for New York's 19th Congressional District.

"We are proud to endorse Julian Schreiber as the next Congressman for the Hudson Valley/Catskills region. Julian will be a strong advocate for the needs of the hardworking, middle-class people of New York in Washington," said Mario Cileto, president of the New York AFL-CIO. "It is an honor to support Julian as he continues his fight to protect us from those who would put their own greed ahead of the people of this great state."

"I am incredibly humbled to receive this endorsement. The men and women of the AFL-CIO have a long history of looking out for our middle-class workers. Together, I know that we will be able to send a message to those in Washington who would put the demands of special interest groups ahead of the people of this region" Schreiber said. "If elected, I intend to champion the cause of the middle class and the working men and women of New York."

AFL-CIO is a federation of 56 unions and represents more than 2.5 million working men and women across New York.

### Tenney Endorsed by AFL-CIO LABOR COUNCIL

Utica, NY - Assemblywoman Claudia Tenney has received the endorsement of the AFL-CIO Central New York Labor Council as their candidate for the new 101st Assembly District.

"Our solidarity is paramount, and as such the Council has developed an endorsement policy that the decision to support a candidate must be unanimous," said COPE Chairman Mike Bambury. "We are pleased to announce that we have agreed to support the candidacy of Claudia Tenney."

The Central New York Labor Council of the AFL-CIO serves Oneida and Herkimer Counties. The organization is comprised of 63 affiliated public and private sector Locals, including 40 Locals of the New York State United Teachers. Their affiliates have a collective membership of about 17,000.

Assemblywoman Tenney, the incumbent, has also been endorsed by UFCW Local One; IBEW Local 43; Superior Officers Association; Court Officers Benevolent Association; Ulster, Sullivan, Herkimer, and Otsego County Republican Parties; Town of New Hartford Republican Committee; New York State Conservative and Independence Parties; and the NY Free Republican Caucus Initiative.

### Representatives from Kingston and Benedictine Hospitals to Solicit Community Input at a Third Meeting in Kingston

(Kingston) Assemblymember Kevin Cahill (D-Ulster, Dutchess) and representatives from HealthAlliance, Inc., will be convening a third public and open forum this evening to discuss the future of health care in the region. The first two meetings were held in late June in Kingston and Saugerties.

The third official meeting will be held today, Wednesday, August 22nd at The Benedictine Hospital Auditorium at 6:00pm.

The meeting has been scheduled to accommodate public input. For those who are unable to attend in person, thoughts, comments and questions can be sent to the Assemblymember's office by mail at 1 Albany Avenue Suite G-4 Kingston, New York 12401, by email at [cahillk@assembly.state.ny.us](mailto:cahillk@assembly.state.ny.us) and by telephone at (845) 338-9610.

### UC Executive Mike Hein Commends Governor Cuomo for Signing New Commercial Solar Tax Exemption-Proposes Resolution to Exempt Local Portion of Sales Tax

Kingston -- Today, Ulster County Executive Mike Hein commended Governor Andrew M. Cuomo for signing into law a new New York State sales tax exemption for the sale and installation of commercial solar energy systems. This new law would make New York more competitive with other states and encourage significant private sector investment in solar installations, thereby

assisting New York in meeting its renewable energy portfolio goals.

County Executive Hein said, "By spurring larger scale commercial installations, this new law will help protect the environment and will create demand for solar products. In so doing, it will retain manufacturing jobs at our existing solar manufacturing operations, such as Solar Tech Renewables located in Kingston, NY, as well as solar installer companies."

County Executive Hein introduced a resolution sponsored by Legislator Tracey Bartels to the Ulster County Legislature that would authorize a similar commercial solar sales tax exemption in Ulster County. According to Legislator Bartels, "The commercial solar sales tax exemption will not only increase opportunities for Ulster County businesses, but will have significant benefit for our environment. I am proud to be able to sponsor this important resolution."

County Executive Hein added, "I want to recognize Legislator Bartels for caring about our environment, for helping local businesses and residents, and for her persistence with this important matter. I would also like to recognize the entire Ulster County Legislature for being a strong partner in growing the solar industry in Ulster County." If approved, Ulster County would join the State of New York in exempting the sale and installation of commercial solar energy systems effective January 1, 2013.

Green technology, including solar, is an important component of Ulster County's economy. Not only does Ulster County have a greater number of solar installations than any other county in New York at 370 installations, but Ulster County is home to a large number of solar companies including Sunwise, Earthkind, Solar Tech Renewables, and Prism Solar, and solar equipment manufacturers such as Precision Flow, Ceres Technologies, and Fala Technology.

According to Amanda LaValle, Coordinator of the Department for the Environment, "Governor Cuomo and County Executive Hein have taken important steps toward removing barriers to additional solar installations. Anything we do to reduce our reliance on fossil fuels, including solar installations, has both immediate air quality benefits, because we do not have to produce the power, and the long term benefit of reducing carbon emissions into the atmosphere."

In 2011, the International Energy Agency provided that "the development of affordable, inexhaustible and clean solar energy technologies will have huge longer-term benefits. It will increase countries' energy security through reliance on an indigenous, inexhaustible and mostly import-independent resource, enhance sustainability, reduce pollution, lower the costs of mitigating climate change, and keep fossil fuel prices lower than otherwise. These advantages are global. Hence the additional costs of the incentives for early deployment should be considered learning investments; they must be wisely spent and need to be widely shared".

### Cahill Applauds Court Decision Ruling MTA Tax Unconstitutional - Calls for Complete Repeal and Refund of Payroll Tax

(Albany, NY) Assemblymember Kevin Cahill (D-Ulster, Dutchess) applauded yesterday's state court ruling that the MTA payroll tax violated the constitution's home rule provision. The Assemblymember repeated his call for a complete repeal and refund of the charge.

"I have been fighting against this unfair tax since its inception. Yesterday's ruling that the MTA payroll tax violates the state constitution justifies the need to repeal the tax and return the revenues back to the communities," said Assemblymember Cahill. "It is deplorable that our struggling school districts, hospitals, not for profits and businesses have been forced to support an Authority that provides minimal service to Dutchess County and absolutely none to the areas I represent in the northern portion of the county."

In 2009, despite Assemblymember Cahill's vocal opposition, the Legislature voted to approve an MTA bailout plan that included a payroll tax on businesses, not for profits, and private education institutions within the counties of MTA service territory. The Assemblymember has been successful in advocating for cuts to the charge, including recently passed legislation that permanently eliminated the tax for public, private and parochial schools, and BOCES. Businesses and not for profits with annual payrolls of less than \$1.25 million also received an exemption under the new law.

In June, State Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli released the findings of a forensic audit of the MTA. The report revealed examples of a Metro-North unit riddled with no-show jobs, nepotism and possible violations of the Public Officers Law that occurred during the time the payroll tax went into effect.

"The MTA's blatant disregard for tax-payer dollars is shocking. The fact that these activities occurred at the same time Dutchess County employers were unfairly forced to bailout the Authority only adds insult to injury," said Assemblymember Cahill.

The results of the Comptroller's audit can be found here: <http://www.osc.state.ny.us/press/releases/june12/061512.htm>

### POLITICAL SLANT - Frank Comando

#### Some Other Points Of Election 2012

This 2012 election year, we believe our voters are focused more on issues than ever before. The progressive part of the Democratic Party is championing the economy, with tax breaks for small business, and the working classes. Healthcare, women's rights, the right to privacy, creation of jobs, and putting an end to the non-taxed corporations, we need to have them pay their fair share of taxes. It is believed that a good start is a roll-back to the Clinton tax rate (35%), for corporations and earners of over one million dollars a year. This action combined with limiting outsourcing, should bring us to near full employment. A healthy capital driven market can pull the nation out of debt. We need to influence the actions of the Federal Reserve System, as its misguided actions are destroying our economy.

However, according to South Carolina Senator Tom Davis it is worse than that. He states the FED must be destroyed, and that the Chair of the FED, Ben Bernanke, "is a Traitor, a Dictator, and he is riding out our republic." Bernanke would not answer congress, when asked why are we following this course? For full remarks go to <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ScoxacG1vY&feature=g-u-u>

Sounds like Benarke is in the *New World Order* crowd. This is the group that President Eisenhower warned us about; a group that is set on the destruction of the US Constitution, first by economic destruction of our governments resources, and economic slavery for the masses, destroying the lovers of liberty, and the American Dream. for a fudalist monarchy.

The way that President John Kennedy wanted to alter the Fed was to have a pure capital driven market, employment up, GNP up, low interest rates, and vice versa.

"End the FED"- the boisterous supporters of Libertarian Republican presidential contender Ron Paul came out at the University of South Florida for a rally on Sunday, the eve of the kick-off of the Republicans' nominating convention. Thousands of supporters of Ron Paul filled the Sun Dome at the University of South Florida on Sunday afternoon, mincing no words; with a deeply critical tone against the Republican Party and its convention that begins there this week. "Commentators will say that this is the extreme wing of the Republican Party," said Doug Wead, the master of ceremonies and first of a long list of scheduled speakers. "It is not," he said, adding, "Their meeting starts tomorrow a few miles away."

Cries of "End the Fed! End the Fed!" were heard by a member of the audience who interrupted while Walter E. Block, a Libertarian professor at Loyola University in New Orleans, spoke about abortion and the importance of "saving babies." "Go home!" some other audience members protested.

"If a Libertarian can't come to a place like this and get a hearing without being booed, then we're a disgrace," Mr. Block said. *We agree! Save the Constitution.*

To have your comments and/or questions, space allowing, and townsman guidelines adhered to, as listed in the masthead, your comments can be posted, or answered here Email [politicalslant@yahoo.com](mailto:politicalslant@yahoo.com)

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Frank Comando  
Democratic Chair  
Town of Denning

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Ladies Aid Bake Sale**

**Sat., September 1, 2012**

9 am till sold out!

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**Roast Turkey Dinner**

**Saturday, September 8, 2012**

4 pm-7 pm

Menu: Roast Turkey, Stuffing, Mashed  
Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad, Bread,  
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Adults: \$12, Child 5-10 \$5, under 5 free

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Sunday School 9:30 am

Sunday Worship

Service/  
Children's Church

10:30 am

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Bible Study 7 pm

Tuesday Night Youth Home

Bible Study 7 pm

Friday Youth Night 7 pm



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10:30am

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**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

To the editor:

The Older Americans Act, passed by the US Congress in 1965, defines a Senior Citizen as any person who is 60 years of age or over. AARP benefits begin at age 50, while 70 is the mandatory retirement age for some professions. And current Social Security rules mandate payment of retirement benefits at various ages ranging from 66 to 67. Even Regal Cinemas in Kingston allows you to pay a Senior rate at age 60.

Why then does the Neversink Agricultural Society, parent organization of the Little World's Fair in Grahamsville, only offer Senior Admission to those who are 75 or older?

How sad that the older people who live and work in this town are not honored for their service. How sad that we are insulting our visitors by not allowing a senior discount unless they're 75 or older.

Are we so hard up for money that we need to insult people?

How about a sliding scale discount for people over 60, and free for people who are 70 and over?

One of my guests at the fair on Saturday night works for a Senior advocate organization in CT. She was aghast when told the Senior age. I was ashamed.

Carol Montana  
Resident of Grahamsville, NY  
and Editor of The Catskill Chronicle



**The Hurleyville and Woodridge  
United Methodist Churches**

invite you to weekly worship:

**9 am in Hurlyeville,**

**10:30 am in Woodridge.**

For more information, call

Pastor Susan Woodworth 985-2283



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The Little Church with the Big Heart

**Sunday, 8:15 am Service of Holy Communion**

Music by Susan and Fred Van Wagner

Coffee hour follows service

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Mother Joan LaLiberté  
845-887-4742

**Claryville Reformed  
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Claryville Road  
Claryville, NY 12725  
845-985-2041



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

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(embraces Fallsburg, Neversink, Sundown  
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**6317 Rte. 42, Woodbourne, NY**

**Weekend Mass schedule:**

Saturday afternoon: 5:00.

Sunday morning: 9:00 am and 11:30 am

**Holy days of obligation:** as announced in church bulletin.

**Daily Mass schedule:**

Monday afternoon 5:45 (Holy Rosary at 5:30); Tuesday,  
Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday mornings: (includes Morning  
Prayer)- 8:30 am

**Saturday afternoon confessions:** 4 to 4:45.

Rev. John J. Lynch, Ph.D., Pastor. 434-7643.



**Chicken  
BBQ**

**Sat. Sept. 8**

4:30 p.m. until the food runs out.

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Meal: half chicken, side dishes, dessert and  
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Holy Days 5:30 pm

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**Rev. George W. Hommel, Pastor**



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Dish  
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**Sept. 1, 2012**

**5:30 pm**  
**Sundown United  
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at the  
**Sundown Church Hall**



**Grahamsville  
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Methodist  
Church**

**Aug 21, 2012**  
**Thrift Sale 9am-1 pm**  
**Luncheon 11am-1 pm**

**Thrift Sale Only**  
**Aug 18, 2012**  
9 am-1 pm

**Grahamsville Reformed Church**

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

Rev. Paul Z. Ruter, Pastor

845-985-7480

## LEGAL/PUBLIC NOTICES

New York State Department of  
Environmental Conservation  
Notice of Complete Application

Date: 08/24/2012

Applicant: SULLIVAN COUNTY SWCD, 64  
FERNDAL-LOOMIS RD, LIBERTY, NY 12754  
Facility: BAILEY PROPERTY, 1868 DENNING  
RD, CLARYVILLE, NY

Application ID: 3-5120-00120/00001

Permits(s) Applied for: 1 -Article 15 Title 5  
Stream DisturbanceProject is located: in DENNING in ULSTER  
COUNTY**Project Description:** The applicant proposes  
stabilizing 173 feet of the north bank of an East  
Branch of Neversink River inactive side chan-  
nel (south of Denning Road, 0.3 mile west of  
Wildcat Mountain Road bridge) by recreating a  
2:1 slope to the stream bank and planting with  
native vegetation.**Availability of Application Documents:** Filed  
application documents, and Department draft  
permits where applicable, are available for  
inspection during normal business hours at the  
address of the contact person. To ensure time-  
ly service at the time of inspection, it is recom-  
mended that an appointment be made with the  
contact person.**State Environmental Quality Review  
(SEQR) Determination** Project is an Unlisted  
Action and will not have a significant impact on  
the environment. A Negative Declaration is on  
file. A coordinated review was not performed.  
SEQR Lead Agency None Designated**State Historic Preservation Act (SHPA)  
Determination** Cultural resource lists and  
map have been checked. No registered, eligi-  
ble or inventoried archaeological sites or his-  
toric structures were identified at the project  
location. No further review in accordance with  
SHPA is required.**DEC Commissioner Policy 29,  
Environmental Justice and Permitting  
(CP-29)** It has been determined that the pro-  
posed action is not subject to CP-29.**Availability For Public Comment**Comments on this project must be submitted in  
writing to the Contact Person no later than  
09/13/2012 or 15 days after the publication  
date of this notice, whichever is later.**Contact Person**JEAN V MCAVOY  
NYSDEC  
21 SOUTH PUTT CORNERS RD  
NEW PALTZ, NY 12561-1620  
(845) 256-3054New York State Department of  
Environmental Conservation  
Notice of Complete Application

Date: 08/24/2012

Applicant: SULLIVAN COUNTY SWCD, 64  
FERNDAL-LOOMIS RD, LIBERTY, NY 12754  
Facility: PANASCI PROPERTY, 1880 DEN-  
NING RD, CLARYVILLE, NY

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## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS **Charles Piera** served as a  
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Education for one term of three Years andWHEREAS **Charles Piera** exemplified  
extraordinary commitment to the students  
of the Tri-Valley Central School andWHEREAS **Charles Piera** passed away  
on August 1, 2012BE IT RESOLVED that the Tri-Valley  
Central School District extends its thanks  
to **Charles Piera** for his service andBE IT RESOLVED that the Tri-Valley  
Central School District Extends its  
Sympathy to the family of **Charles Piera**  
during this time of mourning.THE TRI-VALLEY CENTRAL  
SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATIONA Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for  
Thursday, August 30, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.**A reception will be held in honor of Tri-  
Valley's new hires of the District  
beginning at 5:30 p.m.**In the Secondary School Lower Library Level  
Grahamsville, New Yorkduring the dark days of 2011, will be celebrated by the  
Windham Chamber of Commerce August 25 from 2 to  
6 p.m. Food, music and activities will be offered in the  
bus loop area of Windham-Ashland-Jewett Central  
School. Windham Hose #1 will mark its 100th anniver-  
sary the following day, August 26, with a community  
gathering from 2 to 6 at the firehouse.

## MARGARETVILLE

An "Irene Remembrance and Community Picnic"  
will be held at Margaretville Central School Thursday,  
Aug.30, sponsored by the East Branch Flood  
Commission. Free hot dogs, an ice cream social and a  
puppet show for the kids will be followed by an update  
on recovery projects, a demonstration and explanation  
of stream dynamics, and a session of useful emergency  
response information for residents of the Towns of  
Middletown (including Margaretville and  
Fleischmanns), Halcott and Hardenburgh. The restored  
Cheese Barrel shop is shown at right

## Ulster County Creek Week

Ulster County Creek Week features two interest-  
ing walks in the Watershed, both on September 16.Ulster SWCD staffer Cory Ritz will lead a stream  
walk from 1:00 to 3:00 pm along the headwaters of  
Birch Creek in the Shandaken Wild Forest in Pine  
Hill. Register at gr283@cornell.edu."One Year After the Flood" will be a guided walk  
around Frost Valley YMCA campus in Claryville to  
see Irene's impact on the landscape (left). It starts at  
2:00 pm. Register at hbowman@frostvalley.org.

## Katie's Café Celebrates Labor Day

Katie's Café, sponsored and hosted by St. Paul's  
Lutheran Church, will be offering its monthly free  
community lunch on Saturday, September 1st, at 31  
Erie Avenue in Narrowsburg, NY. Homemade food  
and desserts, accompanied by hot and cold bever-  
ages, will be served from 12 noon to 1pm. The pub-  
lic is invited to sit down for a meal and friendly con-  
versation. St. Paul's has been in the neighborhood  
for over 140 years. Opportunities for worship are  
Saturdays at 4:30pm; Sundays at 9:30am, with  
Sunday School meeting at 9am beginning September  
9th. St. Paul's is a member of the Evangelical  
Lutheran Church in America, a denomination com-  
prised of over 10,000 congregations all over the  
United States.

## CATSKILL WATERSHED NEWS:

## INCREDIBLY . . .

. . . it's been nearly a year since Tropical Storm Irene  
snuffed out three lives, rearranged the landscape and  
forever changed the way people in the Catskills look at  
water. Over the next week, several communities will  
mark the anniversary with somber remembrance, old  
fashioned fun, and a defiant stiff upper lip.What a difference a year has made at the Catskill  
Mountain Country Store in Windham, which will  
throw an appreciation party Aug. 25 and 26 from 10 to  
4 with family activities, music, a climbing wall and  
more to express appreciation to the many volunteers,  
customers and community members who helped them  
recover from devastating damage. The Country Store  
was one of 149 damaged Watershed businesses to  
receive a Flood Recovery Grant from the CWC. Photo  
at left courtesy Windham Journal.

## PRATTSVILLE

Residents of Prattsville will hold the First Annual  
MudFest August 25-26 to celebrate the survival of the  
community that came close to being completely  
washed away on August 28, 2011. Visitors to MudFest  
will find themselves surrounded by mud drinks, mud  
ice cream, mud pies (the kind you can eat), mud  
games, mud sculptures, and so on. The event willbegin with a play, "Water, Water, Everywhere!" by the  
Soup-2-Nuts Theater Company of local children.  
There will be art exhibits, music, crafts, food, and no  
shortage of fun, like a Muck Boot Run and Walk, vol-  
leyball and tug of war contests at the wastewater treat-  
ment plant. Native Americans will hold a blessing of  
the Schoharie Creek, and local churches will unite for  
Sunday morning services on the village green. Fire-  
works will brighten up Conine Field at the east end  
of town Saturday night. Above, beth ballard in the re-  
novated Beth's Cafe.

## LEXINGTON

"Looking Back but Moving Forward" is the theme  
of a community event Tuesday, Aug. 28 starting at 4  
p.m. at the Lexington Mission Church, Rte. 42,  
Lexington. A block party with kids' activities will be  
followed by a 6 p.m. pot luck dinner and slide  
show/photographic exhibit.

## MAPLECREST

Organizers of the "Mountaintop Old Time Picnic"  
to be held Tuesday, Aug. 28 at C. D. Lane Park in  
Maplecrest promise "there will be no speeches," just a  
good time with a covered dish picnic, games, crafts,  
dancing to DJ music, and a family outdoor movie at  
dusk.

## WINDHAM

The recovery of Windham, and the spirit of togeth-  
erness that helped residents and businesses persevere

**Town of Neversink Parks & Recreation Department**  
[www.townofneversink.org](http://www.townofneversink.org)  
 (845) 985-2262 extension 312

**Shopping Colonie Center, Albany, NY**  
 Friday, November 16. Leave the Town Hall at 8 am return to the Town Hall at approximately 7 pm. \$21 residents and non-residents must be paid by October 16.

**Transportation to NYC** Saturday, December 1 Drop off near Times Square. Leave Town Hall at 8 am, return at approximately 8 pm. \$21 residents & non-residents must be paid no later than November 8.

Permission slips can be downloaded from our website [www.townofneversink.org](http://www.townofneversink.org) or picked up in the Parks and Recreation office in the Town Hall on Tuesdays from 3 pm to 6 pm. For more information call 985-2262 ext. 312 or email [racerj12d@aol.com](mailto:racerj12d@aol.com).

**FREE FUN every FRIDAY** afternoon 1-4 pm in the upstairs meeting room in the Neversink Town Hall.

**Walking Club Tuesdays** 6:30-7:30  
 Grahamsville Fairgrounds



**Daniel Pierce Library** hours of operation beginning September 1, 2011.  
 Tuesday: 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
 Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
 Thursday: 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
 Friday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
 Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
 Sunday and Monday: Closed  
 If you have any questions, please call the library at 985-7233.

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

**AL-ANON MEETINGS -**

<http://www.al-anon.alateen.org>  
**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

**A Show of Color**

September brings "A Show of Color", a collection of work by artist Stacie Flint, and "In the Drawing Room, A Member's Exhibition" to ASK this September. The shared opening reception will take place during First Saturday, September 1st, 5-8 pm. Both exhibitions will run until September 29th.

"I love to play with painting using color, energy, movement, and story.

My senses explore the relationship between my life's limited everyday points-of-view, with Life's Creational Energy and Joy! I see, smell, hear, taste, feel and imagine in painting, resulting in a physical actualization of this relationship.

Primary is my attraction to vibrant oil paint colors used right from the tube because of the high level of energy they create. My body moves my arm to allow a loose and lyrical brushstroke.

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- 9/1/12 Grahamsville Reformed Church Ladies Aid Bake Sale - 9 am till sold out. 985-7480
- 9/1/12 Sundown Methodist Church Covered Dish Supper - Church Hall 5:30 pm
- 9/3/12 Town of Neversink Holiday - LABOR DAY
- 9/4/12 Grahamsville United Methodist Church Thrift Sale (9am-1pm) & Luncheon (11am-1pm)
- 9/4/12 Town of Denning Town Board Meeting - Denning Town Hall - 7:00 pm
- 9/5/12 Tri-Valley Lions Rabies Clinic - 5-7 pm Grahamsville Fairgrounds
- 9/5/12 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting - 7:30 pm
- 9/8/12 Sundown UMC 3rd Annual Chicken BBQ - 4:30 till the food runs out. Call 985-2283 for ticket info.
- 9/8/12 Grahamsville Reformed Church Roast Turkey Dinner - 4-7 pm
- 9/9/12 Parksville UMC Pot Roast Dinner - 4:30-7:00 pm call 985-2826
- 9/11/12 Town of Denning Audit Meeting - Denning Town Hall 7 pm
- 9/12/12 Dept. of Motor Vehicles Neversink Town Hall 10:00 am - 2:30 p.m.
- 9/12/12 Town of Neversink Board Meeting - 7:30 pm
- 9/12/12 Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Assoc. Meeting - 7:30 PM
- 9/15/12 Grahamsville UMC Thrift Sale only - 9 am - 1 pm
- 9/15 & 16 Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery/Tractor Show
- 9/18/12 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals - 7:30 pm
- 9/19/12 Neversink Fire District Meeting at 7:30 PM, Public Meeting at 8:00 PM
- 9/25/12 Town of Neversink Parks & Rec Advisory Bd Meeting - 7 pm Neversink Town Hall
- 9/25/12 Claryville Fire District Meeting - 6:30 pm

**GAMES & SOCIALIZING -FREE FUN** every FRIDAY afternoon 1- 4 pm in the upstairs meeting room in the Neversink Town Hall.

**Save the Dates!**

Sept. 15 & 16 - Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery/Tractor Show  
 October 6 - Daniel Pierce Library 27th Annual Giant Pumpkin Party & Children's Parade

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**TOWN OF OLIVE MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

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

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

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

**Vendors Wanted**

**3rd Annual Sportsmen's Flea Market**, sponsored by the Grahamsville Rod & Gun Club, Inc. Sept. 29, 2012 • 9:00 am to 5:00 p.m.  
 Table Space • \$15. Extra table \$10  
 For information call: Gary Castle (845) 985-0292 or Mike Depuy (845) 985-2693

Town of Denning Message Board: <http://www.denning.us>  
 Town of Neversink Website: <http://townofneversink.org>  
 Daniel Pierce Library - <http://www.danielpiercelibrary.org>  
 Time and The Valleys Museum - <http://timeandthevalleymuseum.org>  
 Tri-Valley CSD: <http://tvcs.k12.ny.us>  
 Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman On-Line Edition: <http://thetownsman.com>

**Rabies Clinic**

September 5, 2012 • 5 - 7 pm  
 Grahamsville Fairgrounds  
 Sponsored by the Tri-Valley Lions Club  
 Donation: \$5.00

As I put together relationships of people, pets and objects, consciously and unconsciously from my daily life, a narrative unfolds on the canvas. These images -- from the fabric of my life and imagination -- are good feeling."

**First Annual Big Eddy Film Festival At the Tusten Theatre**

The Big Eddy Film Festival has announced the official selections for its first annual event taking place in Narrowsburg September 14 to 16, 2012. Eighteen new independent films were selected, including a documentary about water ("Last Call at the Oasis") and a narrative film based on a local author's book ("Fat Kid Rules the World"). The Festival opens with the Tribeca Films release "For Ellen," directed by So Yong Kim and starring Paul Dano and John Heder.

"As this is our first year, we hand picked our selections from the best of what's out there," says lead programmer Tina Spangler, who previously served as a producer with Sundance Channel and a programmer at NewFest in New York City. "The curatorial philosophy is to show high quality films that advance the art of storytelling. With that simple guiding principle, I worked with a team of programmers to identify an exciting lineup of films, some of which screened earlier this year at festivals such as Sundance or Tribeca, and others that are brand new."

The film selection includes three feature films, three documentaries, and 11 short films. A total of 18 directors will be presenting works at the Festival. Among these, half are women. Five of the film selections have a local connection to Sullivan County and/or the Upper Delaware River Region. There's also a screening of short films made by local youth.

"We are really excited to be bringing back a credible film festival to the area," says Elaine Giguere, executive director of the presenting organization, the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance. "We truly believe that this event will not only provide an economic boost to the local economy, but also provide a unique three-day cultural experience for residents and tourists of the Upper Delaware River region."

"I'm so happy to have a new film festival starting up in Sullivan County," says Academy Award-nominated actress Debra Winger. "Life only gets better when there are great venues like the Tusten Theatre to show films that entertain, educate and shine light on the things that connect us to each other and take us to worlds we've yet to discover."

For more information, visit [www.bigeddyfilm.com](http://www.bigeddyfilm.com) or call 845-252-7576.

**Blue Hill Lodge 5th Anniversary**

- by Gerhard B. Henke

What a beautiful party Irina and Frank Nicoletti arranged for their friends and neighbors. I was not only happy, but also delighted to partake in their celebration and hospitality. Maybe I was altogether a bit surprised how Irina and Frank created not only a much needed place, where the local population and visiting guests can do their convenience shopping, but also enjoy a satisfying lunch or dinner at their facility.

What impressed me the most, how both of them created an environment that could even inspire the staunchest critique. Their impeccable sense for class and natural beauty is very evident in the esthetic architecture and interior decorations. There are always fresh flowers on each dining room table, which cannot be overlooked. What becomes especially obvious is their deep sense to preserve and care for the natural beauty of our beloved Catskill Mountains, and their laudable efforts and ideas to make the stay and expectations of their visitors as perfect as possible. I am especially delighted that these two people are perpetuating a philosophy that my wife Eleonore and myself tried to implement, namely to give our region credit for what it really represents and deserves. For this they have my highest recognition.

The addition of an art-gallery and an outdoor bandstand, and also the upgrading of an old-tune Victorian house makes the Blue Hill Lodge a landmark. If you consider the architectural flow of its recent building designs, which are nicely integrated within the surrounding area, we have to give credit to Tom Matthews and his construction crew. They have worked so hard to create Claryville's Shangri La, the little oasis for all the friends of the Catskills and the Blue Hill Lodge.

I love to see Irina and Frank succeed. With their success they bring a bundle of happiness and a feeling of deep appreciation to all of us.

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**Knarf's Movie Trivia**  
*Goodbye, Mr. Chips (1939, Drama)*  
A teacher, with traces of cold-heartedness running through his veins becomes the school's most favorite professor, when a beautiful young woman 'thaws' him. Directed by Sam Wood, starring, Robert Donat, Greer Garson, Paul von Hrenreid (Henreid), Terry Kilburn, and John Mills. Robert Donat won a well-deserved Oscar for his memorable portrayal of a shy schoolmaster who devotes his life to "his boys," only coming out of his shell when he meets the Greer Garson character. Long length justified by Donat's superb performance, and film's honest sentiment delivered by Donat, makes it all worthwhile. Garson's film debut made her a star overnight. Based on James Hilton's novel was scripted by R.C. Sherriff. See it! **On TCM! This Sunday, September 2, 2012, at 11:30 AM, Color - 114 min, Rated, TV-PG**

- Quiz:**  
A. Name the actor who played Katherine [Ellis]?  
B. Who was Peter Colley as a young man?

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

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**SUNDOWN -**  
**3RD ANNUAL CHICKEN BARBECUE at FELLOWSHIP HALL** on Saturday the Sept. 8TH, for tickets call Pastor Bob at 845.985.2283 or see a Sundown UMC member.

**OLIVE -**  
**OLIVE DAY at DAVIS PARK WEST SHOKAN: CLASSIC CAR SHOW; FROG JUMPING CONTEST; BEN ROUNDS BAND; FROM 11:00AM - 12:30 PM**  
**At 4pm...MEMORIES OF THE KING - Featuring JOE "ELVIS" BORELLI and MUCH! MUCH! MORE!**  
\*See Carol LaMonda's Column on Page 6 of this issue

**ELLENVILLE -**  
Welcomes a new fitness center! **SANTI'S PRO-FITNESS is ELLENVILLE'S NEWEST ENTERPRISE** (See article front page)

**KINGSTON**  
If you are Irish and or want to enjoy A big event - don't miss the **HOOLEY ON THE HUDSON**  
Come join the festivities on Sunday, September 2nd from about 11 am to 9 pm at the Strand in Kingston down by the Rondout and Mariners Harbor.

There will be shuttle buses running all day long from the various off site parking lots - that is the way to go.

Stay safe,  
Knarf O'Donnoc  
Gnome

I, Greer Garson  
2, John Mills

**RENTALS**

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**YARD SALES**

**End of Summer Yard Sale • Fri, Aug 24th; Sat, Aug. 25th; Fri, Aug 31 & Sat, Sept 1 •**  
11 Forest Road, Grahamsville. Many items.  
Something for Everyone- Women's clothing  
9 am - 4 pm

**Yard Sale - 1895 Denning Rd, Claryville, NY. Sept 1, 2 & 3 • 10 am- 3pm - Janet Bailey**  
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**ANSWER TO KNARF'S MOVIE TRIVIA**

I, Greer Garson  
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