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Ellenville Regional Hospital Auxiliary Plan Annual Luncheon



Blossom Rozman, Carolyn Kuhlmann and Carol Lounsbery -co-chairs of the annual luncheon event at the Eagles' Nest

On September, 10, 2012, the annual luncheon will be held at the Eagles' Nest in Bloomingburg, NY. It will be co-chaired by Carol Lounsbery, Carolyn Kuhlmann and Blossom Rozman. (Contd. Pg. 2)

Calling All Blueberry Pie Bakers!

It's that time of year again ...
The Annual Shawangunk Mountain Wild Blueberry & Huckleberry Festival

The Homemade Blueberry Pie Contest will once again be judged at The Blueberry Festival on Saturday, August 11, 2012 in Ellenville NY.

Entries must be received by noon at the Chamber pie tent (near the Hunt Memorial Building, Liberty Sq & Canal St.)

An entry card will be given at that time.

Judging will be done at 12:30. 1st, 2nd, 3rd Prize Ribbons will be awarded as well as a 1st place Grand Prize. Winners will be announced thereafter.

Entries: Must be homemade; Mixed fruit pies are acceptable but must be filled with at least 50% blueberries and/or huckleberries; Pies containing cream or topped with whipped cream may not be entered due to Health Dept. rules;

There is no entry fee.

For more information: Ellenville Wawarsing Chamber of Commerce 845-647-4620; info@ewcoc.com (

So, put on those aprons and get out those family recipes!
See you at The Blueberry Festival on Saturday, August 11th!

Liberty Free Theatre Presents *Protest* - Area Debut of Play by Vaclav Havel



Photo Ted Waddell
Chet Carlin puzzles the pros and cons of signing a protest.

LIBERTY -The Liberty Free Theatre will present the area debut of *Protest* by Vaclav Havel, with Paul Austin and featuring Chet Carlin, August 16-19 and 23-26. Performances are Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 P.M. and Sundays at 3:00 P.M.

Admission for the performance 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. (Contd. Pg. 8)

Sundown gets Ready for 3rd Annual Chicken BBQ



Memories were made and kept as friends and neighbors met for good food and good fellowship at last year's Annual Chicken BBQ in Sundown.

Sundown doesn't often make headline news, but it does seem that 'chicken' has been a popular subject these days. Hopefully the stories of the bear attacks on local chickens will soon come to an end and be replaced with new and cheerful stories like the plans that are being made and the actual happening of the Annual Chicken BBQ that will be held on September 8th this year at the Sundown United Methodist Church.

The annual event is sponsored by the Sundown United Methodist Church. The proceeds from this year's BBQ will go toward the new roof on Fellowship Hall.

Tickets can be purchased ahead of time from Sundown Methodist Church Members. Tickets for take-outs and adults are \$10 and tickets for children 5-12 are \$5.00

The time of the BBQ will be from 4:00 pm until the food runs out. Mark you calendars, purchase your tickets early and come and enjoy great food food and fellowship:

For more information, please call 985-2283

More Fun and Fellowship



Heavy rain, gusty winds, and power outages did not hamper the fun and fellowship enjoyed by area Lutherans at a picnic they held at Hanofee Park in Liberty on Saturday, July 28. Attendees hailed from the three area churches: Christ Lutheran in Ellenville, St. Paul's in Liberty, and St. Paul's in Narrowsburg. Amid the beauty (and fury) of nature, outdoor worship was led by Pastors Phyllis Haynes, Johanna Andritz, and Paul Hagedorn, and Deacon Marie Biedinger, and followed by great "pot luck" food, games, and an opportunity to know one another better. (Contd. Pg. 4)

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

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ON THE FRONT BURNER: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Psalm 51:1

OBITUARY

Sundown: Charles J. Piera, 72, passed away, Wednesday, August 1, 2012 at Catskill Regional Hospital, in Harris.

Born February 23, 1940 in Meriden, CT, he was the son of the late Carlos Piera of Pego, Spain and the late Presentacion Riera Piera of Vergel, Spain.

Mr. Piera was graduate of Choate in Wallingford, CT, class of 1958 and received his BA in History from Columbia University in 1962. He retired as Supervisor of Volunteer Services in Naponach in 2006, after 27 years. He was the Steward for the Public Employees Federation AFL-CIO and was the team leader for Crisis Intervention of the NYS Department of Corrections.

In the 1960's he was road manager for the rock band *Anonymous Artists in America*. He was a former Supervisor of the Town of Denning, 2001-2003 and volunteered as a tour guide at the Red Hill Fire Tower, in the Town of Denning.

Surviving are his wife, Merrill Mecklem Piera, his children, Loren Piera and his partner Fiona Malamen, Justin Muller and his wife Heather and Chantal Muller, his grandchildren, Mercedes Catania, Timothy Dolgas, Cassian Muller and Lisette and Pilar Piera-Tyree and their mother Alicia Tyree, his sister, Mari Carmen Piera and her husband Vicente Giner and their daughter Sara of Spain and his sister in law, Sara Mecklem of Woodstock and her children Tessa and Arrow and many many friends.

A celebration of his life will be held Saturday, August 11, from 4-6pm.

In lieu of flowers and in recognition of Charlies lifelong study and concern for all watersheds and waterways, contributions may be made to Beacon Institute for rivers and estuaries, 199 Dennings Ave., Beacon, 12508, or Catskill Mounainkeepe, r.P.O. Box 381, Youngsville, NY 12791.

Arrangements are under the direction of Lasher Funeral Home, Inc., 100 Tinker St., Woodstock.

Delade-Ausbon Wedding

Loch Sheldrake, N.Y. Louise Delade, and Steve Krom, have the honor of announcing the marriage of their



son, David Delade of Winston-Salem, NC to Jessica Ausbon of Apex, NC. The Bride is the daughter of Doug and Sherri Ausbon of Apex, NC. The wedding took place on July 14, 2012 at The Peak United Methodist Church in Apex, NC. The Wedding reception was held at NC State University Club, in Raleigh NC.

The Brides occupation is a Fifth Grade Teacher, at Shady Grove Elementary School in Advance, NC.

The Grooms occupation is a Sixth Grade Science Teacher, at Wiley Middle School in Winston-Salem NC.

After their Honeymoon in Puerto Rico, The couple will reside in Winston-salem NC.

DAYS OF YORE...

Today's History

August 13, 1952 - Governor and Mrs. Dewey are spending a vacation with Mr. and Mrs. Roger Strauss at their summer home in Denning. On the way to the residence, he found the road blocked by heavy machinery which was being used for the repair of the Hamilton bridge at Ladleton. Gov. Dewey notified his host of the delay by means of a two-way radio with which his car is equipped.

Rev. Paul Hoosier of Ferndale officiated Wednesday afternoon, Aug. 6, at funeral

services for William Osterhout, who died early Monday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Earl Davenport. Mr. Osterhout was born in Denning, Ulster County. He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Davenport and Mrs. Albert Decker of Liberty and a son, Russell of Callicoon.

The polio incidence in Middletown has reached the epidemic stage, Dr. Phillip N. Stimson of New York announced. He is the chief consultant of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Ravndal are the parents of a daughter, Susan, weight 6 lbs. 11 oz. born August 7th at Holmdel, NJ. The Ravndal's have another daughter, Judy.

August 8, 1962 - Mrs. Lydia Warden, a resident of Bradley for the past 23 years, died at her home on Saturday, August 4th. She was 65. She was born in the Town of Liberty on August 22, 1896, the daughter of Charles Sutherland and Rosa Lewis Sutherland. She married John Warden in Grahamsville 43 years ago. Survivors are her husband; a son, John Warden Jr. of Liberty; two brothers, Edward Sutherland of White Sulphur Springs and Arlis Sutherland of Franklin, N.Y. and three sisters: Mrs. Beulah Lowitz of Liberty, Mrs. Martha Denman of Grahamsville and Mrs. Reva Will of Liberty.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Sweet of Woodbourne, who formerly lived in the Erath apartments in Grahamsville, are the parents of a new daughter.

The weather is steamy, the sun is so hot, But your kitchen can be an inviting spot. Our freezer chest is the place to look, For tempting foods that will spare the cook. KUM TO KRUM'S

August 16, 1972 - Mark Condon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Condon of Grahamsville, has been promoted to Sergeant in the Marine Corps. Mark recently returned to Iwa Kuni, Japan after serving two months in Thailand.

The new elementary school building at Tri-Valley is rapidly coming to completion. For the past week installers have been laying carpeting in the upper floor. The paving subcontractor has completed a substantial amount of the parking area. The building is scheduled for occupancy on opening day, Sept. 6th.

Happy Anniversary to Mr. and Mrs. Don Hill on August 17th and to Mr. and Mrs. Robert McLean, 2 years on the 21st.

A small tornado ripped through sections of Ulster Heights and Lackawack knocking out power for more than 12 hours in some areas and leaving destruction behind in its path. Tree, large and small, were broken and thrown around like matchsticks and a barn owned by George Hoff of Brodhead Road was flattened by the winds.

August 12, 1982 - Mr. and Mrs. Buck Marl of Neversink announce the birth of their daughter, Sandra Michelle, on July 30, 1982, weighing 8 lbs. 13 oz. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Manell of Grahamsville. The paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Marl of Cragmoor.

A young woman walked into McDonald's restaurant in Liberty last Saturday, pointed a hairbrush wrapped in a towel at an employee saying she had a gun and walked out with \$270. She was arrested the next day and faces up to 25 years in jail...if convicted...more if the brush was loaded.

ERH Auxiliary Luncheon (From Pg. 1)

This event is one of the Ellenville Regional Hospital Auxiliary's major fundraisers at which the Auxillian of the Year will be announced. Only the committee making the selection will know the identity of that person, and it will be a surprise to the recipient.

The afternoon is quite enjoyable and will feature wonderful prizes, the 50/50 drawing, delicious food and spectacular scenery. There is a choice of three entrees and super Eagles' Nests deserts. The luncheon will start at 11:30 am with a cash bar, followed by lunch at 12:30 pm.

For further information, call (845) 210-1431 or (845) 647-5817, or send a check made payable to ERH AUXILIARY for \$32.00 to Carol Lounsbery at 15 Healthy Way, Apt. 43, Ellenville, NY 12428.

HERE & THERE

Hi Readers!

First call for HELP! ***** Will the female caller who contacted me last Monday or Tuesday (my best guess, July 30 or 31), to give me a possible item for the column, please call back? I have lost the phone number.

Just last week we were talking about shorter summers... and looky-here; it's August already!

In today's world, some parents may still have to plan ahead to purchase school supplies for their children (especially those with large families); but in my day, most of us as members of rural families were in the same economic class: poor! (Someday I would like to write about the difference between "poor" then and "poor" now.) Anyway, my mother put aside money in June and July in order to purchase school supplies and clothes in August for my sister and me.

The supplies were pretty much the same as now: a large sturdy 3-ring notebook (less expensive than one for each class), pencils, pen (s), eraser, ruler, etc. We had to wait until school started to find out about special items such as gym clothes, or special tools for certain classes, like mechanical drawing or art supplies. Then... sorry about this personal "looking-back".

In case you haven't heard tickets are now available for the 3rd Annual Chicken BBQ, sponsored by the Sundown United Methodist Church. This event, which has proved very popular in its first two years, will take place on September 8, 2012 in (of course) the United Methodist Church of Sundown. Contact a member of that church for tickets - - and enjoy!

Second call for help (same as the first) will the person who called me on July 30 or 31st, PLEASE call again! It is important to me. Thank you if you can help!

So long for now... (pah)

Building Dedication to Honor Vernon "Bud" Stratton

On August 18 at 6pm the public is invited to a dedication ceremony on the main stage of the Grahamsville Little World's Fair to honor the memory and the contributions of Vernon "Bud" Stratton, to 4-H Youth Development and Youth Fair programming. The Youth Fair Building will be dedicated in Bud's name and a commemorative plaque will be presented to his family to be displayed each fair season.

Bud's efforts as Chair of the Fair Building Committee in 1989 were instrumental in getting community as well as Cornell Cooperative Extension support behind the fundraising, and then the construction of the structure in 1990. Club leader, Mary Nosek of the Youngsville Busy Beavers reminisced with Pat Norris, a 4-H Leader on the Fair Building Committee with Stratton, about the years of scrambling to keep exhibits dry under the old, damaged tent which only had strands of bulbs to provide lighting. "We shared our concerns with Bud, who took them directly to Jerry Skoda; shortly thereafter Bud was initiating plans to develop a more permanent structure."

Gerald R. Skoda, the Cornell Cooperative Extension Association Director of that period was instrumental in securing legislative support from Senator Charles Cook in the form of a state grant to fund the majority of the project. An interesting footnote shared by Mr. Skoda, is that the Senator was philosophically averse to member item funding. However, as a champion of rural communities, with concerns for the challenges they faced, he gave his support to the project.

In 1990, with financial support secured through the grant and additional fundraising, and the pole and post building design plans developed, construction was ready to begin. Community aid continued to flow in the form of discounted supplies and donated services, including labor by the Town of Neversink as well as the Correctional Facilities Inmate Work Program. These "Community Service Crews" had been a tremendous resource for Sullivan County communities at the time. With a team of 8 inmates and a prison guard, Bud Stratton oversaw the construction of the Pole and Post Building over a three month period, directing the crew in preparing the site, putting in drainage, and staking out building lines, on to setting posts, framing, pouring and finishing concrete, installing trusses and roof purlins, as well as installation of the metal roofing, skylights and doors. Mr. Skoda recalls Stratton travelling back and forth from his South Hill farm each day to direct the progress of work.

In addition to Gerald R. Skoda, of Skoda Enterprise, Inc., guest speakers include Patricia Zellmer, 4-H Youth Development Program Leader of Otsego County who was Cooperative Extension 4-H Agent at the time of the building's construction, and coordinator of the administrative efforts. Immediately following the dedication ceremony, a reception will be held in the very Youth Building Bud Stratton and his community built just twenty-two years ago.

Judges to Pick Flower Winners Awards Ceremony on Monday, August 13 at SUNY Sullivan

[BETHEL] - Teams of experts from outside Sullivan County will spend August 9 to 12 visiting 25 Sullivan Renaissance projects before selecting winners in three beautification categories and honoring one project for the best overall showing of flowers. For the first year, judges will also recognize one of 11 long-time maintenance participants for the abundance of flowers in their community.

Judges will also acknowledge projects with stewardship awards for excellence in historical preservation and best design. All participants will receive completion grants.

The eleven experts - all with past Sullivan Renaissance experience - include individuals with horticultural, planning, community and international knowledge. This year's panel includes:

-Ted Blowes - Communities in Bloom, Stratford, Ontario, Canada; Immediate Past Chair of the Communities in Bloom Program in Canada; has been a Renaissance judge since the program began in 2001.

-Nicole Franzese - Director of Delaware County Planning Department since 2000 (with department since 1990); provides technical assistance on comprehensive plans, main street revitalization, zoning review, grant writing, SEQRA compliance, watershed management issues.

-Donna Harrison - Has judged over fifty communities with Communities in Bloom in Canada, six years provincially and nationally starting in 2000; has also been involved in the judging of The Winter Lights initiative for several years.

-Michael Newhard - Life-long resident and four-term Mayor of Warwick; artist and partner in Main Street retail store; is an advocate of community re-vitalization, historic preservation, farmland and environmental protection; Warwick was 2003 national winner of America in Bloom and is the 2010 international winner of Communities in Bloom.

-Linda Onofry - Retired Montessori school teacher at the Homestead School in Glen Spey; grew up and resides in Port Jervis; a 21 year member and past president of the Garden Club of Orange & Dutchess Counties.

- Peter Patel - Horticulturist/arborist for the Orange County Arboretum in Montgomery; Certified Arborist - International Society of Arboriculture, Cert. Nursery/Landscape Professional, and member of the Tri-County Nursery Association; owns ArborHeights Designs, LLC.

-Karen Schneller-McDonald - Ecologist and wetland specialist; Hickory Creek Consulting LLC, Red Hook, NY; provides natural resources planning, wetlands identification, and environmental impact assessment services to municipalities and specific projects.

- Ann Smith - An avid gardener for over 35 years; member of New York Botanical Garden, Friends of Boscobel and the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation; past board member of Cornwall Garden Club; garden associate specialist for Devitt's Garden & Supply, New Windsor.

-Deborah Sweeton - President and co-owner of Techni-Growers Greenhouses Inc.; published books in Common Sense Gardener series; past OFA board member; chairs Cornell Floriculture Advisory Committee; chaired Warwick in Bloom in 2004; won 1st and 2nd prize in Kathy Puhfal container competition at Cornell University in 2007 and the international challenge in 2010.

-Michael Sweeton - General manager/marketing director for Techni-Growers (clients include Brooklyn Botanic Gardens); NYS Certified Nursery Professional; Town of Warwick Supervisor; President of the Orange County Association of Towns, Villages and Cities; serves on Orange County Citizens Foundation Board and Orange County Planning Board.

-Tim Stoddard - Has a design degree and lived in Western Europe for years where he pursued an interest in architecture and landscape design; works on projects for the federal government, corporations, community and private homes; lives on Jersey Shore and heads his community Beautification and Landscape Committee.

Projects are judged for aesthetic improvement, collaboration, youth involvement, permanence and an ability to be maintained.

Winning communities will be announced at the Sullivan Renaissance Awards Ceremony on Monday, August 13 in the Seelig Theater at SUNY Sullivan in Loch Sheldrake. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. with light refreshments; the program begins at 6:45 p.m. Communities selected as the most successful in completing their Category A and B projects will receive additional grants between \$1000 and \$10,000. The Golden Feather Grant of \$25,000 will go to one of four Category C projects. Judges will also award separate grants for "Showing of Flowers" including a special prize to communities that received maintenance support.

Participants in all Sullivan Renaissance programs will be recognized, including: mini-grants, seasonal communities, and environmental initiatives. Young people will be acknowledged for participating in the intern leadership program. Scholarships will be announced by SUNY Sullivan Foundation and the Community Foundation of Orange and Sullivan Counties.

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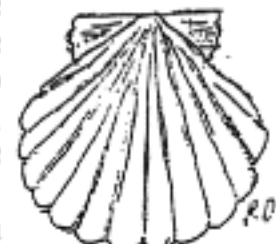
THE NIFTY SWIFTY SCALLOP

By Peggy DeWire



Is it a UFO? Superman? Nah... it's only a scallop shell whizzing away in the shallow seawater.

Most of the 400 kinds of the Pecten family are good swimmers, a rare ability among shells. The name comes from the

PECTEN

Roman word for comb and refers to the distinctive ridges of the shell that run from top to bottom like the teeth of a comb.

The fifty species in America waters live mostly between inter-tidal zones to sixty feet deep.

However, deep-sea trawlers have taken scallops worldwide, even from Antarctica.

Scallops swim in social groups by snapping their shells together forcefully, creating a jet flow that propels them swiftly away from dangers such as a crab or their mortal enemy, the starfish. A scallop jets left or right, up or down, spins in one spot like a child's pinwheel or flips itself over right side up by directing its powerful adductor muscle (the edible part) to squirt seawater out of a selected body opening along the edge of the shell.

This body (mantle) drapes like an encircling curtain around all internal organs and contains dozens of beautiful blue eyes like tiny sapphires that see as sharp as human vision.

Injured eyes are replaced constantly. Should a scallop lose all of its eyes, it re-grows them in two months.

Scallops begin life in sea grass nurseries as tiny free-swimming babies called veligers. At age one to three months, veligers develop a large gland that produces shell from seawater. Now the young scallop is called a spat.

The bottom shell is cup-shaped, lifting the scallop up off the seabed to feed better, to see enemies approaching and to make faster get-a-ways.

Usually the top shell is flatter, more colorful and can be raised like a sail for migrating at the surface to a new feeding ground.

The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum at Sanibel, Florida has a spectacular rainbow display of colorful scallops of the world.

From the earliest times, mankind used scallop shells in legends and decorations.

The Minoans (1300 B.C.) believed their goddess of beauty rose from the Mediterranean Sea standing on a scallop shell. So did the Greeks and Romans.

In the Middle Ages, returning Crusaders wore a "St. James Shell" on their coat as evidence that they had been to the Holy Land. The Scallop design later became the insignia for many European coat-of-arms, including Winston Churchill's.

Today everybody is familiar with the Shell Oil Company logo from the 1870's.

As I stood on the beach admiring a Calico scallop I'd just found with a wavy purple and white design and orange rays, I remembered an old poem, author unknown -

A wonderful swimmer the scallop,
It zigs and it zags at a gallop.

Household Hints**Versatile Vinegar**

Wipe your hands with vinegar after chopping. It will remove strong scents like onion and garlic, as well as stains from fruit juices.

Then to clean a wooden cutting boards, wipe with vinegar.

Also, to remove coffee or tea stains from china, clean with a mixture of vinegar and salt.

MYSTERIOUS BOOK REPORT NO. 61 by John Dwaine McKenna

The great conflagration and inferno known as the Waldo Canyon Fire has been put out. It consumed nearly 18,000 acres of the Pike National Forest, 346 homes and 2 lives. It took thousands and thousand of man hours, a fleet of air tankers and helicopters, more than 1,000 federal wildfire fighters and God only knows how many professional firefighters from metropolitan Colorado Springs and nearby cities . . . brave men and women all . . . who went toe-to-toe with the firestorm, battling and beating it back, inch by inch, foot by foot or house by house and tree by tree until it was no more. They are all heros. They all went about their duties with a professionalism, dedication and determination that must be seen to be fully appreciated. Not since nine-eleven have I had such a lump in my throat when I contemplate our first responders and the job they do to protect us all. These few words of praise and a heartfelt thank-you are all I can offer in return. It doesn't seem like nearly enough.

To keep myself occupied, when I didn't have my nose pressed to the TV screen watching the minute-by-minute news of the Waldo Canyon fire and waited for the evacuation notification that never came, I got busy reading some pulp fiction on my Kindle. Pulp fiction, for those of you who're unacquainted with it, is by definition, "fiction dealing with the lurid or the sensational, often printed on cheap, pulpwood paper," according to my Random House unabridged. I might add, and they're a helluva lot of fun to read once in a while . . .

Especially when written by the hand and mind of a master, and *False Negative*, (Hard Case Crime, 256 pages, \$9.95, ISBN 978-0-85768-580-3) by Joseph Koenig fits the bill in every way. It's 1953, and a smart-alec crime reporter named Adam Jordan has a brand-new Hudson Hornet and a wiseass attitude. Working for an Atlantic City New Jersey newspaper, Adam has a cushy life focused on Jazz music, finding a woman to climb into bed with and, oh yeah, reporting the local crime blotter.

Life changes abruptly when he decides to fake an assignment, copying some text from the papers "morgue" of old stories, and misses one of the most sensational stories of the year, when the windbag politician whose speech was the assignment, drops dead in the midst of it. Not only did he miss the story, but Adam filed a false one that was published. The newspaper editors and publisher are livid; Jordan has committed the unpardonable sin. He's fired on the spot and becomes a pariah, unable to land a job with any reputable paper. In desperation, he turns to writing for *True Crimes Magazine*, a pulp, for a nickel per word. When a number of women begin turning up dead under similar circumstances, Jordan turns sleuth to try and solve a series of murders with racial, political, and social issues . . . thereby putting his own life in jeopardy. This one has more twists and turns in it than a whole boxful of antique corkscrews. Great fun for summer reading. If pulp fiction isn't for you, try your local library. They have any and everything there for your reading pleasure. If you're unsure about what you'd like to read, talk to a librarian. They're there to help you find just what you're looking for.

My website: johndwainemckenna.com has, no fooling, hundreds of book selections for you to choose from, and they're all read by the book club ladies or myself. (The Best Books of the Year list). It's where you can leave a comment, suggest a book to review, make a suggestion about the MBR column, how and where I should put it was popular a while ago, or you can just say hello. The Neversink Chronicles are still at *Cannie D's Corner*, the *Time & the Valleys* museum and *Roscoe's Little Store*. It's available at *Rhyolite Press*, Amazon or your favorite bookstore as well as on Kindle and Apple iPad.

Rhyolite Press has two more titles coming out this summer. *The Whim-Wham Man*, a coming-of-age and murder mystery by John Dwaine McKenna and *The Drift*, an environmental thriller, by Bert Entwistle. They should be available now at all the above locations, or you can still order them the traditional way by sending \$15.00 plus \$5.00 postage to P.O. Box 2406, Colorado Springs, CO 80901. For credit card orders call 719-203-5265. And hey listen . . . we don't outsource to India or anywhere else. This is a genuine one hundred percent American company, but just like you we've gotta eat supper and sleep some too. So if we can't answer the phone 24/7, please leave your name and phone number. We'll call back and take your order. We will. I promise. Honest.

'Til next week, enjoy a good book. --JDM

**SUPERVISOR'S CORNER**

By: Mark McCarthy, Town of Neversink Supervisor

Reminder The Town Hall will be closed on September 3rd in observance of Labor Day and October 8th in observance of Columbus Day.

Dept. of Motor Vehicles The DMV will be at the Town Hall from 10 AM to 2:30 PM on August 16th, September 13th and October 11th. Please note: the DMV will no longer be accepting credit card payments at the town hall; they will accept checks only.

Hunting Licenses Hunting licenses for the '12-'13 hunting season will be on sale beginning August 13th. Hunting licenses can be purchased at the Town Clerk's Office from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. There are antler point restrictions in some WMUs. Please check the New York Hunting and Trapping Guide which is available at the town hall when you purchase your license. Southern zone hunting season dates are as follows:

Early Bow Deer Hunting - October 1st - November 16th
Regular Deer Hunting - November 17th - December 9th
Late Bow Deer Hunting - December 10th - December 18th
Muzzleloading - December 10th - December 18th

Little League Ball Field There are ongoing negotiations with FEMA and the NYSOEM to settle our claims. Last week I met with six FEMA representatives as well as Preston Kelly, Chris White of Congressman Hinchey's office and Susan Spear of Senator Gillibrand's office. We are trying to capture as much money as we can for reconstruction. This will be a continuous process and will take time; if anyone has any questions, please stop in or call me either at the town hall or at home.

Transfer Station I want to personally thank Jim Rennison, Art Soule, John Powers, Charlie Clark, Jim Minarsky and the entire Town highway crew for their combined efforts for our Spring Clean-up. There was about 160 tons of material collected and taken to our County landfill. As usual, our town employees have gone above and beyond in keeping our town the beautiful place that it is.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at 985-2262 ext. 301.

Fun and Fellowship (From Pg. 1) The three congregations have been intentionally working together to offer mutual support as they serve in their respective communities. The offering collected is being sent to help feed the hungry through the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) World Hunger Fund. The ELCA is a denomination of over 10,000 congregations with over four million members spread out throughout the United States.

On September 8, 2012, Christ Lutheran Church in Ellenville will celebrate its 150 year anniversary with a service and dinner starting at 4:00pm. Bishop Robert Rimbo of the Metropolitan New York Synod will officiate at the worship.

A fall event of music and celebration is being planned for October 7, 2012, at 3:00pm. at St. Paul's in Liberty. Watch for more details.

For more information, including time of services, contact: Christ Church, Ellenville: 845-647-9054; St. Paul's, Liberty: 845-292-4626; or St. Paul's, Narrowsburg: 845-252-3919

Region's Hospitals Vow to Help Veterans Web-based Initiative Offers Online one-stop Service to Veterans' Job, Health, Community resources

Vet Connect - a web-based initiative to raise awareness about the employment, health, and resource needs of veterans in the Hudson Valley region, particularly returning veterans - went live

today. This public awareness initiative is the work of the Northern Metropolitan Hospital Association (NorMet) and its member hospitals that are located in Westchester and the six counties that comprise the Hudson Valley region, including Ellenville Regional Hospital. NorMet is the association that represents these hospitals on a variety of hospital and health care legislative and regulatory issues.

The initiative underscores hospitals' recognition of the extraordinary service veterans have made to this country and hospitals' commitment to assisting veterans with their employment and health care needs. Vet Connect is being coordinated by NorMet's Communications Committee and hospital human resource directors.

Vet Connect can be accessed via NorMet's home page at www.normet.org. Once users click on the Vet Connect icon, they are brought to interior pages that provide direct links to hospitals' job banks, military skills translation assistance, and health care career training programs for veterans. The service is also accessible via hospitals' websites. Look for the Vet Connect logo.

"Our hospitals recognize the extraordinary service our veterans have made to our country," said Kevin Dahill, president/CEO of NorMet. "All of our hospitals are committed to assisting veterans with their employment and health care needs. Vet Connect is a simple to use, one-stop resource for veterans that puts helpful information at their fingertips."

Gerry Culliton, director of the VA Hudson Valley Health Care System, was instrumental in initiating and coordinating this project.

SC Sheriff's Office and Drug Enforcement Administration Massive Drug Raid

A massive drug raid conducted last year by the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office and the Drug Enforcement Administration has led to the Federal indictment of 5 organized crime members.

On March 29, 2011, Sheriff's Deputies and DEA agents arrested 15 suspects and shut down a \$20 million dollar marijuana cultivation ring that operated out of 7 locations in southern Sullivan County.

All 15 of the defendants arrested in that raid have since pleaded guilty to conspiring to manufacture, distribute and possess marijuana. Sheriff Mike Schiff said that his detectives and their DEA counterparts quickly realized that organized crime was behind the sophisticated grow operation. After a year long multi state investigation by the DEA, 5 members of the "Natiello Organozation" have been indicted as the masterminds behind the operation. Frank Natiello III, 38 and Clemente Fernandez 34, both of Brooklyn, were arrested Thursday and arraigned in Federal Court in White Plains. Joshua Schultz, Jesus Gutierrez and Juan David Zapata-Montoya who were also named in the indictment remain at large.

The DEA is also looking to seize approximately \$100 million in assets that are proceeds from the crime. (Contd. Pg. 14)

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The Olive Jar - Carol LaMonda

Dog Days of August

Since I wrote about cats in the Catskills last week, I thought I'd give equal opportunity to Canines in the Catskills. We are officially in the "Dog Days" of August. Before the "myth" of global warming, I always used the term, "Dog Days", to the few really hot days of summer vacation. Well, this year those hot days have stretched themselves out over the course of the whole summer.

The term "Dog Days" actually came from Ancient Roman times. The ancients noticed that the hottest days of the summer always coincided with the appearance of the Dog Star, Sirius, which is the largest and brightest star in the constellation of Canis Major. Because Sirius is the brightest star in the sky, they connected the two by inferring that the hottest days were somehow related to the most intense star in the heavens. Different sources give different calendar dates but all agree that these days are the ones that are hottest and driest; therefore, these days were often associated with a time of evil because crops failed and energy languished.

The ancient Egyptians noticed that Sirius often appeared just before the Nile flooded. That bit of information hits a little too close to home remembering Hurricanes Irene and Lee that followed our "Dog Days" of 2011.

Some people use the term to refer to the stock market's performance in August, which is traditionally a very slow time for trading with many people on vacation. The stocks that have little potential are sometimes called "Dogs."

For me, the "Dog Days" of August are very literal. They are the three dogs, Diva, Tonche and Peek who lie around on tile floors of the bathrooms and the cement floor of the garage trying to keep cool. Our daily treat is a swim in my son's pool with the tennis ball. The word "SWIM" or a slight motion to the closet of beach towels has the three dogs ready to jump into the car. The Olympics could have a new event with the four-footed run and dive after the soggy ball. So far, Diva has the gold; Tonche has the silver, and Peek has the bronze.



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ULSTER COUNTY EVENTS FOR AUGUST 2012

6 - 10 Historic Huguenot Street Archaeological Field Site: Observe the Archaeological Field School at work Mon-Fri, weather permitting. Directed by Dr. Joseph Diamond, Dept. of Anthropology at SUNY New Paltz. Historic Huguenot Street, 81 Huguenot St., New Paltz. 255-1889; huguenotstreet.org

9, 10, 27-29 Hudson River sloop Clearwater: Public Sail program. Will be docked at Hudson River Maritime Museum, 50 Rondout Landing, Kingston. For more information and schedules: 265-8080 ext 7107; or visit clearwater.org/come-sailing/public-sail-schedule

1 - 31 Photo Flower Show - "Joy Lives Within the Garden": Shawangunk Garden Club photo display, thru 9/15. The Gallery at the Ellenville Library & Museum, 40 Center St., Ellenville (eplm.org). 434-2665

9, 16, 23, 30-Highland Pop, Rock & Doo Wop Series: Every Thursday thru August. 6:30pm - 8pm. Free. Town field, hamlet of Highland. Sponsored by local merchants. Highlandpoprockdoo-wopseries.com

2 - 30-Re-opening of 1721 Abraham Hasbrouck House: Tour recently restored Hasbrouck House and other early 18th century stone houses, burial ground & ten landscaped acres. Oldest authentic museum street in America. Guided tours: Thu - Mon, 11am, 1pm, 3pm. \$15/Adults, \$14/Seniors, \$10/under 10, Family rates. Historic Huguenot Street, 81 Huguenot St., New Paltz. 255-1889; huguenotstreet.org

10-Movies Under the Stars: Aug. 3 - *Willy Wonka & The Chocolate Factory* (1971): Zumba at 7:30pm, Movie 8:30pm. Loughran Park, Manor Ave. & Charlotte St., Kingston. Aug. 10 - *Disney's Up: Hasbrouck Park*, Delaware Ave., Kingston. Keith Bennett's Karate Academy 7:30pm, movie 8:30pm. Free movies, popcorn, water. Rain-Andy Murphy Midtown Center, 467 Broadway, Kingston. 332-6600; kingstonsparksmovies.com

11, 18, 25-Kingston City Shuttle Themed Rides: Aug. 4 - Parents' Day; Aug. 11 - Ulster County SPCA Day; Aug. 18 - Teddy Bear Train Rides; Aug. 25 - Baseball Day. Departs 1pm, 2pm, 3pm & 4pm. \$6/Adults, \$4/ages 2-11, under 2 ride free. Catskill Mountain Railroad, Westbrook Lane (near Hannaford, Kingston Plaza), Kingston. 688-7400; catskillmtrailroad.com

5, 12, 19, 26-Sunday Brunch at the Falcon: 10am-2pm. Indoor/outdoor Farm-to-Table dining. Live world-class music at Brunch & most Thu thru Sun. Dinner 5:30pm. Music: doors open 6pm, music 7pm. Admission by donation for performers. Dining reservations 236-7970. The Falcon, 1348 Rt. 9W, Marlboro. Liveatthefalcon.com

11-Shawangunk Mountain Wild Blueberry & Huckleberry Festival: Rain or shine. Blueberry Pancake Breakfast 7:30am-11am, Norbury Hall, Center St. From 9am-4pm: 2 stages with live music, blueberry pie contest & bake sale, heritage venue, 200+ vendors, children's entertainment, free parking. Sponsors: Ellenville-Wawarsing Chamber of Commerce and Friends of the Festival. Canal St. & Liberty Square, Ellenville. 647-4620; ewcoc.com

11 Matthewis Persen House: Hurley Heritage Society members, Saturday's guest hosts, in celebration of Hurley's 350th Anniversary. Hudson Valley Dutch Culture exhibits & Hurley history. Open Tue-Sat, 10am-3pm. Free. Persen House, 74 John St., Kingston. 340-3040; 338-1247; co.ulster.ny.us/archives

11 9th Annual Antique Fire Engine Muster & Open House: Antique & vintage fire trucks on display; tour Kingston's "little gem of a museum". 10am-3pm. Engine Parade starts 3pm. Firemen's Hall & Museum of Kingston, 265 Fair St., Kingston. 331-4481; bknowles@aol.com; 338-1247

11-John Street Jam: Six performers in an intimate setting. Refreshments available. \$5. Doors 6:45pm, music 7:30pm. Dutch Arms Chapel, 16 John St., Saugerties (near Main St.) 943-6720; johnstjam.com

11 - 12 Wildcat Epic 100 Bike Race: For mountain bike adventures in the Shawangunk Mountains. 4 course options. Main event in Village of New Paltz. Details on wildcatpicevents.com, Facebook & Twitter.

12 - Antique Auto Club Car/Truck/Motorcycle Show: 50/50 drawing. Lunch available. Lots of awards. Free admission to public. 10am-4pm. Judging at noon. Rich: 473-8934; rflaherty@hotmail.com

15 - Music in the Parks: Presented by the City of Kingston. Performance by Peter Wexler. 6pm. Free. T.R. Gallo Park, the Strand (Rondout Waterfront District), Kingston. 334-3915; kingston-ny.gov

17 Movies Under the Stars - *Superman* (1978): Ending celebration with music, food vendors 6:30pm. Movies 8:30pm. Kings Inn on Broadway, Kingston. Rain - Andy Murphy Midtown Center, 467 Broadway, Kingston. 332-6600; kingstonsparksmovies.com

17 - Sam's Point Moderate Tour Hike: Shawangunk Ridge near Ellenville. Meet 9:30am at Sam's Point Preserve parking lot; \$10/car. Leader Rich Foreman 635-5187 (before 9pm). midhudsonadk.org

18 Holy Cross Church Fundraiser Yard Sale: New & used items, crafts, jewelry, baked goods, food & beverages, more! 9am-3pm. Free admission. Holy Cross Church, 30 Pine Grove Ave., Kingston. 658-7347; 255-6619; mail@holycrosskingston.org

18 - Matthewis Persen House: Explore the various phases of construction of this fascinating house; view special exhibits. Meet guest hosts on Saturdays. Open Tue-Sat, 10am-3pm. Free admission. Matthewis Persen House, 74 John St., Kingston. 340-3040; 338-1247; co.ulster.ny.us/archives

18 - Hurley Corn Festival: Craft & antique vendors, craft demos, food, children's activities, cooking contest, Third Regiment of the Ulster County Militia encampment, and corn! 10am-4pm, rain or shine. \$3/pp, under 12 free. Hurley Reformed Church, 11 Main St., Hurley. 338-1661 (Museum); hurleyheritagesociety.org

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18 Belleayre Car Show: 9am-3pm. Belleayre Mountain, 181 Galli Curci Rd., Belleayre. 254-5600 x1344

18 Astronomy with Bob Berman: Author, columnist, radio host presents a "hands-on" exploration of the summer sky. Free. 8:30pm. Saugerties Public Library, 91 Washington Ave., Saugerties. 246-4317; saugertiespubliclibrary.org

18 - 19 28th Annual Antique & Classic Boat Show: Sponsored by Hudson River Maritime Museum & Hudson River Chapter of the Antique & Classic Boats Society. Boats begin arriving Friday, Aug. 17. Sat, 11am-5pm - ACBS show. Sun, Aug. 19 - morning parade of boats. View up to 30 antique & classic boats, meet their owners. Hudson River Maritime Museum, 50 Rondout Landing, Kingston. 338-0071; hrmm.org

18 - 19 - 8th Annual Hudson Valley Ribfest: Kansas City Barbeque Society Contest, food vendors, live entertainment, cooking demos, children's country games. Sat, 11am-10pm; Sun, 11am-5pm. \$5/pp, age 12 & under free. Ulster County Fairgrounds, 249 Libertyville Rd., New Paltz. 306-4381; hudsonvalleyribfest.org

19 - Kingston Artist Soap Box Derby: Artistically inspired, creative soap boxes, starting at Spring Street & Broadway 1pm. Rondout Waterfront District, Kingston. 339-2996; kingstonartistssoap-boxderby.com

24, 25 - 11th Annual Esopus Creek Puppet Suite: Performances by Arm-of-the-Sea Theater. 8 pm. \$10/Adults, \$5/Children, \$25/Family of 4. Tickets at park entrance before events. Bring lawn seats. Tina Chorvas Waterfront Park, East Bridge St., Saugerties. 246-7873; Armofthesea.org

25 - Matthewis Persen House: Saturday's Guest Hosts - Associations of Native Americans - Red Feather Singers. Traditional crafts, storytelling, singing, dancing, drumming. Open Tue-Sat, 10am-3pm. Free admission. Matthewis Persen House, 74 John St., Kingston. 340-3040; 338-1247; co.ulster.ny.us/archives

25 - 9th Annual Shandaken Day: Food, live music, games, crafts. Main St., Pine Hill, 10am - 4pm; Belleayre, Highmount, 5pm-10pm. Fireworks! 688-5004; shandakenclerk@yahoo.com; shandaken.us

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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 or barnesandnoble.com and type in *Prosilio* in the search to order your copy of *Prosilio*

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Breastfeeding Walk to Celebrate National Breastfeeding Month

We invite all breastfeeding mothers and those who support breastfeeding to participate in a walk celebrating National Breastfeeding Month. The walk will take place on Friday August 10th with a gathering at LaPolk Park on North Main St. in Liberty at 2:30 PM. The group will walk to the Farmer's Market (Darby Lane) together to hear the Sullivan County Legislative Proclamation on Breastfeeding Month. Show your support for removing barriers that prevent women from breastfeeding. Proclaim that breastfeeding is the best! One breastfeeding mom will win a basket full of delicious farmer's market produce. Strollers and children are welcome. For every five dollars used in EBT tokens, farmer's market customers will be given two dollar fresh connect checks to use for additional fresh produce from the farmer's market.

This event is being organized through the Sullivan County Breastfeeding Coalition which is led by Sullivan County Public Health and supported by Fidelis Care, Maternal Infant Services, the Sullivan County Childcare Council, and Eat Smart New York/Cornell Cooperative Extension. For more information, call 845-292-5910.

New Law To Help Veterans-Cahill/Larkin Bill Provides Home and Support for Service Men and Women
 (Kingston) Assemblymember Kevin Cahill (D - Ulster, Dutchess) and Senator William Larkin (R, C - Cornwall-on-Hudson) announced today that a bill they passed in a bi-partisan effort to provide a transitional home for veterans in the City of Kingston has been signed into law by the Governor.

"Many veterans struggle to acclimate to civilian life after they are discharged from the service, and too many end up homeless," said Assemblymember Cahill. "By making housing and support programs available for our brave service men and women, we are enabling them to get back on their feet in a dignified way."

"I am very happy this important piece of legislation was signed into law. Returning veterans are faced with many challenges, and the transitional housing established by this law will be an outstanding resource for those veterans in need of assistance," said Senator Bill Larkin.

"Our Kingston veterans will now have a safe place to reside, and I am pleased that the County has promised to hold the City harmless of safety net costs," said Kingston Mayor Shayne Gallo.

In the past 11 years, our nation has fought in two wars, resulting in multiple deployments. There has been a significant rise in the number of veterans struggling with issues related to substance abuse, mental health, unemployment and homelessness. (Contd. Pg 10)

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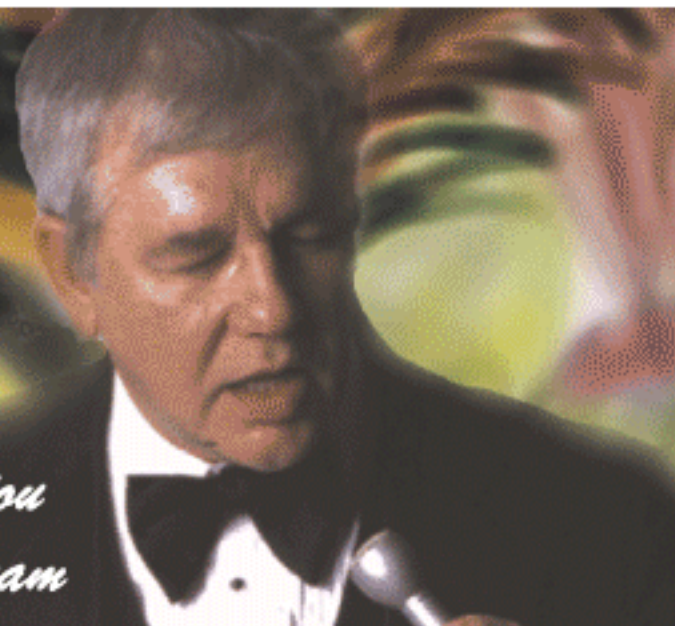
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**Liberty Free Theatre Presents
 Protest - Area Debut of Play by
 Vaclav Havel (From Pg. 1)**

Václav Havel was a Czech playwright, essayist, poet, dissident and politician. He was the ninth and last president of Czechoslovakia (1989-1992) and the first president of the Czech Republic (1993-2003). At the time of his death he was Chairman of the New York-based Human Rights Foundation. He has received the US Presidential Medal of Freedom, the Gandhi Peace Prize, the Philadelphia Liberty Medal, the Order of Canada, the freedom medal of the Four Freedoms Award, and the Ambassador of Conscience Award.

His first play was *The Garden Party* (1963), which won him international acclaim, and was followed by *The memorandum* and the *The Increased Difficulty of Concentration*. After 1968, Havel's plays were banned from the theatre world in his own country. In *Protest*, a dissident is called to the home of a former colleague, a successful and sanctioned writer, where they wrestle with the

problem of trying to prevent a bold, young rock singer from being jailed for saying the wrong things in public. The play is an ironic, sometimes absurdly comic look at the dilemmas faced by a good man trying to do right and stay safe at the same time.

Featured actor, Chet Carlin, has had an extensive career on stage and in television and film. He appeared on Broadway in Gore Vidal's *An Evening With Richard Nixon* and opposite Henry Fonda, in *First Monday in October*. National tours include *Fiddler on the Roof*, *Dial "M" for Murder*, and Sir Peter Hall's *As You Like It*. Television includes *Return to Lonesome Dove*, all the *Law & Order* shows and most of the soaps. He also directed *Hughie* at the Liberty Free Theatre. Paul Austin is the founder and Artistic Director of the Liberty Free Theatre

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"Art in Bloom"

Group Show at DVAA's Krause Recital Hall

Delaware Valley Arts Alliance presents "Art in Bloom," featuring fine artwork side by side with live floral interpretations of the art. This group exhibition, curated by Jane Luchsinger, opens with a reception on Friday, August 10 from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Krause Recital Hall at the Delaware Arts Center, 37 Main Street, Narrowsburg, NY.

Modeled after the popular, long-standing exhibit at the Boston Museum of Fine Arts and other museums around the country, "Art in Bloom" will feature live floral arrangements composed by local garden clubs, master gardeners, and florists. Each arrangement is a visual interpretation of a painting or sculpture, which will also be on display. The floral interpretations are expressed through color, shape, style, and theme of the artwork.

Creating arrangements for this exhibit are garden clubs from Hawley, PA; Port Jervis, NY; Milford, PA; and Liberty, NY. Master Gardeners include Alison Peck, Mia Koerner, and Anne Hart. Florists include Enchanted Florist, The Cutting Garden, and Sugar Blossom Flowers.

Local artists whose work is included in "Art in Bloom" are David Bush (painting), Barbara Zweig (painting), Philip Jostrom (painting), Jill Mackie (painting), Linda Bastian (painting), Naomi Teppich (sculpture), Claudine Luchsinger (painting), Jane McNulty (painting), Anne Finneran (sculpture), and Robin Solvang (painting).

Free and open to the public, "Art in Bloom" will be on view Friday, August 10 from 7 to 9 p.m., Saturday, August 11 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday, August 12, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. It 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.

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Guitar Wizard Pat Metheny Plays Belleayre Aug. 11



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Highmount, NY - Pat Metheny, "the most outstanding jazz guitarist of his generation," with his Unity Band, closes out the Catskill Mountain Jazz Series at the Belleayre Music Festival in mesmerizing style on Saturday, Aug. 11 at 8 p.m.

The final weekend of Belleayre's jazz series gets underway with a free-wheeling musical experience featuring vibraphonist extraordinaire, Stefon Harris and Blackout playing "Jazz for the Here and Now" on Friday, Aug. 10 at 8 p.m. in the Belleayre Jazz Club.

Nineteen-time Grammy winner and Downbeat Poll's #1 Guitarist, Pat Metheny burst onto the international jazz scene in 1974. He quickly established his trademark playing style, which blended the loose and flexible articulation customarily reserved for horn players, with an advanced rhythmic and harmonic sensibility.

With his first album, "Bright Size Life," he reinvented the traditional "jazz guitar" sound for a new generation of players. Pat has continued to redefine the genre by utilizing new technology and constantly working to evolve the improvisational and sonic potential of his instrument.

Pat's versatility is almost nearly without peer on any instrument. He has performed with artists as diverse as Ornette Coleman, Herbie Hancock and David Bowie.

Complementing Pat's unique guitar work will be complemented by the top-notch Unity Band - saxophonist Chris Potter, drummer Antonio Sanchez and bassist Ben Williams.

Belleayre fans are in for a treat as Pat melds his talents with the Unity Band to create a sonic adventure not be forgotten. With the added dimension of his unique invention the Orchestrion, Pat and the band will create an amazing wall of sound unlike anything in Jazz.

Tickets for the Pat Metheny Unity Band show are Super Premium \$99, \$66, \$56, \$46, \$36, \$25 (lawn).

Vibraphone Genius

Vibraphonist-composer Stefon Harris is heralded as "one of the most important young artists in jazz" (The Los Angeles Times). He is a three-time Grammy nominee and has earned six Best Mallet Player selections by the Jazz Journalist Association.

With his band Blackout, Stefon has created a scintillating ensemble that's as versed in modern jazz as it is in rhythms, melodies and soundscapes associated with R&B, pop, hip-hop and funk.

Blackout displays a deep group rapport, as well as a more expansive sonic palette as Marc Cary complements the acoustic piano with Fender Rhodes and alto saxophonist Casey Benjamin lends his captivating vocoder work to the proceeding. The group also features Terreon Gully on drums and Burniss Travis on bass.

This show will be held in the intimate setting of the Belleayre Jazz Club in the Overlook Lodge.

General Admission tickets to the Stefon Harris and Blackout show are \$26. The Catskill Mountain Jazz Series is sponsored by the A. Lindsay & Olive B. O'Connor Foundation.

Up next on August 18, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. is the Belleayre Car Show (free admission to car show). This event precedes a concert by The Texas Tenors. August 18, "America's Got Talent" Sensations The Texas Tenors. August 25, Carolines Presents Comedy in the Catskills starring "Curb Your Enthusiasm's" Susie Essman. September 1, "America's No. 1 Tribute Show" The Music of Led Zeppelin - A Rock Symphony.

All shows begin at 8 p.m. Tickets are on sale via Ticketmaster. For additional information, please call 800 942-6904, ext. 1344, visit: belleayremusic.org or e-mail: belleayremusicfestival@gmail.com

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Fun, Music and Good Food in Hurleyville

A popular 'stomping ground' for those with big appetites, Nadia's



Mary Rocco, Al DeFino and Dr. Barry Scheinfeld entertained the dinner crowd on Thursday evening at Nadia's Hungarian Restaurant in Hurleyville.

Hungarian Restaurant and Buffet needs no introduction. If you have enjoyed the tasty and healthy food prepared and served by Nadia and Janos, you don't need any further explanation. Added to the festivities and fun at Nadia's this past Thursday night, the dinner crowd also enjoyed a special musical treat. Set in a casual and relaxing environment, Mary Rocco joined Al DeFino and Dr. Barry Scheinfeld for an array of musical tunes including, "I'm Old-Fashioned" and "My Funny Valentine". (Contd. Pg. 10)

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A Night of Fun, Music and Good Food in Hurleyville (From Pg. 9)

Mary Röcco has not only appeared in many TV commercials and printwork for magazines, and has recently performed under the direction of Mark York at meetings of the Zigfield Society, she has a long career of National Tours playing along side of



Mary Röcco performs...

Herschel Bernadi in *Fiddler on the Roof*; Donald O'Connor in *Showboat*; Louis Jordan and Betsy Palmer, in *Gigi*; Jack Guilford in *Damn Yankees*, and many other plays and films.

Influenced during her early career, by Joan Davis, Carol Burnett, Deanna Durbin, Kathryn Grayson and Ann Miller, dance was also part of Mary's repertoire. She has been part of the NY

City Chorus, performing on TV, Carnegie Hall and Lincoln Center.

When asked how she came to Nadia's, Mary explained that while spending some time at her vacation home in Loch Sheldrake, a few years ago, she was drawn into Nadia's when she heard about the 'Live Music' and she has been coming ever since.

Along with Mary, Al and the Dr., Frank Comando also sang and added to the evening's ambiance.

You can usually catch Mary and Al DiFino at Nadia's Hungarian Restaurant on alternate Saturdays. They also perform at NoCelli's in Mountandale on Fridays. Dr. Barry Scheinfeld, who frequently joins the pair at Nadia's, adding to the dynamics of the sound, has been playing guitar since his teens. He met Al DiFino about ten years ago and began taking lessons from Al.

For more information call 593-5104.

Double Date at Liberty Free Theatre

LIBERTY -The Liberty Free Theatre will continue its First Hearings Series with two special events featuring an international mix of performance poets, American Laura Moran and Romanian Peter Sragher, on Friday, August 10. Celebrated poet and novelist Mermer Blakeslee, will be presenting her new work, *When You Live by a River*, on Sunday, August 12. Both performances are at 7:30 P.M. Admission for the performance 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.

Laura E. J. Moran is a twenty-year veteran performance poet who has toured throughout the USA, Ireland, Canada and Mexico. Her collection of poetry *Improper Joy* is published with Stockport Flats Press and she has published *Live Bait* (2005,) a CD of her poetry with her band, on Great Divide Records. She has created three one-woman poetry shows entitled *Inhibition Exhibition* (2006), *Improper Joy Live* (2008), and *Eden: The Dark Side of Paradise* (2010.). As Programming Director for Western Sullivan Public Library, she is also the curator of the award-winning program *First Fridays Contemporary Author's Series*. Romanian-born Peter Sragher took his B.A. in German & English languages & literatures at the Bucharest University, 1984. He has translated and published in Romania in bilingual editions of contemporary Austrian poets.

He has published several collection of his own poems in Romania. His US performances include NYU, Columbia, the Bowery Poetry Club and an earlier performance at the Liberty Free Theatre in 2009. Mermer BlakesleeBlakeslee is the author of the novels, *Same Blood* and *In Dark Water*, a Barnes & Noble Discover Great New Writers selection. Drawing on her work as a professional skier, she wrote *A Conversation with Fear*. She was awarded the 2006 Narrative Prize and was a finalist in Narrative's First and Second Annual Poetry Contests. She has received three fellowships in fiction from the New York Foundation for the Arts. Blakeslee was born, raised, and still live. She has received three fellowships in fiction from the New York Foundation for the Arts. Blakeslee was born, raised, and still lives in the Catskill Mountains of New York.

Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County Announces: The 3rd Annual Photo Contest - "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.

PRASAD CDHP receives award!

Hurleyville, NY-local nonprofit PRASAD Children's Dental Health Program, (PRASAD CDHP), has earned the 2012 Samuel D. Harris Children's Dental Health Award from the American Dental Association Foundation!

Dr. Harris, noted pediatric dentist and philanthropist, created an endowment fund for prevention of childhood dental disease. Annually, the ADAF (www.adafoundation.org) awards the Harris Grant to non-profit organizations that sponsor education programs to help reduce the incidence of early childhood caries (cavities).

In describing the importance of the award, PRASAD CDHP's Program Administrator Cecilia Escarra, DDS, said, "An infant's teeth are susceptible to decay as soon as they begin to emerge. Dental health education for the parents of infants and toddlers is very important to prevent dental caries."

The grant will sponsor the project, "GET A SMILE! PASS IT ON TO YOUR BABY." The goals of this project are to promote oral health education among pregnant women and to reduce the incidence of caries among babies and toddlers.

PRASAD Children's Dental Health Program Unites with Macy's Shop for A Cause Sale in August!

On Saturday, August 25, join Macy's Shop for a Cause Event and save money while you support *PRASAD Children's Dental Health Program.

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PRASAD Children's Dental Health Program (PRASAD CDHP) is a program of The PRASAD Project, a philanthropic expression of the SYDA Foundation. PRASAD CDHP provides dental care services and dental health education to children in Sullivan and Ulster counties. For more information, visit us at www.prasadcdhp.org or call 845.434.0376.

UC Executive Mike Hein Announces: UC Hosts "Green Purchasing" Intern

Ulster County's Department for the Environment is hosting a "green purchasing" intern for the summer. The internship is sponsored by the National Association of Counties (NACO) Green Government Program. In addition to the intern, the Green Government Program provides information and resources about the best green purchasing programs across the nation.

"The goal of this internship is to help Ulster County progress in our efforts to purchase products that are environmentally-friendly," said County Executive Hein. "Green purchasing refers to finding sources for products that save money and may be recycled, are biodegradable, less toxic, locally-sourced and/or energy-efficient. I thank the National Association of Counties for providing this intern and the other helpful resources. We expect it to help save taxpayers' money, find better performing products, and protect our environment."

"It is a wonderful opportunity for the people of Ulster County to have an intern dedicated to reviewing our green purchasing and suggesting areas of new opportunity, said Amanda LaValle, Coordinator of the Ulster County Department for the Environment. "With this intern, Ulster County will be better able to continue as a green purchasing leader."

Following a nationally-publicized search, Ulster County selected Andrew Harris, originally from Hurley, NY, as the green purchasing intern. Andrew is presently attending SUNY New Paltz where he majors in Geography and minors in Environmental Studies.

NACO is sponsoring 15 green purchasing interns throughout the United States this summer. They each work with a county over a 2 and 1/2 month period to research the county's green product options, develop training materials for staff, and staff planning meetings regarding implementation of the county's green initiatives. In addition to working with the Ulster County Department of the Environment, the intern works closely with other county departments including Purchasing, Public Works, and Information Services.

Ulster County has already established itself as a leader in many sustainability-related initiatives. The County has an existing Energy Policy as well as guidance on the use of green cleaning products, low/no VOC paint, non-toxic landscape maintenance, and use of recycled paper. The County also offers Sustainable Ulster, a one-stop resource to find rebates, incentives and grants available to residents and businesses in Ulster County. It can be found on the County's website at www.UlsterCountyNY.gov or directly at www.SustainableUlster.com.

New Law To Help Veterans (From Pg. 7)

It is important to be able to offer transitional housing in Kingston to accommodate those who need assistance.

The property, located at 67 Wurts Street in Kingston, was previously used as a group home for people with developmental disabilities. The building has the required space and amenities to support the veterans' needs and is in proximity to public transportation and other government services. In addition to living amongst peers, veterans will have access to employment training, career counseling and a host of other programs.

"Our veterans have made tremendous sacrifices on our behalf," said Assemblymember Cahill. "It is only right that we support them in their time of need."

"Global Art Through a World History Lens"


"Global Art Through a World History Lens" has been rescheduled for August 21st

Global Art Through a World History Lens will be presented by Dr. Thomas Mounkhal

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Congressman Chris Gibson Votes to Extend Bush Tax Cuts for Millionaires and Billionaires at a Cost to the Middle Class

Rep. Chris Gibson claims any deal to increase the nation's more than \$14 trillion debt limit should focus solely on spending reductions, not on ways to bring in new revenue.

The GOP congressman's position put him in line with Republican House Speaker John Boehner, who has repeatedly said the House will not vote for a deal that increases taxes. To raise taxes now, Boehner has argued, would hurt an already shaky economy.

Julian Schreiber, Democratic candidate for the Hudson Valley/Catskills region, released the following statement on the House vote to extend Bush tax cuts for those making more than \$1 million:

"Once again, Congressman Chris Gibson has proven that he is not the moderate he claims to be by voting to give millionaires and billionaires an extra and massive tax break at the expense of the middle class, making it harder to build a more prosperous future for all citizens.

"While I support tax breaks for all Americans, millionaires and billionaires need to pay their fair share. Congress Gibson would give these individuals an extra \$130,000 tax break, while average Americans suffer from slashes to education, student loans, and small business support. This is the latest in a long line of actions Congressman Gibson has taken to put the interests of millionaires, Big Oil, and companies that ship jobs overseas ahead of the interests of our middle class families. This is unacceptable, and does not reflect the priorities of the people of the Hudson Valley and the Catskills."

UC Exec Hein Praises Governor Cuomo for Signing UC Veterans' Home Legislation

Kingston, NY - Today, County Executive Mike Hein thanked Governor Andrew M. Cuomo for signing important legislation to address the needs of Ulster County veterans. This new law authorizes the transfer of property in Kingston, NY to Ulster County. The property will enable the County Executive to realize his goal, as expressed in his 2012 State of the County Speech, to create a place where Ulster County's homeless veterans can directly access support services on a transitional basis.

"This is a great example of bipartisan cooperation and cooperation between the State and County for the betterment of our veterans. I thank Governor Cuomo for understanding and supporting the needs of our veterans. He has proven time and time again his dedication to our country's veterans. I also thank State Senator Larkin for his unwavering support of this plan and Assembly Member Cahill for his sponsorship, said County Executive Hein. "After proudly serving our Country, veterans are often faced with challenges and obstacles upon return to civilian life. As a result, some veterans are ending up homeless and in need of assistance. We owe our veterans a tremendous debt of gratitude and this law will help the County provide the enhanced level of service they need and deserve."

Senator Bill Larkin said: "I am very happy this important piece of legislation was signed into law. Returning veterans are faced with many challenges, and the transitional housing established by this law will be an outstanding resource for those veterans in need of assistance."

The law, sponsored by Senator William Larkin and by Assemblyman Kevin Cahill, authorizes the Commissioner of the Office of General Services to transfer a New York State-owned home at 67 Wurts Street in Kingston, NY to Ulster County for the purposes of providing transitional housing and other related support services to our County's veterans following submission of an application by Ulster County. The cost to transfer the home to Ulster County is \$1.

The County Executive is currently developing the plan to provide services to veterans at the home on Wurts Street, which he expects to be completed in time for his 2013 Executive Budget Proposal. He will be reaching out to area veterans groups and others stakeholders for input.

According to the National Alliance to End Homelessness, there are 67,495 homeless veterans in America. Ulster County Veterans' Service Agency statistics provide that there are approximately 6-10 Ulster County veterans at any given time seeking emergency housing assistance. Additionally, there are others in need of assistance

who are reluctant to apply for help. This property is in close proximity to other government services and public transportation. It was previously used by Ulster-Greene ARC as a group home and has the space and amenities to support the needs. The property also stands directly across from Thomas Cornell Park, which has a Veterans' memorial.

Hinchey Votes Against House Republican Tax Giveaway to Millionaires

Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) last night released the following statement after voting against a House Republican measure that would recklessly cut taxes on millionaires and billionaires.

"It is incomprehensible to me how House Republicans can claim to be fiscally responsible when they voted last night to recklessly drive up the nation's debt by passing an enormous tax cut for millionaires and billionaires -- the one group of people in this country that doesn't need any more help. In fact, this House Republican bill shamefully raises taxes on 25 million lower and middle-income families. We've heard over and over again that cutting taxes for the wealthy will spur job creation, but such claims bear no truth. Tax rates for the wealthy are at their lowest level in decades, but that didn't prevent the economic collapse of 2008 and higher unemployment rates; it only made the rich even richer as low-income and middle class Americans suffered.

"This misguided bill would provide the average millionaire with a \$160,000 tax cut. That's more money than the vast majority of Americans earn in a year. In addition to unfairly benefitting those who need a tax cut the least, the House Republican bill would needlessly reduce revenue and add an additional \$50 billion to the deficit in 2013 alone.

"Instead of supporting tax breaks for millionaires, my House Democratic colleagues and I proposed a tax cut for all household income earned up to \$250,000. Such a bill would provide a tax cut to 98 percent of Americans and 97 percent of small businesses. By doing so, we are able to provide economic relief to the vast majority of Americans who need it while asking those who are the most fortunate financially to pay more."

DiNapoli: Local Governments Facing New Fiscal Reality

The Office of the State Comptroller has released a report entitled New Fiscal Realities Challenge Local Governments, which is now available on our website. This summarizes 60 audit reports released in fiscal year 2011-12 that identified local governments with inaccurate budgeting practices. The report also summarizes 23 budget reviews that OSC completed during the same time period. The report outlines the Comptroller's commitment to ensuring that local officials develop budgets that provide transparency and accountability to taxpayers. The report can be accessed on the OSC website at:

<http://www.osc.state.ny.us/localgov/pubs/fiscalrealities2012.pdf>

Gillibrand, Hanna Also Urging Treasury to Conduct Coin Minting at West Point

U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand and U.S. Representative Richard Hanna today announced the National Baseball Hall of Fame Commemorative Coin Act was signed into law today by President Obama. The legislation will mint gold, silver and clad coins by the U.S. Treasury in honor of the 75th anniversary of the Hall of Fame in Cooperstown.

Additionally, Senator Gillibrand and Representative Hanna are urging the Treasury Department to mint the coins at the U.S. Mint at West Point, which is currently the nation's primary producer of the gold and silver coinage called for in the bill.

"For 75 years, Americans have been visiting our very own Cooperstown to honor the legends of America's favorite pastime," Senator Gillibrand said. "The National Baseball Hall of Fame Commemorative Coin Act will build on the recognition Cooperstown deserves, honor its history, and help draw more Americans to visit this truly magical place in upstate New York. And there's no better place to mint these coins than West Point."

"I am privileged to represent Cooperstown and, as a past 10-year resident, sponsoring this bill in the House was especially meaningful for me," Representative Hanna said. "This cost-free legislation help preserve our national pastime and the non-profit museum in Cooperstown. I encourage everyone to visit Cooperstown at least once to take in its history and natural beauty. You won't be disappointed."

The National Baseball Hall of Fame

Commemorative Coin Act directs the Secretary of the Treasury to mint 50,000 \$5 gold coins, 400,000 \$1 silver coins, and 750,000 half dollar coins in recognition of the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum during a one-year period starting January 1, 2015. Production of the coins is financed by their subsequent sale, ensuring no cost to taxpayers to mint these coins. Joining Senator Gillibrand in introducing the bipartisan legislation to the Senate are Senators Dick Durbin (D-IL), Saxby Chambliss (R-GA) and Johnny Isakson (R-GA).

The National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum is an independent not-for-profit educational institution, dedicated to fostering an appreciation of the historical development of baseball and its impact on our culture by collecting, preserving, exhibiting and interpreting its collections for a global audience as well as honoring those who have made outstanding contributions to our National Pastime.

POLITICAL SLANT -Frank Comando

From a Whitehouse Press Release
by David Plouffe, Senior Advisor to the President

Good afternoon -

It's July, and because Congress finally took action, 7.4 million students no longer have to worry about the interest rates on their Stafford loans doubling.

That's great news, but it was far from certain. Just a few weeks ago, it wasn't clear that it would happen.

We got this done because of you. Americans like you spoke up on this issue. You took to Twitter and Facebook. You sent emails and talked to your friends and neighbors. And in the end, your voices made all the difference. Last week, we sat down with a group of students who were watching this fight closely -- because the choice that Congress made would have an impact on each of them.

They talked about what this legislation means, and why it was so important to speak out on this issue. What they had to say was a powerful reminder of how everyday Americans can make their voices resonate in Washington -- and it's the kind of thing that can get you fired up for the fights ahead. Check it out.

Last year, when you spoke out on extending the payroll tax cut, you changed the debate. We saw the exact same thing last week with the fight for student loans.

These were both huge victories for the American middle class that couldn't have happened without you.

And it's exactly the kind of effort we'll need in the weeks and months ahead.

We're working to make it easier for responsible homeowners to refinance their mortgages. We're pushing Congress to take action to create jobs and get our economy back on track. We're working to reward businesses that create jobs here in America instead of the companies that ship jobs overseas.

And we need your voices in every single one of those fights."

"We'll be in touch with more ways you can stand with President Obama to move our country forward. But for now, check out this video to remind yourself of the power you have."

Thank you,
David
David Plouffe
Senior Advisor to the President

P.S. -- If you're a homeowner struggling to refinance your home, we want to hear from you. Learn about the President's plan to help responsible homeowners refinance and share your story:

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/refi>

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/why-your-voice-matters>

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

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 Aug. 11th, 2012
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 Rod & Gun Club
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\$10.00 per dinner

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tickets must be paid in advance by Aug. 6th

Neversink Fire Department
53rd Annual Chicken Barbecue
 August 11, 2012
 4 pm - 7 pm
 At the pavilion
 (Neversink Firehouse)

Take outs available
 Adults \$10
 Children \$5 ages 5-12
 Under 5 : Free


Chicken BBQ
Sat. Sept. 8
 4:30 p.m. until the food runs out.

Sundown UMC
 Meal: half chicken, side dishes, dessert and beverage

PLEASE pre-purchase your tickets from Sundown UMC members.
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 Children 5-12: \$5
 Thank you for helping us put a new roof on the Fellowship Hall!
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Come and enjoy GREAT food and fellowship@
 For more information, please call 985-2283

Time and the Valleys Museum Seeking Photos

Time and the Valleys Museum needs pictures of 'new' Neversink taken in the 1940's.

Also desperately needed: photos of buildings in Neversink, Bittersweet, Eureka, Montela and Lackawack during 1920, 1930 and early 1940's for the museum. We will scan them while you wait. Photos must be good for reproducing, with your approval. Please call Carol Smythe at 985-2452 or email her at carolsmythe@earthlink.net with your good news!

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



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

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Sunday, 8:15 am Service of Holy Communion
 Music by Susan and Fred Van Wagner
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 For Information: Mother Joan LaLiberté 845-887-4742

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 Sunday Mass - 9:30 am
 Holy Days 5:30 pm
 Penance 9:00 am, 2nd Sunday of the month
Rev. George W. Hommel, Pastor



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

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

Claryville Reformed Church

 Claryville Road
 Claryville, NY 12725
 845-985-2041

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


 Covered Dish Supper
Aug. 4, 2012
 (No April Supper)
5:30 pm
 Sundown United Methodist Church
 at the Sundown Church Hall


Grahamsville United Methodist Church
Aug 7, 2012
 Thrift Sale 9am-1 pm
 Luncheon 11am-1 pm
Thrift Sale Only Aug 18, 2012
 9 am-1 pm

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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.

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 Worship Service 9:30 A.M.
 Rev. Paul Z. Ruter, Pastor
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SC Sheriff's Office and Drug Enforcement Administration Massive Drug Raid (From Pg. 4)

U.S. Attorney Bharara stated: "The Natiello Organization was hiding their alleged marijuana cultivation and distribution operation in plain sight - using houses and garages in rural Sullivan County as a cover. Thanks to the cooperative efforts of law enforcement, their operations have been shut down and they are out of business."

Acting DEA Special Agent-in-Charge Plummer stated: "Investigations reveal that residences and industrial locations located throughout the state are a popular choice for marijuana grows. The Drug Enforcement Administration continues to uncover sophisticated marijuana grows. The marijuana grows operating in residences are designed to yield substantial quantities of high potency marijuana, while attempting to avoid prosecution. These multi-ton seizures ensure that these dangerous drugs will not reach our communities."

The following allegations are based on the Indictment unsealed today in White Plains federal court: From 1998 through April 2011, the Natiello Organization grew, and then distributed, thousands of pounds of marijuana that was cultivated in grow houses in rural areas of Sullivan County, New York. The Natiello Organization established their grow houses in residential homes, garages and other structures that were retrofitted with high intensity lights and ventilation systems. They grew hundreds of potted marijuana plants at a time, which were then dried and trimmed so they could be collected and sold for thousands of dollars a pound.

On March 29, 2011, law enforcement officers seized approximately 7,900 marijuana plants from grow houses operated by the Natiello Organization and arrested 15 of its members - each of whom has pled guilty to conspiring to manufacture, distribute and possess with intent to distribute, marijuana plants.

Natiello and Fernandez were arrested and presented in White Plains federal court before U.S. Magistrate Judge Lisa M. Smith this afternoon. The remaining defendants are at large. If convicted, each defendant faces a mandatory minimum sentence of 10 years in prison and a maximum sentence of life in prison. In addition, the Government is also seeking forfeiture of \$100 million in proceeds obtained as a result of the offenses charged in the Indictment.

Mr. Bharara praised the efforts of the New York Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Strike Force, which is comprised of agents and officers of the DEA, the New York City Police Department, the United States Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigations, Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Homeland Security Investigations, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the New York State Police, the United States Marshal Service, and the United States Attorney's Office. The Strike Force is partially funded by the New York/New Jersey High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Program, which is a federally funded crime fighting initiative. Mr. Bharara also thanked the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office for its role in the investigation. This case is being handled by the White Plains Division of the U.S. Attorney's Office. Assistant U.S. Attorney John P. Collins, Jr. is in charge of the prosecution. The charges contained in the Indictment are merely accusations, and the defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

Second Annual National Night Out Event in DeHoyas Park, Monticello

The Village of Monticello Trustees and the Police Benevolence Association is hosting its Second Annual National Night Out event, on Tuesday, August 7th, at DeHoyas Park, in Monticello, New York, commencing at 5:00 p.m. All members of the public are invited to attend.

This event is being sponsored by: Sullivan County CareCorps Coalition-Monticello, Boys & Girls Club of Sullivan County, Carmine's, DayTop Village, Maternal Infant Services Network, Monticello YMCA, Murray's Chicken,

The Nugget Restaurant, Recovery Center, ShopRite, Spencer Daniels Agency, Stewart's, Town of Thompson Wal-Mart, Target, U.S. Foods, and Village of Monticello Parks & Recreation Department.

National Night Out is a unique crime/drug prevention event sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch. The event will be hosted by numerous communities nation-wide, as well as by a number of U.S. territories; Canadian provinces; and U.S. military bases world-wide. Last year alone, over 37 million people participated in National Night Out 2011.]

National Night Out promotes neighborhood spiritedness and police/community partnerships working together towards creating safer communities across the nation; and is designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness and cultivate positive relationships between our youth and local law enforcement.

This will be a fun event for everyone. Free food and popcorn, games for youth; musical entertainment and showcases; and chances to spot the Mountain Dew car and get additional freebies!

For more information, please call Karen Stogner at the Recovery Center, at (845) 794-8080, ext. 11

BOCES Board of Education to hold Special Meeting

Liberty, NY: The Sullivan County Board of Cooperative Educational Services has scheduled a special Board of Education meeting and retreat on Monday, August 6, 2012. The meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. and take place in the BOCES Administration Building Conference Room #1, 6 Wierk Avenue, Liberty.

The next regular Board meeting will be held on August 21, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. and take place in the BOCES Administration Building Conference Room #1, 6 Wierk Avenue, Liberty.

All BOCES Board meetings are open to the public. For more information, call 295-4016.

Summer Drought Latest In String Of Natural Disasters Reducing Productivity Across New York Farms-Current Drought Causing Animal Feed Prices to Skyrocket

With farmland across upstate New York in the grip of a summer drought that is starving production from crops that are still recovering from a late spring freeze and last year's back-to-back tropical storms, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand today called on leaders of the Senate and House Agriculture Committees to include New York State in any disaster relief program in the 2012 Farm Bill.

"For New York State's economy to grow, we need our farms to thrive," Senator Gillibrand said. "Still recovering from last year's back-to-back natural disasters and a late spring frost, this drought is just the latest drain on our farmland's productivity - costing our state even more crops. America has always stood by those who are suffering and helped them to rebuild. And we need to continue standing by New York's farmers so they can get back to business, and keep our agricultural industry on the move."

"From the extreme floods to the damaging frost to the current drought, the past year has exposed how vulnerable New York's farmers are to the will of Mother Nature," said Dean Norton, New York Farm Bureau President. "Not having the 2012 Farm Bill in place before the current one expires only adds to the uncertainty for our farmers and prevents the implementation of a critical, new safety net that will help ensure family farms in New York keep providing the healthy, local food people want. New York Farm Bureau appreciates Sen. Gillibrand's work to secure disaster assistance for our farmers who will need it following a difficult 12 months."

The ongoing drought and extreme heat is stunting growth for a range of crops, reducing milk production at dairy farms, and burdening farms with the costs of setting up new irrigation systems. The drought has also caused animal feed

prices to rise as much as 50 percent just in the last three months, adding even higher costs to farmers to stay in business during a season expected to yield a disappointing harvest after enduring one natural disaster after another.

Federal agriculture disaster recovery programs can provide a variety of tools to assist farmers in overcoming the challenges they can face as they work to recover from production and physical losses on their farms and rebuild their business, including financial assistance to compensate for farm losses, low interest emergency loans, and assistance in rehabilitating farm land.

New Law will Provide Women with Critical Information About Their Healthcare

As New Yorkers, we should all be proud that our State continues to be a national leader in the battle against breast cancer.

In fact, another important new measure to help promote early detection and treatment of this terrible disease has been signed into law by Governor Andrew Cuomo.

The new law will provide women with important information they need to make decisions regarding their personal health care. Specifically, it will require that every mammography report given to a patient with dense breast tissue inform the women in plain, non-technical language that they have dense breast tissue and recommend a discussion with their physician about the potential benefit of getting further screenings.

According to leading medical studies, breast cancer is four to six times more likely in women with dense breast tissue. In addition, mammograms fail to detect approximately 40% to 50% of tumors in dense tissue because this condition may hide their presence. In spite of those facts, a recent Harris Interactive survey found that 95% of women are unaware of their breast density and less than one-in-ten women learn about breast density from their physician.

I am proud to have supported a measure to help make it possible for women throughout our state to get the critical information they need to make well informed decisions about their health care.

Thank you and, as always, I hope you will feel free to respond to this e-mail if you have any questions or comments on this or any other state issue.

Sincerely,
Senator John Bonacic



Dear Fellow New Yorker,

Today, Governor Cuomo's DNA Databank Expansion bill went into effect. This law, passed by the Legislature in March, makes New York the first state in the nation to require the collection of DNA samples from anyone convicted of any felony or Penal Law misdemeanor.

Previously, only 48 percent of offenders convicted of a Penal Law offense were required to provide a DNA sample. Even with this limited information, the DNA Databank helped New York State prosecutors obtain nearly 3,000 convictions, including 626 sexual offense cases and 202 murder cases. DNA evidence also has helped exonerate 27 New Yorkers and exclude countless innocent individuals from suspicion, often at the earliest stages of investigation.

With more offender samples being collected, the likelihood that more crimes will be solved increases; new samples are matched against more than 40,000 DNA samples from unsolved crimes that are currently in the state's DNA Databank.

Thanks to our willingness to work together and get this historic legislation passed, we have greatly improved our state law enforcement's ability to keep New Yorkers safe and bring justice to victims of violent crimes, as well as those who have been wrongly convicted.

The new New York is one that works for you and your family.

Sincerely,

The Office of the Governor

Town of Neversink Parks & Recreation Department
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 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.

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

MARYLIN LYTLE BARR

Grahamsville, NY- Marylin Lytle Barr died peacefully in her home on June 13, 2012. Born on August 11, 1920 in Boston, she lived through, contributed to, and exemplified a century of extraordinary change. A "war bride" in 1942, she raised three children before earning a Masters Degree in sociology and beginning quarter-century of teaching in New York City's Head Start program. In "retirement," she embraced the opportunity to devote more of her time to writing and publishing poetry, and to creating the watercolor paintings that she often integrated into her poetry readings. She was a member of the Grahamsville Alchemy Club and the Greater Haverhill Poetry Society in Massachusetts, she was active in the Claryville Quilting Club and the Grahamsville Historical Society where her extensive research reclaimed the

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- 8/8/12 Town of Neversink Board Meeting - 7:30 pm
- 8/11/12 Neversink Fire Dept **53rd Annual Chicken BBQ** 4-7 pm at the Pavillion. *Takeouts available.*
- 8/14/12 Town of Denning Audit Meeting - Denning Town hall 7 pm
- 8/15/12 Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Assoc. Meeting - 7:30 PM
- 8/16/12 **Dept. of Motor Vehicles** Neversink Town Hall 10:00 am - 2:30 p.m.
- 8/16/12 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals - 7:30 pm
- 8/17-18/12 **CANCELLED**-Grahamsville Reformed Church **White Elephant Sale and Luncheon**
- 8/18/12 Grahamsville UMC **Thrift Sale only** - 9 am - 1 pm
- 8/19/12 Claryville Fire Dept. **All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast** 7 am - Noon
- 8/21/12 **Grahamsville United Methodist Church Thrift Sale (9am-1pm) & Luncheon (11am-1pm)**
- 8/22/12 Neversink Fire District Meeting at 7:30 PM, Public Meeting at 8:00 PM
- 8/28/12 Claryville Fire District Meeting - 6:30 pm
- 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 - Sundown Church 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.

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

Neversink Agricultural Society 133rd Little World's Fair - Aug 17-19, 2012
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 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

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history of the 1856 home where she lived with her husband for the last quarter of her life.

She was predeceased by her husband, the Rev. O. Sydney Barr, in 2000; five brothers and sisters, and one nephew. She leaves her daughters: Margaret Hoover and her husband, John, of Pennsylvania; Joyce Barr of Maine; and Mark Barr and wife, Colleen Berge, of New York City; five grandchildren and five great grand children; on sister-in-law, Doris Lytle of Ohio; 12 niece's and nephews, and grand nieces and nephews.

A Memorial Service will be held on August 11 at 11:00 am at St. John's Memorial Episcopal Church, 40 Market Street, Ellenville, NY 12428 (turn off Route 209 onto Essex St. and go one block to church). In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to the Daniel Pierce Library, P O Box 268, Grahamsville, NY 12740 or to St. Andrew's Mission (Episcopal Church in South Fallsburg, NY) c/o Cynthia Johnston, PO Box 55, Woodbourne, NY 12788.

UC Dept of Health Urges Residents to Vaccinate Against Whooping Cough Outbreak

According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) whooping cough rates in the U.S. are at the highest number they've been in five years and are on the way to being the worst rates in five decades. Whooping cough is thought to be a cyclical disease; however, the pattern of this latest outbreak has officials concerned. To date, 18,000 cases have been reported to the CDC in 2012, more than twice as many as the same time last year. Whooping cough is particularly dangerous for infants, who are susceptible to becoming infected by adult caregivers and siblings.

Nine infants have already died this year. The CDC is investigating whether or not the increased numbers are due to the vaccine wearing off earlier than expected among adults who had received it earlier in their lives.

As a precautionary measure, the Ulster County Department of Health is recommending that all County residents, especially those who live in families where infants are present, get vaccinated as soon as possible. Adults should also consult their family physician regarding a possible booster vaccination.

The illness is medically known as pertussis, a highly contagious disease caused by a bacterium that causes uncontrollable, violent coughing, according to the National Institutes of Health.

Because it can be difficult to breathe, those with the

disease make a "whooping" sound when they inhale. The infection usually lasts six weeks and can affect people of any age. Infants are especially affected by the disease and need to be monitored in case they stop breathing.

There are two ways to get vaccinated for pertussis. DTaP is a five dose series recommended for children, starting at age 2. Tdap is a booster vaccination given to adolescents and adults.

For more information, call Ulster County Department of Health's Communicable Disease Division at (845)340-3090.

Shandaken Democratic Committee BBQ at Glenbrook Park

The Shandaken Democratic Committee's fantastic annual BBQ will take place on Saturday, August 11 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. We are offering authentic slow cooked BBQ chicken, pulled pork, vegetarian options, and lots of scrumptious side dishes. The fun just starts with the food. Alt-folk singer songwriter Marilyn Kirby, with J.R. Longyear on guitar, will provide music following an opening set by the ever-popular Dave Kearney. Our lively auctions will feature hand painted T-shirts by local artists modeled on the runway. Homemade baked goods will be available for purchase, and no Shandaken Democratic BBQ would be complete without a 50/50 raffle. You could be the winner. Really everyone wins at this fun fundraiser, so buy your tickets now and don't miss out on the sharing the good time with your friends and neighbors. Rain or shine, the pavilion at Glenbrook Park provides shelter from the elements. Located on Route 42, a half mile from Route 28, approximately four miles west of Phoenicia. Tickets are available in advance for \$15 from Shandaken Democrat committee members, at Tenderland Home, 64 Main Street in Phoenicia. The price at the park is \$17. Buy your tickets in advance to get a discount and show your support for local Democratic efforts.

Jackie Horner (Time of My Life) Reception and Meet & Greet

Jackie recalls over 30 years of her life at Grossinger's Hotel and on the Borscht Belt featuring original celebrity photographs, rare memorabilia, dance costumes and more on Saturday, August 11, 2012 - 6:30pm at Liberty Museum & Arts Center, 46 South Main Street Liberty, NY 12754. For more info LMACinfo@libertymuseum.com- 845-292-2394



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Quiz:
A. Name the actor who played Gentleman Brown?
B. Who played Schomberg?

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

GRAHAMSVILLE - Need a relaxing informative afternoon visit The Time and the Valleys Museum on Route 55, Grahamsville, NY. (Thurs-Sun. -see pg. 13 for hours) You will be impressed and submersed in antiquity.

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NAPANOCH - THE NAPANOCH PUBLIC INTEREST GROUP presents its annual free concert series every Wednesday at 6:00 pm during the month of August. Each evening a group will be recognized for their contribution to the community. The following groups will perform:

- August 15: **BREAKAWAYS' Mark's UMC Recognition.**
- August 22: **SJP NAPANOCH SCHOOL REUNION**
- August 29: **RIVERS EDGE Napanoch Fire Company Recognition**

All concerts are held at Southwyck Square located at the Shawangunk Senior Center, 70 Main Street, and Napanoch. In the event of rain, concerts will be at the Elks Pavilion in Napanoch. Bring your own chair or blanket. Refreshments available. For more information, call 647-7015.

ELLENVILLE-WAWARSING - ... and don't forget the Blueberry Festival in Ellenville this Saturday, August 11. See ad on page 8 in this issue of the Townsman.

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