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REMINDER: *Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman* will not be printed the week of Christmas or New Years. Our Christmas issue and last issue of 2011 will be December 15, 2011

Daniel Pierce Library Invites You to a Holiday Tea

Treat yourself, your Mom and Dad, your family or your best friend to a special afternoon at the Daniel Pierce Library for A HOLIDAY TEA. A HOLIDAY TEA will be held Sunday, December 11, from 2 - 4 pm, in the Daniel Pierce Library Reading Room. Admission is free, but advanced registration is suggested. To register call (845) 985-7233 or visit the Daniel Pierce Library on Route 55 in Grahamsville.

Create memories with the wonderful people in your life while enjoying an afternoon of poetry and music reflecting holiday traditions by community members, 4H Puppy Pals and Tri -Valley Central School students, Jimmy Bernstein and Jenny Gu. A clarinet and flute ensemble of Tri -Valley School students organized by Tri -Valley School Music teachers, Mr. John Calabrese and Mr. Matt Weyant, will provide added enjoyment to the afternoon. In addition, both adults and students will share some holiday poems. Guests of all ages are invited to enjoy the music and a sing-a-long led by Paul Lounsbury. Refreshments will include the traditional tea and tea sandwiches, cookies, coffee, cocoa and punch.

The Holiday season gets busier each year. Why not take this time to attend an afternoon HOLIDAY TEA celebrating together with family, friends and neighbors at the Daniel Pierce Library.

Christmas 2011 -- Birth of a New Tradition - See Pg. 8 for local businesses who offer gift certificates. If your business offers gift certificates for a product or service, let us know, and we will add you to the Christmas Gift Certificate list.

GFD Ladies Auxiliary Remind Everyone the Jolly Ol' Man in the Red Suit will beat Bi-Centennial Square on Saturday!

Mark your calendars for December 11th when Santa will make his annual visit to Bicentennial Square in Grahamsville. He will be there from 11am to 1pm at the square

Don't Forget Time and the Valleys Museum Shop in Grahamsville!

[Grahamsville, N.Y.] -The Time and the Valleys Museum is pleased to announce the opening of a Museum Shop at 332 Main Street, Grahamsville, Sullivan County and an updated on-line shop at www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org just in time for the holiday season! (Contd.Pg. 13)

Getting Ready for Christmas at Hurleyville and Woodridge United Methodist Churches

The Hurleyville and Woodridge United Methodist Churches are pleased to announce two special events coming up, in preparation for Christmas. (Contd. Pg. 13)

Frost Valley YMCA Free Geocaching Hike

Join us for a virtual treasure hunt, come to December's free hiking event for an introduction to Global Positioning System use. We'll test our new GPS skills to find interesting features in the forest.

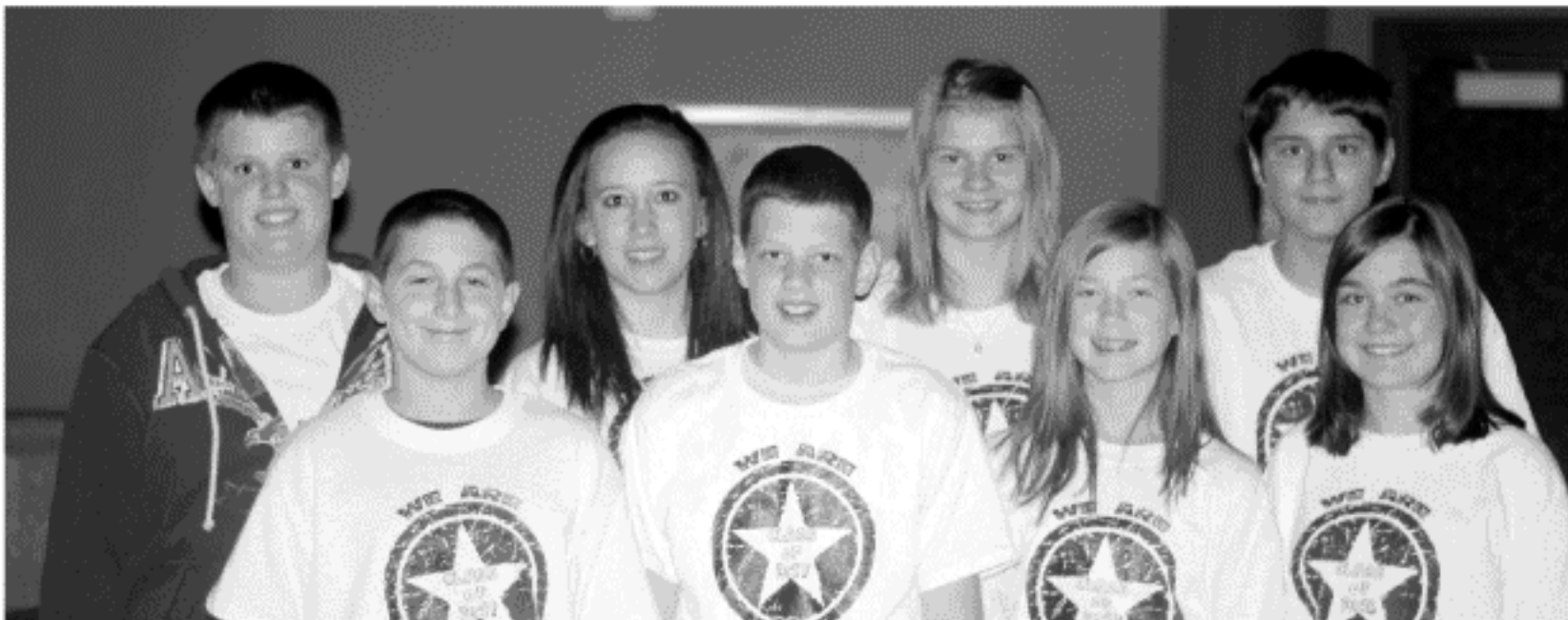
A reservation is required, since we have a limited number of GPS units. This event is FREE to registered participants. Please email bsnyder@frostvalley.org to register.

2011 Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony in Grahamsville



The drop in temperature Sunday evening reminded the townspeople who gathered in Bi-Centennial Square to witness the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony that winter is on its way. Regina Hartman and John Calabrese entertained the spectators with holiday music. Along with the traditional caroling, there were holiday readings and joyful music. (Contd. Pg. 4)

TVCS Students Awarded for Excellent Work and Leadership



Jon Mickelson, Jacob DeGraw, Breanna Brieger, Timothy Glinski, Kayla Butler, Nicole Beach, Jonathan Ferraro-Lopez, Ashton Krummack were winners of the First Quarter Awards. (Contd. Pg. 3)

Governor Cuomo appoints Paul B. Guenther to SUNY Sullivan Board of Trustees

Loch Sheldrake, New York State Governor Andrew Cuomo has appointed Paul B.Guenther to the SUNY Sullivan Board of Trustees. Guenther now fills one of the two expiring-appointed positions on the SUNY Sullivan Board of Trustees. The second appointee has yet to be named.

Guenther joins the SUNY Sullivan Board of Trustees at a time when the college is facing challenges that when met, the Board believes will make the college a stronger and healthier institution of higher learning. The college recently welcomed Dr. William J. Murabito as the interim president.

"This is a very exciting time for SUNY Sullivan," said Nick Speranza, chair of the college's board of trustees. "We have before us an opportunity to breathe new life into a college that has served the people of Sullivan County for close to 50 years. With the addition of Paul to the board, I am confident that the board, working in conjunction with Dr. Murabito, the SUNY Sullivan college community, and the county will work through the economic and educational challenges facing this strong institution.

Guenther was president of PaineWebber Group, Inc., the parent company of PaineWebber Incorporated, until his retirement in 1995. Since then he has focused on the nonprofit sector. He was appointed Chairman of the New York Philharmonic in 1996 until 2009 when he became Chairman Emeritus. (Contd. Pg. 4)

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Deadline for all submissions is 3:00 p.m. Friday.

NO EXCEPTIONS

If you are submitting your advertising by email, our email address is: tvtownsman@yahoo.com If you do choose to send ad copy via the internet please send it in either PDF (Acrobat) files or JPG format. All press releases/articles should be sent as Microsoft Word Documents

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As always, thank you for your support.

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ON THE FRONT BURNER: For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord will give grace and glory; no good thing will be withheld from them that walk uprightly. Psalm 84:11

DAYS OF YORE....
Today's History

December 5, 1951 - Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Van Wagner are the parents of a son, born Sunday at Hamilton Avenue Hospital in Monticello. He weighed 7 lbs. 3 oz. and has been named Frederick Charles. The grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John Tillson of Kripplebush and Mr. and Mrs. William Van Wagner.

Early last week a black horse belonging to Anthony Costa of South Hill Road, Grahamsville was shot in the leg by a bullet from a .22 rifle. The accident was discovered on Wednesday and a veterinarian, Dr. Shaeffer, of Ellenville was called in. He treated the wound and the horse is recovering. It is not known whether the horse was the victim of a stray shot, or was mistaken for a bear by a trigger-happy Nimrod.

The wheels of time rolled back on November 20 when four golden wedding couples, with their families and friends, gathered at the Woodbourne Reformed Church Hall to recollect and celebrate their 200 years of wedded life. Those being honored were Mr. and Mrs. Henry Houghtaling, Mr. and Mrs. Charles De Pew, Mr. and Mrs. Thornton Merritt and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Van Benschoten. Another invited couple, Mr. and Mrs. John Hamilton were unable to attend.

December 6, 1961 - William Gil of Medellin, Columbia, South America is the first exchange student to attend classes at Tri Valley Central School. William is a ninth grader in the Columbus School in Medellin. He is a guest of the Milton Turner family and will be a part of student life at TVCS until the middle of January when he will return home.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew DuBois Jr. are the parents of a son, Christopher Michael born at Kingston Hospital on Saturday, Dec. 2nd. He weighed 8 lbs. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Henderson are the maternal grandparents and Mr. and Mrs. Andrew DuBois Sr. are the paternal grandparents.

Mr. Sherman Brown celebrated his 90th birthday on November 24th. Mr. Brown, who lives with his son in Claryville, was born on Red Hill. At the time of his birthday celebration, Mr. Brown was a patient in the hospital but is now at home.

December 1, 1971 - Mrs. E. Ruth Carpenter of Woodbourne died Friday in Northside Hospital, Atlanta, Ga. She became ill while visiting relatives there. Mrs. Carpenter was 72 years old. She married Lloyd Carpenter on Feb. 22, 1918. She is survived by her husband; a son, Lloyd Jr. of Woodbourne and two daughters from out of the area.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Furman of Glade Hill on the birth of a baby girl born November 22nd.

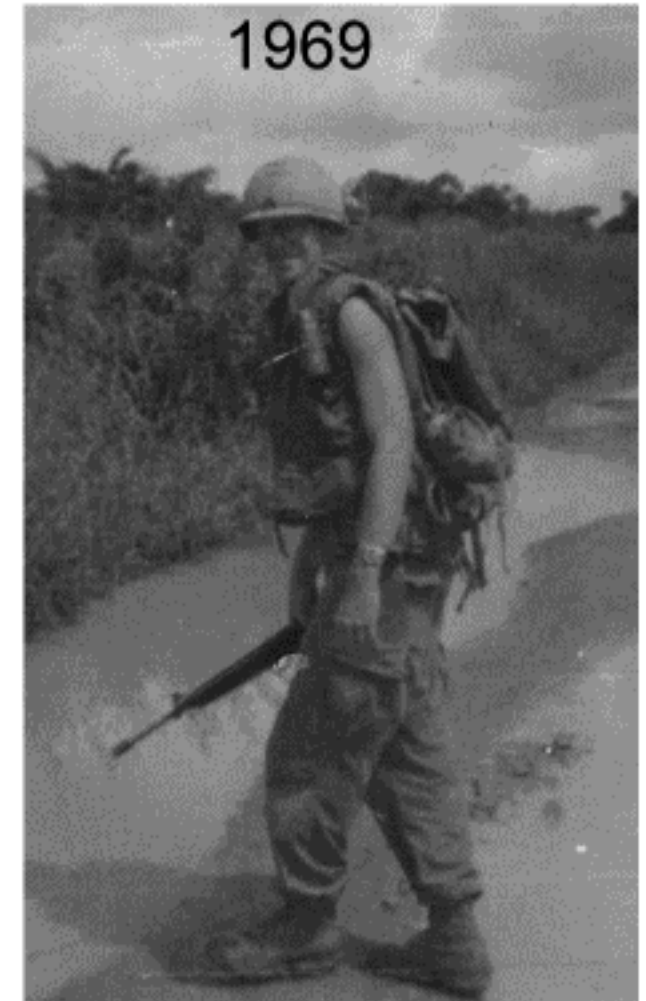
Approximately 300 pounds of food were delivered to the Binghamton Home for Deprived Children by the Tri-Valley Honor Society this past Monday. Members of the Society, accompanied by Mr. Owen Davis, visited the home and met with the officials there. The director of the home expressed his thanks to the students of Tri-Valley and their parents for their generous contribution.

December 3, 1981 - Children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren of Ora and Raymond George gathered together on Sunday, October 25th to help them celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary. Mrs. George is the former Ora TerBush. She was born in Sundown on May 14th 1902 in the same house where she was later married. Mr. George was born on Red Hill on June 13, 1899.

Wesley "Skip" E. Moshier of South Hill Rd., Grahamsville, a farm manager at the Woodbourne Correctional Facility, died unexpectedly at Ellenville Community Hospital. He was 30. The son of Rita Sheeley Moshier and the late Harold G. Moshier, he was born March 3, 1951 in Ellenville. Survivors include his wife, Lynn Stratton Moshier at home and a son, Christopher Earl Moshier at home.

A Nam Vet's Memories

1969



There was a place called Lung Ben,
In a war Called Vietnam
They sent us there
But never meant to win

We gave our all
To win that war.
They criticized us at every turn.
But we fought on to try to win

We could not fight
The way were were taught
They held us back, tied our hands.
They said we could not win.

But we fought back,
With all our heart.
So many died,
So many were hurt.

The pain they feel.
The scars they bore,
Tells the world
They paid the price of war.

For men that he lost
May God Bless the Vietnam Vet
For the time he has served
And the time he has left.

Sgt. James K. Richardson, Army
Vietnam Vet '68/'69

News from SLAC

On Monday, December 12 from 7 pm to 9 pm there will be a Firehouse Forum on Property Tax Relief and Reform at the Hurleyville Fire House on Main Street in Hurleyville. The guest speaker will be NYS Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther.

Join us on Friday, December 16 at 10 am at the Ted Stroebele Recreation Center at 2 Jefferson Street, Monticello for our Winter Holiday gathering. Learn about a cup of coffee that stirred controversy!

This event is free and open to all. Refreshments will be served. Please join us and share your interests and concerns.

SLAC, PO Box 1065, South Fallsburg, NY 12779 is affiliated with New York StateWide Senior Action Council and can be reached through the Sullivan County Office for the Aging, 845-807-0241 or 987-7901.

Cross Country News

Congratulations to Jim Bernstein and Ian Kurzrock on their participation at the Youth National Cross Country Championships at Disney World in Florida last Saturday. Jim placed 4th amongst 17/18 year olds and Ian placed 33rd amongst 14 year olds.

Senior Jim was named to the Varsity845 Cross Country First Team. Fellow senior, Omar Lopez was named to the Second Team.

Autumn Bender was named to the Varsity845 Second Team and was named the top 8th grader of the Orange County League.

NEVERSINK NEWS - Hulda Vernooy

No news this week.
Have a good week and God Bless.
(Call Hulda at 985-2268 with your Neversink news.)

TVCS Students Awarded (From Pg. 1)

Each quarter this year the 7th and 8th grade teachers at Tri-Valley Central School are recognizing and rewarding students who go above and beyond expectations inside and outside of the classroom. Quarter awards include Excellent Work Ethic, Leadership, Academic Excellence, and Most Improved.

For Quarter 1, award winners include Jacob DeGraw and Ashton Krummack for Excellent Work Ethic, Nicole Beach and Jon Mickelson for Leadership, Timothy Glinski and Kayla Butler for Academic Excellence, and Breanna Brieger and Jonathan Ferraro-Lopez for Most Improved. Congratulations to these fantastic students—keep up the good work!

2012 Barn Quilt Calendars Now Available; Makes a Great Stocking Stuffer

For the fourth year in a row, Town of Neversink residents have spent the year photographing barn quilts placed on the town's historic barns by local volunteers. Now Neversink Renaissance has released its Barn Quilts of Neversink 2012 Calendar depicting the barns during the various seasons of the year.

This year's calendar also celebrates the grand opening of the new addition of the Daniel Pierce Library and the Time in the Valleys Museum. This is the culmination of the efforts of hundreds of volunteers, the support of countless area businesses and contractors, and the enthusiasm of a community that ten years ago had a dream of a state of the art library and museum.

Calendars are available at the Neversink Town Hall, the Daniel Pierce Library and the Time in the Valley's Museum at a cost of \$7.00. The proceeds of sales will go the Tri-Valley Little League and future town beautification projects. As a special incentive, those purchasing three calendars at these locations will get one free. Calendars may also be ordered by mail at: Neversink Renaissance, PO Box 307, Grahamsville, NY 12740. With shipping, the cost is \$9.00 for one; or \$17.00 for two. Checks should be made payable to Neversink Renaissance.

To download the order form, go to www.townofneversink.org. For more information call the town hall at 845-985-7685.

Neversink Renaissance is one of the projects supported by Sullivan Renaissance, a beautification and community development program principally funded by the Gerry Foundation with additional funding secured through NYS Senator John J. Bonacic and Assemblywoman Aileen M. Gunther. For information about Sullivan Renaissance, go to www.sullivanrenaissance.org.

CWC Watershed Education Grant Applications Available

MARGARETVILLE, November 28, 2011 - The Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC) is now accepting Watershed Education Grant proposals from schools and non-profit organizations serving students and teachers in the New York City West-of-Hudson (WOH) Watershed and within the five boroughs of New York City.

Applications for Special Watershed Education Grants for adult and general audiences are also available.

All proposals are due Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2012. Applications and guidelines are available at www.cwconline.org (Programs/Education); or call 845-586-1400, ext. 29 (toll-free 877-WAT-SHED) to obtain an application packet by mail. Questions may also be directed to galusha@cwconline.org.

Proposals must be for education projects and programs that help increase awareness of the human and natural history of the WOH Watershed and the New York City water supply system; the critical role of communities in caring for water quality in the watershed, the importance of water conservation, the history and contemporary use and operation of the vast water system, or the cultural and biological diversity of the city's WOH Watershed.

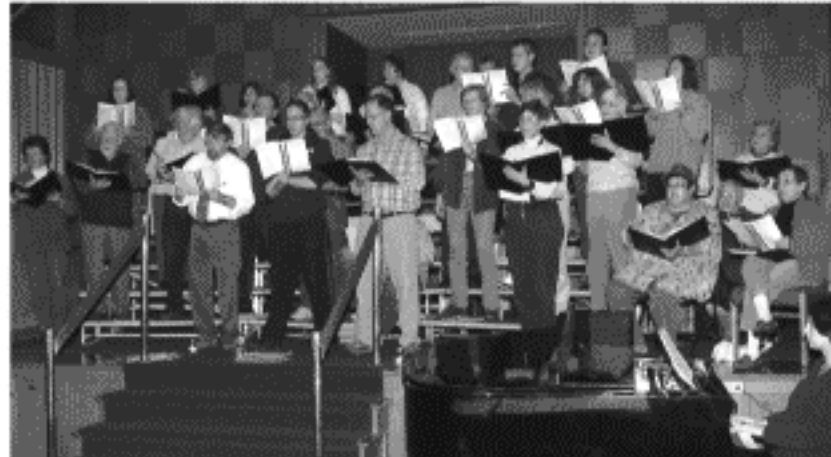
Special attention will be paid to proposals that explore the causes and impacts of flooding, and of climate change.

Applicants for grants intended for school-age audiences may also choose from among several Special Options, including trips to environmental education centers, cultural programs, Trout in the Classroom and classroom models for teaching about water quality.

This program is offered in partnership with the NYC Department of Environmental Protection. The CWC is a non-profit, Local Development Corporation responsible for several environmental protection, economic development and education programs in the New York City Watershed West of the Hudson River.

Grahamsville Fire Dept. Auxiliary News

The winner of their holiday basket this year was Mary Lou Vernooy! Congratulations to her. Thanks to everyone who purchased tickets for a chance at winning.

SC Community Chorus 35th Annual Winter Concert

The Sullivan County Community Chorus will present its 35th Annual Winter Concert, "The Scenes, Scents, Sights and Sounds of Winter" on Sunday, December 11 at 2:00 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 6317 Route 42, Woodbourne. The Chorus, under the direction of Conductor, Kevin Giroux, with chamber orchestra and accompanists Lucille Horton and Keira Weyant, will present an exciting and challenging program featuring works by George Handel, Antonio Vivaldi, Charles Gounod, Gustav Holst, John Rutter and more. Chorus soloists featured in the concert will be Charlie Barbuti, Adam Barley, Rachel Kleinman, Bill Magargal, Russel Scheier, Mary Setren, Brenton Smith, Lisa Topolovec and Ruthmary Weinger.

Chorus conductor Kevin J. Giroux is Choral Director at Tri-Valley Central School in Grahamsville, NY. Mr. Giroux's other musical activities include solo adjudicator for NYSSMA (New York State School Music Association), Past President and Treasurer of the Sullivan County Music Educators Association and part-time church organist. A native of Plattsburgh, New York, Mr. Giroux received a Bachelors of Music Education from the Crane School of Music at SUNY Potsdam and a Masters in Music Education from Ithaca College.

The Sullivan County Community Chorus consists of members from Sullivan, Orange and Ulster Counties, whose ages range from 16 to over 80 years of age. Performances of the Sullivan County Community Chorus are made possible in part with funds from the Sullivan County Decentralization Program, a re-grant program of the New York State Council on the Arts, administered by the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance.

Admission will be \$15.00 for adults, \$12.00 for seniors and students free. Immediately after the performance, there will be a reception open to all attending the concert. For further information and/or for tickets for the performance, contact chorus accompanist Lucille Horton at (845) 794-7869.

Sullivan Renaissance Publication Tells about a Decade of Grassroots Transformation

[FERNDAL] - Sullivan Renaissance has released a new publication that celebrates ten years of beautification efforts in Sullivan County, New York, as told through the vision and voices of area residents who made it happen. Sullivan Renaissance is a beautification and community development program principally funded by the Gerry Foundation.

The magazine was produced by Sullivan Renaissance staff in collaboration with the Community Reporting Alliance and with the assistance of writers, photographers and designers from throughout the area. The coeditors were Barbara Gref and Colleen Emery.

"For some, this publication will be a guide for replicating a version of the Sullivan Renaissance program elsewhere. For others, it is a glimpse of where we have been and where we are going. For everyone, it's an invitation to share in our sense of

pride as we take stock in what our friends and neighbors have achieved," explained Emery, who heads special projects for Sullivan Renaissance.

It chronicles several of the individual challenges, struggles, accomplishments and heartwarming, inspiring stories that have been the fabric of Sullivan Renaissance. It was created with the hope that others will be enticed to support the program's mission - to beautify Sullivan County while building a sense of pride and community spirit.

The publication was launched on October 21st at the Annual Reception of the Sullivan County Partnership held at Bethel Woods Center for the Arts. Copies have been distributed to organizations, businesses, public libraries, museums and town halls throughout Sullivan County. To inquire about obtaining a copy or for more information, contact Sullivan Renaissance at 845-295-2445 or info@sullivanrenaissance.org.

To order a free digital edition or purchase a print edition through www.magcloud.com, go to the website and enter "Sullivan Renaissance" in the search.

BLACK ALDER - SANTA CLAUS BUSH

By Peggy DeWire



A few days after Christmas, Betty and I were walking her dog back to the farmhouse when we were stopped by a shout from her young children who came running up yelling, "Look, Mom, we found a Santa Claus bush!"

Betty admired the sticks which were covered with bright red berries and handed them to me asking, "What are these, Peggy?"

The kids added, "Can we eat the berries?"

Twirling the sticks in my hand, I praised the kids for finding a Black Alder bush and said, yes, the berries were edible though you could eat only a few at a time because they contained medicine for headaches and stomach aches.

So as we stood around chewing the spicy slightly bitter berries, we talked about how Black Alder bushes came from Europe to America a long time ago and spread across the northeastern states. Nowadays there are four cultivars used in landscaping and controlling erosion on banks of rivers and ponds.

Black Alder or Winterberry is a many-stemmed bush that grows 10-15 feet high on moist ground in full sun. Its leaves are oval bright glossy green until the first frost when they turn black and all off. Young leaves are so sticky and gummy that they inspired the Black Alder family's Latin name *Alnus gluinosa*.

Another unusual thing about Black Alder is its wood which is white when fresh cut - look at the ends of these sticks - but turns blood red. In Norse and Irish myths the first humans were made of Black Alder wood. Back then cutting a bush down was forbidden because it was a symbol of the resurrection.

Today we make furniture from the wood and use the bark to tan leather and smoke fish and other foods. Old timers made a tonic tea by boiling three ounces of park in three pints of water.

Black Alder contains so much tannin that it repels insect pests. The wood is very durable underwater for pilings.

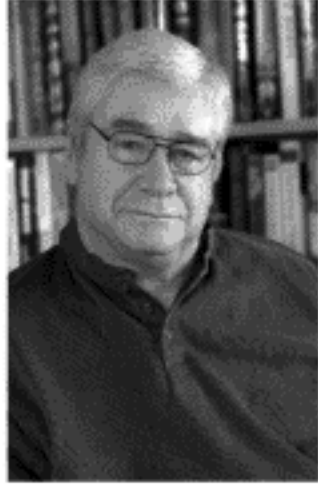
The pretty red berries are winter food for songbirds, wild turkeys and deer. When I asked if anyone wanted more berries, they all held out their hands. Betty had a twinkle in her eye as she high-fived her kids for finding the Santa Claus bush.

Helpful Hint from Mary**BULLDOG FOOD CLIPS**

I recently ran out of food bag clips, and instead of buying more, I used a medium-size "bulldog clip" from the stationery store. These work better than a clothespin, as it won't slide off the package. Since these come in various sizes, having an assortment allows me to adjust for how thin or full the bag top is rolled. At an average of \$2.00 for a small tub holding 20 to 30 clips, it costs far less than the \$5 typically charged for a pack of three bag clips. Bulldog clips also come in various colors for only a few cents more.

MYSTERIOUS BOOK REPORT NO. 28

by John Dwaine McKenna



It's the day before Halloween, and I'm watching the Denver Broncos being dismantled and humiliated by the Detroit Lions, because there's no Tri-Valley Bears to root for out here . . . the same Tri-Valley Bears football team who made it to the sectionals this year. Any chance some of you guys could come to Colorado and help out the Broncos? 'Cause it looks like they need a lot of help. Oh well, it was just a thought . . . nice job fellas. The game was lousy for Bronco fans, so I turned it off and got busy with this week's Mysterious Book Report No. 28, *The Affair* by Lee Child. (Delacorte Press, \$28.00, 405 pages, ISBN 978-0-385-34432-6)

Unless you've been living under a rock next door to the guy in the insurance ads on TV, it seems as though everyone has heard of Child's implausible hero Jack Reacher, "just about the best butt-kicker in thriller-lit" according to Kirkus Reviews. Reacher's almost Zen-like in that he owns nothing, wants nothing, and travels the USA . . . not in a Chevrolet . . . but by walking or hitching rides. Mr. Child's previous sixteen Reacher novels depict him as an ex-army special military policeman who resigned his commission (O-4, Major) in disgust after a cover up. *The Affair* lets all his readers and legions of fans know the why, where, and what were its causes. It's one we've all been waiting for . . . and long overdue. If you're not familiar with tough-guy Reacher, his nose for trouble, and his sanguine, no holds barred approach to criminality, you're in for a huge treat. *The Affair* is a great introduction to Lee Child and his cool character that'll have you walking right down to the Daniel Pierce Library in search of more of 'em. It seems like everyone who reads about Reacher becomes a fan. You will too. Enjoy!

And while you're at the Daniel Pierce Library in Grahamsville, don't forget to check the Time and the Valleys Museum. Because . . . you either "Read, or surrender to ignorance." -- Confucius (551-479 BCE.)

Get a copy of *The Neversink Chronicles* yet? They're at Cannie D's in Neversink and on my website:

johndwainemckenna.com where you'll also find all of the Mysterious Book Reports, reading lists, or a free story. It's where you can ask questions, comment, ask about books or report what's going on with you. *The Neversink Chronicles* are also available at Rhyolite press.com or Amazon.com.

You can do any of the above at: PO Box 2406, Colorado Springs, CO. 80901

Stay tuned . . . there's a lot more to come in the MBR column. Don't forget to get a copy of *The Neversink Chronicles* . . . and thank you in advance for your support by liking me on facebook.

I'll see you next week. -- JDM

2011 Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony in Grahamsville

(From Pg. 1)

Ten, nine, eight... and at the count of one, Supervisor Greg Goldstein pushed the 'magic button' that turned the park into a glistening "Winter Wonderland"! The festive lights, merry music, hot cocoa and a warm fire, where children toasted marshmallows, warmed the hands, hearts and spirits of both the young and old as they gathered once more to celebrate the Advent Season, the coming of Christmas 2011.

Even Ole St. Nick enjoyed an early visit with the children and young at heart. This is a busy time of year for Santa, but don't forget, he will be back at Bi-Centennial Park in Grahamsville on Saturday, December 10 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. Be sure to bring the kids!

The Christmas trees that light up the park were donated by the Mancuso Tree Farm and decorated by the hands of many local organizations and businesses.

The "Winter Wonderland" holiday display will remain for you to enjoy throughout December.

**Governor Cuomo appoints Paul B. Guenther to SUNY Sullivan Board of Trustees** (From Pg. 1)

From 1998 to 2004 he served as Chairman of Fordham University, where he continues as a board member. He also serves on the Board of Directors of The Guardian Life Insurance Company and its affiliate, RS Investments. He is Chairman of the Community and Southern Bank Holding in Atlanta.

Guenther earned a bachelor's degree in economics from Fordham University in 1962 and an MBA in finance from the Columbia Graduate School of Business in 1964. In the same year, he began his career as a credit analyst with Manufacturers Hanover Trust Co. He joined PaineWebber Incorporated in 1966 as a securities analyst and served in a variety of positions. In 1984, when the company realigned its three principal subsidiaries into one, Guenther became chief administrative officer responsible for Administrative Services, Operations, and Systems. He assumed responsibility for the firm's retail sales business in 1987 and for investment banking activities in mid-1988. In late 1988 he was named president of PaineWebber Incorporated, and in 1994, president of PaineWebber Group, Inc.

Guenther was a 2006 recipient of an honorary doctor of law from Marymount Manhattan College, a 2005 recipient of an honorary doctorate of humane letters from Fordham University, and the 1992 recipient of an honorary LL.D. from Concordia College.

His organizational associations include: Columbia University Graduate School of Business, Board of Overseers; Frost Valley YMCA, Chairman Emeritus; North Shore-LIU Hospital, Trustee; Rockefeller University, Trustee.

Guenther was welcomed to the Board at a trustees meeting on Monday, November 28, 2011.

SUNY Sullivan Students Shining Examples of the Motivated College Student

Loch Sheldrake (November 29, 2011) - When the American playwright, James Lapine, wrote "opportunity is not a lengthy visitor," he might not have had college students on his mind, but he very well could have, because life, especially for college students, is all about opportunities. More importantly, it's about recognizing and seizing them. And that's exactly what SUNY Sullivan students, De'Lorien Brown and Vennicia Walker did. Opportunity knocked...and they opened the door. (Next Col.)

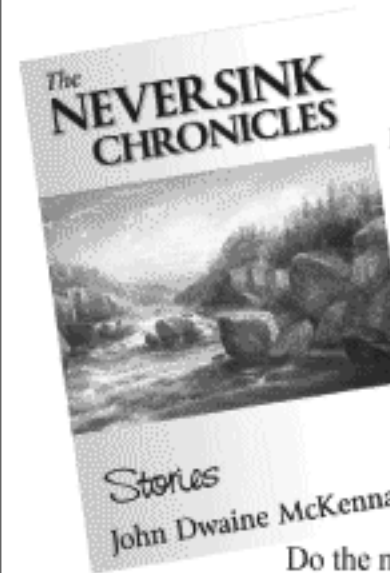
The opportunity was the "Bridges to the Baccalaureate and Research and Science Vision Program" at SUNY Purchase. The program provides underrepresented minority students with the academic and scholarship support that allows them to complete a baccalaureate degree program in biology, chemistry, environmental science, math and computer science, or psychology.

The program's goal is to recruit underrepresented minorities for enrollment in the science degree programs at SUNY Sullivan and to offer students summer research and internship opportunities.

Both De'Lorien and Vennicia took advantage of the Bridges program and participated in a paid five-week program this past summer. By seizing this great educational opportunity, both SUNY Sullivan Students were offered another opportunity as a result of their hard work. De'Lorien and Vennicia applied to be presenters at the 2011 Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students held in St. Louis (Nov. 9-12).

And since most worthwhile opportunities come with additional work, both De'Lorien and Vennicia, who were accepted by the ABRCMS, were up to the vigorous challenge of being presenters. De'Lorien's poster presentation was "Emotional Responses to Music" and Vennicia's was "Investigating Thermophilic Bacteria in Centralia, PA."

Although SUNY Sullivan has been a long-time partner with SUNY Purchase in the Bridges Program, this marks the first time SUNY Sullivan students participated in the annual conference which draws minority students from around the country. (Contd. Pg. 13)

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The Olive Jar Under-achieving the Holidays - by Carol LaMonda

As a child, I remember the year separating into distinct seasons. Fall was school and the World Series. Winter was snow and Christmas. Spring was Easter and flowers. Summer was vacation and the beach. I am sure the calendar is the same. I looked just to make sure, but, it seems to me, the seasons are blurring together and doing so at an alarming rate. I no sooner get a pumpkin carved when a turkey needs carving. The turkey soup still lingers while Christmas Carols are playing.

I feel like I am being saturated with events that demand my attention, but I seem to be in a time warp that can never catch up to NOW. The countdown to the holidays has begun, and I feel like I have entered a race without lacing my sneakers. By the time I reach the finish line, we will be wearing funny hats and wishing each other "Happy New Year!"

Is it just an aging perspective of time? Did it speed up as I slowed down? I don't think it is that. I think there is just so much going on at once, that one can get bombarded with sensory overload. There are so many guilt-driven responsibilities that have sucked the joy out of the season. I can remember feeling withdrawal symptoms the year I decided to NOT send out Christmas cards. I feel inadequate as I hang my artificial wreath (I used to make my own!) and purchase cookies because Ms. Loizou is a much better baker of Greek cookies than I am.

This year I am limited as I recoup from surgery on my wrist, but still the "to-do" list haunts me: cookies, cards, wreaths, tree, presents, bows, caroling, wrapping paper, Poinsettias, special foods, red and green, ghosts of Christmas Past. Uncle! I give up, Martha Stewart. One tradition I will continue, though, is my annual, dreaded by some and admired by others, Christmas letter. I feel so strongly about keeping up with friends and relatives, that I will send greetings (mostly by email) about family news.

There is so much to enjoy this holiday season if we can untangle our lives like we try to untangle those strings of Christmas lights. This weekend marks the beginning of MY holiday season. The Town of Olive Tree Lighting, spearheaded by Diane and Gino Sorbellini, revs me up with the spirit. There is nothing as inspiring as a little boy or girl sitting in awe as they meet Santa.

The following weekend is the Breakfast with Santa at the Boiceville Inn on December 10 from 8 until 11. Adult price is \$5.00, and children under twelve are free to enjoy the egg, sausage, pancake, OJ, and coffee breakfast. Santa and his elf will be there for photos and to give a wrapped gift to each child.

Then it's off to the Olive Library Craft Fair in West Shokan. The time is from 10-4. Many local crafts make great gifts, and there is a light lunch of homemade soup and chili with coffee and goodies. From there, you can hop over to the Samsonville Church and buy homemade cookies at \$8.00 a pound.

I can picture this holiday season as swimming against a tidal wave of traditions and events. A fearsome ocean wave scares me, so this year, I prefer to float on an inner-tube of calm of love, peace, and joy and enjoy the ride rather than be drawn under the crashing waves of commercialism. The best gifts can't always be wrapped. May you enjoy the essence, not just the trappings, of the season.

Olive Muse - A Letter from a Friend - Charlie Blumstein

Today we have bigger houses but smaller families,
More conveniences, but less time;
We have more degrees, but less common sense;
More knowledge, but less judgment;
We have more experts, but more problems; more
medicine, but less wellness.
We spend too recklessly, laugh too little, drive too
fast, get too angry too quickly, stay up too late, get
up too tired,
Read too little, watch TV too often, and pray too
seldom.
We have multiplied our possessions, but reduced
our values.
We talk too much, love too little and lie too often.
We've learned how to make a living, but not a life;
We've added years to life, not life to years.
We have taller buildings, but shorter tempers;
Wider freeways, but narrower viewpoints.
We spend more, but have less; we buy more, but
enjoy it less.
We've been all the way to the moon and back,
but have trouble crossing the street to meet the
new neighbor.
We've conquered outer space, but not inner space.
We've split the atom, but not our prejudice;
We write more, but learn less; plan more, but
accomplish less.
We've learned to rush, but not to wait;
We have higher incomes, but lower morals.
We build more computers to hold more information,

to produce more copies, but have less communication.
We are long on quantity, but short on quality.

These are the times of fast foods and slow digestion; tall
men and short character; steep profits and shallow rela-
tionships.

More leisure and less fun; More kinds of food, but less
nutrition;

Two incomes, but more divorce; Fancier houses, but
broken homes.

This is the paradox of our times today.

That's why I propose, that as of today, you do not
keep anything for a special occasion, because every-
day that you live is a special occasion.

Search for knowledge, read more, sit on your front
porch and admire the view without paying attention
to your needs.

Spend more time with your family and friends, eat
your favorite foods, and visit the places you love.

Life is a chain of moments of enjoyment, not only
about survival.

Use your crystal goblets.

Do not save your best perfume, and use it every time
you feel you want it.

Remove from your vocabulary phrases like "one of
these days" and "someday".

Let's write that letter we thought of writing "one of
these days".

Let's tell our families and friends how much we
love them.

Do not delay anything that adds laughter and joy to
your life.

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Live Music at Ange's in Olivebridge:

Thurs. 12-8- Thomas Earl

Thurs. 12-15- John Holt

Sat. 12-17- Ben Rounds Band-Fundraiser for Food Pantry and collection of new toys, warm clothing, boots and coats for those in need.

Thurs. 12-22 Marji Zintz and Peggy Atwood

Sat. Jan. 7, Dave Kearny

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Author of the recently released book, "The Crash Course", he describes the impossibility of much further exponential growth and what that means to the average person and community. He suggests that the next 20 years is unlikely to be anything like the past 20 years. Definitely near the top of the required viewing or reading list.

Have a great week!



RESERVOIR MUSIC NOTES-

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teen hundred people! Pretty pathetic for a band that could, at their height, sell out venues like Madison Square Garden with no problem!

The story's been told many times. Bad drugs create bad times, and every time history repeats itself, the lesson gets more expensive! A story comes to mind that I heard a long time ago about Eric Clapton. Clapton was strung out and recording the Derek and The Dominoes album in Miami, and it was not going well! Ahmet Ertegun, a legend in the business, and the last great music man in the music business, flew to Miami to talk to Eric about his drug use, which was out of control, only to hear Eric defend his addiction, saying he had it under control and it was actually helping his music! Ahmet thought about all the other music legends that he had heard the same rap from, going all the way back to Charlie 'Bird' Parker, and it always ended badly! Clapton remained unconvinced, but, well, they did manage to get through that album, and it turned out pretty well, but I saw Derek and The Dominoes live, and it was awful! One of the worst concerts I've ever seen. At the time, I couldn't understand how they could be so bad live, after recording what I considered, and still consider, one of the greatest albums of all time! But now I understand. It was the drugs, specifically, heroin and cocaine! Eric's career took off pretty well after he got clean and sober, but ironically, his music suffered. By any measure, he lost his edge and his passion for the music, and he'll freely admit this!

In the Aerosmith case, however, they came roaring back with some of the most exciting music they had ever made! After a few albums, they too began phoning it in, but for a five year period, they were back stronger than ever, thanks to being clean and sober!

I'm not preaching here, and there are exceptions to every rule (The Rolling Stones come to mind), but generally speaking, hard drug use brings about a hard fall in the music business. The irony is that some amazing music often gets produced before the fall. Some people consider this a worthwhile trade-off! The jury is still out on that one.

There is a ton of great live music this week, so let's get to it.

Thursday, December 8 - SHARON JONES AND THE DAP-KINGS at The Tarrytown Music Hall. This is the band who are spearheading the neo-soul revival. The Dap-Kings were the backing band on Amy Winehouse's amazing "Back to Black" album, and they are great!

Friday, December 9 - The sheer number of talented artists who are playing on this one night is enough to make your head spin! At The Tarrytown Music Hall, SOUTHSIDE JOHNNY AND THE ASBURY JUKES make a rare appearance, and these guys carried the torch for soul and R & B for many years before The Dap-Kings came along. They've got a catalog of great songs, and I'd bet they can still pull them off with style!

At the Turning Point in Piermont, DAVID JOHANSEN, lead singer of the very influential New York Dolls, Buster Poindexter (in another incarnation), and blues singer extraordinaire, will rock the house.

JUSTIN TOWNES EARLE, Steve Earle's son, will bring his Americana tinged music to Club Helsinki in Hudson.

Levon's guitarist, and former member of The Band, JIM WEIDER, will be stopping by The Falcon in Marlboro with his PROJECT PERCOLATOR.

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RESERVOIR MUSIC NOTES- (From Pg. 60
Saturday, December 10 - HOT TUNA continues their two day run at The Beacon, PROFESSOR LOUIE AND THE CHROMATICS pull into The Falcon, MURALI CORYELL is at The Catamount in Mount Tremper, and JUDY COLLINS and ARLO GUTHRIE are at Tarrytown Music Hall, for all you folkies out there.

Sunday, December 11 - The immortal DARLENE LOVE returns to B.B. King's in Manhattan to belt out her catalog of classics.

Tuesday, December 13 - BEN ROUNDS hosts his regular Tuesday night open mic at The Catamount, and SHARON JONES AND THE DAP-KINGS open a two day engagement at The Bowery Ballroom in Manhattan.

Wednesday, December 14 - SHARON JONES finishes up at The Bowery Ballroom and ROSS RICE AND THE VERY SEXY TRIO return to The Catamount.

Have a great week.

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Veterans and Military Personnel Workshop on Monday, December 12, from 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. in room 122 at the Business Resource Center, One Development Court in Kingston. Representatives will discuss higher education options for Veterans and Active Duty Personnel. Counselors from the Admissions and Financial Aid offices will be available to discuss programs of study, transfer credits, VA tuition benefits and campus support services. SUNY Ulster is a Service Member's Opportunity College with flexible scheduling options and online course offerings as well as career and technical training programs in a variety of subjects. Contact the Admissions Office at 845-687-5022 or admissions@sunyulster.edu to reserve a seat.

Financial Aid Workshop will be offered on Wednesday, December 14, from 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. in room 116 at the Business Resource Center. Learn to navigate the financial aid application process and complete your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), with the Director of Financial Aid. Plan ahead for this workshop by visiting www.pin.ed.gov to obtain your electronic pin at least three days prior to the workshop. Also, bring your 2010 tax information; W-2 forms, federal tax returns, and any other income or asset documents. This workshop is for students planning to attend in the Spring 2012 semester. Reservations are required. Please contact the Financial Aid Office at 845-687-5096 or email financialaid@sunyulster.edu to reserve your seat today.

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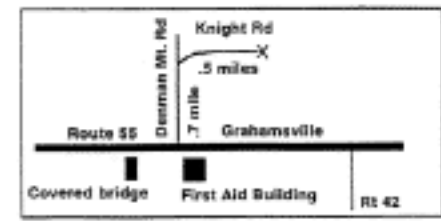
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SUNY Ulster Highlights Faculty Artwork in "Residue" Exhibit
FacultyWorks '11 "Variations on a Theme: Residue" at Muroff Kotler Arts Gallery

SUNY Ulster's biannual exhibition that features works by teaching faculty in the Department of Visual Arts and Design will this year focus on one topic selected by the participants: RESIDUE.

The exhibit is now opened and will run through Dec. 16 at the Muroff Kotler Arts Gallery on the Stone Ridge campus.

The show will feature a variety of conceptual and material approaches to the topic, including explorations into visual, material and emotional residue; the residue of domestic ritual and the passage of time.

FacultyWorks '11 will feature new works developed on the theme by teachers in SUNY Ulster's Department of Visual Arts and Design, including Josephine Bloodgood, Frank Boyer, Kristin Flynn, Suzy Jeffers, Barbara Kerner, Iain Machell, Phil Mansfield, Sean Nixon, Dina Pearlman, Chris Seubert, Pablo Shine and Liz Unterman.

"This theme has generated a lot of excitement as there is so much potential for individuals to work in unanticipated ways," said Jeffers, Art Gallery Coordinator. "I'm looking forward to many surprises."

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

December 10th Holiday Party at UCSPCA

The Ulster County SPCA will celebrate the season at their annual Holiday Party on Saturday, December 10th from 11:30AM to 3PM. This family-friendly event will feature affordable photographs with Santa Paws for you and your companion animals. There will also be raffles, refreshments, and holiday gifts for sale. Donations of food and cleaning supplies will be accepted. The UCSPCA shelter is located at 20 Wiedy Road in Kingston. For more information, call 331-5377 x 210.



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Saturday Matinees at the Shadowland

ELLENVILLE, NY, December 2, 2011 - Reviving its "Saturday Matinees at the Shadowland" classic movie series just in time for the 2011 Christmas holiday season, the original uncut 1934 Hal Roach version of Victor Herbert's "Babes in Toyland" will be given a wide-screen presentation on Saturday, December 17 at 4:00pm at the Shadowland Theatre in Ellenville.

The film, starring Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy and directed by Hal Roach, was reissued with several scenes deleted and shown on small-screen television for many years as "March of the Wooden Soldiers".

The Shadowland's presentation will be the original uncut 1934 release. Co-starring are Charlotte Henry, Henry Brandon - whom classic cinema fans may remember as Chief Scar in John Ford's "The Searchers" - and Metropolitan Opera star Felix Knight.

Babes in Toyland originally appeared on Broadway in 1903 and went through myriad libretto re-writes and song insertions and deletions in the ensuing years, says Ray Faiola, "Matinees at Shadowland" series coordinator. Retained in the 1934 film are the most popular songs, including "Toyland", "Never Mind Bo Peep", "Castles in Spain" and the orchestral spectacular "March of the Toys". The song, "I Can't Do the Sum", is used in underscoring as Stannie Dum and Ollie Dee's theme song. Babes in Toyland was one of three operatic classics that became films with Laurel and Hardy, the other two being "Fra Diavolo" and "The Bohemian Girl".

Filling out the all-16mm classic program on December 17, Shadowland will include the Hal Roach short comedy, "Bedtime Worries" starring Our Gang; a Walter Lantz "cartune", "Toyland Premiere" starring Oswald Rabbitt and Laurel and Hardy; and a Max Fleischer Color Classic, "Poor Cinderella" starring Betty Boop, which features some of Fleischer's patented three-dimensional background sequences. All films in this program were originally released or in release in 1934.

According to Faiola, "Babes in Toyland" was one of the films in the early years of talking pictures that used figure animation combined with live action, a process perfected in the previous year's "King Kong". In addition, several Walt Disney characters appear in the film, namely Mickey Mouse, played by Jiggs the monkey and The Three Little Pigs. Hal Roach licensed the characters as well as the song "Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Wolf" from Disney.

The 2010 series featured the original 1939 "The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes" starring Basil Rathbone and Nigel Bruce; "When Comedy was King" starring the great clowns of silent comedy; and the 1937 classic, "A Star is Born" starring Janet Gaynor and Frederic March.

"I think you'll agree that the communal enjoyment of classic entertainment with all the vintage matinee trimmings is cause for celebration," says Faiola. "And for anyone who loves film, or would like to introduce their families to the great classics of the past 90 years in a wide-screen setting, this showing of the original Babes in Toyland at the Shadowland, one of the original movie theatres in Ulster County, should not be missed."

The December 17 program is sponsored by local Ellenville-Wawarsing businesses, including Gaby's Café, Il Paradiso, Gillette Creamery, IMAGE, Matthews Pharmacy, Thornton Hardware, Craft Chiropractic, Skoler Gallery, Sons of the Desert (the Ellenville chapter of the International Laurel & Hardy Organization, who will be attending), Chelsea Rialto Studios and martinrabkinink.

Shadowland will be announcing the 2012 "Matinees" classic movie series program in January 2012 for February, March and April.

Admission on December 17 is \$8 for adults and \$5 for seniors and children, and tickets and reservations are available at the Shadowland box office at 157 Canal Street, Ellenville, NY or by calling 845-647-5511.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

Dear Editor,
On Nov. 29 a public hearing was held by the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation. Three women from Walk About Water walked about 3 miles to attend the hearing. Although the weather was inclement we managed to stay dry for the walk. Imagine our surprise to find 300 people standing out in the rain waiting for the hearing to begin. By the time the doors were opened we were soaked to the skin. This is our response.

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Dear Members of the Board,

I am writing to express my dismay at the lack of hospitality offered to the community by your school during the DEC public hearing, on the day of Nov.29, 2011.

You may be aware that the DEC public hearings concerning the environmental impacts of hydrofracking were held in only four locations throughout the state. I would assume people in service to an institution of higher learning would be able to deduce that would mean concerned individuals would have to travel some distance to attend the hearing and that since this is a controversial issue it would be well attended. Since this is your school I also imagine you would be aware of how far the parking lots are from the entrance and also that there is no outdoor shelter from inclement weather. Why, then, would it be conceivable that citizens intent on participating in the democratic process should be required to stand in the pouring rain for an hour only to be told there were not enough seats? Do you realize that those of us who exceeded the capacity of the auditorium were told to continue standing in the rain until other people left?

The failure of school authorities to invite people to wait in the lobby is a clear indication of how badly you need to do some soul searching if you want to improve your relationship to the community. You must realize that most of the hearing attendees were from Sullivan County. After that reception I doubt I would ever consider enrollment.

You must be very proud of your fancy lobby. I hope you figure out what you ought to use it for.
Sincerely,
Christina Countryman
Shokan, NY
Dec. 3, 2011

Water for Dimock

Way down deep in the aquifer, where the gas and other fluids have been seeping seeping in there is a subtle shift and another and now the water begins to follow the fissures slowly at first then faster and faster water finds the drill shafts and shoots upward with irresistible force force of nature force of water greater than a million frack engines overcoming and cleansing the fluids and poisons before bursting forth in a shower of rainbows an upside down waterfall that just keeps on going, it rolls around the hill, washes away the compressor station and fills the creek in the valley with a chuckling gurgling rushing healing stream.

Water of justice, compassion and truth flow through my dreams to the realm of human being
- Christina Countryman

SUNY Ulster Educational Goal Setting & Planning Session for Adults

Educational Goal Setting & Planning Session for Adults Tuesday, December 13, from 5:30-7:00 p.m. at the Business Resource Center. Discover the many ways SUNY Ulster supports and assists students of all ages with diverse educational and career goals. Learn about returning to college as an adult. This session will provide an overview of popular degree programs, options for flexible enrollment and the enrollment process. Contact the Admissions Office at 845 687-5022 or admissions@suny-ulster.edu to reserve a seat.

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Congressman Hinchey Releases the Following Statements:

Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) released the following statement *in support of the Middle Class Tax Cut Act of 2011* - legislation introduced in the U.S. Senate and supported by President Obama that would extend and expand the payroll tax cut put into effect this year, saving the average working family \$1,500 on their tax bill next year. The tax cut would be fully paid for and protect the Social Security trust fund through a 3.25 percent tax on income over \$1 million. The bill also cuts payroll taxes in half for 98 percent of U.S. businesses.

"With the vast majority of Americans struggling to make ends meet this holiday season, Republicans in Congress are planning to hold up a bill that would cut their taxes. Without this bill, taxes on middle class families will go up starting on January 1, and the average working family will see their taxes increase by \$1,000 next year. With this bill, the average working family will see their taxes cut by an additional \$500 next year.

"This tax cut would not add one cent to our deficit and protects the Social Security trust fund by asking those with incomes of over \$1 million per year to contribute more. The first \$999,999 earned will be taxed at the same historically low rate it was taxed at last year. But for every dollar over \$1 million earned, we're asking for an additional 3.25 cents so that middle class and working families can afford to put food on the table, buy presents for their children this holiday season, heat their homes, drive to work and put their kids through college. This is exactly what our economy needs right now.

"Many millionaires and billionaires currently pay a lower effective tax rate than bus drivers, janitors, teachers and nurses. Having the wealthy pay a little more in taxes isn't a lot to ask in an economy where the richest one percent controls more of the country's wealth than at any other time since the Great Depression."

Congressman Maurice Hinchey also announced that \$2.63 billion in federal disaster recovery funding he requested has been included in the final version of a Fiscal Year 2012 appropriations bill. The funding, which is provided for disaster relief efforts nationwide, will help families, farmers and businesses throughout the Southern Tier and Hudson Valley who were devastated by the one-two punch of Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee. The measure is expected to pass the House and Senate this week.

"After Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee struck, I started fighting to secure substantial disaster recovery funds in the federal budget to help families, farmers and businesses affected by the storms," said Hinchey. "Early on, I had hoped we could pass a simple, standalone comprehensive disaster recovery bill. Unfortunately, that process became mired in politics, and we've had to fight tooth and nail for every dime of disaster aid. Today, I'm happy to report that an additional \$2.63 billion has been included in the 2012 budget. It's a major step forward, but more needs to be done. In the coming weeks, I will be working with my colleagues to ensure FEMA has the resources it needs to continue its recovery efforts."

Hinchey has been lobbying his colleagues for months to secure additional disaster relief funding after House leaders refused to allow an up or down vote on a bipartisan comprehensive disaster relief bill, which passed the Senate. The \$2.63 billion provided in the 2012 appropriations bill represents a compromise between the Democratic-led Senate and Republican-led House. The bill has substantial disaster recovery funds for multiple federal programs including:

Economic Development Administration: The \$2.63 billion measure includes \$200 million in disaster relief funds for the Economic Development Administration (EDA). While Hinchey had requested \$500 million for the program, the \$200 million level is considered a success given that Republican leaders in the House initially opposed any funding. Hinchey has been working to secure additional funds for the EDA so that it can provide additional assistance to local communities struggling to maintain jobs provided by large employers who were affected by natural disasters. For instance, BAE Systems, which provides well over 1,350 jobs in the Southern Tier, saw its Westover facility destroyed by the September floods. The EDA can use its additional funding to provide assistance to the Broome County Industrial Development Agency (IDA), which is working to keep BAE in the Southern Tier.

Agriculture Disaster Assistance: The package also includes \$367 million to assist farmers with disaster recovery. The Environmental Conservation Program (ECP) would receive \$122.7 million. This program is coordinated through the USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) to provide emergency fund-

ing and technical assistance for farmers and ranchers to repair farmland damaged by natural disasters. Conservation practices include removing debris, restoring fences and conservation structures, and providing water for livestock. The Emergency Watershed Protection program would receive \$215.9 million to help farmers respond to post-disaster hazards such as debris-clogged streams and channels, undermined and unstable stream banks, and jeopardized water control structures and public infrastructure. Technical assistance with both of these programs can be provided by the USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), which is provided \$28.4 million in disaster recovery funds. Hinchey co-introduced the Post-Irene Emergency Farm Aid Act immediately following Irene and Lee and wrote to congressional leaders to secure funding for these crucial programs.

Federal Highway Administration's Emergency Relief Program: The Federal Highway Administration's Emergency Relief Program is provided \$1.662 billion to assist with the repair of highways that receive federal aid or roads that are on federal lands, which have been seriously damaged by natural disasters.

Community Development Fund: The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) would receive \$400 million for disaster recovery to assist individual homeowners and business owners voluntarily buy out properties to make way for more robust flood protection in the future, and develop infrastructure to rebuild homes and business zones away from flood danger.

Increased funding for SRBC Flood Forecasting Systems: Language in the bill provides for increased funding to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to work with the Susquehanna River Basin Commission to support flood forecasting. Hinchey wrote to congressional leaders earlier this year, requesting the provision.

Recent Announcements From U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand

"Upstate Works Act" Retools NY Manufacturers, Helps Upstate Businesses Reach New Markets, Retrains Workers for New Jobs, Creates New Income Opportunities for Family Farms, New Construction Jobs Upgrading Infrastructure

Senator Kirsten Gillibrand today announced the Upstate Works Act, legislation she wrote to put New Yorkers back to work and help create the environment for a strong and growing upstate economy. The Upstate Works Act retools New York's manufacturers for the clean energy economy, provides tax relief for family farms to diversify and expand their production, provides resources to help students and working adults get the new training they need for the jobs of the future, connects upstate businesses with new markets by expanding broadband to every corner of New York, and gets construction workers back on the job rebuilding New York's highways and water infrastructure.

"As I spend time in every corner of upstate New York, there is no question that families, businesses and communities are struggling. They face unique economic challenges that require targeted solutions," Senator Gillibrand said. "Upstate New York is home to world class businesses and some of the hardest working people in the world, but too many are struggling to find a job, and too many small businesses are struggling to survive. My Upstate Works Act rejuvenates our manufactures to make New York the clean energy capital of the world, gives working adults access to new training to prepare them for the jobs of the future, and helps our family farms get ahead. No other state can lead the way to the new economy like New York, and my upstate Jobs bill taps into New York's full potential."

An estimate of nearly 300,000 upstate New Yorkers are currently out of work. Upstate New York lost an estimated total of more than 3,600 construction jobs in the last year, according to the New York State Department of Labor and the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Gillibrand also announced the Cyberspace Warriors Act of 2011 Focuses On Recruiting, Training And Maintaining Cyber Security Personnel; Protecting National And Economic Security - Proposal Explores the Creation of "Cyber Reserve" or "Cyber ROTC"

Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, today announced the inclusion of her Cyberspace Warriors Act in the FY 2012 National Defense Authorization Act, which passed the Senate. While the establishment of U.S. Cyber Command and cyber components in each of the four services has been crucial to the development of military cyber security, military leaders recognize that attracting, retaining and maintaining cyber warriors remains a challenge. Senator Gillibrand's legislation would require the Secretary of Defense to conduct independent research of the Department's requirements for cyber-security personnel recruitment, training and retention.

"Cyber warfare is an emerging threat that could affect every aspect of our national and economic security," Senator Gillibrand said. "Terrorists could shut

down electric grids in the middle of winter, zero-out bank accounts, or take down a stock exchange, causing an unimaginable amount of disruption and harm. Meanwhile, many of the best and brightest in information technology work in the private sector. We need to ensure that the U.S. military has the resources to recruit and retain these talented individuals to protect our national security."

In today's economic environment, many of the top computer network operations and information technology (CNO/IT) specialists are choosing to work in the private sector, attracted by financial incentives, entrepreneurship trainings and flexibility. It is therefore important that the Department of Defense develop new and innovative ways and receive the tools needed to recruit and retain cyber warriors. To date, the Air Force is leading the military in cyber warfare training having recently graduated its first class of "Cyberspace Operations Officers."

The Cyberspace Warriors Act of 2011 would direct the Secretary of Defense to contract an independent organization to study the Department's cyber security personnel requirements. The study would include a review of the number of personnel required for cyber operations; obstacles to recruitment and retention; potential avenues to address challenges in recruitment, training, and retention, including the reserves, individual ready reserves, civilian expeditionary workforce, corporate and university partnerships, ROTC and civilian auxiliaries.

Now that the Senate has approved the provision as part of the FY 2012 National Defense Authorization Act, the bill will be reconciled with the House version, and pass the full Congress before being sent to the President for signature.

POLITICAL SLANT- Frank Comando - SENATE VOTES TO LET MILITARY DETAIN AMERICANS INDEFINITELY.

OBAMA WHITE HOUSE THREATENS VETO. WASHINGTON -- The Senate voted last Tuesday, to keep a controversial provision in the *National Defense Authorization Act*, which allows the military to detain terrorism suspects on U.S. soil, and hold them indefinitely without trial. *This provision violates the Constitution of the United States, and The Bill Of Rights, because it INCLUDES U.S. CITIZENS* - prompting White House officials to reissue a veto threat, the measure is part of the massive, *National Defense Authorization Act*. The act was also opposed by civil libertarians, on the left, and on the right.

However, 16 Democrats and an independent joined with Republicans to defeat an amendment by Sen. Mark Udall (D-Colo.) that would have killed the provision, voting it down with 61 against, and 37 for it.

Is this the result of Black Democrats who have been bought and paid for by corporation contributions? I wonder?

Description

The United States *House of Representatives* passed the *Defense Authorization Act* and now the Senate passed it *INCLUDING Section 1031, which allows for the INDEFINITE SUSPENSION OF HABEAS CORPUS, DECLARING AMERICA TO BE A BATTLEFIELD where any one of us can be detained without a warrant.* This goes against everything the founders of this great country and many generations fought and died for, ending America as we have come to know it for many generations.

This is why the attack by *TRANS-NATIONAL BANKING, INSURANCE, and other TRANS-NATIONAL MERCHANTS that have been made on our government, and made our jobs disappear by outsourcing and usurping government military contracts to foreign powers which is also unconstitutional, needs to end.*

We need to boycott companies like Walmart that destroy small businesses that have been and still are somewhat, the back bone of this great country, which is still the last Dasein of true freedom for all people of the world.

Trans-National Corporations should pay their fair share of taxes as it was during the Clinton Administration and bring the deficit to a surplus as Bill Clinton left it for George W. Bush. They should pay fair wages and retirement and STOP THE GLUTTONY!

Left, Right, or Center, your Freedom is in dire Jeopardy! Call all of your Representatives and stop this tyranny.

Cuomo hints- gambling for Catskills? It's about time.

Have something to say send it; it must be less than 200 words, e-mail politicalslant@yahoo.com.

SUNY Sullivan Students Shining Examples (From Pg. 4)

"As an educator," said Kathryn Scullion, SUNY Sullivan Bridges Coordinator and instructional assistant in mathematics and science, "it is rewarding to see student's grow so much both academically and socially by participating in the Bridges Program. De'Lorien and Vennicia not only had a chance to demonstrate their academic accomplishments, but they also had an amazing opportunity to work on their presentation skills, not to mention the chance to interact with other students and educators."

De'Lorien, who will be leaving SUNY Sullivan at the end of the 2011-2012 fall semester, has her eyes set on earning both a medical degree and a Ph. D. Currently, De'Lorien currently serves as the student representative on the college's board of trustees.

The hard working De'Lorien said, "if you really want to succeed, you have to be fully engaged and committed."

Vennicia, who plans on transferring to SUNY Delhi in the fall, said that her experience at the conference in St. Louis "helped me make some career choices. I had always envisioned myself as a veterinarian technician, but after participating in the conference, I'm leaning more toward becoming a veterinarian. I also came away from the experience with new insights because I got to speak to so many other minority students."

Both De'Lorien and Vennicia are looking into summer research opportunities because they want to continue to hone their skills.

To learn more about the partnering programs with SUNY Purchase, contact Kathryn Scullion at 845.434.5750, ext. 4447

Getting Ready for Christmas (From Pg. 1)

A Christmas Cookie Sale will be held on Saturday, December 10, from 10 am-12 noon in the Hurlyville UMC Fellowship Hall. Hundreds of homemade Christmas cookies will be set out on tables in the hall. You are invited to buy cookies two ways: Pre-decorated plates of assorted cookies will be available for \$8. Or, you may use a plastic glove (provided at the sale), and fill a container (also provided) with cookies of your choice, for \$5.

Also on December 10, at 4:30 pm, the Woodridge United Methodist Church will hold its Community Christmas Tree Lighting at the church. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome to join in these special events. For more information, please call Pastor Sue at 985-2283.

Time and the Valleys Museum Shop (From Pg. 1)

Visit the Museum Shop (open through the holidays on Saturdays, noon to 4 p.m., and other times by appointment) go to the website www.timeandthevalleysmuseum.org, call 845-985-7700 or write Time and

the Valleys Museum, P.O. Box 254, Grahamsville, New York 12740, for a more information or to place an order. All purchases support the Museum and their many educational activities. To make shopping even easier, the Museum will wrap and ship your purchase with a holiday card, directly to your gift recipient!

SUNY Ulster Schedules Nursing Information Session December 8

Ulster County Community College will hold an information session about its Nursing degree program on Thursday, December 8, at 3:00 p.m. in room 113, Vanderlyn Hall, on the Stone Ridge Campus.

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

TIME & THE VALLEYS MUSEUM
GRAHAMSVILLE, NY



Current exhibits

- Impact of Water on the Life and the Growth of the Valleys
- The Rondout and Neversink watersheds: Before, During and After
- Photo exhibition on view entitled: **A Glimpse into the Building of the Rondout and Neversink Reservoirs and Connecting Tunnels:** Photos from the DEP Archives.


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

Open Saturdays 12-4, and other times by appointment. Research by appointment Adults: The current admission is \$2, Children under 16 -\$1, and children under six are free. For more information call: 845 - 985-7700 or go to the website: timeandthevalleysmuseum.org

Annual Holiday Cookie Sale
Saturday December 10, 2011
10:00am to 3:00pm
Samsonville United Methodist Church
1983 Cty. Rte. 3, Samsonville, NY 12461

Wide assortment of homemade holiday cookies. Choose your favorites to create your own custom box. \$8.00 per pound.
Contact Arlene Kelly 657-2615 or ajkelly037@hvc.rr.com for more information

Grahamsville Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary
announces the arrival of **Santa on December 11th** when he makes his annual visit to **Bicentennial Square in Grahamsville**




The Hurleyville and Woodridge United Methodist Churches invite you to weekly worship:
9 am in Hurlyville,
10:30 am in Woodridge.
For more information, call Pastor Susan Woodworth 985-2283

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CrossWay Assembly of God

Service Times
Sunday School 9:30 am
Sunday Worship Service/ Children's Church 10:30 am
Monday Night Home Bible Study 7 pm
Tuesday Night Youth Home Bible Study 7 pm
Friday Youth Night 7 pm



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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



To be announced
Sundown United Methodist Church
at the Sundown Church Hall



Grahamsville United Methodist Church

Trift Sale Only
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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:
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Saturday afternoon confessions: 4 to 4:45.
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Sunday School 9:30 A.M.
Worship Service 9:30 A.M.

Rev. Paul Z. Ruter, Pastor
845-985-7480

LEGAL/PUBLIC NOTICES**NOTICE:**

Notice is hereby given that the annual inspection for 2011 of the Tri-Valley School Buildings for fire hazards which might endanger the lives of students, teachers, employees therein, has been completed and the report there of is available at the office of Tri-Valley School District for inspection by all interested persons.

12/8/11

Holiday Hours at the Town Hall

The Town of Neversink will observe the following Holiday Hours. The Town Hall will close at noon on Friday, December 23rd & all day on the Monday, December 26th for Christmas and will also close at noon on Friday, December 30th and all day on Monday, January 2nd for New Years. The Transfer Station will be open from 9 am to 5 pm on Saturday, December 24th and Saturday, December 31st. Please plan your Transfer Station and Town Hall business accordingly. The Town of Neversink wishes you a very Joyous Holiday Season and a Healthy and Happy New Year.

Thank You

To the residents of the Town of Neversink,
Thank you for allowing me to be your
Town Clerk & Tax Collector.
I look forward to serving you at the Town Hall
for the next two years and
appreciate your confidence in me.
It is an honor to work and live in Grahamsville
and the Town of Neversink.
Sincerely, Lisa Garigliano

To all of the voters
in the
Town of Denning
I would like to say
'THANK YOU'
for
your support
Mike Dean

The Collapse of the Anti-tax Movement: OWS Paves the Way -- Cuomo Leads the Way

December has brought a sea-change to American politics. The absolutist anti-tax message embraced by Republicans and Democrats alike has begun to collapse, beginning in New York. And in spite of what you hear in the loonier moments of Republican Presidential debates, it's a bipartisan change. Over the past week Republican and Democratic officials in Albany have forged a consensus to enact a millionaire's tax, cut middle class taxes and fund government services.

It's Obama's wish list, but it's Andrew Cuomo's prize. It's the right thing to do, and it's a political master stroke. Cuomo had been a fierce opponent of such taxes, making conventional right-wing arguments about the flight of millionaires from the state and keeping a campaign "no-new-taxes promise." This helped make him very popular with voters across party lines, even if the Democratic base was increasingly upset.

Two realities began to impinge on him. After a Year One budget full of drastic cuts to education, health care and the environment, and burgeoning local property taxes, Cuomo faced a Year Two budget at least as devastating. He could not balance his budget proposal with cuts alone.

And at least as importantly, the zeitgeist changed. Occupy Wall Street and its various NY

Thorn Winter's SCIENCE FICTION & FANTASY FLASH

THE LETTER

By Thorn Winter

As my ship floated pilotless through the dark, ocean night, I sat below deck, smoking my pipe amidst a dozen barrels of black powder.

I could hear the clicking bones of my crew as they scratched and clawed at the heavy oak door to the dry-store room.

"Be patient," I thought confidently, clutching in my rotten, fleshless hand the folded letter that had brought this doom upon us.

It had come into my possession after being fished from the sea by a deck hand. I read it immediately to find that it told the story of a sea Captain, his doomed ship, and a malevolent evil that possessed and murdered his crew.

The final paragraph read that the Captain had committed suicide with his flintlock pistol -- his last resort to escape the evil.

"Nonsense," I thought. "How could he have recounted his suicide after the deed was done?"

A thought appeared in my mind as if suddenly placed: It was not the Captain, but the evil written of within the letter that penned the words -- and quite possibly even created its own paper and ink, crafting a most diabolical disguise for itself.

I could not help but study the last sentence, describing the feeling of victory the Captain felt as the bullet entered his head, and my eye became caught upon its end, where the inscriber had placed an extra period.

It followed immediately after the necessary one - a tiny, solitary, and superfluous dot of black, punctuating the punctuation at the end of the prose.

Certainly this evil was aware that I was no common man, and so I was ever-the-more unnerved by the honest allusion to its dark intentions for me, weaving and waving a sinister plot in front of me as I read, as though to say, "I am coming for you, and you cannot escape."

But, I was too savvy for this evil. I recognized the dark aura of the letter and knew that the extra period, the black point of darkness and the end to the end, was the evil's black, beating heart and death's clandestine signature.

With concern that the letter might frighten my superstitious and low-minded crew, I hid it safely in the pocket of my overcoat. And there, within my own clothes, that tiny heart of malevolent ink pulsed upon the page with un-life, sending a miasma of death and darkness to possess the lesser men around me.

Its first victim, my navigator, fell to his hands and knees, shaking and screaming as though being gutted alive. He clutched at his belly, convulsing and vomiting, as more of the men dropped to the deck around him in like illness. We who remained unstricken stepped back and watched in helpless terror as their flesh violently smoked and melted and their blood boiled out of them like black acid.

The men's screaming faded to silence. Liquefied skin, muscle, and viscera pooled into foul smelling puddles around them, and their bodies reduced to skeletons with scant patches of necrotic and discolored flesh. We watched in silent disbelief after they fell. And only I knew what caused their cursed demise.

spinoffs relentlessly argued for a tax system that was fair to middle-class and poor folks. They argued that Cuomo's insistence on reducing taxes on the super-rich was unfair and undemocratic. And they found a sympathetic ear from taxpayers and voters across the state. The same voters giving Cuomo close to 70% approval ratings supported an extension of the millionaire's tax by similar margins. Whatever silliness was going on in the world of Gingrich/Romney/Cain, etc. was drowned out by a new political reality. New York voters wanted to tax the super-rich, reduce middle-class taxes and fund the government.

Republicans in the State Senate had been a serious obstacle. They had uncharacteristically adopted the extreme anti-tax views of the national Republican party. Remember, New York Republicans gave the nation Nelson Rockefeller, Jacob Javits and Hamilton Fish. That most oxymoronic of phrases, "Liberal Republican," still clung to life. Cuomo saw his first

Suddenly, and as one, they rose to their bony skeleton feet and clicked open their white jaws in a silent howl of demonic hunger. They attacked with bloody ferocity and supernatural speed and strength, clawing and biting savagely into the flesh of their shipmates.

Every man who was killed transformed into a like creature. They rose, infected with the evil, hungry for murder and living, human meat. Within a single hour, my entire crew had been murdered and possessed by the evil.

As I ran for my life I tore the letter from my pocket and opened it. The malefic black dot, having grown in size like a tumor, glared up at me, pulsing with vile-ness, and chilling my heart. It glowed faintly like a hot coal that appears white in the light, but is a red beacon in the darkness.

My attention was distracted by the letter, enough so that the ship's cook caught me unaware and bit into my shoulder, infecting me with the necrotic madness.

Setting aside the terror of my fate, I ran, dashing through the door leading down to the dry room, where we kept the explosive black powder. I knew they would chase me, hungry for my flesh.

I didn't know by what skill or quality I resisted the evil's morphing power. It had rotted the flesh from my feet and legs up to the knees, and from my hands and arms up to the elbows. But, I continued to retain my humanity.

I felt nothing in the rotted parts of me, but there was a line of burning pain, at the border where the evil was winning the fight against my still living flesh and moving slowly toward my heart.

I looked up with a dead man's calm, prepared for the horrible sight that was coming for me. I remained seated on the barrels, smoke curling from my pipe, as the oak door to the storeroom splintered and burst inward.

My starving crewmen pushed into the room with the crack and whine of timber and rushed toward me, their bony feet scraping, clicking, and shuffling.

I quickly stood, and hefted one of the barrels of black powder with my fleshless, dead hands, lifting it high above my head. With all of my might and righteousness, I smashed it down upon the other casks, cracking it open and spilling the explosive dust it contained.

The skeletal fingers of my crew dug sharply into my thighs and neck. They sank their rotten teeth into my ribs, and I gave in to the agony of being torn apart.

But, I laughed. I laugh loudly, wickedly, and triumphantly -- because I had outmaneuvered the evil. I was the poison pawn in its destruction, even at the cost of the small floating world that it had dominated -- my lovely ship, the Abyssal Explorer.

I dragged deeply and repeatedly upon my pipe, causing the ember in the chamber to glow hotly. They grabbed me and fell upon me like wild dogs. My flesh tore, my joints popped, and my bones snapped, as the men pulled, ripped, and chewed on my flesh and organs.

I fought to maintain my senses through the bloody wash of pain and terror, and to focus upon my holy task. Taking the pipe from my lips, I held it above the spilled black powder, and tapped the glowing ember out of its chamber. I, my ship, and my crew died in the glorious, purifying inferno that destroyed the evil..

Greetings True Believers!

I, Thorn Winter, bring weekly offerings of Science Fiction and Fantasy stories from the newest up and slumming Authors!

If you'd like to support this column, and the Authors who write for it, by purchasing an ad, email thornwinter@gmail.com.

If you are an Author of Science Fiction and Fantasy and you'd like to sell your story to TW's SFFF, send your manuscript of approximately 1,000 words to the above email address. Please allow 30 days before resubmitting or inquiring.

chance on gay marriage where he helped coax a couple of Republican votes to push it over the top. Now he's using that model on the millionaire's tax.

The Senate Republicans have their own economic needs to be sure. Catastrophic floods across upstate NY provoked demands for repair and building programs. But in the absence of enough money to fund existing state services there would be no such program without new revenue.

And so it comes together, a combination of budget realities, a shifting national and state mood, and hard-headed politics. For Cuomo, it's a master stroke. He solves his budget problem, reduces middle-class taxes, reconnects with the restive Democratic party base, forges another bipartisan coalition, and all in the face of national gridlock and acrimony. He can now lead a national conversation about taxes, spending and how to make government function. (Contd. Pg 15)

Town of Neversink Parks & Recreation Department
www.townofneversink.org
 (845) 985-2262 extension 312

Watch the *Townsmen* for future events of hosted by the Town of Neversink Parks and Recreation Department.

Don't forget **FREE FUN** every **FRIDAY** afternoon 1- 4 pm in the upstairs meeting room in the Neversink Town Hall.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving, and a very happy Holiday Season!



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>

Monday 7:00 p.m. United Methodist Church, 170 N. Main Street, Liberty

Thursday 7:00 p.m. Immaculate Conception Church Annex, 6317 Rt 42, Woodbourne

Saturday 8:00 p.m. United Methodist Church, 170 N. Main Street, Liberty

The Collapse of the Anti-tax Movement (From Pg. 14)

A final note. I urge all those who criticized Occupy Wall Street as not having an agenda to appreciate the sophisticated politics they've created. OWS understood that the political class would translate its powerful message into policy and politics. "Ninety-nine percent vs. one percent" thundered and whispered across the state became a surge of support for a particular policy, and a talented politician has transformed it into an act of state. Cuomo and OWS, changing the world. Who woulda think it.
 Richard Brodsky
 220 5th Avenue
 New York, NY 10001.

Special Events in December at Pine Hill Community Center

On Saturday, December 10 from Noon - 4pm join the folks from the Big Indian Native American Cultural Center as they share some food, ceremony, drumming, singing and dancing. For info call Ira at 586-4480 or Mary Lou at 254-4238. This meeting will be in the Meeting Room because Cabaradio will be setting up in the big room. A board meeting will follow the gathering. Bring ideas for next year. Everyone is welcome to help us further our mission to share Native American culture with all. (Next Col.)

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- 12/6/11 Town of Denning Board Meeting - DenningTown Hall - 7 pm
- 12/7/11 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting
- 12/8/11 Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting
- 12/10/11 "Shorts & Sweets for the Holidays" 7:30pm SC Historical Society Hurleyville. \$10.00 845-985-7783
- 12/11/11 SANTA WILL VISIT BI-CENTENNIAL PARK in Grahamsville - from 11am to 1pm at the square
- 12/13/11 Caring for Caregivers - Daniel Pierce Library - 6 pm
- 12/13/11 Claryville Fire District -Budget Hearing
- 12/13/11 Town of Denning Business Meeting Denning Town Hall 7 pm
- 12/14/11 Town of Neversink Board Meeting
- 12/15/11 Dept. of Motor Vehicles Neversink Town Hall 10:00 am - 2:30 p.m.
- 12/20/11 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals
- 12/21/11 First Day of HANUKKAH
- 12/21/11 Neversink Fire District Monthly Meeting 7:30 -Public Meeting 8:00 pm
- 12/23/11 Neversink Town Hall will close at NOON for Christmas
- 12/26/11 Town of Neversink Christmas Holiday 0
- 12/27/11 Town of Neversink Parks & Rec Meeting - 7 pm Neversink Town Hall

GAMES & SOCIALIZING -FREE FUN every **FRIDAY** afternoon 1- 4 pm in the upstairs meeting room in the Neversink Town Hall.
SAVE THE DATE! December 4, 2011 Town of Neversink Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony in Bicentennial Square in Grahamsville- 5:00 pm
 December 11, 2011 Santa will visit Bi-Centennial Park in Grahamsville from 11 am to 1 pm!

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

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NEW LOCATIONS in the TOWN OF OLIVE & SHANDAKEN

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 Phoenicia Pharmacy • Phoenicia Deli • Mama's Boy • Ricclardella's • Emerson Resort

TOWN OF OLIVE MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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

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

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

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

There are many new coats, jackets, scarves and gloves in the shop in the Zephyr Building at 302 Main St., open on Saturdays from 10 am -4 pm. Take what you need, pay what you can. All proceeds to the M-ARK Project for flood relief.

Special Notice:

Acting for the Fun of it All: Acting Classes for actors and non-actors with Richard Genaro, scheduled for Tuesday evenings 6-9pm, will resume when there are sufficient enrollees. Please contact Richard at: richardgenaro@aol.com, (845) 679-3353, or(646) 734-2220.

T'ai Chi Ch'uan with Steve Sharkey, scheduled for Wednesday evenings from 6-7 pm. will resume when there are sufficient enrollees. For more information, contact Steve at stevesharkey@catskill.net.

Ho, Ho, Holy Night! A Holiday Happening in Phoenicia!

Friday December 23rd Santa will arrive at 3:00pm in Phoenicia. At 4:00 Uncle Rock and Friends will be performing a Free Holiday Concert at STS Playhouse. Then join Santa in some Christmas Caroling around the bonfire at Mama's Boy and enjoy some hot chocolate and cookies. At 6:00 pm the Christmas caroling will continue along Main Street.

Handel's Messiah will be performed by the Phoenicia Community Choir at 7:30 pm at the Wesleyan Church at 24 Main Street.

Remember that stores will remain open late for that last minute gift shopping and please don't forget those in need. Please bring non-perishable food items to Mama's Boy to be donated to the Helping Hands Food Pantry.

This event is sponsored by the Ulster Savings Bank, SHARP and the Emerson Hotel and Spa

FEMA And SBA Will Accept Applications For Federal Aid Through December 15

Washington, DC - U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand is urging New Yorkers affected by Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee to file their applications for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and Small Business Administration (SBA) disaster assistance. December 15, the deadline to apply for federal assistance, is less than two weeks away, and Senator Gillibrand wants to ensure that all New Yorkers eligible for federal assistance have access to it.

Also on Sat., Dec. 10, from 6-10pm Catskill Cabaradio it will again be time for the best show ever to hit the stage from Allaben to Fleischmanns: the Catskill Cabaradio variety show! Local poets, personalities, live music, history and good old fashioned family fun! Play Catskill trivia, ask Dorothy Greenburg for some down home advice in Your Mother Should Know, and, of course, tap your foot to the rockin' Cabaradio House Band. A Prairie Home Companion meets David Letterman meets Hee Haw extravaganza not to be missed, but if you must tune in live at www.wioxradio.org or 91.3 FM WIOX in Roxbury. The very special lineup includes Connor Kennedy; Laurie MacIntosh with songs from her new cd; storyteller Jack Maguire; Jessica Vecchione of Vecc Videography; poet Michael Platsky; Artie Martello with magic on the radio; Joyce St. George and Frank Canavan of Project Hope.

A Holiday Crafts Fair will be held on Saturday, December 17th. A day of fun, good food, and holiday joy. Vendors invited. Free tables15, % of sales go to the Community Center. Call or email for more information. There will be chili, fine crafts for sale, we'll show off our grass pellet stove and representatives from Cornell University Cooperative Extension of Delaware County will be on hand to discuss this amazing grass bio-energy projec and on Sun., Dec. 18, 1-4pm: Make a Holiday Centerpiece with Bonnie Schaedle. Create a fresh flower and foliage centerpiece to grace your holiday table under the expert guidance of floral wizard Bonnie Schaedle. \$25.00, all materials included. Pre-registration and payment due by December 14th. Call 845-254-5469. Pine Hill Community Center office hours are Wed.-Fri. 10am -5pm, Sat. 10 - 2. All activities will take place as scheduled.

During office hours and on Sundays, wi-fi availability, 4 computers available. Arts and Crafts Shop open for business. as is our newly re-opened Golden Treasures Thrift Shop. (Check out the Christmas Corner for specialty holiday decorative items). Please "Like" us on Facebook and check our website pinehillcommunitycenter.org for up to the minute information about happenings at theCenter.

Do you know that the Center has a ping pong table, a fusbball table, and many games and toys for public use? Well, we do, and you are welcome to drop in and make use of these during the times the Center is open.

Our Pop-up Thrift Shop is conducting a coat drive. Bring a gently worn winter coat or jacket, and take another away if you need one. (Next Col.)



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Knarf's "Classic Movie Trivia - All the King's Men (1949)



The film centers on the rise and fall of a 'Huey Long-like' senator, played by Crawford in the performance of his career. This backwoods politician rises to the top only to become corrupted. Directed by, Robert Rossen. Starring, Broderick Crawford, Joanne Dru, John Ireland, Mercedes McCambridge, John Derek, Shepperd Strudwick, Anne Seymour.

Brilliant adaptation (by director Rossen) of Robert Penn Warren's Pulitzer Prizewinning novel about himself and McCambridge (in her first film) won well-deserved Oscars, as did the film, for Best Picture. Campaign montages directed by Don Siegel. See it on TCM Friday, December 9, 2011 at 10:00 PM, 110 min, TV- PG

Quiz:

- A. Who played Jack Burden?
- B. Who played Sadie Burke?

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

YE OLDE TRI-VALLEY TOWNSMAN HAS OBTAINED THE SERVICES OF NY SCIENCE FICTION AND FANTASY WRITER THORN WINTER READ HIS FIRST FLASH OFFERING "THE LETTER" IN THIS ISSUE, PAGE 14 - ENJOY!

GRAHAMSVILLE - SANTA IN BICENTENNIAL PARK 12/11/2011 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm at Town of Neversink Bicentennial Park

SUNDOWN - Peekamoos Road is on the mend thanks to the Town of Denning crews and the Ulster County DPW. Thanks guys.

HURLEYVILLE - Sullivan County Historical Society & Museum 265 Main Street - P.O. Box 247, Hurleyville, NY 12747 Shorts & Sweets for the Holidays - 2011 Saturday, December 10, 2011 Big Sky Productions, NY. Admission is \$10.00 to benefit the Historical Society. The program will feature holiday readings, music and even a few holiday jokes, intermission enjoy free holiday refreshments. Call 845-985-7783 or 845-434-8044 for information.

BOICEVILLE - Get *Christmas gift certificate for your favorite people* and don't forget to get your own *Holiday Poinsettia* while they last. A "steal" at the **BOICEVILLE FLORIST**

PHOENICIA - Hudson River Sloop Clearwater House Party, Friday, January 6, 2012 Time, 5:30pm until 8:30pm, Join us for the Phoenicia house party (Suggested donation \$15; They will be happy to help you get a head start on winter weekend activities here in the Catskills. Call them to become a member if you can't come 845 750-2098 or alma@hvc.rr.com

OLIVE - OLIVE FREE LIBRARY CRAFT SALE - December 10, 2011, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm- see flyer in this issue.

TANNERSVILLE, NY-PHOENICIA INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF THE VOICE HOLIDAY OF SONG AT THE ORPHEUM. FREE FOR ALL AGES- NO TICKET REQUIRED, Saturday, December 10th, 6pm *The Orpheum Performing Arts Center* Main Street, Tannersville, NY

Have a great week,
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