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Local Ukrainian-Americans Shows Support for Ukraine

by Nadia N.S. Maczaj



On Sunday, February 2, area Ukrainians gathered to show solidarity with their brothers and sisters in Ukraine, in their struggle for a just, democratic and free society. Members of Holy Trinity Ukrainian Catholic Church in Kerhonkson and other Ukrainian organizations came together after Sunday morning Liturgy on their local "Maidan". Taken from the name of the central square in Kyiv, Ukraine, where crowds first gathered in November, Maidan is the name of the anti-government protest that continues to this day in Ukraine. (Contd. Pg. 8)

Career & Tech Program Prepares Students for College and Careers that Feed Sullivan County's Economic Engine

LIBERTY - Transforming youth into responsible, qualified professionals is the primary focus of Sullivan BOCES. We



pride ourselves in preparing the youth of our county so they are able to continue to college or go out into the workforce to become the "Leaders" of tomorrow.

The Career and Technical Education Program prides itself on accomplishing this goal throughout all of its programs.

Over the years, thousands of Career & Tech graduates have demonstrated their ability to make a difference in our County and within the global economy.

Paige LaPolt, 2011 Graduate of Liberty CSD and the Animal Science Program at BOCES, is a perfect example of this. Paige went on to continue her studies at Morrisville State College. During her time at Morrisville State College, she was on the Dean's Academic List and was given the opportunity to advance her training in a number of ways. Paige graduated from Morrisville in May 2013, with an Associate of Applied Science degree in Equine Science and Management. (Contd. Pg. 4)

Thank You to the Ellenville Wawarsing 4th of July Committee for their Dedicated Service to the Community



The kitchen crew was behind the scene on Saturday evening, but their cooking definitely made a good impression. The food was great and was served with a smile.



Other volunteers were busy selling raffle tickets and collecting or selling tickets at the door.

What a pleasant break from winter; a 4th of July event!

Not only was the food great, so were the hosts and hostesses at Saturday evening's 2014 Ellenville Wawarsing 4th of July Committee Spaghetti Dinner held at the Elks Lodge in Napanoch.

The Ellenville Wawarsing 4th of July Committee is a group of dedicated residents who volunteer their time and efforts raising funds at various events during the year to make sure that the traditional Annual Independence Day celebration held in Ellenville continues to be the best in the area.

Funds raised at the dinner will go toward this year's Ellenville/Wawarsing 4th of July Parade and Fireworks. A big "thank you" to the volunteers who continue to participate in the fundraising events as well as organize and prepare for the popular 4th of July Celebration year after year. Great job!

If you were unable to attend the dinner or other events and wish to make a donation toward this year's Ellenville/Wawarsing 4th of July Parade and Fireworks contact James at James' General Store on Main Street in Napanoch 845-647-5973.

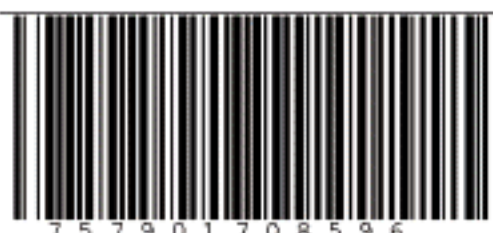


Everyone ate well and had a good time

Grahamsville and Sundown United Methodist Churches to Celebrate "Fat" Sunday with Other Area UMC Congregations and Community Members

Grahamsville and Sundown United Methodist Churches will join with other area United Methodist congregations and community members for a "Fat" Sunday Celebration on Sunday, March 2 at 4 p.m. at the Napanoch Senior Citizens Center. The event will include worship, fellowship, and a covered dish supper. Before entering the spiritual valley of Lent, all are invited to come together to celebrate the mountaintop experiences of faith that point us to God's gift of new life. Come one and all to join in this time of praise, reflection, feasting and community building.

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ON THE FRONT BURNER: He shall call to the heavens from above, and to the earth, that he may judge his people.
Psalm 50:4

OBITUARY

John P. Powers of Grahamsville, NY, a retired highway superintendent for the Town of Neversink and a long time area resident, died Saturday, February 15, 2014 at the Orange Regional Medical Center, Middletown, NY. He was 76.

The son of the late James and Mary Marino Powers, he was born July 20, 1937 in Bronx, NY.

John was a member and a past chief of the Neversink Fire Department; a Communicant of the Immaculate Conception Church, Woodbourne, NY; and a member of the NYS Highway Superintendent Association.

Survivors include his wife, Ann Vontoussaint Powers, at home; two sons, James Foster of Grahamsville, NY and Michael Foster and his wife Tina of Grahamsville, NY; one daughter, Connie Duquette and her husband William "Duke" of Grahamsville, NY; two brothers, James Powers of Reno, NV and Francis Powers of Bronx, NY; five grandchildren, Michael Foster, James Foster, Heather Foster, Kayla Connelly and her husband James, and Samantha Duquette; one brother-in-law and his best buddy, William Vontoussaint and his wife Sara.

He was predeceased by one brother, William Powers; and one sister, Nancy Lauria.

A celebration of John's life and firematic services were held on Sunday, March 2, 2014 followed with a respite at the Neversink Fire Hall with Father Joseph Juracek officiating.

Burial was in the Sullivan County Veteran's Cemetery, Liberty, NY.

Memorial contributions in his name may be made to the American Cancer Society, 121 Executive Drive, New Windsor, NY 12553.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Harris Funeral Home, West St. at Buckley, Liberty, NY 845-292-0001 or 845-439-5200 www.Harris-FH.com

College News - Brian Edwards of Grahamsville, N.Y., Named Presidential Scholar at Clarkson University

Brian M. Edwards of Grahamsville, N.Y., a junior majoring in mechanical engineering, was named a Presidential Scholar for the fall 2013 semester at Clarkson University. Presidential Scholars must achieve a minimum 3.80 grade-point average and carry at least 14 credit hours.

Clarkson University launches leaders into the global economy. One in five alumni already leads as a CEO, VP or equivalent senior executive of a company. Located just outside the Adirondack Park in Potsdam, N.Y., Clarkson is a nationally recognized research university for undergraduates with select graduate programs in signature areas of academic excellence directed toward the world's pressing issues. Through 50 rigorous programs of study in engineering, business, arts, sciences and health sciences, the entire learning-living community spans boundaries across disciplines, nations and cultures to build powers of observation, challenge the status quo, and connect discovery and engineering innovation with enterprise.

DAYS OF YORE.... Today's History

February 24, 1954 - Miss Pat Potter was guest of honor at a miscellaneous bridal shower at the Grahamsville Fire House on Saturday evening. The hostesses were Misses Marilyn Mickelson and Betty Foster. Miss Potter's wedding to A/2C Clinton A. Hamilton will take place on Saturday, February 27 in the Grahamsville Methodist Church.

Several Sundown residents have tapped their sap bushes. Dennis Eighmey has about 100 buckets out.

Sgt. Richard Van Wagner, with his wife and daughter, are expected at the home of his

mother, Mrs. Flossie Van Wagner, within the next two weeks. They are now at Fort Knox, Kentucky. The soldier's term of enlistment will end on February 28th.

February 19, 1964 - Mrs. Barbara Ann Bailey told State Police on Sunday that she killed her husband, James Virgil Bailey, with a .32 caliber revolver after an argument over who would rekindle their kitchen stove. She was charged with second degree murder.

The American Farmer Degree is awarded to about 380 outstanding FFA members each year. Only one member in a thousand may receive it. Gene Walter, a member of the Tri Valley FFA, received this award last year.

Alfred Einert, formerly a resident here and a graduate of the Class of '56 at Tri Valley School, returned to college after his service in the Air Force at Arkansas State College and has now been selected for Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities.

In 1962, New York State led the nation in maple syrup production with 524,000 gallons. New York produced approximately 30% of the nation's total maple syrup production.

February 27, 1974 - On February 16, 1974 at 6 p.m. a Candlelight Ceremony in the Grahamsville United Methodist Church, Barbara Robinson and Peter Jay Van Scoy were united in marriage. The Rev. Newton Ford officiated. Mrs. Van Scoy is the daughter of Morris W. and Adelaide M. Robinson of Grahamsville. She graduated from Fort Greely High School, Alaska. She was employed by Tri-Valley School. Mr. Van Scoy is the son of Mrs. Ethel Van Scoy and the late Howard Van Scoy of Rome, N.Y. He is a graduate of Syracuse Univ. and served 4 years in the Air Force. He is currently employed by the Dept. of Correction in Napanoch. They are making their home in Kerhonkson.

Howard Grant Aldrich 52, of Chesapeake, Va. died Tuesday on arrival at East Norfolk General Hospital. Born in East Meridith he lived many years in Grahamsville but had lived in Virginia for the past 27 years. Among the survivors was his stepmother, Helen Aldrich. His father, Zophar Aldrich, passed away in 1972.

February 3, 1984 - Mr. Thomas E. Chase, Sr. of Grahamsville and Mrs. Beverly Chase, also of Grahamsville, announce the engagement of their daughter, Kim Chase to William K. Moore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Moore of Neversink, N.Y. Miss Chase is a graduate of Tri-Valley Central School. She is employed by Greenwood Rehabilitation Center as a Direct Care Counselor. Her fiancé is also a graduate of Tri-Valley Central School. He is employed by Fallsburg Gas Co. as a driver. Wedding plans are incomplete.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Costa, South Hill Road, Grahamsville are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Melissa Rose, to Scott Tompkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Tompkins of Scio, N.Y. Miss Costa is a graduate of Tri-Valley Central School and is currently a student at Alfred State College, Alfred, N.Y. She is studying to be a Medical Lab Technician. Her fiancé graduated from Scio Central School and has served three years in the United States Army. He is now employed by Bush Industries in Little Valley, N.Y. An April 1985 wedding is planned.

Sullivan County Philatelic Society News

The next meeting of the Sullivan County Philatelic Society will be held on March 9th, Sunday afternoon at 1 pm in the Ted Stroebele Recreation Center at 2 Jefferson Street, Monticello, NY. There will be a DVD program relating to stamps as well as a 5 lot mini auction, and a short discussion on upcoming meetings and annual stamp show.

Members asked to comment on a topic for the theme of the show, "One Hundred Anniversary of World War I". Bob Longo, our society artist has been making a special cancel. We are working with another stamp club in the State of Florida on the same subject.

Philatelically Yours,
Arthur Rosenzweig

A Round About Tri-Valley

-Carol Furman

Someone told me that the Eureka eagle is sitting on her nest in the old tree by the Rondout Reservoir. I looked as I drove by and sure enough, it does look like she might be doing just that. Seems a little early, but maybe she knows something we don't!

So sorry to hear that Preston Kelly, Town of Neversink Highway Superintendent, has a broken leg. There is never a good time to have something like that happen!

Condolences to the Dexheimer Family of Neversink. Margaret "Maggie" Dexheimer Sherwood, George's sister, passed away on February 12th at the age of 79.

Sympathy also to the family and friends of John Powers. John passed away on February 15th at the age of 76. John was a retired Town of Neversink Highway Superintendent who was always willing to lend a hand around the community when needed. Keep his wife, Ann, in your prayers.

Get well wishes to Jackie Quick of Grahamsville, who recently spent a few days in the hospital, to Julie Starnor of Grahamsville, who is recovering from minor surgery and to Fred Robertson of Woodbourne, who suffered a mild heart attack. Thank goodness his neighbors, Jack and Cherie Degraw, were there when he needed them in the middle of the night.

March 5th is Ash Wednesday. There will be a community service at the Grahamsville Methodist Church at 7:00 pm for all who wish to attend.

The Philip Coombe, Jr. Family of South Hill spent President's Day weekend enjoying winter activities at Phil and Carolyn's second home in Vermont. It was a good weekend for snowmobiling as there was plenty of snow!

The valedictorian and salutatorian for the Tri-Valley Class of 2014 have been announced. The

valdictorian is Alexandra Brooks and the salutatorian is Hauk Boyes. Congratulations to both of these hard-working students!

Caylee Poppo, a 3rd grade Tri-Valley student, organized a bake sale to benefit the Bryce Rogerson Family on February 22nd at the Tri-Valley Elementary School. The sale, which was held from 9:00am -2:00pm during the youth basketball games, was very successful! Thank you Caylee (and Mom, Kathy) for performing this act of kindness.

Lou Millsbaugh took a group of youngsters from the Grahamsville Reformed Church ice fishing on Dwight Coornbe's pond on Sunday afternoon. He also demonstrated how to clean a fish once it was caught. The kids had a great time! Lou is an avid fisherman.

On Sunday, March 2nd, Neversink Parks and Rec. will be taking a group to the Eisenhower Hall Theatre at West Point to see "Beauty and the Beast". The bus will be leaving Neversink Town Hall at 1:15pm.

Sympathy to the family and friends of Jason Kline, a former Tri-Valley student, who passed away on February 12th. Jason was 33 years old.

Donald Ziter, a former principal at Tri-Valley High School, passed away at the age of 75 on February 15th. Don and his wife, Fran, lived on South Hill in Grahamsville for many years. Condolences to Fran and the rest of the Ziter Family.

Words of Wisdom: The way to worry about nothing is to pray about everything! (unknown)

Tejeda Earns Bachelors and Master's Degrees Concurrently

Ellenville Regional Hospital (ERH) is pleased to announce that Jorge Tejeda, RN has concurrently earned his Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing for SUNY Delhi and his Master of Science in Professional Studies from Pace University.

After earning his Associates in Nursing degree in 2009, Tejeda joined the Ellenville Regional Hospital nursing team as a Registered Nurse in the Emergency Department in May 2010. He currently holds certifications in Basic Life Support (BLS), Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support (ACLS), Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) and Neonatal Resuscitation Program (NRP) through the American Heart Association, and Trauma Nursing Core Course (TNCC) and Emergency Nursing Pediatric Course (ENPC) through the Emergency Nurses Association. Tejeda was named as the Ellenville Regional

Hospital Emergency Department Nurse of the Year by the Ulster County EMS Association in 2013.

After graduating Magna Cum Laude from both SUNY Delhi, School of Nursing and Pace University, School of Education, while being inducted into both the SUNY Delhi Honor Society of Nursing and Alpha Epsilon Lambda Honor Society, Tejeda plans to continue his educational pursuits by enrolling in the Walden University Doctor of Nursing (DNP) program. In addition, Tejeda has been selected as a candidate to deliver the class address for the Pace University commencement ceremony, which is being held at Madison Square Garden in May 2014.

The hospital is proud of the educational accomplishments of its staff and continues to encourage our staff to accomplish their career goals by accommodating work schedules and providing monetary support to its employees who wish to further their education.

LHS Dept. of Music presents Annual Pops Prism Concert

The Liberty High School Department of Music proudly presents the Annual Pops Prism Concert on Tuesday March 4, at 7 p.m. (snow date March 5) at the David E. Panebaker Auditorium. The concert features the Liberty High School honors choir, honors band, honors orchestra, symphonic band, mixed chorus and orchestra. Student soloists and small group numbers will also be featured.

The unique prism concert format allows for a continuous cycle of music as each song flows into the next without applause and minimum interruption. For this reason, audience members should plan on being in their seats by 7 p.m., as entry into the auditorium after the start of the concert cannot be guaranteed.

The concert kicks off Music In Our Schools month and admission is free and open to the public.

Please contact Timothy Hamblin, Director of Music for further information at 292-5400 X2021 or thamblin@libertyk12.org

CAS Presents "Yarnslingers: Memoirs" Storytelling Series

Livingston Manor, NY - The Catskill Art Society will present the storytelling group Yarnslingers for their partnership series "Yarnslingers: Memoirs" at the CAS Arts Center at 48 Main Street, Livingston Manor, NY on Saturday, March 15 at 7pm. Tickets are available for a suggested donation of \$10.

"Yarnslingers: Memoirs" is a year-long collaboration with the Catskill Art Society, featuring storytellers from all walks of life who share pieces of their biographies in monthly performances. From the surprising and heartfelt to the charmingly everyday, the tales of this diverse group reveal their individual idiosyncrasies, while uniting us in their common experiences.

The program is an interactive workshop between its writers and audience members, and all are invited to share their responses to the chapters after the show.

Storytellers include: Isabel Braverman; Lillian Browne; Rebekah Creshkoff Bill Fellenberg; Ann Finneran; Jonathan Charles Fox; Ramona Jan; Marion Kaselle; and Stacy Rogers

The show runs approximately 85 minutes with no intermission.

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

About the Catskill Art Society

The Catskill Art Society is a non-profit cultivating public interest, participation, and enjoyment of the arts. Through its multi-arts center, CAS explores contemporary art practices and facilitates creative and professional development for established and emerging artists. Located in Livingston Manor, the renovated 4,500+ square foot facility includes a designated fine arts gallery, a large multi-purpose space, a pottery studio, a painting studio, and a digital arts lab. For more information, please visit www.catskillartsociety.org.

Funding for CAS is provided in part by the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Legislature.

Nature Column - Linda Comando

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

If you are looking for signs of spring like I am, and I am happy to say I saw a flock of geese. However, I also know now that there are an increasing number of Canadian Geese that are spending their winter in the north. Wishful thinking, but I am hoping that the flock I saw was returning from the southern United States or Mexico and that it is a sign that in a few weeks will have a spring thaw and



say goodbye to winter.

It is not unusual for geese to return north this time of the year. Each pair of geese will begin look for a nesting territory

and select a nesting site where they will build a large nest of grasses and downy feathers. As soon as there is open water for mating and snow-free nest sites, a clutch of eggs is laid. Laying the eggs is not a simple task. Each egg takes a little over a day to lay. The number can range anywhere from 2 to 12) while the male guards the nesting area.

The goose (female) incubates them with her warm body for about 26 days while the gander (male) guards the nest.

If you accidentally wander into a nesting male's territory while looking for a good spot to lie your picnic blanket down, you could expect a male goose to come after you hissing with his wings spread.

After about a month of incubation, the baby geese peck at their shells with the 'egg tooth' found at the end of their bill. It takes 1 to 2 days for them to free themselves from the egg. After the babies have hatched, the family moves away from the nesting site on foot toward more favorable feeding areas. The newly hatched babies (called 'goslings') are able to swim immediately. The male and female goose both accompany the babies during their swims. Goslings can dive and swim for 30-40 feet underwater and they eat almost continuously to attain growth for the first migration flight.

Geese have become quite a common sight in city parks. Some cities are having trouble with overpopulation of the geese and, for this reason, are trying to discourage people from feeding them in the overpopulated areas.

The main enemy of the Canadian Goose is people. In an attempt to control rising populations some areas have begun egg collection and/or hunting efforts to decrease the number of geese in their area.

Natural enemies include the fox, gulls, Bald Eagles, Peregrine Falcons and Snowy Owls.

If you should hear a honking noise coming from the sky, look up and if you should see a flock of geese flying in their familiar V-formation, it may be the sign we are looking for and that the winter is finally drawing toward an end.

Household Hints

Vinegar and Hardboiled Eggs

When you are making hard-boiled eggs, adding 2 tablespoons distilled vinegar for every quart (liter) of water will keep the eggs from cracking and make them easier to shell.

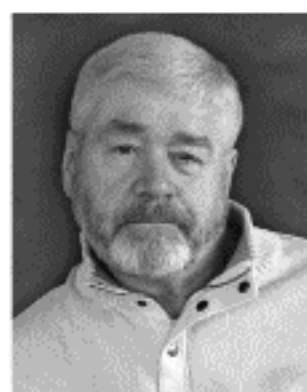
Loch Sheldrake Fire Dept. plans breakfast with Local Products

The Loch Sheldrake Fire Department will be hosting their annual spring breakfast on Sunday, March 9th, 7am until noon. This family friendly breakfast is boasting a menu of buttermilk pancakes, eggs from local producers in Woodridge, and fresh sausage from Pecks Market. Rounding out the meal will be fresh brewed coffee, tea and plenty of orange juice!

\$7 for adults, \$5 for children 12 and under, and children 5 and under are FREE! Tickets and raffles available at the door.

The Loch Sheldrake Fire Department is located on Route 52 across from the SCCC entrance. Please support the volunteers who support you year round!

The Gods of Guilt Mysterious Book Report No. 134 by John Dwaine McKenna



The Mysterious Book Report this week is another by the prolific best seller, Michael Connelly, everybody's favorite mystery writer. That's because he's able to regularly turn out original works that *Just Get It*, in the words of one of my favorite cop buddies.

The Gods of Guilt, (Little Brown, \$28.00, 387 pages, ISBN 978-0-316-06951-9) by Michael Connelly is a courtroom drama featuring Mickey Haller, AKA The Lincoln Lawyer. In this one, Haller lands a murder case with a client who can afford to pay his fees—an unusual occurrence. It's a referral from one of his former clients, a prostitute Haller helped to get out of "the life" as it is called, about eight years earlier. The defendant in the current murder case is a gay man who creates and manages websites for escort services... a sort of electronic pimp, because he shares in the fees the escorts, both male and female, earn. The murdered woman is the same prostitute who referred the accused man, and whom Haller thought he had saved, but she was back in the life under a different name. She'd been served with a subpoena to give a deposition in regards to a violent Mexican drug lord who's trying to get his conviction overturned, claiming that he was framed, and wrongly sent to prison. As his client languishes in jail, Haller and his associates race to figure out who did what to whom before it's too late, before an innocent man dies or gets sentenced to life in prison. At the same time, the drug lord's case is slowly drawing Haller in deeper. You'll have a front row seat and watch as Haller makes his case before 'The Gods of Guilt,' the twelve men and women of the

jury who have to decide the fate of the accused. Like all of Connelly's works, this one will both entertain and educate you as you go along for the ride with one of the slickest characters in crime fiction, Mickey Haller, the Lincoln Lawyer.

Like the column? The greatest compliment you can give is to share it with others on Facebook. Facebook.com/ John Dwaine McKenna --JDM

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Instead of moving to another state, she decided to come back to Sullivan County to use her training and knowledge to make a difference. Paige immediately found a job as the coordinator and riding instructor of New Hope Community's Therapeutic Equine/Animal Program. According to Barbara Moran, Animal Science Instructor at BOCES, "I have visited Paige's program at New Hope and her work there is amazing. She is making a huge impact on the people who go through her program."

If you would like more information about the Career & Technical Education Programs offered at Sullivan BOCES call (845) 295-4152 or visit us at scbores.org.

"The Power of Food: Life Skills for Nutrition, Children and Families" Comes to Fallsburg Central School District



On a chilly snowy day, Dr. Robert Dell'Amore and Ms. Elaine Medin arrived at Fallsburg's Benjamin Cosor Elementary bearing a bounty of colorful vegetables and fruits. At several assemblies in the school gymnasium throughout the day, they met with entire classes from third through sixth grades to demonstrate how simple it is to prepare healthy, nutritious meals for a family. Dr. Dell'Amore has been visiting schools throughout New York and New Jersey for the past ten years teaching young people safe and simple knife skills, how to slice and dice aromatic herbs, and prepare vegetables without adding butter, salt and sugar that can lead to obesity and type-2 diabetes that are plaguing the nation's children.

The program is part of the Carol M. White Physical Education Program Grant that has recognized the doctor for and that the Fallsburg Central School District received for bolstering the health, nutrition and exercise of the children in the schools.

Watching just two of the assemblies with the third and sixth graders, one saw the magic in the performance of the two presenters. They engaged the young people and had their rapt attention as one small group after another learned how to carefully slice vegetables, mix oil and apple cider vinegar as a salad dressing, and watch as Ms. Medin, a chef and public school administrator, prepare pasta in an electric skillet that would be the base for the salad mixture.

During every step of the preparation, Dr. Dell'Amore was teaching what lemons are juiciest, how important it is to slice onions, fresh garlic, and mushrooms thin so they cook

quickly and thoroughly, and how to protect yourself while using ceramic knives. "Notice that I am not adding any salt, butter or sugar as I prepare," said the doctor. He then added what nutrients we receive from garlic, from mushrooms, from fresh peppers, from fresh lemons, from the apple cider vinegar. He stressed how reasonable the costs were, how easy it was to reap the benefits of fresh foods, and how they could be helping their families in the kitchen.

At the end of the hour long assembly, a group of boys volunteered to come up front and serve their classmates and teachers the finished product in a plastic cup. After the delicious snack, the presenters cleaned up the table and prepared for the next assembly. Dr. Dell'Amore acknowledged the attentive behavior and willing participation of all the young people. The teachers, staff and students at BOCES were very pleased with the enthusiasm of Dr. Dell'Amore and Ms. Medin. They truly enjoyed a delicious day while learning about healthy and nutritious food and preparation. The school district awaits the Power of Food presentation in the following week at Fallsburg High School.

2014 Achievement Awards-Free Conference, Local Market and Expo

FERNDALE - Ten individuals, organizations and businesses will receive 2014 Sullivan First Achievement Awards for their commitment to improving the appearance of Sullivan County during the Sullivan Renaissance Annual Conference, Local Market and Expo on Saturday, March 8 at the CVI Center in Ferndale, NY. Everyone is welcome and there is no cost to attend. This year's Sullivan First Achievement Awards go to:

- o Kathy Fielding, Monticello - For tireless volunteerism and dedicated leadership in the Monticello beautification efforts.
- o LouAnn Rexford, Hurleyville - For volunteerism with Hurleyville Sullivan First and for personal efforts to keep Hurleyville clean and beautiful.
- o Dick Riseling, Sullivan Alliance for Sustainable Development - For continued efforts to move Sullivan County toward a more sustainable future through agriculture, resource conservation and the use of alternative energy.
- o Leon Smith, Bethel - For contributions to the revitalization of Kauneonga Lake and for work on behalf of revitalization projects throughout the Town of Bethel.
- o Manza Family Farm - For ongoing support of Sullivan Renaissance projects and for many contributions toward community beautification efforts.
- o The Beekman House, Kauneonga Lake - For turning a "space" into a "place" and being a role model of best practices of façade renovations, landscaping, community and economic development.
- o New Hope Community & JonJon Thomas - For generosity toward Sullivan Renaissance projects through the contribution of plants, flowers and volunteer support of projects.
- o Yankee Lake Preservation Association - For an innovative approach to addressing landscaping challenges through incorporating a rain garden to compliment the gardens at the Yankee Lake Preservation Association.
- o Robert Hayes, Tri-Valley School - For dedication to educating the students at Tri-Valley Central School to appreciate the value of natural resources and for ongoing efforts to engage students in volunteer activities in their community.

o Jane Sorensen, Monticello Central School District - For dedication to the students and families in the Monticello School District and for leadership in bringing the Catskill Edible Garden Project to the Cooke School.

Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. with breakfast and expo. The program starts at 9:00 a.m. and continues until 2:00 p.m. Door prizes will be awarded at the conference conclusion. Please RSVP by March 5.

The day will bloom with spring flowers and inspiration, and offer tools and resources to help volunteers make a difference in their communities. The event has three main elements:

- o The program includes the awards presentation, keynote address and two featured speakers;
- o The local market will offer participants and guests the opportunity to purchase local, natural and organic goods from area farms and businesses; and
- o The expo highlights exhibits by many of Sullivan County's garden centers and nurseries, along with other vendors with products and services of interest to volunteers.

The keynote address will be delivered by Svante Myrick, Mayor of Ithaca, one of the youngest mayors in U.S. history. His talk will focus on the successful work being done to revitalize the City of Ithaca. Mayor Myrick will share ideas on community revitalization and how communities can take the necessary steps toward a better future.

In addition to the keynote, the conference will highlight two special addresses:

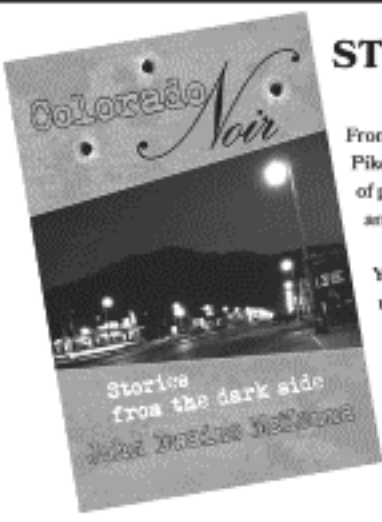
- o Certified Nursery & Landscape Professional Sally Cunningham speaking about "Native Plants and Eco-friendly Landscapes" and
- o Village of Warwick Mayor and Communities in Bloom International Winner Michael Newhard speaking on "Transformational Communities."

Information about the 2014 Sullivan Renaissance grant program will be presented, along with an opportunity to discuss individual projects with staff. Applications will be available.

Please RSVP by March 5. This is a recycling event; appropriate receptacles will be provided for attendees.

For information, call the Sullivan Renaissance office at 845-295-2445. To register on line, go to <http://www.sullivanrenaissance.org/registration/>. To download a conference brochure, go to: http://www.sullivanrenaissance.org/_doc/2014ConferenceBrochure.pdf.

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The Olive Jar - By Carol LaMonda

Cabin Fever

There really is such a thing as "cabin fever." After weeks of shoveling and digging out, our mind turns to a longing for fresh air and something GREEN. I am awaiting the day when I can open a window or door without hearing, "Close that door; the cold air is blowing in."

I am keeping track of those friends (on Facebook) who have literally "flown the coop" to head south, which is no easy feat because of all the cancellations and delays of flights. They post pictures of sand, sun and beach complete with tropical drinks, while I cook more comfort food that will destroy any hopes of wearing a bathing suit in public next summer. The worse the snow storm, the more I crave macaroni and cheese and some calorie-laden dessert. I think there is a direct correlation between the snow total in inches, times a multiple of fifty, and the calorie intake of those who are homebound.

We all had time to watch the Winter Olympics this year as we remain glued to our computers and television sets. Here at the home front, we had our own Olympic events to watch. There was throw the frisbee in the snow and watch the dog leap over the snowbanks into three feet of snow. There was the record size icicle measure from the porch roof that formed from an ice jam in the gutters. There was the bobsled run cleared for the cat to make yellow snow. There was the fill-the-bird-feeder each morning to feed the birds as they did their "feeding frenzy" before each storm. There was the February Triathlon...snow shovel, snow plow, and snow blow the way to the mailbox event, and don't forget the bring-in-another load of wood in from the wood pile competition. All good fun for the first few weeks of winter. Now it is getting old.

Alas, I know we will long for these days next summer as the temperature soars to the nineties. Right now, I will settle for something in the double digits and above freezing.



RESERVOIR MUSIC NOTES- Fred Perry, Owner of Reservoir Music Center, 3179 Route 28, Shokan, NY 12481. 845-657-6127.

Well, well, well! Look who's back! And it's good to be back! There's been so much we've missed, don't rightly know where to start! That's a lie!

Might as well start the first column of the new year by telling y'all where I've been. Moving, mostly. I've moved Reservoir Music from the log cabin on Route 28 that we've occupied for the past two years, into an office in the historic Stockade District of Kingston! The retail store is closed, but we remain in business working by appointment and online. Over the next few months, I will be working feverishly to get all of my inventory listed on our website, www.reservoirmusiccenter.com. You know the site because it's where you go to read this column online, or, should I say, one of the sites, the others being www.brooklyncowboys.com, www.hvmusic.com, and, of course, www.thetownsmen.com.

I made this move for several reasons, those reasons being time, family, health, and financial. It's a hand that can't be beat! Without going into the details, which are personal, I'll just say that I'm very happy since the store closed. I can still be reached at 845-657-6127 and reservoirmusic@gmail.com. The focus of the business is now buying and selling vintage guitars, doing repairs on all instruments, and rentals of band instruments, PA systems, and stages, so if anybody's got any vintage gear to sell, get in touch, please. We will also still sell items on consignment, and we look forward to serving the needs of the Hudson Valley musical community for another nine years, and beyond!

What tased me out of my moving stupor, and back into my life, and this column, was, of course, some very moving, inspirational, and flat out great Rock n Roll, from a member of a very elite club, the "greatest Rock n Roll frontmen in the world" club, former J. Geils Band lead singer, Peter Wolf! WDST Radio Woodstock presented Peter and his top shelf band at The Bearsville Theater last night! Inertia almost kept me home, but I couldn't shake the feeling that this was a show I had to see, and I was right! Peter and the band were just too good to not write about, so here we are!

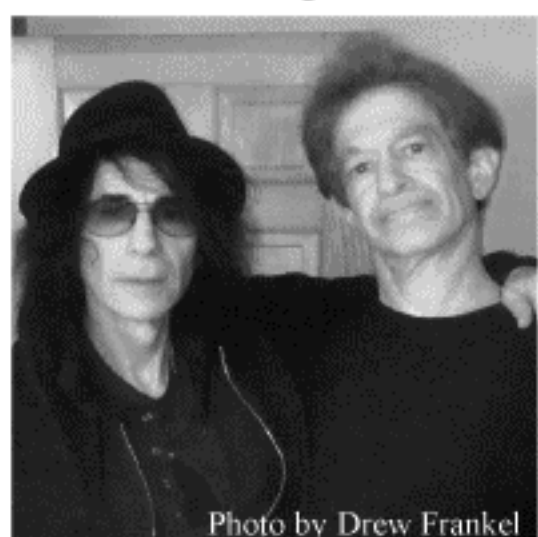


Photo by Drew Frankel
Peter Wolf and I backstage at The Bearsville Theater last Saturday night

Driving over to the theater, I was a little worried about the nature of the music that Peter might present. You see, the early J. Geils Band was one of the hardest rockin' blues and rock bands that America's ever produced! Their first two albums, with songs like "Cruising for Love", "Floyd's Hotel", "Homework", "First I Look at the Purse", and "Lookin' for a Love", both kick serious ass, and so does their first live album, "Full House", but as time went on, the band became more Pop, less Rock, until, by the late 1970's and early 80's, they went full on Pop with songs like, "Love Stinks", "Centerfold", and "Freeze Frame". This was not my favorite J. Geils period, but these songs were all huge radio hits! From what I've heard, this musical direction was the cause of the split in the Geils Band songwriting team, with Peter continuing to favor the Rock and RnB roots that the band came of age with!

Wolf left the band in 1983. His first solo endeavor, "Lights Out", written with the great Don Covay (Hitchhike, Chain of Fools), attempted a return to form, but still had a Pop sensibility to it, IMHO! So, I didn't know what to expect. Would I get the hard drivin', blues and RnB based, rocker of the early J. Geils Band, or the somewhat more subdued popmeister of the 1980's? I hadn't heard much of Wolf after his early solo hits (to be fair, I also stopped listening to the radio around this time) and I didn't know what to expect.

As I drove up to the theater with my windows down to let in the unseasonably warm night air, the band had just started their

first song, and it sounded pretty darn rockin'! So far, so good. As I stood on the porch talking to my friend, Gary McKeever, I heard the band launch into "Homework", the Otis Rush tune that was a mainstay of the early J. Geils Band, but, oh no, they were doing it as a Country Blues, almost always a sign that an artist has mellowed out, and is not gonna rock!

I almost didn't go in, but I decided to put my preconceptions aside, and let the music speak for itself, and I am so glad I did! The first two songs I heard were new songs that harkened back to Exile era Stones, and that's never a bad thing! Rockin' along in a relaxed groove that wouldn't quit, Peter and his outstanding band were winning me over. Then they launched into "Cry One More Time", a song from the second J. Geils Band album, "The Morning After", that was covered by Gram Parsons and Emmylou Harris on Gram's first solo record, "GP". They had me!

From there, Wolf went on to reveal his newly reinvented self, as a fully matured rocker who encompasses all forms of music, my favorite kind of musician! Next up was a cover of Bill Monroe's "When My Blue Moon Turns to Gold"! What's this? Peter Wolf, doing Country an Bluegrass? Yup, but it all rocked! As if to drive home the point, the next song was "Love Stinks" done as a Bluegrass tune. Killer! I suddenly loved this song that had never really done anything for me before!

Wolf, looking like an elegantly wasted vampire, prowled the stage with a presence reserved only for the great Rock n Roll frontman, completely relaxed and in control, telling stories about Tennessee Williams and Bill Monroe, showing off the moves and vocal gymnastics that proved, once again, that this man is in the same league as Jagger, Iggy, Springsteen, and the great Soul singers that he draws inspiration from! And the band was right there with him! Every musician was right where they should be. Not a note was played that wasn't required. The rhythm section couldn't have been yanked out of the pocket with a crane (to paraphrase John Lennon talking about Ringo). The guitar solos were exquisite!

The band played at a level commensurate with their leader. Two guitars, bass, drums, and keys. Classic!

Now, in case anyone got the idea that Peter Wolf has lost touch with his RnB roots, with all this Country music creepin' in, he channeled my favorite Soul singer of all time, Joe Tex, towards the end of the show, and then encored with a Gospel tinged RnB song called, "Whe Women Are Lonely". Don't that title tell you everything you need to know! You can almost hear the song from the title alone!

The band got two or three encores from the appreciative audience. One of them was "Give it to Me", the Geils Band hit from back in the day. As I was listening, I thought to myself, "Damn! This is as funky as anything Sly or War ever did"! And it was, proving that great artists can work in any genre of their art, and make it funky! Oops. I meant good. LOL!

About four years ago, in a particularly bad year for Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Inductees, I wrote a column about ten artists who should be in The Hall, but aren't. One of them was The J. Geils Band. Most of the rest have made it in, but the Geils Band, despite being amongst the finalists two years running, have still not been inducted!

Peter's two most critically acclaimed solo albums are 1998's Fool's Parade and 2002's Sleepless, which feature guest appearances from Mick Jagger, Keith Richards, and Steve Earle!

Sleepless was named one of the 500 best albums of all time by Rolling Stone! The J. Geils Band albums I recommend are the ones mentioned here. And the Peter Wolf show that I recommend you seeing is the next show he does, anywhere near where you are!

After the show, we hung out with Peter and his band for a while, and he seemed to be one of the most level headed and down to earth rock stars I've ever met (and I've met a lot of them). genuinely nice guy, HE insisted on taking a picture with ME! That's a rare commodity in the music business!

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Before I took my hiatus, I wanted to do one last column in which I profiled two young film makers, Justin Martinez and Kevin Smith, of Upstate Moving Images, who have lent their considerable talents to capturing images of new and up and coming bands, including my new band, Ghosts of Electricity. However, I hit a wall, and just couldn't do them justice with my move on my mind. I really wanted to write their story for my first column back, but Peter Wolf hijacked me, so next week they will finally get their due. Look for it!

And I would be remiss if I didn't mention, that while I was on hiatus, we lost two of the great ones, Phil Everly and Ray Price! What a legacy those two left behind! They will be missed.

Now for this week's live music picks!

Wednesday, February 26 - THE SECURITY PROJECT is a band consisting of former members of King Crimson, Peter Gabriel's band, and Lou Reed's band, who've come together to play Peter Gabriel's music, but more importantly, this is JERRY MAROTTA'S FIFTH ANNUAL 54th BIRTHDAY PARTY! Always a good scene and a fun time. Bearsville Theater.

Thursday, February 27 - 'MOJO' MYLES MANCUSO, the steadily improving guitar wunderkind, at The Falcon in Marlborough.

Friday, February 28 - Primus was a band that mixed humor with great songwriting and extreme musicianship. LES CLAYPOOL is their excellent and innovative leader and bass player. Claypool is certainly one of the best around on his instrument! His DUO DE TWANG, obviously a two piece unit (bass and guitar), displays the virtuosity that has become Claypool's, and Primus' trademark. Personally, I think the band would be a little tighter and fuller sounding if they became the Trio De Twang, and added a drummer, but they will astound you, amuse you, make you laugh, and you'll leave the show knowing you've seen one, and maybe, two, of the Masters of their instrument! The show is already sold out, but they'll probably be selling some tickets at the door. Bearsville Theater.

Also tonight, THE LARRY CAMPBELL AND TERESA WILLIAMS QUARTET at The Falcon. The band includes Byron Isaac and Justin Guip on bass and drums respectively. I don't believe I've seen this particular configuration of Levon Helm Band members booked anywhere locally, so this is exciting! I could watch and listen to Larry all night! Teresa has an awesome voice, and the rhythm section ain't no slouches! I think the music at The Falcon starts early, so you just might be able to see this show and still make it to Bearsville in time for Duo De Twang! Check showtimes with the venues.

Saturday, March 1 - Hooray! February's over! Spring is only 3 weeks away! Tonight, BOB WEIR AND RATDOG stop by The Capitol Theatre in Port Chester for the first of two nights, concluding tomorrow. Up in Woodstock, the fantastic hard rock/prog rock band, 3, returns to The Bearsville Theater. 3 display a tightness and cohesiveness that belies their tender years.

They're freakin' great! Joey Eppard and Billy Riker wail away on their guitars, while drummer, Chris Gartmann, channels John Bonham, and Daniel Grimsland goes head to head with his bandmates, while still holding down the bottom and looking like the star that he is! I have a feeling this will be a great show!

Sunday, March 2 - At Bearsville Theater, the dynamic, amazing, and always entertaining BROTHER JOSEPHUS AND THE LOVE REVOLUTION return for an afternoon show that's being called the FIRST ANNUAL WOODSTOCK MARDI GRAS PARTY. Miss this one at your peril!

Club Helsinki in Hudson is a beautiful venue that is well worth taking the drive for, especially when THE NORTH MISSISSIPPI ALL STARS are playing! They rocked Bearsville last year, and now they return to the HV for a show at Helsinki.

Monday, March 3 - At The Falcon, the very talented SIMI STONE AND HER BAND start a March residency, which, I assume, will be every Monday. You owe it to yourself to catch at least one of these, and I suggest you go to an early one, because you'll probably want to go back! This lady is going places! In the city, we finally have a show! I guess it's the mid-Winter lull in the concert biz, but the city is dead this week! Except, of course, for tonight, when New Paltz resident and fearless leader of Americana darlings, Old 97's, RHETT MILLER, returns to City Winery for one night!

Tuesday, March 4 - You know, there weren't a lot of shows this week, but what there was made up for quantity with quality! Any of this week's shows could be a Pick of the Week in a normal week, so LOS LOBOS emerging as the only PotW, tells you how special I think this show will be! You just don't see these guys playing as intimate a venue as Bearsville Theater very often. If you only go out one night this week, this, is that night! This is also a special Mardi Gras show!

Thursday, March 6 - We end the week with POPA CHUBBY at The Falcon, playing the music of Jimi Hendrix, in something he's dubbed, "ElectricChubbyland"! Sounds good to me!

Have a great week, and I'll see you here next week. Good night and good luck!

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Installation will happen incrementally during the spring and early summer while the Half Moon is at its working berth at Peckham Wharf in Athens NY. Many hands will be needed to get this job done! If you are interested in helping with this project, please send an email to: hmvolunteers@gmail.com with your name and contact information so we can reach out to you as installation work begins.

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Pursue a career as a Medical Assistant
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The Clinical Medical Assistant Course will start on March 4th through June 12th. Classes will run from 6:00 pm - 9:30 pm on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm. The cost of this course is \$2,399.

This comprehensive program consists of 140-hours of class study and 160-hours of clinical externship. Students are expected to develop the necessary skills needed to assist physicians by performing functions related to the clinical responsibilities of a medical office. Typical responsibilities include preparing patients for examination and treatment, routine laboratory procedures, diagnostic testing, technical aspects of phlebotomy and the cardiac life cycle. Hands-on clinical externship is done with local healthcare providers. To be eligible for the clinical rotation, students must successfully complete the 140-hour program, submit to a thorough background check, drug screening and meet other requirements. Upon successful completion of this program, students would be eligible to sit for the National Health Career Association

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The Medical Administrative Assistants Program is ideal for individuals interested in becoming a Medical Administrative Assistant, Medical Secretary, or Medical Records Clerk. This course starts on March 17th and runs through May 14th. Classes are held on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:00 pm - 9:30 pm at the St. John Street Education Center in Monticello. The cost of the course is \$999, which includes textbooks. This 50-hour course prepares students to function effectively in many administrative or clerical positions in the health care industry.

To register and find out more information about the course please contact the Adult and Continuing Education Program at (845) 295-4900 or 791-4070 between the hours of 8:30 am and 3:30 pm or visit us at sboces.org, like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter.

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protestors have been kidnapped from hospitals, opposition leaders have been attacked and hundreds of protestors are missing.

Fr. Ivan Kaszczak, pastor of Holy Trinity Church, began the ceremony with a prayer. After we all sang the American and Ukrainian national anthems, members of CYM, the Ukrainian Youth Organization, presented a tribute to the protestors killed in Kyiv. Andriy Bihun of Pine Bush, who with his family spent time at the Maidan in Kyiv, spoke of events there. He described how important it is for Ukrainians all over the world to be aware of what is happening, to share with their children the language, culture and history of their ancestors. Nadia Maczaj of Ellenville read a statement from Congressman Chris Gibson (R- 19th district), who co-sponsored House Resolution 447, "supporting the democratic and European aspirations of the people of Ukraine, and their right to choose their own future free of intimidation and fear."

Since music has been an important source of inspira-

Local Ukrainian-Americans Shows Support for Ukraine (Contd. from Pg. 1)



Crowds gathered at the Maidan Nezalezhnosti, or Independence Square, in late November, after Ukrainian president Victor Yanukovich suddenly reversed the country's track by refusing to move forward on a trade deal with the European Union. Instead, he chose closer ties with and a huge monetary loan from Russia. The peaceful, localized protests grew into a national movement after November 30th, when government authorities sent riot police to brutally break up the demonstrations overnight. On January 16th, the government illegally passed a package of laws through Parliament, essentially criminalizing any protests. A number of demonstrators have been viciously murdered, wounded

tion for the Ukrainian Maidan all along (protestors have even brought pianos out onto the streets for live music!), our Kerhonkson Maidan concluded with singing Ukrainian songs. For a finale, members of PLAST, the Ukrainian Scouting Organization, handed out blue and yellow balloons, which we marked with well-wishes for our brothers and sisters in Ukraine and released into the skies.

For a well-written, concise report on events in Ukraine, take a look at this blog in the New Yorker: <http://www.newyorker.com/online/blogs/news-desk/2014/02/the-standoff-in-kiev.html>

A Sunny Sunday Brings Signs of Spring in Neversink



With the warm sunny weather on Sunday, Bob Drown was getting a little head start on spring. He fired up the "Wayback Machine" that hasn't been started all month, and exercised her in the dooryard just enough to limber up the wheel cylinders, clutch and such.

The picture would not be complete without Cooper, who was dressed in his "Sunday Best".

Bob tells us that there is too much salt right now for the 'old gal' but it won't be long and the "Wayback Machine" will be on the road again.

As for Bob and Cooper, they had a great sunny Sunday!

It was good to see the sun this past weekend. At least we know it is still there and there are signs of spring if you look hard enough. Little buds are forming on the tree branches and the willow trees are yellow and full of life. We just have to be patient, but know every day we are getting closer!

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PRASAD Children's Dental Health Program

Hurleyville- PRASAD Children's Dental Health Program is pleased to announce that U.S. Congressman Chris Gibson will visit PRASAD CDHP's mobile dental clinic at the Cooke Elementary School in Monticello, NY on Friday February 21st at 9AM. Rep. Gibson will tour the mobile clinic and help celebrate February as National Children's Dental Health month by raising awareness of the importance of oral health.

"I am delighted to join the PRASAD Children's Dental Health Program in celebrating National Children's Dental Health Month," said Congressman Chris Gibson (NY-19). "This organization does amazing work on behalf of children in Ulster and Sullivan Counties, and I look forward to visiting with their team when the mobile dental clinic heads to the Cooke School in Monticello. Thank you to PRASAD and school officials for hosting this important event and working to ensure that everyone has proper dental care."

Over 51 million school hours are lost each year due to the pain of dental problems.

The 2009-2011 New York State Oral Health Indicators show that 53% of 3rd grade students in Sullivan County have untreated cavities. Tooth decay can cause pain and infections that lead to difficulty with eating, speaking, playing and learning.

Since 1998, PRASAD CDHP has addressed the dental needs of children from six months through 18 years of age, in Sullivan County and parts of Ulster County in New York. Children receive dental health education at their schools and all necessary preventative and restorative dental care in the mobile dental clinic.

In the spirit of National Children's Dental Health month, please consider supporting PRASAD CDHP so that more children can receive much-needed dental care! For more information about our programs, please visit www.prasadcdhp.org or call 845-434-0376.

The George L. Cooke Elementary School is located at 69 Richardson Avenue, Monticello, NY 12701.

PRASAD Children's Dental Health Program, a philanthropic expression of the SYDA Foundation, provides dental care services and dental health education to children in Sullivan and Ulster counties. For more information, visit us at www.prasadcdhp.org or call 845-434-0376.

A Birthday Surprise for Van!

Van Furman got a surprise for his seventh birthday this year. He loves snowplows, especially the Town of Neversink ones. Whenever the snowplow comes up or down his road he runs to the window to catch a glimpse.

This year for his birthday, he got a cake in the shape of the Town of Neversink snowplow.

If you look really carefully, you can even see the Town of Neversink logo on the side of the truck. The cake had a NYS license plate with Van's name on it too.

Happy birthday to Van and a big thank you to the Town of Neversink for keeping our

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Catskill Mountain Photographs on View at CWC Office

An exhibition of 23 photographs by Edward C. Hansen is on display through April 15 at the Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC), 905 Main St., Margaretville.

"Catskill Mountain Views" can be seen from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The public is warmly invited to stop in.

The show features a wide range of imagery: a sweeping summer vista from Wittenberg Mountain, a rising moon over Harpersfield, a handsome goat, a storm approaching Margaretville Cemetery, a hang glider soaring above Stamford.

All of the works are for sale, and a portion of sales proceeds will be donated by the photographer to the Thomas Cole House Historic Site in Catskill. Among the works is an evocative image, appropriately printed on canvas, of the interior of artist Cole's studio.

Edward C. Hansen graduated from Long Island University, C.W. Post with a BA in photography. His work has received national awards, and is published in Photographer's Forum Magazine and Best of Photography annuals.

Recent exhibitions include the "Art and Science" show at the East End Gallery in Riverhead and "Art by the Falls" in Babylon, NY. Mr. Hansen's work is currently featured in "Waves and Watercolors," a yearlong exhibition at the Cold Spring Harbor Whaling Museum.

The CWC exhibition is his first showing of a new body of Catskill Mountain photographs. Mr. Hansen's family has had a house in

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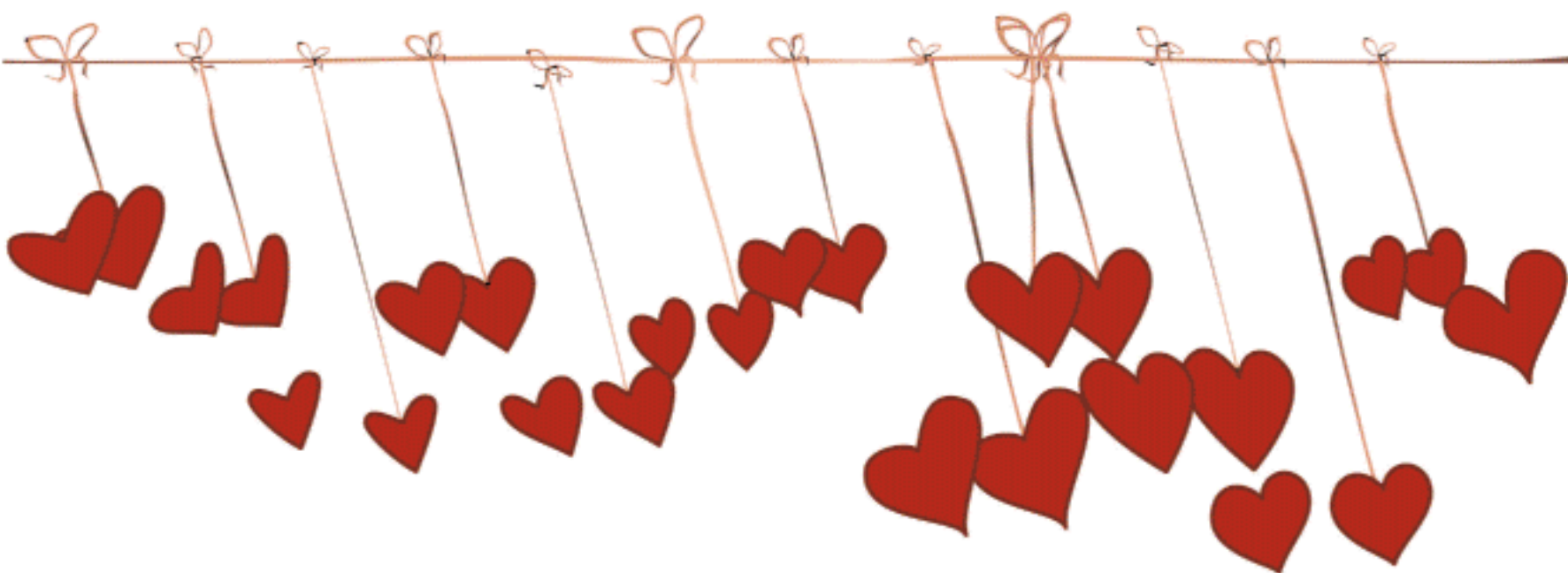
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Washington Irving's "Rip Van Winkle," the wisdom of naturalist writer John Burroughs, the creative energy surrounding the art colony of Woodstock, and the storied past of the Catskill Mountain resort culture all stimulated a desire to explore, hike and rediscover the magic that has stirred so many.

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Get Started on Your Path as a Technician in the Medical Field

MONTICELLO - If you're interested in starting a career in the medical field, now's your chance. The Adult and Continuing Education Program at Sullivan BOCES is starting a several Medical Technician courses during the month of March.

The Phlebotomy Technician course starts on March 4th and runs from 5:00 pm to 8:30 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays through June 10th. The cost of the course is \$1,599, which includes your textbooks. This course prepares students to collect blood specimens from patients for the purpose of laboratory analysis. Students will become familiar with all aspects of blood collection and will review the skills needed to perform venipuncture techniques. Training includes terminology, blood collection procedures, order of draw and other related topics. Students who successfully complete this course will have the opportunity to pursue the National Healthcare Association (NHA) Phlebotomy Technician Exam.

The Dialysis Technician Program begins on March 17th and runs to May 4th. Classes are held from 6:00 pm to 9:30 pm on Mondays and Wednesdays. The fee for the course is \$999, which includes your textbooks. The Dialysis Tech Program provides you with the knowledge and skills needed to perform the duties of Dialysis Technicians working under the supervision of physicians and registered nurses. Dialysis Technicians operate kidney dialysis machines, prepare dialyzer reprocessing and delivery systems as well as maintain and repair equipment.

The EKG Technician Certification Course also begins on March 17th and runs through May 14th. Classes run on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:00 pm - 9:30 pm. The cost of the course is \$999, which includes textbooks. This comprehensive 50-hour EKG Technician Certification Program prepares students to function as EKG Technicians and prepares them to take the ASPT Electrocardiograph Technician. The course includes the study of medical terminology, anatomy and physiology of the heart, disease processes, medical ethics, legal aspects of patient contact, and electrocardiograph and stress tests. Additionally, you will receive hands-on training in using EKG equipment.

The Pharmacy Technician Course is a comprehensive program that prepares students to work as a pharmacy technician in retail or another pharmacy setting and prepares participants to take the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board's PTCB exam. Classes start on March 18th and runs through May 13th on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:00 pm to 9:30pm. The cost is \$999, which includes the cost for your textbooks.

This comprehensive 50-hour program will Course content includes: pharmacy medical terminology, the history of pharmacy, the pharmacy practice in multiple environments, pharmacy calculations and measurements, reading and interpreting prescriptions and defining drugs by generic and brand names. Through classroom lecture and hands on labs, students will review dosage calculations, drug classifications, the "top 200 drugs", I.V. flow rates, sterile compounding, dose conversions, aseptic technique, the handling of sterile products, total parental nutrition (TPN), dispensing of prescriptions, inventory control and billing and reimbursement. In addition to classroom lecture and labs, this program includes a clinical externship

through a local pharmacy. To be eligible for a clinical externship, students must successfully complete the 50-hour program, submit to a thorough background check, drug screening and meet other requirements.

All classes are held at the St. John Street Education Center in Monticello. To register or for more information, contact the Adult and Continuing Education Program at (845) 295-4900 between the hours of 8:30 am and 7:30 pm or visit us at scoces.org. For program updates Like Sullivan County BOCES on Facebook and follow us on Twitter

Help Keep St. John's Food Pantry Up and Running - Monticello Pantry Needs Assistance from the Community

[MONTICELLO] - The St. John's Episcopal Church Food Pantry in Monticello is struggling to keep its shelves stocked and its doors open. The pantry, which is completely run by volunteers, serves as a lifeline against hunger for high-risk individuals and families including the elderly, children and the working poor. In recent years, the economic downturn has led to a dramatic increase in the number of pantry clients. Over two hundred families-between 800 and 1000 individuals---visit the pantry each month. St. John's provides enough food for three days, as well as personal hygiene projects and other supplies. Through a needs assessment system, pantry volunteers and representatives from area organizations also offer information about various community resources.

"It's been difficult to meet the increased need in our community. At times, the food supply is exhausted well before the last week of the month," said volunteer Jan Downing, who runs the pantry. "Other area pantries have closed or stopped accepting new people. So we began opening earlier, closing later, and we broadened our service area to the Town of Thompson and surrounding areas to try to meet the need," said Downing, "but it's been difficult."

The pantry is open the first four Tuesdays of the month from 4 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. and the second Saturday of the month from 9:00 a.m. until 11:45 a.m. in the undercroft of St. John's Episcopal Church (15 St. John Street, Monticello).

The St. John's Episcopal Church Caring Hands Food Pantry has been an integral part of the Sullivan County community since 1994. As one of the only "choice" food banks in Sullivan County, St. John's values its clients' right to choose the foods that meet their diverse dietary needs.

"We've seen more and more low-income working people coming through our doors," Downing said, "Many are just barely ineligible for public assistance and they need a little extra help. Increased unemployment and a growing homeless population have also brought our numbers way up."

Individuals and organizations who want to help the pantry can contact Jan at:

jandowning1@hotmail.com or call (845) 701-5277. Donations of food, money or time are greatly appreciated. Pantry volunteers are needed to provide referrals to clients, assist with food deliveries and distribution, and offer assistance with outreach and fundraising.

Checks can be made payable to St. John's Episcopal Church Food Pantry and mailed to PO Box 107, Monticello NY, 12701. Food donations can be dropped off during the pantry's operating hours.

DEP Announces Start of Forestry Project to Remove Nearly 15,000 Storm-Damaged Trees Near Cannonsville --Project is among several forestry initiatives that will remove trees that were damaged during tropical storms Irene, Lee and Sandy and will protect public safety and drinking water quality

The New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) today announced the start of work on a forestry project that will remove nearly 15,000 damaged hardwood trees from Houck Mountain, just northeast of Cannonsville Reservoir, in Beerston, N.Y. The forest management project is one of several that began over the past year to remove trees that were toppled or damaged by powerful storms that have hit the watersheds since 2011. More than 60 percent of the trees that will be taken down or broken during tropical storms Irene, Lee, and Sandy. The project will continue through 2015 and is the largest ever on water supply lands, according to records dating back more than four decades. Removing damaged trees is important to prevent forest fires. Clearing damaged trees also promotes the regeneration of the forest, which supports water quality because healthy trees prevent erosion, and serve as a natural filter by consuming nutrients that can lead to taste and smell changes in drinking water.

"Removing fallen and damaged trees throughout the watersheds is a matter of public safety, water quality protection, and good management of our natural resources," DEP Deputy Commissioner Paul Rush said. "While we move to address storm damage, DEP also realizes that it's important to promote healthier forests that regenerate on a regular basis, maximize the use of this important natural resource, and continue to protect water quality around our reservoirs."

The work on Houck Mountain is one of seven timber projects on water supply lands that were awarded to qualified bidders in 2013. Those projects comprised 809 acres and roughly 2.7 million board feet of wood, which are also records for a single year on City-owned land in the three watersheds. The vast majority of those projects responded to damage from historically powerful storms, or sought to eliminate invasive species such as the Emerald Ash Borer.

The Houck Mountain project will remove black cherry and other hardwood trees comprising more than 1 million board feet of wood. For perspective, it takes roughly 14,000 board feet of wood to frame the average single-family home. Once milled, hardwoods such as those at Houck Mountain are generally used for furniture, flooring, cabinetry, and firewood. The harvest and salvage project becomes the largest on water supply lands, according to records dating back to 1970, surpassing a 1988 harvest at Ashokan Reservoir that removed some 849,000 board feet of red pine.

The seven forest management projects that were sold to qualified bidders in 2013 included six projects in the Catskills, and one project in Westchester County. Storm damage at sites near Ashokan, Rondout, Kensico, and other reservoirs comprised the majority of the nearly 2.7 million board feet that were sold. Before 2013, records show the highest number of board feet sold from water supply lands in one year was nearly 1.3 million in 2006.

At each of these project sites, DEP takes extra precautions to ensure that timber harvesting does

not adversely affect water quality. Forestry projects include a stormwater pollution prevention plan, and DEP staff members inspect the work-sites regularly to ensure erosion controls are functioning properly. The use of heavy equipment is often suspended during heavy rain to avoid rutting and erosion. Some sites have also included silt fences, seeding, and other efforts to prevent suspended sediments from reaching the reservoirs.

While recent forestry projects have focused on areas hit by storms, DEP is also aiming to harvest more standing timber across the watersheds to meet standards of good forest management, and to maximize the use and value of this important natural resource. In 2011, DEP completed its first ever comprehensive forest management plan for City-owned land in the watersheds. Under the plan, DEP inventoried forest conditions across its lands, and developed a prioritized approach to undertake forest management projects, with a goal of increasing the acres treated on an annual basis. DEP foresters have prioritized areas for future timber harvests across the watersheds by looking at forest attributes such as age, density, and overall effect on the water supply.

Help for Teens Who Stutter is as Close as Your Library

Stuttering is a frustrating and embarrassing problem for millions of people, but it can be especially tough on teenagers. Help is available at most public libraries.

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NBA basketball star Kenyon Martin, news anchor John Stossel, and actors James Earl Jones and Nicholas Brendon are just a few of the many celebrities who struggle with stuttering. A list of famous people who stutter and a downloadable poster can be found at www.stutteringhelp.org.

More than three million Americans stutter, yet stuttering remains misunderstood by most people," said Jane Fraser, president of the 66-year-old Stuttering Foundation of America. "Myths such as believing people who stutter are less intelligent or suffer from psychological problems still persist despite research refuting these erroneous beliefs."

Books and DVDs produced by the 66-year-old nonprofit Stuttering Foundation are available free to any public library. A library that will shelve them can contact the Foundation at 1-800-992-9392, e-mail info@stutteringhelp.org, or visit www.stutteringhelp.org or www.tartarmudez.org.

Daniel Pierce Library in Grahamsville, NY and Fallsburg Library, South Fallsburg, NY were recipients of the free book and have agreed to shelve it.

Kiwanis Annual Corned Beef Dinner

On Wednesday, March 19th Roscoe Kiwanis Club is hosting its annual Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner at the RCS Cafeteria on Academy St. in Roscoe from 5 PM to 7 PM. The menu will include: corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, carrots, Irish soda bread, cupcakes, coffee, tea or milk. There will be a free will offering---please plan to attend our first fundraiser of the year. All proceeds support the youth of our community. Karrie - 607-498-57

Avoiding the "Tax Tinderbox": Auerbach Promotes Eliminating Albany from Local Sales Tax Politics

Elliott Auerbach is promoting a revision to NYS Law that would allow county legislatures in New York State to set their sales tax rates without interference from the New York State Legislature.

"County legislatures should be vested with the sole authority to determine if an additional sales tax is to be levied without interference from the State Legislature," said Auerbach.

Auerbach cites the recent showdown over the State Legislature's months of delay in reauthorizing Ulster County's full sales tax as just one of the motivations for the proposal. "The current state law set the stage for political gamesmanship between the County and the State, ignited a volatile discourse between elected officials and undermined the budget process for both the County Executive and the County Legislature," says Auerbach.

But Auerbach is quick to point out that the proposal is not merely a knee-jerk reaction to Ulster's recent tussle with Albany. While the tax in question was ultimately restored, Auerbach said "it is a home-rule issue, and County governments throughout the State have a stake in it. It is simply not in the best interest of County taxpayers to allow the NYS Legislature to impede a county's home rule authority."

The broad appeal of the measure is evidenced by the fact that Auerbach is working with and through the NYS Association of Counties (NYSAC), which has also called for reform of the process. "Let county legislatures determine the best mix of locally raised revenues they deem most effective for local taxpayers," said Auerbach.

"The ramifications of Ulster County's loss of 1% of its sales tax revenue in December 2013 and January 2014 won't be known until late March which is when the final tallies are completed," said Auerbach, "but we are watching this closely." Auerbach will base his analysis on the actual sales tax received for those two months in the past three years. In the meantime, the Comptroller will recommend to both the Ulster County Legislature and Executive that they join the NYSAC Home Rule initiative.

Ulster County Sales Tax Collected for December and January

Two Month Period	County Share
Dec 2010/Jan 2011	\$12,660,305
Dec 2011/Jan 2012	\$12,629,938
Dec 2012/Jan 2013	\$12,748,435
Dec 2013/Jan 2014	TBD

Average County Share 12,679,559 \$

All New York State counties impose a local sales tax in addition to the 4% State sales tax. State statute allows a local sales tax rate of up to 3% to be imposed upon adoption of a local law, for a maximum of 7%. State law also allows a "temporary" increase beyond the 7%, but only with state legislative approval every two years.

New York State collects the sales tax from vendors and then returns the counties' share on a scheduled time frame, typically within 1-2 months after the collection.

Upon receipt of sales tax from the State, Ulster County distributes 11.5% of receipts to the City of Kingston and 3% of receipts among the 20 towns within the County. The 11.5% returned to the City is based on an agreement and the 3% to the towns is distributed based on property values within the municipality.

Comptroller Auerbach is a member of the Standing Committee on Taxation and Finance, NYS Association of Counties. At NYSAC's annual meeting this month Auerbach moved the motion urging legislative reform which was passed unanimously.

"The bottom line is that Albany's leverage on the sales tax issue creates a

'tax tinderbox' for County governments and the State should not have their hands on the fuse."

NY State Comptroller Audition Multi-million Dollar Superfund Pollution Cleanup Program

The state comptroller is auditing the multimillion-dollar Superfund pollution cleanup program for the first time since 2001, with an eye toward seeing how much taxpayer money the state Department of Environmental Conservation has spent to clean the state's worst hazardous waste sites, and how effective DEC has been in getting its money back from polluters responsible for the messes.

DEC Commissioner Joe Martens got the audit notice on Wednesday from Stephen Goss, an audit manager under state Comptroller Tom DiNapoli. Auditors will begin their work next month, he wrote.

"This performance audit will include an examination of the department's efforts to identify responsible parties, to fully and accurately accumulate information on investigation and remediation costs, and to bill for and collect these costs from responsible parties in a timely manner," according to a copy of the letter obtained by the Times Union.

"We will cooperate with the comptroller's audit," said DEC spokeswoman Emily DeSantis. She said Superfund "remains a flagship remediation program that effectively protects public health and the environment."

DiNapoli's office declined comment. The audit supervisor will be Deb Spaulding, who recently supervised a high-profile audit of the state Health Department that found the department had a backlog of more than 5,000 uninspected restaurants and food service establishments.

Begun in 1981, the Superfund program is intended to clean former industrial and commercial sites polluted with hazardous waste so properties can be redeveloped. DEC can reach cleanup agreements with polluters to do the work, or, in the event no polluter can be located or no cleanup agreement can be reached, the state will move ahead with the cleanup, pay the bills, and seek to recover its money from those responsible for the pollution. The state Attorney General's Office steps in when DEC and alleged polluters cannot reach a repayment deal.

There are currently 2,400 Superfund sites scattered across the state, according to state records.

DEC annual reports said, between 2006 and 2012, the agency recovered \$88.6 million from polluters - or about 16 percent of what was spent during that period, according to the state Budget Division. From 2003 to 2012, the state spent more than \$642 million on Superfund, according to Budget Division figures.

The last audit of Superfund in 2001 was critical of the effectiveness of the program, which at that point was 20 years old, covered about 1,000 sites, and had cost \$4.3 billion combined from the state, polluters and the federal governments.

The program has grown since then. There are currently 2,444 sites across the state that still need to be investigated, according to a 2012-13 annual report from DEC. Another 1,618 sites have been cleaned or require no further work, while there were 826 sites that had been investigated and remained to be cleaned.

In his proposed 2014-15 budget, Gov. Andrew Cuomo has earmarked a "\$100 million appropriation to extend Superfund," according to budget documents. A 10-year state bond to support the program expired in March 2013.

In his 2001 audit, then Comptroller H. Carl McCall criticized the program after finding that many of the sites brought into the program remained unfinished, while the fund was \$50 million in the red after money from a 1986 state bond had been exhausted.

That prompted Gov. George Pataki to drive changes to Superfund, adopted in

2003, that allowed for differing levels of cleanup, with stricter requirements for land earmarked for residential housing, and looser standards for commercial or industrial projects. Pataki also agreed to a \$120 million annual budget for Superfund.

After DiNapoli pressure, AT&T Reports on Wiretaps, Data to Governments

By Michael Gormley

ALBANY - AT&T Inc. allowed the federal government to conduct wiretaps on just under 36,000 customers in the first six months of 2013, according to a report released after pressure from New York State's comptroller.

AT&T's "transparency report" shows the company facilitated the wiretaps under the federal Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act, state Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli's office said. AT&T's report shows the company also responded to nearly 3,000 requests for access to nearly 5,000 customer accounts for national security reasons seeking "non-content data."

AT&T also received 22 requests from foreign countries in 2013 related to its global business in those countries, according to the report. Those requests can include blocking some Internet sites, such as those used in gambling or pornography, the report stated.

The company also participated in 301,816 demands from federal, state and local law enforcement in criminal and civil cases in 2013 seeking customer data. The information was obtained through subpoenas, court orders and search warrants, the report stated.

As a result of AT&T's release of the data, DiNapoli on Wednesday withdrew his effort to force the company to disclose how much customer information it releases to governments.

AT&T declined to comment.

The data sought included telephone numbers, Internet provider numbers, Social Security numbers and birth dates, the report stated.

The company says it will issue reports every six months to update the figures.

In November, DiNapoli used the clout of the state pension fund's investments in AT&T to file a shareholder resolution asking the company to disclose what information it shared with governments in the United States and in other countries.

DiNapoli had argued that customers deserved to know what information about them and their actions was being provided to governments. Wednesday, DiNapoli said AT&T's release of the report substantially met his demand concerning the privacy rights of customers.

AT&T's report states in part: "We take our responsibility to protect your information and privacy very seriously, and we pledge to continue to do so to the fullest extent possible and always in compliance with the law of the country where the relevant service is provided. Like all companies, we must provide information to government and law enforcement agencies to comply with court orders, subpoenas, lawful discovery requests and other legal requirements."

"We are also gratified that the company has committed to release new information regarding these requests as changing government policy permits," DiNapoli said.

POLITICAL SLANT

By Frank Comando

VETS IGNORED BY TRI VALLEY POLICY

Having spoken to veterans in our area over the past few weeks, I find that many are perplexed and/or disillusioned with a policy that borders on disrespect and ignorance and is a slap in the face to many of our local citizens who have served our country in the armed forces.

Veterans who live in the Tri-Valley area and have fought for this country, including some who died, but did not graduate from Tri-Valley School are not eligible to be honored with a plaque by the Armed Services Mural at the school. There are veterans who have lived in the Tri-Valley

area that served in active duty during WWI, WWII, the Korean War, Vietnam Crisis, in Iraq, or are currently serving their country and because they did not graduate from Tri-Valley School will not be eligible for this recognition. This is ludicrous not to take into consideration that some Tri-Valley students may have had to quit school for economic reasons (working on the family farm, etc), moved from the area in their later academic years, only to have moved back and are current School Taxpayers, and there are those who dropped out of school to serve their country, came back home to live and are also currently paying school taxes. They will not have the privilege of being honored by our children, residents or visitors at the memorial at our school. This policy needs to be changed. If you served our country and went to Tri-Valley School or you served our country and are paying taxes as a resident of Tri-Valley School District, you should be honored. Under the present policy there are vets who have been left out, and in fact, there are local vets that were not even aware of the memorial plaques or the policy and may indeed qualify even at the current standard.

IS PUTIN PUSHING FOR A CRACKDOWN IN UKRAINE?

Moscow's "mop and glow smile" of worried deep concern over the unraveling events in Kiev is beginning to slip. Russian leaders Wednesday repeated previous assurances that they will not intervene in the Ukraine. But experts say the Kremlin is using all its leverage (15 billion dollars in loan guarantees) behind the scenes to convince Ukrainian authorities to forcibly restore order, and may be rethinking its options. If a beleaguered President Viktor Yanukovich loses power to his outspokenly anti-Russian opponents amid an increasingly violent standoff in downtown Kiev. Experts say a late-night telephone conversation Tuesday last, between Russian President Vladimir Putin and Mr. Yanukovich presumably focused on the deteriorating situation and that Mr. Putin's advice isn't hard to guess at.

"It seems absolutely clear that the three attempts Yanukovich has made to bring harsh pressure on the protesters occupying Kiev's Maidan square over the past three months, with the toughest being last week, were discussed and agreed in advance between Putin and Yanukovich," says Nikolai Petrov, a professor at Moscow's Higher School of Economics. "Unlike most Ukrainian players, whose interest is mainly in maintaining the status quo and muddling through without any radical breaks, Putin wants to win. He is absolutely interested in the scenario we see unfolding, with the opposition being crushed by force." In a televised address to Ukrainians Wednesday, Yanukovich argued that he had no choice but to clear protesters by force after opposition leaders "crossed the line" by calling people to arms. He insisted that he still favored a negotiated settlement and urged opposition leaders to return to constitutional political methods ahead of presidential elections due next year.

The Kremlin has explicitly accused Ukraine's opposition of trying to stage a Western-backed coup d'etat, using armed militants to provoke police and wreck Ukraine's fragile political institutions. Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov denied that Putin was giving advice to Yanukovich, but added that Russia expects an early resolution of the crisis.

"[Putin] believes that the ongoing situation in Ukraine is the fault of the extremists," he said. "Their actions can be treated and are treated in Moscow solely as an attempt at a state coup."

Many others see this as a protest of the status quo of the march of the Feudalistic Globalization of the Transnational corporate backed policies of New World Order and not a Western-backed coup d'etat.

Perhaps if the United Nations adapted as its charter the true democratic structure of the United States Bill of Rights, Constitution, and Declaration Of Independence, giving all peoples real Freedoms instead of the present Feudalistic charter of the UN that is backed by the Military Industrial Complex a global peace could be achieved. Then they could rightfully say that this is a Western-backed coup d'etat. Please remember, the UN Security Council was started, and was once known as the Common Market Nations.

This space is also for you:

To have your comments and/or questions published (space allowing) follow the Townsman guidelines in the masthead on page 2.

Catskill Lutherans Begin Lent

The congregations of the Catskill Area Lutheran Churches (CALC) invite the public to its events as the Christians around the world begin the season of Lent. Lent is the period before Easter when Christians contemplate the events that led to the crucifixion of Jesus Christ.

Ellenville, NY - Christ Lutheran Church,

105 Center Street, 845-647-9054

Ash Wednesday Service: March 5, 7:00 pm
Bible Study: Wednesdays, March 12, 19, 26,
April 2, 9 @ 12 noon. Bring a sandwich.
Good Friday Service: April 18, 7:00 pm

Liberty, NY - St. Paul's Lutheran Church,

24 Chestnut Street, 845-292-4626

Shrove Tuesday Supper & Show: March 4,

6:00 pm

Ash Wednesday Service:

March 5, 7:00pm

Lenten Supper and

Service: Tuesdays,

March 11, 18, 25, April

1, 8 @6pm

Palm/Passion Sunday

Service: April 13,

9:00am

Maundy Thursday

Service: April 17,

7:00pm

Good Friday: April 18,

12 noon to 3:00

Ecumenical Service (at

St. Peter's RC Church)

TENTATIVE; 7:00pm Tenebrae Service

Narrowsburg, NY - St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 31
Erie Ave, 845-252-3919

Ash Wednesday Services: March 5, 9:00am (fol-

lowed by breakfast) & 7:00pm (supper @ 6pm)

Lenten Wednesday Morning Services & Breakfast:

March 12, 19, 26, April 2, 9, 16 @ 9:00am

Lenten Wednesday Evening Soup Supper @ 6pm

& Services @7pm: March 12, 19, 26, April 2, 9, 16

Palm/Passion Sunday Service: April 13, 9:30am

Maundy Thursday Service: April 17, 9:00am &

7:00pm

Good Friday: April 18, 12noon & 7:00pm

The congregations of the CALC are members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), which comprises over 9,500 congregations in the United States, and is affiliated with Lutheran churches in 79 countries across the globe. The public is invited and welcomed to the activities of the CALC.

CLARYVILLE FIRE DEPT.

**Corned Beef & Cabbage
Supper**

Saturday, March 15

SERVING FROM 4:00 TO 7:00 PM

ADULTS \$10.00

Beverage included

CHILDREN UNDER 12, \$5.00,

UNDER 5 YRS. FREE

\$50 FROM THE DINNER IS DONATED TO

CLARYVILLE REFORMED CHURCH FOOD PANTRY

**TIME & THE VALLEYS
MUSEUM**



Time and the Valleys Museum has copies of every Townsman printed since the beginning (1947) classified by year for anyone to research.

985-7700

timeandthevalleysmuseum.org

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



Ismael Berrios
Lead Pastor

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507 Hasbrouck Drive

Woodbourne, NY 12788

845-434-8263

Email:

crosswayaog@aol.com

www.crosswayaog.com

**Sundown United
Methodist Church**

Sunday Worship Service • 8:30am

**Grahamsville United
Methodist Church**

Sunday Worship Service

10:30am

985-2283

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79 North Main Street
Ellenville, New York
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The Hurleyville and Woodridge United**Methodist Churches**

invite you to weekly worship:

9 am in Hurleyville,

10:30 am in Woodridge.

For more information, call

Pastor Susan Woodworth

845-794-6325

**ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL MISSION**

The Little Church with the Big Heart

Sunday, 8:15 am Service of Holy Communion

Music by Susan and Fred Van Wagner

Coffee hour follows service

All are welcome!

5277 State Rt. 42

South Fallsburg

845-436-7539

www.standrewsepiscopalmission.org

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

CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

(embraces Fallsburg, Neversink, Sundown and Ulster Heights)

6317 Rte. 42, Woodbourne, NY

Weekend Mass schedule:

Saturday afternoon: 5:00.

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

Holy days of obligation: as announced in church bulletin.

Daily Mass schedule:

Monday afternoon 5:45 (Holy Rosary at 5:30); Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday mornings: (includes Morning Prayer)- 8:30 am (starting Sept. 3 - 8:50 am.)

Saturday afternoon confessions: 4 to 4:45.

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

**Hard Chargers International
Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club**

Is a Correctional Officer based motorcycle club for all current & retired law enforcement professionals.

The local Chapter: Southern New York

is currently acceptng enrollment applications.

Contact Ken Haag for local information at

hardchargerssouthernny@gmail.com or 845-796-8175.

The national web site is hardchargersmotorcycleclub.com

Many rides are planned for 2014. Call for information and membership.

Tommy G's Angels Craft Fair

When: March 1st, 2014 • 10am-3pm

Where: Sundown Church Hall

Why: To help kick cancer to the curve

Lunch will be sold. We have a variety of vendors, candle light, jams, crocheting, knitting, jewelery and more.

There also will be a bake table.

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**COVERED DISH SUPPER****SUNDOWN METHODIST CHURCH**

Church Hall

Mar. 1, 2014

Covered Dish Supper
5:30 p.m.

**Grahamsville United Methodist Church**

**Thrift Sale
& Soup Lunch
Mar. 15, 2014
9 am - 1 pm**

Fellowship Hall
Rt. 55, Grahamsville, NY

St. Augustine's Chapel

Watson Hollow Rd. • West Shokan, NY

Sunday Mass - 9:30 am

Holy Days 5:30 pm

Penance 9:00 am, 2nd Sunday of the month

Rev. George W. Hommel, Pastor

Grahamsville Reformed Church

Sunday School 9:30 A.M.

Worship Service 9:30 A.M.

Rev. Paul Z. Ruter, Pastor

845-985-7480

LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that **March 1, 2013** is the final day for **ALL EXEMPTION FORMS** to be returned to the Assessor's Office. If we do not receive these forms by that date we will have to remove your exemption for the coming year. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Assessor's Office at (845) 985-2262 ext. 323, Monday thru Thursday 8:30 PM - 4:30 PM.

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TOWN OF NEVERSINK

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
EXPENDITURE OF HIGHWAY
MACHINERY CAPITAL
RESERVE FUNDS SUBJECT TO
PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Town Board of the Town of Neversink will hold a public hearing at the Town Hall, 273 Main Street, Grahamsville, New York, at 7:15 p.m. prevailing time, on March 12, 2014, in connection with the expenditure of Highway Machinery Capital Reserve Funds. Said expenditure is for the purchase of a 2014 4 Wheel Drive Pickup Truck with Plow and a 2014 SUV, in an amount not to exceed \$57,000.00, at which time all interested persons will be heard.

Dated: February 14, 2014
Lisa Garigliano, Town Clerk

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NOTICE

The Town of Neversink **ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT** for the fiscal year 2013 has been completed and filed in the Office of the Town Clerk.

The above mentioned report is available for public inspection at the office of the Town Clerk, Town Hall, 273 Main Street, Grahamsville, NY 12740, between the hours of 8:30 am and 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

LISA GARIGLIANO,
TOWN CLERK
TOWN OF NEVERSINK
DATED: February 21, 2014

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**Counties Call on State
Lawmakers to Include All
Kids in Universal Pre-K
Program**

Counties called on state lawmakers to include all preschool children in any effort to expand universal pre kindergarten in New York State.

"We applaud state and local officials for proposals to improve pre-kindergarten, and our members want to make sure that any attempt at expanding pre-k includes our children receiving preschool special education," said NYSAC President Mark R. Alger, the Steuben County manager.

Counties, which don't have education departments, pay for preschool special education. New York is the only state in the nation that mandates counties to fund the federally-required preschool special education programming.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Chapter 680 of the Laws of 2002 enacted General Municipal Law §209-cc, requiring the **ANNUAL REPORTING OF THE PRESENCE OF WILD ANIMALS**. Pursuant to this law, every person in New York State who owns, possesses or harbors a wild animal as set forth in §209-cc must report annually its presence on or before April 1, of each year with the Town Clerk where the animal is kept. A list of the common names of animals to be reported is available at the Town Clerk's Office. Failure to file as required will subject you to penalties under the law.

Town of Neversink
Lisa Garigliano, Town Clerk
Dated: February 21, 2014

2/27

**TOWN OF NEVERSINK
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that there has been introduced before the Town Board of the Town of Neversink in the County of Sullivan and State of New York ("State"), Introductory Local Law No. 1 of the Year 2014, entitled "A Local Law to amend Chapter 50 (Zoning) and Schedule of District Regulations of the Code of the Town of Neversink", which local law will add the term "Health Spa" to Chapter 50-4 and add "Health Spa" to the RS Zone.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, pursuant to §20 of the Municipal Home Rule Law, a public hearing will be held on the aforesaid local law before the Town Board of the Town of Neversink, at the Town Hall, 273 Main Street, Grahamsville, New York, at 7:15 p.m. prevailing time, on March 12, 2014, at which time all interested persons will be heard. A copy of the said local law is on file with the Town Clerk of the Town of Neversink, New York, where the same may be examined.

Dated: February 12, 2014
Lisa Garigliano, Town Clerk

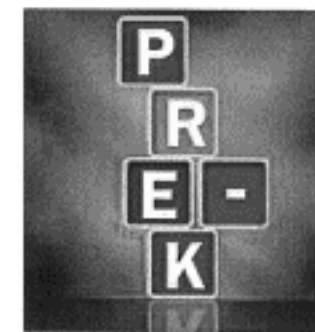
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"County officials have no oversight or management function in this education program. We simply pay for the services and then bill the State of New York for a share of the cost," said Stephen J. Acquario, executive director of NYSAC. "One of the problems is that there is no single entity with oversight or accountability. School districts determine the needed services, providers are paid for the service, even when the child doesn't show up, and too many of these needy children fall through the cracks."

Currently, New York segregates how it provides pre-k education with two different systems: one for special needs children, administered through local health departments, and another through the state Department of Education for all others.

"As the father of a 4-year-old son

Tri-Valley Central School District



**2014-15
Full Day Pre-K Registration**

Eligibility:	Tri-Valley District children who turn four (4) years of age by December 1, 2014.
Registration Date:	Wednesday, March 12, 2014 (Snow Date - March 19, 2014)
Time:	6 PM - Registration program will be completed by 8 PM.
Location:	T-V Elementary School Cafeteria 34 Moore Hill Road, Grahamsville, NY
Please Bring:	Birth Certificate, Immunization Record, License, Proof of Residency
Contact:	Questions? - call Kathi Smith, Registrar 9 AM - 3:30 PM - 845-985-2296

and 9-year-old daughter with special needs, I know UPK can only be truly universal if it touches every preschool child in the state - especially those with special abilities," said Dutchess County Executive Marcus A. Molinaro in an Op Ed published in the Rochester Democrat & Chronicle. Read the full op-ed here

A 2007 Task Force on Preschool Special Education reported that preschool special education children perform better in a school environment with their non-disabled peers.

"There is no question that the expansion of pre-kindergarten will allow the state to build a much more efficient and higher quality system of care for these children," said Acquario. "Should the state enact reforms to expand pre-kindergarten education, we need to be sure to include all of our children."

**Schneiderman on PSC
Ruling Requiring Con
Edison to Protect Its Energy
Delivery Systems from
Climate change**

NEW YORK - The following statement is attributable to Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman on today's ruling by the New York State Public Service Commission in the Consolidated Edison utility hearing, which requires the company to spend \$1 billion to protect its systems while also holding rates steady:

"Hundreds of thousands of New Yorkers suffered from Con Ed electricity outages when Sandy hit New York State in 2012. Today's ruling by the Public Service Commission is an important step toward ensuring that the widespread power outages left in the storm's wake will not be repeated," Attorney General Schneiderman said. "While holding the line on rates, Con Ed is required by the PSC ruling to invest \$1 billion to protect its system from the consequences of severe storms and to engage in an in-depth study of its system's vulnerability to climate change."

"My office played a key role in this proceeding, focusing attention on the real and increasing threat that climate change poses to Con Edison's infrastructure and, ultimately, its customers," Attorney General Schneiderman continued. "I am pleased that both Con Ed and the PSC listened, and the company has committed to taking actions necessary to ensure that New Yorkers continue to receive safe and reliable utility service in a time of increasingly extreme weather."

The PSC ruling is the result of Consolidated Edison's request, submitted in January 2013, for a rate hike for its electric, gas and steam customers and a proposed \$1 billion "storm-hardening" plan to protect its system from the impacts of climate change.

Attorney General Schneiderman intervened in the case and, in testimony and briefs filed with the PSC, his office maintained that Con Edison's initial storm-hardening plans failed to adequately address the risks posed by climate change, such as sea level rise, increased heat waves and precipitation. According to the latest report of the New York City Panel on Climate Change, sea levels in the New York City area could rise by up to 31 inches by the 2050s.

In addition to stabilizing rates over multi-year rate plans, today's ruling includes a number of critical elements advocated by Attorney General Schneiderman. These include: requiring the immediate implementation of storm-hardening and resiliency projects and supporting an ongoing collaborative discussion among the parties on how to best evaluate risk to the system; developing a risk-cost benefit evaluation model to look at flood-protection design standards and other projects related to cost-effective storm-hardening; exploring additional resiliency initiatives such as distributed generation; increasing the replacement of leak-prone gas pipes; measuring methane losses in the company's gas system, and facilitating the switch from highly polluting heavy heating oil to natural gas for building heating.

Town of Neversink Parks & Recreation Department

www.townofneversink.org

(845) 985-2262 extension 312

Friday, May 2 - **Roller Skating** - Tri-Valley Students grades 1 - 4. Must come on the bus and leave on the bus. 6:30 pm pickup at Tri-Valley School - \$3 per person must be paid by Tuesday, April 1. Includes transportation & admission.

May 3 - **Ringling Bros Barnum & Bailey Circus**. Leave Town Hall 1 pm return approx. 8:30 pm. \$25/Neversink Residents & Tri-Valley Students; \$40 non residents. Must be paid by Tuesday, March 18.

Friday, May 16 - **Roller Skating** - Tri-Valley Students grades 5 - 8. Must come on bus & leave on bus. 6:30 pm pickup at Tri-Valley School - \$3 per person must be paid by Tuesday, April 1 - Transportation, admission, skate rental, a slice of pizza & drink

June 7 - **Botanical Gardens & Lunch** - Leave Town Hall 8 am. Must be 21 yrs old to attend. Includes garden buffet. \$40/Neversink Residents-\$80 non-residents. Must be paid by Tuesday, March 25

July 26 - **Saratoga Casino & Raceway**. Leave Town Hall 8 am return 8:30 pm. 20 Free Play, voucher for Garden Buffet and motor coach transportation. Must be 21 years old. \$28 Neversink resident/non-residents. Must be paid by June 3.

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



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.

VETERANS

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

AL-ANON MEETINGS-

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

Mon- 7:00 p.m. United Methodist Church, 170 N. Main Street, Liberty
Thurs- 7:00 p.m. Immaculate Conception Church Annex, 6317 Rt 42, Woodbourne
Sat- 8:00 p.m. United Methodist Church, 170 N. Main Street, Liberty

Halcott, CWC Co-sponsor Municipal Training

MARGARETVILLE, Feb. 21, 2014 - Members of municipal planning boards and zoning boards of appeal will have an opportunity to satisfy the state-mandated annual training requirement at a four-hour session to be held in Halcott, Greene County, on Thursday, March 20 (weather date March 27).

The Catskill Watershed Corporation and the Town of Halcott will co-sponsor the training from 4-8 p.m. at the Halcott Grange, 264 Greene County Route 3, Halcott Center (three miles from NYS Route 28 and the Village of Fleischmanns). Dinner will be provided.

Trainers from New York State Department of State will present two courses - Enforcement of Zoning and Other Local Laws, and Revising Zoning. The classes will be followed by a question and answer

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3/1/14 **Tommy G's Angels Craft Fair Sundown Church Hall**- 10am-3pm (see pg 13 for details)

3/1/14 **Sundown Methodist Church Covered Dish Supper** - 5:30 pm Church Hall

3/4/14 **Town of Denning Board Meeting** - 7:00 pm Denning Town Hall

3/5/14 **Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting**- 7:00 pm

3/11/14 **Town of Denning Town Board Business Meeting** 7:00 pm Town of Denning Town Hall

3/12/14 **Town of Neversink Board Meeting** - 7:30 pm

3/13/14 **Dept. of Motor Vehicles Neversink Town Hall** 10:00 am - 2:30 p.m

3/13/14 **Claryville Fire Dist Meeting** -Regular meeting - 6:30 pm

3/15/14 **Amy Paes Scholarship Game at TVCS** - 5:00 pm

3/15/14 **Grahamsville United Methodist Church Third Saturday Thrift Sale** (9am-1pm) (also Soup Lunch)

3/17/14 **Grahamsville Fire Dist. Board of Fire Commissioners** - 7:00 pm

3/18/14 **Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals** - 7:30 pm

3/20/14 **Neversink Fire District Meeting at 7 p.m.; Public Meeting at 7:30 p.m.**

4/5/14 **Roast Pork Dinner** - Grahamsville Reformed Church

4/8/14 **Grahamsville United Methodist Church Thrift Sale** 9am-1pm & Luncheon 11 am - 1 pm

Save the Date!

May 3, 2014 Journey For Sight Walk in memory of Gene Ganz, Don Hill, Helen Kwasinowicz; & Horace Sheeley. It will be a 3 mile walk in the Fairgrounds. Registration is at 8:30am in the Grahamsville First Aid Building.

July 12, 2014- 10 am- 3 pm Community Yard Sale Craft & Vendor Fair - Grahamsville Fairgrounds. Spots \$15 a piece. Rain or Shine. Free Admission & Parking. All welcome!

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TOWN OF OLIVE MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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

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

session.

The training is free of charge and open to all elected and appointed officials. To register, call Karen Rauter at 845-254-4180 by March 14 or email: krauter@rondoutneversink.org.

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. Visit www.cwconline.org for more information.

CDL Courses Offered at Sullivan BOCES

MONTICELLO - The Adult and Continuing Education Program at Sullivan BOCES is offering a Commercial Driver courses at the St. John Street Education Center in Monticello.

Class A and B Air Brakes Systems, March 1st and March 8th from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. The cost is \$110. The course covers the basic system, function and detection of problems. You will learn the Federal DOT regulations covering commercial truck air brakes systems. The class prepares you for the Air Brakes portion of the DMV written test for learner's permit.

Permit Preparation, March 15th and March 22nd from 8:30 am - 4:30 pm. The fee is \$190. Participants will receive relevant information on endorsements and prepare for the Class A & B CDL written test.

HazMat Endorsement Test Preparation, March 15th and March 22nd from 8:30 am - 4:30 pm. The cost is \$190. This course is structure for CDL holders who wish to obtain or renew their HazMat Endorsement (This course is required once every 2 years).

Class A and B Air Roadside Truck Inspection Program, May 10th and May 17th from 8:30 am - 4:30 pm. The cost is \$190. Participants of this course will learn the Federal DOT Regulations cov-

ering commercial truck air brakes systems and the basics of system parts, function, and detection of problems and maintenance of slack adjusters.

To register or for more information, contact the Adult and Continuing Education Program at (845) 295-4900 between the hours of 8:30 am and 7:00 pm or visit us at scboes.org. For program updates Like Sullivan County BOCES on Facebook and follow us on Twitter.

Roscoe Kiwanis Annual Pancake Breakfast

Roscoe Kiwanis Annual Pancake Breakfast will be held on April 6th 7 am to 12 pm at Roscoe Community Center. Free Will Offering.

Pancakes, Sausage, Real Maple Syrup, Eggs, Coffee, Tea & Orange Juice

Questions Call Karrie Jara 607-498-5747

Roscoe Student Chosen to Represent USA in Italy for Soccer Tournament

On Sunday, March 9th a Pancake Breakfast for the benefit of Lucy Kunz-, the Roscoe/Downsville soccer athlete who will be going to Italy over Spring Break to play soccer), will be held at the Cooks Falls Fire hall 7 AM - 12 PM in Cooks Falls, NY. The menu includes: pancakes (regular, red velvet or blueberry), sausage, eggs, home fries, toast, OJ, coffee, tea or milk.

There will be a free will offering and a 50/50 raffle.

For more information call Lynn at 607-498-5395

Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

A Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser will be hosted by the Wawarsing Christian Academy on Saturday, March 1, 2014 at the Community Bible Church (Dome) on Rt. 209 in

Wawarsing. Family maximum payment - \$40; Adults - \$10; Children 6-12 yrs - \$8.00; 5 & under Free. For more information call 647-3810.

New York Motorists Can Sign Up for This New Service Online, by Mail or at a DMV Office

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced that New York motorists can now receive email reminders and text messages from the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) notifying them when their registrations or inspections are due to expire.

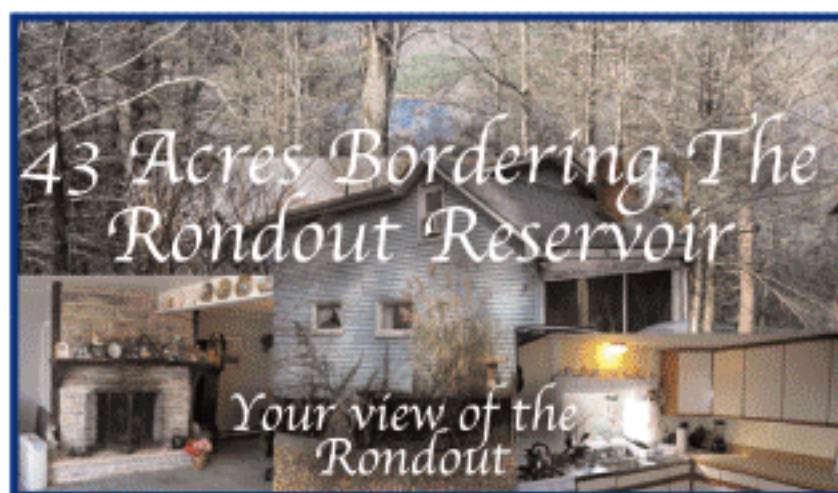
"In the past, long lines at the local DMV office were a symbol of an inefficient state government, but in the last three years, my administration has made it a priority to turn around that reputation and better serve New Yorkers," Governor Cuomo said. "This latest service offered by DMV is a step forward in those efforts, providing New York drivers with the opportunity to sign up for regular reminders that will help them keep track of their vehicle registration and inspection renewals. Today in the new New York, we will continue to make New Yorkers' customer experience the best it can be."

Customers can sign up quickly and conveniently online, by mail when they renew their registration, or at a DMV office counter or kiosk. DMV will also automatically enroll any customer who completed an online transaction in the past two years. Subscription information, such as cell phone number or email address, can be easily changed, and customers can also unsubscribe to this service at any time.

DMV Commissioner Barbara J. Fiala said, "Governor Cuomo asked the Department of Motor Vehicles to reconsider how we do business and to find ways to improve how we provide customer service. These reminders, like our expanded lineup of online services, are another way in which we are making use of technology to increase efficiency, be cost effective and better serve the people of New York State."



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If you have an item(s) that you would like to sell and list in **The Townsman**, send your listing of 10 words or less for each item along with your check (\$1 per item, per week) payable to: **The Townsman**, P O Box 232, Grahamsville, NY 12740 or drop it in the Drop Box at the Grahamsville 1st Aid Building.

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Knarf's "Classic Movie Trivia" A MAN FOR ALL SEASONS (Drama, 1966)



A devout scholar gets caught in the middle of Henry VIII's plans to break with the Catholic Church. Sir Thomas More is named to replace the fallen Cardinal Wolsey as Lord Chancellor of England. More's devotion to the Church and his deeply conscientious nature immediately bring him into conflict with young King Henry VIII. Directed by Fred Zinnemann Cast: Paul Scofield, Wendy Hiller, Leo McKern. See this film on TCM. 5:30 PM, Saturday, March 1, 2014, C- 121 min, Rated TV-G.

Quiz: 1. Who played Cardinal Wolsey?
2. Who played Anne Boleyn?

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

CLARYVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

CORN BEEF & CABBAGE SUPPER, Saturday March 15, 2014, 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm adults \$10.00, beverage included, children under 12, \$5.00, under 5 years old **FREE**, don't forget Sunday March 23 2014 It's the **ALL YOU CAN EAT PANCAKE BREAKFAST** Serving from 7:AM TO 12:00 noon, adults \$7.00 children under 12 \$3.00, under 5 **FREE**, A \$50.00 donation to the **Claryville Reformed Church Food Pantry** for each event.

SUNDOWN

Tommy G's Angels Craft Fair
When: March 1st, 2014 • 10am-3pm
Where: Sundown Church Hall
Why: To help kick cancer to the curve
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