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## Pro-Gun Rights Rally

As you know New York has now been the first state to pass outrageous laws infringing on our 2nd Amendment. Everyone is invited to help create a loud voice against tyrannical governance. This event is free and open to all. Just show up on February 12 from 1 am - 4 pm at Albany Capitol Park West (Washington Ave & N Hawk St, Albany, NY 12210) This is pure Grassroots of common people.

For more information: [glprespecta@yahoo.com](mailto:glprespecta@yahoo.com)

## Valentines for Vets

Sullivan County Veterans Service Agency Announces "VALENTINES FOR VETS" program during the National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans Week.

The Sullivan County Veterans Service Agency will have a "Valentines for Vets" display in the lobby of the Sullivan County Government Center, 100 North Street, Monticello - Monday, February 11th through Friday, February 15th, during the hours of 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Grade school children from our local school districts are invited to participate in this program by creating Valentine's Day cards for our hospitalized veterans. We will deliver the Valentine cards to our local Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) medical centers and local nursing homes.

For more information, please contact John Crotty @ (845) 807-0233

## ERH Go Red for Women



On Friday, February 01, 2013, the Employees, Physicians, Students and Volunteers of Ellenville Regional Hospital wore red in support of the American Heart Association's Go Red for Women Campaign.

Funds raised by Go Red For Women allow the American Heart Association to help women by offering educational programs, increase women's understanding about their risk for heart disease and support research to discover scientific knowledge about heart health.

## The Scholastic Art Awards for Sullivan, Dutchess, Orange and Ulster Counties Honors another Year of Excellence

LIBERTY: Sullivan County BOCES and a consortium of organizations including, Dutchess BOCES, Orange-Ulster BOCES, Ulster County BOCES, the Enlarged City School Districts of Middletown, and the Orange County Arts Council, came together once again to organize and present the Regional Scholastic Art Awards Program for Dutchess, Orange, Sullivan and Ulster Counties.

The Scholastic Art Awards, which are open to students in grades 7-12, brings outstanding visual arts by teenagers to an audience by showcasing their remarkable work and encouraging their creative journey and career development. This year there were 552 students participating from 21 different school buildings with 2,052 art entries.

Awards are presented on both the local and national level of the Scholastic Art Awards, and high school seniors who submit portfolios are considered for more than \$1.5 million in tuition scholarships at colleges across the nation.

The artwork will be on display from 2/9 to 2/21 at SUNY New Paltz, in the Fine Arts Building-Rotunda.

For more information about the awards, please contact Lisa Pacht, Director of Instructional Technology/ Arts In Education at (845) 295-4033.

## Liberty Free Theatre Director Receives Award



Actor Bill Pullman Presents Award to Paul Austin

On Saturday, January 19, during the Sundance Film Festival in Park City, Utah, actor Bill Pullman presented Liberty Free Theatre Founder and Artistic Director Paul Austin with the Creative Coalition's award for Teachers Making A Difference. Prior to the award ceremony, Pullman and Austin made a short film, for the Sundance Festival. *Meet Bill Pullman* can be seen on [Sundance.org](http://Sundance.org) and on [YouTube](http://YouTube).

Robin Bronk, CEO of the Coalition, moderated a lively discussion with Pullman and Austin. Pullman, who can currently be seen in NBC's new series, *1600 Pennsylvania*, told the crowd that when he arrived in New York as a young aspiring actor, his work with Austin was the first significant boost to his career. Austin remarked that Pullman's talent had been obvious at the start and that teaching him was a pleasure. Both actors thanked the Coalition for their work in support of artistic freedom and art in public education. At the end of the presentation Pullman praised the Liberty Free Theatre for its contribution to the cultural life of Sullivan County.

## Lynn Wachter Receives Scholarly Analysis Award



On January 9th, the School Board Academy recognized Lynn Wachter, Roscoe School Board Member, for her commitment to and completion of four sessions in education of contemporary school board issues and school board member service to the community (Contd. Pg. 7)

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**ON THE FRONT BURNER:** For one believes with the heart and so it is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved.  
Romans 10:8b-13

**Days of Yore...****...Today's History**

**February 11, 1953** - A group of interested citizens met Monday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Many to discuss the possibility of getting a doctor for this community, to make plans for a meeting to mobilize public support for that purpose and to consider what inducements the community could offer a doctor to settle here.

Miss Ruth Wallace, a student at New Paltz Teachers' College, is at Tri Valley School doing her practice teaching for the next ten weeks. She is teaching 5th grade under Miss Ruth Anna Ackerley. She is living at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Fuller.

George Dexheimer is spending a few days with his wife, the former Carol Nielsen, at her parents' home in Neversink. Mrs. Dexheimer has been staying with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nielsen, while her husband is in the Service in Greenland.

**February 13, 1963** - Mr. and Mrs. Roger Ackerley of Grahamsville have announced the engagement of their daughter, Jane Louise, to Irving Eugene Buley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Buley of Grahamsville. Miss Ackerley attends Tri Valley Central School and is employed by the New York Telephone Co. Her fiancé attended Oteora High School and is employed by Channel Master. No date has been set for the wedding.

The 3382 MD School Squadron at the Keesler Air Force Base, Biloxi, Miss. of which Robert Smith of Neversink is a member, recently won the honor of being chosen "Squadron of the Year". The Squadron was presented with a plaque by General LeMay. Robert, because of his exceptionally high rating, has been selected to become an instructor in electronics at Keesler Air Force Base.

**February 7, 1973** - Daniel Parks Akerley, 86, a lifelong resident of Sullivan County, died Wednesday in Liberty Community General Hospital. Among his survivors are 85 grandchildren, and 123 great-grandchildren. Mr. Akerley was born July 28, 1886 in Parksville to Charles and Minnie Parks Akerley. He married Beatrice Davis on Nov. 2, 1924 in Liberty.

Robert Lehrer, who resides in Grahamsville, has been accepted for membership in the United States Collegiate Wind Band, a select musical organization which will make a concert tour of seven of the world's important cultural capitals this July and August. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lehrer. Bob plays first clarinet in the Tri-Valley Central School band conducted by Mr. Lawrence Ballestra.

**February 10, 1983** - Attorney Joseph Pond recently opened a new office in Ellenville at 28 North Main St. for the general practice of law. Good Luck, Joe!

If you think prices at your local butcher shop are high, try shopping in Nome, Alaska. Meat markets are selling muk-tuk (whale blubber with a strip of skin attached) for \$7.38 a pound for bowhead whale and \$5.89 for beluga whale. Reindeer is going for \$2.59 a pound; oog-ruk (bearded seal) is \$7.40 a pound and seal oil is \$9.37 a quart. Can't you just picture a guy on his snowmobile pulling up to the take-out window of a Nome fast food emporium and yelling, "Two beluga burgers, one oog-ruk sandwich with beard to go and a pint of seal oil for my snowmobile."

Staff sergeant Joseph Richards, now stationed with the Air Force and Grand Fords, North Dakota, will be moved to a new assignment in Turkey in the near future. Joe is the son of Edward and Catherine Richards of Hastings Drive. (Above news is from the pen of Tom Higgins).

**SCDW Announces Cast Auditions for "12 Angry Jurors"**

The Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop announces cast auditions for "12 Angry Jurors". Auditions will be held in February, with rehearsals beginning in August for play dates September 20 - 22 and 27 - 29.

"12 Angry Jurors" by Reginald Rose is a tense courtroom drama during which a diverse group of 12 strangers must decide the fate of an inner-city teen on trial for the murder of his abusive father.

Needed are 12 jurors - men or women, ages 20 - 80, 1 courtroom clerk. Also needed: stage manager (minimal duties).

Auditions will be held on Saturday, February 9, Sunday, February 10 and Saturday, February 16, at 11:00am, at the Sullivan County Museum in Hurleyville, NY.

If interested, or if you are unable to attend on these dates, please call Director Constance Slater at home 845-436-6309 or cell 845-866-4310.

For further information, check our website [www.scdw.net](http://www.scdw.net).

**NYSAC Testifies on County Impact of Proposed State Budget**

The New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC) today presents testimony on the county impact of the 2013-14 State Budget to a Local Government Hearing of the New York State Legislature. (See <http://www.nysac.org/legislative-action/index.php>.)

While there are no new state resources set aside to ease the financial burden of state mandates imposed on county tax payers in the proposed State budget, Governor Andrew Cuomo continues to recognize the fiscal pressures on counties, and has provided some tools to help stabilize the costs imposed on local governments.

"This budget builds on the long term mandate relief achievements of the last two years, but counties need some shorter term relief," said NYSAC President Edward A. Diana, the Orange County Executive.

The Governor's budget proposal continues to implement a zero percent growth cap in county Medicaid costs effective in 2015, and sets aside \$100 million in this budget. In addition, the Governor's budget is proposing changes that may help ease county budget pressures including:

- Allowing counties an option to modify how they fund state mandated pension contributions;
- Providing counties more audit authority in the special education preschool program;

- Improving government efficiency and streamlining state and local legislative operations by removing the need for counties to pursue home rule legislative requests every two years with the state legislature in order to extend current local sales tax authority;

- Reducing administrative and reporting requirements for counties under Article 6 public health programs;

- Reforming the Workers Compensation system; and

- Renewing Binding Arbitration, which is scheduled to sunset in June 2013, with a new definition of "ability to pay" for municipalities under fiscal distress, making it subject to the property tax cap (does not apply to NYC) where "ability to pay" will be defined as no more than 2 percent growth in the contract.

These new initiatives in the proposed budget, in conjunction with no significant cost shifts and the important reforms enacted in last year's budget, will help reduce budget pressures for counties.

"Recent state budgets advanced by the Governor and approved by the Legislature have improved the long term picture for counties, but in the short term counties have a deep hole to climb out of. Recent mandate relief efforts provide a ladder, but it just is not long enough to get us out of the hole that the recession, decades of State mandates and cost shifts have put us in," said NYSAC Executive Director Stephen J. Acquario.

The New York State Association of Counties is a bipartisan municipal association serving the counties of New York State including the City of New York. Organized in 1925, NYSAC's mission is to represent, educate and advocate for Member Counties and the thousands of elected and appointed county officials who serve the public.

**Upcoming Events at Eureka**

Long Table Dinner, Thurs., Feb 7. Seating from 5.30. Gather with neighbors and meet new people at Eureka's family-style dining experience. Have new conversations in an informal atmosphere over good eats. \$12.50 + beverages, tax & tip.

Valentine's Day Dinner with Live Music, Thurs., Feb 14. Grab your honey or a friend for Eureka's special Valentine's Day menu and an evening of live music.

Menu and other details on our website, [www.eureka-market.com](http://www.eureka-market.com). Reservations guarantee seating.

**A Round About Tri-Valley**

- Carol Furman

Congratulations to Tri-Valley Senior, Aric Boyes on becoming the first Tri-Valley School shotputter to throw over 50 feet. Aric's throw at the indoor track and field championships was 50 feet 5.75 inches!

The ladies of the Grahamsville Reformed Church have announced that their 2013 bake sales will be held on May 25th, July 6th and August 31st. Mark your calendar.

I recently heard of the passing of the following individuals: Leo Bertholf, husband of Alice Bertholf, passed away on December 19th in the State of Florida, George Rusin, brother of Pauline Kocijanski died on January 23rd, Mary Ellen McGee, mother of Martin Carmody of Neversink, passed away on January 18th and Virginia (Ginny) Green of Napanoch, mother of "Bucky" Green, died on January 24th. I didn't know Ginny, but I always admired all of the beautiful daffodils that bloomed in her yard each spring. Condolences to each of these families.

Paul Lounsbury and Sandy Bernstein continue to need our prayers.

The Tri-Valley girls indoor track and field team won the Division V championships. Congratulations!

Mark your calendar! The Tri-Valley Community Ash Wednesday Service (2/13) will be held at the Grahamsville Reformed Church. The Community Maundy Thursday Service (3/28) will be held at the Grahamsville Methodist Church and the Community Good Friday Service (3/29) will be held at the Claryville Reformed Church. All services will begin at 7:00 pm. Everyone is invited to attend.

Gerhard Henke of Grahamsville and Abraham Lincoln were both born on February 12th. Gerhard was born 66 years after Lincoln died. Go figure! Happy birthday, Gerhard!

Gabrielle Calabrese, a senior English major at Siena College has been named to the Fall 2012 College President's List and Kelly McNamara of Hurleyville has been named to the 2012 Fall Semester Dean's List at Alfred University. Both young ladies are graduates of Tri-Valley.

Evie Skidmore loaned me a book entitled *The Harbinger* by Jonathan Cahn. Once I started reading this novel, which was on the N. Y. Times best-seller list, I found it to be very compelling. If you like to read, this novel contains a powerful message.

*Words of Wisdom:* Happiness is a journey, not a destination!

**Neversink News - Hulda Vernooy**

Martha Ahrens, a Wednesday Morning Townsman Lady will celebrate her special day on February 10th. Happy Birthday Martha from all of us! May all your birthday wishes come true.

**TVCS Senior a Three-Point Shooter**

At a recent game at Tuxedo High School, Tri-Valley senior and varsity player, Rodney T. Jester had a stream of six three-pointers.

Tri-Valley Bears improved their league record to 4-1 this past Wednesday night at home defeating Chester 74-59 and Rodney did it again, and popped in a trey during the game. Rodney was also the leading scorer for Tri-Valley with 16 points.

Way to go Rodney!!

**DEP Announces 27th Annual Water Resources Art & Poetry Contest**

New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Commissioner Carter Strickland today announced the 27th annual Water Resources Art and Poetry Contest. Second through twelfth grade students attending public, independent, charter or parochial schools (or who are home-schooled) in New York City and in the East and West of Hudson Watersheds are invited to create original art and compose poetry that reflects an appreciation for our shared water resources. Entries will be accepted from February 1 - March 1, 2013 and may be submitted online, by mail, or delivered to DEP Headquarters. Entries submitted by mail or delivered must be 22" x 28" or smaller and have a completed entry form attached securely on the back. Participants must register for the contest at [www.nyc.gov/dep](http://www.nyc.gov/dep). An award ceremony honoring all student participants will take place in May.

"The annual Water Resource Art and Poetry Contest is a great opportunity to teach students about the water systems that keep New York City running and raise awareness about the importance of environmental stewardship," said Commissioner Strickland. "Each year, hundreds of students in New York City and the watershed demonstrate their creativity and appreciation for NYC Water and we are excited to see this year's submissions."

Last year, more than 700 New York City and Watershed students from more than 50 schools submitted artwork and poems about NYC Water. In June they were honored at an awards ceremony at Citi Field where their artwork and poems were displayed on the stadium's large outfield screens as well as on monitors throughout

the stadium. At the ceremony, Eric Saretsky, Vice President of Queens Ballpark Company - the agency that developed and manages Citi Field - spoke to students about the importance of green infrastructure in managing stormwater and water consumption at the stadium. In addition, many students were selected to read their poetry and discussed their artwork.

DEP's Water Resources Art and Poetry program helps raise awareness about the importance of clean, high-quality drinking water, and what it takes to maintain New York City's water supply and wastewater treatment systems. The 2013 contest will focus on four central themes:

- Water-A Precious Resource: To highlight the importance of the quality of our tap and harbor water.

-- New York City Water Supply System: To understand the history of the NYC drinking water system.

- The New York City Wastewater Treatment System: To examine how the City treats more than 1.3 billion gallons of wastewater every day.

- Water Stewardship: What Can I do to Help Conserve Water? To bring attention to the value of water and ways to conserve it, and the NYC Green Infrastructure Plan as a cost-effective way to manage stormwater and ensure a clean NYC harbor.

Entries will be judged based on creativity in interpreting one or more of the contest themes, accuracy of information, originality, and skill. An impartial panel of judges will review the entries and select one art and one poetry winner from each category (grades 2-3, 4-6, 7-8, and 9-12). Please notify us about your student participants with special needs.

DEP manages New York City's water supply, providing more than one billion gallons of high quality water each day to more than nine million residents, including eight million in New York City. The water is delivered from a watershed that extends more than 125 miles from the city, comprising 19 reservoirs and three controlled lakes. Approximately 7,000 miles of water mains, tunnels and aqueducts bring water to homes and businesses throughout the five boroughs, and 7,500 miles of sewer lines and 96 pump stations take wastewater to 14 in-city treatment plants. DEP has nearly 6,000 employees, including nearly 1,000 in the upstate watershed. For more information, visit [www.nyc.gov/dep](http://www.nyc.gov/dep), like us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/nycwater](http://www.facebook.com/nycwater), or follow us on Twitter at [www.twitter.com/nycwater](http://www.twitter.com/nycwater).

**SC Soil & Water Conservation District Tree & Shrub Program**

The Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District is pleased to announce their annual spring Tree & Shrub Program. The District offers a wide variety of deciduous and conifer species. Tree size and age allows for you, the purchaser, to select what's right for your needs. We offer a range of quantities, from small amounts for the homeowner to large quantities for the landscaper or large parcel planter, at reduced costs to promote conservation plantings.

Landowners can choose from a wide variety of species of trees and shrubs and specialized packets such as Nut Tree, Flowering Tree & Shrub, Wildflower and Butterfly. Other items available through the program are fruit trees, ground covers, fertilizer tablets, marking flags, tree protectors and wildlife habitat housing. For more information, please call us and inquire.

Trees and shrubs offered through the District program can be planted for a number of purposes including Christmas tree production, timber production, wildlife habitat, windbreaks, hedges, screens, stream-bank and road bank stabilization, and ornamentals.

To order, please contact the District Office at (845) 292-6552 Ext. 101 and request the brochure and order blank. The order deadline is Monday, April 1, 2013.

**Celebrating our Children, Food and Future Classroom, Cafeteria - Community**

RVGA and fellow sponsors invite you to join national experts, parents, students and community members to School Food Summit 2013: to identify ways to increase the use of fresh, locally grown food in school meals, and begin to make it happen. The summit will be held on Friday, February 15th at Rondout Valley High School, 122 Kyserike Road, Accord from 1:30-4:30.

Kitchen Camp for food service staff, led by top local chefs; will be held from 5:30-7:00. Local Food Fair: samplings from Kitchen Camp, and tables with farmers, students and organizations will take place at 7:00. Songs of Farms and Food with Creek Iverson and Lisa Mitten can be enjoyed from 7:30-9:00.

"Local Food Goes to School" Panel Discussion of national and local food experts will include:

- . Keynote speakers: Chef Ann Cooper, "The Renegade Lunch Lady" and Chef Tim Cipriano, *No Kid Hungry - Share Our Strength*
- . Todd Fowler, National Farm to School movement
- . Janet Poppendieck, *Free for All: Fixing School Food in America*
- . and more...

**Nature Column - L. 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.*

**The Bear Facts**

One of the most marked hibernators in the Catskills is the American black bear (*Ursus americanus*). Have you ever wondered how it can survive for so long without drinking? Why doesn't hunger force a bear to wake up and seek a meal in midwinter? What triggers a bear to enter its den in December and then leave its den at the end of winter? While there seems to be some controversy as to whether a bear truly hibernates or is just in a state of 'winter lethargy', the facts are that a bear is able to store up enough body fat to survive the winter without eating or drinking. This is quite a phenomenal physiological feat. How do they do it?



A bear begins preparations for over-wintering during the summer, by gorging carbohydrate-rich berries and other food gaining as much as 30 pounds per week. In early autumn, a bear will rake leaves, twigs, and other plant materials into the den to form a nest. Throughout the fall its activity level steadily drops until it ends as though it receives an unidentified signal that it is time to bed down for winter. The bear enters its cramped den through an entrance just large enough for it to squeeze through. The interior of his den is small and may be in a burrow, cave, hollowed-out tree, or rock crevice where he will lie rolled into a tight ball, with his head between his forepaws and his heavily furred back exposed to the worst of the cold. He will keep warm using his great bulk, inches-deep layer of fat, and his fur, which more than doubles its insulative value during the fall. He will doze for several months with a body temperature of 88°F or higher, because his warm fur and lower surface-to-mass ratio that allows him to better retain body heat cutting his cut metabolic rate in half. Over-wintering black bears do other extraordinary things. For starters, snoozing bears are able to gain all the sustenance they need from within their own bodies. Fat tissues break down and supply water and up to 4,000 calories a day; muscle and organ tissues break down and supply protein. A bear's bodies is able to take urea, a chief component of urine that is produced during tissue breakdown and that, if left to build up, becomes toxic. A bear utilizes the nitrogen in it to build new protein. Even though a hibernating bear drinks no water, it does not become dehydrated. Hibernating bears also have what would seem to be dangerously high cholesterol levels. Because they live off their own fat, their cholesterol levels are more than twice what they are in summer, and yet show no signs of hardening of the arteries or the formation of cholesterol gallstones.

Despite being cooped up in a space about the size of a doghouse, hibernating black bears also appear to avoid muscle cramping and degenerative bone loss. How they accomplish this remains a unexplained.

Another mystery is "delayed implantation." A female will carry a fertilized egg in her womb for many months where it is ready to attach itself to the uterine wall and begin developing into a fetus. But it doesn't do so until the female's body gives a signal which allows a bear to time the birth of her cubs so they're not born too early or too late, and giving the mother a way out if food is scarce: If she has not accumulated enough fat by the time she settles into her den to hibernate, the egg will spontaneously abort.

In January, a pregnant black bear wakes long enough to give birth to one or more cubs rousing herself every now and then to tend to them as the cubs suckle their mother, safely warmed by her furred belly. Then by an unknown cue, the mysterious journey of the bear continues. The mom and cubs, now about three months old and weighing four to eight pounds, leave the den behind and get on with their lives in the warm world at large.

It is fascinating to consider all the hidden aspects of the natural world that go on that we may not be aware of. Nature is stirring in February! If you're out walking and everything looks cold and dead, remember all the stored energy that's around you: buds on trees waiting to unfold, animals running around under the snow living out lives completely unseen in their "subnivean" world, mammals curled up in dens sleeping or hibernating, and somewhere in the woods near you, a mother bear may be nursing her cubs.

Like Peggy always said, "February is a most unpredictable month, thank goodness it is the shortest!"

**Household Hints**

**Vinegar in the Kitchen**

Eliminate onion odors. Rub on your fingers before and after slicing.

**Mysterious Book Report No. 83** by John Dwaine McKenna



Back in the nineteenth century, Mark Twain wrote, "There is no distinctly American criminal class . . . except Congress." If he was still living today, he might amend that to say, ". . . except Congress and Wall Street Operators," because as anyone who pays the least bit of attention to the news knows, hardly a month goes by without a new scandal or criminal malfeasance of some kind on Wall Street erupting into public awareness. There are a couple of reasons for this: One, financial services are heavily regulated and often litigated and two Wall Street is chock full of fear and greed. Combined, they're a volatile mixture that's bound to generate scams, scammers, losses and lawsuits, heartbreak and hijinks aplenty. I know. In one of my previous working lives, I worked in the securities business as both a stockbroker and a compliance officer, think highway patrolman for brokerage services, and I served as an arbitrator for the NASD, the National Association, of Securities Dealers . . . during which time I've seen malfeasance and moral turpitude in many guises. Because white-collared crime is a hot-butter issue around our house, I was eager to read and review this week's MBR number 83, which is about Wall Street run amok. Written by an ex-Wall Streeter with twenty-plus years experience running a trading desk and who later became a managing director of a major bond-trading department, it's a seat-of-the-pants thriller that should be required reading in all collegiate ethics classes . . . and it's a damn good yarn for all crime fiction aficionados.

*Black Fridays*, (Putnam, \$25.99, 341 pages, ISBN 978-0-399-15866-7) by Michael Sears is a first novel that's been drawing plenty of extraordinary praise from the likes of John Sanford, Meg Gardiner and Joseph Finder . . . all best-selling authors in their own right. The novel opens with protagonist, Jason Stafford a disgraced and convicted Wall Street Trader, getting out of prison after serving two years for theft by embezzlement. He emerges as a changed man . . . barred for life from the securities industry and flat broke . . . trying to pick up the pieces of his life. He's divorced, on parole and trying to reconnect with his autistic young son who's 1,800 miles away in Louisiana. Salvation comes in the form of a two week consulting job at \$5,000 per day. He's to audit all trades made by one employee of a large multi-national Wall Street firm that's about to merge with a giant bank, creating a mega-monolithic, "too big to fail" company. The trader in question being not only uncharacteristically profitable, but who was also tragically killed in a boating accident. It seems like the perfect case of the "takes a crook to catch a crook" variety . . . until more corpses start piling up. The action, suspense and danger are enough to make *Black Fridays* a great read, but what makes it a compelling one is the back story of Stafford's autistic young son, and his efforts to protect the boy. It makes what would otherwise be a good crime drama into a wonderful human interest story and a great read for anyone. Do yourself a favor and check out this exciting new author. I'm adding him to my list of favorite writers. Rest assured, he's that good.

Why not start the New Year right by becoming a regular user of your local library and getting to know the librarians? It's a resolution you'll be happy to keep. Thanks to all of you who've been visiting our websites: [johndwainemckenna.com](http://johndwainemckenna.com) and [rhyolitepress.com](http://rhyolitepress.com)

We're constantly expanding and upgrading them with new and exciting features to make them bigger and better; and of course your suggestions for improving them are always welcome.

Read *The Neversink Chronicles* yet? Signed copies are available at Cannie D's, the Time and Valleys Museum Store and Peter's Market in Napanoch. It and the new murder mystery and coming of age story *The Whim-Wham Man* are available at bookstores everywhere as well as Amazon and the above websites, Kindle, Nook and iTunes. We're also busily loading individual stories onto all eBooks and mobile devices where they'll be available for less than a dollar. Check 'em out! I'll see you next week with a brand-new, really good MBR. --JDM

**SUPERVISOR'S CORNER**

By: Mark McCarthy, Town of Neversink Supervisor



**Reminder** The Town Hall will be closed on February 18th in observance of President's Day and March 29th in observance of Good Friday.

**Assessor's Office** Following Gene Froehlich's retirement and Bryan Delaney's approval by New York State's Office of Real Property Tax Service, Bryan has been appointed as sole appointed assessor by the Town of Neversink Town Board. His clerk, Geri Gorton, will be available M-F 8:30 - 4:30 and Bryan will hold office hours at the Town Hall Tuesday evenings 5:00-7:30 PM and by appointment as needed. He can be reached at 985-2262 ext. 323 and by email at [assessors@townofneversink.org](mailto:assessors@townofneversink.org) Geri can be reached at 985-2262 ext 319.

**Ball Fields** The Town and the VanNostrand's have signed purchase agreements for the new site of the ball fields. FEMA and the State Emergency Management Offices have agreed to funding up to \$535,000 to replace what we all lost at City Field. I have a site plan in the office if anyone would like to view it.

**Cell Tower** AT&T is saying that we will have cell service by the middle of June 2013.

**Dept. of Motor Vehicles** The DMV will be at the Town Hall from 10 AM to 2:30 PM on February 14th and March 14th. Please note: the DMV no longer accepts credit card payments at the town hall; they will accept checks only.

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

**Confirmed Case of Tuberculosis Reported in Ulster County**

Ulster County Health Commissioner, Dr. Carol Smith has announced that a case of active Tuberculosis (TB) has been confirmed in Ulster County. "The Ulster County Department of Health is doing everything possible to prevent any further cases from developing. This includes notifying all physician's offices and health care facilities in Ulster County. If anyone suspects that they, or someone they know, may be experiencing TB symptoms, they should contact their health care provider immediately and avoid contact with other people," said Dr. Smith. Tuberculosis (TB) is caused by a bacterium called *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*. It usually attacks the lungs. If not treated properly, TB disease can be fatal. However, not everyone infected with TB bacteria becomes sick. TB symptoms may include:

- A persistent cough that lasts 3 weeks or longer
- Pain in the chest
- Coughing up blood or sputum (phlegm from deep inside the lungs)
- Weakness or fatigue
- Weight loss
- No appetite
- Chills
- Fever
- Sweating at night

TB bacteria are put into the air through droplets when a person with TB disease of the lungs coughs, sneezes, speaks, or sings. People in close contact may breathe in these bacteria and become infected.

Certain conditions and activities may place individuals at increased risk, such as:

- Persons with compromised immune systems
- Persons who may have spent time with a person known to have TB disease or suspected to have TB disease
- Persons who have HIV infection or another condition that puts them at high risk for TB disease
- Persons who exhibit signs and symptoms of TB disease
- Persons who are from a country where TB disease is very common

For more information, contact the Ulster County Department of Health/Communicable Disease Division at (845)340-3090 or visit the New York State Department of Health website at [http://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/tuberculosis/fact\\_sheet.htm](http://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/tuberculosis/fact_sheet.htm)


**County-Wide Radio Frequency Upgrade to be Discussed at Upcoming Sullivan County Public Safety Meeting**

Monticello, NY - There will be a Sullivan County Public Safety Committee Meeting on Thursday February 7, 2013 at 3:30 PM in the Sullivan County Government Center (2nd Floor) at 100 North Street in Monticello, NY. On the agenda will be a review of three related resolutions to move forward with the County Public Safety Radio Frequency Upgrade Program. The move toward a common high band frequency connecting E911 to all emergency first responders, including fire departments, ambulance and various law enforcement agencies, began in 2006. New York State grant funding began in 2009 for independent studies with Blue Wing Consultants in 2009.

Sullivan County Legislator and Public Safety Chair Cora Edwards states: "We always welcome public comment at our committee meetings. It is vital that the public is informed of developments which affect all citizens in the County. Members of the public have specific knowledge of their neighborhoods which is helpful. We want to keep taxpayers engaged every step of the way."

**4-H Connects Youth to Dog Obedience in February**

LIBERTY- Man's best friend can become part of a child's next 4-H Animal Science project! The Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County 4-H Youth Development program offers a curriculum for youth interested in working with dogs as part of their 4-H experience. All project information and an outline of the upcoming Dog Obedience Series will be covered at the next 4-H Connects Kids to Cornell (known as 4-H Connects) meeting on Friday, February 8 at the Gerald J. Skoda Extension Education Center on 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road in Liberty.



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## The Olive Jar - Carol LaMonda

### Hizzoner

Well, the groundhog didn't see its shadow. Thank goodness. Winter is just not as much fun as it used to be. I used to love snow because it meant "snow days" off from school. I used to ice skate on my mom's lake in New Paltz, but now, after breaking an ankle and a wrist, I don't care to try. I used to go downhill skiing at Belleayre, but now I am not enthused. I am still a bit angry that "over seventy" skiers who held Lifetime Gold Passes (with their picture ID) were not grandfathered in. ORDA started off on the wrong foot with me by not considering the regular seniors who already were eligible to ski free and those like me approaching the "free ski" mark. Also, the town's ski programs got plowed to the curb. So winter means cold, colds and snow removal. I needed that little rodent to predict an early spring.

I sound like a curmudgeon. Yes, I do. It has taken me nearly seven decades to become one. I have officially moved from chameleon, which changes its colors to blend with its surroundings, to a person, like "hizzoner" Ed Koch who spoke his mind about everything.

I remember when he, the consummate New Yorker, insulted upstate New York and the country folk by saying, "Have you ever lived in the suburbs? It's sterile. It's nothing. It's wasting your life." I believe he went on to say something about us, upstaters, who dressed in "gingham and plaid." It was the year Pat Tosi and I invited him to come to Olive Day. Long story, short. He didn't. We were all going to dress in gingham to spoof him.

Yes, Hizzoner, wasn't trying to please everyone. He was upfront about being the person he was, not the person someone wanted him to be. I am beginning to admire that.



### RESERVOIR MUSIC NOTES- Fred Perry-Owner of Reservoir Music Center • 711 Route 28, Kingston, NY 12401



Last Friday night at The Bearsville Theater, The Duke McVinnie Band showed, yet again, why they are quickly becoming the hottest band in the Hudson Valley! Duke and the band brought

their "A" game to Woodstock, playing the first set with guests, Malcolm and Sandrine Burn. All the elements the band's mostly musician fans have come to expect were there: the tremolo drenched guitars of McVinnie and Matt Cullen, the haunting melodies, the unexpected changes, the tightness of the band, the psychedelic cello of Jane Scarpantoni, the virtuoso playing of everybody, and most of all, the world view of Duke McVinnie himself, which informs the entire project!

Producer Malcolm Burns, looking like he stepped out of The Red Dog Saloon circa 1965, added a totally different, unique, and wild element with his organ playing, using his feet, elbows, hands, and whatever else he could hit the keys with, to create the cool sounds he was getting out of what sounded like a cheesy Farfisa or Vox Continental. However, I didn't get a close enough look at it for a positive ID! His wife, Sandrine, provided beautiful background vocals for The Duke's growly, Leonard Cohen-like voice!

The Burn Family was gone for the second set, which signaled a return to the guitar oriented sound of the band. I am a guitar guy, so it was nice to have the focus back on guitar sounds, but Malcolm Burn is such a major talent, that in the overall scheme of things, he and Sandrine bring too much to the table to be ignored, and I hope they become permanent members soon! That said, it was refreshing to hear Matt Cullen's surf-raga rock guitar take over, with help, as always from Jane Scarpantoni's Jimi Hendrix-like cello playing, and The Man himself - Duke McVinnie! Don't want the rhythm section to feel left out, so let me say that drummer Manuel Quintana, percussionist Tom Goss, and bassist Colin Almquist (of Voodelic), all played at the same high level of inventiveness, creativity, and musical chops, as everyone else in the band!

I'm gonna go out on a limb here, and say that The Duke McVinnie Band is the most unusual combo in the Hudson Valley, and probably beyond! The way they combine the myriad different elements of McVinnie's music to form one exotic, esoteric sound, makes them different from any other band I've seen in a long time! And please don't think these guys are some sort of neo-classical, Woodstock folks, mellow acoustic band. No, everyone's plugged in, and they rock! In their own way! Let me just say this, you will not be bored!

If you yearn for something different, something that will lift you out of your blues-rock, singer-songwriter comfort zone, well then, you gotta check these guys out. If you can't dig what The Duke McVinnie Band is layin' down, you're probably dead! [www.dukemcvinnie.com](http://www.dukemcvinnie.com), and here's a link to a YouTube performance from a year ago. They've gotten even better since then. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KIP-g4F-gZE>

In other important news, The Man in Black, Johnny Cash, will soon be honored by the United States government with his very own postage stamp! Coming soon, as a "Forever" stamp, that will be one stamp that I, and I'm sure many others, will line up to buy. How cool would it be to send your mail with Johnny Cash in the corner of the envelope! Whoever opens that letter will do whatever you request! LOL.

The ninth annual Mountain Jam will take place June 6-9 at Hunter Mountain. Line up will be the same as the other 8 Mountain Jams! No, just kidding! I'm pleased to

say that Phil Lesh of The Grateful Dead is the headliner, and there are a lot of new and exciting bands scheduled this year! Put it on your calendar now!

I'm pleased to report that last week's mid-Winter live music drought is officially over! There were more overall events this week than at any time since I started writing this column! And quite a few of those have found their way into my weekly picks. Here we go!

Wednesday, February 6 - Local luminary and international woman of mystery, GENYA RAVAN will be making an extremely rare appearance at Iridium in Manhattan! This is a must see if you're anywhere near mid-town. Genya was the driving force behind Ten Wheel Drive, produced The Dead Boys, and started the first female band to play their own instruments, Goldie and The Gingerbreads! Further downtown, the foremost proponent of John Fahey style trance-raga guitar, LEO KOTTKE, is at City Winery, and up in Albany, one of the best young bands I've seen, Ramble and Mountain Jam veterans, GRACE POTTER AND THE NOCTURNALS, are at The Egg, one of the best venues to see and hear music, anywhere!

Thursday, February 7 - Another one of my favorite young bands, BLACKBERRY SMOKE, returns to Irving Plaza in Manhattan. I saw them here last summer, courtesy of Shore Fire Media, they were awesome, and I wish I could go again! I probably can't, so why don't you, and tell me how it was? BTW, Blackberry Smoke will also be at the first ever Hunter Mountain Country Festival this summer, along with Willie Nelson and a dozen modern country hat bands! Strange bedfellows indeed! Also tonight, Former MC5 guitarist, WAYNE KRAMER, one of Rolling Stone's "Hundred Greatest Guitarists of All Time", is at Bowery Electric, Asbury Park RnB singer, SOUTHSIDE JOHNNY and his new band, THE POOR FOOLS, are at City Winery, and music legend AL KOOPER begins a two night engagement at BB King's, all in Manhattan!

Friday, February 8 - AL KOOPER finishes up at BB King's, guitarist extraordinaire, ALBERT LEE begins a three night run at Iridium, another awesome guitar player, TODD WOLFE, who played lead guitar for Sheryl Crow for five years before leaving to start his own Blues-Rock band (who are WAY better than Sheryl), at The Rodeo Bar, and up in Woodstock, NYC boogie woogie Rock n Roll band, LOW CUT CONNIE, who've been described as, "A cross between Jerry Lee Lewis and The Replacements" bring their Jack White and Rolling Stone magazine approved craziness to The Bearsville Theater! [www.lowcutconnie.com](http://www.lowcutconnie.com). Oh, and, of course, I would be remiss if I forgot to mention that THE CHEATING HEARTS, the Altered Country and Rock n Roll band featuring Jimmy Eppard, Just James, Chuck Cornelis, and Yours Truly, are back at Keegan Ales in Kingston for another 3 hour show with no cover! Come see what the fuss is all about!

Saturday, February 9 - Very special ROCKABILLY RUMBLE AT THE RAMBLE at Levon's barn, featuring Jimmy Vivino, Lee Rocker (of The Stray Cats), Earl Slick (David Bowie's guitar player, who also replaced Brian Setzer in The Stray Cats to create a new band called Phantom, Rocker, and Slick), Marshall Crenshaw, David Letterman Band drummer, Anton Fig, and Rockabilly revivalist Robert Gordon, who's kept the torch burning for Rockabilly for decades! This will be awesome! In the city, ALBERT LEE continues his second of three nights at Iridium, and IAN HUNTER, late of Mott The Hoople, is at City Winery.

Sunday, February 10 - Two shows, both in Manhattan, both the last of a two and three night run! ALBERT LEE at Iridium and IAN HUNTER at City Winery. Pick one and go! Sunday night's a good night for live music!

Monday, February 11 - Remember the band Cinderella? They had a few hits in the 80's and 90's, and then disappeared. My friend sang back up with them, and she told me that their target audience for their first CD was 12 year old girls. Target audience for their second CD was 15 year old girls, and by the time they got up to their third CD, 17 year old girls! Well, their first two CD's were kind of teeny bop-perish, but by the time they did get up to their third release, they had transformed into a mighty fine, blues-metal pop Rock n Roll band! Check out their cover of Janis Joplin's

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"Move Over". Lead singer TOM KEIFER, who's performing at The Highline Ballroom tonight, sounds eerily like Janis!

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YPIjkUKZc6Q>

Tuesday, February 12 - Wow! Busy night, especially for a Tuesday! I suppose that's why every show tonight is in the city! We start with punk legends, THE DEAD KENNEDYS at The Gramercy Theater. RnB and Funk innovator, GEORGE CLINTON is at BB King's, with THE P-FUNK ALL STARS. From Nashville, we have a fabulous Western Swing band, THE TIMEJUMPERS, who's fiddle players both were guests on the last Brooklyn Cowboys CD, at City Winery. At The Rodeo Bar, Levon's piano player, BRIAN MITCHELL. At Joe's Pub, Americana Royal Couple, BRUCE ROBISON AND KELLY WILLIS. And wrapping up the night, local resident, MARCO BENEVENTO, of the very talented Benevento-Russo Band, will be performing a highly, highly recommended Tribute to James Booker, the late New Orleans piano genius, at The Brooklyn Bowl. There were no Picks of the Week this week. Due to the extremely high quality of every show, it was impossible to pick any over any other this week, but this show, due to the historical importance of James Booker as a musician, and the fact that this may be a one time event, surely make this as close as we can come this week to a pick of the week!

Thursday, February 14, Valentine's Day - I wish there was more to recommend, musically, for Valentine's Day. I guess y'all will have to settle for a romantic dinner for two, OR, you could take in ALBERT LEE at The Egg in Albany! Or both!

Don't forget, if you lose your copy of The Townsman, this column is also on the Web at [www.reservoirmusic-center.com](http://www.reservoirmusic-center.com), [www.brooklyncowboys.com](http://www.brooklyncowboys.com), and [www.hvmusic.com](http://www.hvmusic.com). All columns are archived on the Reservoir Music site.

And please don't forget to check out my bi-weekly guest spot on John Madeo's Little Delaware Jamboree radio show on WIOX, 91.3 FM, every other Monday night around 8:30. Next show is February 18. Also on the web and mobile devices at [www.wioxradio.org](http://www.wioxradio.org).

Have a great week!

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

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**Lynn Wachter Receives Scholarly Analysis Award (From Pg. 1)**

Ms. Wachter has attended all of the session offered by the School Board Academy since its inception in February 2012.

Ms. Wachter has been on the Roscoe School Board since July 2008.

The School Board Academy a joint venture of the Sullivan County School Boards Associations (SCSBA) and Sullivan County BOCES designed to address the ever-changing needs of school board members. The Academy provides current school board members with an enhanced understanding the board's role as policy maker and educational leader. The program also helps new board members with the fundamentals of school board service and provides a refresher for the more seasoned members.

**Liberty Central School Wall of Fame nominations due Feb. 15 - outstanding individuals wanted for the Class of 2013**

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individuals are due in two weeks, on Fri. Feb. 15, to be considered for the 2013 Wall of Fame.

Now in its third year, the Liberty Central School District Wall of Fame was established by the Board of Education to honor outstanding Liberty alumni and employees as well as community members who have made a lasting contribution to the school district. Nominees are judged on exceptional accomplishments or significant contributions within their school, family, career, community or personal life.

The third group of inductees will be selected in early 2013 and honored at a ceremony and breakfast reception prior to Liberty's graduation on Saturday, June 22, 2013. To date, 15 outstanding individuals have been inducted to the Wall of Fame - seven alumni, six former faculty members and two community members.

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Information about each inductee can be found at [www.libertyk12.org](http://www.libertyk12.org).

The Wall of Fame is located in the lobby of the David E. Panebaker Auditorium at the Liberty High School. "We are very excited to welcome a third group of inductees to the Wall of Fame," said Assistant Superintendent and Wall of Fame Co-Chairperson Carol Napolitano. "Each year it is fascinating to learn about the outstanding people who have been a part of this district. The accomplishments of our graduates, the life-long impact of faculty and staff and the compassion of community members give us a lot to be proud of."

The nomination application can be downloaded at the district web site or picked up at the District Administration Office at 115 Buckley Street, Liberty, NY. Please call Mrs. Tania DeFrank at 845-292-6990 for more information.

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### Pretty Fire

Big Sky Productions of Grahamsville has been honored with an invitation to bring its critically acclaimed play "Pretty Fire" to the Gardiner Library on Sunday, February 17, 2013 at 3:00 p.m. Snowdate is Sunday, March 3 at the same time.

"Pretty Fire" is an entertaining and captivating



one-woman show written by Charlayne Woodard. In five vignettes, she traces her life from premature birth to 11 years old. With lyrical, lifting words, Woodard weaves stories of two young sisters in Albany, NY; of Ku Klux Klan riders burning a cross (the "pretty fire" of the title) in the hilltop town of Rosignol Hill, Georgia; and of three generations of family

love, struggle and triumph. The stage is filled with the authentic, mesmerizing experience of contemporary African-American life.

"Pretty Fire" features DeLois House of Ellenville as Charlayne Woodard. Ms. House has been in several shows for Big Sky Productions including "Jake's Women," "An American Daughter," "Having Our Say: The Delaney Sisters' First Hundred Years" and "The Exonerated." She has also acted in "The Odd Couple" (Female Version), "Steel Magnolias," "Misery" and "Intimate Apparel." Her first performance of "Pretty Fire" was in 2005 at Sullivan County Community College. She has since performed the play at the Bloomingburgh Restoration Foundation, the Grand Montgomery Chamber Music and Theatre Series, the Newburgh Library and the New City Library.

In "Pretty Fire," Ms. House portrays an astounding 25 characters.

The New York Times said "Pretty Fire" is "Exhilarating and unflaggingly entertaining ... One of the most positive pictures of the Black-

American experience I've ever seen on stage..."

Newsday called it "Inspiring, illuminating and engrossing," and the L.A. Times called it "A remarkable feat of writing and performing - a rare autobiographical tour de force so lustrous it seems to reinvent the whole solo-acting genre."

Carol Montana, Big Sky Productions' artistic director, directs "Pretty Fire." Ms. Montana has directed over 40 plays including "On Golden Pond," "Chapter Two," "Jake's Women," "Driving Miss Daisy," "Having Our Say," "Arsenic and Old Lace," "Hate Mail," "The Hilarious Hillbilly Massacre," "The Sunshine Boys," "Last Will and Testament" and "The Exonerated."

This performance will be held at the Gardiner Library located at 133 Farmer's Turnpike in Gardiner, NY, 12525.

General admission is \$10.00. The play is recommended for audiences who are 16 years old and above. For information and directions call 845-255-1255.

Pretty Fire is produced by special arrangement with Dramatists Play Service.

De Lois House stars in "Pretty Fire" at the Gardiner Library on February 17

### CAS ARTS CENTER New Exhibition: "Near and Far" Opens March 2

Livingston Manor, NY - Catskill Art Society (CAS) is proud to present "Near and Far," featuring a three person exhibition of photographs in triptych form from Judith Meyerowitz, Gordon Gilbert and James Carney, and horizontal travel scrolls and accordion books of Kalika Stern from Saturday, March 2 to Sunday, April 7 at the CAS Arts Center, 48 Main Street, Livingston Manor, NY.

Judith Meyerowitz, Gordon Gilbert and James Carney will present photographs in triptych form from "The Nature of Natures" series. A triptych is a work of art that is divided into three sections. Meyerowitz's photography in this series focuses on reflections, refractions, mists, and barks in nature. Gilbert records objects, constructions, and cityscapes in nature, both locally and internationally, while Carney's photographs show wildlife in their natural surroundings and habitat.

Kalika Stern has been keeping a daily visual journal for more than 35 years. She prefers to work outdoors, on the spot, "en plein air," has traveled the world and is known for her paintings of New York City. In "Near and Far," Stern will be showing paintings, drawings, horizontal scrolls and accordion books that depict scenes and experiences from different places around the world, as well as a slideshow on India, where she has traveled six times.

CAS will host an Artist Talk for "Near and Far" on Saturday March 2 at 2:00 p.m. and an Opening Reception immediately following, from 3:00-5:00 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. Everyone is invited to see the work and meet the artists.

CAS Gallery hours for this exhibition are Thursday - Saturday and Monday 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., and Sunday 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. The CAS Arts Center is fully wheelchair accessible.

### Professional Women of SC Meeting

The Professional Women of Sullivan County will be holding their next meeting on Wednesday, February 20th, at the White Sulphur Springs Inn, at 3334 State Route 52 in White Sulphur Springs, NY. Networking will begin at 6:00 pm, followed by dinner at 6:30 pm. Our speaker will be Matt Kansy RD CPT, and the topic is Rejuvenating New Year's Resolutions for Healthy Eating. Dinner choices will be chicken noodle soup or salad, filet of salmon with dill sauce, chicken Kiev with wild rice, or pasta primavera. Rolls and butter, veggies, dessert and coffee/tea will be served. The cost including tax and tip is \$22. All are invited (including men). You do not have to be a member to attend our meetings. Please RSVP to Marilyn Stein with your dinner choice at [mjcat12@hotmail.com](mailto:mjcat12@hotmail.com) or 845-791-7723.

About the Professional Women of Sullivan County: Formally known as

### Liberty Free Theatre Playwright in NY Times-Rilla Askew's New Novel Wins Praise

LIBERTY - Sullivan County resident, award winning novelist and Liberty Free Theatre playwright has received high praise in the Sunday, January 27, New York Times Book Review for her new novel, Kind of Kin, published by Ecco Press. Kind of Kin, centers on Oklahoma's anti-illegal immigration law and the sometime comical and poignant ways it affects small town families and Mexican immigrants. Reviewer Jonathan Evison says the story has "a furious pulse" and calls the book "a democratic novel" which provides "not only the heartbeat of Cedar, Okla, but of the nation." Kind of Kin has received praise from dozens of periodicals, booksellers and newspapers from all around the country, including San Francisco, Kansas City and Minneapolis.

Audiences will remember Askew's plays, Strange Business and By The Time I Got To Woodstock, originally written for and performed at the Liberty Free Theatre. But Ms. Askew is more widely noted for her other literary works. She is the author of four novels and a book of stories. Her first novel, The Mercy Seat, which had its seeds in old stories about her family's migration into Indian Territory in the late 1800's, was nominated for the PEN/Faulkner Award, the Dublin IMPAC Prize, and received the Oklahoma Book Award and the Western Heritage Award in 1998. Fire in Beulah, Askew's acclaimed novel about the Tulsa Race Riot, received the American Book Award in 2002, and her novel Harpsong received seven literary awards including the Oklahoma Book Award, the Violet Crown Award from the Writers League of Texas, and the Western Heritage Award from the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum. In 2009 Askew received an Arts and Letters Award from the American Academy of Arts and Letters. She divides her time between her native Oklahoma and her home in the Catskill Mountains in upstate New York.

### SCDW Announces Audition for "12 Angry Jurors"

The Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop announces cast auditions for "12 Angry Jurors" Auditions will be held in February, with rehearsals beginning in August for play dates September 20 - 22 and 27 - 29.

"12 Angry Jurors" by Reginald Rose is a tense courtroom drama during which a diverse group of 12 strangers must decide the fate of an inner-city teen on trial for the murder of his abusive father.

Needed are 12 jurors - men or women, ages 20 - 80, 1 courtroom clerk. Also needed: stage manager (minimal duties). Auditions will be held on Saturday, February 9, Sunday, February 10 and Saturday, February 16, at 11:00am, at the



**Sounds of Africa**

Nesin Cultural Arts will be presenting Master Drummer Bernard Woma and the Saakumu Dance Troupe on February 8, 2013 at 7:30pm in Eugene D. Nesin Theatre for the Performing Arts, St. John Street, Monticello. The award winning Bernard Woma and the Saakumu Dance Troupe is one of the leading traditional/contemporary dance and music group in Ghana, West Africa. Their music and dance range from spiritual, ceremonial, recreational genres to contemporary African dance forms.



Their music and dance is joyful, expressive and highly participatory. Bernard Woma has shared the performance stage with renowned artists such as Maya Angelou, Yo Yo Ma, and Glen Velez. He has performed for international dignitaries and presidents such as U. S. president Bill Clinton, Nelson Mandela and Queen Elizabeth II. He was recently honored as the cultural resource person for President Barack Obama's family when they visited Ghana. He is a true cultural treasure from Ghana who has toured the world as xylophonist and lead drummer of the National Dance Company of Ghana. Bernard is an extremely dynamic artist and deeply experienced educator. His recent appearances in the US include a performance with New York Philharmonic at the Avery Fisher, Lincoln Center, South Dakota Symphony Orchestra and Minnesota Orchestra, residency with the Ethos Percussion group, performances and teaching at New York's AXF: African Xylophone Festival, and various universities and colleges. The performance of his composition "Gyil Nyog Me Na" in the spring of 2006 at Zankel Hall in Carnegie Hall is a testimony of his musicianship. Bernard is the Artistic Director of Saakumu Dance Troupe and the founder and director of the Dagara Music and Arts Center in Accra, Ghana.

Tickets for this outstanding performance are suggested donation \$10 for adults, \$5 for students. All are welcome. Tickets may be purchased at the door. The funds raised through this event will be used to bring in future programs and events in the arts for the students and community. For more information regarding tickets, contact Ellen Nesin, at 845 794 6013. For more information on Nesin Cultural Arts programming visit [www.nesinculturalarts.org](http://www.nesinculturalarts.org)

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## LETTERS &amp; NOTES TO THE EDITOR:

*Emails can sometimes do more than just bring a message. The following email was recently circulated, and perhaps you too, have read it.*

"Not to offend anyone. I am just a messenger here.....

It appears to me we should join the current hysteria and suggest the evidence shows that all registered Democrats should be confiscated. We know who they are - they're registered! Why is it that none of the disturbed and evil men, who steal guns, and then go and kill movie-goers and children in school, has ever been identified as a conservative NRA member? Consider:

- Ft Hood - Registered Democrat/Muslim
- Columbine - Too young to vote; both families were registered Democrats and progressives
- Virginia Tech - Wrote hate mail to President Bush and to his staff - Registered Democrat
- Colorado Theater - Registered Democrat; staff worker on the Obama campaign; Occupy Wall Street participant; progressive.
- Connecticut School Shooter - Registered Democrat

The common thread is that all of these shooters were progressive liberal Democrats." INTERESTING, isn't it?"

*One of our readers who also received this email has offered the following response:*

Hey, I'm totally against the gun legislation they just passed in NYS, I own guns, have a full carry permit and I'm a life member of the NRA. I don't think the new laws will do a lick of good, but I have a few problems with this point of view.

There have been 182 school shootings in the last 40 years, 166 of them in the last 3 decades. More than 500 students and 150 parents, school faculty and other adults have been killed or wounded. The shooters were not all democrats. Most were not even old enough to register to vote. Party affiliation has nothing to do with who becomes a shooter, even if the Democratic Party is more anti-gun while the Republicans tend to be pro.

One thing almost all of these shootings do have in common is that nearly all of the shooters were bullied or mistreated by their peers or by school faculty and nothing was done about it. They were victims long before they became perpetrators. We need to address the bullying that has become all but acceptable in our schools. I hear stories on a regular basis from parents who have children who are being bullied and I'm told that the administration does little or nothing about it. The bullying continues. I've heard stories about how teachers treat and humiliate students in front of their classes and it seems that many people just accept that this is the way schools are. One mother I spoke with recently asked me what to do. She was terrified to send her kids to school. I told her to organize, get together with other parents and address the administration as a group. I'm happy to put any parent reading this who has similar concerns in touch with this mother. The administration hasn't listened to her many concerns, but they will if a group forms and demands that something be done.

Voices in the gun debate repeat over and over again how we have to "protect our children" as they make a case for having or not having guns in schools. It appears that we have great concern for saving lives but pay little attention to the quality of those lives or the fact that so many children are suffering in the bully culture or pecking order in our schools on a daily basis. How 'bout "protecting our children" from that??

Ordinarily, I wouldn't respond to an email like this at such length, but one week before the Newtown, CT shooting it came to my attention that a teenager I was acquainted with - a Tri-Valley student - had been bullied to the point of saying he wanted to stab the student who was doing the bullying. I know the kid wasn't happy at Tri-Valley because I asked him if he liked it there and he told me no. He said the kids were mean. So after I heard about this incident I called the principal because I wondered what was being done about the bullying and what was being done to support kids who were being bullied, kids who were different. The principal was polite but resistant to suggestions and used the phrase, "it's complicated" over and over again. He also said "we have so many great people here" numerous times. I failed to see the relevance. Of course there are great people here, but we still need to address the problems. Then the Newtown shooting happened and I began doing some research. It probably isn't surprising that most of the male shooters have been demeaned for not being masculine enough, most have been called "faggots" or similarly derogatory names and most were bullied on a regular basis. And most of the data confirms that these kids were retaliating against kids who were abusing them. In the most recent CA shooting the kid had a hit list of students who had bullied him. Shooting isn't the answer, obviously, but we need

to look at the fact that these kids felt they had no other recourse and that our administrations are failing to address a bully culture that is pushing kids over the edge. If teachers have guns or we have armed guards in schools we may have fewer victims, but we will still have victims. Until the culture of our schools change, we will continue to have shootings, people will continue to die and communities will continue to be devastated in irreparable ways.

Newtown CT will never be the same. Neversink won't either if it happens here and it very well could happen here. So maybe, we could bring in some experts to work with teachers and kids to try to create a more tolerant social structure. "Lockdown" drills, increased security and bold statements on the school website about zero tolerance for bullying ain't gonna cut it.

As far as politics are concerned... Democrats and anti-gun folks need to realize that guns aren't the problem and the Republicans and pro-gun people need to realize that guns aren't the solution. Social issues are at the root of this problem and we need a social cure. We all need to work together.

If anyone has any ideas about how we can begin to address these issues in our community and with our school system, I would be interested in hearing from them.

Thanks for listening,

Erin Mc Ginley  
311 Schumway Road  
Neversink, 12765

### Letters To The Editor:

I want to thank all the townspeople of Claryville who came out to support me for Fire Department Commissioner. On December 11, 2012 with your votes I was elected to a five year term for commissioner. Without your help this would not have been possible. I have already begun to put my energy into this position. Thank you all once again.

Sincerely,  
Tony Carminati  
Claryville FD Commissioner

Dear Editor,

### NO LANDFILL IN WAWARSING

Recent discussions of a landfill have drawn debate across the county and concern for many in my district. RRA Board Member Charles Landi's list of 21 potential landfill sites located in the Town of Wawarsing and the use of eminent domain as a means of acquiring land is shortsighted, out of touch and an abuse of government.

First, to build a landfill in NYS is extremely expensive and a project that takes years. Existing regulations have countless "safe guards" that drive engineering and construction cost skyward and only through conducting studies could we place an estimated price tag on a project of this magnitude.

Second, it's not a simple solution. An EIS (Environmental Impact Study) would have to address leachate and odor control as mandated by the Clean Air Act, traffic impact, litter control, and more - all very real issues. In addition, public hearings would raise concerns regarding potential contamination of drinking water, wells and aquifers preempting challenges in court by environmentalist groups, including the DEP protecting the watershed.

Third, we do not want to end up like Orange County, who's large expansion to their existing landfill was shut down just before being commissioned after spending \$25 million on a project that was never utilize.

I would also disagree with Mr. Landi's use of eminent domain as an option being that the Fifth Amendment allows the government to claim property only when there is an "overall benefit to the public". Potential gas emissions, water and soil contamination and a negative impact on property values are not an "overall benefit to the public" in the opinion of many in our community.

Although Mr. Landi and others may feel a landfill is a solution for long-term waste management for the county, I don't believe it to be in the best interests in the Town of Wawarsing.

Sincerely,  
Craig V. Lopez, Legislator  
Ulster County Legislature

### Beautify Your Community

Volunteers who would like to beautify their community are eligible for grants from Sullivan Renaissance. To find out how to plan a project and complete a 2013 application, attend the "Get Ready to Renaissance" seminar on Wednesday, February 6 at 7:00 p.m. at the CVI Center in Ferndale.

The seminar will review the basics of the Sullivan Renaissance program, including how to apply for grants, deadlines, youth involvement, design and maintenance requirements. Staff will discuss project ideas

and review paperwork with potential applicants. Refreshments will be served.

Applications are now available for download from the Sullivan Renaissance web site (<http://www.sullivanrenaissance.org/participate/applications/>) in a portable document format (PDF) with fillable form fields. Applications can be completed electronically and e-mailed to Sullivan Renaissance (along with required documentation) or printed and mailed by the appropriate deadline. If requested, Sullivan Renaissance representatives will visit communities at their convenience to explain the program, review the garden design plans and assist with the application process.

Beautification and community development grant applications are due by Wednesday, March 20. Some Sullivan Renaissance grant programs have different deadlines, including: interns, environmental and seasonal grants; and scholarships.

Sullivan Renaissance is a beautification and community development program principally funded by the Gerry Foundation.

### SIGN UP FOR ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Individuals wishing to attend the Sullivan Renaissance Annual Conference, Local Market and Expo on Saturday, March 9 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the CVI Center in Ferndale can register and sign up for workshops directly on-line. The keynote address will be delivered by Dr. Peter Tarlow, an international consultant on the positive effects of community beautification, who has been assisting Sullivan Renaissance for the past two years. Dr. Tarlow will also present a workshop focused on youth leadership and be available for questions. To register or for information, visit [www.sullivanrenaissance.org](http://www.sullivanrenaissance.org) or call 845-295-2445.

### NY Ag Literacy Week

The New York Agriculture Literacy Week program to be held March 18- 22, 2013, will be once again locally coordinated by Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) Sullivan County. This year, students throughout the state will be learning about the NYS honey production industry and the topic of pollination through the book *The Beeman* by Laurie Krebs. Volunteers from the community will read the story in school classrooms and the book will be donated to the school's library. With the generous support of the Sullivan County Farm Bureau, the books are available to schools across Sullivan County at no cost to them. If you would like to sign up as a classroom teacher or as a volunteer reader in Sullivan County, please contact Cindy at the CCE office by phone at 845-292-6180 or email at [cn55@cornell.edu](mailto:cn55@cornell.edu). Registrations are required by March 1 to guarantee participation.

Established in 1985, New York Agriculture in the Classroom is a partnership of Cornell University, the NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets, the NYS Education Department, Cornell Cooperative Extension, the New York Farm Bureau and Farm Credit East. For more information about the program and how to get involved, visit [www.agclassroom.org/ny](http://www.agclassroom.org/ny).

### Sullivan/Wayne Co Merge for Dairy/Ag Day

Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) Sullivan County is pleased to announce that the 2013 Sullivan/Wayne County Dairy Day/Ag Day is scheduled for Monday, February 18th, from 10:00 am to 3:15 pm, at the Honesdale High School, off of Terrace Street, in Honesdale, PA. Lunch will be catered by the Red School House Restaurant and a \$2 donation is requested this year to help cover the cost of the meal. Please contact Wayne County CCE at 570-253-5970 to pre-register for lunch.

Sullivan County, NY and Wayne County, PA Cooperative Extension Offices are once again combining their resources for this annual program which brings together agri-businesses and the agricultural community of our region. Although the program is in Pennsylvania this year, New York farmers can meet and will be able to get information about programs and businesses in New York. According to Liz Higgins, CCE Sullivan County Ag and Natural Resources Issue Leader, "This will be a day that area farmers can see new and innovative agricultural machinery, new technologies and learn new techniques." Wayne and Sullivan County Extension Offices are still actively seeking exhibitors and participants. If you have a business, a program of interest to the Ag community in our region, or a government or non-profit agency that provides services to area farmers, we encourage you to have a presence at this event. The exhibitor fee will be \$85 and helps to cover the cost of the program. Other participants and supporters are encouraged to offer a donation. Food donations from area farmers and local food businesses that source from such farmers are also welcome.

Registrations for exhibitor and participant space at the event are due by February 15th 2013. Contact Wayne County CCE to register. Registration forms are also available from CCE Sullivan County by contacting Cassie Schweighofer at [cms346@cornell.edu](mailto:cms346@cornell.edu), Liz Higgins at [emh56@cornell.edu](mailto:emh56@cornell.edu), or Ed Pruss at [edp4@psu.edu](mailto:edp4@psu.edu).

## Gillibrand's First Bill In New Congress Encourages States and Regions to Design Best Strategies to Boost Advanced Manufacturing Sectors, Close America's Skills Gap

Standing at the Hudson Valley Technology Development Center, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand and Congressman Sean Patrick Maloney announced that the first piece of legislation Senator Gillibrand introduced in the 113th Congress is a federal funding competition that encourages states and regional public-private partnerships to design and implement comprehensive strategies that spur growth for local manufacturing industries, particularly in the thriving fields of clean-tech and high-tech manufacturing, and that train workers with the skills that businesses need.

New York State has been crippled by manufacturing employment loss, with over 123,000 manufacturing jobs lost since 2005. In the Hudson Valley, an estimated 11,530 manufacturing jobs were lost between 2005 and 2010, including more than 700 jobs lost in Orange County.

To bolster more growth in New York manufacturing, Gillibrand's bill, called the Made in America Manufacturing Act, would create a competitive program that awards states and regions with funding to support local manufacturers through low-interest loans to build new facilities and upgrade equipment, and access to capital and technical assistance to develop exporting opportunities and to connect innovative small suppliers with larger companies. Funding would also go towards job training and vocational education programs that partner businesses with colleges, local workforce centers and other skill providers to prepare workers for cutting-edge manufacturing jobs.

"It's time to see 'Made In America' again starting right here in New York," said Senator Gillibrand. "I believe New York's great manufacturing communities are well positioned to compete for funding that would help carry out their innovative ideas to spark more growth in manufacturing sectors, jumpstart new businesses, and create good-paying jobs right here where we need them the most."

"After leaving the Clinton White House, I built and ran my own company, so I know from personal experience that the private sector is America's job creation engine," said Congressman Sean Patrick Maloney (NY-18). "But innovative ideas like The Made in America Act show that government can be a good partner to the private sector through strategic investments in our manufacturing communities. We can re-build our economy and create jobs right here in the Hudson Valley by growing the next generation of high-tech, bio-tech and alternative energy manufacturing." Senator Gillibrand's first piece of legislation introduced in the new Congress would award up to \$20 million in competitive funding for each statewide or regional manufacturing hub.

The Made in America Manufacturing Act would allow localities to use funding to:

Set up a revolving loan fund to help manufacturing businesses expand or establish new manufacturing operations. According to a Commerce Department report, the lack of available capital to manufacturers has especially restricted the ability of many small manufacturers to grow and compete. Without equipment upgrades and expansions, New York's manufacturing sector will continue to lose its competitive edge in the global economy.

In an effort to retool New York manufacturers to be more competitive and create new jobs, the revolving loan fund would provide manufacturers with direct access to low-interest loans that are below market rate to construct new facilities or to retool, retrofit or expand existing plants, including equipment, infrastructure or energy efficiency upgrades. The federal investment could also help leverage matching funds from the private sector and other non-federal sources.

Create job training programs to help address the skills gap faced by our manufacturers. By working with community colleges, vocational education programs and job training providers to tailor education and training programs to the skill needs of manufacturers, this program will focus on strategies that train workers for the jobs of the future, creating more good-paying manufacturing jobs right here in the U.S.

According to a 2011 survey by the Manufacturing Institute, more than 600,000 manufacturing jobs went unfilled due to a shortage of skilled workers. A 2012 survey noted that one-third of small businesses struggled to recruit employees with the needed education and training. Gillibrand's Made in America program would ensure federal funds are invested in job training partnerships to help directly meet the needs of local manufacturers.

Provide capital and technical assistance to boost

exporting opportunities for manufacturers through supporting research and analysis of markets and countries with the greatest potential for expanding business as well as connecting innovative small manufacturers with larger companies as a supplier or to take advantage of government or private sector contracts.

The Hudson Valley Technology Development Center (HVTDC) provides hands on support and growth services to small and mid-sized manufacturers, improving the competitiveness of existing small businesses and advancing the development of new business opportunities through the application of innovative, cost-effective techniques and tools.

"Teamwork is the golden ring. We've lost thousands of manufacturing jobs overseas and we want them back," said Thomas G. Phillips, Sr., Executive Director of the Hudson Valley Technology Development Center, a federal and NY State funded Manufacturing Extension Partnership Center. "U.S. manufacturers and technology companies have the knowledge, capability and building materials to make it happen, but it isn't going to happen 1,000 jobs at a time. It is going to happen 10-20 jobs at a time. If the number keeps increasing, as we have faith it will, we'll soon see a much stronger collaboration grow between our local manufacturing sector and true growth that will be quantifiable. More than anything, we all want to get machinery humming and people back to work. This legislation when enacted, will provide the skilled workforce, access to capital and technical and business assistance required to restore manufacturing to its rightful place as a cornerstone of our economy and well-being."

"The Made in America Manufacturing Act is exactly what is needed to revitalize our nation's manufacturing community and thus, enhance our global competitiveness," said Dr. John A. D'Ambrosio, President of the Orange County Chamber of Commerce. "The fact that it will utilize partnerships between and among business, industry, government and education is particularly impressive."

"The Council of Industry commends Senator Gillibrand's continued recognition of the important role manufacturing plays in our economy and we are pleased to support the Made in America Manufacturing Act," said Harold King, Executive Vice President of the Council of Industry. "This Act, in conjunction with other initiatives such as renewing the R&D tax credit, will help our manufacturers compete in today's global economy."

"The Hudson Valley Economic Development Corp. wholeheartedly supports the Made in America Manufacturing Act of 2013," said Mike Oates, President and CEO of the Hudson Valley Economic Development Corp. "This country needs skilled labor and this bill establishes grant programs that provide much-needed support to American manufacturers, rewarding companies that have long-term strategies to increase their ranks of American workers through training programs, especially in regions suffering from high unemployment. This would be another valuable tool to help the Hudson Valley continue to grow and provide skilled workers to its local companies. We applaud Senator Gillibrand's leadership and efforts to help New York companies grow."

"Senator Gillibrand's Made in America Manufacturing Act is an example of the type of innovative leadership on jobs that New Yorkers, and all Americans, are looking for," said Mario Cilento, President of the New York State AFL-CIO. "Expanding opportunities in manufacturing is an essential component of growing the middle class and in turn the economy. It's time to move beyond Washington's fixation on the debt, and start investing in good American jobs."

New York organizations including the Hudson Valley Economic Development Corporation (HVEDC) and the Council of Industry support Gillibrand's legislation. National groups such as AFL-CIO, United Steelworkers, and the American Small Manufacturers' Coalition also support the bill.

Under Gillibrand's bill, successful applicants would be required to form a partnership board of key stakeholders including county and local governments, small and large manufacturers, labor organizations, higher education institutions, workforce training centers, and local chambers of commerce to pool state or regional resources and develop a strategy to expand opportunities for local manufacturing, spur job creation, and close the skills gap that has slowed the growth of many manufacturers.

The Commerce and Labor Departments will evaluate applicants' plans, also known as Manufacturing Enhancement Strategies, based on how the strategy will improve U.S. competitiveness and the expected economic return on investment, including job cre-

ation, cost savings by manufacturers, private investment that federal funding would help leverage, and how the proposal would address high unemployment and mass layoffs. Priority would be given to proposals that commit private sector and state or local matching funds and contributions on a one-to-one basis. The Departments would then work with winning localities to implement their plans.

## Statement from NY Attorney General Schneiderman on Passing of Former NYC Mayor Edward I. Koch

NEW YORK - The following statement can be attributed to Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman on the passing of former New York City Mayor Edward I. Koch.

"As a lifelong New Yorker, it's hard to imagine this city without Ed Koch. We will miss his keen mind, sharp wit, and absolute devotion to making a great city the best in the world. While we mourn his loss, we know that the legacy of his mayoralty, his commitment to civil rights and affordable housing, and his civic leadership long after he left City Hall, will live on for generations. I offer my sincere condolences to his friends and family during this difficult time."

## POLITICAL SLANT

By Frank Comando

### GIBSON INTRODUCES WAR POWERS REFORM ACT TO GIVE AMERICANS A VOICE IN DECISION TO GO TO WAR

*I campaigned against Gibson and yet one of his first duties was to get rid of a bill I detested the War Powers Act, a bill that gave the President, Dictatorship Powers. The bill took the Senate and the House out of the equation in declaring war and allowed the invasion of Iraq without the approval of the people's representatives*

Washington, Jan 24 -

**Congressman Chris Gibson (NY-19)** announced today that he has re-introduced legislation that fundamentally amends the War Powers Resolution. His bill, the War Powers Reform Act, would strike a new balance between the legislative and executive branch and ensure that both branches share responsibility regarding when the U.S. employs military force.

HR. 383 was introduced with 26 bipartisan cosponsors, including the top Democrat on the House Armed Services Committee, Rep. Adam Smith (D-WA), as well as Republican Members on the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

"Now that the election is behind us, I believe this is the time for us to come together and reassert the constitutional responsibility of Congress regarding the use of force. The Founders intended for the American people to be consulted before the President makes a decision to use military force, a power entrusted to elected representatives in Congress. While the President has the constitutional authority to take action to defend our cherished way of life, the Congress was empowered to decide when we would go to war. However, this process has become out of balance over recent decades, with Presidents of both parties not complying with the provisions as originally intended," said Congressman Gibson. "I am encouraged by the growing, bipartisan support of my colleagues for this legislation and their recognition that the solemn decision to use military force must be made with the utmost of care."

The War Powers Resolution, originally enacted over the President's veto in 1973, requires the President to seek Congressional authority after engaging the American military in hostile actions.

The War Powers Reform Act amends the War Powers Resolution to clarify the President's authority to use military force. This authority is limited to when there has been a declaration of war, when there is congressional authorization, or when the US is attacked or in imminent danger of being attacked. If the President desires to take military action when none of these circumstances are met, the President must first come to Congress for authorization.

In 2011 Congressman Gibson testified before the House Foreign Affairs Committee on this legislation.

This space is also for you; To have your comments and/or questions, space allowing, and townsman guidelines adhered to, as listed in the masthead, Email [politicalslant@yahoo.com](mailto:politicalslant@yahoo.com)

**Philadelphia Flower Show**

**Take the Cooperative Extension Bus from Liberty LIBERTY** - This year's Philadelphia Flower Show features the majestic beauty and creative genius of horticulture in Great Britain, and is inspired by centuries of British culture, culminating in the urbane design of modern-day London.

Featuring large-scale gardens, elaborate landscapes and over-the-top floral creations, the world's longest-running and largest indoor flower show attracts more than 260,000 people annually. It runs from March 2 to 10 in the Pennsylvania Convention Center at 12th and Arch Streets in Center City Philadelphia. Proceeds from the show support Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, particularly the City Harvest program, which feeds more than 1000 families each week during the growing season.

The Master Gardeners of Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) Sullivan County are offering an opportunity to enjoy this great show without the hassle of driving and parking. The cost to join the Master Gardeners on their bus trip, including admission, is \$75. Registration is required no later than February 22 as space is limited. No refunds will be made.

Boarding of the bus is at 7:45 a.m. in the CCE parking lot on 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road in Liberty. Participants will have the entire day to explore and enjoy the show. Lunch can be brought along, purchased at the show or at the Reading Market Terminal, across the street from the Pennsylvania Convention Center. The bus will return to the CCE parking lot by 9:00 p.m.

"The British say the show is inventive, dazzling, and extraordinary and in one word 'brilliant!'" said Susan Dollard, CCE Master Gardener Coordinator. For questions about the Philadelphia Flower Show or the Sullivan County Master Gardener Program call 845-292-6180, ext. 107 or email [smd243@cornell.edu](mailto:smd243@cornell.edu).

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p.m. at the CVI Center in Ferndale can register and sign up for workshops directly on-line. The keynote address will be delivered by Dr. Peter Tarlow, an international consultant on the positive effects of community beautification, who has been assisting Sullivan Renaissance for the past two years. To register for this free event, call 845-295-2445 or visit [www.sullivanrenaissance.org](http://www.sullivanrenaissance.org).

**Catskill Lutherans Begin Lent**

The congregations of the Catskill Area Lutheran Churches (CALC) invite the public to its events as 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, Rev. Peter Rustico  
Ash Wednesday Service: February 13, 7:00 pm  
Bible Study: Wednesdays, February 20, 27, March, 6, 13, 20, @ 12 noon. Bring a sandwich.

**Liberty, NY** - St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 24 Chestnut Street, 845-292-4626, Rev. Joanna Andritz  
Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper & Show: February 12, 6:00 pm  
Ash Wednesday Service: February 13, 7:00pm  
Lenten Supper and Service: Tuesdays, February 19, February 26, March 5, 12, 19 @6pm

**Narrowsburg, NY** - St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 31 Erie Ave, 845-252-3919, Rev. Phyllis Haynes  
Ash Wednesday Services: February 13, 9:00am (followed by breakfast) & 7:00pm (supper @ 6pm)  
Lenten Wednesday Morning Services & Breakfast: February 20, 27, March 6, 13, 20 @ 9:00am  
Lenten Wednesday Evening Soup Supper @ 6pm & Services @ 7pm: February 20, 27, March 6, 13, 20  
Palm/Passion Sunday Service: March 24, 9:30am

Maundy Thursday Service: March 28, 9:00am & 7:00pm  
Good Friday: March 29, 12noon & 7:00pm

**Prevention First**

Prevention First-NY! is pleased to announce, effective January 1, 2013, the passage of a new social host law, in Sullivan County. As a result, our coalition Sullivan County CARECORPS, is hosting a recognition event, at the Recovery Center, on Tuesday, February 12, 2013, at 9:00 a.m.

The community is invited to share in this hour-long, celebratory event, as we acknowledge the support and hard work of our many coalition members and supporters. This will prove to be an excellent occasion for networking and learning more about how the social host law is expected to impact our community. District Attorney James Farrell and Recovery Center's Director of Prevention Aleta Lymon Gomez will be on hand to thank supporters and to speak on the new law.

"This has been a long time coming," said Ms. Lymon Gomez. "Most parents in Sullivan County agree that it is important not to encourage underage drinking. After all, it's the law." She added, "A recent community survey showed 84.4% of Sullivan County adults agree that it is wrong to supply high school-aged youth with alcohol. This new law holds adults in Sullivan County accountable."

All are welcome. Refreshments will be available. For more information, please contact us at (845) 794-8080, ext. 176.

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**TIME & THE VALLEYS MUSEUM**  
GRAHAMSVILLE, NY

2012 Season: Open Noon-4 p.m. Thurs.-Sun. and by appointment  
332 Main St., Grahamsville  
Price: \$2, \$1 ages 6-15; free age 5 and younger  
Call: 985-7700

Time and the Valleys Museum has copies of every *Townsmen* printed since the beginning classified by year for anyone to research.  
[timeandthevalleysmuseum.org](http://timeandthevalleysmuseum.org)

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

**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**  
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[www.crosswayaog.com](http://www.crosswayaog.com)

**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  
Rev. Ninon Hutchinson  
[www.standrewsepiscopalmission.org](http://www.standrewsepiscopalmission.org)

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

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

**Claryville Reformed Church**

Claryville Road  
Claryville, NY 12725  
845-985-2041

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

**Covered Dish Supper**  
**Mar. 2, 2013**  
**5:30 pm**  
Sundown United Methodist Church  
at the Sundown Church Hall

**Grahamsville United Methodist Church**  
**Thrift Sale Only**  
**Feb. 16, 2013**  
9 am-1 pm

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275 S Main Street, Liberty, New York (845) 292-7100  
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**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)- 8:50 am

Saturday afternoon confessions: 4 to 4:45.  
Rev. John J. Lynch, Ph.D., Pastor. 434-7643.

**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

**Loucks Funeral Home**  
**Geoff and Heather Hazzard & Anthony Perito**  
79 North Main Street  
Ellenville, New York  
(845) 647-4343

**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****PLEASE TAKE NOTICE**

The Town of Denning PLANNING BOARD will hold a PUBLIC HEARING on the Application for "SPECIAL PERMIT" issued to the Blue Hill Lodge and Café (Tomina LLC) for the purpose of manufacturing beer in a Micro-Brewery located on their commercial site at 1467 Denning Road, Claryville, NY 12725.

SAID hearing will take place at the Claryville Fire House Community Hall, 1500 Denning Road, Claryville, NY 12725 on Saturday, February 23, 2013 scheduled to begin at 10:00 AM. At said time any and all interested person(s) will be heard.

For further information please contact the Planning Board at 1567 Denning Road, Claryville, NY 12725 during normal business hours or by calling 985-2411 for further information.

By the Order of the Town of Denning Planning Board  
Carl Landon, Chairman

**THE TRI-VALLEY CENTRAL  
SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

The next Board Meeting is  
scheduled for  
Thursday, February 7, 2013  
at 7:00pm in the  
Secondary School Library Lower Level.

**Statement of DEP Commissioner Carter Strickland on the Economic Impact Study of Recreational Activities in the Catskills**

**Study Released Thursday says DEP Contributes to Catskills Economy through Direct Employment and Recreational Tourism on Protected Land**

"DEP employs almost 1,000 professionals in the watershed that help ensure that nearly nine million New Yorkers have a reliable supply of high quality tap water. In addition, we have a robust capital construction program that creates good local jobs.

We are also proud that our efforts to encourage recreation throughout the watershed have strengthened the tourism economy that has been a hallmark of the Catskills for decades. New York City currently owns 114,833 acres in the Catskills that are open for fishing, hiking, boating and other forms of low impact recreation that attract people from other regions of the state and country. In the past five years alone, we have removed the permit requirements from 52,198 acres of that recreation land, making it even easier for our neighbors and visitors to enjoy.

To further enhance the recreational value of City land in the watershed, we have issued land-use permits to local groups to build and maintain trails for hiking, cross country skiing and snowshoeing. We've also established a successful recreational boating program on four of our reservoirs - Cannonsville, Neversink, Pepacton and Schoharie - which attracted 983 boaters last year, including some from as far away as Florida and Kansas. And this year, DEP will begin a pilot program that will allow electric trolling motors for fishing at Cannonsville Reservoir.

As a diligent steward of protected land in the watershed, we will continue to work with our local partners to explore additional opportunities to share the scenic beauty of the Catskills and strengthen the regional economy, while protecting the vital high quality water supply that nearly half the state's population depends on every day."

For more information on the study go to: <http://www.catskillheritage.org/images/EconomicImpact.pdf>

DEP manages New York City's water supply, providing more than one billion gallons of water each day to more than nine million residents, including eight million in New York City, as well as residents of Ulster, Orange, Putnam and Westchester counties. This water comes from the Catskill, Delaware, and Croton watersheds that extend more than 125 miles from the City, and the system comprises 19 reservoirs, three controlled lakes, and numerous tunnels and aqueducts. DEP has nearly 6,000 employees, includ-

ing almost 1,000 scientists, engineers, surveyors, watershed maintainers and others professionals in the upstate watershed. In addition to its \$68 million payroll and \$153 million in annual taxes paid in upstate counties, DEP has invested more than \$1.5 billion in watershed protection programs-including partnership organizations such as the Catskill Watershed Corporation and the Watershed Agricultural Council-that support sustainable farming practices, environmentally sensitive economic development, and local economic opportunity. In addition, DEP has a robust capital program with over \$13 billion in investments planned over the next 10 years that will create up to 3,000 construction-related jobs per year. For more information, visit [www.nyc.gov/dep](http://www.nyc.gov/dep), like us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/nycwater](http://www.facebook.com/nycwater), or follow us on Twitter at [www.twitter.com/nycwater](http://www.twitter.com/nycwater).

**SUNY Ulster Nursing Graduates Surpass State Average for Passing RN Licensing Exam**

Graduates of SUNY Ulster's nursing program in 2012 exceeded the state average for passing their professional licensing exam to become Registered Nurses with a 95 percent success rate.

The college's first-time pass rate for the 42 students taking the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) is the highest in the past four years. New York's average for students holding associate's degrees was 87 percent for the last year-to-date. SUNY Ulster has increased enrollment and improved its NCLEX pass rates since implementing a new selective and competitive admission process, and also revising its curriculum.

**UC Exec Mike Hein Delivers 2013 State of the County Address -The County Executive makes it clear that innovation and change are the hallmarks of this administration and proclaims, "The state of the County is strong and getting stronger because it is built on a foundation of progress."**

Stone Ridge, NY -Ulster County Executive Mike Hein delivered his fifth annual State of the County Address at the beautiful SUNY Ulster campus to an audience filled with Ulster County residents and business owners, as well as state and local dignitaries. The County Executive began his Address by highlighting many of the innovative programs and proposals that have become a hallmark of the Hein administration. The County Executive said, "The choice must not be between being fiscally responsible or socially responsible. By utilizing innovation and change we can do both."

Issues that have troubled Ulster County Government for decades that have been addressed, include: -Creating a statewide model for transitioning the Golden Hill Health Care Center and averting the potential for closure; - Resolving the Safety Net controversy, which delivered \$1.7 million of taxpayer relief this year alone to the residents of the County's towns and the City of Kingston ; -Providing an honest solution to the \$23 million bonding debt incurred by the RRA in the past and saving millions in taxpayer subsidy each year; -Streamlining economic development by establishing the new Office of Business Services to cut through bureaucracy and to serve Ulster County's entrepreneurs at the speed of business; -Launching the S.T.R.I.V.E. Project, which will allow Ulster County to improve access to higher education, improve the delivery of health and human services by centralizing operations and placing valuable County-owned property back onto the tax rolls; -Rebuilding county infrastructure damaged in Hurricane Irene ahead of schedule and under budget; and - Establishing an emergency operations center "EOC" that was effectively utilized during Superstorm Sandy.

County Executive Hein said, "Large portions of County government have been transformed and challenges that some said were impossible have been overcome. What I find most gratifying is the fact that we have successfully tackled major challenges while still providing more services to those in need than ever before. We have accomplished much, all while simultaneously recovering from the worst natural disaster in our history- Hurricane Irene."

Throughout the speech, County Executive Hein recognized the dedication of Ulster County's workforce.

Among the recognitions were Department of Social Services (DSS) Commissioner Michael Iapoco, Deputy Commissioner Barbara Sorkin and their team's effort in the creation of the Family and Child Advocacy Center . Ulster County Emergency Communications/Emergency Management Director, Arthur Snyder and County Attorney Beatrice Havranek and her staff were recognized for their tireless efforts helping the residents of Wawarsing who have suffered nightmare flooding issues. The County Executive also acknowledged the exemplary work

done by all Ulster County employees in recovering from the devastation caused by Hurricane Irene.

County Executive Hein acknowledged that some of the most important issues still facing Ulster County require policy decisions that must be addressed by the Ulster County Legislature. He implored legislators, on both sides of the aisle, to take action by:

- Adopting a long term and fiscally responsible policy surrounding solid waste issues facing Ulster County ;
- Forming a Special Law Enforcement Sustainability Commission to examine the best way to ensure long term, sustainable police protection in our community;
- Calling for an increase to State and Federal funding levels for mental health services; and
- Working with the County Executive to create a world class interconnected rail trail system, which will become a one-of-a-kind tourist attraction linking the highly popular Walkway over the Hudson with the beautiful Ashokan Reservoir.

The County Executive's goals for 2013 include progressing with the Rail Trail project; implementing his aggressive DSS Anti-Fraud, Waste and Abuse Initiative; opening new transitional housing for homeless veterans; implementing the S.T.R.I.V.E. Project and maintaining the fiscal discipline needed to protect taxpayers, while ensuring the continued delivery of essential services and caring for those most in need.

County Executive Hein highlighted his partnership with fellow County Executives from Orange and Dutchess counties to garner from Central Hudson an enhanced \$5 million economic development fund, designed to support local projects within the 3-county region and a 12 month rate freeze that helps businesses and residents alike.

County Executive Hein also applauded Governor Cuomo for the inclusion of \$2 million in this year's proposed State Budget to jumpstart the County Executive's rail trail project. These funds demonstrate the Governor's commitment to building a strong upstate economy, increasing jobs and promoting the region's tourism efforts.

County Executive Hein announced that in partnership with the District Attorney, he is launching an aggressive and comprehensive DSS Anti-Fraud, Waste and Abuse Initiative to crack down on those who are committing welfare fraud. This initiative will be largely paid for with restitution funds that the County received from the highly publicized Sunoco Food Stamp fraud arrests in Kingston .

County Executive Hein said, "We are glad to provide assistance for individuals and families in need of help with compassion and respect, but with this new Anti-Fraud, Waste and Abuse Initiative, we are saying to anyone in Ulster County who would abuse the system or defraud Ulster County taxpayers: if we catch you, we will prosecute you, and if you try to abuse the system, your scheme just got an awful lot harder."

County Executive Hein proclaimed that Ulster County is the kind of place where the impossible becomes possible and he called upon all County residents to join him in building a better Ulster County .

He concluded, "The State of Ulster County is strong and getting stronger because it is built on a foundation of progress."

**UC Department of Mental Health Announces Changes to Mental Health Service System**

The Ulster County Department of Mental Health (UCDMH) announced new office hours and locations for the County's adult outpatient mental health clinics. UCDMH provides a comprehensive range of services for individuals 18 years and older. The clinics, located in Kingston, New Paltz and Ellenville, offer individual and family therapy as well as specialized services for young adults and adults with co-occurring disorders. Referrals to additional services such as care coordination and residential treatment are made in accordance with the needs of the individual. UCDMH accepts Medicaid, Medicare and many types of insurance. Fees for persons without insurance are based on the individual or family's ability to pay.

Clinic hours of operation have changed in Kingston Clinic at 239 Golden Hill Lane, Kingston, NY (845-340-4000) - Monday: 9:00 - 5:00; Tuesday 9:00 - 5:00; Wednesday 9:00 - 5:00; Thursday 10:00 - 6:00; and Friday 9:00- 5:00

New Paltz clinic is now located at 137 North Chestnut Street, Suite 2 in New Paltz, NY; (845) 419-5110, and its hours of operation are: Tuesday: 10:00 - 6:00 & Thursday: 10:00 -6:00

Our hours and days of operation have changed in our Ellenville Clinic, 50 Center Street, Ellenville, NY (845) 647-3266 Wednesday: 10:00 -6:00

Staffing has been increased at New Paltz and Ellenville so as to accommodate the same number of clients as in the past.

UCDMH has implemented a process to expedite access to assessments within a few days from the initial telephone call. If you or someone you know is seeking Mental Health Services, please call to schedule an appointment by contacting our Centralized Intake line at 845 -340-4000 (ask for intake).

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

**Capital District Flower Show -**  
 March 22. \$15 residents/\$23 non-residents must be paid no later than **Tuesday, February 12.**

**Villa Roma FUN DAY** -Saturday, May 11. \$10 residents/\$30 non-residents must be paid no later than Tuesday, March 26 includes lunch & make your own sundaes.

**Father's Day Brunch Cruise** -Saturday, June 15 fd \$20 residents/\$39 non-residents must be paid no later than Tuesday, April 23.

**FLEA MARKET**- Saturday, July 13. DETAILS:With both new and used items something for everyone. Reserve your table now. \$15 per space must be paid no later than Tuesday, June 25.

**Scranton-Wilkes-Barre Yankees Baseball Game** - Thursday, July 25, \$12 residents/\$30 non-residents must be paid no later than Tuesday, May 28.

**FREE FUN every FRIDAY** afternoon 1-4 pm in the upstairs meeting room in the Neversink Town Hall.  
**Walking Club Tuesdays** 6:30-7:30  
 Grahamsville Fairgrounds



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

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

**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

**SC Sheriff Arrest**

As a result of several drug overdoses last summer the Sheriff's Office is continuing its investigation into heroin sales in Sullivan County. Last Wednesday January 23, 2013, at approximately 10:20 PM, deputies spotted Jeremiah Herbert, 24, with addresses in Monticello and Liberty, at the Citgo gas station in Rock Hill. Herbert, who was wanted by the Sheriff's Gang and Narcotics Intelligence Unit, was interrupted as he completed a drug sale in the parking lot. He was taken into custody without incident. Deputies believe that Herbert has been supplying heroin to customers from Wurtsboro to Livingston Manor. At the time of his arrest Herbert had approximately 240 bags

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- 2/9/13 **Waffle Breakfast**- Sundown Methodist Church Hall - 7:30-9:30 am-Everyone Welcome!
- 2/13/13 Town of Neversink Board Meeting - 7:30 pm
- 2/14/13 Dept. of Motor Vehicles Neversink Town Hall 10:00 am - 2:30 p.m.
- 2/16/13 Grahamsville United Methodist Church - **Thrift Sale Only** - 9 am - 1 pm
- 2/17/13 Claryville Fire Dept. **Pancake Breakfast** 7 am - Noon
- 2/18/13 Town of Neversink Holiday - **President's Day**
- 2/19/13 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals - 7:30 pm
- 2/20/13 Neversink Fire District Meeting at 7:30 p.m.; Public Meeting at 8:00 p.m.
- 2/26/13 Town of Neversink Parks & Rec - 7:00 pm
- 3/2/13 **Sundown Methodist Church Covered Dish Supper** - 5:30 pm Sundown Church Hall
- 3/6/13 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting- 7:30 pm
- 3/29/13 Town of Neversink Holiday - **GOOD FRIDAY**

**Reminder:** To all local organizations & municipalities to send their **Meeting/Event calendars for 2013**

**Save the Dates!**

**Saturday, May 4th, 2013 for the Tri-Valley Lions Journey for Sight Walk** -- in memory of Donald Ter Bush, Charter Member and President of the Tri-Valley Lions, who passed away July 16, 2012.

**Annual Shawangunk Mountain Wild Blueberry & Huckleberry Festival** sponsored by the EWOC -Saturday August 10th-Vendor applications are available now. Coordinator is Dianne E Turner ("aka "Mother Blueberry")

**2nd Annual Holiday Craft Fair** - Sundown Methodist Church Hall - Date to be announced.

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

- SUNDOWN CAMP & BAIT SHOP
- GRAHAMSVILLE DELI
- EUREKA MARKET & CAFE
- CANNIE D'S
- BLUE HILL LODGE
- 3 GOLDENS
- NADIA'S (Hurleyville)
- VALERO MINI MALL (Loch Sheldrake)
- WOODBOURNE - CITGO STATION • MO'S GAS STATION • P.D. SMITH ENTERPRISE
- LIBERTY - LIBERTY FITNESS • CHARLIE'S PIZZA • AGWAY (Liberty) • J.B. MAK (Liberty)
- JAMES NAPANOCH GROCERY
- DR. LONSTEIN'S OFFICE
- MATTHEW'S PHARMACY
- ELLENVILLE CITGO
- ELLENVILLE REG HOSPITAL
- NAPANOCH APPLIANCE
- PETER'S MARKET
- Boiceville IGA • Boiceville Florist • Reservoir Music • Snyder's • Jimmy's Belleayre Ski Shop
- Phoenicia Hardware • Phoenicia Pharmacy • Phoenicia Deli • Mama's Boy • Brio's • Emerson Resort
- Colonial Inn Pine Hill • Pine Hill Community Center

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

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

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

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

Clip & Save

**Grahamsville Reformed Church  
 2013 Dinner Schedule**

- April 6 - Roast Pork
- May 4 - Roast Turkey
- June 8 - Roast Beef
- July 13 - Barbecued Chicken
- September 7 - Chicken and Biscuits
- October 12 - Roast Turkey
- November 9 - Roast Pork
- December 7 - Roast Beef

of heroin in his possession with a street value of about \$4,800.00. Sheriff Mike Schiff says that heroin use is beginning to surge as prescriptions for synthetic opiates such as Oxycodone have come under closer scrutiny. Jeremiah Herbert, who is currently on parole, was charged with Felony Criminal Sale and Possession of a Controlled Substance. He was arraigned before Town Justice Martin Miller and sent to the Sullivan County Jail without bail. The Liberty and Monticello Police Departments assisted the Sheriff's Office with this investigation.

**February is National Career & Tech Month**

LIBERTY: Career and Technical Education (CTE) has a long and rich history in the United States. CTE Programs have evolved from a limited number of vocational programs into a broad system that encompasses a variety of challenging fields in diverse subject areas, which are constantly evolving due to the changing global economy.

Today's CTE provides students: Career pathways that link secondary and post-secondary education; Academic subject matter taught with relevance to the real world; Employability skills, from job-related skills to workplace ethics; Education for additional training and degrees, especially related to workplace training, skills upgrades and career advancement; and Second-chance education and training Studies have shown that high school students who attend career and technical training during high school demonstrate higher levels of success in post-secondary education and employment. During a time when many college students can't find a job after graduation, this group of high school seniors is catching the eyes of future employers.

In Sullivan County, 33% of high school juniors and seniors attend the Career and Technical Education Center at Sullivan BOCES. Even though each student chooses to enter their respective CTE program for a different reason, they are laying the groundwork to a successful future whether their path leads them to college or straight into the workforce.

The CTE Program at BOCES, offers high school stu-

dents the opportunity to learn job skills through instruction and hands-on experience in eighteen different career and tech programs, as well as a pre-tech career exploration program. Each program enables students to learn the essentials for a specific career or trade while meeting industry and learning standards, giving them the edge over other job seekers.

Among the wide variety of programs offered at the Career & Tech Center are: Animal Science, Auto Body, Automotive Technology, Broadband Academy, Community Based Work Program, Computer Networking, Construction Technology, Cosmetology, CORE, Culinary Arts, Precision Machining Technology, Early Childhood Education, Health Occupations, Internet Business and Web Design, Licensed Practical Nursing (LPN), Natural Resources, New Vision Animal Science, New Vision Health, and Public Safety Services.

Upon successful completion of an approved two-year CTE program, students may earn up to three credits towards graduation in English, Math or Science. All CTE programs provide Technical English/Language Arts, which meets the requirements for English 12 and Career & Financial Management, which is also a required NYS graduation requirement. Most programs offer Technical Math and Technical Science as well.

All of our SED approved programs include articulation agreements with colleges or trade schools. This affords successful students the opportunity to earn credit toward an associate or bachelor degree while still in high school, which is a significant financial savings for parents/students. Upon completion, students enter the workforce, participate in apprenticeships, continue in post-secondary programs and/or enter the military.

The Career & Tech Center at Sullivan BOCES strives to work with students to help them transform into responsible, qualified professionals. 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 our leaders of tomorrow.

For more information on the programs available through the Career and Technical Education Center browse our website at [www.scboces.org](http://www.scboces.org) or call 295-4152. For program updates, become a fan of Sullivan County BOCES on Facebook and follow us on Twitter.

**SUNY Ulster Holds Benefit Concert**

SUNY Ulster musicians will honor the memory of the college's former band director and raise money for music scholarships at the Herrington Benefit Concert, Feb. 20, at 7:30 p.m., in Quimby Theater on the Stone Ridge campus. The snow date is Feb. 27 at the same time and location.

The college's Community Band, directed by Victor Izzo, Jr., will perform. The music scholarship was established to honor the memory of Lee Harrington, former band director at SUNY Ulster, longtime Rondout Valley High School music teacher, former director of the Kingston local American Federation of Musicians concert band, and dedicated musician and mentor. The money raised from the concert goes toward awarding a scholarship to a returning SUNY Ulster music student.

Tickets are available at the door for adults \$3, students/seniors \$2, and families, \$10. For further information, contact Izzo at (845) 687-5060.



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**Catskills Real Estate for Sale**

- **UNDER CONTRACT** 2 BR/1 BA cabin on 2 acs, C/vl. \$149k
- Spacious 4-5 BR/2BA turnkey colonial on 5+ level acres w/lg sep garage, porch in quiet Grahamsville n'hood. \$275k
- 3 BR/2.5 BA on 8.5 acres with stream in Roscoe. \$650k
- Off the grid 6 BR/3 BA lodge in the Neversink Gorge. \$995k
- 3BR/2 BA architect-owned/renovated farmhouse with modern addition on 1.7 acres. \$349,000.
- **REDUCED** 4BR/2.5 BA eyebrow colonial w/fpl, screened porch, sep dining rm on 15+ acs nr State Land. \$354,000.
- 5 BR 1840s home on 20 acs in the Beaverkill Valley. \$490k
- Dramatic views from 108 acre property with huge meadows, woods, 1900s farmhse, barns & apple orchard. \$599k
- Bright 3 bed/1 ba on 4.5 acres adj State land. \$75k
- **REDUCED** 2BR/1BA authentic log cabin on 20+ acs with fpl, skylights, woods that end at the Neversink River. \$275k
- Cute 2BR seasonal cabin on 3 acs w/fpl, screened prch \$105k
- **SOLD** 4 BR/2.5 BA in Beaverkill Valley. \$750k

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**Knarf's "Classic Movie Trivia"**

**VIVA ZAPATA!**

(Historical, drama 1952)

In 1909, a delegation of Indians from the Mexican state of Morelos travel to Mexico City to plead for the return of land stolen from them. One of the men, Emiliano Zapata, insists that Diaz give them authority to enforce their rights, and Diaz circles Zapata's name on the petition so that he can be watched in the future. Most of the presents are masserated inspiring Mexican revolutionary Emiliano Zapata to lead the peasants against a corrupt president along with Poncho Via. Directed by Elia Kazan. and starring Marlon Brando, Jean Peters, Anthony Quinn, Joseph Wiseman, Margo, Mildred Dunnock. Vibrant film about Mexican peasant's rise to power and eventual Presidency. Brando is perfect in title role, Quinn equally fine in Oscar-winning performance as his brother. Script by John Steinbeck.

**See it, on TCM! Saturday, February 9, 2013 at 8:00 PM, 113 min, Rated,TV-PG,**  
**Quiz:** 1. Who played the Photographer?  
 2. Who played Eufemio [Zapata]?

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

**ELLENVILLE WAWARSING JULY 4TH**

**CELEBRATION BENEFIT SPAGHETTI DINNER**  
 The Dinner will benefit the ELLENVILLE WAWARSING JULY 4TH CELEBRATION, and will be held between the hours of 5:00 -7:00 PM Saturday, February 16, 2013, (I say, "Get your tickets now!") **ELKS LODGE, RTE 55, NAPANOCH NY,** for tickets visit James MKT, in Napanoch or call James @ (845) 647-5973

**FALLSBURG**

**MORNINGSIDE LAKE 25TH ANNUAL FISHING CONTEST** sponsored by the **HURLEYVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND THE TOWN OF FALLSBURG YOUTH COMMISSION,** SATURDAY FEBRUARY 9, 2013 7:00 am to 3:00 pm **ADULTS \$5.00 - 15 AND UNDER FREE. PRIZES, Trophies, Bait, Fun, Raffles, REFRESHMENTS SPECIAL FIREMANS CONTEST**

**SUNDOWN**

The Sundown United Methodist church will hold a **WAFFLE BREAKFAST** on Saturday, February 9th from 7:30 to 9:30 am. Everyone is welcome. They are planning to hold a breakfast with a different menu on the second Saturday of each month. Watch the *Townsman* for future dates and featured menus.

**KNARF**

Hi! guys and gals, just a note. You know I manage Frank Comando and his song "IF YOU GO AWAY" that is now #2 IN THE CATSKILLS AND THE HUDSON VALLEY'S REVERBNATIONS JAZZ CHARTS. For \$9.95 buy Frank's Christmas Album "YE OLDE TIME CHRISTMAS," (40's 50's Christmas songs). Own **IF YOU GO AWAY PLUS 9 OTHER CLASSIC SONGS** \$14.95 -snail mail me, Knarf Odnamoc, in care of the Townsman PO Box 232 Grahamsville NY 12740 or send me an email [knarfodnamoc@yahoo.com](mailto:knarfodnamoc@yahoo.com) for your copies.

**LOCH SHELDRAKE**

**Loch Sheldrake FD Annual Ice Fishing Contest** Unfortunately we must postpone until 2/23/13...

Stay safe,  
 Knarf Odnamoc  
 Gnome

**RENTALS**

**BUILDING FOR RENT: RENT FREE FOR REPAIRS!** In the center of **Grahamsville** (Old Post Office) Rent - 985-7411.

**FOR RENT:** 1 - 2 bedroom apartment 1 - 3 bedroom apartment. Call 845-985-0107.

**FOR RENT:** 3 Bedroom; 2 bath; jacuzzi; LR; DR & Kitchen. Lots of closet space. Laurel Avenue, South Fallsburg. \$900/month+utilities. Security/Proof of income - 845-693-5104

**Large 3 / 4 BR,** 2 bath finished basment house. Available immediately. \$1000. per month plus Utilities & security. No pets. 985 2709.

**1 Bedroom Upstairs Apt.** Utilities included. 1-2 people. Good Location-Davis Lane, Grahamsville, NY -No Pets-References/ first month's rent & security. \$625.00. 1-845-796-6319

**2 BR Duplex,** Rt 55, Grahamsville. Nice Apt in small community. Great Layout. \$750 +utilities. Sec & References. 985-2941

**REAL ESTATE FOR SALE**

1. 2 Acres residential. Rt 55, across from Fairgrounds. Private Road. \$38,000.

2. 3+ BR., 2 baths, 2 acres, Tri-Valley Schools in Divine Corners, \$99,900. Owner financing w/25%

3. Mini Estate Loch Sheldrake near college. 4+ BR, 2 baths. Unique.

4. Handyman Special - 1500 sq ft. Loch Sheldrake. New roof. New Foundation. Needs interior. \$50K **Please Call Teresa 845-321-1919.**

**FORSALE**

**1995 Suzuki GSX 600** Katana Red/Black Motorcycle (845) 985-0201.

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Pine logs for sale cut, trimmed, lengths up to 20 feet. Ready to be sawed for framing lumber, or chunked for outdoor wood stoves. Call 985-2869

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