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Tri-Valley High School Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) "Taking Care of Business"



National FBLA week is February 5-11, 2012, but Tri-Valley FBLA has been busy all year long carrying out the NYS FBLA Program of Work by increasing membership, providing community service, going green and raising awareness about FBLA through publicity.

The chapter increased its membership by 20% with 42 active members. (Contd. Pg. 8)

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LIBERTY - Very few people can say by age 17, they were licensed as a New York State Cosmetologist and by the age of 25 they are a successful business owner. But Krissy Smith, graduate of the Cosmetology class of 2005 and owner of Krissy's Hair in Livingston Manor can.

By the time Krissy was 14 years old, she wanted to become a beautician. In order to accomplish her dream, Krissy knew Sullivan County BOCES would be her best option, so in 11th grade she entered the Career & Technical Education's Cosmetology Program. (Contd. Pg. 4)

Hinchey: Arrest of Filmmaker is Shameful

Washington, DC - Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) today released the following statement upon learning that Gasland Director Josh Fox was arrested for attempting to film a public congressional hearing on hydraulic fracturing. The Chairman of the Energy and Environment Subcommittee of the U.S. House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology ordered Fox arrested when he attempted to film the hearing on the Environmental Protection Agency's approach to studying ground water contamination that resulted from hydraulic fracturing in Pavilion, Wyoming. (Cont. Pg 12)

National Children's Dental Health Month



During February, National Children's Dental Health Month, the staff of PRASAD Children's Dental Health Program (PRASAD CDHP) thanks everyone in the community for their support of our mission.

Incorporated in 1996, PRASAD CDHP is a certified, New York State Department of Health Article 28 Clinic and School Based Health Center, approved to operate at New York State schools.

Since incorporation, PRASAD CDHP has served more than 63,000 children, and provided over 170,000 procedures at different community and school sites in Sullivan and Ulster counties. (Contd. Pg. 4)

New exhibition: The Rondout and Neversink Watersheds and New York City's Delaware Water Supply System



[Grahamsville, N.Y.] - A new exhibition is currently being installed at The Time and the Valleys Museum entitled The Rondout and Neversink Watersheds and New York City's Delaware Water Supply System. Scheduled to open in the fall 2012, this new exhibition will illustrate the history of the building of the Rondout and Neversink Reservoirs and the connecting tunnels, and how they fit into the Delaware Water Supply System. Visitors to this exhibition will enjoy seeing large, colorful, eye-catching exhibit panels and video clips telling the fascinating story of the building of the Rondout and Neversink reservoirs and the importance of the system to New York City, as well as its impact on the local area. (Contd. Pg. 3)

Attorney General Schneiderman Announces Major Lawsuit Against Nation's Largest Banks for Deceptive & Fraudulent Use of Electronic Mortgage Registry



Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman today filed a lawsuit against several of the nation's largest banks charging that the creation and use of a private national mortgage electronic registry system known as MERS has resulted in a wide range of deceptive and fraudulent foreclosure filings in New York state and federal courts, harming homeowners and undermining the integrity of the judicial foreclosure process. The lawsuit asserts that employees and

agents of Bank of America, J.P. Morgan Chase, and Wells Fargo, acting as "MERS certifying officers," have repeatedly submitted court documents containing false and misleading information that made it appear that the foreclosing party had the authority to bring a case when in fact it may not have. The lawsuit names JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., Bank of America, N.A., Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as well as Virginia-based MERSCORP, Inc. and its subsidiary, Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

The lawsuit further asserts that the MERS System has effectively eliminated homeowners' and the public's ability to track property transfers through the traditional public records system. Instead, this information is now stored only in a private database - which is plagued with inaccuracies and errors - over which MERS and its financial institution members exercise sole control. Additional defendants include BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP, Chase Home Finance LLC, EMC Mortgage Corporation, and Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc.

"The banks created the MERS system as an end-run around the property recording system, to facilitate the rapid securitization and sale of mortgages. Once the mortgages went sour, these same banks brought foreclosure proceedings en masse based on deceptive and fraudulent court submissions, seeking to take homes away from people with little regard for basic legal requirements or the rule of law," said Attorney General Schneiderman. (Contd. Pg. 12)

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ON THE FRONT BURNER: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me. Psalm 25:1-2

Yahrzeit Service for:

Marie Derkacz-Palumbo -May 1, 1919 - Feb. 10, 2011. A long time resident of Neversink, N.Y. She was born in Brooklyn, N.Y. Her parents were John Bessie Miletich. Marie passed away on Feb.10 she would have been 92 in May 2011. A private funeral service was held on Feb 15, 2011 for Marie's family. Marie was a special loving Mother, Grandmother, Great-Grandmother, and caring person to all of her friends. Marie volunteered for many different groups especially The Federation of the Homeless for at least 20 years with her friend. Marie received many certificates for her good deeds. She was a Certified Dietian of Buffalo University and worked in Grossinger's and other restaurants. Marie was a long time member of the Lock Sheldrake Seniors and a member of the AARP Group in Grahamsville N.Y. She helped with the Daniel Pierce Library in Grahamsville, N.Y. and for many other organizations.

Marie will be truly missed by her special loving step-daughter, Eva, and husband John and also her step-son Nestor and wife Paulette. Her Grandson and Granddaughters and Great-grandchildren were a vvery important loving part of her life. Marie s Yahrzeit will be observed during the service which will begin at 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY Feb 10, 2012 at Temple Sholem in Monticello, N.Y. 12701.

There will be a small get together with light refreshments after services. Temple Sholom is located at 5 Dillon Road-on Route 42 South, off exit 104 (on LEFT side of road.) Memorial Donations may be sent to: American Cancer Society, -Eastern Division Inc. - Sullivan County Unit - P.O. Box 1100-Syracuse, N.Y.13201-1100.

COLLEGE NEWS

Local student makes Dean's List at SUNY New Paltz

Jennifer Comfort of Woodbourne was named to the Dean's List at the State University of New York at New Paltz for the fall, 2011 semester.

Dean's List eligibility is reserved for students who excel academically and earn at least a 3.3 grade point average in a semester with a full-time course load.

Pompeii makes Dean's List at King's College

Dr. Nicholas A. Holodick, vice president for academic affairs at King's College, Wilkes-Barre, PA, recently announced that **Rachael Pompeii** of Neversink has qualified for the fall, 2011 semester Dean's List.

Undergrad degrees given at SUNY New Paltz

Kristina McKay of Woodbourne was among more than 500 students who recently received undergraduate degrees from the State University of New York at New Paltz. She completed her degree in Childhood Education.

DAYS OF YORE...

Today's History

February 6, 1952 - It was a housewarming Thursday evening when the Grahamsville Fire Company and the Ladies' Auxiliary celebrated the completion of the rooms upstairs in the Fire House with a baked ham dinner. The first public use of the rooms will be on February 14th when the Ladies' Auxiliary is having an Evening of Games for the benefit of the Fire Company.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Botsford of Grahamsville are the proud parents of an 8 lb. 15 oz. son who was born Thursday, January 31st at the Veteran's Memorial Hospital in Ellenville. The Botsfords have one other child. Grandparents are the Earl Botsfords and the Ralph Hornbecks. Mr. and Mrs. Chester Hornbeck are the baby's great-grandparents.

John Amthor died at his home in Woodbourne on Monday, February 4th. He was born in Ellenville on April 20, 1865, the son of John C. and Rachel Gabriel Amthor. On February 11, 1891 he married Della Hornbeck who survives him. Also among the surviving relatives are two daughters, Mrs.

Willie Huson of Curry and Mrs. George Gorton of Woodbourne.

February 7, 1962 - Miss Joan Elizabeth Grey, daughter of Mrs. Russell Grey and the late Mr. Grey, and Robert Clayton Wood, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Wood of Ellenville, N.Y. were married on Saturday, February 3, 1962 at St. Mary and St. Andrew's R.C. Church in Ellenville. Father John Cunningham performed the ceremony. The bride is a 1961 graduate of Tri Valley Central School and was attending N.Y.U. Ag and Tech College at Cobleskill. Her husband is a graduate of Ellenville Central School and is attending college at Morrisville, N.Y.

Miss Kathryn Moore, Woodbourne Road, was interviewed in the *Middletown Times Herald Record* in the Feb. 2nd issue. Miss Moore, director of elementary education for the Middletown school system, discussed her job and her ideas about education.

Mr. and Mrs. George Spann of Grahamsville announce the engagement of their daughter, Helen Menard Spann to David Lincoln Morse, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert H. Morse of Rochester, N.Y. Miss Spann, who was a member of the class of 1956 at Tri Valley Central School, graduated from Swarthmore College in June, 1960 with a Bachelor of Arts degree and is presently employed in the N.Y. office of Wullschleger and Co., Inc. Mr. Morse is enrolled in M.I.T. where he is pursuing graduate studies. They are planning a June wedding for this year.

February 9, 1972 - Kathryn Herrman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Herrman of Grahamsville, has been notified of her acceptance at Sullivan County Community College where she will be enrolled in the liberal arts program.

Lynn Stratton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Stratton, has received word of her acceptance at Sullivan County Community College. Lynn plans to major in business administration.

Services were held Tuesday for Mrs. Alpha E. Houghtaling, 91, of Liberty. She died Saturday. Mrs. Houghtaling was born November 22, 1880 in Claryville, the daughter of Ernest and Ellen Moore Townsend. She was married to Chester Houghtaling. Besides her husband of Parksville, she is survived by three sons, Emmett and Nial, both of Liberty and Clifford of Neversink; a daughter, Theda Loungrin of Kerhonkson.

February 11, 1982 - Richard and Melissa Schmitz of the United States Air Force Academy, Colorado, are the proud parents of a daughter, Tiffany Rene Schmitz, born on January 22, 1982. She weighed 6 lbs. 10 oz. and was 19 1/2 inches long. The paternal grandparents are Lorence Schmitz of Humen Road, and June Schmitz of Hasbrouck Road, Woodbourne.

Kathi Marie Knox and Stephen Douglas Smith announce their engagement. She is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Harry Knox and he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Smith, Dwyer Ave., Liberty. Miss Knox is a graduate of Tri Valley Central School and is a correspondence secretary at Community General Hospital. Her fiancé is a graduate of Liberty High School and Alfred State College with an associate degree. His is employed by Great American Food Store in Liberty.

Girls and Boys Indoor Track Teams Win OCL Division V Titles

Last Friday at West Point the Girls and Boys Indoor Track Teams won the 2012 Orange County League Indoor Track Title. The Girls had 19 Girls score points toward the 3rd consecutive title with the Boys having 18 members score toward their 2nd consecutive title. Individual Champions were: Mareena DiMilia Hurdles and Long Jump, Kate Greffrath High Jump and 55 Dash, Brittany Rennison 600 and Triple Jump, Dominique Darby Shot Put, Omar Lopez 600 and Brendan Tierney Shot Put. The Girls 800 Relay of Greffrath, Rachel Adriaans, Claire Tierney and Devan Jones placed 1st along with the Boys 800 Relay of Tierney, Mohib Khan, Andrew malone and Damon Lopez. Congratulations to all team members!

HERE AND THERE Local News from the Tri-Valley Area- Hulda Vernooy

Word is out that Weight Watchers will no longer be in Grahamsville and a lot of folks are upset and would like you to call to get Weight Watchers reinstated in Grahamsville. The number to call is 1-800-651-6000.

The swim program is on again at Fallsburg High School on Monday and Wednesday mornings. Wednesday morning is in need of people. The swim program is also open Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Lap swimming is available. For further information, call Eileen Minarsky at 985-7011.

Happy Birthday to Ellen Hamilton Salovich! We have it from a reliable source that you are just a wee bit older than the 29 years that you look! Check out FB to see the great sign that Ellen's brother, Doug posted in front of her home in Ellenville on Feb. 4th!

Have a good week and God Bless. (Call Hulda at 985-2268 with your Neversink news.)

New exhibition (From Pg. 1)

They will hear worker's voices and the voices of those who lived in the towns, touch tools used in the construction, walk through a large replica of a tunnel and actually build a working dam model.

The Museum is currently seeking information, photographs, tools and work or personal items used in the building or by the men who built the reservoirs and tunnels (from the 1930's through the 1950's). These items will be included in the exhibition when it opens this fall. Anyone with information pertaining to the building of the Rondout and Neversink Reservoirs and connecting tunnels is asked to please call the

Museum at 845 985-7700 or email info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org. Items can be either loaned or donated to the Museum, and photographs and documents can be scanned and returned.

Located at 332 Main Street in Grahamsville (St. Rt. 55), the Museum is currently closed until April. From April through October the Museum is open Thursday to Sunday, noon to 4 p.m.. Adults admission is \$2, Children under 16 \$1, and children under six are free.

With THREE FLOORS of exhibitions, the Museum also has a Local History Resource Center (open Thursday 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturdays by appointment) and Museum Shop with local history and environmental publications, handcrafted artwork and gifts by local craftspeople, old fashioned toys and other unique items. For more information call 845 985-7700 or go to our website: timeandthevalleymuseum.org.

The Time and the Valleys Museum is a living and interactive resource that preserves the past, educates the present and ensures the uniqueness of the Rondout and Neversink watersheds for all generations

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Sullivan BOCES New Vision Students Speak on Communication Barriers

LIBERTY: Throughout the month of January, students from the Career and Technical Education's New Visions Health Program presented their final speeches of the semester on a communication issues or barriers that arises in healthcare due to cultural differences.

These persuasive speeches allowed the students to take a stand on various options used to address the miscommunication that happens every day due to the cultural diversity in the United States. Some students spoke about cultural beliefs and treatments, while others spoke about cultural brokers and methods that could be used to break down these cultural barriers.

The following students did an amazing job in informing the audience of the real problems that exist with miscommunication. Shorouk Abohussien, Fallsburg CS, Courtney Banks, Roscoe CSD, James Bernstein, Tri-Valley CSD, Cosmos Fitzpatrick, Liberty CSD, Valentina Gonzalez, Fallsburg CSD, Robert Johaneman, Livingston Manor CSD, Dharamhet Khangura, Livingston Manor CSD, Carly Klemen,

Monticello CSD, Josue Ramos, Tri-Valley CSD, Selena Vargas, Liberty CSD, and April White, Sullivan West CSD.

New Vision Health is a highly selective, interdisciplinary, immersion program offered for advanced college-bound seniors interested in the healthcare field. Students entering the New Vision Health Program are able to explore health careers in a variety of healthcare facilities through clinical internships. The Program also incorporates the Fundamentals of Speech Class offered through Sullivan County Community College.

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

The Career & Technical Education Program at Sullivan BOCES provides "Skills, knowledge and work ethic for the 21st century"

CWC awards ten grants for flood debris removal

Eight streamside property owners and two municipalities (the Towns of Shandaken and Halcott) have been awarded the first Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC) grants for clearing flood debris from stream channels and floodplains.

A total of \$212,345 had been awarded as of January 25 from the Stream Corridor Protection Debris Removal Program launched by the CWC in December. Projects are in West Shokan (six sites), Shandaken, Chichester, Lanesville and Halcott, where the Town was awarded \$37,455 to hire a contractor to clear three sites on Vly Creek.

Applications are under review for ten more projects.

Removing debris will help protect municipal infrastructure, as well as downstream properties that may be harmed should large trees, tanks, lumber and other debris be dislodged in future high-water events.

The \$2.5 million program provides grants to Towns, Villages and property owners, or Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCD) acting on their behalf. Funds may be used for labor, fuel, equipment, and materials necessary for flood debris removal.

Funds are to be used to remove only woody and/or man-made debris (floatables). The program cannot be used to remove gravel or to change stream channels.

Applications can be found on the CWC website (cwconline.org), or at the CWC offices, 905 Main St., Margaretville. They may be submitted at any time and will be reviewed by CWC, NYC Department of Environmental Protection and SWCD technical staff who will visit large project sites to examine any removal or disposal issues.

Applicants must coordinate with all regulatory agencies and are responsible for all required permits.

The CWC is a non-profit Local Development Corporation based in Margaretville. It is committed to protecting water resources, encouraging environmentally friendly economic development and supporting watershed education in the New York City Watershed West of the Hudson River, a region encompassing parts of five counties - Delaware, Greene, Schoharie, Sullivan and Ulster.

To learn more about other CWC programs to assist residents and businesses in the New York City Watershed West of the Hudson River, visit www.cwconline.org.

Helpful Hints - Sock it Two You!

Women used to use old socks to make Rag Curls and it works very well, especially after the hair has been freshly washed and is still wet. Simply cut the socks into strips 1/2 to 1 inch wide by 3-5 inches long. Take as much or as little hair as you like into a strand. Tie the length of cut sock to the bottom of the hair strand, roll the hair over the sock length until you reach the scalp and then tie once more. When the hair is dry, simply untie each length and you will have dangly tight curls.

If you freeze or place your water bottles in the refrigerator to get cold, try placing the bottle into a clean sock when you take it from the fridge. As the condensation appears on the bottle, the sock absorbs the moisture. Also works great for ice packs too!

Have wet shoes? Place clay cat litter (not the clumping modern kind) into two socks, tie or sew the ends closed and place inside the shoes. The old fashioned cat litter made with clay will help absorb the moisture so the shoes will dry quicker.

Announcement from TVCS

Due to the lack of precipitation this winter leading to excess snow days, the T-V Board of Education has added a vacation day on Tuesday, February 21, 2012. The added day will follow President's Day on Monday, February 20, 2012.

Candlelit Dinner At Eureka Market & Cafe

Eureka Market & Cafe here in Grahamsville is celebrating Valentine's Day with a special candlelit dinner in The Fishbowl, and live music provided by local guitarist Larry Kitzmiller. The menu is posted on their website, www.eureka-market.com, and at the market itself. Reservations are greatly appreciated: (845) 985-5152.

THE AMAZING CATFISH By Peggy DeWire

My friend Barbara recently returned from visiting her daughter Liz in Florida where she saw an amazing thing - a catfish walking on dry land! I imagine things happened like this on that lakeside path.

Barbara - what's that black wiggly thing flopping around there on the trail?

Liz - Mom, it's a walking catfish that can breathe air and go overland from pond to pond. There are lots of them around here, and they're no bother.

Barbara - Well, that's nice but it suits me fine if I don't see another crawly ugly like that again.

Walking catfish are native to Asia and were imported a while ago for the Florida aquarium trade. Some escaped and now several colonies are thriving there.

Walking catfish (Clarias batrachus) developed air-breathing organs like small pouches in their throats and around their gills enabling them to swallow air into these reservoirs when they travel over dry land.

The catfish family Ictaluridae ranges worldwide and are edible tasty fish used to stock fish ponds since time immemorial. They have smooth scaleless bodies, several fleshy whiskers (barbells) around the mouth and sharp irritating spines on their dorsal and pectoral fins. Catfish live in both fresh and salt water.

Catfish can produce grunts by rubbing their backbone against their swim bladder and communicate with one another.

Their keen sense of hearing picks up these grunts vibrations and amplifies them like a hydrophone. This communication keeps schooling fish together and aids sex recognition in breeding season. Experiments show that a male catfish can distinguish between the grunts of females of his own kind and those of closely related species. This selectivity maintains gene pool purity during breeding.

American catfish are common freshwater fish also know as bullheads. They range over the eastern half of the country but aren't found in western states except California where the White catfish has been introduced. Bullheads rarely get more than 1 1/2 feet long or weigh over 1 1/2 pounds. They're bottom feeders using the whiskery barbells around the mouth to stir up the mud for plant food, insect life and snails.

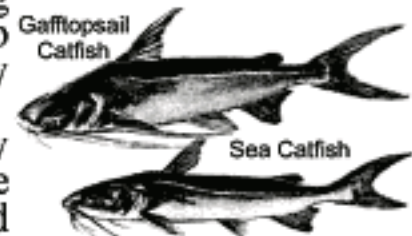
Bullheads spawn in the spring, fanning a nest on the bottom with their strong square tails. In it the female lays 10-30 eggs which the male guards tirelessly for about two months till the babies are on their own.

The three most common species of the catfish family are the Black bullhead, the Yellow bullhead and the Brown bullhead. The two giants are the Channel cat at 20 pounds and the Blue cat of the Mississippi River at 150 pounds. Catfish can be raised in farm ponds of 1-50 acres and fed a high-protein pellet diet. They're ravenous eaters and on big farms are fed twenty tons a day from an airplane. Fish culture is big business in America where 150 million pounds of catfish are sold annually. Fried catfish makes a classic dinner!

Two salt water catfish are common in our southern bays and harbors during the summer. Both are inedible are considered "trash fish." The gafftopsail catfish or Sail cat is named for its long ribbon-like top and side fins and two flowing barbells on its chin. The Sea catfish is only a foot long with four barbells on its lower jaw. On southern beaches you can find a white crucifix object which isn't a shell but part of the skull of a gafftopsail catfish. The bone resembles Christ on the cross and rattles when shaken like the sound of dice thrown by Roman soldiers for Christ's clothes. It's said to bring real good luck if you find a Crucifix bone.

Every spring the males of both gafftopsail and Sea catfish perform a very unusual job - they stuff fertilized eggs in their mouth and go without any food for two months, well after the babies hatch because the youngsters continue to return to the safety of dad's mouth for this whole time.

I remember the first time I saw a catfish with a mouthful of babies when I was netting baitfish. I put it very carefully in a bucket of water for a closer look. I was as amazed at all these little heads and tails sticking out as Barbara was at her walking catfish.



Mysterious Book Report NO. 35

by John Dwaine McKenna

A couple of weeks ago in MBR NO. 33 we reviewed a retro Sherlock Holmes novel that generated some buzz. It got us thinking; it might be fun to do another similar, but-not-quite-the-same kind of review. So, this week's Mysterious Book Report will cover a novel about Sherlock Holmes' mortal enemy, a sinister, arch-criminal genius; the Napoleon of crime . . . organizer of half that is evil and nearly all that is undetected (Arthur Conan Doyle, Sherlock Holmes in The Final Problem) whose name is Professor James Moriarty. The novel is Moriarty (Harcourt, 2008, \$24.00, 298 pages, ISBN 978-0-15-101252-7) by the late John Gardner. He authored fifty-three books before he passed in 2007, among them fourteen James Bond novels, The Boysie Oakes novels and three about the arch-criminal James Moriarty. Unlike other retro-novels, where one author spins a story about another author's character, Gardner's Moriarty stands alone. Sherlock Holmes and Dr. John Watson are barely mentioned . . . if at all. Instead, three mysterious leather-bound, hand-written, coded journals are delivered to Mr. Gardner by the criminal grandson of an associate of Moriarty's. They are purported to be the secret diaries of James Moriarty, written in an unbreakable code, known only to himself. With the help of a cryptanalyst who specializes in breaking the most difficult of enemy codes, Gardner is slowly able to decipher the old journals . . . which do indeed appear to be those of Professor James Moriarty. He's returned from America to London after

a three year absence, to reclaim and rebuild his criminal empire. I thoroughly enjoyed the romp through the underworld of turn-of-the-century London. Should you chose to read it, you'll learn about dollymops, gonifs, lurkers, magsmen and whizzers, all of which are criminal slang of the period. You'll also have a great time reading.

Do you know that the folks at your local library can get most any book in print through their inter-library loan program? If they don't have it they'll borrow it for you from one of their sister-libraries. Check it out. They're glad to help . . . and it's all part of the services.

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--JDM

Assemblywoman Gunther Offers Solution to FSA Office Consolidation

Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther (D-C - Forestburgh) today offered her Monticello District Office on an as-needed basis to the United State Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency (FSA). This comes in response to a letter from FSA State Executive Director James Barber informing Assemblywoman Gunther of the proposal for the consolidation of the Sullivan County FSA office in Liberty.

"Our farmers are one of Sullivan County's most valuable resources," said Assemblywoman Gunther, who is co-chair of the bi-partisan Committee on Rural Resources. "Farmers face enough challenges without making access to necessary resources provided by FSA more difficult to access. This is an opportunity we have to work cooperatively to support our farmers."

Sullivan BOCES Career & Tech Program Leads to a Dream Come True

(From Pg. 1) Throughout her time in the Program, Krissy worked hard to learn the foundation for all of the techniques she would utilize in her profession. The Program also afforded her the benefit of working with instructors that would inspire and push her to excel in her efforts and move towards the next step of obtaining her cosmetology license. "The program was so beneficial to me as a student, I am just so thankful that I went to BOCES, it put me four years far ahead of where I would have been if I didn't take advantage of BOCES," said Smith.

BOCES not only gave Krissy the excitement and drive to advance in the program, but gave her the confidence and skills needed to succeed in life. With the skills and tools in hand, the rest would be up to Krissy to write her own destiny.

After Krissy obtained her New York State license she worked at several local shops where she obtained more experience, and expanded her following, all while learning how to run a business. Six months ago Krissy found herself at a cross roads - go to work for someone else or open her own salon. The answer was obvious, she was ready to open her own salon, and what better place to start, than in her hometown of Livingston Manor.

"Everything fell in place," said Smith, "I was extremely fortunate to meet with George Fulton, local surveyor and building owner. Mr. Fulton had a storefront available and before I knew it, I was signing the rental agreement. I never imagined that I would be a business owner before my 25th birthday".

An amazing aspect about Krissy is that she is

still connected to BOCES. She opened her doors this fall to speak to the current cosmetology students. Not only is she a vital member of the business community in Sullivan County, she is also a role model and an inspiration for future beauticians.

When Krissy is asked about her thoughts of BOCES, she jumps to the occasion to tell high school students and adults to try BOCES. She talks about how BOCES has so many programs that someone is sure to find something that fits their interests. "If it wasn't for BOCES, I wouldn't be where I am today," ended Smith.

Today, 3 Main Street, Livingston Manor is the home to Krissy's Hair, a full service hair salon. When you walk in the door you are sure to be welcomed by a smile and personable customer service. Krissy's Hair is open Monday through Saturday from 10 am to 5 pm, appointments are preferred but walk-ins are always welcome (845) 428-0449. Krissy specializes in multi-tone coloring and cuts that are consistent with the today's trends.

"I look forward to every day, being a business owner is scary at times, but I wouldn't change a thing," said Smith.

If you would like to take advantage of one of the many services Krissy's Hair has to offer call (845) 428-0449. If you would like more information about the Career & Technical Education Programs offered at Sullivan BOCES call (845) 295-4152 or log onto scooces.org.

The Career & Technical Education Program at Sullivan BOCES provides "Skills, knowledge and work ethic for the 21st century"

Free Financial Aid Workshop at SUNY Sullivan

Loch Sheldrake, NY (February 1, 2012) - How to best finance a son or daughter's college education can be a headache for parents especially because navigating the rough seas of financial aid is often a nightmare. Fear not. SUNY is here to help. Parents who want to learn the ins and outs of financial aid are invited to a free workshop at SUNY Sullivan, Saturday, February 11 in the college's Grossinger Dining Room from 9 am to noon.

-Financial Aid Workshop participants will:
 -Learn more about student financial aid opportunities.
 -Receive assistance with the financial aid application.
 -Be encouraged to ask questions about the types of aid available.
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 -Computers will be available for those who wish to complete the FAFSA online at the conclusion of the workshop.

For more information, call the Financial Aid office at SUNY Sullivan at 845.434.5750 or 800-577-5243.

the statewide rate of 33.1 percent. Still, there is much work ahead to protect the health of children in our community.

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For information, or to support our program, please visit us at www.prasadcdhp.org or call 845-434-0376. Services are for children, and by appointment only.

We wish all children happy, healthy smiles and look forward to serving the community in the coming year!

Ira Cohen Announces Receiving the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting

County Treasurer Ira Cohen has announced that a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting has been awarded to the County of Sullivan Treasurer's Department by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for its comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR) prepared in 2011, for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2010. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management. It is been awarded annually for the past several years to the Sullivan County Treasurer's Department, which is primarily responsible for preparing the award-winning financial report.

The CAFR has been judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program including demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the CAFR.

Treasurer Cohen commended and thanked his staff, as well as that of Josh Potosek, Commissioner of Management of Budget, for their hard work, dedication, professionalism and mutual cooperation in working together to manage and document the financial affairs of the County, which has enabled the County to earn this prestigious award again. "There is a significant amount of daily work that county departments are required to perform and a professional financial management process that culminates in this annual achievement, and I thank and commend my staff and the others for this accomplishment, as duly noted by the GFOA," added Cohen.

The GFOA is a nonprofit professional association serving approximately 17,500 government finance professionals with offices in Chicago, IL and Washington, D.C.

BOCES Board of Education to hold Special Meeting

Liberty, NY: The Sullivan County Board of Cooperative Educational Services has scheduled a special Board of Education meeting on Wednesday, February 15, 2012. The meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. and take place in the BOCES Administration Building Conference Room #1, 6 Wierk Avenue, Liberty.

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

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

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The Olive Jar - Facebook Addiction By Carol LaMonda

Purging

It is my duty to counter the latest rumor in case you have heard it this week. There are three variations circulating the town. No, Bert Leifeld is not resigning and being superseded by Linda Burkhardt, Bruce La Monda or Sylvia Rozzelle. Honestly, you simply need to ignore the latest gossip. The rumor mill seems to be working overtime these days. Evan Bert was chuckling over this one.

This week's joy was the installation of a closet system in the guest bedroom. Besides a file cabinet and a safe, the old closet was a catch-all for all the STUFF that didn't live elsewhere. It was a necessity to clean it out to emptiness in order for the system of shelves and cubbies from Cabinet Designers to be installed.

The file cabinet was stuffed with warranties for appliances we no longer owned, receipts dated in the 80's and 90's, and folders marked VIP that held once-very-important records like the house we purchased in Pittsfield Mass in the late sixties. It was a trip down memory lane with decisions to be made at each manila folder. Do I need to keep all my observation and recommendation reports from a teaching job I retired from five years ago. No, I don't, but it was a sentimental, heart-wrenching experience to re-read and re-live memories from a career I loved. I had saved notes from students, salary receipts, transcripts and such. All went into the shredder or woodstove (don't tell my husband).

Next came the shelf of photo albums, which I should have just stored in a box and restocked the new closet

Olive Muse- Charlie Blumstein (Contd. from last week) - A group of Olive citizens plans to graciously and with much care and compassion request a change out of the Olive Planning Board Chairman, Mr. Boggess, who is Mr. Manning's counterpart in the Town of Olive, and who has served as the Olive Planning Board Chairman for the past 6 years. Planning Board Chairman Boggess is the project manager on the Draft Town of Olive Comprehensive Plan and lobbied the Olive Town Board at the sparsely attended December Olive Town Board meeting to pass the Scenic Byway resolution on the spot in the absence of any copies of the far-reaching legislation available to the public and in the absence of a public hearing.

The presentations made by CCCD Regional Planner Manning to the 2 Town Boards focused on signage, which turned out to have a letter color not recognized by Federal regulations, after 2 years of signage color deliberation. Also not mentioned at either meeting is the sign monopoly to be created by the CCC, which mandates sign rental at and by the discretion of the CCC for off-premise business signage. The Catskill logo signs now seen along 28 are quite beautiful even though not compliant w/ Federal regulations, in this writer's opinion.

The real whopper on this voyage is the lack of information provided to the 2 Town Boards about the "Overarching Management Entity" (a private not-for-profit corporation, seemingly with little accountability, to be funded by taxpayers in the 7 municipalities located in the Byway), which would provide "management of the Rt. 28 corridor", which would essentially supercede local home rule, in my humble opinion. It certainly warrants some debate before passage, contrary to the efforts of Chairman Boggess, who has been lobbying the Olive Town Board for its immediate passage in the absence of any deliberation.

The Catskill Mountain Byway designation process and the Draft Town of Olive Comprehensive Plan

shelves. Instead, I began to look through each one. Thank goodness for digital cameras and computer images. I had spent years duplicating each event and milestone. Too bad I didn't label all those faces I no longer recognize. I spent countless hours looking through albums of family pictures where a much skinnier me reminded me that I really must drop those forty pounds of "baby weight" I am carrying around now that both my sons are in their forties.

I found two cameras with film still in them. Can you develop film now? Into the garbage with them. They probably have the skinny me on them.

I found the box of Olive Day Mugs, the complete collection, that no one could locate. They are all wrapped in newspaper dated six years ago when we moved into this house.

The hanging clothes must have shrunk over the years since they are at least two sizes less than what I bought last week. No need to re-hang them. Off to the Firehouse bin with them.

Yearbooks took up a whole shelf of the new closet system. Yearbooks, filled with people I no longer recognize or remember. They stayed...warehoused until our own children take them to the landfill-now-transfer station. Time moves on; stuff remains.

How does one manage the past and memories. One way is to collect the most important stuff and publish it. That is what Gina Giuliano did in her little book called: A Visit With Mimmie: Catskill Mountain Recipes published by Blurb. She gave the first copy to her mother, Florence Giuliano, on her birthday. It is a delightful collection of recipes, photos and sketches by her sister,

process recently became firmly welded links with the illuminating paragraph discovered on page 35 of the 131 page Catskill Mountain Scenic Byway Corridor Management Plan, found on the web at the Town of Shandaken website, which states that the Draft Town of Olive Comprehensive Plan was cut from the same cloth as the Byway Plan, by the same people. The murky waters of the Isles of Opacity seem to be the location of the Planners lair, although Captain Manning has booked passage to other ports of call and is expected to set sail soon. We wish him Bon Voyage. Rumor has it that his counterpart in Olive will be booking passage to sunnier climes as well. The conning tower on the SS Olive Populi has been a busy node since last April, when the SS Draft Olive Comp Plan appeared on the horizon, after a one and a half year long classified voyage under cover of darkness. When it surfaced from the murky depths, a detail was formed to deal with the apparently persistent scalawag infestation found deep in the hold of the SS Olive.

Many have stepped forward to pull on the oars as needed and I offer my sincere thanks to all those who are rowing and navigating through these treacherous shoals. A stout line was offered to the cap'ns of the Regional Planner's vessel, and they have fashioned quite the rigging out of it, the capstans still smokin' from their effort. Perhaps the singed rope is becoming the tie that binds. Is keel-hauling far behind?

Those that cruise the Isles of Olive seeking plunder have repeatedly foundered on the rocky shoals along the jagged Olive coast time and again in the ever unfolding and quite beautiful tapestry of life in dear olde Olive. As an aside, the Byway Plan puts Olive settlement at 1823. Olive was first settled in about 1740. Our first families arrived here in 1658, six years prior to the creation of Ulster County.

The various plans seem to be essentially erasing or diminishing the presence and thus the rights of the old-

musical parts being played better than on The Beatles' records! Not always, but often! The Fab Faux actually give the listener new insight into what The

Beatles were playing on their records! And the musicians are top notch! The bass player is Will Lee from The Late Show Band, whom no less than Paul McCartney praised as one of the world's best bassists, and the guitar player is Jimmy Vivino from Conan O'Brian's Band, who also spends time in The Levon Helm Band, as well as numerous other projects, all first rate! This is the closest you'll get to the Fab Four today! They often do a complete Beatles album in each set. I've seen them do "Sgt. Pepper", "Rubber Soul", "Revolver" Magical Mystery Tour", "The White Album", and "Abbey Road" as well as the psychedelic singles "All you Need is Love", "I am the Walrus", "Strawberry Fields", "Penny Lane" and "Hey Jude". The Beatles themselves never performed these songs live, but The Fab Faux do, and they do them perfectly! I've never before written about a live show in the main body of this column, but this is really special, so I've broken with tradition for The Fab Faux (and The Fab Four)! If you like The Beatles, (and who doesn't), I strongly suggest you catch this show! If you only go to one show this Winter, make it this one! I guarantee you will be amazed and fascinated. Obviously, it's this week's Pick of the Week!

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Where Good Friends Meet

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It is said that our lives are divided into thirds. The first third is wanting; the second is collecting or attaining; and the last third is simply being. Since I am probably considered in my final third, I hope to have less on my shelves and more in my heart. I no longer need to catalogue or record my existence. I just plan to be. I am taking great joy in the fact that there are a half dozen of empty shelves in that closet system.

line families in the watershed. The effort may be subtle, but the effects potentially enormous. Normally gracious, reserved and understated, when alarmed and threatened by the enormous scope and scale of recent events, we join hands and defend centuries old land use and ownership rights. I pity those who try to swim against the flood tide, which tears all scalawags asunder with no malice or regret.

The CCCD and CCC have sent enough current through the central Catskills to create a chain of stout welded links within and between the old line families and those allied, living in the 62 towns of the watershed.

Like a slow moving flame front advancing outward like ripples from a boulder dropped in a pond, when the watershed becomes saturated with news of the deeds of the SS CCC and CCCD, then, perhaps the historic 1997 Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), will receive a tune-up. It's been 15 years with no scheduled preventive maintenance or replacement of worn out parts.

What an opportunity for DEP to look at current conditions and make some slight but very meaningful adjustments to the ships compass. I believe that we soon will set a course for calmer, more placid waters.

The notion that some scalawag carpetbaggers will, under the cloak of darkness, diminish the land use and ownership rights of local folks that have lived here continuously for over 3 and a half centuries, is wildly preposterous, patently absurd and defies logic and the imagination. 300 or more Olive neighbors will be attending the March 2012 Olive Town Board meeting for the purpose of checking on progress made under the Planning Board renovation program, to be initiated at the February Olive Town Board meeting. Several hundred may attend the February Olive Town Board meeting to catch up on the SS Byway Scenario, which limps into Port "New Olive Town" on the day of the meeting.

As Saul the sage would say: "Rave On, Man!"

Wednesday, February 8 - As mentioned last week, THE YARDBIRDS and VANILLA FUDGE are touring together. The new Yardbirds have two original members who have done a great job replacing Eric Clapton, Jimmy Page, and Jeff Beck! The new band is quite good and faithfully reproduce all of their immortal hits of the 60's! Vanilla Fudge should be bringing back their unique semi-heavy metal take on classics like "You Keep me Hangin' On", their biggest hit from the 60's. Last stop in our area is at the Tarrytown Music Hall. Very recommended!

For those of you downstate, there are three fine shows tonight. GEORGE CLINTON AND THE P-FUNK ALL STARS will be funk'ing it up at BB King's and BERNARD FOWLER, backup singer for The Rolling Stones for the past two decades, will be at The Highline Ballroom, both in Manhattan. Out in Brooklyn, PRIMUS rolls into The Music Hall of Williamsburg.

Thursday, February 9 - THE JACK GRACE BAND brings their old school, rockin', wry brand of Country music to Keegan Ales in Kingston. This is my second Pick of the Week. These guys are great! And it's free!

Friday, February 10 - Downstate - AL KOOPER at BB King's and GUNS AND ROSES at Roseland Ballroom. Upstate - JERRY MAROTTA'S Birthday Party at Keegan's. Further upstate - PETER FRAMP-TON at The Palace Theater in Albany. Comments - Al Kooper has been on the charts for over a half century.



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Greetings and

welcome to this week's Reservoir Music Notes!

Well, the week I've been waiting for has finally arrived! The Fab Faux will be making their first appearance in the Hudson Valley this week! If you don't know who The Fab Faux are, taking a look at last week's column will give you a good idea. In short, The Fab Faux are the best Beatles band on the planet! Rather than try to write something new, I'm going to reprint what I wrote about the band last week, because I think that said it all pretty well. On Saturday, February 11, The Fab Faux, make their first trip to the Hudson Valley, with an appearance at UPAC in Kingston. If you don't know them, The Fab Faux is a band that performs the music of The Beatles. They're not a tribute band though, and make no attempt to look or dress like The Fab Four. What they do do, is to play the music, note perfect. As they say on their website, "It's not a tribute. It's a recreation." And it is! When they do "Within You, Without You", guitarist Jimmy Vivino plays the part on sitar! When they do "Savoy Truffle" or "Got to Get You into my Life", a horn section appears. For "She's Leaving Home" or "Eleanor Rigby" a string quartet walks onstage. They even have additional singers for a double tracked vocal! These guys are so good that when listening to them, they have at times, actually made the music of The Beatles clearer! What I mean is, you can hear the

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Reservoir Music Notes (From Pg. 6)
Starting with The Royal Teens, then as a founding member of The Blues Project and Blood Sweat and Tears, in his spare time finding the time to play on records by Bob Dylan, BB King, The Who, Jimi Hendrix, Alice Cooper, Cream, and The Rolling Stones, discovering, signing, producing, and playing on the first three records by Lynrd Skynrd, producing the first Tubes record, and writing the hit song, "This Diamond Ring" for vastly underrated pop bubblegum star, Gary Lewis and The Playboys. Mister Kooper continues his illustrious career to this day with various assemblages like The ReKooperators and The Funky Faculty. I'd say his resume speaks for itself, wouldn't you? Guns and Roses today is Axl Rose and whoever he hires. As such, much of the subtleties are bound to be lost, but I'd still love to check this out. Jerry Marotta was the drummer for Peter Gabriel, The Indigo Girls,

and on countless records. There will be many special guests here tonight. Peter Frampton is best known for his pop records of the 70's, but before that, he was in the first version of Humble Pie, and is said to be an excellent guitarist, so this could possibly be good. Saturday, February 11 - As previously mentioned, if you're in the Hudson Valley, it's THE FAB FAUX at UPAC in Kingston. Pick of the Week! See above! Further upstate it's PETER WOLF at The Egg in Albany. Peter is the former lead singer for the J. Geils Band. His solo records have been sort of pop-ish, but the J. Geils Band was one of the rockin'-est blues bands ever to live, especially their first two albums, "The J. Geils Band" and "The Morning After", both of which I highly recommend, and both of which you should pick up, or load down, or whatever it is you kids do! In the City, one of the best jam bands, TEA LEAF GREEN will be holding forth at The Brooklyn

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Bowl. These guys are really great musicians, very innovative and very creative and original. And check out THE KILLS at Terminal 5 in Manhattan. Don't know much about this mixed sex duo, but my girlfriend digs 'em, and that's good enough for me! (Contd. Pg. 10)



Valentine's Day Dinner

We'll have a special menu for the occasion (Tues, Feb 14) and live music by local guitarist Larry Kitzmiller. Reservations are appreciated.

This Weekend's Dinner Specials:

Fri - Beef Stroganoff; Sat - Chicken Fajitas
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Tri-Valley Central School Junior Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) for Students in Grades 7 and 8



Like their senior members, the Junior FBLA at Tri-Valley Central School has been very busy this year. With this year's goals of providing community service on a local, state, and national level, as well as increasing exposure to career fields, the Junior FBLA has a lot to be proud of so far this year.

In October, several Junior FBLA members attended the 3N Fall District Meeting at the Harriman Learning Center in Monroe, NY. Members attended several different meetings to learn about the different facets of FBLA.

Also in October, members volunteered to work at the Giant Pumpkin Party in Grahamsville, NY. Students worked at a pumpkin stand to provide all sorts of services to interested customers.

At the end of October Junior FBLA members sponsored a 7th and 8th grade school dance at Tri-Valley. Students not only collected money to donate to the March of Dimes, but they also collected canned goods. These canned goods were donated to TVTA Cares and a local food pantry.

In the beginning of February members will be traveling to Achieve Nursing Home in Liberty, NY. There they will be spending time with their elders playing Wii bowling, Uno, and several other games. While interacting with the residents they will be learning about possible careers from both the employees and the residents.

The club has several other activities planned throughout the year. Perhaps most exciting is a "Spring Back Senior Ball" they will be hosting in May. Here, students will be inviting local senior citizens to a free night of dinner and dancing. Students will cater the event as well as provide the music for the dancing. It's sure to be a fun time!

Junior FBLA is led by President Emma Pompeii, Vice-President Autumn Bender, Secretary Ashton Krummack, Treasurer Megan Porter, and Historian Amy Hubbert. The advisors include business teacher Brenda Hay and English teacher Matt Haynes.

Time and the Valleys Museum 2012 Hours



Spinning wool is one of the many demonstration that have been enjoyed by visitors to The Time and Valleys Museum events.

The Time and the Valleys Museum, located at 332 Main Street in Grahamsville (St. Rt. 55), is a living and interactive resource that preserves the past and educates the present about the history of the Rondout and Neversink watershed areas. The Museum has THREE FLOORS of exhibitions relating to the area's history: A Concise History of the Valleys from Geological Times to the 1930's, The Building of the Rondout and Neversink Reservoirs and Connecting Tunnels and Farming in the Valleys. Also available are a Local History Resource Center (open Thursday and Sundays, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.) and Museum Shop with local history and envi-



The gift shop is open during normal museum hours, and is also available on-line 24/7



The Old Time Fair & Country Auction sponsored by the Time and the Valleys Museum, is an annual event. Last summer many donated items were auctioned off to raise funds for the Museum.

ronmental publications, handcrafted art work and gifts by local craftspeople, old fashioned toys and other unique items. The Museum is open Thursday to Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. from April through October, and other times by appointment. Adults admission is \$2, Children under 16 \$1, and children under six are free. For more information call 845 985-7700 or go to our website: timeandthevalleysmuseum.org.

"Sail Away" with Catskill Art Society to Jamaica this February!

Join Us at the Arts Center for a "Reggae Riot" Party on Saturday, February 18 - 6:30-9:30pm

Each winter, Catskill Art Society invites everyone to the CAS Arts Center for a fundraising event featuring a sampling of food and beverages from a different location around the world. This year, we're setting sail for Jamaica!

Tickets are on sale now and include:
Authentic Jamaican fare provided by Reggae Boy & Girl of Beacon, NY
Jamaican beer, wine and other beverages
"The Real Ting" Raffle featuring prizes donated by local businesses. One chance included with each admission. Additional tickets will be available for purchase.

DJ Music and Dancing with Sharon Molloy
Tickets are \$50 per person. Please make your reservation to attend by Sunday, February 12 if possible. Call 845-436-4227 or email ann@catskillartsociety.org for reservations and more information.

About Catskill Art Society

Catskill Art Society is a non-profit cultivating public interest, participation, and enjoyment of the arts. Through its multi-arts center, CAS explores contemporary art practices and facilitates creative and professional development for established and emerging artists.

SUNY Sullivan Sets Friday Tours Days for Prospective Students

Loch Sheldrake (January 31, 2012) - College bound high school students can take advantage of upcoming Friday holidays by taking advantage of SUNY Sullivan's special Friday Tour Days, February 17, March 16 and April 13. Tours will be offered at 10 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. on each of the Friday Tour Days.

"We're always trying to make our college tour days as accessible as possible to prospective students," said Sari Rosenheck, SUNY Sullivan director of admissions. "By scheduling three tour days on Fridays when most area high school students have off, we're providing these students with an opportunity to explore their options here at the college."

SUNY Sullivan offers 40 academic programs in business, nursing, sustainability, the liberal arts, culinary arts, and graphics to name just a few, and new programs in wind turbine technology, simulation and game development. This fall the college expects to offer degree programs in respiratory care and psychology.

The college, home to a nationally ranked NJCAA athletics program, will be hosting the 2012 NJCAA Div. III men's basketball championship, March 15-17.

SUNY Sullivan is a great place for students to earn an associate's degree and enter the work force or to transfer to a four-year college and earn a bachelor's degree.

Recently the college announced the Presidential Scholars Award program offering free tuition to qualified students who are in the top 10% of their class at local high schools.

To learn more about SUNY Sullivan and Friday Tour Days, call the admissions office at 845.434.5750, ext. 4287

Sullivan BOCES New Vision Students Speak on Communication Barriers



Dharamhet Khangura of Livingston Manor CSD

Throughout the month of January, students from the Career and Technical Education's New Visions Health Program presented their final speeches of the semester on a communication issues or barriers that arises in healthcare due to cultural differences.

These persuasive speeches allowed the students to take a stand on various options used to address the miscommunication that happens every day due to the cultural diversity in the United States. Some students spoke about cultural beliefs and treatments, while others spoke about cultural brokers and methods that could be used to break down these cultural barriers.

The following students did an amazing job in informing the audi-

ence of the real problems that exist with miscommunication. Shorouk Abohussien, Fallsburg CS, Courtney Banks, Roscoe CSD, James Bernstein, Tri-Valley CSD, Cosmos Fitzpatrick, Liberty CSD, Valentina Gonzalez, Fallsburg CSD, Robert Johaneman, Livingston Manor CSD, Dharamhet Khangura, Livingston Manor CSD, Carly Klemen, Monticello CSD, Josue Ramos, Tri-Valley CSD, Selena Vargas, Liberty CSD, and April White, Sullivan West CSD. New Vision Health is a highly selective, interdisciplinary, immersion program offered for advanced college-bound seniors interested in the healthcare field. Students entering the New Vision Health Program are able to explore health careers in a variety of healthcare facilities through clinical internships. The Program also incorporates the Fundamentals of Speech Class offered through Sullivan County Community College.



Selena Vargas of Liberty CSD

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Tri-Valley High School (FBLA) "Taking Care of Business" (From Pg. 1)



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September

Members started the year with "Dress for Success" day on September 14.

On September 29, sixteen members toured the SullivanArc facility in Monticello. Members then spent the day working at SullivanArc's Hemming Farm Community Garden in Woodbourne, NY harvesting, composting, cleaning and mulching the garden beds.

October

Tri-Valley FBLA attended the District 3N Fall Meeting on October 6 at the Harriman Learning Center in Monroe, NY. Twenty-five members and two advisors attended workshops on topics such as the Program of Work, Parliamentary Procedure, the Ronald McDonald House state charity, and how to prepare and compete in performance events. The chapter placed second in the Coin Challenge to raise money for the NYS FBLA Foundation. Tri-Valley FBLA President, Vicky Tingley, and Vice President, Mareena DiMilia, competed in Battle of the Chapters, a competition to see who knows the most about all things FBLA. Vicky Tingley took second place. (Contd. Pg. 10)

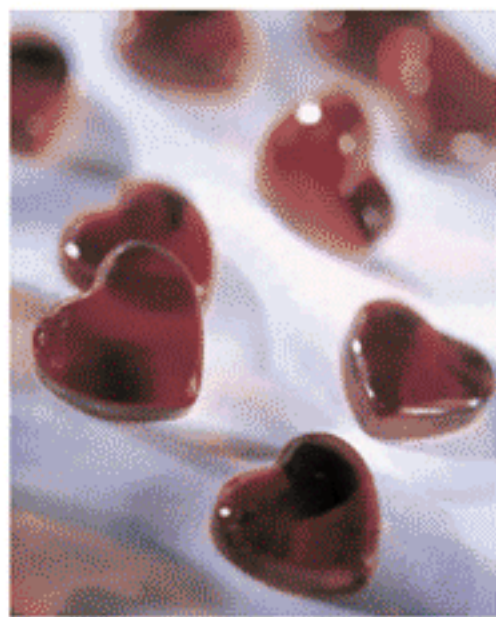
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**Flash Moves Aside for the Sake of Love-
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This week the ordinary Science Fiction Fantasy Flash is taking an interlude as it moves aside for the sake of love as we celebrate Valentine's Day!

Many authors, poets and playwrights have tried to capture love in words for thousands of years. Their works speak to the enduring power of love across the ages of human history.

Valentine's Day, a day about love, wasn't always about roses, candy, and romantic dinners. Nor was it created by greeting card companies just to sell cards and candies. It is still a holiday that is shrouded in a bit of mystery, as the exact origins of the celebration of St. Valentine are somewhat unclear.

Many historians believe that Valentine's Day has its roots dating back to a time during the Roman Empire when February 14th was a holiday to honor Februa Juno, the Queen of the Roman Gods and Goddesses. February 14th was the eve of the Feast of Lupercalia when the custom was that boys drew the names of girls, in honor of the goddess Februa Juno. They spent the day of festivities with the girl whose name they drew.

The story of February 14th continued. Under the rule of Emperor Claudius II, Rome was involved in many bloody and unpopular campaigns. Claudius the Cruel was having a difficult time getting soldiers to join his military leagues. He believed that the reason was that Roman men did not want to leave their loves or families. As a result, Claudius cancelled all marriages and engagements in Rome.

The good Saint Valentine was a priest at Rome in the days of Claudius II. He and Saint Marius aided the Christian martyrs and secretly married couples, and for this kind deed Saint Valentine was apprehended and dragged before the Prefect of Rome, who condemned him to be beaten to death with clubs and to have his head cut off. He suffered martyrdom on the 14th day of February, about the year 270.

There is a post script to this legend, adding that Valentine actually sent the first "valentine" greeting while in prison. It was believed that Valentine fell in love with a young girl, who some stories say was the jailor's daughter. She visited him during his imprisonment. Before his death, it is alleged that he wrote her a letter, which he signed "From your Valentine," an expression that is still in use today.

The oldest known Valentine's poem in existence today was written by Charles, Duke of Orleans during his imprisonment following the Battle of Agincourt in 1415 A.D. while he was imprisoned in the Tower of London he sent love poems such as this to his wife in France:

"Wilt thou be mine? Dear love, reply

Sweetly consent, or else deny;

Whisper softly, none shall know,

Wilt thou be mine, love? Aye or no?" poem was

written to his wife.

The holiday continued to gain tremendous popularity through the 17th and 18th centuries, but saw tremendous popularity in more recent times, with faster communication. It wasn't until the 1840s that Valentine's day cards began to be produced.

Hundreds of years ago in England, many children dressed up as adults on Valentine's Day. They went singing from home to home. One verse they sang was:

Good morning to you, valentine;
Curl your locks as I do mine ---
Two before and three behind.
Good morning to you, valentine.

There were many customs, that are still part of modern day lore, such as in Wales where wooden love spoons are carved and given as gifts on February 14th. Hearts, keys and keyholes were favourite decorations on the spoons. The decoration meant, "You unlock my heart!"

During the Middle Ages, young men and women drew names from a bowl to see who their valentines would be. They would wear these names on their sleeves for one week. To wear your heart on your sleeve now means that it is easy for other people to know how you are feeling.

In some countries, a young woman may receive a gift of clothing from a young man. If she kept the gift, it meant she will marry him.

Some people used to believe that if a woman saw a robin flying overhead on Valentine's Day, it meant she would marry a sailor. If she saw a sparrow, she would marry a poor man and be very happy. If she saw a goldfinch, she would marry a millionaire.

A love seat is a wide chair. It was first made to seat one woman and her wide dress. Later, the love seat or courting seat had two sections, often in an S-shape. In this way, a couple could sit together -- but not too closely!

Think of five or six names of boys or girls you might marry, As you twist the stem of an apple, recite the names until the stem comes off. You will marry the person whose name you were saying when the stem fell off.

If you cut an apple in half and count how many seeds are inside, you will also know how many children you will have.

And then there was the sending of Valentine's greetings. In the United States, the first mass-produced valentines of embossed paper lace were produced and sold shortly after 1847 by Esther Howland (1828-1904) of Worcester, Massachusetts. Her father operated a large book and stationery store, and she took her inspiration from an English valentine she had received.

By the 20th century, the practice of exchanging cards was extended to all manners of gifts in the United States, usually from a man to a woman such as roses and chocolates. In the 1980s, the diamond industry began to promote Valentine's Day as an occasion for giving jewelry.

It has been common in many elementary schools and continues through today to send Valentine's Day cards to everyone in the class. The greeting cards of these students often mention what they appreciate about each other. This is a great custom for the children because often some children don't communicate well and it's a chance to see in a nice card how someone feels about them.

Today Valentine's Day is not just limited to sending cards and flowers, but has become very commercialised and there are all kinds of trinkets and decorations, and yet Valentine's Day still symbolizes LOVE.

And authors, poets and playwrights continue to write such sonnets as Pablo Neruda wrote, "I love you without knowing how, or when, or from where. I love you straightforwardly, without complexities or pride; so I love you because I know no other way than this: where I does not exist nor you, so close that your hand on my chest is my hand, so close that your eyes close as I fall asleep," in "Love Sonnet XVII"

They still look for the words to describe love, as love, the binding force of the universe continues to endure as each year adds another chapter to the story of St. Valentine's Day.

May you Valentine's Day be filled with enough love to last the whole year!

Happy Valentine's Day!

Reservoir Music Notes (From Pg.7)

Sunday, February 12 - The immortal DOCTOR RALPH STANLEY AND THE CLINCH MOUNTAIN BOYS make a rare stop in Manhattan at BB King's. You gotta check these guys out! Doctor Stanley is probably the last living original Bluegrass artist. Even if you don't dig Bluegrass, good music is good music! And this is good music! GUNS AND ROSES reprise Friday night's show, this time at Terminal 5. Up in the Hudson Valley, country-rock royalty POCO rides into The Towne Crier in Pauling. Don't know if this will be the full band or just the trio they've been touring as lately, but if you like 'em, you'll love 'em!

Tuesday, February 14 - Downstate, RICHARD THOMPSON begins the first of three nights doing all request shows at the City Winery in Manhattan. Upstate, it's Tuesday, so it's BEN ROUNDS' Open Mic Night at The Catamount in Mount Tremper.

Wednesday, February 15 - RICHARD THOMPSON, Night 2.

Thursday, February 16 - Downstate - RICHARD THOMPSON, Night 3. Upstate - LUCKY PETERSON at The Catamount. Catch this great artist in the most intimate venue you're ever likely to see him in. Highly recommended!

Tri-Valley High School (FBLA) "Taking Care of Business" (From Pg. 9)

November

Twenty-one members and two advisors attended the National Fall Leadership Conference (NFLC) in Philadelphia on November 4-6. Members attended professional workshops and heard excellent motivational speakers at the opening and closing session of the conference. While in Philadelphia, the chapter took a walking tour of the Historic Square Mile and visited the Liberty Bell, Congress Hall, Carpenters' Hall, Betsy Ross House, Christ Church, Elfreth's Alley and Independence Hall.

On November 10, the chapter held its Induction Ceremony and Installation of Officers.

November is Premature Awareness month for the March of Dimes. Tri-Valley FBLA sponsored "Wear Purple Day" on November 17 and participated in the "Blue Jeans for Babies" campaign raising \$450 for the national charity.

December

Tri-Valley FBLA members wrapped presents for the Tri-Valley Cares Coalition. Gifts were given to 115 Tri-Valley children.

Blood drive co-chairs, Colleen Jones and Sarah Schneyer, held an assembly about donating blood and hosted an American Red Cross blood drive in memory of Mrs. Lori Edwards on December 20.

January

On January 11, five FBLA members went to WSUL radio station with Brenda Hay's marketing class to create an advertisement for Dancing with the Teachers, which will be held February 8 to benefit the Barrie Gavurnik Memorial Scholarship Fund. Ms. Gavurnik was a former Tri-Valley FBLA advisor.

The chapter held a supply drive for children in Honduras, which included school supplies (pens, pencils, markers and paper), flip-flops, bandages and children's vitamins. Supplies were collected in creative ways including a school dance, birthday party gifts and drop boxes. Ninth grade member, Grace Kelly, will be traveling to Honduras in February to deliver the supplies.

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Attorney General Schneiderman Announces Major Lawsuit Against Nation's Largest Banks (From Pg. 1)

"Our action demonstrates that there is one set of rules for all - no matter how big or powerful the institution may be - and that those rules will be enforced vigorously. Only through real accountability for the illegal and deceptive conduct in the foreclosure crisis will there be justice for New York's homeowners," stated Schneiderman.

The financial industry created MERS in 1995 to allow financial institutions to evade local county recording fees, avoid the hassle and paperwork of publicly recording mortgage transfers, and facilitate the rapid sale and securitization of mortgages. MERS operates as a membership organization, and most large companies that participate in the mortgage industry - by originating loans, buying or investing in loans, or servicing loans - are members, including JPMorgan Chase, Bank of America, Wells Fargo, Fannie Mae, and Freddie Mac. Over 70 million loans nationally have been registered in MERS System, including about 30 million currently active loans.

Through their membership in MERS, these companies avoided publicly recording the purchase and sale of mortgages by designating MERS Inc. - a shell company with no economic interest in any mortgage loan - as the "nominal" mortgagee of the loan in the public records. Instead, MERS members were supposed to log mortgage transfers in the MERS private electronic registry. The basic theory behind MERS is that, because MERS Inc. serves as a "nominee" (or agent) for most major lenders, it remains the "mortgagee" in the public records regardless of how often the loan is sold or transferred among MERS members. Thus, although MERSCORP has only about 70 employees, MERS Inc. serves as the mortgagee of record for tens of millions of loans registered in the MERS System.

MERS has granted over 20,000 "certifying officers" the authority to act on its behalf, including the authority to assign mortgages, to execute paperwork necessary to foreclose, and to submit filings on behalf of MERS in bankruptcy proceedings. These certifying officers are not MERS employees, but instead are employed by MERS members, including JPMorgan Chase, Bank of America, and Wells Fargo.

MERS' conduct, as well as the servicers' use of the MERS System, has resulted in the filing of improper New York foreclosure proceedings, undermined the integrity of the judicial process, created confusion and uncertainty concerning property ownership interests, and potentially clouded titles on properties throughout the State of New York. In fact, several New York judges have questioned the standing of the foreclosing party in cases involving MERS loans and the validity of mortgage assignments executed by MERS certifying officers.

The lawsuit specifically charges that the defendants have engaged in the following fraudulent and deceptive practices:

- MERS has filed over 13,000 foreclosure actions against New York homeowners listing itself as the plaintiff, but in many instances, MERS lacked the legal authority to foreclose and did not own or hold the promissory note, despite saying otherwise in court submissions.

- MERS certifying officers, including employees and agents of JPMorgan Chase, Bank of America, and Wells Fargo, have repeatedly executed and submitted in court legal documents purporting to assign the mortgage and/or note to the foreclosing party. These documents contain numerous defects, including affirmative misrepresentations of fact, which render them false, deceptive, and/or invalid. These assignments were often automatically generated and "robotically" by individuals who did not review the underlying property ownership records, confirm the documents' accuracy, or even read the documents. These false and defective assignments often masked gaps in the chain of title and the foreclosing party's inability to establish its authority to foreclose, and as a result have misled homeowners and the courts.

- MERS' indiscriminate use of non-employee "certifying officers" to execute vital legal documents has confused, misled, and deceived homeowners and the courts and made it difficult to ascertain whether a party actually has the right to foreclose. MERS certifying officers have regularly executed and submitted in court mortgage assignments and other legal documents on behalf of MERS without disclosing that they are not MERS employees, but instead are employed by other entities, such as the mortgage servicer filing the case or its counsel. The signature line just indicates that the individual is an "Assistant Secretary," "Vice President," or other officer of MERS. Indeed, these documents often purport to assign the mortgage to the certifying officer's own employer. Moreover, as a result of the defendants' failure to track the designation of certifying officers and the scope of their authority to act, individuals have executed legal documents on behalf of MERS, such as mortgage assignments and

loan modifications, when they were either not designated as a MERS certifying officer at the time or were not authorized to execute documents on behalf of MERS with respect to the subject loan.

- MERS and its members have deceived and misled borrowers about the importance and ramifications of MERS' role with respect to their loan by providing inadequate disclosures.

- The MERS System is riddled with inaccuracies which make it difficult to verify the chain of title for a loan or the current note-holder, and creates confusion among stakeholders who rely on the information. In addition, as a result of these inaccuracies, MERS has filed mortgage satisfactions against the wrong property.

The lawsuit seeks a declaration that the alleged practices violate the law, as well as injunctive relief, damages for harmed homeowners, and civil penalties. The lawsuit also seeks a court order requiring defendants to take all actions necessary to cure any title defects and clear any improper liens resulting from their fraudulent and deceptive acts and practices.

The matter is being handled by Deputy Bureau Chief of the Bureau of Consumer Frauds & Protection Jeffrey K. Powell, Assistant Attorney General Clare Norins, and Assistant Solicitor General Steven C. Wu, under the supervision of First Deputy Attorn

Hinchey: Arrest of Filmmaker is Shameful (From Pg. 1)

Hinchey is a leader in Congress of the effort to protect drinking water and the environment from the risks of hydraulic fracturing. He is a co-author of the FRAC Act, which would mandate public disclosure of chemicals used in frack fluid and allow the EPA to regulate fracking activities under the Safe Drinking Water Act. The congressman also authored the appropriations language that led to the current EPA study on hydraulic fracturing.

"It is beyond unacceptable that acclaimed documentary director Josh Fox was arrested for trying to film a public hearing on groundwater contamination caused by hydraulic fracturing in Pavilion, Wyoming. This was a public hearing, there was plenty of room for cameras, and a credentialed camera crew was told they would be denied access because they were working for a documentary filmmaker. This is blatant censorship and a shameful stain on this Congress. I stand by Josh's right to record this hearing. His arrest was a huge mistake."

Gillibrand Praises Important Step Forward as Stock Act Passes Key Senate Procedural Vote - Moves to Full Debate on Senate Floor

Washington, D.C. - U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand issued the following statement today after the bipartisan STOCK Act overwhelmingly passed a key procedural vote in the Senate 93 to 2, sending the bill to the Senate floor to begin formal debate on the legislation:

"Tonight's vote was an important step forward to begin restoring the trust that's been lost in our government," said Senator Gillibrand, the first member of Congress to post her official daily schedule, all earmark requests and personal financial disclosure online. "We must now take the next step and pass this bill. The American people need to know that their elected leaders play by the exact same rules that they play by. They also deserve to know their lawmakers' only interest is what's best for the country, not their own financial interests. Members of Congress, their families and staff shouldn't be able to gain personal profits from information they have access to that everyday middle class families don't. It's simply not right -- nobody should be above the rules."

In December, legislation based on Senator Gillibrand's STOCK Act, now supported by more than two dozen Republicans and Democrats in the Senate, passed out of the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. President Obama called on Congress in his State of the Union address Tuesday to pass this legislation and send it to his desk for signature.

The current legislation explicitly bars a member of Congress, their staff and all federal employees from engaging in insider trading or otherwise using nonpublic information for their own personal benefit, and clarifies that this provision constitutes a sufficient basis for the Securities and Exchange Commission to investigate and prosecute members of Congress engaging in insider trading - including the "tipping" of non-public information. By incorporating feedback from witnesses at the December 1 committee hearing, the legislation directly corrects the ambiguity in existing laws to ensure that members of Congress, their families and their staffs are fully covered by insider trading laws. The legislation is carefully crafted to not alter existing insider trading law, but to simply ensure that members of Congress, their families, their staff and federal employees are fully covered by it.

Additionally, the legislation further enhances disclosure requirements by requiring that members of Congress report stock and other major financial transactions within 30 days, dramatically less than the current annual reporting requirement, and reduced from the 90 days proposed in the original draft of the legislation. Additionally, the legislation would now require these

reports and other financial disclosures to be posted online. The legislation also directs the Congressional Ethics Committees to write rules to enforce this provision. As a result, the legislation would empower the Ethics Committees, as well as the SEC, to enforce rules against insider trading by members of Congress and Congressional staff, but would not require the 67 vote threshold required to directly amend Senate rules in mid-session. The STOCK Act is supported by at least seven government reform groups including: Campaign Legal Center, Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington, Common Cause, Democracy 21, Public Citizen, Sunlight Foundation and U.S. PIRG.

UC Executive Signs Resolution Adopting the Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee Assessment Relief Act

Kingston, NY- Ulster County Executive Mike Hein signed a resolution authorizing Ulster County's participation in the "Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee Relief Act" Program. This legislation allows participating taxing jurisdictions to provide relief to owners of properties that lost 50% or more of their value as a result of flooding. This also allows heavily damaged property to be reassessed on the 2011 assessment roll based upon its post-storm condition, even though the damage occurred after the 2011 taxable status date.

"This is an important step toward recovery for the people of Ulster County hit hardest by Hurricane Irene," said County Executive Hein. "The one, two punch our County withstood last summer was devastating. The amazing response of our first responders coupled with the way our community has banded together in the aftermath is a testament to the strength and spirit of the people of Ulster County. This program will provide much needed tax relief to those residents who have lost so much. It is also a wonderful example of what can happen when all branches of government work together and I would like to recognize the Ulster County Legislature for their swift action."

The list of eligible taxing jurisdictions includes the County of Ulster (all County-related taxes); the towns of Kingston, Rosendale, Ulster and Wawarsing; and the Onteora School District. To receive relief, property owners in a taxing jurisdiction that has adopted the Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee Relief Act must submit a written request to the assessor in that taxing jurisdiction, along with supporting documentation. (Cont. Pg. 14)

POLITICAL SLANT- Frank Comando - Former Federal Prosecutor Julian Schriebman, A Democrat, Files as Congressional Candidate

Former federal prosecutor Julian Schriebman, a Democrat, announced that he is filing as a candidate for the United States House of Representatives. Schriebman, a Kingston native and Kingston High School graduate, previously served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney and Ulster County Senior Assistant District Attorney, and was also an Assistant General Counsel at the Central Intelligence Agency. In 2002, he received the *Distinguished Service Award* from the Attorney General - the second highest award given by the Department of Justice -- for assisting in the prosecution of four al Qaeda terrorists for the bombing of two U.S. embassies (United States v. Osama bin Laden).

Schriebman said: "Now, more than ever, our communities need strong, independent voices in Washington to resist demands for special treatment by the powerful and the privileged. I'm running for Congress to carry on Maurice Hinchey's efforts for the people of our communities - for a strong economy built on good jobs; for a fair tax system in which the wealthy don't pay lower rates than American workers; for effective oversight of our financial industry; and opposition to hydrofracking, which threatens our environment and local economies.

"These are tough fights, but I haven't shied away from tough fights in my career, whether against terrorists, drug traffickers, or corporate crooks. We may not know the exact boundaries of our congressional district, but we all do know that we need the people of our communities to have their voices heard loud and clear in Washington. That's why I'm announcing today my candidacy to represent upstate New York."

Terrie Rosenblum, Democratic Chair for the Town of Woodstock, said: "Julian's integrity, work ethic, and commitment to his principles, will make him a terrific representative of our communities. He has proven leadership skills, and as our County Chairman, earned a deserved reputation as a reformer. But his most important quality is his extraordinary commitment to working for real people."

Lin Sakai, co-founder of Hudson Valley for Obama, said: "I have worked with Julian for years now and know he shares President Obama's commitment to a more effective and just Government. I stand with him because I know he will work hard to ensure that the interests of our communities are represented in Washington."

Julian lives in Stone Ridge with his wife, Shannon, and their three sons.

To have your comments and/or questions, (space allowing) posted, or answered here

Email politicalslant@yahoo.com.

UC Executive Signs Resolution (From Pg. 12) The deadline for a property owner to apply for assessment relief is March 8, 2012 (90 calendar days after the act was signed by the Governor).
Procedure
 -The assessor determines the percentage reduction in value.
 -If warranted, the assessor reduces the taxable assessed value.
 -Upon making a determination, the assessor mails written notice to the property owner and the participating municipality.
 -If a reduction is granted and taxes have not yet been paid, then the tax liability will be reduced; if taxes have already been paid then the taxing jurisdiction will refund the appropriate amount.
 -A property owner who is dissatisfied with the assessor's determination may file a complaint

with the Board of Assessment Review, which shall reconvene upon ten calendar days of written notice to the property owner and assessor to consider the matter. Property owners should use this form to file the complaint:
http://www.tax.ny.gov/pdf/current_forms/orpts/rp56bar_fill_in.pdf.

Assessment Reductions

Upon reviewing the property owner's documentation, the assessor does not have to determine exactly how much value the property lost, but must merely classify the loss into one of the ranges in the table below:

Property Loss	Reduction in Taxable AV
Less than 50%	None
At least 50% but less than 60%	55%
At least 60% but less than 70%	65%
At least 70% but less than 80%	75%
At least 80% but less than 90%	85%
At least 90% but less than 100%	95%
100%	Reduced to 0

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 504 students participating from 24 different school districts with 2,112 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 2/11 to 2/24 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.

Ballroom/Swing/Latin Dance Party with Jackie Horner

Dance the Night Away to different dance styles with the one and only Jackie Horner. Saturday, February 11th 730pm till 1030pm

Enjoy complimentary dance lessons throughtout the evening with or with out a partner. (Singles are always welcomed and needed) There will be wine/cheese/coffee and tasty goodies. \$10 per person Bring your Dancin shoes and smiles to Liberty Fitness Center in Jackie's spacious dance room!!

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PRESIDENT'S DAY
Pancake Breakfast
Sunday, Feb. 19
 Serving 7:00 until 12:00 Noon
ADULTS \$7
CHILDREN UNDER 12 YRS. \$3
UNDER 5 YRS. FREE
\$50 FROM EACH MONTHLY BREAKFAST IS DONATED TO THE CLARYVILLE REFORMED CHURCH FOOD PANTRY

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



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


Happy Valentine's Day
 ...from the Townsman Staff

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CrossWay Assembly of God

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



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WINTER HOURS FOR ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL
 The Little Church with the Big Heart
Sundays, 3 pm: Communion
 Music by Susan and Fred Van Wagner
 Coffee hour follows service
 All are welcome!
 For Information: Mother Joan LaLiberté 845-887-4742
 5277 State Rt. 42 South Fallsburg


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



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
March 3, 2012
5:30 pm
 Sundown United Methodist Church
 at the Sundown Church Hall



Grahamsville United Methodist Church
 Feb 18, 2012
Thrift Sale Only
 9 am-1 pm

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 (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.

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

UC Exec Mike Hein Appoints UC Resident Michael Iapose as Commissioner of the UC Dept of Social Services

Kingston, NY- Ulster County Executive Mike Hein announced today that his appointment of the Commissioner of Social Services is Michael A. Iapose, Esq., the current Supervising Social Services Attorney and counsel to the Commissioner at the Department of Social Services (DSS). Michael has worked for Ulster County DSS for the past 18 years in several capacities and is a life long resident of Ulster County.

"Michael is going to be an outstanding Commissioner at Ulster County DSS. He is well respected by both the DSS staff and the outside community. His credentials, experience and demeanor are exactly what we need," said Ulster County Executive Mike Hein. "Though, it was challenging to conduct a nationwide search under the County Charter's current limited time requirements for Executive appointments, we were very fortunate to have the perfect candidate already employed locally."

Michael Iapose said, "I am extremely thankful for this opportunity to help the neediest people of Ulster County and to serve in the Hein administration in a higher capacity. We have an excellent team of high caliber professionals at the Department of Social Services and we are willing, ready and able to implement many of the reforms that the County Executive expects from this County government."

Robert T. Aiello, Chairman of the Legislature's Health and Personnel Committee said, "Michael Iapose is a great choice for Commissioner of Social Services. He is well respected by his colleagues and his understanding of the day-to-day needs of the department, and the people it serves, will be an asset to Ulster County."

Legislator Peter Loughran said, "Michael Iapose is an excellent pick to be our next Commissioner of Social Services. His long record of service to the residents of Ulster County and his strong reputation in the community will serve him and Ulster County well."

Michael Iapose has been the Supervising Social Services Attorney for the Department of Social Services since 2004. Before that, Mr. Iapose was the Senior Social Services Attorney. He started his career with Ulster County as a Social Services Staff Attorney in 1993. During his time with Ulster County, Michael has been responsible for providing counsel for programs such as Adult Protective Services, Medicaid, Child Support Enforcement, Resource Recovery and Temporary Assistance.

Mr. Iapose resides in the Town of Olive, New York with his spouse of 23 years, Judy. They have 3 children. Mr. Iapose is a graduate of Onteora High School, received a Bachelor's degree from St Michael's College in Winnski, VT and his Juris Doctorate from Northeastern University School of Law in Boston, MA.

This appointment will require both Legislative and State confirmation.

Sullivan BOCES Celebrates Career and Technical Education Month

LIBERTY - Students and faculty at the Career and Technical Education Center, a division of Sullivan County BOCES, will join others across New York and the nation during the month of February to celebrate national Career and Technical Education (CTE) Month™. This year's theme is CTE: Careers Through Education. CTE Month™ provides CTE programs across the country an opportunity to demonstrate how CTE educates students to be college- and career- ready and prepares them for high-wage, high-demand career fields.

Among the special activities scheduled for CTE Month™ are: on February 8th the LPN Information Sessions held at the St. John Street Education Center in Monticello from 1-2 pm and from 6-7pm, the SkillsUSA Roast Beef Dinner and the CTE Expo which are being held from 3 to 7:30pm, at the Rubin Pollack Education Center in Liberty all being held. Throughout the month the Health Occupations and New Vision Health Programs are also planning a series of Give Back the School Districts events where the students will go into each school district to provide blood pressure screenings for staff and talk to various science classes.

"The activities planned over the next month will illustrate the rigor and relevance CTE courses offer our students," said Denise Sullivan, Director of Career and Technical Education. "By partnering with the business community, CTE programs are investing in students' lives with the latest technology and skills that will prepare them to become successful employees as well as future leaders."

CTE is a major part of the solution to myriad national economic and workforce problems, such as high school dropout rates, a weakened economy, global competitiveness and massive layoffs. According to

the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, nearly one-third of the fastest growing occupations will require an associate's degree or a postsecondary vocational certificate. Recent research published by the Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce shows that 4.7 million new workers will be needed by post-secondary certificates and credentials, such as those which can be obtained at Career and Technical Education Center by 2018, but we will fall short of meeting that demand.

At a time when job opportunity is so critical, CTE programs in every community are ensuring student are adequately equipped with the skills to successfully enter the workforce.

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

Plan to Fight Prescription Drug Crisis

ALBANY - A diverse, bipartisan coalition from New York State's Congressional delegation today issued an open letter to state lawmakers urging the Senate and Assembly to pass Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman's plan to tackle the prescription drug epidemic ravaging communities across the state. The Internet System for Tracking Overprescribing (I-STOP) legislation is aimed at reining in prescription drug abuse by connecting doctors and pharmacists to a real-time, online database that would track the prescribing and dispensing of frequently abused controlled substances. Support from members of Congress follows the recent release of a report from the Attorney General detailing the growing prescription drug abuse crisis in every corner of New York State. The 24-member coalition of U.S. Representatives cited recent evidence that prescription drug abuse is a growing problem from Long Island to New York City to Buffalo, consistent with national trends. Statewide, the number of prescriptions for all narcotic painkillers has increased by nearly six million, from 16.6 million in 2007 to 22.5 million in 2010. "In urban, suburban, rural, upstate and downstate New York, prescription drug abuse is an epidemic that is reshaping our definition of addiction, and one that demands the attention of our communities, law enforcement officials, and legislators," the Congress members wrote in the letter. "The Attorney General's I-STOP legislation is the solution New York State needs to begin tackling the prescription drug epidemic head on. On behalf of families across the state, we urge you to pass this legislation before another life is lost." The co-chairs of the group pushing for Attorney General Schneiderman's plan, Republican Michael Grimm of Staten Island, and Democrat Brian Higgins of Buffalo, represent two of the hardest hit communities in the state. Deaths linked to overdoses of prescription drugs jumped 59 percent in Erie and Niagara Counties from 2003 to 2009, while overdose fatalities spiked 147 percent on Staten Island from 2005 to 2009. The bipartisan coalition argues that Schneiderman's I-STOP bill is the right solution to the problem because it will "assist in patient care, and also help crack down on 'doctor shopping' ... and stop those who enable and profit off of the illegitimate use of prescribed drugs." Attorney General Schneiderman thanked his colleagues, saying, "Leadership at every level of government is required to protect our communities from the crisis of prescription drug addiction, and I am grateful for this bipartisan show of support from New York's House delegation. The time is now to streamline communication between health care providers and pharmacists to better serve patients, stop prescription drug trafficking, and provide treatment to those who are addicted. Inaction is not an option." Support from New York's bipartisan Congressional coalition comes in the wake of major endorsements for the Attorney General's I-STOP plan in recent weeks, including those from U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, District Attorneys Association of the State of New York, New York State Association of Chiefs of Police, New York State Association of PBA's, and the Police Benevolent Association of the New York State Troopers, Inc.

Hinchey, DeGette and Polis Call on President to Endorse Stronger Protections from Hydraulic Fracturing, More Study Members Also Highlight New EIA Data on Lower Shale Gas Reserves in Response to the State of the Union Address

Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY), Congresswoman Diana DeGette (D-CO) and Congressman Jared Polis (D-CO) today asked President Obama to back stronger environmental and public health standards to protect against the risks of hydraulic fracturing. In a letter, the House members requested the President's support for the Fracturing Responsibility and Awareness of Chemicals (FRAC)

Act, which would require the disclosure of chemicals used in the hydraulic fracturing natural gas extraction process. The legislation would also eliminate a special Safe Drinking Water Act exemption for hydraulic fracturing that was established in 2005.

Hinchey, DeGette and Polis also requested an expansion of the ongoing Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) study of hydraulic fracturing, which Hinchey jumpstarted through legislation that was signed into law in 2010. The current plan does not include a study of air pollution and other health risks that have been closely associated with fracking. The members also pointed to new estimates from the U.S. Energy Information Administration, which call into question statistics on recoverable resources of U.S. shale gas cited by the President in his 2012 State of the Union address.

"The President has endorsed disclosure of fracking chemicals when they are used on public lands, but has not taken a position on if that same standard should be applied for all drilling that occurs throughout the country," said Hinchey. "Given the strong emphasis he placed on natural gas development in his State of the Union address, I am hopeful that the President will recognize a need to study this issue fully and enact protections of drinking water that would safeguard public health if fracking is to occur. We need him to take a firm position on the FRAC Act and direct the EPA to expand the current study."

"With hydraulic fracturing expanding across the country, it is more important than ever we ensure the economic benefits of natural gas do not come at the expense of the health and safety of our families," said Diana DeGette. "Therefore, today we urge President Obama to support our FRAC Act, as well as urge him to ensure the EPA has the resources necessary to complete a comprehensive study of the impact of fracking on our country."

"In Colorado, our public lands are central to our recreation economy, and I couldn't be more supportive of President Obama and Secretary Salazar's move to require drilling chemical disclosure on public lands. However, with drilling in Colorado increasingly happening next to suburban homes and schools, it's essential to disclose fracking chemicals anywhere they're used in order to protect the public's health in populated areas where those chemicals are most likely to affect our air, water and health."

Hinchey, DeGette and Polis are co-authors of the FRAC Act.

Gillibrand Announces over \$333,000 in Value-Added Producer Grants for Hudson Valley Farms

U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand today announced \$333,179 in federal funding for five local Hudson Valley farms to help expand their market opportunities and grow their businesses. The funding was allocated through the US Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Value-Added Producer Grant (VAPG) program.

In September 2011, Senator Gillibrand wrote a letter to U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack urging him to support Maple Shade Farm's application for a VAPG grant to expand their Berkshire Hog operation.

"This is great news for these Hudson Valley farms," said Senator Gillibrand, a member of the Senate Committee on Agriculture. "We need our farmers to thrive if we're going to have a strong and growing economy in New York. These federal grants will help ensure that our small farms and independent producers have the resources they need to bring their products to market and continue to drive economic growth in their region and across the state."

"Agriculture and the related components of our regional food system is an integral part of the Hudson Valley economy," said Todd Erling, Executive Director of the Hudson Valley AgriBusiness Development Corp. (HVADC). "The USDA VAPG Program awards will assist in growing this vital industry. HVADC recognizes Senator Gillibrand as a leader for agriculture and our local economy."

"As a new farmer this program will allow me to develop diverse market opportunities," said Chris Dagele, of Dagele Brothers Produce. "I would like to thank Senator Gillibrand and the teams of HVADC, Orange County Cornell Cooperative Extension, NYC Council and Speakers Office and NYS Ag & Markets for assisting me through the process."

Edgwick Farm in Cornwall is set to receive \$120,000; Catskill Dudukju LLC in Wurtsboro is set to receive \$49,000; Food Gems, LTD in Middletown is set to receive \$35,004; Maple Shade Farm in Delhi is set to receive \$49,750; and Dagele Brothers Produce is set to receive \$79,425.

The VAPG program is designed to boost farms' income and productivity by increasing access to capital, providing technical assistance and developing new marketing strategies for independent producers to increase exposure and broaden their customer base.

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

Maritime Aquarium, CT Saturday- April 21. Leave the Town Hall at 8:30 am-return at approximately 5:30 pm. \$22 residents/\$31 non-residents must be paid by February 28 this includes motor-coach transportation & admission.

Westchester Broadway Dinner Theatre- Wednesday, April 25. *Legally Blond*. Leave the Town Hall 9 am- return at approximately 5:30 pm. \$40 residents/\$53 non-residents must be paid by February 28 this includes admission to show, lunch, dessert & motor coach transportation.

Albi Concert Sunday, July 15. 5 pm-8pm Outdoor Stage Town Hall Parking Lot. Rain or Shine. Bring your own lawn chair or blanket to sit on. Hot dogs, soda & water will be for sale for \$1 each.

Mountain Creek Water Park, NJ -Saturday, August 4 Leave Town Hall 8:30 am-return to Town Hall approximately 6:30 pm. \$12 residents/\$36 non-residents must be paid by June 26 this includes motorcoach transportation and admission.

Free mad Science Fire & Ice Show Wednesday, August 8. Grahamsville Fairgrounds at 5 pm. Rain or Shine. Please bring your own lawn chair or blanket to sit on. Hot dogs, soda & water will be for sale for \$1 each. Register to attend by July 31.

Liberty Science Museum, NJ Liberty Science Museum, NY Saturday, November 3. Leave the Town Hall at 8 am Return to Town Hall at 6:30 pm. \$22 residents/\$31 non-residents must be paid by July 2

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

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

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

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



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

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

AL-ANON MEETINGS -

<http://www.al-anon.alateen.org>
Monday 7:00 p.m. United Methodist Church, 170 N. Main Street, Liberty
Thursday 7:00 p.m. Immaculate Conception Church Annex, 6317 Rt 42, Woodbourne
Saturday 8:00 p.m. United Methodist Church, 170 N. Main Street, Liberty

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- 2/9/12 Claryville Fire District Meeting - 6:30 pm
- 2/14/12 Town of Denning Business Meeting - Denning Town Hall 7 pm
- 2/16/12 Dept. of Motor Vehicles Neversink Town Hall 10:00 am - 2:30 p.m.
- 2/16/12 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals(subject to cancellation due to inclement weather)
- 2/18/12 Grahamsville UMC Thrift Sale only - 9 am - 1 pm
- 2/19/12 Claryville Fire Dept. Pancake Breakfast 7 am - Noon
- 2/20/12 Town of Neversink Holiday - PRESIDENT'S DAY
- 2/28/12 Town of Neversink Parks and Recreation 7 pm Town Hall
- 3/2/12 First Friday Readers - Daniel Pierce Library
- 3/3/12 Sundown Methodist Church Covered Dish Supper - 5:30 pm Sundown Church Hall
- 3/6/12 Town of Denning Town Board Meeting - Denning Town Hall 7 pm
- 3/7/12 Town of Neversink Planning Board
- 3/8/12 Claryville Fire District Meeting - 6:30 pm
- 4/14/12 Town of Neversink Board Meeting
- 3/17/12 Claryville Fire Dept St. Patricks Day Corned Beef Dinner 4 -8 pm (No Pancake Breakfast in March)
- 3/21/12 Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Assoc. Meeting - 7:30 PM (No Meetings until March 2012)

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

Save the Dates!

June 9, 2012 -11 am - Fund Raising country Auction sponsored by Time and the Valleys Museum (Fairgrounds)
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TOWN OF OLIVE MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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

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

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

Innovative Energy Efficiency Financing Program Rolled Out to Consumers

(Albany) New York consumers are now able to take advantage of a new energy efficiency financing program through the groundbreaking Green Jobs Green New York on-bill recovery law championed by Assemblymember Kevin Cahill (D-Ulster / Dutchess). The program will allow homeowners to make energy saving improvements and pay for them over time through their utility bills.

"Giving consumers the ability to finance energy saving projects through their utility bills will make it easier for people to make common sense investments that will reduce their monthly bills," said Assemblymember Cahill. "On-bill financing will present significant job creation opportunities by opening up whole new markets for home improvement contractors."

Assemblymember Cahill has been leading efforts in the legislature to establish an on-bill recovery program, beginning with the passage of the Green Jobs Green New York Act in 2009. The statewide Green Jobs / Green New York Program, administered by NYSERDA, began in December of 2010. It is backed by \$112 million in funding from the State's carbon emission cap and trade program, known as RGGI (pronounced REGGIE). As the program moves forward the funds will be used to leverage private investments to make it self sustaining.

On-bill financing enhances the Green Jobs Green New York Program by allowing electric and gas utilities to offer energy efficiency loans to be paid back on utility bills. Small businesses and not-for-profits will be able to take advantage of the program in the coming months. There is a \$150 processing fee associated with this financing option.

"We will be monitoring the program closely to see if the additional utility fee is a hindrance to participation," said Assemblymember Cahill. "Legislation has been prepared to eliminate the fee for applicants that qualify for the free or low-cost energy audits offered through the Green Jobs Program."

Bonacic: Senate Expands DNA Testing- DNA Testing Can Exonerate the Innocent and Help Convict the Guilty

The State Senate passed legislation (S.5560a) today, co-sponsored by Senator John Bonacic, which would expand DNA testing to all Misdemeanors and Felony violations of New York's penal law.

New York's DNA database became operational in 1996. Since that time, it has helped identify the perpetrators in more than 10,000 crimes. "As a former prosecutor, I know that eye witness testimony, often relied upon, is not always reliable. DNA testing is. DNA testing will lead to more convictions, and help ensure the innocent are exonerated," Senator Bonacic said.

DNA samples taken from those convicted of minor crimes, can lead to solving major crimes. "As law enforcement has said, today's petit larceny offender can be tomorrow's armed robber, which can lead to homicide," Senator Bonacic said.

According to the State Division of Criminal Justice Services, the use of DNA has led to dozens of convictions

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across Orange, Sullivan, and Ulster Counties - as well as one exoneration. "Imagine how many more violent crimes we can solve in the future, by expanding the DNA database. This integral tool will help us prosecute crime in the 21st century, and potentially solve crimes leftover from the 20th century at the same time," concluded Senator Bonacic.

Yesterday, Governor Cuomo's Acting Commissioner of Criminal Justice, Sean Byrne, testified in front of the Senate Finance Committee on the importance of expanding the DNA database.

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Knarf's Classic Movie Trivia - The Apartment (1960)



This in depth study of man's inhumanity to women, and man's humanity to women. It is superbly directed by Billy Wilder, and stars Jack Lemmon, Shirley MacLaine, Fred MacMurray, Ray Walston, Jack Kruschen, Edie Adams, David Lewis, Joan Shawlee. A superb comedy-drama, that manages to embrace both sentiment and cynicism. Lemmon's character attempts to climb the corporate ladder by loaning his apartment key to various executives for their extramarital affairs, but it backfires when he falls for his boss's latest girlfriend. On TCM this Saturday February 11, 2012 at 10:00 PM, C-125 min Rated, TV-PG

Quiz:
 A. Name the actor who played Fran Kubelik?
 B. Name the actor who played Dr. Dreyfuss?

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

Last Tuesday Night- First Stop On The Gnome Trail SHANDAKEN - THE EMERSON HOTEL Open Mike Nite at the CATAMOUNT RESTAURANT

The burgers were delish,' and the acoustic sounds were superb. 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. Join host **Ben Rounds** and take your shot at becoming the next Catskills Music Sensation! Tuesday is also **Mega Sliders Night** at the Cat - only \$12.95. For more information, contact Josh at (845) 688-2444. www.emersonresort.com

On Saturday Night, First Stop On The Gnome Trail Was HURLEYVILLE. We said, come and celebrate at **NADIAS BUFFET**, we took our own advice and we did last Saturday evening, The food was fantastic along with the very pleasing sounds of **Bonnie Law and her magic impressionist classical guitar**, soothing you with songs like "Autumn Leaves." She was joined by **Flautist Jamie Lynn Paradise**, and other fine talents including **Blues Guitarist Ken Bowles**. Also a **Happy Birthday Night** at **NADIAS BUFFET** on February 17, 2012. Join **Nadia & Janos**. **Nadia**, I am told will give you **20% off** if you were born in February, and you come on the special day. Check it out all you can eat \$15.00, plus live Jazz, Thursday - Sunday 5pm on- for reservations call (845) 693-5104 **Last Stop On The Gnome Trail was LIBERTY, at Charlie's Restaurant and Pizzeria.** We stopped by for a late night snack. Mrs. C, took home twelve miniature **Italian pastries** and Mr. C had real **Sicilian Pizza**. It was reminiscent of being in Sicily. He sang some Karaoke in Italian on open mic with DJ Ms Candace Angel who will be at Charlie's Restaurant and Pizzeria on Saturday nights. Don't forget their Catering Hall and enjoy! **Charlie's Restaurant and Pizzeria**, 77 North Main Street Liberty NY Tel. 845.292.1112

Have a good week!
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