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Tri-Valley FBLA's Partnership with Business Project

On December 18, 2012, Tri-Valley FBLA hosted an "in-house" conference with members of Watermark Communications, which owns and operates local radio stations WSUL and WVOX. Helena Manzione, the Advertising Director of WSUL/WVOX, spoke to FBLA members and Brenda Hay's marketing class about careers in the radio industry, marketing on the radio, marketing/radio niches, and her career path. Ellen Stratton, the head of sales for WSUL/WVOX, was also in attendance. She discussed her job at the radio station and how she gets companies to buy advertisements for their business on the radio. (Contd. Pg. 3)

Shadowland Theatre starts 2013 "Under Construction"- Ellenville theatre follows record-breaking 2012 with 'major' renovations to its main auditorium; will re-open by April 15.

Shadowland Theatre, the professional, non-profit, Actors' Equity theatre in Ellenville, announced today that it will close for three months to complete major renovations to its main building on Canal Street.

The renovation is the second of three phases of the theatre's \$1 million "LIGHT THE WAY" capital campaign. Launched in 2011, the 3-year campaign has raised over \$700,000 to date.

In 2012, the theatre completed renovations to its front façade, marquee, lobby and offices; it had previously completed construction of new staff and actor housing. (Contd. Pg. 4)

We Had a Little Christmas in Grahamsville



Bicentennial Park in Grahamsville has been the picture perfect Christmas scene for the past month. There was just enough snow to enhance the gaily decorated Christmas trees. And like all good things, the holiday season has come to an end, and the decorations were removed and put away for another year.

Sunday, January 6th, Little Christmas (Epiphany) or the Day of Light, is the common day that many people accept as the last day of Christmas, and it seemed like an appropriate day for us to take the gnome ornaments down from the Townsman's tree in the park.

It can leave some of us a bit melancholy to 'put away' the Christmas decorations, but with the sun as bright and warm as it was on Sunday, and no frozen fingers, it was a delightful way to celebrate a Little Christmas in Grahamsville.

UCCC will host Science Olympiad

STONE RIDGE, N.Y. - Ulster County Community College on Jan. 26 will host teams from more than 20 high schools in the area for the regional competition of the national Science Olympiad.

The event will start at 8 a.m. in Vanderlyn Hall, followed by an awards ceremony at 3:30 p.m. in UCCC's Quimby Theater.

Students will be competing for four slots in the state competition. The snow date is Jan. 27.

Blue Jeans for Babies

By Schuyler Kraus, Reporter



On December 11, Tri-Valley Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) hosted its annual Blue Jeans for Babies campaign. Blue Jeans for Babies is one of the main fundraising campaigns sponsored by the March of Dimes, FBLA's national charity, to help raise awareness of premature birth defects in babies. The campaign takes place every November; however, our date was postponed due to Hurricane Sandy. The Tri-Valley FBLA chapter sold teddy bears, t-shirts and pins to students and faculty and on the designated date everyone wore the newly purchased t-shirts and pins with blue jeans. In total, we raised \$565 dollars for the March of Dimes. It was our most successful campaign so far.

Sullivan Correctional Facility Contributes to Backpack Project at Sullivan BOCES



Zechariah Jahn, Sara Blasingame work to restock the food items for the backpacks.

Each year the Correctional Facilities in Sullivan County select a local effort to support to help people in need. This year the Correctional Facilities selected the Snack Back Pack Program at Sullivan BOCES, as their local effort.

Since November, the Correctional Facilities have contributed large amounts of donated food items and check for \$700. The monetary donation was used to procure additional food for the program. (Contd. Pg. 4)

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ON THE FRONT BURNER: The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

Psalm 19:1

OBITUARY

Helen Kwasinowicz of Willowemoc, NY, a retired nurse for the New York Infirmity, New York City, NY and a longtime area resident, died Sunday, December 23, 2012 at the Roscoe Regional Rehabilitation and RHCF, Roscoe, NY. She was 94.

The daughter of the late Joseph and Theresa Turcina Vrablic, she was born June 2, 1918 in New York City, NY.

Helen was a communicant of St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church and a member of the Catholic Daughters; a member of the Sullivan County RSVP since 1983, serving on the Advisory Council and the Nutrition Program Council; named the RSVP Senior of the Year for the Town of Neversink; she spent many hours volunteering at Sullivan County Cornell Corporative Extension and in 2009 they recognized Helen for 51 years of service by naming her "Queen for a Day"; for many years she served as liaison between residents of Willowemoc and the Town of Neversink; she spent hours delivering surplus government food to senior citizens and other needy folks; she was a longstanding member of the Calico Geese Quilters Club; in May of 2010 Helen was selected as a "Senior of the Year" and received a certificate at the NYS Senior Citizens Day for volunteering over 10,000 hours of her time; she was a member of the Tri-Valley Lions; a Town of Neversink Republican Committeeman; a charter member and trustee of the Time in the Valley Museum; a member of the Liberty Belles; and a 4-H volunteer for many years.

Survivors include one sister, Theresa Vrablic of Linden, NJ. She was predeceased by her husband, Joseph Kwasinowicz in 1980.

Catholic Daughters conducted services at the funeral home on December 27, 2012.

A Mass of Christian Burial was Celebrated Friday, December 28, 2012 at St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church, with Monsignor Edward Straub officiating, with burial in St. Peter's.

Ron Marquette, 68, of Kingston, N.Y.

Marquett, spokesman for SUNY Ulster and the former artistic director of both Ellenville's Shadowland Theater and Ulster Performing Arts Center in Kingston died Friday morning, January 4, 2013 at Albany Medical Center after suffering a heart attack.

Marquette is credited by many with saving the Ulster Performing Arts Center in Kingston when he served at its artistic director.

At SUNY Ulster, Marquette was responsible for the college's community relations and special events. He was also a leader in a million-dollar campaign to renovate the Stone Ridge, N.Y., college's 500-seat Quimby Theater.

For 11 years, Marquette was the executive artistic director of Kingston's historic Broadway Theater, a 1927 neo-Classical-style show palace known for its flawless acoustics that had fallen on hard times.

When he took over in 1994, the 1,500-seat theater- once a forum for vaudeville acts, musical productions, drama, concerts and movies - was running a high six-figure deficit and needed nearly a million dollars in repairs.

Over several years, through partnerships, he restored the theater's financial footings and secured more than \$2.25 million for restoration while establishing the theater as a performing arts center renowned for its forward-looking programming.

Marquette and the city later created a theater district around the center, including vintage street lights.

Before moving to the Hudson Valley in the early 1980s, Marquette worked extensively as a director, producer and writer off-Broadway in New York City, where he was the founding director of the Persona Theater. He also worked at regional theaters in Rhode Island, Connecticut and on Long Island.

He wrote two plays, "Nonna" and "Larry Parks' Day in Court." The second drama, about a U.S. movie star blacklisted in 1951, was selected to be performed at Florida's Key West Theater Festival in 1994.

At the time of his death, Marquette also was a spokesman for AVR Acquisition Corp. of Yonkers, which plans to build the Hudson Landing housing development in the city of Kingston and town of Ulster.

Plans for a memorial service for Marquette were to be announced by the Simpson-Gaus Funeral Home in Kingston.

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

January 14, 1953 - A new dual-control Ford car was presented yesterday to the Tri Valley School by Russell Houghtaling of Russell's Garage in Loch Sheldrake for use in its adult driver education course. It is loaned to the school by Mr. Houghtaling for at least the next six months.

A son, David Jack, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Rubenzahl at Mt. Vernon, N.Y. Mr. and Mrs. Max Rubenzahl are the proud grandparents.

The Town of Denning March of Dimes supplies have been received by the Chairman, Mrs. Herbert George and the campaign will be underway immediately. Mrs. Harry B. Cole will take charge of the Branch, Claryville and Ladleton area.

January 16, 1963 - The Methodist Church Couples Club is in the process of redoing the Grahamsville Church Hall. This includes putting up sheetrock and painting. All materials and labor are being donated. A house to house canvass of church members will be made. John McKenna, president of the Couples Club is in charge of the project.

Miss Nancy Cypert, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cypert of Pleasant Road has been accepted at Albany State. She will enter there in September with future plans in the field of teaching.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Lewis DePew who celebrated their 30th anniversary on Tuesday.

Roger W. Fredenburgh, 52, a game warden and active sportsman in Ulster County, died on January 8, 1963 after a heart attack in his Napanoch home. He was a member of the Izaak Walton League in Ellenville, the Wawarsing Sportsmen's Club in Napanoch and the Hoponese Boat Club in Catskill. Surviving are his wife, the former Caroline Port; two daughters, Carol and Christine and a son, Roger Jr.

January 10, 1973 - Services were Thursday for Arthur S. Mellen, 76, of Curry, who died Monday at Imogene Bassett Hospital in Cooperstown. He was born September 25, 1896 in New York and had lived in Curry about five years. He married the former Gladys VanWagner in Wyandanch, L.I. on March 6, 1958.

Liberty physician Lee R. Tompkins, 67, a longtime leader in Sullivan County medical circles and former Liberty mayor, died Wednesday after a lengthy illness. Dr. Tompkins succumbed at the Liberty Loomis Hospital where he was chief of staff from 1961 to 1970. He was born March 23, 1905 in the Town of Neversink, where he later served as medical officer. Dr. Tompkins was regarded as one of the area's last "country doctors" because he regularly made house calls until he retired two years ago.

January 13, 1983 - Pearl Cole of Claryville, a retired postmistress in Ulster County, died at the Community General Hospital, Harris. She was 87. The daughter of the late William and Minnie Barnum VanValkenburgh, she was born Aug. 26, 1895 in Branch. Mrs. Cole was postmistress of the Branch post office until it closed in 1957. The widow of Harry B. Cole, she was a member of the Claryville Dutch Reformed Church and the Church's Ladies Aid Society, a member of AARP. Survivors include three sons: Percy Cole of Claryville, Harry Cole of Woodbourne and Walter Cole of Leesburg, Fla.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Landon of Red Hill Claryville are happy to announce the birth of a grandson to Carl and Daphne Landon. Carl and Daphne were married on Red Hill August 2, 1980.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Purcell, Hastings Drive, proudly announce the engagement of her daughter, Lisa M. Wakefield, to Michael W. Garigliano, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dion Garigliano, also of Grahamsville. A September wedding is planned.

A Round About Tri-Valley-

Carol Furman
 Congratulations to the Tri-Valley Bears boys basketball team on their incredible win over the Fallsburg Comets on December 21st. Alex Brown's put-back at the buzzer gave the Bears a 73-72 win! What a game!

Helen Kwasinowicz a long-time Willowemoc resident, passed away on December 23rd at the age of 94. Helen was an active community volunteer for many, many years. In her later years, the Froehlichs and many other good people from the Willowemoc area gave Helen lots of help and support and kept a watchful eye on her prior to her brief stay at the Roscoe Rehabilitation Center. Helen was a kind and generous lady and was well-liked by her friends.

The pre-new year's smorgasbord at the Blue Hill Cafe in Claryville, held on Sunday, December 30th, was wonderful! The Cafe was crowded with diners, some waiting a short time for a table. The food and the beverages were delicious, and Irina, the Cafe owner, was the perfect hostess. Irina is a "classy" lady and made everyone feel so welcome! It was a nice way to welcome in 2013 without having to travel very far.

Cheers for the Rolling V Bus Corporation employees who donated nearly \$12,000. to local charities through its Crisis Fund. Phil Vallone, Rolling V President, called his employees "the best in the region". He is very proud that his employees are willing to donate to others in need. What a nice thing to do!!

Kudos to the Sullivan County Democrat for featuring the Tri-Valley sports teams in their "Falls Sports Recap" on January 1. Tri-Valley has a lot of talented athletes and they deserved the recognition!

I recommend that everyone, adults and especially middle schoolers, read the book *Wonder*, by R.J. Palacio. It's a great read, and emphasizes the fact that people are all different and how we treat someone because of their differences defines our character. It is a nicely written novel that challenges our feelings about how we treat others.

Don't forget to register for Little League if you want your son or daughter to play this season. Registration dates are January 12, 19 and 26 from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm at the Town Hall in Grahamsville. All new players need to bring a birth certificate. Boys and girls ages 4-15 who attend Tri-Valley are eligible to play.

January 1, the Times Herald Record staff voted on the top 10 sports stories of 2012. Ryan Loughney, an Ashland University and a Tri-Valley graduate, was included in the top 10. Ryan won a third straight NCAA Division hammer throw title in the spring with a meet record throw of 232 feet, 1 inch. Ryan continues to train and hopes to make a run at the 2016 Olympic Summer Games. Ryan's Mom is the former Coleen Smith, who also graduated from Tri-Valley (79?). Good luck, Ryan!

Reminder: If you have any news you would like me to include in my column, just give me a call at 985-2918. If I'm unavailable, leave a message and I'll get back to you.

Words of Wisdom: So, for 2013 : May the sun shine all day long, everything go right, and nothing go wrong. May those you love bring love back to you, and may all the wishes you wish come true! (Irish Blessing)- Carol Furman

Tri-Valley FBLA's Partnership with Business Project (From Pg. 1)

The presentation was followed by a question and answer session, and lunch was provided by Tri-Valley FBLA. Students in attendance included: Mareena DiMilia, Gavin DuBois, Cierra Edwards, Andrew Exner, Ashley Exner, Summer Franson, Mark Garigliano, Jessica Gozza, Jarred James, Colleen Jones, Kainan Justiniano, Grace Kelly, Mohib Khan, Schuyler Kraus, Jesus Lozada, Caroline Martin, Keira McHugh, Zachrey Nilsen, James Pugh, Christopher Regina, Amanda TerBush, Brendan Tierney, and Amanda VanSaders. Also in attendance was FBLA advisor, Judy Swarthout, business and marketing teacher, Brenda Hay, and secondary school principal, Robert Peters.

The conference was the first in a series of activities as part of Tri-Valley FBLA's Partnership with Business Project co-chaired by Summer Franson and Jessica Gozza. Upcoming events include visiting the radio station, recording a public service announcement, developing social media to promote the radio stations' annual Heart-A-Thon and volunteering at the Heart-A-Thon to take phone pledges.

Scrapie Information Meeting for Sheep and Goat Producers

-On January 22nd, 2013 at 6 pm, Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County (CCE) will host an expert from U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Veterinary Services, Anna Draisey, to discuss Scrapie Disease, the USDA Scrapie Flock Certification Program and the USDA Scrapie Eradication Program. This presentation is part of the monthly Sullivan County Sheep and Goat Producers Group meeting, but is open to the public. Everyone with sheep and goats is encouraged to attend. The meeting will take place at the CCE office on 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road in Liberty, NY. Contact Cassilyn Schweighofer or Liz Higgins to register or for more information at 845-292-6180.

Since 1952, the USDA and the sheep industry have made numerous attempts to eradicate Scrapie through various programs. Scrapie is a fatal, degenerative disease affecting the central nervous system of sheep and goats. Infected flocks that contain a high percentage of susceptible animals can experience significant production losses. Over a period of several years the number of infected animals increases, and the age at onset of clinical signs decreases making these flocks economically unviable. Female animals sold from infected flocks spread Scrapie to other flocks. The presence of Scrapie in the United States also prevents the export of breeding stock, semen, and embryos to many other countries.

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Please contact the Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County office if you have any special needs

The Ancient Japanese Art of Suminagashi Workshop

LIBERTY- Learn to hand-paint a silk scarf using "Suminagashi," literally translated to floating ink, the ancient art of Japanese marbled painting on silk scarves on January 15th at 5:30 pm at the Gerald J. Skoda Extension Education Center on 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road in Liberty. Space is limited; registration is required at 845-292-6180; no walk-ins will be accepted. The Cost is \$40.00 per scarf and must be paid in advance. Each participant will make their very own hand-painted silk scarf which they can keep or give as a gift!

In a large vat, desired paint colors are placed gently on top of about half an inch of water. Then the paint is swirled with a brush to make a one-of-a-kind design. The silk fabric is then rested on top of the water, transferring the design on to a unique, hand-made, Suminagashi scarf. Fun to do and fun to watch!

CCE Sullivan County Master Gardener Program is sponsoring this workshop opportunity.

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SAVE THE DATE- Sullivan Renaissance Annual Conference, Local Market & Expo

Sullivan Renaissance will hold its "Annual Conference, Local Market & Expo" on Saturday, March 9, 2013 at the CVI Center in Ferndale.

The keynote address will be delivered by Dr. Peter Tarlow, an international consultant on the positive effects of community beautification, who has been assisting Sullivan Renaissance for the past two years. Dr. Tarlow will also present a workshop focused on youth leadership.

The event features exhibits and workshops on the Renaissance Collection of plants, garden maintenance, social media, recruiting volunteers, enhancing Main Streets and related topics. In a continued effort to support the shop local movement, a marketplace featuring fresh food and items produced in the area will be part of the day.

Information about the 2013 Sullivan Renaissance grant program will be presented, along with an opportunity to discuss individual projects with staff. Applications will be available.

Recipients of the Annual Sullivan First Achievement Awards will also be recognized at the conference.

Vendor applications and workshop registration forms will be available on-line in January. For information call Sullivan Renaissance office at 845-295-2445.

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

A PARTRIDGE IN A PINETREE

By Peggy DeWire

The partridge or Ruffed Grouse (*Bonasa umbellus*) is a chicken-like bird with a two-foot wingspan, rusty-brown or gray brown plumage and pretty brown-barred breast. Both male and female have the same coloration. The female is smaller.



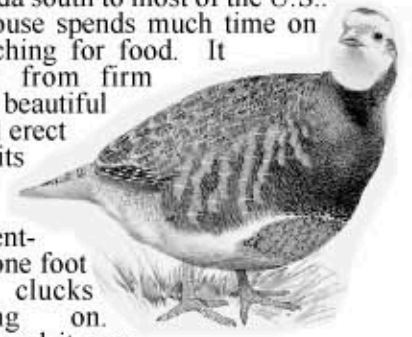
Rusty birds are more common in the south, gray in the Midwest and both phases here in the east.

The head has a crest, which can be raised or lowered along with the black "ruffs" on both sides of the neck

For winter Ruffed Grouse grow added downy feathers that cover the legs and puts on snowshoes which are comb-like spurs on their toes, and help support the bird's weight on the snow.

Partridge or Ruffed Grouse natural habitat is thick forest with dense undergrowth and scattered clearings. This bird ranges from the tree line in Alaska and Canada south to most of the U.S..

A Ruffed Grouse spends much time on the ground searching for food. It winks gracefully from firm steps, fanning its beautiful banded tail, head erect and fluffing out its velvety black neck ruffs.



It stops frequently and poses on one foot and utters soft clucks before moving on.

However, if alarmed it runs rapidly to a hiding place or immediately springs into the air with a loud startling noise and flies safely away.

Ruffed grouse eat seeds, wild grapes and berries (favorites are strawberries and dewberries). Winter fare includes beechnuts, acorns, leaf buds, green honesuckle leaves and soft needle evergreens.

In early April male Ruffed Grouse begin drumming to attract females. I've watched a cock strut along a log displaying its fan tail and black neck ruffs. When it stops, it stretches its body like a domestic rooster and beats the air with its wings faster and louder gaining speed until the drumming sounds like a distant thunder.

The muffled booming can be heard two hundred yards away enticing female Grouse to come for mating. Should another male approach, a fierce fight erupts with the cocks savagely pecking and spurring each other until one is driven away. Male Ruffed Grouse have several mates but don't help with building nests or parenting.

A female makes a ground nest of twigs lined with soft grass and leaves. She lays 6-12 tan eggs, which she sits on for three weeks, perfectly camouflaged by her mottled brown plumage and is completely odorless during this time.

The babies follow their mother minutes after hatching to find food and just a week later can fly a few yards. They squat motionless at the first cluck of alarm and resume searching for bugs and berries only when Mom gives the all clear cluck.

A female Ruffed Grouse is very protective of her brood and often diverts danger away by drawing attention to her feigning a broken wing or tumbling helplessly about.

At nightfall she gathers her chicks around her in a tight circle under a sheltering bush or log. When the whole convey can fly better, they roost in trees among the thickest foliage.

Ruffed grouse were the favorite game bird of early American settlers because they were so numerous, excellent tasting and easy to kill. The birds' curious nature and inexperience with humans caused it to sit on low tree limbs, watching trustfully. It could be killed with a stick or a single shot.

This all changed very quickly as Ruffed Grouse developed many clever tricks to fool hunters such as keeping a tree between the shooter and itself as it flew away. Or circling back behind the hunter to watch him creep forward looking around for the bird.

As America developed and cleared forests, Ruffed Grouse habitat shrank while commercial hunt pressure increased. Hundreds were sold at city markets for forty cents apiece.

Today most states have strict hunting laws for Ruffed Grouse.

Household Hints

Vinegar will Freshen Your Washing Machine

Freshen up the washing machine. Clean the hoses and unclog soap scum.

Once a month pour one cup of vinegar into the washing machine and run the machine through a normal cycle, without clothes.

Mysterious Book Report No. 80 by John Dwaine McKenna



Had to dig down to the bottom back of the bookshelf for this week's Mysterious Book Report. It's one that's been out for a time, having been published in the mid 1990's. I read it years ago and passed the volume on to someone else . . . which I came to regret as I was writing *The Neversink Chronicles*, because it's about the same subject: dam building and the confiscation of private property. Now, thanks to the efforts of my beautiful wife June . . . who haunts the local used bookstores like a literary wraith . . . I have a near-mint copy of *Bucking The Sun*, (Simon & Shuster, 1996, \$23.00, 410 pages, ISBN 0-684-81171-5) by Ivan Doig to review. Although you may have to enlist the help of one of those foxy librarians and dig a little bit to find a reading copy, it's worth the effort because Ivan Doig is one of America's best, most iconic and most underappreciated writers. In my opinion that's a crying shame. Those of you unfamiliar with his work, who take the time and effort to read him, will be well-rewarded with a new author for their favorites list.

Bucking The Sun takes place in the 1930s in eastern Montana. Its subject is the damming up of the Missouri River at Fort Peck . . . an inspired, monumental and tragic undertaking. The novel follows the travails of the Duff clan, who go from being bottomland farmers to displaced, landless, and homeless persons, then to being gainfully employed and prosperous while building the dam itself . . . and finally back to penury when construction is finished. Sound familiar? "To 'buck the sun' is to push against the glare of sunrise or sunset," to quote the dust jacket, and the Duffs are pushing back against the whole world . . . a world they find themselves in by chance. And yes Virginia, there's a murder to solve as well. This novel is broad in scope, accurate in historical detail and poignant in its story of a family trapped by fate; a victim of circumstances and forces beyond their control. All readers will enjoy this underappreciated literary treasure from an American Master of the writing craft. Search him out, read this book. You'll not be disappointed. It's a gem.

Great News! Your local public library has many, many more literary masterpieces for you to seek out and read, including the rest of the body of Ivan Doig's work. Go ahead . . . don't be shy or too proud to meet the librarians. Be a heroine or a hero. Become a regular patron of the library. It's free, open and available to everyone. All you have to do is go.

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Thought of the week: "Those who will not read are no better off than those who can not read." Think about it . . . I'll see you next week. --JDM

Sullivan Correctional Facility Contributes to Backpack Project at Sullivan BOCES (From Pg. 1)

In the fall of 2010, the idea of Snack Back Packs was presented to the staff at Sullivan BOCES. Since then, this initiative has spread due to the overwhelming support from the staff at BOCES, the Tri-Valley Lions Club, the employees of the Misner Agency, the Teacher's Sorority, Alpha Delta Kappa, and now the Sullivan Correctional Facility. The United Way of Sullivan County also supports the program by providing supplemental funding and developing community awareness.

On average, BOCES for the past three years has sent home 35 to 50 backpacks every other week to the students in need. The backpacks are distributed on a rotating basis to students who counselors, school nurses, or other staff has identified as in need. Each pack is filled with food items that children can eat as a supplement to their dietary intake. Typically the packs include peanut butter, crackers, granola bars, packaged meals, ramen noodles, ravioli, cereal, mac & cheese, oatmeal, and raisins.

Due to the generosity of the staff at Sullivan BOCES and the support from outside groups, like the Correctional Facility, BOCES is able to fulfilling its goal of helping feed the hungry children of Sullivan County and keep this initiative going until the need no longer exists.

For more information about the Snack Back Pack Initiative please contact Phyllis Thomas Moore at (845) 295-4114. For more information on the services Sullivan BOCES offers, visit us at scbooces.org. For program updates like us on Facebook at Sullivan County BOCES and follow us on Twitter.

How to Make a Woodland Terrarium For your Valentine!

CCE Sullivan County will be offering a workshop called "How to Make a Woodland Terrarium" on Thursday February 7, 2013 from 5:30- 7:30 pm at the Gerald J. Skoda Education Center, 64 Ferndale Loomis Rd, Liberty, NY. This workshop is in time for Valentine's Day!

You can bring a woodland garden inside for the winter or give it as a Valentine's Day gift. Have you ever wondered what to do with left-over plastic and glass jars? Yes, you could recycle them, but how about reusing them to make a terrarium? (Bring a container to fill or use one of ours.) Susan Dollard, Master Gardener Program Coordinator at CCE Sullivan County, will be the presenter at this workshop. She will be sharing many creative ideas for your terrarium garden. Each participant will take a beautiful terrarium home. The fee for the workshop is \$25.00; which covers the instruction and materials must be paid in advance. Come, bring a friend and enjoy a unique workshop at Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County.

For more information call Susan Dollard or call Cindy to register No walk-ins. Space is limited. 845-292-6180

Shadowland Theatre starts 2013 "Under Construction" (From Pg. 1)

This winter's 'second phase' will include extensive repairs to the main auditorium's walls and roof, improved and additional seating, construction of a new stage and dressing rooms, and equipment upgrades and modernization. Design of the reconstruction is by acclaimed New York City architect firm Holzman Moss Bottino.

Shadowland had a record-breaking year at the box office in 2012, according to Artistic Director Brendan Burke. "We had a fantastic summer season - box office receipts were up 12% over the previous record," Burke said. "The improvements to our theatre will address both the needs of an aging infrastructure, as well as the needs of a growing business."

"The third and final phase will occur next year," said capital campaign co-chair (and member of the theatre's Board of Directors) Jim McIntyre, "and that will be the construction of a brand-new 'second stage' theatre around the corner from our main theatre."

This new, 99-seat performance space will house the theatre's growing education and play development programs, as well as serve as a rehearsal space and second venue. The theatre received the property for the proposed new theatre by donation in 2011.

The Shadowland Theatre plans to re-open with events beginning in late April and launches its 2013 season (its 29th season) on May 31.

About Shadowland Theatre

Shadowland Theatre is a professional non-profit Actors' Equity company in the Lower Hudson Valley/Catskill Mountain region. Located 90 miles from New York City in Ellenville, NY, Shadowland performs in a restored 1920's Art Deco vaudeville/movie house converted to a 166-seat theatre. For more information, visit www.shadowlandtheatre.org.

Sullivan SUNY Presents Donzineti's Maria Stuarda Part of the 2012-2013 The Met: Live in HD Series

Loch Sheldrake, NY (January 2, 2013) - SUNY Sullivan is proud to continue its Met Opera Live in HD season with Donzineti's *Maria Stuarda* on January 19 at 12:55 pm.

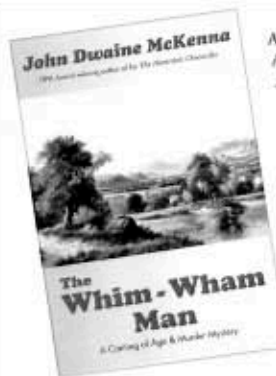
Maria Stuarda has an approximate run time of 180 minutes. This Met premiere production is directed by David McVicar, who directed last season's premiere of *Anna Bolena*. This is the second opera in Donzineti's famous trilogy about Tudor history.

Says McVicar: "Donizetti's three Tudor operas are very different in tone, mood, and musical content. With *Maria Stuarda* being a different kind of opera than last season's *Anna Bolena*, which we presented with a great deal of historical accuracy, we've gone for a visual style which is freer. Rather than reflecting history, it reflects the romantic nature of this retelling of the story and the sweeping romantic nature of Donizetti's music."

The cast stars Joyce DiDonato as Mary, Queen of Scots, and Elza van den Heever as her rival, Queen Elizabeth I. Francesco Meli performs the Earl of Leicester, Joshua Hopkins sings Cecil, and Matthew Rose plays the role of Talbot. Maurizio Benini conducts.

Ticket pricing for all presentations during the 2012-2013 season is as follows: \$20.00 (Adults); \$10.00 (Children 13 & Under); \$10.00 (Students).

Please join us on the campus of SUNY Sullivan to enjoy this Peabody and Emmy Award winning series. To view the complete season schedule for *The Met: Live In HD* series, you may visit us online at www.sunysullivan.edu, and search "Met Opera." To order tickets to this opera, or any of the other inspiring cultural events presented to the public by SUNY Sullivan, please call the college box office at (845) 434-5750, extension 4472, between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm on weekdays.



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The Olive Jar - Carol LaMonda

Thoroughly Modern Maggie

Many in my book club are having a love affair with Jane Austen and love stories grown out of manners and propriety. I would read them with ennui, forcing myself to plow through the dull niceties of Victorian living. Life is not all neat and nice.

No, I prefer to read and tell of the female protagonist like Nelly Bly who would break with convention and dare to challenge the man's world of long ago. I would prefer a leading character like real-life Maggie Kunkle who died this past week.

Maggie is/was my best friend's mother who just happened to be born the same year as my mother. Nineteen-Twenty-One must have been a banner year for ladies with spunk and courage. These ladies were born just one year after the passage of the Nineteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution, which provided: "The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex." They lived the greater part of a century that saw women move from homebodies to the workplace.

Maggie was thrown into that workplace when her husband Tucker died leaving her a widow at 42. Today a single mother of two daughters may be a common occurrence, but back in the sixties, women were just moving out of the kitchen to compete with men for wages and position.

Maggie, who had a flair for fashion and class, worked at Wallace's and Flah's in Kingston, but that was not what made her modern. Maggie entered the political scene running for Tax Collector in Olive so she could work at home and support herself. She ran as a Democrat at a time when Democrats were a rarity in elected politics in Republican Ulster County.

Maggie kept current. She would speak harshly against injustice and would rally for the rights of others. Her mantra was Universal Health Care for All. Her later life allowed her to travel with her companion to other countries giving her the global view of human rights.

Maggie was no "shrinking violet." Instead she was a "Tiger Lily." She was a thoroughly modern woman who, at 92, left behind her a legacy of independence and gumption.



RESERVOIR MUSIC NOTES-

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Fred will be back next week with more 'music notes'. He wishes all a Happy New Year!

What's Happening in Ulster County Next Week?

January 10, at 5:00 pm - This is a great way to find inner balance and deep relaxation. This program is free and all are welcome. Call Ann at 339-8567 with any questions. Kingston Library 55 Franklin Street www.kingstonlibrary.org

January 11- Zydeco Dance with ZydeGroove:Lessons 7pm - 8pm, Dance with Band, 8pm - 11 pm. No partner or experience needed. White Eagle Hall, 487 Delaware Ave., Kingston. 255-7061; hudsonvalleydance.org

January 12- Winter Wings: Birding for Children: For ages 5 & up. Children must be accompanied by an adult. 10am - 11:30am. Free. Reservations required. Call 255-0191. Mohonk Preserve, 3197 US Hwy 44, Gardiner. Mohonkpreserve.org

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- Excellence in all endeavors, careful planning, flexibility, teamwork, and openness to new ideas.
- Respect, integrity, and a spirit of cooperation toward partners, neighbors, and all others connected to the Preserve.

January 12-Hudson Valley Rail Trail Winterfest: Family fun! The Hudson Valley Rail Trail's Annual WinterFest always has lots of things for kids and adults to do and enjoy. The kids' program will again be in full swing to keep them entertained. The popular Chili Tasting contest pits over 20 local food vendors vying for "Best of Fest" prize for the finest tasting chili. Other delights include free tractor drawn hayrides through the trail's winter wonderland and a huge bonfire where you can warm up, enjoy free roasted chestnuts and toast free marshmallows. Hudson Valley Rail Trail Depot, under the Highland Rotary Pavilion, 101 New Paltz Rd, Highland. Lauriann, 691-9911; HudsonValleyRailTrail.net.

About the Rail Trail

Hike it or bike it. Ride on horseback or roller blades. Ski it cross-country style or on snow shoes.

Trail Eateries and Accessories

Pick up your picnic lunch and any trail accessories you need in the hamlet of Highland. You'll find cafes, pizza shops, pubs, restaurants, antiques galleries. At Route 9W in Highland you'll also find excellent restaurants, fast food, convenience stores and delis adjacent to the trail.

Black Creek Wetlands Complex

This is the place to enjoy your picnic lunch. Once you pass New Paltz Road, the trail enters the

Black Creek Wetlands Complex. The rail bed at Black Creek crossing is approximately 20 feet above the valley, providing an extraordinary vista of Illinois Mountain.

Fishing is welcome. Black Creek is a Class A protected trout stream and accessible via the stairs to the creek. From the trail, look across at Illinois Mountain to see original rail bed from the 19th century. If you're feeling adventurous, head back up the trail and scramble down th embankment, following the old rail bed out into the bog for an exceptional view of the trail, the creek and Illinois Mountain.

Tony Williams Park

Continue west a half mile from Black Creek to the ball fields, tennis and basket ball courts, pavilions and restrooms at Tony Williams Park. Once you reach the park, you've also reached the end of the developed portion of the trail. And this is, perhaps, where the best part of the HVRT begins.

Beyond the park, the trail enters a mile-long arbor of dense trees and stunning scenery. Half a mile farther, when Black Creek passes back under the trail, you'll come upon a double bridge. This structure, carrying the rail bed over the creek and an old farm road underneath, is unique to the Hudson Valley.

Where the Trail Began

The story of the HVRT starts with a mysterious fire, and ends with a small town unfazed by corporate pressures.

In the 1970's, the bridge to Poughkeepsie burned and led to a redirection of rail traffic. The right-of-way and the old bridge fell into disrepair.

Over the years since, there were high hopes of making it a vital link in the Hudson Valley trail system - if only there were funds to do it.

In the mid-1990's, fiber optic backbones were installed up the NY State Thruway corridor to accommodate the demand for high speed internet access. To get from the Thruway across to Poughkeepsie the old railroad right-of-way was considered as a shortcut. It shaved miles off the route and hundreds of thousands of dollars off the technology corporation's costs. They approached the Town of Lloyd to acquire an easement offering a few tens of thousands of dollars in compensation. Thanks to some savvy business negotiations, the easement deal was settled for \$400,000.00.

Within two years the first 2.5 miles of the HVRT officially opened.

Where the Trail is Headed

The HVRT at full development will include:

- A 12-foot-wide strip of asphalt leading from the Walkway Over the Hudson to the intersection of South Street and Route 299.
 - A connection in Dutchess County, creating approximately thirty more miles of trails.
 - Uninterrupted pedestrian and low-impact sporting trails stretching from the eastern end of the Mid-Hudson Bridge from Westchester through Highland, connecting with the vast trail system in the Shawangunks up into the Catskills.
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Get maps and information and support the development of the HVRT by writing to Hudson Valley Rail Trail Association, 12 Church Street, Highland, New York 12528.

Motorized vehicles, alcoholic beverages, open fires and camping are prohibited. The HVRT is a Carry In/Carry Out trail: anything you bring in, please take it out with you.

The HVRT is created, supported and maintained by the Town of Lloyd in Ulster County, and developed in part with funds from the Greenway Conservancy.

Walkway Over the Hudson.

The project was funded with \$3.158 million from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, which the Congressman Maurice Hinchey strongly advocated for. This section extended the rail trail over the Hudson River connecting Highland to Poughkeepsie.

The walkway was completed on September 5, 2009, and opened to the public on October 3, 2009. The Hudson Valley Rail Trail connection was finished in the autumn of 2010. The Dutchess Rail Trail connection remains to be completed.

January 12 John Street Jam: Live music in an intimate setting. \$5/pp. Refreshments available. Doors open 6:45pm, music 7:30pm.

Dutch Arms Chapel, 16 John St., Saugerties (near Stewart's on Main St.) 943-6720; johnstjam.net

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The "stage" is a big, comfortable rug in the middle of the room with four chairs arranged in a circle. The audience is seated around the outside and is never more than a few feet from the musicians. This format provides the intimacy of a living room and allows the musicians to interact in ways that aren't possible in the traditional coffeehouse format.

January 12 Contradance: Eric Hollman calling, music by George Wilson & Selma Kaplan. 8pm. \$10, \$9/members, kids under 12.

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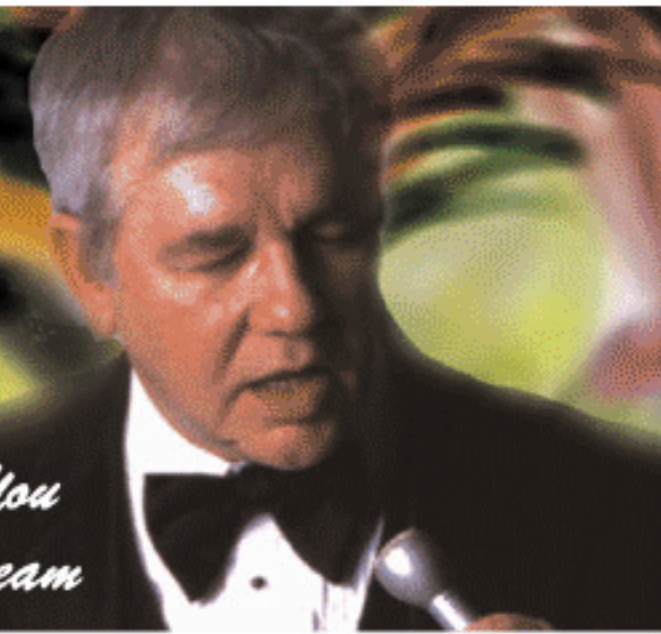
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ArtsWAVE in Ellenville is excited to announce a great workshop coming to ArtsWAVE in March, Ukrainian Pysanky Egg Decorating. This was a very popular class last year and with class size limited we encourage you to sign up soon!

The art of Pysanky or decorated Easter eggs in Ukraine dates back to ancient times.

A pysanka (the word is a derivative of "to write") is made by first hollowing out the egg through a small pin-hole. A Kitska, or hot wax pen, is then used to write designs on the egg in beeswax.

The egg is then dipped in various dyes, alternating with more wax writing on the shell.

Pysanky are highly symbolic, incorporating both Christian symbols, traditional symbols and nature symbols such as the sun, flowers and animals. The designs are elaborate and fun to create. The eggs a traditional symbol of hope and renewal.

This would be a fun thing to come and explore with your kids!

The Ukrainian Pysanky Egg Decorating Workshop will beheld on Thursday, March 28, 2013 1:00-4:00 PM at the ArtsWAVE Center, 12 Market St., Ellenville, NY and is for adults and children ages 10 and up. Materials fee includes supplies to take home: Kids \$10/Adults \$15
Class size limited To register email: class@artswave.org or call: 845.443.5319

Pine Hill Community Center - January Events

Catskill Mountains Acoustic Slow Jam. Friday, January 11, 6-9pm.- Acoustic musicians meet to play Bluegrass, Old Time, Irish, and Catskills Contra in a low-key, non-competitive atmosphere. You can pick up standard tunes across genres, become more proficient on a 2nd or 3rd instrument, or improve your improvisational skills, all at a slower pace. For advanced beginners to intermediate and professional players. Pine Hill Community Center, 287 Main St., Pine Hill, NY 12465. (845) 254-5469. info@pinehillcommunitycenter.org; pinehillcommunitycenter.org.

Kid Stuff, Every Saturday 10:30 am -Noon, Free Arts and Nature programming for Kids 6-12. Every week a prominent artist, dancer, musician, scientist, naturalist will lead a fun-filled program. Parents are welcome as well.

January programs include:
January 12. Deborah Sanchez and participants will make will make birchbark rattles, canoes and mini medicine bags. A great prelude to the Special Gathering of the Thunder Bear Intertribal Circle that starts at noon.
January 19. Singer/songwriter Elly Winger leads a musical program, Ticket to Ride! (All ages) Hop on the music and explore the world! Through listening games, movement, music, and graphic arts we'll find out how we are the same, and the very cool ways in which we are different. This fun session promotes self-esteem, understanding and tolerance of diverse cultures. (Parents especially welcome)
January 26. No Kid Stuff program.

Winter Screening. Best of the Art & Soul of the Catskills Film Festival. Saturday, January 19, 7 pm. A chance to see the best of the films that were shown at the First Annual ASCFF, held in Delhi last summer. Festival organizer Jessica Vecchione will be present as well as several of the filmmakers. Freewill donation.

David Rovics in Concert. Wednesday, January 30. 7pm. David Rovics grew up in a family of classical musicians in Wilton, Connecticut, and became a fan of populist regimes early on. By the early 90's he was a full-time busker in the Boston subways and by the mid-90's he was traveling the world as a professional flat-picking rabble-rouser. These days David lives in Portland, Oregon and tours regularly on four continents, playing for audiences large and small at cafes, pubs, universities, churches, union halls and protest rallies. He has shared the stage with a veritable who's who of the left in two dozen countries, and has had his music featured on Democracy Now!, BBC, Al-Jazeera and other networks. His essays are published regularly on CounterPunch and elsewhere, and the 200+ songs he makes available for free on the web have been downloaded more than a million times. Most importantly, he's really good. He will make you laugh, he will make you cry, he will make the revolution irresistible. www.davidrovics.com. \$10, suggested contribution.

Ongoing activities at Pine Hill Community Center:

Mondays: Senior Yoga - 9 am. \$1.50
Scrabble for All - 6 pm. free
Zumba - 6pm. \$7.

Wednesdays: Social Circle. 1-3pm.

Thursdays: T'ai Chi - 9 am. \$1.50
Writers' Nook. 1 -3 pm.
Zumba - 6 pm. \$7.00

Fridays: Senior Stretch - 9 am. \$1.50

Zumba Gold - 10 am. \$1.50

Saturdays: Kid Stuff 10:30- noon. Free for kids 6-12. Check our website calendar for info on each week's program.

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Gathering of the Thunder Bear Intertribal Circle
A special Gathering of the Thunder Bear Intertribal Circle, Saturday, January 12, noon-4 pm. Join us in welcoming Onondaga Nation Chief Jake Edwards who will speak with us about the Two Row Wampum Renewal Campaign coming through the Hudson Valley in the summer of 2013.

The Two Row Wampum Renewal Campaign, seeking to honor native treaties and protect the Earth, is a collaboration between Neighbors of the Onondaga Nation (NOON) and the Onondaga Nation (Central Firekeepers of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy). The Two Row Wampum Renewal Campaign is an educational and advocacy initiative centered on the 400th anniversary of the first treaty between the Haudenosaunee (Iroquois) and European newcomers to this land (signed in 1613 south of Albany). The Two Row Wampum Treaty provides an inspirational vision for peaceful co-existence of different nations living on and caring for the same land. The Haudenosaunee see the Two Row as the foundation upon which all subsequent treaties were made. The treaty outlines a model of friendship and peace, of living in parallel forever, working together where appropriate and respecting one another's sovereignty. It describes the Haudenosaunee and the Europeans as traveling down the river of life in different vessels, each agreeing not to interfere in the affairs of the other or to damage our shared environment. For centuries the Haudenosaunee have observed this treaty.

This campaign seeks to develop a broad alliance between New Yorkers and the Haudenosaunee with the ultimate aim of achieving social and (Contd.Pg.9)

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UC Executive Mike Hein Announces Hudson Valley Named Top Tourist Destination

Ulster County Executive Mike Hein announced that the Hudson Valley has been named in National Geographic Traveler's Best Trips 2013 list.

Located less than two hours from Manhattan, Ulster County - like the rest of the Hudson Valley - is home to a wide range of festivals, mom-and-pop shops, organic farms and year-round recreational opportunities. The region is one of 20 locations around the world to be highlighted in this year's listing. It is one of four in the United States. Others include Missouri River Breaks, Montana; St. Augustine, Florida; and Memphis, Tennessee. Exotic locales across the world include: Crimea, Russia; Marseille, France; Quito, Ecuador; and the island of Grenada.

"Ulster County is in the heart of the Hudson Valley, and we are very proud to be recognized for the outstanding tourism opportunities our county and our region offer," said Hein. "Every year, visitors to our area take part in concerts, festivals, fine dining and much more. These activities offer a terrific boost to the local economy and provides jobs for residents across Ulster County." In its rankings, National Geographic Traveler mentioned the Hudson Valley's many music festivals, including Pete Seeger's Clearwater Festival in Croton-on-Hudson, which is celebrating its 35th anniversary next year. Ulster County features the Belleayre Music Festival, a summer concert series with world-class artists within the beautiful landscapes of the Catskill Mountains. There is also the Phoenicia Festival of the Voice, with some of the world's top vocal artists.

Regarding Woodstock, National Geographic Traveler provides, "Some villages marry art and music famously. In the wonderfully weird and

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artsy Woodstock, indie performers and music icons rub elbows and grab crusty loaves at Bread Alone Bakery (based in Boiceville). Budding musicians bring their bongos to the weekly hippie drum circle on the Village Green."

In addition, National Geographic Traveler highlighted the Hudson Valley's recreational opportunities. In Ulster County, this includes more than 350 miles of hiking trails and 35 peaks. There are also a number of opportunities for horseback riding, cross-country skiing and fly-fishing, as well as 12 beautiful golf courses with holes that feature tremendous views of the Catskills. "The Hudson Valley and Ulster County have always offered excellent opportunities for people from New York City to get away, but our recognition as a true global tourism destination is increasing, as more and more visitors leave here with such great things to say," said Hein. "Hudson Valley's residents and businesses welcome visitors, and we take pride in the charming shops, gorgeous landscapes and exciting adventures you'll find across our region."

To view National Geographic Traveler's Best Trips 2013, visit <http://travel.nationalgeographic.com/travel/best-trips-2013>.

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Assemblywoman Claudia Tenney (R,C,I-New Hartford) announced Thruway Authority has Reversed its Plans to Increase Tolls on Commercial Vehicles

"When we were first informed that the Thruway Authority was planning on drastically increasing tolls on small businesses, we immediately called foul. We demanded that alternative solutions be investigated and our indignation at new taxes on small businesses was vindicated by today's announcement," said Tenney.

This summer the Thruway Authority had planned a 45 percent increase on tri-axle vehicles. This proposal was designed to keep the Authority's credit rating stable.

"I'm a small business owner. New York State government and its authorities need to learn how to exist within their means. When the details are hashed out about how the Authority was able to make up the \$85 million in annual hikes, there will be more questions on how state authorities have gotten into such trouble and how they were ever capable of such poor management. We stood our ground on fiscal responsibility, and our tenacity in holding New York State government accountable for its actions has paid off. I will return to Albany in January to continue this ongoing fight."

"This is a victory for taxpayers and small businesses across the state. The taxpayer is not a piggy bank for government authorities to break. These authorities will now be held accountable for their spending, and during the 2013 Legislative Session, I plan on helping trim even more government fat," said Tenney.



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economic justice for the Haudenosaunee as well as environmental justice for New Yorkers. By working with the Haudenosaunee, New York State can become a leader in promoting innovative public policies that drive positive ecological and social change.

A focal point of the campaign will be a symbolic "enactment" of the treaty with Haudenosaunee and other native people paddling side-by-side with allies and supporters down the Hudson River from Albany to New York City in the summer of 2013. It will begin with a festival in Albany on Saturday, July 27 and the flotilla will set off the following morning, stopping along the route for educational and cultural events and arrive in New York City on Friday, August 9 to participate in the United Nations International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples. The following day (Saturday, August 10) a larger event is expected to be held to close the enactment. All events will feature Haudenosaunee leaders as speakers as well as diverse people and organizations, including educational institutions, environmental groups, faith communities and social justice organizations.

Bring a dish to share. Vendors, Dancing, Drumming, Community. For more information, see www.HonorTheTwoRow.org. Pine Hill Community Center, 287 Main St., Pine Hill, NY 12465. (845) 254-5469. info@pinehillcommunitycenter.org; or pinehillcommunitycenter.org.

Lois Ostapczuk paintings on view at CWC office

MARGARETVILLE, January 4, 2013 - A fresh exhibition featuring oil paintings of forest and stream by artist Lois Ostapczuk of Shokan is now on view at the Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC), 905 Main Street, Margaretville.

The work will be displayed through the end of February and can be seen week days (except holidays) from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Anglers, hikers and nature lovers will appreciate Lois' vision of Maltby Hollow Brook, Red Rock Falls on Upper Esopus Creek, the Rondout Creek above Blue Hole, Roaring Kill Creek off the Schoharie and the Conklin Hill Covered Bridge over the Willowemoc.

There is a long view of the Ashokan Reservoir Dividing Weir, and an expertly painted aluminum rainbow trout that was part of the 2012 Leaping Trout Project of the Ashokan-Pepacton Watershed Chapter of Trout Unlimited.

Some of these areas were affected by the historic flood of August 2011. The old U&D railroad trestle along the Ashokan Reservoir near Boiceville is one that was captured on Lois' canvas but stands no longer.

A native of New Jersey, Lois has been passionate about painting since early childhood. Husband Ed is equally passionate about trout fishing, and exploring Catskill waterways. Thus was born CatskillWatersArt -- Ed's photographs of his favorite fishing areas, transformed and preserved forever through Lois' brush and the water mixable oils she prefers.

Lois retired in 2008 after many years as an elementary teacher at West Hurley and Woodstock Schools. She is largely self-taught as an artist, with some help from friends at Olive's Recreational Senior Art Workshop and other painting classes.

Although this is Lois' first show, she has exhibited her work at several regional not-for-profit organizations and a few Town of Olive functions. Her paintings hang in the homes and offices of many enthusiastic collectors. To see more, visit <http://catskillwatersart.blogspot.com>.

The CWC is a non-profit, Local Development Corporation responsible for several environmental protection, economic development and education programs in the five-county New York City Watershed West of the Hudson River.

For more information, go to www.cwconline.org, or call toll-free 877-928-7433; or 845-586-1400.

CAS ARTS CENTER

New Exhibition: "Look Twice"

Featuring the Work of Kit Jones and Glenn Lieberman

Livingston Manor, NY - Catskill Art Society (CAS) is proud to present "Look Twice," a two person show featuring the work of Kit Jones and Glenn Lieberman, from Saturday, January 19 to Sunday, February 24 at the CAS Arts Center, 48 Main Street, Livingston Manor, NY.

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Kit Jones is a resident of Livingston Manor. In addition to being a photographer, Jones is a published writer and poet, and the author of theater and film scripts. Jones began seriously taking pictures in 2004. He will be showing images from two series: "The Nature of Mist" and "Winter Abstracts."

Born and raised in Brooklyn, Glenn Lieberman currently lives in Honesdale, PA and New York City. He began his adult life as a composer and, at about the same time, purchased his first camera.

Over the past seven years Lieberman has shifted his artistic concentration to photography. He finds that the status of environment, cultural artifact, and economic development are indicators of what a society values. Lieberman's images in the "Depositions" series explore the evidence of our principles, posing questions for consideration.

CAS will host an Artist Talk for "Look Twice" on Saturday January 19 at 2:00 p.m. and an Opening Reception immediately following, from 3:00-5:00 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. Everyone is invited to see the work and meet the artists.

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

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. Located in Livingston Manor, NY, the renovated 4,500+ square foot facility includes a designated fine arts gallery, a large multi-purpose space, a pottery studio, a painting studio, and a digital arts lab.

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The Age of Romanticism began with the work of one of America's best-known writers, Washington Irving in the Hudson Valley.

An early milestone in the history of American literature came in 1819, when Washington Irving published the first installments of *The Sketch Book*, a collection of essays and stories, including "Rip Van Winkle" and "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow."

Irving's masterful use of personae, stylized prose, and use of European legend all demonstrated the strong influence of the Old World in his writings and was a sensation in Europe which helped build the United States' reputation for creative literature.

It was also during the mid 19th century that the American art movement began to take form by a group of landscape painters whose concern with beauty was influenced by romanticism. The paintings for which the movement, The Hudson River School is named, depicts the Hudson River Valley and the surrounding area, including the our own Catskill Mountains.

And there was music! The music told the stories of the first European settlers and pioneers in ballads made up about battles and events of the Revolutionary War; from the shanties of sloop captains, canalers, and steamboat pilots, to the music of the farms, lumber camps and bluestone quarries; from the songs of hobos, tramps, and those who rode the rails, collected by FDR's WPA Project. And the music continues.

To celebrate and keep alive the indigenous music of the Catskill mountains and the Hudson River Valley, there is an unofficial Hudson River School of Folk Music. Pete Seeger, Eric Weissberg, and Joe Hickerson can be counted as some of its students. Like those painters who created sweeping vistas of Catskill Mountain landscapes and majestic views of Hudson River scenes, the authors who painted stories with words, they too are creating an image with lyrics and melodies of the lives and stories of the people who dwelled and settled in this region long ago.

With the current environmental movement, new songs are being sung by those affiliated with the sloop Clearwater.

Recently, National Geographic Magazine's editors included the Hudson Valley on the list of the top 20 must-see places in the world to visit in 2013. This is the first time the region has been noted as a top travel destination in the world, but it isn't the first time that Hudson Valley has been noted as a top travel destination. The Hudson Valley ranked second on Lonely Planet's list of top 10 U.S. travel destinations for 2012.

Today's attractions, according to National Geographic Magazine, include this year's Clearwater Festival, whose founder, ninety-three year old, Pete Seeger, will celebrate its 35th anniversary along with some of the country's best folk musicians at this year's Clearwater Festival.

In reality, as I see it, the Hudson Valley has been a major destination for many years, even going back before Henry Hudson's first sail into the upper bay of the Great River, on September 11, 1609. A story began that Hudson and his crew anchored the Half Moon in the shadow of the Catskill Mountains. Around midnight, Hudson heard the sound of music floating across the mountains and down to the river. Lured by the music, Hudson took a few members of his crew, went ashore and followed the sound up into the Catskills Mountains. To his astonishment, a group of small men with long, bushy beards were dancing and singing around the firelight. Hudson realized that these little creatures were the metal-working gnomes the natives had spoken about. The gnomes welcomed the crew with a cheer and surrounded them drawing them into the firelight and the dance. Hudson and his men were delighted with these strange, small creatures, and also with the hard liquor that the gnomes had brewed. Long into the night, the men drank and played nine-pins with the gnomes while Henry Hudson sipped at a single glass of spirits and spoke with the chief of the gnomes about many deep and mysterious things. Then, to his astonishment, he recognized several of the gnomes as his crewmen! They had undergone a transformation. Hudson was alarmed, and asked the chief of the gnomes for an explanation. He explained to Hudson, it was the effect of the magical hard liquor. It would wear off when the liquor did. Hudson wasn't sure that he believed the little man. Afraid of what else might happen to him and his crewman if they continued to linger in such company, Hudson hurriedly took his leave of the gnomes and hustled his drunken crewmen back to the Half Moon. On September 11, 1629, twenty years to the day, a bright fire appeared on the precipice above the hollow, and dance music could be heard floating

through the mountains. The Catskill gnomes spent the evening dancing, and carousing and drinking their magic liquor. At midnight, the gnomes were joined by the spirits of Henry Hudson and his crew. Merry was their meeting, as the gnomes and the spirits played nine-pins all night long. Each time they rolled the ball, a peal of thunder would shake the mountains, and the fire would flare up in bolts like lightning. The party lasted until daybreak, at which hour the spirits departed from the hills, with promises to return every twenty years.

And so it is, every twenty years, the spirits of Henry Hudson and his crew return to the Catskill Mountains to play nine-pins with the gnomes, and to look out over the country they had first explored together on the Half Moon. Now and then, one of the early Dutch settlers living in the region would come across the spirits and the gnomes as they played nine-pins. They claimed that any man foolish enough to drink of the spirits' magic liquor on that night, would sleep from the moment the spirits departed the mountain to the day they returned, twenty years later. Most folks didn't give too much credence to the story, although several members of the Van Winkle family swore it was true.

Escaping into the woods one day, Rip Van Winkle encountered gnomes, and drank a magic drink that did make him sleep for twenty years. True or false, it was noted on September 11, 2009, during the Hudson River Quadracentennial, wise folks who walked among the Catskills avoided a drink of liquor, just in case!

There are many stories and tales, new and old about the splendid Hudson River, the lush Hudson Valley and the extraordinary Catskill Mountains.

To quote Pete Seeger, "The Hudson must surely be one of the world's most extraordinary streams. Other rivers are longer and start higher, but my wife and I and our daughter look every day from the windows of our two-room house and see the Hudson. Bless it!"

We who live here are truly blessed! The Hudson Valley has continued to be the gateway to America: a beautiful, unique and historic area that is still attracting attention around the world.

Not even Rip Van Winkle could sleep through the cultural array of today's Hudson Valley and Catskill Mountains!

On MLK Day, RSVP Volunteers Help Neighbors RSVP Volunteers Are Part of MLK Day of Service

SUNY Ulster RSVP Volunteer Program is kicking off the 3rd annual, "Items of Warmth" collection, to honor Dr. Martin Luther King's legacy by increasing economic opportunities through service and volunteer activities throughout local communities. Ulster County residents will be joined by volunteers across the country supporting this national day of service, committing time and effort to advance local opportunities.

"As the need for service continues to grow, we honor Dr. King by giving back and making an impact on our local communities," said Catherine Canzian the Director of SUNY Ulster RSVP Volunteer Program. "Today, we are seeing Americans using the power of service to strengthen their own and each other's economic security and making a real difference in our local communities."

The project began on January 3rd and will run through January 15th, RSVP will host a community-wide service project to collect "Items of Warmth," hats, gloves, mittens, scarves, blankets and sleeping bags, to be provided to Family of Woodstock as the cold winter months can be a difficult time for many of our friends and neighbors.

The Corporation for National and Community Service leads the annual MLK Day of Service, working with the King Center in Atlanta and thousands of non-profit groups, faith-based organizations, and schools and businesses nationwide.

January 15th marks the 27th Anniversary of the Martin Luther King Jr. federal holiday and projects are spanning all fifty states. These projects include delivering meals, refurbishing schools and community centers, collecting food and clothing, signing up mentors, reading to children, promoting nonviolence, and more.

The MLK Day of Service shines a spotlight on service as a powerful force to bridge economic and social divides - today and throughout the year. National Days of Service provide each of us with an opportunity to join neighbors and local leaders to tackle community challenges and strengthen the nation.

"As more families and communities need assistance, we are accepting the challenge put forth by Dr. King to make a difference," said Catherine Canzian. "Through the efforts of the SUNY Ulster RSVP Volunteer Program, we are assisting Family of Woodstock to gather "Items of Warmth" for our friends and neighbors who are struggling this winter."

RSVP Volunteer Program in Ulster County is sponsored by SUNY Ulster Community College. Through

partnerships with 50 not-for-profit community based organizations and public agencies, RSVP for more than 30 years has been engaging adult volunteers aged 55 and older as valuable community resources willing and able to tackle the most pressing community problems.

If you would like to find out how you might volunteer to serve your neighbors and community, reserve your seat for our New Volunteer Orientation scheduled for Thursday, March 14th at 9:30 to 10:30AM at our offices at SUNY Ulster BRC, Room 409. Please call us at 845-339-2181 to reserve your seat. We look forward to meeting you then.

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As Urged by the UC Legislator, Governor Cuomo Awards State Funding for the AVR/Hudson Landing Project

The Ulster County Legislature proudly announces Governor Cuomo's support and partnership in recognizing the AVR/Hudson Landing Project as a priority to the County of Ulster, City of Kingston, Town of Ulster and to the Hudson River Valley community by awarding funding today through the Regional Economic Development Councils. The Legislature takes pride in being part of the first Best Plan Award presented to the Mid Hudson Region for a total of \$92.8 million. The Mid Hudson Regional Economic Council was one of four out of the ten regional councils to receive Best Plan Awards and as a result received almost double the funding.

In September of this year, the Ulster County Legislature unanimously passed Resolution 222 to urge the Governor's inclusion of the AVR/Hudson Landing Project in this year's Regional plan. Resolution 222 began the Legislature's communication, outreach and ultimate partnership with Governor Cuomo. This completes the three economic development promises made in Chairwoman Bernardo's opening remarks for the 2012 Ulster County Legislative session. As promised, the Ulster County Legislature successfully fought to secure the appointment of one of their own to the Olympic Regional Development Authority as part of the transition team for Belleayre Mountain oversight, stood strong beside the Town Board of Rosendale in effectuating their wishes for the Williams Lake Project which has now moved, following the outreach and requests from the full Ulster County Legislature, from a stalled project to a positively progressing Department of Environmental Conservation review of the project and finally the Legislature's success in obtaining funding for AVR which will result in the creation of jobs in the City of Kingston and Town of Ulster.

Chairman Terry Bernardo thanked Governor Cuomo in her statement following the announcement. "Governor Cuomo's vision of bringing real economic change with his regional approach ensures powerful investments in our local communities which will leverage broader commitments here and now. The Ulster County Legislature is united in our efforts to make this funding award happen. We remain united in our efforts to promote economic investments throughout Ulster County."

The AVR/Hudson Landing Project is revitalizing a former cement production facility that straddles both the City of Kingston and the Town of Ulster. This 524 acre parcel, known as the Tilcon site, overlooks the Hudson River and with a proposed 1,650 housing units, 75,000 square feet of commercial space, and a public walkway on a 524 acre parcel, it will transform the bank of the Hudson River. Upon completion, the public walkway will be the longest walkway along the Hudson River shoreline between Albany and Yonkers. It will re-open a river based gateway that was once the economic foundation for the county at-large.

James Maloney, Town of Ulster Legislator and Chairman of the Economic Development and Tourism Committee highlighted the return of this parcel to economic prosperity. "As a sponsor of Resolution 222, I am thrilled at the result of our hard work and the creation of hundreds of jobs in our region. Through the stimulation of our local economy, similar to the recent successes witnessed at the nearby Walkway Over the Hudson, the AVR/Hudson Landing Project pays tribute to the region's history of diverse neighborhoods rich in culture, history, recreation, and the arts."

Legislator Jeanette Provenzano, a cosponsor of Resolution 222 and a City of Kingston Legislator also thanked Governor Cuomo. "Today, Governor Cuomo partnered with the City of Kingston in our commitment to return this City to a model city and tourism destination. Having been born and raised in the Kingston Point area, I am delighted this much needed project has received the funding and will revitalize the area."

Statement from Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther regarding the results of Regional Economic Development Council Awards

Albany, NY - "I could not be happier with the outcome of the Regional Economic Development Council awards. Members of the Mid-Hudson Regional Economic Development Council have put countless hours and tireless effort into evaluating these projects.

The Center for Discovery was awarded \$2.5 million and Touro College \$1 million. Both organizations presented outstanding projects, and I am looking forward to working together to bring jobs and economic development to Sullivan and Orange Counties."

Ulster County Terry Bernardo wins second year as Ulster Legislature Chairwoman

Republican Ulster County Legislature Chairwoman Terry Bernardo was reelected to lead the Legislature in 2013. Her first year as chairwoman was 2012.

Democrats nominated Minority Leader David Donaldson for the top post, but Bernardo took the mostly party-line vote, 13-8.

Bernardo, R-Accord, was elected to a second one-year term as chairwoman, defeating former Legislature Chairman and current Minority Leader David Donaldson, D-Kingston, in a 13-8 vote.

Donaldson had served as legislature chairman for two years when the Democrats had the majority.

All Republican legislators, along with Democrat John Parete, D-Boiceville, voted for Bernardo.

All other Democrats voted for Donaldson, except Richard Parete, D-Accord, and Robert Parete, D-Stone Ridge, who were absent.

In her address to fellow lawmakers, Bernardo urged them to make 2013 the year in which the Legislature begins to exercise its charter-given responsibility to set policy for the county. She said lawmakers have allowed County Executive Michael Hein, a Democrat, to set county policy through his budgets.

Terry Bernardo plans for the coming year relies strongly on special committees to carry out a number of her initiatives, includes making Ulster County "the most drug-free county in the nation."

Charities Respond To NY Attorney General's Questions On Use Of Donations; \$400 Million Reported Raised Disclosure Seeks To Promote Transparency And Donor Confidence

NEW YORK - Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman today announced that his office has posted information online detailing charitable donations raised for Hurricane Sandy relief.

To date, 88 charities have responded to surveys sent by the Attorney General's Charities Bureau requesting information on amounts raised and spent for Hurricane Sandy relief in New York, the services and grants provided and plans for any surplus funds.

Full texts of the responses received are posted on the Charities Bureau's website:

www.charitiesnys.com/fundraising_and_spend-ing.jsp

"The generosity of the public and the hard work of charities in response to Hurricane Sandy is inspiring. As we continue to monitor charitable activities related to Sandy relief, it is essential that nonprofit organizations operate in the most transparent way possible," Attorney General Schneiderman said.

The 88 charities that have responded to the survey reported raising approximately \$400 million for Hurricane Sandy relief. The five charities reporting the most contributions and pledges are:

American Red Cross \$188 million
Robin Hood Foundation \$67 million
The Mayor's Fund to Advance New York City- \$45 million
Empire State Relief Fund-\$15.4 million
The Salvation Army, USA Eastern Territory--\$14.3 million

In total, these five organizations reported raising approximately \$330 million for Hurricane Sandy relief. The other 83 organizations reported raising \$77 million; a small portion of this amount includes grants from other organizations on the list, which means some money is reported twice.

The Charities Bureau will request updated information and post it online in the upcoming months.

It also plans on seeking more detailed information on fundraising and spending as it continues its review.

Any complaints concerning charitable activities relating to Hurricane Sandy should be sent to the Charities Bureau's dedicated Hurricane Sandy email address: sandyresponse@ag.ny.gov.

Tips for donors supporting Hurricane Sandy relief, as well as financial reports of charities, are available on Attorney General Schneiderman's website, at www.charitiesnys.com

UC Exec Hein Establishes UC Information Phone Number to be Used During Storms and Other Emergencies

Ulster County residents can call 888-455-1616 during emergencies for important recorded information and updates, such as road closures and shelter locations.

"Currently, weather forecasts are trending more and more toward an ice event for the eastern part of Ulster County while high snowfall is expected in the western areas. Rain, sleet, freezing rain and snow will all likely hit some portion of our County," said Arthur Snyder, Director of Ulster County's Emergency Management/Emergency Communications Department.

In order to help ensure County residents' safety, County Executive Hein established a new Ulster County Information Phone Number with a recording which is periodically updated with information during a storm or other emergency.

County Executive Hein stated, "Please check the County's website at www.UlsterCountyNY.gov, or if you lose power, call 888-455-1616 for a recorded message in order to find out about road closures, shelter information and other necessities."

As always, if roads are icy, it is necessary to proceed with caution. In addition, treat any down wire as potentially energized and utilize auxiliary generators in a safe manner: operate them outdoors to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning. Only call 9-1-1 when there is a true emergency.

Thirty-Nine Businesses Awarded Low Cost Electricity through Re-Charge NY Program- Fourth Round Grant Winners Announced

(Albany, NY) - Assemblymember Kevin A. Cahill (D-Ulster, Dutchess) announced today that the New York Power Authority has approved a fourth round of ReCharge NY grants. The awards will spark \$681 million worth of capital investments statewide.

The ReCharge NY was first introduced in 2011 by Cahill and passed later that year as part of the state budget bill. The program was formed to create jobs and encourage new capital investment by New York businesses and requires recipients to become more energy efficient in exchange for an award.

ReCharge replaced the long problematic Power for Jobs program that failed to promote energy efficiency and had not extended benefits to new businesses for some time.

"Energy costs represent a significant expense to many small businesses across the state," said Cahill. "The ReCharge NY Power allocations, recently approved by NYPA, will provide meaningful and stable assistance to help meet the current and future energy needs of many businesses. The Assembly has been working hard to make our power program equitable, effective, and modern. This allocation is a good example of that."

The first three rounds of awards under program were presented earlier this year and gave 700 MW of power to 579 businesses and 73 not-for-profit organizations.

The energy comes primarily from hydro electric resources generated by the New York Power Authority and is awarded in contracts which can last up to seven years.

"High electricity costs no longer stand in the way of businesses investing in New York," said Assemblymember Cahill. "ReCharge New York represents a new approach to helping employers meet their energy needs while providing New Yorkers with the assurance that their resources are being used efficiently and effectively."

POLITICAL SLANT

By Frank Comando

GUN OWNER'S PUSH BACK: PLUS A FORMER MARINE'S LETTER TO DIANNE FEINSTEIN

SEN. DIANNE FEINSTEIN IS PROPOSING AN ASSAULT WEAPONS BAN, BUT MANY AMERICANS ARE READY TO DEFEND THE SECOND AMENDMENT AT ALL COSTS.

Politician after politician have joined the television talking heads, which are bought and paid for by the 1%, in calling for a new "Assault Weapons Ban." The "Ban" patterned after the ten-year Clinton ban that was allowed to lapse in 2004 AFTER THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT AND PRIVATE STUDIES CONCLUDED IT HAD NO IMPACT WHATSOEVER ON MURDER AND VIOLENT CRIME RATES, AND HAD

BECOME A SYMBOL OF WRONG-HEADED, GOVERNMENTAL ATTEMPTS, TO RESTRICT FIREARMS OWNERSHIP IN THIS COUNTRY.

This action, coupled with the economic slavery that is imposed upon the working classes, by that same wealthy 1%, have bought and paid our elected and appointed officials to be our taskmasters, and carrying the whips of economic slavery, and by destroying our freedoms made a travesty of our democracy, and have virtually destroyed our small business base which was once the backbone of democracy, and made this country the freest and richest in the world.

This is another unprecedented and un-called for attack by the merchants of new world order, (the military industrial complex) on the second amendment and the personal rights of American citizens and democracy itself.

The attack is on the democracy of the constitution. The patriot act and the defense authorization act were really enacted to destroy the freedom of American citizenry. Again, by the 1% who does not want to pay their fair share of taxes.

Talks of reviving an assault weapons ban and creating a national gun registry in the wake of the Newtown, Conn., School massacre is touching a deep nerve in America.

After Adam Lanza used a semiautomatic assault-style rifle to kill 20 students and six school staff on Dec. 14, Senator Feinstein of California has said she will try to revive the 1994 assault weapons ban, (Where is your brain lady, It didn't work then and won't work now.) She would also push for Americans to be required to register "grandfathered" weapons.

However, the open letter from Joshua Boston, which has caused a raucous online debate after being posted on CNN's iReport website on Dec. 27, is a reminder of the huge stakes involved. Namely, many of America's 80 million gun owners are liable to balk at having to register their weapons, raising the potential for confrontations with federal authorities.

Addressing Feinstein directly, Mr. Boston, who served tours in Afghanistan and Iraq, says he will refuse to register his weapons and writes, "You ma'am have overstepped over a line that is not your domain."

"I am not your subject," he continues. "I am the man who keeps you free. I am not your servant. I am the person whom you serve. I am not your peasant."

A massive run on guns and an explosion in the number of concealed-weapons permits have occurred. At times, the recoil has taken on tones of a warning and alarm. Many in this camp, especially in the wake of several mass shootings last year, fear that America is entering a post-constitutional era where basic precepts like the Second Amendment are curtailed by a central authority.

"If you take out the heat and the emotion of this [Connecticut] tragedy, the reaction is an interesting case study in public versus individual rights."

Indeed, what it implies for Americans, including many in the warrior class that have served our country with honor, the - hundreds of thousands of retired soldiers - is that an armed population is an essential guarantee against centralized tyranny. The lobbying of the National Rifle Association and the expansion of gun rights by federal courts have tended to further the idea that the Second Amendment is a safeguard against tyranny, as well as a key to personally protecting oneself against crime.

Another point Boston makes in his letter is that many of the 120 guns that would be banned under Feinstein's bill are cosmetic variations of standard semiautomatic hunting rifles. Boston says he is angered by "the fact that I'm supposed to be punished for doing nothing more than owning a rifle that looks scary because its stock isn't made out of wood," he said.

Feinstein contends that America should "put weapons under some kind of appropriate authority," as she recently told Fox News. Yet many gun owners believe there is already an authority in place - the Constitution.

YES, WE DO LIVE IN A POST CONSTITUTIONAL REPUBLIC, AND THAT IS VERY TROUBLING, GUN CONTROL IS A NECESSITY FOR THE SURVIVAL OF THE FEUDALISTIC SLAVERY OF N.W.O.

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SUNY Ulster Schedules Nursing Information Session January 17

SUNY Ulster will hold an information session about its Nursing degree program on Thursday, January 17, at 4:00 p.m. in room 122, at the Business Resource Center in Kingston. Due to limited openings, SUNY Ulster's Nursing Program is only available to residents of Ulster County.

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

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6/8/13 The Sundown Ladies' **Yard Sale** at the Church Hall 9 am - 3 pm

7/6/13 Sundown Methodist Church Covered Dish Supper - 5:30 pm

8/3/13 Sundown Methodist Church Covered Dish Supper - 5:30 pm

9/7/13 Sundown Methodist Church Covered Dish Supper - 5:30 pm

9/28/13 Sundown Ladies **Annual Harvest Fair & Luncheon** 9 am - 3 pm at the Church Hall

10/15/13 Sundown Methodist Church Covered Dish Supper - 5:30 pm

11/2/13 Sundown Methodist Church Covered Dish Supper - 5:30 pm

12/7/13 **Holiday Craft Fair** at the Sundown Community Hall 9 am-3 pm. Refreshments available.

No December Covered Dish Supper.

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LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES**TAX COLLECTOR'S NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF TAX ROLL AND WARRANT**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that I, Joy Ann Monforte, Tax Collector for the Town of Denning, Ulster County, State of New York, have received the tax roll and warrant for the collection of taxes within the Town of Denning for the year 2013.

Taxes will be collected at the Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Road, Claryville, N.Y. 12725 on Monday thru Thursday from 8:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M., and at the Catskill Hudson Bank, in the Cannie D's Plaza, Route 55, Neversink, N.Y. 12765 and by mail to the Town of Denning P.O. Box 277, Claryville, N.Y. 12725.

Taxes will also be collected on Saturday, January 26th, 2012 from 12 P.M. to 3 P.M. at the Denning Town Hall.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE as pursuant to Ulster County Law No. of 2012 an insert has been provided describing each Unfunded Mandate required by New York State.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that taxes may be paid on or before the 31st day of January without interest. On all taxes received after such date there shall be added interest of one percent of the amount of the unpaid taxes for each month or fraction thereof until taxes are paid or until the return of unpaid taxes to the Ulster County Department of Finance pursuant to law.

PLEASE TAKE FURHTER NOTICE that pursuant to the provisions of law, the tax roll for the Town of Denning will be returned to the Ulster County Finance Commissioner on the date of expiration of the Collector's Warrant for 2013.
Joy Ann Monforte
Tax Collector
Town of Denning
December 12th, 2012

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The Annual Plot-Holders' meeting for the Grahamsville Rural Cemetery will be on February 5th, 2013 at 7:00 pm at the Neversink Town Hall.

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Be advised that Tri-Valley Central School had the BOCES Fire Inspector perform our Annual Fire & Safety Inspection on September 20, 2012.

11/10/13

Letters to our Readers:

Dear Fellow New Yorker,

In order to ensure that our state continues on the right track to improve our schools, last April the Governor established the New NY Education Reform Commission, a group of nationally recognized education, community, and business leaders to make recommendations for future reforms in education. Over the last seven months, the Commission held public hearings in each of the 10 regions of New York, received thousands of pages of testimony, and heard from more than 300 students, parents, educators and stakeholders.

Today, the Governor received a preliminary report from the commission. The Preliminary Education Action Plan, presented to the Governor and his cabinet by Commission Chair Richard Parsons, addresses every phase of a student's education from the earliest days of pre-kindergarten through college and career. The Commission makes eight key recommendations:

Provide high quality full-day pre-kindergarten for our most at-risk students;

Create statewide models for "Community Schools" that use schools as a community hub to improve access to public, non-profit, and private services/resources, like health and social services, for students and their families;

Transform and extend the school day and year to expand quality learning time for students, especially in underserved communities;

Improve the teacher and principal pipeline to recruit and retain the most effective educators;

Build better bridges from high school to college and careers with early college high schools and career technical education;

Utilize all available classroom technologies to empower educators to meet the needs of a diverse student population and engage students as active participants in their own learning;

Pursue efficiencies such as district consolidation, high school regionalization and shared services to increase student access to educational opportunities; and

Increase transparency and accountability of district leadership by creating a performance management system.

For the report:

<http://www.governor.ny.gov/assets/documents/education-commission-report-presentation.pdf>

The recommendations contained in the Commission's Preliminary Education Action Plan represent immediate opportunities to begin developing a world-class education system in the Empire State. While this is a solid start, the Commission recognizes that there is more work to be done. A Final Action Plan will be completed in Fall 2013, as the Commission continues to engage experts and the New York community to develop further recommendations to address the complex issues that impact and drive student success.

To learn more about the New NY Education Reform Commission and submit ideas go to: - <http://www.governor.ny.gov/puttingstudentsfirst> Together, we are ensuring that our students get the education they deserve.

Sincerely,

The Office of the Governor

Dear Friends,

The corrupting influence of money in politics poses a clear and present danger to the sanctity of our democracy.

Secret money is particularly insidious. In the 2012 elections, outside expenditures by politically active nonprofits, which aren't required to report their donors, exceeded spending by traditional PACs that are subject to disclosure. And that was just the beginning.

Following the gross display of unchecked spending in this year's election cycle, we have the opportunity to change course. More eyes are now opened to this danger than ever before, and people have realized that we can't afford to let another moment pass without reforming the system.

In an op-ed in Politico, I've outlined the actions that can be taken in three distinct areas to seize this moment and push this movement forward. These include developing a long-term strategy to overturn Citizens United; demanding greater transparency to make it easy for voters to know where campaign cash comes from and where it goes; and installing a system of public campaign financing.

My office has already taken action to shine new light on the election activity of New York's charities, filing new regulations requiring non-profit groups to report the percentage of their expenditures that go to federal, state and local electioneering. This includes 501(c)(4) "social welfare" organizations that are barred by law from having campaign activity as their primary purpose, and yet are so frequently behind the fiery issue ads we've seen in recent election cycles. Organizations that spend at least \$10,000 annually to influence state and local elections in New York will be required to report their expenses and contributions.

But there is much more work to be done. As we enter the new year, let's seize this moment to limit the influence of money in politics and get America back on the path of genuine democracy.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support in this fight.

Sincerely,

Eric Schneiderman
NYS Attorney General
118A Fulton Street
Suite 250
New York, NY 10038

Assemblymember Cahill Urges Time Warner Cable Customers to Review Their Bills and Their Options- New Internet Modem Lease Fee Can Be Avoided With the Purchase of a Personal Modem

Assemblymember Kevin A. Cahill (D- Ulster, Dutchess) recommend today that consumers examine their Time Warner Cable bill and take note of a new \$3.95 a month charge for those customers who use the company's internet modem, rather than purchasing their own. Postcards alerting customers to the change were mailed on October 1, 2012 and stated that the policy would go into effect on October 15, 2012.

In order to avoid this fee, individuals may purchase their own equipment, contact Time Warner Cable at 1-800-892-2253 to activate it and then must return the leased hardware to the nearest Time Warner office. Acceptable models include:

- Motorola models SGB6580, SB6141, SB6121, SB5101, SB5101U, SBG901,
- Netgear models CMD31T, CMD31T
- Zoom models 5341J, 5350

"I want consumers to know that they do not have to waste their hard earned money on a product which was considered free for years," Cahill said, "Over the course of a year or two, depending on the model, the purchase of a new modem will pay for itself. Additionally, the models for purchase have more features than leased modems like faster speeds and the capability to handle unlimited wireless devices."

Because of the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 which deregulated cable companies, neither the New York State Public Service Commission nor the Federal Communications Commission have any authority to address the legitimacy of this new fee. However, a class action lawsuit has been commenced by a private law firm against Time Warner Cable over this issue. For more information on enrolling in the suit, please contact the Assemblyman's Albany office at 518-455-4436.

"I have long been a staunch supporter of consumer protections. As a former member of the Assembly Committee on Consumer Affairs and Protection, I championed numerous pieces of consumer friendly legislation. I will continue to work to advance the rights of customers and to protect their interests over those of corporations."

At Gillibrand's Urging, FDA Issues First Rules for Food Safety Overhaul FDA Food Safety Modernization Act - First Major Update to America's Food Safety Laws In A Century - Passed Two Years Ago

Washington, DC - U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand today announced the FDA is releasing its first proposed rules as part of the FDA Food Safety Modernization Act - the first major, comprehensive update to America's food safety laws in over a century - that was signed into law two years ago. The first rules will regulate the safety of fresh produce and set new preventive measures at food manufacturers.

Senator Gillibrand joined with Senate colleagues to urge the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to issue the rules after helping to pass the overall bill, which also included a key measure authored and introduced by Senator Gillibrand that requires grocery stores and food distributors to effectively and proactively alert consumers when food recalls occur.

"These are strong first steps to finally help give American families more confidence in the safety of the food we eat," Senator Gillibrand said. "We've endured too many outbreaks and illnesses, and lost too many lives to foodborne illnesses that can be prevented. It's time to get serious about protecting our food supply and implement all necessary rules so we can keep our families safe." The newly issued FDA rules include:

1. Produce Standards: This rule includes standards for worker hygiene, irrigation water, equipment and use of manure. The rule would apply only to produce that is usually consumed raw. The rule also would require farms to protect farms from contamination by livestock and wildlife.

2. Hazard Analysis & Critical Control Points (HACCP) Food Inspection Plans: This rule would require manufacturers to have HACCP plans for preventing and correcting foodborne hazards. It includes proposed standards for a written food safety plan, hazard analysis, preventive controls, monitoring, corrective actions and recordkeeping.

Town of Neversink Parks & Recreation Department

www.townofneversink.org

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Free Bingo - Friday, January 25. -Daniel Pierce Library Community Center 6:30 pm. Please bring a can good for the local food pantry. Prizes will be awarded! Refreshments will be served. Come out for some old-fashion fun! Bring your grandkids! Limited to the first 55 people signed up.

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

Walking Club Tuesdays 6:30-7:30 Grahamsville Fairgrounds



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

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

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

AL-ANON MEETINGS -

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

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

SUNY Ulster Continuing and Professional Education Holds Open House

Residents interested in taking non-credit courses to train for careers or personal enrichment can attend workshops and talk to instructors to learn more about opportunities at SUNY Ulster's Continuing and Professional Education Open House on Jan. 15, from 5 to 7 p.m., at the Business Resource Center (BRC) in Kingston.

Information will be available on various offerings, including: business, entrepreneurial and computer training; Certified Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Counselor training program; clean energy and sustainability; complementary, wellness and allied health; driver safety; fitness, creative arts and music; Ham radio; healthcare; helicopter and fixed wing school; home energy audits from RUPCO; manufacturing; meditation; self-help: "Conquer Tragic Times & Change Your Life;" Senior Computer Learning Center; sustainable building advisor; volunteer with RSVP; wastewater treatment plant operator; and writer's workshop, "An Author Event with Dara Lurie."

The snow date for the Open House will be Jan. 16 at the same time and location. The event will also include live flute music and refreshments. For more details call 845-339-2025 or visit www.sunyulster.edu/ce.

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- 1/9/13 Town of Neversink Board Meeting - 7:30 pm
- 1/10/13 Dept. of Motor Vehicles Neversink Town Hall 10:00 am - 2:30 p.m.
- 1/11/13 Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser - Grahamsville United Methodist Church (see ad pg 13)
- 1/12/13 Breakfast. Everyone Welcome. Sundown Church Hall - 7:30-9:30 am
- 1/15/13 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals - 7:30 pm
- 1/19/13 Grahamsville United Methodist Church - **Thrift Sale Only** - 9 am - 1 pm -
- 1/21/13 **TOWN OF NEVERSINK HOLIDAY - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**
- 1/29/13 Town of Neversink Parks & Rec - 7:00 pm
- 2/2/13 **Sundown Methodist Church Covered Dish Supper** - 5:30 pm Sundown Church Hall
- 2/6/13 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting- 7:30 pm
- 2/13/13 Town of Neversink Board Meeting - 7:30 pm
- 2/18/13 **TOWN OF NEVERSINK HOLIDAY - President's Day**

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

Save the Dates!

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

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

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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.

Defensive driving course is offered in Accord

Ulster BOCES will offer a defensive driving course from 6 to 9 p.m. Jan. 15 and 16 at Rondout Valley Middle School, 122 Kyseryke Road. The course fee is \$45. A senior citizens' discount is available for people 55 and older. People who complete the course will be eligible for a 10 percent reduction in liability insurance costs for three years, as well as a reduction of traffic violation points.

To register, call (845) 331-5050 or go to www.ulsterboces.org/adult by Tuesday.

Management Courses

SUNY Ulster Continuing & Professional Education Department will offer the following Wastewater Management courses this Spring.
Basic Wastewater Operations Lecture: This lecture course is designed to provide the student with the knowledge base which will enable the efficient operation of a wastewater treatment plant. The student will study the characteristics of each individual process within the plant and will learn how those processes are joined to achieve the desired results. Course dates are Monday and Wednesday, January 14 - April 8, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. Cost is \$993 and includes two texts. Course code: PSP 502-06.

Basic Wastewater Laboratory: This laboratory course is a companion to the Basic Wastewater Operations Lecture course. The course is designed to enable the wastewater operator to perform those laboratory procedures which are necessary to determine control strategies for the efficient operation of a wastewater treatment plant. Course dates are Monday and Wednesday, April 10 - May 15, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. Cost is \$550 and includes one text. Course code: PSP 501-07.

Activated Sludge Course: This course provides the student with information needed to efficiently operate the activated sludge portion of a wastewater treatment plant. Operational control strategies will be presented and discussed and the student will be able to apply laboratory data to the proper control of the activated sludge process. Safety and Regulatory Recordkeeping will be emphasized. Course dates are Monday and Wednesday, May 20 - June 24, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. Cost is \$500 and includes one text. Course code: PSP 503-07.

Waste Water Operator Program: Grade 3 Technical Module for waste water treatment plant operators. The purpose of this course is to train supervisors in the technical operations of the treatment plant. This one day module covers the technical operations portion of the Grade 3 Supervision and Technical Operations course that all waste water treatment plant operators must complete if they desire Grade 3 or higher certification. Topics covered include Toxic Substances and Toxicity Testing, Odor Control, Multimedia and Pollution Prevention Issues, and Nutrient Removal. Course date is Thursday, February 7,

2013, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Business Resource Center, Kingston, NY. Cost is \$140. Course code: PSP 512-02

The SUNY Ulster wastewater courses provide NYS-DEC approved training. Most classes will be held on the Stone Ridge Campus. To register for these courses, contact the SUNY Ulster Department of Continuing & Professional Education at 845-339-2025. For further information about these courses contact Ann Songayllo, 845-687-5012, songayla@sunyulster.edu.

SUNY Ulster Hosts Science Olympiad for Area High Schools on Jan. 26

SUNY Ulster will host teams from more than 20 high schools from throughout the area at the regional competition of the nationwide Science Olympiad on Jan. 26 at the Stone Ridge campus.

The event, which draws hundreds of participants, will start at 8 a.m. in Vanderlyn Hall with the award ceremony scheduled to begin at 3:30 p.m., in Quimby Theater. The snow date is Jan. 27.

Teams and individuals will compete in 20 events in the 2013 Division C regional competition with hopes of advancing to the state level. Events, which are often interactive and hands-on, will be held in anatomy and physiology, astronomy, chemistry, geology, biology, forensics, robotics, aeronautics, physics, engineering and other sciences.

Students will compete for four slots at the state competition. Volunteers at SUNY Ulster help judge and coordinate logistics of the event.

The regional competition is part of the nationwide Science Olympiad, one of the premiere science competitions in the nation, providing rigorous, standards-based challenges to more than 14,000 schools participating in all 50 states and Ontario, Canada.

The regional event is organized by educators, community leaders and business partners from the Hudson Valley.

Last year's first place winning team was from Spackenkill High School with the Mount Academy taking second place. For more information on the day's schedule and events that are open to the public, see: <https://sites.google.com/a/sunyulster.edu/2013-mid-hudson-regional-science-olympiad/>

Final Registration at SUNY Ulster January 14

Final registration for Spring 2013 semester classes at SUNY Ulster will be held on Monday, January 14, from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in Hasbrouck Hall, room 220 on the Stone Ridge campus. New, transfer and re-admitting students must attend a pre-registration orientation prior to registering for classes. Classes begin January 17.



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Knarf's Movie Trivia
A STREETCAR NAMED DESIRE
(1951, DRAMA)

A fading southern belle tries to build a new life with her sister in New Orleans. Directed by, Elia Kazan and starring Marlon Brando, Vivien Leigh, Kim Hunter, and Karl Malden. A stunning production of this Tennessee Williams' play with Brando as the animalistic Stanley Kowalski and Leigh as his wistful, neurotic sister-in-law, Blanche Dubois, pressed together in a grim New Orleans, tenement house. Oscars went to Leigh, Hunter, and Malden for their flawless performances, as well as for the art direction-set decoration--but it's Brando who left an indelible mark on audiences set the tone. Featuring a great jazz score by Alex North, the film was re-released in 1993 with 4min of footage that was censored in 1951, playing up the sexual tension between Blanche and Stanley, and Stella's carnal attraction to her husband. **See it, on TCM! Saturday, January 12, 2013 at 10:30 PM, BW-125 min, Rated, TV-PG.**
Quiz: 1 Who played Stella? 2. Who played Mitch?

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