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## IT'S A SCAM

If you receive a letter informing you that you have won a substantial sum of money, contingent on your sending a personal check to pay for the taxes or handling expenses, do NOT -- repeat NOT rush for your checkbook. It's a scam, friends, and the only riches you will receive will be a wealth of experience concerning hasty actions and bad judgment. (Contd. Pg. 3)

## SHADOWLAND THEATRE BROKE BOX-OFFICE RECORDS IN 2010

Despite Recessionary Climate, Lower Hudson Valley Actors' Equity Theatre Filled 91% of its Seats, Sold Out 47% of Performances and Grew Single-Ticket Box-Office Sales

If there was an annual award program for regional, non-profit, Actors' Equity theater box-office success, Brendan Burke, producing artistic director, and the board of directors at Shadowland Theatre in downtown Ellenville, NY might possibly walk away with an armful of statues for the 2010 season. (Contd. Pg. 8)

## SUNY SULLIVAN'S NEW SOLAR PANELS POWER ENERGY AND LEARNING

LOCH SHELDRAKE, NY SUNY Sullivan's commitment to sustainability took another step in the green direction with the installation of solar panels. The project is funded by the New York State Energy Research and Development Agency (NYSERDA) through the SUNYGreensNY Grant.

"The solar panel project is a great addition to the college's greening initiative," Michael Fisher, chair of the division of professional studies, said. "Primarily it will provide our students in both our Green Building Maintenance and Management and Environmental Science programs with a hands-on learning opportunity. Secondly, the solar panels are a source of real electric energy." (Contd. Pg. 12)

## AUERBACH BEGINS SECOND TERM - Ulster County Comptroller Takes Oath in a Small Ceremony



Ulster County Comptroller Elliott Auerbach took his oath of office this morning in a modest ceremony officiated by Ulster County Clerk Nina Postupack. (Contd. Pg. 12)

## INTO THE FUTURE...



CWC President Georgie Lepke, seated, center, surrounded by fellow Board members, signed the Agreement that was negotiated as part of the land acquisition permit which was issued December 24, 2010 by the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation to the NYC Department of Environmental Protection. The agreement, and the new permit, requires the City to continue funding several CWC programs over the next 15 years, continuing the partnership established by the 1997 NYC Watershed Memorandum of Agreement. Pictured, left to right, seated: Michael Flaherty, Donald 'Mike' Brandow, Ms. Lepke, Berndt Leifeld, James Eisel. Standing: Leonard Utter, Michael Shultis, Thomas Hynes, Thomas Snow, Martin Donnelly, Jeffrey Graf, Deborah DeWan, Paul Dibbell, Tina Mole. Not present: Wayne Marshfield.

## CWC BOARD EXPRESSES CONCERN FOR BELLEAYRE AND AREA BUSINESS

MARGARETVILLE, NY, January 5, 2010 - The Catskill Watershed Corporation's Board of Directors, meeting on January 4, adopted a resolution authorizing its Executive Director to explore other models for the administration and operation of the state-run Belleayre Mountain Ski Center.

The resolution authorizes Executive Director Alan Rosa to consult with outside counsel and interested parties to "assist in finding an equitable solution to ensure that Belleayre . . . remains in full operation, providing a vital economic benefit to the Central Catskills." (Contd. Pg. 8)

## ERH HOLDS COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE TO HELP BOOST REGIONAL BLOOD SUPPLY

In an effort to increase the regional blood supply, Ellenville Regional Hospital will hold a community blood drive with the American Red Cross. The drive will be held on Thursday, January 13, 2011 from 9:00am - 1:00pm at Ellenville Regional Hospital.

The statistics are clear. Every two seconds, someone in America needs blood. You can help by donating blood. Giving blood is easy. It only takes about an hour, and a single donation can help save up to three lives. Give to someone in immediate need - it could be a friend, a neighbor, or a stranger. The need is constant, the gratification is instant. Give blood.

## SENATOR BONACIC NAMED TO SERVE ON FINANCE COMMITTEE

State Senator John J. Bonacic (R/C/I - Mt. Hope), has been named by Senate Majority Leader Dean Skelos to serve on the Senate Finance Committee. The Finance Committee, in addition to overseeing the development of the State budget, also is responsible for considering the confirmation of numerous high level State government appointees.

"Never in the history of our State has the Finance Committee had more responsibility. We have to work to analyze Governor Cuomo's budget plan and work with the Governor and the Assembly to develop a responsible budget. I look forward very much to the many challenges that serving on the Senate Finance Committee will bring," Bonacic said.

## FINAL SERVICE FOR WOODBOURNE REFORMED CHURCH

A final worship service will be held at the Woodbourne Reformed Church on January 16, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. As of January 1, 2011, this church has been declared closed as a worship center for the Reformed Church. This church has served many generations of families in this area since its origin in 1802. (Contd. Pg. 3)

## TIME AND THE VALLEYS MUSEUM ARCHIVES RESEARCH OPEN JANUARY 29

The public is invited to visit the Neversink Town Historian on January 29 for a look at local history. Open Archives Research will be held on that day from 10 to 2. Visitors will have an opportunity to: view TVCS graduation photos on loan from the school; go back 50 years and see what the area was

like in copies of The Townman dating back to the first issue. (Contd. Pg. 3)

## LIBERTY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT ATTENDS STATE OF THE STATE ADDRESS



Senator Bonacic met with Megahn Burke after the State of the State Address to discuss the speech. Pictured are: Senator Bonacic, Liberty Superintendent Michael B. Vanyo, Liberty Senior Megahn Burke and Liberty Board of Education President David Burke (who is also Megahn's father)

Liberty, NY... Liberty Central School District was one of 62 schools chosen by Governor Cuomo's transition team to represent Sullivan County at the State of the State Address on Wednesday, January 5. Liberty Senior Megahn Burke represented the district, community and county. (Contd. Pg. 12)

## STATEMENT OF SENATOR JOHN J. BONACIC - In Response to Governor Cuomo's State of the State Message

"Governor Cuomo has the support of the people of New York and a mandate for change. The past two years of State government have increased spending by over \$14 billion and increased taxes by over \$10 billion - all of which I voted against." (Contd. Pg. 12)

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**ON THE FRONT BURNER:** Thus saith the Lord of hosts, Behold, evil shall go forth from nation to nation, and a great whirlwind shall be raised up from the coasts of the earth.  
Jeremiah 26:32

**THANK YOU**

Thank you to everyone in our community who donated socks, hats, gloves and mittens during Bread for the Journey Outreach Ministry's recent drive. Approximately 250 items were collected, and have been or will be distributed in northeastern Sullivan County. The generosity of so many individuals in our communities and churches is greatly appreciated. For more information on Bread for the Journey Outreach Ministry, please contact Susan Woodworth at 985-2283.

**DAYS OF YORE....  
Today's History**

**January 3, 1951** - Mrs. Harriet Elizabeth McFarland Visscher, wife of Arlington Visscher of Grahamsville, died suddenly at her home here on Dec. 28th. She is survived by her husband, one son, Raymond and her father. Mrs. Visscher was born April, 1917 in Barre, Vt. She was married there on July 11, 1942 to Mr. Visscher, who is Music Supervisor at Tri Valley School.

Central Hudson is completing arrangements for a right of way for the new high tension line over South Hill.

Mrs. Andrew Dulaff was hostess Friday afternoon at a bridal shower for Mrs. Freddie Ahrens, which was held at the Church Hall. Twenty-two friends and relatives were present.

Mr. Edward Ringwood Hewitt, for many years a summer resident of this vicinity, has presented the Daniel A. Pierce Library with a copy of his book, "Ringwood Manor", which may be of interest to many local people. The Manor, now belonging to the State of New Jersey, is open to visitors and it is estimated that 100,000 persons annually stop at this beautiful and historic site.

**January 4, 1961** - Mr. and Mrs. Earl Terwilliger of Grahamsville have announced the engagement of their daughter, Violet, to Jack Wallace Sheley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilton Sheley of Napanoch. The prospective bride is a graduate of Tri Valley High School and is presently employed at Channel Master Corporation. Mr. Sheley attended Ellenville High School and is associated with the American Paper and Board Manufacturing Co. A February wedding is planned.

Sealed bids will be received by the New York City Board of Water Supply in NYC on Thursday, January 10th for two contracts for the construction of intake and outlet works of the West Delaware Tunnel.

Russell Whipple of the Old Greenfield Road, Ellenville, died Sunday, December 25th at Veteran's Memorial Hospital. Mr. Whipple was born October 2, 1900 in Frost Valley, son of Sherman and Anna Kane Whipple. He was married August 22, 1922 to the former Maude Wunders. He was a retired truck driver.

1,310 acres of prime forest land around Mongaup Pond will be acquired by New York State for a state park with camping facilities according to reports. State surveyors have been very busy checking out lines in recent weeks.

**January 6, 1971** - Recently, the Neversink Town Board by resolution, created a zoning commission. This commission, required by Town Law is comprised of the original planning board members: Frank Clark, Bob Cornwell, Dion Garigliano, Jerome Kerner, Charles Nielsen and George Rubenzahl.

Our hopes and wishes for the year 1971 carried over from last year are: 1. A general practitioner - seemed we almost made it but something happened along the way and we are still waiting. 2. A dentist, even part time. 3. A center and swimming pool for the Tri-Valley area. There are probably more wishes for 1971, but it would be nice to see something concrete

accomplished instead of wishing.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Allison have moved to Parksville where Mr. Allison is a caretaker at Elko Camp.

The first annual Catskill Mountains ice figure skating championship will be held on Sunday, January 17th, at Livingston Manor in conjunction with the 16th Annual Winter Carnival in that Sullivan County Community.

**January 1, 1981** - Airman First Class Christian D. McCarthy has graduated from the U.S. Air Force security police specialist course at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. Chris is the son of Carol Curry of Grahamsville.

Sergeant Karl D. Shader, son of Mr. and Mrs. Volney Shader of Grahamsville, has been decorated with the U.S. Army Commendation Medal at Fort Polk, La. The Army Commendation Medal is awarded to those individuals who demonstrate outstanding achievement or meritorious service in the performance of their duties on behalf of the Army.

Ethel C. Prince of Riverside Drive, Woodbourne, died Dec. 24th at the Imogene Bassett Hospital, Cooperstown. Mrs. Prince, a 45-year resident, was born April 29, 1915 in Cadosia. She was a member of the Woodbourne Reformed Church. Among the survivors were her husband, Alfred E. Prince at home; a son, Robert Prince of Woodbourne; a daughter, Edith Mierop of Red Wing, Minn.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Brooks of Sundown are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter, Brenda Lee to Robert Joseph DeVore, son of Mrs. Lucille DeVore of Woodridge and Mr. Joseph DeVore of Mountandale. A May 24th wedding is planned.

**MOODY'S INVESTOR SERVICE UPGRADES BOND RATING FOR LIBERTY CSD**

Liberty, NY - Moody's Investor Service, a credit rating agency which provides research/analysis to commercial and government entities, has assigned the Liberty Central School District an A1 bond rating, upgraded from an A2 rating. This rating applies to \$4.8 million in outstanding general obligation debt, and reflects the districts strong history of financial operations.

An A1 rating signifies the credit quality of the district is considered upper-medium grade with low credit risk. "The rating increase affirms that our fiscally conservative, proactive approach to budget management is working," said Michael B. Vanyo, Superintendent for the Liberty Central School District.

According to Moody's report on the district, the rating company believes that Liberty's financial operations will remain satisfactory given solid reserve levels recorded in recent years and the district's commitment to maintaining strong, conservative budget practices. Despite a significant reliance on state aid (43.5% of 2009 revenues), Moody's considers the district is well-positioned to weather potential future delays or cuts in state aid.

Moody's also cited the District's low debt burden, or the low amount of debt the District has outstanding, as a credit strength, even when including the debt issued for the District's Phase 1 building project. In addition, Moody's stated that the district's debt has historically been rapidly repaid, with 88% of outstanding principal currently scheduled to be repaid within 10 years.

"It is rewarding to see the positive results of the districts' long-range planning," said Liberty Central School District Business Manager Lorine Lamerand. "The collaboration and dedication of the Board of Education, Superintendent Vanyo and the business office makes good planning possible."

**HERE AND THERE**

There will be no column this week and possibly for several weeks to come due to vision problems. Be good to yourselves...and to each other. .... (pah)

**NEVERSINK NEWS - Hulda Vernooy**

Condolences to Pat Drown and her family of Neversink on the loss of her sister from Earlville, NY.

Continued get well wishes to John Noren of Neversink.

It was so good to see Josh Drown, his wife Diane and their son here from Oklahoma. They were visiting his parents, Pat and Bobby Drown of Neversink, as well as other relatives and friends.

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

**FINAL SERVICE FOR WOODBOURNE REFORMED CHURCH** (From Pg. 1)

This service will be conducted by Classis of Orange, the parent group of all local Reformed Churches in this portion of the Hudson Valley. Following the service, a reception will be held at the Ellenville Reformed Church.

The service is open to the public.

**IT'S A SCAM** (From Pg. 1)

Several families in our area, and undoubtedly thousands of people nationwide, have received such letters in recent months. The letter we saw was carefully packaged in such a way that the first piece of paper to be seen was a check made out to the addressee by name, for slightly over \$4,300. The accompanying letter was very professional in appearance and business-like in tone. It went on to explain that the recipient was the winner of a contest run by a national store chain such as Walgreen, Home Depot, Walmart, etc. with a prize of one hundred seventy thousand dollars. The recipient was directed to deposit the enclosed check immediately, then send a check or money order for \$3,950 to the address given, to cover tax payments, whereupon arrangements would be made to deliver the prize money to the winner within two to three days by personal courier.

Sounds great, doesn't it? But it took a local bank branch manager only a one-second glance at the letter to say, "It's a scam," and point out several tell-tale clues. This particular approach is only one of a wide variety of schemes designed to defraud the unwary of his savings. Remember: If it sounds too good to be true, it may very well deserve to be called A SCAM!

**TIME AND THE VALLEYS MUSEUM ARCHIVES RESEARCH** (From Pg. 1)

There will be time to look through all the old cemetery records in search of early family members. There will be books and ledgers; copies of the census; old maps; a lot of material about the building of the reservoirs; collections of old post cards and much more.

Contact Historian Carol Smythe for more information. Remember - she is at Town Hall in Grahamsville each Wednesday afternoon from 1 to 4. If you're interested in a specific topic, please call ahead.

**\$25,000 CHALLENGE SUCCESSFUL!**

The Daniel Pierce Library Board of Trustees is pleased to announce that the \$25,000 Challenge for the Library and Museum Building Project has been met! Thank you so very much for the outpouring of support for the new addition.

We are only a few months from finishing the building, but still need about \$50,000 to complete the project. The new structure is truly a testimony to all of the wonderful people who have donated their resources, time, and talents to help with its completion. Thank you for creating a Community Center for present and future generations to enjoy.

**DANIEL PIERCE LIBRARY: FIRST FRIDAY GROUP**

The First Friday Group will be meeting next on Friday, February 4th at 1:00 p.m.. The book they will be discussing is, *Anna's Book*, by Barbara Vine. Since the first meeting on January 7th was canceled, there may also be a discussion of January's selection, *Year by the Sea: Thoughts of an Unfinished Woman*, by Joan Anderson. Hey in June! Don't know where the times goes!

**TRI-VALLEY LIONS CLUB NEWS - NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2010**



*Lions Club Peace Poster created by TVCS student and this year's winner, Rachele Osnato*

Our member meeting was held on November 2nd with district 20-O District Governor Stuart Wizwer as our guest Speaker. District Governor Wizwer brought us a message from the President of the International Lions Club, to work with youth, the sight impaired, the hungry people of our area and also taking care of environmental issues in 2011.

Lions Carmen and Liza Salvemini and Lion Pauline Vetter, attended the Nov. 7th Lions Convention held at the Fishkill Holiday Inn. The results of the Peace Poster Contest were announced with our club's entrant being the district 20-o WINNER. The poster will be entered in the NYS Lions convention. Rachele Osnato was the Peace Poster artist. She received a cash prize of \$25.00 and a certificate at an assembly on Nov. 18th at the Tri-Valley Central School. Her poster will be entered in the state competition and then hopefully in the National Convention. Congratulations Rachele, a job well done, we are proud of you!!!

The December 7th meeting was held at Nardi's restaurant with a short business meeting so we could have our Holiday Party.

A check for \$1400.00 was presented to Kate Kelly and Mari Rodgers, representing the Daniel Pierce Library, from our proceeds from the soda booth at the Pumpkin Party in October. Everyone received a delicious homemade cake as a favor and to start the party we had many exciting games to challenge us, with prizes for the winners. A good time was had by all. A big thank you to Lion Carol Furman for planning our Holiday party and coming up with the wonderful mind games we were delighted to play!

Thank you to all the wonderful people who donated their glasses in our collection boxes or gave them to our Lions Members. The boxes are located at the Blue Hills Lodge in Claryville, Cannie D's in Neversink and the Catskill Hudson Bank, also the library, bank, Town Hall and Post Office in Grahamsville. Glasses are most welcome and will aid in restoring the sight of others.

Would like to thank all of you who participated in this year's Peace Poster Contest. MD 20 Peace Poster Chair, Lion Mary Claire Noakes has completed the judging and this year's winners is Rachele Osnato, age 13, from Tri-Valley Central, sponsored by the Tri-Valley Lions of District O. The 2nd place was Ralph Gutierrez, 11 years old, from Baldwin Middle School, sponsored by the Baldwin Lions Club of District K-2. The winning entry will appear on the cover of the next State Lions Magazine issue. All of the posters will be on display at the State Convention in Rochester.

**MUSIC INSTITUTE OF SULLIVAN AND ULSTER (MISU) TAKING REGISTRATION FOR SPRING SEMESTER**

The Music Institute of Sullivan and Ulster Counties, inc. (MISU), a non profit 501c3 organization, is now taking registration for the spring semester beginning the week of January 10th. Located in Ulster Heights and running a string program since 2002, has expanded and also offers piano and voice. Registration for private instruction in violin, viola,

piano and voice, group instruction in music theory/history, or to join the community chamber orchestra (meeting in the Ellenville Community Library) can be done on line by visiting our website at [www.misucatskills.org](http://www.misucatskills.org). or by phoning 845.647.5087.

**SULLIVAN NYCONNECTS: Choices for Long Term Care A Single Point of Entry for Long Term Care**

The Long Term Care Council is the advisory board for SULLIVAN NYCONNECTS, the single Point of Entry for information on long term care services in Sullivan County.

The next meeting of the Long Term Care Council will be Wednesday, January 19, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Legislative Committee Room (2nd floor) in the Sullivan County Government Center. Meetings of the Long Term Care Council are open to the public.

For further information about the Long Term Care Council, please contact Martha Scoppa, Point of Entry Coordinator, SULLIVAN NYCONNECTS, Office for the Aging, 100 North Street, P.O. Box 5012, Monticello, New York 12701 or (845) 807-0257.

**BLACK ALDER BUSH**

By Peggy DeWire



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

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

these, Peggy?"

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

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



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



Black Alder or Winterberry is a many-stemmed bush that grows 10-15 feet high on moist ground in full sun. Its leaves

are oval bright glossy green until the first frost when they turn black and all off. Young leaves are so sticky and gummy that they inspired the Black Alder family's Latin name *Alnus glutinosa*.

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

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

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

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

## The Olive Branch



**FROM THE OTHER SIDE OF THE MOUNTAIN-** *No News this week other than we had as much snow as they did on this side of the mountain!*

### PHOENICIA ROTARY -WINTER WEEKEND ON THE HORIZON - Cindy Johansen

Currently, the Phoenicia Rotary consists of approximately 25 full-time members and three honorary members. If you missed my first article, Rotary is a service organization, made up of community volunteers that provides help to the communities around it on a local level - but also on a national level by the funds it raises. The eradication of polio, providing a means to get or produce clean water to areas of the world that do not otherwise have clean water and by providing temporary shelter to those in natural disaster areas - like earthquakes, tsunamis, mud slides, hurricanes and the like - to name just a few.

A portion of each Rotarian's annual dues is kept at Rotary International for these purposes - and then additional funds are solicited each year by the Rotary Foundation to help with these projects. Rotary impressed me because it uses less than 10% of its funds for administrative costs. Unlike many other organizations, Administration is not the focus in Rotary. Communities and People are.

One special part of Rotary that I enjoy the most is the Exchange Program. Children from our area can apply to study in High School in a foreign country - usually of their choice, though sometimes, not all first choices are available. Young Adults from all over the world are also brought to our country to be hosted by Rotary Clubs here. The Rotary Club that sponsors an exchange student going out, is usually hosting an exchange student coming in. Phoenicia Rotary has been part of this program since 1976, and has hosted young adults from New Zealand, India, Sweden, Denmark, Russia, Germany, Czech Republic, Brazil and Taiwan. We've sent students interested in studying abroad to Germany, Mexico, Poland, Switzerland, Brazil, France, Russia, Taiwan and Spain. We take this mission very seriously, and our inbound and outbound students are monitored closely with contact by the Exchange Committee as well as by the clubs involved. The students are required to be involved in several weekend gatherings - some for educational purposes - but all weekends provide a chance for the students to be together forming lasting friendships that will go on with them throughout their lives. After all, they are all in the same boat. They are all far from home, they are all learning to cope in a new school environment and they fast become support for each other. There are currently two students from the Ontario School District going through the process for being outbound students next fall. One will be sponsored by Phoenicia Rotary, the other will be sponsored by another local Rotary Club. The district will always attempt to place all students who are interested in being a part of this very worthwhile opportunity.

The Host Clubs (inbound students) provide three families for the student to live with during the course of the 10 months they are here. With or without children of their own, these families are most often in for a treat. Students attend school just as everyone else does and they are expected to pass their courses and participate just like everyone else does. They get involved with sports, band, chorus, and any number of different activities that interest them. The sharing of this responsibility among three families is to provide the student with a well rounded experience. It is very rare that a student goes home before the year is up, though it is always a possibility. As carefully as each student is interviewed and prepared for this experience, there are times when a student is obviously not doing well for any number of reasons. Arrangements are made within days to have any student experiencing a difficult time reunited with their families. No student is sent abroad to an area that does not have a Rotary Club present. There will always be a contact aside from the host families that a student 'lives' with during their time abroad. Over the years, many of the students who have come here, continue to return and visit with the families who became a part of their lives. Many of the families here, have traveled to the native lands of their inbound student, enjoying weddings, meeting other family members, and becoming forever a part of each other's lives.

For many years now, Phoenicia Rotary has been host to a Winter Weekend for all exchange students in our Rotary District. There are 67 clubs in our district ranging from Greenville, NY to Toms River, NJ. On average, there will be 9-12 exchange students staying with clubs in our district. That means 9-12 students from all over the world will be descending on Phoenicia the end of January 2011 so that they can enjoy a weekend of learning and fun, while getting together with all the exchange students living in the

district. Students will be arriving on the evening of Jan 28 at a locally designated area, where dinner is provided, and a brief gathering before being sent home with local volunteer families - usually 2-3 of them at each home - for the weekend. Saturday, they spend the morning and early afternoon learning how to rappel from the Sundance Tower (Route 214) and if past years are any indication, this has become a popular part of the weekend, despite the colder temperatures for doing this type of activity! Saturday afternoon is free time for a couple of hours - and then dinner, usually at a member's home, where each of the students are expected to give a 5-10 minute presentation about themselves and the country they come from. On Sunday morning, bright and early, all the kids are transported to Belleayre Mountain for a day of skiing. Even if they have never skied before, they all are open to trying. Rentals, including helmets, boots and lessons are provided. Lunch is served in a reserved area where the kids can come in and eat, rest, warm up and eventually wait for their regular host families to pick up their student at the close of the day. Several Phoenicia Rotarians spend the day to be sure the kids are watched over, and all are accounted for at the end of the day. It's truly a fantastic weekend. One that I look forward to being part of each year. If you would like to know more - or learn more about the Student Exchange program - please feel free to contact [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org) where you can find out more including a listing of any of the local clubs in this area.



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

Hi folks,

Happy New Year and welcome to my second column for The Townsman. Being as I'm still new to this column writing stuff, I'm just now getting the knack of writing a week ahead to meet deadlines. As a result, there were some happening shows and events last weekend that I neglected to include in last week's column, most notably, the Gregg Allman Band at UPAC Saturday night and Patti Rothberg at Harmony Woodstock on Friday night. Sorry about that oversight. I'll try to do better in the future and make sure that nothing worthwhile goes unmentioned in this column, so you can do one stop shopping for your live music needs, right here.

On that note, there's a couple of shows coming up at The Bearsville Theater that should be pretty great. The first one is this Saturday, January 15. It's the opening night of a new series at the theater that will be a tribute to artists whose body of work have influenced the music scene from the 50's to the present, with no regard for genre. As the theater puts it in their description, "from Muddy Waters to Roger Waters, Haggard to Jagger, Warren Z to Jay Z." Opening night will be a tribute to the great Warren Zevon, with a house band consisting of A list Woodstock musicians and special guests. With a low ticket price of \$10.00, this is an event not to be missed.

Following up on the next Thursday, January 20, is the Woodstock debut of a couple of great bands from California and New York City, The Malibooz and The Doughboys. The Malibooz is primarily a surf band that has been together for 40 years, since the members were in high school together, but their latest CD is a tribute to the British Invasion of the 1960's that was spearheaded by The Beatles, Rolling Stones, and The Dave Clark Five, amongst others. They went to the world famous Abbey Road Studios in London to record, and pulled in the likes of Spencer Davis, Donovan, Chad and Jeremy, Tony Hicks of The Hollies, Andrew Loog Oldham, and members of The Troggs and The Shadows as guests. The album is a genuine and authentic tribute to the Malibooz musical influences.

The Malibooz includes Walter Egan, best known for his million selling top ten hit of 1978, "Magnet and Steel", an American Music Awards nominee for Song of the Year, produced by Lindsey Buckingham and Stevie Nicks. Stevie also sang on the record, and, now revealed here for the first time, the song was actually written about Stevie. But that's only the beginning of Walter's resume. He has been a member of Spirit, Jackson Browne Band, Linda Ronstadt Band, The Brooklyn Cowboys, and has a long and illustrious solo career. Walter's partner in The Malibooz, Johnny Zambetti, fronts one of the "top ten LA bands", according to Music Connection magazine. Together, The Malibooz songs have appeared in over 30 movies and television shows. Opening for The Malibooz will be New Jersey's The Doughboys, three time winner of Little Steven's Underground Garage Coolest Song of the Week, and Number 3 band on Little Steven's Coolest Song of the Year list.

More information about these and other shows coming up at the Bearsville Theater can be found on their website, [www.bearsvilletheater.com](http://www.bearsvilletheater.com).

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This just in - Due to Friday's snowstorm, the Pitchfork Militia show at The Fernwood in Palenville has been re-scheduled for Friday, January 14 at 9 PM. This promises to be a very special performance as the show is dedicated to Pitchfork frontman Peter Head's close friend, Dennis Lucas, an artist and musician, who passed away just before the New Year. For those of you who couldn't make it to The Basement on New Year's Eve, this is your chance to see and hear a great psychobilly band. There's a reason these guys have such a strong and loyal following. They're the rockinest band in the Hudson Valley, and The Fernwood is a great place to see them. The place drips with character. Enjoy your week and keep rockin'.

### COMPLETION AT BOICEVILLE!



A home on DeSilva Road was the last of 126 properties to be connected to the new Boiceville wastewater treatment system on January 6. Construction of the sewage collection network, wastewater treatment plant and stormwater treatment system has been going on for two years, coordinated under the CWC's Community Wastewater Management Program. This grease trap (above) at the Boiceville Inn was installed on January 5.

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## LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES

**TOWN OF NEVERSINK  
NOTICE: ALTERNATE MEMBER POSITION  
AVAILABLE ON THE PLANNING BOARD  
AND ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

The Town of Neversink announces Alternate Member positions available on the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals. The alternate member to both Boards will serve when a regular member is unable to participate on an application or matter before their respective Board.

The Alternate Member of the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals will be appointed by the Town Board for a term of three years, with the terms to expire on December 31 of the third year after the date of their appointment. All provisions of state law relating to Planning Board member eligibility, vacancy in office, removal, compatibility of office and service on other board, as well as any provisions of a local law/local ordinance relating to training, continuing education, compensation and attendance, shall also apply to alternate members.

Please send a letter of interest to Greg Goldstein, Supervisor, Town of Neversink, PO Box 307, Grahamsville, NY 12740 or drop it off at the Town Hall. Letters of interest should be received by January 31, 2011. Please address any questions to Greg Goldstein, Supervisor at (845)985-2262, ext. 301.

12/16; 1/6; 1/ 20

**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 2011.

Taxes will be collected at the Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Road, Claryville, N.Y. 12725 on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M., and at the Catskill Hudson Bank, in the Annie 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 at the Sundown Church Hall on Tuesday, January 25, 2011 and on Saturday January 29, 2011 the Denning Town Hall from 10A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

**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 FURTHER 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 2011.

Joy Ann Monforte  
Tax Collector  
Town of Denning  
December 15, 2010

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**NOTICE**

Please Take Notice that the Town Board of the Town of Neversink, on December 29, 2010 adopted a Resolution establishing the Grahamsville Sewer District No. 1 ("Sewer District"), setting forth the boundaries thereof, determining that the Notice of Public Hearing thereon was published and posted as required by law, and except to the extent of the portion of the sewer district constructed by the City of New York pursuant to Chapter 621 of the Laws of 1946 and a June 3, 1948 agreement between the Town of Neversink and the City of New York, determining that all property and property owners within the Sewer District are benefited there-

by, determining that all of the property and property owners benefited are included within the limits of the Sewer District, and determining that the establishment of the Sewer District is in the public interest.

Please Take Further Notice that the aforesaid Order was adopted subject to permissive referendum.

Lisa Garigliano, Town Clerk  
January 7, 2011

1/13/11

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Please take notice that the Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing, pursuant to Section 267, Town Law, on the application of Ted Connolly for an Area Variance at 119 Smith Lane and 22 Kloth Drive, Grahamsville, NY 12740. (ZBA #28-1-15.37) Mr. Connolly is requesting a variance for relief from §50-8 - Lot Size Regulations.

Said hearing will take place at the Neversink Town Hall, Grahamsville, NY on Tuesday, January 18, 2011 at 7:30 P.M. at which time all interested parties will be given an opportunity to be heard.

BY ORDER OF  
THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS  
TOWN OF NEVERSINK  
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1/13/11

**PLEASE NOTE:**

The Claryville Fire District organizational meeting scheduled for Tuesday January 11th at 7:00PM has been rescheduled to Wednesday January 12th at 7:00 pm

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**TOWN OF NEVERSINK RESIDENTS The  
NYS Ag & Markets Law requires that all  
dogs 4 mos. & older must be licensed.**

During January and February 2011, the Town of Neversink will be conducting a Census of all dogs & puppies harbored within the Town. Each resident will receive a letter/form in their 2011 property tax bill in January. If the property taxes are paid by a bank/mortgage company, those residents will receive their letter/form with their receipt of payment in February. If you are a landlord please pass the letter/form on to all your tenants who reside on your property. All residents of the Town of Neversink are required to fill out the affidavit as to whether any dogs are harbored at the residence. If your dog is not licensed, you will be required to do so. Fees are \$2.50 if spayed/neutered plus a one-time \$5 penalty. If your dog is not spayed/neutered, the fee is \$10.50 plus a one-time \$5.00 penalty. Violations shall be subject to a fine, not to be less than \$25.00 per dog. You will need proof of rabies vaccination & spay/neutering.

For information call Town Clerk Lisa Garigliano at 985-2262 x307.

**SULLIVAN LEGISLATURE TO CALL  
FOR LOCAL PREFERENCE RULES FOR  
PROCUREMENT OF GOODS AND SERVICES**

Monticello - Legislature Chairman Jonathan F. Rouis announced that the Sullivan County Legislature will call on the New York State Legislature to provide for Local Preference Rules for the procurement of goods and services. "The current economic downturn being experienced by Sullivan County, as a result of the continued "Great Recession", is adversely affecting local business through a reduction in business activity and a concomitant loss of jobs," said Rouis.

The Community and Economic Development Committee will consider a resolution that requests the State Legislature to provide local governments the ability to provide for local preference rules for procurement of goods and services. There are millions of dollars worth of contracts for goods and services are expended by Sullivan County each year that are necessary to perform essential functions of Sullivan County government. "the award of such contracts to

individuals or entities outside of both Sullivan County and the Hudson Valley at a time when Sullivan County is experiencing an economic downturn and less economic activity than many neighboring regions have achieved tends to exacerbate the economic difficulty currently experienced in Sullivan County," said Legislator Elwin "Woody" Wood, Chairman of the Community and Economic Development Committee.

The purpose of permitting local governments to provide for local preference procurement rules is to limit the award of such contracts to individuals or entities located and doing business within Sullivan County, when practical and with the best interests of the County and to promote the use of local businesses as County vendors and consultants so as to encourage increased economic activity in Sullivan County and the Hudson Valley by putting County tax dollars to work at home "We need to take care of our residents, and not only the businesses, but also the people that they employ. Good Business practices starts on the home front," added Legislator Jodi I. Goodman, Chairman of the Management and Budget Committee.

"As elected officials, we are constantly frustrated when told we cannot award contracts to those who pay taxes here, because they are smaller operations, who cannot compete with mega companies. The mega companies take their money OUT of Sullivan County - that is my complaint," concluded Legislator Leni C. Binder, Minority Leader.

**GOVERNOR CUOMO NOMINATES  
JOSEPH MARTENS AS NYS DEC COM-  
MISSIONER**

Governor Cuomo's office announced that Joseph Martens will be nominated to serve as Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Conservation. Joe Martens has served as president of The Open Space Institute directing and overseeing land acquisition, sustainable development, historic preservation and farmland protection. Previously, Mr. Martens served as Deputy Secretary to the Governor for Energy and the Environment from 1992-94 and before that Assistant Secretary from 1990-92.

Joe Martens has served on the Board of a number of organizations including the Chair of the Catskill Mountainkeeper Advisory Board. Governor Cuomo has sited Martens' ability to strike a critical balance between the importance of the environment and commerce in order to protect the environment while fostering economic growth.

The Catskill Mountainkeeper considers Martens as a practical person arriving at the right time to guide us through a critical period in New York's history.

"Joe's lifelong experience of fighting to protect and preserve our environment will bring the highest level of stewardship to our state's beautiful natural resources. Joe knows how to strike the critical balance between defending our natural resources from pollution and destruction while at the same time fostering a climate of economic renewal and growth. His experience and record as a competent and productive manager will breathe life into this vital agency." Governor Cuomo said.

**HINCHEY APPLAUDS CUOMO'S CHOICE  
OF MARTENS FOR DEC**

Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) released the following statement applauding Governor Andrew Cuomo's appointment of Joe Martens as Commissioner of New York State's Department of Environmental Conservation.

"Governor Cuomo has made an outstanding decision in appointing Joe Martens to head the state's Department of Environmental Conservation. I've worked with Joe over the years on a range of issues and have consistently found him to be a strong ally in the effort to safeguard New York's environmental resources. I look forward to working with Joe in his new role as DEC Commissioner."

**2011 AG DAY FOR SULLIVAN AND  
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Cornell Cooperative Extension of Sullivan County is pleased to announce that Ag Day will be held on Monday, February 21st at the Delaware Valley Youth Center in Callicoon, NY from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM. This event is co-sponsored with Pennsylvania State University Cooperative Extension, Wayne County to better service our regions producers.

Ag Day is a trade show and educational event that has been an ongoing program celebrating its 25th Anniversary in 2011. Over 30 agribusinesses and non-profit organizations will be on hand to discuss their products and services available to the local dairy and livestock industry.

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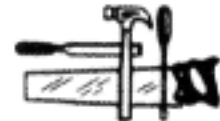
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**RALLY NEW YORK EVENTS IN 2011**

Rally New York, Ltd. has announced that the second edition of New York Winter Rally, a snow rally that allows studded tires, full reconnaissance and pace notes: (http://www.rallynew-york.net/nywr2011.html) has been cancelled.

The organizer invoked Article 3.12 of Supplementary Regulations on the grounds that an insufficient number of entries was received by the close of regular entry on December 30. The entry fees received to date have been refunded in full. As an added difficulty, continuing logging keeps destroying a section of the road purpose-built by Rally New York, Ltd. for the event.

The next event is all-tarmac Rally New York USA now tentatively scheduled for March 25 - 26, 2011. The exact dates will be announced shortly.

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Loch Sheldrake, NY - The Eastern States Classic wrestling tournament will be held on the campus of SUNY Sullivan on January 14 and 15. 800 High School wrestlers from 72 schools across nine states will be coming to the college to compete. Tournament matches will take place inside the Paul F. Gerry Fieldhouse. Matches will be held from 10:00 am until 10:00 pm on Friday. Competition will resume on Saturday at 9:00 am and continue until the championship match at 3:00 pm. Directions to the college can be found online at [www.sunysullivan.edu](http://www.sunysullivan.edu). For information regarding the campus, surrounding area or the tournament itself please contact the college's Athletics Department at (845) 434-5750 (extension 4294). SUNY Sullivan - founded in 1962 - is a two-year community college and a unit of the State University of New York. Its academic offerings include over 40 associate degree and certificate programs, as well as a variety of continuing education and specialty courses. Instruction is available on our 405-acre campus in Loch Sheldrake for both commuter and resident students, online and through the college's distance learning program.

**CWC BOARD EXPRESSES CONCERN FOR BELLEAYRE AND AREA BUSINESS**  
(From Pg. 1)

The measure was forwarded to the full Board by the CWC Economic Development Committee, which expressed concern about the budget woes facing Belleayre and the ripple effect the ski center's problems may have on local businesses and on the CWC's loan fund. "Thirteen businesses that have received \$3,375,000 in loans from the Catskill Fund for the Future are directly affected by Belleayre," explained CWC Economic Development Director Michael Triolo. "That's 12 percent of our loan portfolio." The resolution also expresses CWC concern for some 45 Belleayre employees facing job and salary cuts, "causing great hardship for those employees and their families, and severely impacting the economy of the Central Catskills." Executive Director Rosa added that Belleayre, and privately owned ski centers in the region, are key to maintaining a tourism and recreation-based economy in the Catskills. "The uncertainty we're seeing at Belleayre is not conducive to building a tourist economy," Rosa said. "We need more stability there." Rosa will preside at an upcoming meeting of interested parties to investigate operational models for Belleayre that do not leave it as vulnerable to the vagaries of State funding. Belleayre is operated by the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) which has suffered drastic budget cutbacks. Among those attending the Economic Development

Committee meeting in December was Gary Gales of the Belleayre Conservatory, a concert series that has attracted thousands of music lovers to the ski center for the past 20 summers. Gales noted that while the immediate focus is on staffing cutbacks and how they will impact operations this ski season, he is concerned that those cuts may negatively affect the popular concert series next summer and erode the progress that has been made over two decades in establishing Belleayre as a four-season destination.

The CWC resolution has been sent to Governor Andrew Cuomo, the DEC Commissioner and other regional and state entities.

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**SHADOWLAND THEATRE BROKE BOX-OFFICE RECORDS IN 2010** (From Pg. 1)

According to Burke, now in his sixth season leading the Hudson Valley theater located 100 miles northwest of Times Square, Shadowland's 2010 summer season was a success for the sixth year in a row, this at a time when leading regional non-profit theaters in the US, as well as off-Broadway troupes, struggled at the box office and in many cases, suffered a serious drop in annual donations.

For 2010, the 148-seat theater saw a 6% rise in total box-office sales over 2009's record-breaking season; 47% of the June to early October season's performances were sold out; and overall attendance for the season was at 91% of total seating capacity, a new high for Shadowland. Private and corporate donations also saw a dramatic rise, increasing 123%.

Says Burke, "Despite the economy, we believe we grew in 2010 because Shadowland continues to represent an affordable option and experience for people throughout the Lower Hudson Valley. Rather than deal with the expense, traffic and time traveling to New York City for theatre, our audiences appreciate the high quality, not to mention box-office value, of productions at Shadowland, which helped generate a 12.5% increase in single-ticket sales alone."

The June to October 2010 season included "Two Jews Walk into a War," a new comedy based on actual events play by Seth Rosin; "Guest Artist," a comic drama by stage and film star Jeff Daniels, starring John Astin (Gomez Addams in the ABC TV series, "The Addams Family"); "The Marvelous Wonderettes," the off-Broadway musical hit by Roger Bean; "Red Herring," theatre noir farce by Michael Hollinger; and "Yankee Tavern," a new comic thriller by Steven Dietz.

In July 2010, the theater also opened new downtown housing in Ellenville for casts and crew, complete with seven bedrooms, three baths, fully equipped kitchen and living room, after gutting and fully renovating a two-story house donated by Provident Bank, supported by private and corporate donations.

The 2011 season will be announced in April, adds Burke. "It's gratifying to wrap up another successful season, this year renewing our energy and purpose to improve our 90-year old Art Deco theater with new dressing rooms backstage, new heating and air-conditioning system and added seating, financed through a capital campaign we're formally kicking off this winter, that plus expanded programming beginning next fall. Once again, it's a great time to be in Ellenville."

**About Shadowland Theatre**  
Shadowland Theatre is the leading professional nonprofit Actors' Equity company in the Lower Hudson Valley/Catskill Mountain region. Located 90 miles from New York City in Ellenville, NY Shadowland was named "Best Theatre" in 2004 and 2005 in the "Best of the Valley" award program by Hudson Valley Magazine; "2006 Cultural Business of the Year" by Ulster Development Corporation and Ulster County Chamber of Commerce; "Best Theatre 2006" by the Times Herald Record; and "Best



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"Drama of the Year" by The Daily Record in NJ for The Good German. Founded in 1984, Shadowland performs in a restored 1920's Art Deco vaudeville/movie house converted to a 148-seat theatre. For more information, visit [www.shadowlandtheatre.org](http://www.shadowlandtheatre.org).

**GRANTS APPROVED FOR THREE COMMUNITY WASTEWATER PROJECTS**

MARGARETVILLE, NY - The hamlets of Trout Creek and South Kortright in Delaware County and Lexington in Greene County are expected to move forward with the design of municipal wastewater treatment projects using block grants approved January 4 by the Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC) Board of Directors.

The grants, totaling \$20.5 million, were established following studies in each community conducted by Lamont Engineers, which coordinates the CWC's Community Wastewater Management Program (CWMP). This program has developed community septic systems in Bovina, Hamden and Bloomville; a septic maintenance district in Delancey; and a wastewater treatment plant in Boiceville. A Small Diameter Gravity System (SDGS) is currently under construction in Ashland.

The proposed projects, agreed to by NYC Environmental Protection, require approval of the respective Town Boards. They include: Trout Creek: \$6.5 million block grant for a 16,000-gallon-per-day SDGS which will send wastewater from 53 properties to three subsurface leach fields, retaining solids in individual septic tanks that will be regularly pumped and maintained.

South Kortright: \$4.9 million block grant for a proposed conventional sewer system allowing 20,000 gallons of waste per day from 55 properties to be pumped to the Hobart wastewater treatment plant.

Lexington: \$9.1 million block grant for a 19,000-gallon-per-day SDGS in which wastewater from 56 properties will be sent to a leach field, and will also be subjected to additional sand filtration. Solids will be retained in individual septic tanks that will be regularly pumped and maintained. The on-site septic system at the Lexington Hotel will be treated as a separate septic maintenance district.

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**CAS ARTS CENTER-NEW EXHIBITION: FIGURE/GROUND**

**January 22 - February 27, 2011 - Figure / Ground**

The Catskill Art Society is proud to present Figure / Ground, a new exhibition featuring the work of three local artists, Richard Brachman, Richard J. Kreznar and GG Stankiewicz at the CAS Arts Center at 48 Main Street in Livingston Manor, NY. CAS Gallery hours for this exhibition are Thursday - Saturday, 11am - 6pm, and Sunday, 11am - 3pm. The CAS Arts Center is wheelchair accessible.

**Saturday, January 22, 2011 2pm - Artists' Talk**

CAS will host an artists' talk for Figure / Ground from 2pm - 3pm on Saturday, January 22, 2011. The event is free and open to the public.

**Saturday, January 22, 2011 3pm - 5pm - Opening Reception**

CAS will host an opening reception for the exhibit, Figure / Ground on Saturday, January 22, 2011 from 3pm - 5pm. All are welcome and light refreshments will be served.

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.



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**ALLIANCE GALLERY 2012 EXHIBITION CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS**

Alliance Gallery in Narrowsburg, NY is calling for submissions for solo, group, or curated shows in 2012. The Alliance Gallery program priority is to exhibit high quality work by professional and emerging artists who live part-time or full-time in the Mid-Hudson, Catskill, or Upper Delaware River regions. All media and styles are considered, as are installations and proposals by curators. There is no submission fee. The deadline for submissions is Friday, January 21, 2011.

Interested artists should submit:  
o Ten to 12 images of recent works as jpeg images on CD at 300 dpi, approximately 8" x 12", labeled with title or number only. (If your jpegs do not represent the work that you want to show, please describe your concept in a cover letter or proposal.)

o A one-page itemized list corresponding to the numbered slides/jpegs listing the title, medium, date, and size of each work.  
o A one-page résumé or description of your art background.  
o A one-page detailed proposal if your work is of a conceptual nature; or, if you are a curator, a proposal describing the curatorial concept, accompanied by support materials (i.e. images, resumé, etc.)  
o A SASE (self-addressed, stamped envelope) for return of any materials.  
Send to: Alliance Gallery, P.O. Box 170, Narrowsburg, NY 12764

Jurying is based solely on the jpegs, so it is important to submit consistent, high-quality images. As the jurors change each year, it is strongly recommended that artists keep applying even if their work has not been chosen in the past. Artists who have exhibited in one- or two-person shows at Alliance Gallery are welcome to reapply after a two-year period.

For a PDF of the Alliance Gallery submission guidelines, visit [ArtsAllianceSite.org](http://ArtsAllianceSite.org). For more information, call the gallery director Rocky Pinciotti at (845) 252-757

**"BE MINE ALSO" AN EXHIBITION ABOUT LOVE AT ALLIANCE GALLERY**

"Be Mine Also," Alliance Gallery's third annual exhibition of photographs, poetry, and "poem objects" celebrating the universal theme of love, opens on Saturday, January 29, 2011 with an opening reception from 2-4 p.m. The exhibit runs throughout the Valentine's Day season, closing on Saturday, February 19.

"This is the first exhibition of our 2011 season and it really starts the year off with the warmth that is needed in the chilly month of January," says Alliance Gallery director Rocky Pinciotti. "It is a festive group event where writers, photographers, art lovers, and romantics gather in the gallery to see touching images and hear moving poems to start off the Valentine season."

The exhibition includes artwork inspired by ideas of romance, beauty, cupid, friends, family, the heart, art, love lost or found, and the concept of Valentine's Day in general. The photographers images run the gambit from romantic scenes to abstract images that imply love.

Mary Greene of the Upper Delaware Writers Collective and the River Reporter curated the poetry portion of the exhibition. Along with a printed program which includes each poem, the poets will create "poem objects" to sculpturally illustrate the concept of their prose. Each poet will also recite their poem during the opening reception.

This exhibit, free and open to the public, is sponsored by the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance, the Arts Council for Sullivan County, NY, and is made possible in part with funding from the Visual Arts Program of the New York State Council on the Arts.

Alliance Gallery is located at the Delaware Arts Center at 37 Main Street, Narrowsburg, NY. Hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information about the exhibit call (845) 252-7576 or visit [www.ArtsAllianceSite.org](http://www.ArtsAllianceSite.org).

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**CROSS RIVER FINE ART AND A SOLO SHOW BY BETSY JACARUSO AT ASK**

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The CWC Board of Directors recently adopted a measure allowing reimbursement for septic repairs done between January 1 and December 31, 2010 that were not within priority areas for the regular Septic Repair and Rehabilitation Program. Adequate monies in the program fund allows the CWC to make this assistance available at year's end.

Homeowners who can show proof that repairs were completed, were approved by NYC Environmental Protection and were paid for may fill out a CWC form to request reimbursement. Call 845-586-1400 to obtain this form.

The ongoing Septic Program can help homeowners located within 250 feet of a watercourse in the Catskill-Delaware Watershed. If you are experiencing difficulties with your on-site system, call the number above for information on how to participate in the program in 2011.

Homes that were constructed after November 2, 1995 are not eligible for this program.

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**APPLY FOR STREAM GRANTS**

Streamside landowners throughout the West-of-Hudson watershed have until January 15 to apply for planning and planting assistance through the Catskill Streamside Buffer Initiative (CSBI).

Additional Funding for infrastructure improvements, education, recreation enhancement, habitat improvement and other stream-based projects is also available in the Schoharie Basin (application deadline February 1); and in the Ashokan Basin (proposals accepted throughout the year.) January 31 is the pre-application deadline for Delaware Basin programs such as education, outreach, training, planning and assessment.

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**AUERBACH BEGINS SECOND TERM**  
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Present to witness the oath were Auerbach's eight staff members as well as County Executive Michael Hein, Sheriff Paul VanBlarcum, Commissioner of Finance Paul Hewitt and Adele Reiter, Chief of Staff to the Executive

"I wanted a simple ceremony and it was most important to me to have my staff present," said Auerbach. "They have played an integral role in our mission to protect the public interest and serve as an independent agency of the people."

Auerbach is Ulster County's first comptroller having won the 2008 election for the new position. The county's charter phases the comptroller's position into a regular four-year term. The comptroller's first term was a two-year term (2009-2010); the current term will be three years (2011-2013); the next term starting in 2014 and every term thereafter will be four-year terms.

**SUNY SULLIVAN'S NEW SOLAR PANELS POWER ENERGY AND LEARNING** (From Pg. 1)



The 3kW (kilowatt) solar panels are connected to the NYSEG grid. The electric energy produced by the panels is purchased by NYSEG. The solar panel system design and installation were sourced locally. The college worked with Light House Solar (New Paltz).

According to Fisher, even though the solar panel system is small in comparison to ones used in the electric energy industry, the SUNY Sullivan solar panels do produce viable electric energy.

"Even on cloudy days," Fisher said, "the solar panels are holding their own."

The new solar panels are part of SUNY Sullivan's sustainability complex which includes the Community Garden and the ongoing Straw Bale project. The college also has existing solar thermal panels that provide hot water.

Next up on the college's path to ultimate sustainability will be the installation of small wind turbines. These working turbines will also be integrated into the college's curriculum.

**STATEMENT OF SENATOR JOHN J. BONACIC** (From Pg. 1)

"The Governor's message that we cannot tax our way into prosperity and we must enable the private sector to be competitive again are messages I strongly agree with. I know this year will be one of complaining by the special interests. In better times, New York could afford the spending that those special interests want. However, now, the focus must be on continuing an economic recovery. The path to economic recovery, is a vibrant private sector. A stronger private sector comes by ending the crushing burden of over regulation and taxes that New York's small business community faces."

"In addition, the Governor's focus on property tax reform is also well received. Since 2006, the Senate, under both Republican and Democratic leadership has passed various forms of property tax reform. Assembly Democrats can no longer say "no" to property tax reform. Their hiding behind Sheldon Silver for their failures is not acceptable - they are the ones who make Sheldon Silver the Speaker."

"I also appreciate and agree with the Governor's message on ethics reform. Challenging those in charge to change for the better is difficult, but necessary. I look forward to partnering with Governor Cuomo to introduce and pass the legislation needed to change the culture of corruption New York has become infamous for. Passing legislation, however, will require not just the Senate and Governor, but also the Assembly."

"2011 will be a year of tremendous financial challenge. Andrew Cuomo was elected with a mandate for change. I join him in wanting the overwhelming number of changes he is seeking, and look forward to working with him to accomplish our goals."

**LIBERTY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT ATTENDS STATE OF THE STATE ADDRESS** (From Pg. 1)



Ms. Burke also met with Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther after the State of the State Address.

In an effort to drive home the message that his administration would 'do things differently,' Governor Andrew Cuomo held the event at the Albany Convention Center instead of the State Capitol. For the first time since 1928, the public was invited to attend and internet-age technology was used to help deliver the presentation. In addition, one student representing every county in the state was invited to attend the address, and Liberty was chosen to represent Sullivan County.

"We were honored to be one of 62 districts out of the over 700 schools in New York State chosen for this privilege," said Liberty Superintendent Michael B. Vanyo. "Governor Cuomo's staff praised Liberty for the positive changes they are seeing in our district, and that is a reflection on everyone -students, faculty, administration and our community."

Governor Cuomo's transition team asked Vanyo to select a senior who had leadership qualities and who represented the district, community and county in the most positive light. As a result, a committee was assembled and Megahn Burke was selected. "When Mr. Vanyo told me, I couldn't grasp the concept that it was one person from the entire county and that person was me. It was truly an honor," explains Megahn.

An active participant in both school and community, Megahn is senior class president, a member of the Student Liaison and numerous groups including National Honor Society, Go Green, SADD and Honors Orchestra. In addition, she is a member of the varsity soccer, basketball and softball teams and is a participant in the travel soccer team, Liberty United.

Ms. Burke also participates in a number of community service projects and was chosen to be a part of the New York East HOBY (Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership) organization and attended the Albert Schwietzer's HOBY World Leadership Congress in Washington, DC in 2009 and the Leadership for Life program in Dublin, Ireland this past June.

In addition to attending the State of the State Address, Megahn was invited to meet with State Senator John J. Bonacic and Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther to discuss the speech and the events of the day.

"Amazing," is how Megahn described the experience. "The Governor made the speech very personable. Everyone in the audience was very attentive and I think it made a good impact on the public." But like most New Yorkers, Megahn is a realist. "I just hope he can follow through on all of the innovative ideas he proposed. We need change, but it has to be a sincere effort on everyone's part."

**CAHILL REACTS TO GOVERNOR CUOMO'S FIRST STATE OF THE STATE ADDRESS**

"Today, Governor Andrew Cuomo delivered his first State of the State address to a New York still struggling with economic uncertainty and suffering from a crisis of confidence in their government. The Governor called on us to seize this moment as an opportunity to restore the people's faith by working to completely reinvent government and return New York State to the national leader it once was. Together, we can address the systemic issues plaguing the budget, reduce the size of our institutions, lower the tax burden on our residents and focus on bringing jobs back to our great state.

"A chief concern is to curb state spending and deliver stability to New York's overburdened residents. We must first and foremost work to promptly

pass a responsible budget that makes smart cuts without impacting the quality of vital services New Yorkers on which depend. The budget should be used as a vehicle to begin to reform our outdated bureaucracy. The Governor has pledged to consolidate and streamline our state agencies and authorities to bring about more efficient and effective programs. We should not stop at the state level; we must bring these concepts to all levels of government -- especially our schools, as I have proposed.

"The Governor recognizes that communities across the state are being crushed by property taxes. I applaud his willingness to take aggressive action to get a handle on this crisis. However, a property tax cap by itself will not solve the problem. We need to give our schools the tools to actually start cutting costs without sacrificing the quality of our children's education. I am encouraged by the Governor's plan to provide the resources our schools need to develop best practices with regard to performance and shared services. I have asked the Executive to consider two proposals I have introduced that work toward developing a statewide action plan for consolidation of school districts and administrative services and pursuing alternate means of financing public education in New York State. My bills, the 21st Century Schools Act (A.416) and the Equity in Education Act (A.447), focus on ensuring the maintenance of our valuable, constructive education system while easing, and subsequently eliminating, the burden of rising, regressive property taxes as a means of funding.

"There is no doubt that the inexcusable actions of a few have cast a shadow over state government. Meaningful changes to the culture in Albany are essential to our ability to govern. As Attorney General, Governor Cuomo built an impressive record of taking on those who would attempt to defraud taxpayers for their own personal gain. Today the Executive presented an exhaustive list of reforms that will once again restore confidence in our institutions. Throughout my tenure in public service, I have worked to change business as usual in Albany. The Assembly has acted time and again on strengthening our ethics laws, opening up the budget process and reforming our campaign finance system. I look forward to working with the new Governor to finally bring about the changes the Assembly has long championed.

"The Executive's plan to rebuild New York is rooted in the development of a one-stop approach to economic development that will take full advantage of our regional assets and unrivaled higher education system. This is consistent with my approach to building a new energy economy. I am committed to building a strong partnership with the Governor when it comes to implementing the policies that have made New York a clear leader in innovation.

"The Governor's green jobs plan mirrors the university and industry partnership model being successfully executed in the Hudson Valley. As Chair of the Assembly Energy Committee, I will work with the Executive to advance an energy agenda focused on economic development, consumer protection, infrastructure, efficiency and alternative energy. Progress in these areas will provide New Yorkers with much needed economic security.

"We have many challenges before us. The Governor is correct; we have a unique opportunity to transform New York State and return it to its rightful place as the most progressive state in the nation. I will work with the Governor and my colleagues in the Legislature to take on the challenges to restore prosperity, rebuild confidence in our government and truly serve the needs of the communities throughout the Catskill and Hudson Valley regions and all of New York

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**CAHILL INTRODUCES EDUCATION AND PROPERTY TAX REFORM LEGISLATION**

(Albany, NY) Assemblymember Kevin Cahill (D-Ulster, Dutchess) kicked off the 2011 Legislative Session by outlining detailed proposals to improve public education and lower real property taxes for the residents of New York State. He has introduced two pieces of legislation, the 21st Century Schools Act (A.416) and the Equity in Education Act (A.447), that focus on modernizing the education system while easing, and subsequently eliminating, the burden of rising, regressive property taxes as a means of funding.

"We must take transformative actions if we are ever truly going to get a handle on the property tax crisis that is crippling our state," said Assemblymember Cahill. "A property tax cap by itself will not solve the problem. We need to give our schools the tools they need to actually start cutting costs without sacrificing the quality of our children's education."

The 21st Century Schools Act is designed to curb school spending through shared services and consolidation by maximizing the utilization of BOCES and increase cooperative participation, using expanded regional approaches to pay for bigger ticket items like transportation, special education and health care. The measure also calls for a complete reexamination of school district lines in order to more efficiently deliver services to school districts. The legislation would create an implementation board modeled after the successful Commission on Health Care Facilities, better known as the Berger Commission. The panel would assure the goals of modernization, educational excellence, efficiency and cost reduction.

"Our current system is bloated, expensive and outdated. The time has come to modernize our system in order to take advantages of economies of scale and improve the delivery of services to our kids and teachers," said Assemblymember Cahill. "My legislation addresses costs by streamlining services and ending duplication allowing taxpayers to save hundreds of millions of dollars while preserving the quality and local character of our schools."

The Equity in Education Act (A.447) would shift away from, and ultimately eliminate, the use of locally raised revenue, including real property taxes for the purposes of funding education. This bill is based on the commitment that it is the state's responsibility to ensure that every child, everywhere in New York, has an equal right to a quality education regardless of where they live or the level of their family's income. The bill would phase out school property taxes and replace them with a progressive education income tax surcharge.

"By doing away with the school real property tax and changing to a more progressive statewide income tax, we will be able to fund our schools equitably, fairly and more affordably for all New Yorkers," said Assemblymember Cahill.

Assemblymember Cahill will be attending the Ulster County School Boards Association meeting this evening to speak on the 21st Century Schools Act. The meeting will take place in the Conference Center at Ulster BOCES in New Paltz at 6:00pm.

"There is a broad and growing consensus that our current educational system is unsustainable," said Assemblymember Cahill. "We must embrace new solutions that provide efficient and effective services to the people of our state while easing the tax burden that so many New Yorkers are forced to bear."

**LOCH SHELDRAKE FIRE DEPT EVENTS**

**Vendors wanted for INDOOR FLEA MARKET** on Sat., Feb. 5, 2011 at the Loch Sheldrake Fire House on Rt 52, Loch Sheldrake, NY 12759. Times are 8am to 4pm and the DONATION for the use of a table is \$ 20.00. Food will be available. Contact 845 434 2710 or Mike at 845 434 2724 for more info.

**Lunker of the County Ice Fishing Derby** sponsored by the Loch Sheldrake Fire Dept. on Sat., Feb. 5, 2011. Pre-register prior to 7am. Derby runs 7am -3pm. Legal fish from ANY fishable Sullivan County, NY waters eligible with 2 pre-registered witnesses to weigh fish in. Categories are Pickerel, Perch, Panfish & overall Lunker. Bait Available. Adults \$ 8.00 - ages 16 & up. Youth division (under 16) \$ 3.00 Ages 12-15 may pre-register for adult division for \$ 8.00

Contact 845 434 2710 or Mike at 845 434 2724 for more info.

**"COLLABORATION" IS THE WORD FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY SCHOOLS**

LIBERTY - Long before New York State was named a recipient of federal Race to the Top monies, Sullivan County's eight school districts and BOCES had already considered ways to collaborate, enhancing student programs while reducing costs.

Race to the Top monies are being distributed to schools, but the amounts are relatively small for this multi-year initiative and the closely monitored requirements accompanying this award. In order to maximize the benefits of these limited monies, county districts agreed to pool their funds to create a "network team" that will provide information, training, and support to component schools and BOCES as they address the Regents Reform Agenda. That agenda has as its core goal helping students become more college and career ready. The network teams will support all of the Sullivan County schools to fulfill this important goal.

However, even prior to this, the schools and their boards of education have been considering how to pave the way to greater and more effective collaboration. An

important first step has been reaching agreement on a common school year calendar and a high degree of county-wide synchronization of the districts' bell schedules. This cooperative venture sets the stage for schools and BOCES to potentially share a variety of resources that include but are not limited to: academic courses, transportation, itinerant staff- and coordination of instructional materials.

Functional consolidation is another way that Sullivan County's school districts are working together. Their highly successful Combined Business Office is performing many of the functions that, if they were done separately by each district, would be more expensive. The County's school districts have already begun seeing savings as a result of this consolidation of service. Other money-saving options continue to be discussed every time Sullivan County school superintendents meet. One such option could be providing training to all affected staff regarding the new evaluation systems being planned at the state level.

Sullivan County schools have made a commitment to efficiently work with each other collaboratively to save money county-wide. Pooling resources allow all of the dollars invested to go farther, reach more students, and strengthen overall educational programs.

For more information please contact Larry Thomas, District Superintendent, Sullivan County BOCES at (845) 295-4015.


**LONG DISTANCE CAREGIVING**

Have you called a parent or other relative living far away and found yourself worried about how they are caring for themselves? Long Distance Caregiving will provide current and future caregivers advice and resources to help care for a relative or friend who lives a distance away and may not have a primary caregiver living nearby.

A program by the Caregiver Resource Center, Long Distance Caregiving will be presented at Cornell Cooperative Extension of Sullivan County (64 Ferndale-Loomis Road, Liberty) on Thursday February 17 (alternate snow date Tuesday 2/22) from 1- 3 pm. Participants will receive handout materials and home resources as part of their packets.

**Topics included:** How will I know if help is needed? What can I really do from far away? Designating who does what. Making the most of a visit ~ including the doctor's appointment! Documentation and Resources.

There is a minimum (five) and maximum (twenty) for Long Distance Caregiving. Please contact Cornell Cooperative Extension at 292-5250 or 292-6180 to register. The Caregiver Resource Center politely requests a suggested donation of \$5 for the class to support the program and cost of materials. Coffee and light refreshments will be provided.

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 Sunday morning: 9:00 am and 11:30 am  
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 Rev. John J. Lynch, Ph.D., Pastor. 434-7643.

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**Covered Dish Supper Feb. 5, 2011**  
 (Jan. Covered Dish Supper Cancelled)  
**Sundown United Methodist Church**  
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**Thrift Sales** will be held on the third Saturday of each month throughout the fall and winter from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

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 5:30/630 P.M. - 1st Sunday of the Month  
 Rev. Paul Z. Ruter, Pastor

## HINCHEY STATEMENT ON ARIZONA SHOOTINGS

Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) today released a statement regarding the shooting incident in Arizona that critically wounded several people, including Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords (D-AZ), and killed several others.

"This is an incredibly sad day for our country. My thoughts and prayers go out to Congresswoman Giffords, her family, her staff, and all of the other victims of today's shooting. While we know some lives have already been tragically lost, we are all praying for the other victims to make a full and speedy recovery.

"Acts of violence against any American are unacceptable and today's events are even more tragic given the number of victims and that the incident occurred while a Member of Congress was listening to the concerns and needs of the people she represents. I am deeply saddened to see such a beautiful act of democracy destroyed by such a horrific act of violence."

## GILLIBRAND ON PRESIDENT'S SIGNING OF JAMES ZADROGA 9/11 HEALTH BILL: ALL AMERICANS SHOULD BE PROUD AND THANKS JON STEWART FOR "MAKING DIFFERENCE" IN PASSING 9/11 HEALTH BILL

As President Barack Obama signed the James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act into law, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, the legislation's chief Senate sponsor, issued the following statement:

"All Americans should be proud of this accomplishment. Our nation - Democrats, Republicans, and Independents - all came together to do what was right and provide health care to the brave men and women who served with such heroism in the days and weeks following 9/11. This was our undeniable moral obligation.

"I commend President Obama for helping champion this effort and signing this bill into law. Today's victory is for the first responders, fire fighters, police officers, every family and every volunteer who never gave up and made sure that Congress fulfilled its duty to the 9/11 heroes. We will always remember your sacrifice, and stand united behind you."

U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand appeared on the Daily Show with Jon Stewart last week where she thanked Jon Stewart for his efforts to raise awareness and help pass the James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act.

Before the show, Senator Gillibrand presented Stewart with an American flag that flew over the U.S. Capitol on December 22, 2010, the day the 9/11 health bill passed, and a jacket from the FealGood Foundation, a leading advocacy group for 9/11 first responders.

## GUNTHER STATEMENT ON PRESIDENT'S APPROVAL OF THE ZADROGA BILL

The United States has now met its moral obligation to the heroes of 9/11. By providing crucial care to the brave rescue workers who sacrificed their health for our country after we were attacked, as well as to the thousands of Downtown residents who became casualties of this tragedy, we as a nation now stand behind those who stood up for us.

As the daughter and granddaughter of New York City policemen, I want to thank President Obama for signing this bill into law. It will literally save the lives of many of our neighbors, as well as the health-care workers and other individuals around the country who answered the call on 9/11.

I would also like to thank Sens. Charles Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand, Congress members Jerrold Nadler, Carolyn Maloney, Anthony Weiner and the rest of our congressional delegation for their determined efforts to make sure the Zadroga bill became law and for never giving up the fight to deliver justice to the 9/11 heroes.

## A STATEMENT IN RESPONSE TO GOVERNOR ANDREW CUOMO'S 2011 STATE OF THE ADDRESS FROM WILLIAM J. RYAN, PRESIDENT OF THE NYS ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES

Governor Cuomo is correct in saying New York State is at a crossroads. After decades of over-spending, over-taxing, over-regulating and over-mandating, the State is facing a \$10 billion deficit and must now make very difficult decisions.

Counties, which deliver and fund Medicaid and other State health and human service mandates that cost county property taxpayers \$4 billion a year, support cuts in spending and increased local flexibility that would result in lower property tax bills.

We applaud the creation of two committees designed to reform State mandates. After all, currently 9 state mandates consume 90 percent of the county property tax levy Statewide.

For counties, Medicaid is the single largest cost for property taxpayers, at more than \$7 billion a year. Since 1966, Counties have been a partner in the State's Medicaid program and we should be an active participant in the Governor's Medicaid Redesign Team.

In addition, county leaders look forward to working with Governor Cuomo's Mandate Relief Team to address the root cause of the highest property taxes in the nation.

## SWORN IN FOR NEW TERM, GILLIBRAND TO ANNOUNCE REFORM STRATEGY FOR NEW CONGRESS

After Earning 63 Percent of the Vote, Gillibrand Officially Sworn in Wednesday to U.S. Senate Seat Washington, D.C. - After taking the oath of office for another two year term in the United States Senate this week, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand will announce her reform strategy for the new Congress. Senator Gillibrand, who won election with 63 percent of the vote, successfully passed many of her top legislative priorities in her first two years in office, including the 9/11 health bill, legislation to spur lending for small businesses, food safety legislation, and repeal of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell."

Senator Gillibrand's top priority for the next two years will be job creation and growing the economy. But in order to move forward on economic growth, she will focus on an aggressive strategy that reforms the culture of Washington, D.C. and brings more transparency and accountability to the legislative process.

## HINCHEY SWORN IN FOR TENTH TERM IN U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Washington, DC - Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) today was sworn in on the House floor for his tenth term in the U.S. Congress as the representative for New York's 22nd Congressional District (formerly the 26th Congressional District). Hinchey will continue to serve on the House Appropriations Committee and expects to continue serving on the Joint Economic Committee as well.

"I am grateful to have been sworn in for a tenth term in Congress so that I can continue fighting to improve the lives of the hardworking people in New York's 22nd Congressional District," said Hinchey. "Over the course of the last two years, I worked to cut taxes for middle class families and small businesses and help rescue our economy from further chaos and a second Great Depression. I also helped to dramatically improve benefits for veterans who have bravely served in Iraq and Afghanistan while working to bring those wars to an end. In this new congress, I will continue doing everything in my power to restore economic growth and job creation throughout our part of New York, build up our growing solar energy industry, and work to ensure that the new rules created to protect consumers from predatory lenders, credit card companies and health insurance corporations are not repealed by those who place the greed of CEOs on Wall Street before the needs of the middle class families."

Hinchey was first sworn into the U.S. House of Representatives in January 1993 after serving in the New York State Assembly for 18 years, including 14 years as Chairman of the Committee on Environmental Conservation.

## SIGNING OF FOOD SAFETY BILL: GIANT STEP FORWARD TO PROTECT CONSUMERS, BUT MORE WORK NEEDED TO ENSURE SAFETY OF NATION'S MEAT SUPPLY

Washington, DC - As President Obama today signs the FDA Food Safety Modernization Act into law, marking the first major, comprehensive update to America's food safety laws in over a century, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, who authored a portion of the bill that will provide better notification for consumers of FDA recalls, applauded the bill's signing, but called for additional protections for America's meat supply in the upcoming Farm Bill. Senator Gillibrand's Consumer Recall Notification Act was included in the legislation the President will sign today.

"Today, we've taken an important first step to bringing our food safety laws into the 21st century," Senator Gillibrand said. "Among many other important improvements, this legislation will provide better notification for grocery store shoppers when a product is recalled, and I commend President Obama for signing this bill into law. But we have more work to do. We can't afford to wait for another deadly E. coli outbreak before we take action to protect our meat supply. There are a number of commonsense steps we can take that would prevent disease and save lives across the country."

## Consumer Recall Notification Act

Senator Gillibrand's legislation requires the FDA to provide a one-page summary of the recall information to grocery stores and require grocery stores to either display that one-page summary in a prominent location, including at the register or on the shelf, or provide customers with a notification through the use of loyalty card information or coupon technology within 24 hours of the FDA releasing the information. This will proactively give customers information so that they can check their pantry or freezer and dispose of recalled products.

Failure to distribute information will result in a violation of the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act. For minor offenses, fines are less than \$1000 or less than 1 year in prison. For major offenses, including the intent to defraud or mislead, the penalty is a fine up to \$10,000 and prison for up to 3 years.

Under Senator Gillibrand's provision, the FDA must also improve communication of all Class I recalls between the CDC, states and local health departments by distributing advisories to all state and local health departments along with frontline health professionals, such as emergency departments and pediatricians. The information distributed will include information about symptoms to look out for and test for in order to diagnose food-borne illness.

## More Work to Do

Just last week, a California producer recalled 34,373 pounds of organic ground beef products contaminated with E. coli. New Gillibrand legislation would reduce the risk of E. coli ending up in the hamburgers and other food we eat. The E. coli Eradication Act would for the first time mandate E. coli inspections of all ground beef. The measure would require all plants that produce the cuts and trimmings that make ground beef to test their products regularly before it is ground and again after all the components are ground together. If ground beef is found to be contaminated, the bill requires the company to properly dispose of the contaminated batch, or cook the meat to a temperature that destroys the E. coli.

While E. coli 0157:H7 is by far the most common strain in American beef, non-0157 STECs are increasingly found in beef imported from other countries, but is never checked for since current law only requires imported ground beef to be checked for E. coli 0157:H7.

Senator Gillibrand also introduced legislation that adds the six confirmed dangerous strains of E. coli to the list of adulterants, which requires meat companies to test for and discard any batches containing these toxic strains of E. coli, and gives the USDA the authority to find and regulate more toxic strains in the future.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), every year an estimated 48 million Americans are sickened by contaminated food, 128,000 are hospitalized with food-borne illness, and 3,000 die from food-related disease. While this legislation updates the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) food safety regulation, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) need significant overhauled. Across New York State, approximately 5 million people are afflicted with a food-borne illness each year. In 2010, 2.3 million pounds of meat were recalled in the United States for contamination.

During a 2008 industry-wide sampling of all ground beef produced, the USDA found that 0.32 percent of ground beef was contaminated with E. coli - nearly 1 in every 300 samples. Ground beef is especially vulnerable to E. coli because its source material is not from a single cut of meat; rather, it is a compilation of trimmings from many parts, including fat that lies near the surface of possibly contaminated hide. While some grinders that process ground beef voluntarily test the meat before and after grinding, there is currently no federal requirement for grinders to test their ingredients for E. coli.

## SCHOHARIE SUMMIT IS JAN. 22

The 5th Annual Schoharie Water Quality Summit, "In the Wake of the Flood," will be held Saturday, Jan. 22 (snow date Jan. 29) at Hunter Elementary School. The free, all-day conference is hosted by the Greene County Soil & Water Conservation District's Watershed Assistance Program. Presentations and small group sessions will provide tools and incentives to help communities think about proactive floodplain management. The event is intended for local officials, planners, engineering firms, watershed managers, regulators, and property owners. Training workshops count toward municipal credits for planning and zoning boards. Register by Jan. 14 at [michelle@gcswcd.com](mailto:michelle@gcswcd.com).

For more information on the Catskill Watershed Corporation go to: <http://www.cwconline.org>; or The Catskill Watershed Corporation, PO Box 569, Main Street, Margaretville, NY 12455 -Phone: (845) 586-1400

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**BOWLING Sunday, February 13;** \$3 residents/\$10 non-residents must be paid no later than January 25.

**MOVIE Calicoon Theatre** DATE & MOVIE TO BE ANNOUNCED; \$3 residents/\$10 non-residents must be paid no later than January 25.

**Create Your Own Scrapbook & PIZZA** Friday, March 18; \$5 residents/\$10 non-residents must be paid no later than March 1.

**Tie Dye Tee Shirts & PIZZA** Friday, April 29. \$5 residents/\$10 non-residents must be paid no later than April 5.

**Museum of Natural History Saturday,** June 4. \$25 residents/\$38 non-residents must be paid no later than April 26.

**ALBI CONCERT & HOT DOG LUAU** Sunday, July 17.

**The Buddy Holly Story Forestburgh Playhouse** July 27. \$30 residents/\$46 non-residents must be paid no later than June 28.

**ZOOM FLUME** Saturday, August 6. \$10 residents/\$34 non-residents must be paid no later than June 28.

**Rhinebeck Fair** Thursday, August 25. \$15 residents/\$30 non-residents must be paid no later than June 28 this includes admission & transportation.

**Pumpkin Decorating & Pizza** Friday, October 28. \$5 residents/\$10 non-residents must be paid no later than October 4.

**Army Football Game West Point** DATE & TIME TO BE ANNOUNCED \$25 residents/\$38 non-residents must be paid no later than TBA this includes admission & transportation.

**Transportation to NYC** Saturday, December 3. \$20 residents & non-residents must be paid no later than November 8.

Call Parks & Recreation at (845) 985-2262 Ext 312 for more information.

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**(CHANGE OF DATE)** Claryville Fire District Organization Meeting 7 pm  
 Town of Neversink Town Board Meeting  
 Dept. of Motor Vehicle at Neversink Town Hall 10:00 am-2:00 pm  
 Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting 7 pm  
 Town of Neversink **HOLIDAY - Martin Luther King Jr. Day**  
 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals  
 Town of Olive Planning Board Meeting 7:30 pm Olive Town Hall (call 657-2015 to confirm meeting)  
 Town of Neversink Parks & Rec 7 pm Neversink Town Hall  
 Town of Neversink Planning Board  
 First Friday Group -Daniel Pierce Library - 1:00 pm Book for discussion *Anna's Book*, by Barbara Vin  
 Sundown Methodist Church **Covered Dish Supper** -5:30 pm Sundown Church Hall  
 Town of Olive Audit Meeting 7:30 Town Meeting Hall, Bostock Rd., Shokan  
 Town of Olive Monthly Meeting 7:30 Town Meeting Hall, Bostock Rd., Shokan  
 Dept. of Motor Vehicle at Neversink Town Hall 10:00 am-2:00 pm

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

**Town of Denning Message Board:** <http://www.denning.us>

**Town of Neversink Website:** <http://townofneversink.org>

**Daniel Pierce Library** - <http://www.danielpiercelibrary.org>

**Time and The Valleys Museum** - <http://timeandthevalleysmuseum.org>

**Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman On-Line Edition:** <http://thetownsman.com>

To find out what is happening at **Tri-Valley CSD:** <http://tvcs.k12.ny.us>

**REMINDER TO TRI-VALLEY FIRE DISTRICTS & CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS:** Please send your 2011 calendar of events for us to post. Thank you!

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

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| GRAHAMSVILLE AUTOMOTIVE     | VALERO MINI MALL (Loch Sheldrake)  | JAMES NAPANOCH GROCERY |
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| BLUE HILL LODGE             | MO'S GAS STATION (Woodbourne)      | NAPANOCH APPLIANCE     |
| 3 GOLDENS CONVENIENCE STORE | P.D. SMITH ENTERPRISE (Woodbourne) | PETER'S MARKET         |
|                             | AGWAY • J.B. MAK (Liberty)         |                        |

**NEW LOCATIONS in the TOWN OF OLIVE:& SHANDAKEN**

The Good Stuff Cafe' • Boiceville IGA • J & G Log Homes, LLC • Sands Salvage  
 Boiceville Florist • Cracker Mill Hearth & Emporium • Phoenicia Pharmacy

**AL-ANON MEETINGS**

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

**OTHER TOWN OF OLIVE MEETINGS**

**OLIVE PLANNING BOARD---** Meets 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month-7:30 pm

**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS----**Meets only when application is before the board on the 1st Thursday of each month-7:30 pm

**BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS----** Meets the third Thursday of every other month, when necessary, starting with January-7:30 pm

**RECREATION COMMITTEE----**Meets the second Wednesday of every month at the American Legion Hall-7:00 pm

**HIGHWAY COMMITTEE---**Meets, when necessary, the Wednesday immediately before the Town Board Meeting at the Highway Superintendent's Office-7:30 pm- Contact 657-8809 to verify meeting dates

**UC SPCA HELPS RESCUE DOGS FROM ARKANSAS HOARDER**

The Ulster County SPCA assisted in the rescue of dogs from a serious hoarding case, in which more than 120 dogs were seized from a dilapidated farm in Hector, Arkansas. Three dogs were driven by volunteers from Little Rock to the Ulster County SPCA and arrived at the no-kill shelter this afternoon.

Following issuance of a search warrant last November, the national ASPCA and Best Friends Animal Society removed dozens of mixed breed dogs from the farm. Authorities reported the animals were being managed by a local rescue group that was no longer capable of caring for the animals. Many of the dogs suffered from malnutrition, mange and were living in their own feces.

"We're so happy to have them here at our shelter after such a long ride," said Brian Shapiro, Executive Director of the UCSPCA. "Both Best Friends and the ASPCA really went above and beyond to rescue these animals."

The Pope County Sheriff's Office "had received reports of at least a hundred dogs living in unsanitary conditions at this rescue facility," according to Sheriff Aaron DuVall. "Through the investigation, it was determined that the report was accurate and a search warrant was obtained to remove the dogs."

The three dogs that arrived in Kingston, named

Mojo, Roxy and Pretty Lady, are receiving medical attention at the UCSPCA shelter. They will be available for viewing and adoption by mid February. Donations for their care may be sent to the Ulster County SPCA, 20 Wiedy Rd., Kingston, NY 12401.

**WASTEWATER COURSES PROVIDE NYSDEC APPROVED TRAINING AT SUNY ULSTER**

The SUNY Ulster wastewater courses provide NYSDEC approved training. Classes will be held on the Stone Ridge Campus

**Basic Wastewater Laboratory-**This laboratory course is a prerequisite for 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. From 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. January 27 - March 31, cost \$475. No text.

**Basic Wastewater Operations Lecture-**This lecture course is designed to provide the student with the knowledge base which will enable that person to keep a wastewater treatment plant operating efficiently. 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. From 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. January 18- May 10, cost \$993 and includes two texts.


**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. From 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. May 12 - June 9, cost \$500 and includes one text.

To register, contact the Continuing Education registration desk at 845-339-2025. For further information regarding the content and requirements, please contact Ann Songayllo at 845-687-5012 or [songayla@sunyulster.edu](mailto:songayla@sunyulster.edu)

**OPEN HOUSE AT LIBERTY FITNESS**

On Saturday, January 22nd from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm enjoy the gym and classes for free at Liberty Fitness, 85 N.Main Street, Liberty, NY. 8:45 am Cardio Spinning; 9:15am Group Training w/Andre; 10:15am SilverSneakers;10:45am Family ZUMBA; 11:15am Family YOGA. There will be refreshments, blood pressure screenings and discounted memberships!

**CLARYVILLE FIRE DEPT.**  
**ALL YOU CAN EAT**  
**PANCAKE BREAKFAST**



**SUNDAY, JAN. 16**  
 Serving 7:00 until 12:00 Noon  
**ADULTS \$7**  
**CHILDREN AGE 5-11, \$3**  
**UNDER 5 YRS. FREE**  
**\$50. FROM EACH MONTHLY BREAKFAST IS DONATED TO USMC SGT EDDIE RYAN**

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### Daniel Pierce Library

**Winter hours** effective Thursday, December 2, 2010. The library will open at 10:00 A.M. and close at 8 P.M. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. This is a change from its former hours of 11:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M. Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday hours will remain the same. If you have any questions, please call the library at 985-7233.

Closed Sundays and Mondays

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.

845-985-7233

**Time and the Valleys Museum** has copies of every *Townsmen* printed since the beginning in loose-leaf binders classified by year for anyone to research. For further information, contact the historian's office in Grahamsville at 985-2262 x313, e-mail: [historian@townofneversink.org](mailto:historian@townofneversink.org), or visit [www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org](http://www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org)

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**1995 Ford Escort. Standard.** \$600 O/B/O 985-0201

**LIVE Norwegian Spruce** from seedlings to 5' tall. Price based on size and amount you dig and take. 845-747-4350 - Located in Bradley.

### MOVING SALE

**MOVING SALE - 40 Lackawack Hill Napanoch, NY** January 15th and January 16th from 9am to 5pm. Call 845 594 7332 or 845 647 1490 if you need to meet earlier or later.

**Great items!** Jeep Cherokee Laredo, Gibson Vintage Electric Guitar, Line 6 Spider III 150 Watt Amp, Air Mattress, Leather Couch (Clean & Comfy), laptops, computers, printers, scanner, books, clothes, comic books, DVDs, Magic Cards, and more...

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### POLITICAL SLANT,

By, Frank Comando

**Heroes at a time of terrible violence in Arizona-** a heroic woman charged Jared Loughner, averting a 'huge greater catastrophe.' At a press conference on Sunday afternoon, Pima County, Ariz., Sheriff Clarence Dupnik offered more details on how suspected Arizona shooter Jared Loughner was disarmed. Dupnik said that when Loughner ran out of bullets in his first magazine clip, a woman who had already been shot "went up and grabbed" the new magazine "and tore it away from him." The woman, 61-year-old Patricia Maisch.

After the confrontation with the woman, Loughner was able to load another magazine into his weapon, but "the spring in the magazine failed," Dupnik said, "two men were able to get his weapon away from him and subdue him until law enforcement arrived."

And then there was the young hero, Daniel Hernandez, the intern who likely saved Gabrielle Giffords' life. Daniel Hernandez had only been Rep. Gabrielle Giffords' intern for five days, on Saturday.

The University of Arizona junior was standing 30 feet away from the Democratic congresswoman when she was shot in the head at a 'meet-and-greet event' in her district, and he immediately rushed to her side. As everyone on hand waited for emergency medical support to arrive, Hernandez held Giffords' head in his lap and applied pressure to her wound.

At the same time, Hernandez advised others on providing help for the others injured in the attack and effectively took control which has led many to label him a hero in Saturday's horrific event. "When I heard gunshots, my first instinct was to head toward the congresswoman to make sure that she was okay," Hernandez said in an interview with ABC's Christine Amanpour Sunday. "Once I saw that she was down, and there were more than one victim, I went ahead and started doing the limited triage that I could with what I had."

Hernandez, who is 20, told ABC that he simply "shut off all emotion." "I knew I wouldn't be good to anyone if I had a breakdown," he recalled. He noted that he went to help because he had "limited experience in triage and training."

He lifted up Giffords' head, because he feared she might choke on her own blood, and used smocks from the grocery store's meat department as a makeshift bandages for her and other victims. Giffords, he says, was alert, but couldn't talk.

"Just grab my hand to let me know that you're okay," he recalls telling the injured lawmaker. According to Hernandez, she squeezed his hand, and he didn't let go, riding with her in the ambulance to the hospital, where she was rushed into emergency surgery. "It was probably not the best idea to run toward the gunshots," he told the *Arizona Republic*. "But people needed help."

We join our nation in honoring those victims who were killed while attending the political event with Rep. Gabrielle Giffords in Tucson, Ariz., on Saturday, Jan. 8, 2011: Christina Taylor Green, 9, Dorothy Morris, 76, Arizona Federal District Judge John Roll, 63, Phyllis Schneck, 79, Dorwin Stoddard, 76, and Gabe Zimmerman, 30.

Read more: <http://www.cbsnews.com/2300-201162-10006218.html#ixzz1AeH0309z>

Have something to say (must be less than 200 words) e-mail [politicalslant@yahoo.com](mailto:politicalslant@yahoo.com).



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### Knarf's "Classic Movie Trivia Twelve Angry Men;

This 1957 classic film is one of Henry Fonda's best and a fine example of the application of law. A jury holdout tries to convince his colleagues to vote not guilty. Cast: Henry Fonda, Lee J. Cobb, Ed Begley, E. G. Marshall Dir: Sidney Lumet, BW-96 mins, TV-PG on TCM Saturday, January 15, 2011, at 6:00 pm

### Quiz,

- A. Who played Juror 3?
- B. Who played Juror 10?

### What's going on in the Gnome Gneighbourhood<sup>FM</sup> this week?

Know your communities, get, and stay involved. You are the key to your community's success.

**Grahamsville** - Do not forget to get your **2011 Barn Quilts of Neversink Calendar**-call 845 985 2262, and then help create the **2012 Barn Quilts of Neversink Calendar!** Submit your digital photos to [barnquiltsfneversink@gmail.com](mailto:barnquiltsfneversink@gmail.com), by August 15, 2011. Get your photography hints from Chuck Rehm, 'barn quilt photographer'.

**Claryville** - A big "Knarf the Gnome Thank you" to the **Blue Hill Lodge** for the wonderful **Prime Rib and Fish Dinner** they prepared for the volunteer women and gents' for **Ye Olde Tri Valley Townsman** Annual Christmas Party. The food was great, the wine was wonderfully tasty, and the service was grand. Thanks again to the **Blue Hill Lodge**.

**Ellenville-Napanoch** - In these hard economic times we all search for bargains. Shop at **Peters Market** and find many items priced far below those of Shoprite! **Peters Market**, has fine fresh foods, and a deli that cannot be beat.

**Olive-Boiceville** - Speaking of gourmet food stores **IGA of Boiceville** has those wonderful tasty items we all desire that satisfy your taste buds.

**Shokan** - Check out our new column on music, by Fred Perry of "Reservoir Music" located on Rte. 28 in this issue.

**Phoenicia** - A, "Knarf the Gnome Welcome," to our new Advertisers on Main St in **Phoenicia**. For fine **gourmet pizza, or a portobello mushroom burger**, it's **Brio's Pizzeria & Restaurant**, (845) 688-5370, and for fine **Authentic Mexican Cuisine** try the **Sportsman's Alamo Cantina**, (845) 688-525, and last, but certainly not least it's **Ricciardella's**, for fine **Italian Cuisine, Prime Steaks & Fresh Seafood** (845) 688-7800.

Have a great week!

Knarf Odnapoc

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### ANSWER TO KNARF'S MOVIE TRIVIA

A. Lee J. Cobb  
B. Ed Begley