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ARE YOU READY FOR A CHANGE?

Weight Watchers meets every Tuesday evening in the Grahamsville United Methodist Church Hall. Weigh-in starts at 5:30 and the meeting begins at 6:00. New members are welcome and currently there is free registration. Weekly fees are 12 dollars.

For more information visit www.weight-watchers.com, or call 1-800-651-6000.

SPIRITUALITY AND END-OF-LIFE CARE

The Caregiver Resource Center Program will again host the Hospice Foundation of America's 18th Annual Hospice Foundation's Living with Grief program, this year focusing on Spirituality and End-of-Life Care on Wednesday, April 27 from 1-3 pm. The Living with Grief programs are always well presented and researched with excellent panelists that focuses on a different topic each year (such as Alzheimer's Disease, Cancer, Pain Management, Children and Bereavement). This year's six panelists include: Kenneth J. Doka, PhD, MDiv; Gary S. Fink, DMin; Carolyn Jacobs, PhD, MSW; Betty Kramer, PhD, MSW; Reinetta Powers Murray, MSN, CNS, RN; and Martha Rutland, DMin, BCC, ACPE. The panelists represent the fields of social work, gerontology, education, pastoral end-of-life care and dementia research. (Contd. Pg. 3)

FUNDRAISER FOR MENTAL HEALTH

Friends and Advocates for Mental Health (FAMH), the Sullivan County affiliate of NAMI (the National Alliance on Mental Illness) invites YOU to a fun, fund raiser - a Lia Sophia Jewelry Party. Share your love of jewelry, take advantage of some wonderful clearance specials and at the same time, help NAMI of Sullivan County to enrich the lives of people recovering from serious mental illness and their families! 30% of all sales will be donated to FAMH. The party is being held on Sunday, January 30, 2011 at 2:00 pm at the home of FAMH Board President, Eileen Geysen, located at 4 Cross Street in Forestburgh, NY. (Contd. Pg. 3)

JEFF BANK 2012 PHOTO CALENDAR CONTEST - Deadline April 23

Announcing the Jeff Bank 2012 Photo Calendar Contest - Jeff Bank is seeking photographers interested in submitting up to 4 color images (preferably depicting the four seasons) for their 2012 Calendar. Organized by the Catskill Art Society, the theme of the contest is the Four Seasons of Nature & Landscapes in Sullivan County, NY. Contest entry dates are from February 13 - April 23, 2011. (Contd. Pg. 3)

TRI-VALLY STAFF, COMMUNITY PARTNERS BRING JOY TO LOCAL FAMILIES



Tri-Valley's Shauna Bellacicco "supervises" teachers Jules Goldsworthy, Robin Raykoff, and Kate Kelly as they finish wrapping up the holiday gifts destined for 54 homes in the Tri-Valley School District.

One-hundred thirty-nine Tri-Valley children representing 54 families enjoyed some extra special surprises this past holiday season.

Just prior to the holiday recess, members of the Tri-Valley Teachers' Association (TVTA) along with other staff members spent two afternoons gathering, wrapping and transporting holiday gifts to the Community Food Pantry at the Grahamsville United Methodist Church. These were distributed to struggling families living in the Tri-Valley Central School District. (Contd. Pg. 3)

SULLIVAN COUNTY LONG BEARDS MEET AT WATERLOO



Sullivan County Long Beards members, left to right, Hank D'Auria, Treasurer & Event Chairman, Fran D'Auria, Secretary and Butch Kortright, President at NYS NWF Awards Banquet.

The Sullivan County Long Beards spent the weekend in Waterloo, NY for the NYS Chapter's Annual Leadership Meeting and Awards Banquet. The Leadership Meeting, held on Saturday, had several interesting topics. Brent Lawrence, Public Relations Director from the National Headquarters was the keynote speaker, taking the place of CEO George Thornton, who was under the weather with the flu. He made note that the NYS Chapter should be proud that they purchased 42 acres of land in western Madison County and donated it to the Wildlife Habitat Program, opening up more State land for hunters.

This type of purchase is made possible by volunteer members holding banquets throughout NYS. This purchase now makes 7,398 acres of WMA hunting property open to hunters. There was a report on Feral Pigs by Justin Gansowski (USDA Wildlife Services) and the destruction they bring to habitat and other wildlife; how prolific they reproduce and the fact that they actually have no other predator that can keep their population in check. (Contd. Pg. 3)

LOOKING FOR HISTORY INFORMATION

Historian Carol Smythe is looking for information about Brice Moore. She'd like to do a story about him. She is also looking for information about the Neversink Brass Band. If you can help, contact Carol at home - 985-2452 or at Neversink Town Hall.

PRESIDENT SIGNS INTO LAW HINCHEY AMENDMENT REQUIRING DEFENSE DEPT TO PURCHASE U.S. MADE SOLAR PANELS

American workers who build solar panels received a big boost this past weekend as President Obama signed into law a provision authored by Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY), which requires that any solar energy panels purchased by the Department of Defense through subcontracts are made in the U.S. The amendment was included as part of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2011, which after months of delay was approved by both the House and Senate. (Contd. Pg. 14)

CAHILL INTRODUCES EDUCATION AND PROPERTY TAX REFORM LEGISLATION

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. (Contd. Pg. 14)

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ON THE FRONT BURNER: Praise the Lord; for the Lord is good: sing praises unto his name; for it is pleasant.

Psalm 135:3

T DAYS OF YORE....
Today's History

January 10, 1951 - The school on lower South Hill is closed by order of the trustee because some of the children attend Tri Valley School and the rest have moved out of the district. Mrs. Gallagher of Ellenville taught one month and Mrs. Mabel Hill of Grahamsville has been teaching up to the present.

Mr. Ralph Brackman of Grahamsville, with his saw and the help of four Dymonds, cut forty cord of wood for Mrs. Flossie Osterhoudt on last Saturday.

On Saturday at noon, the siren on the new Grahamsville Fire House will be tested. In order to ascertain its range, the Fire Co. will appreciate hearing from residents of outlying districts who are able to hear the siren.

The Sullivan County Office of the Civilian Defense Administration has announced that a house to house survey will be made in the Town of Neversink starting this week. According to County Coordinator, Monroe Davis, the purpose of such survey is to determine the availability of housing for evacuees from New York City in case of atomic bombing.

January 11, 1961 - Mr. and Mrs. Donald Wright of Napanoch announced the engagement of their daughter, Patricia to Raymond Birchall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Birchall of Ulster Heights. Miss Wright, a graduate of Ellenville High School, is presently employed by Channel Masters Corporation of Ellenville. Her fiancé, also a graduate of Ellenville High School, is employed at M&K Television, Woodbourne. No date has been set for the wedding.

Frank Brundage Sr. died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Herman Wulf at Lindenhurst, L.I. on December 21st. He was born March 27, 1878 at Grahamsville, the son of Alger and Josephine Porter Brundage. In addition to his daughter, he leaves a sister, a son, eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Mr. Christian M. Holmes of Curry has been assigned to the Military Police Detachment at Army Chemical Center, Md. A former employee of Woodbourne Correctional Institution and is a graduate of Tri Valley School, Grahamsville.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Telfer are the parents of a son, John Cameron, born at Maimonides Hospital on Monday, Jan. 9th, weighing 5 lbs. 4 1/2 oz.

January 13, 1971 - The Board of Education extended an appointment to Miss Maureen Mahoney as a teacher of grade 6. The Board also appointed Mrs. Charlotte Stratton as a teacher of mathematics in the high school. Mrs. Stratton formerly taught grade 6. She is a graduate of Beaver College and has been employed at Tri-Valley since 1967.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Ackerley are the proud parents of a son, Clinton John, born at Community General Hospital in Monticello last week.

On Monday the Tri-Valley Chapter of the FFA held the local speaking contest. In the afternoon, five contestants from Tri-Valley competed for the honor of representing the school. Walter Garigliano placed first. Also competing were Alan Bitter, Jim Gorman, David Bertholf and John Szemplenski.

January 8, 1981 - Clara S. Ballentine, 57, of Sundown, died Wednesday, Dec. 31, 1980 at Horton Hospital, Middletown. The daughter of Louis and Catherine Salamone, she was born April 7, 1923 in N.Y.C. She was a member of the Lows Corners Baptist Church in Sundown.

Sara Scheinman of Woodbourne, community affairs activist and wife of Sull. Co. Judge Louis Scheinman, died Saturday, at Community General Hosp., Harris at the age of 58. She was born Dec. 20, 1922 in Bayonne, N.J. She was a member of the Ladies Chapter of B'nai Brith and she belonged to the Hadassah and the Sisterhood, both of Woodbourne.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Roberts of Cypert Road, Woodbourne are proud to announce that their son, John H. Roberts is on the Dean's List at SCCC. John, who is a 1979 graduate of Tri-Valley Central School, is studying Engineering and plans a future in Solar Energy.

Congratulations to Don Wiseman of Lackawack Hill who will retire from the New York Telephone Co. on January 8th after 35 years of service.

CAS ARTS CENTER CLASS PROGRAM SCHEDULE JANUARY-FEBRUARY

THURSDAY NIGHT CLAY CLASS

Six Consecutive Thursdays 6:00pm - 8:30pm - Thursdays, Jan 20, 27 & Feb 3, 10, 17 & 24
Artist Instructor: Ayla Maloney Fee: Mem \$210, Non-Mem \$230 Single Class \$40

CAS has switched from earthenware to stoneware and now students can create work that is much stronger and can be used in the microwave, oven and dishwasher. These improvements coupled with Ayla's expertise guarantee a wonderful and creative learning experience. Come join the fun - teens and adults!

KIDS WHEEL THROWING CLAY CLASS

Six Consecutive Sundays 1pm - 2pm
Sundays, Jan 23, 30 & Feb 6, 13, 20 & 27
Artist Instructor: Jesse Spaeth Fee: Member \$70, Non-Member \$85

In this wheel thrown pottery class for ages 7-10, students will learn how to center the clay on the wheel and then form it into vases, mugs and bowls. We will also work on adding the finishing touches to the piece by trimming to form a foot ring and adding handles. The students will then be able to glaze their pots in the last two lessons.

POTS FOR TOTS

2pm - 3pm Sundays, Jan 23, 30 & Feb 6, 13, 20 & 27
Artist Instructor: Jesse Spaeth Fee: Member \$70, Non-Member \$85

This fun class is for ages 4-7 and will explore the world of hand-building pottery with clay. Jesse will teach students how to hand build their own pots. We will make slab and coil built dishes, including plates, bowls and mugs. The students will then be able to glaze their pots in the last two lessons.

HATS BY DESIGN I

Patterns & Fabric in Millinery Six Consecutive Fridays 6:00pm - 8:00pm
Fridays, Jan 28 & Feb 4, 11, 18, 25 & March 4
Artist Instructor: Marie D'Antoni Fee: Members \$120 Non-Members \$135

Fashion your own creations to wear from winter to spring using basic millinery techniques. This class is for adults - beginner to advanced. Please bring fabric (teacher will bring a selection for sale as well) and millinery foundation materials including scissors, pencil, pins, measuring tape, millinery needles, wire & thread, a wooden block in your size and a sewing machine (helpful but not necessary).

ADOBE PHOTOSHOP BASICS FOR AGES 16 & UP

Six Saturdays 2:00pm - 4:00pm Saturdays, Jan 22, 29 & Feb 5, 12, 26 & March 5
Artist Instructor: Karen Hudson Fee: Member \$120, Non-Member \$135

Students will learn how to clean up old family photos, create basic designs in layers, manipulate images, add type, and create a collage. This course will cover using a selection of tools, resizing and saving images, image resolution, using the color picker, basic retouching with clone tool and brushes, creating layers and using type, and fun with filters. Basic computer knowledge, opening and creating new documents, using the keyboard and mouse are a must to keep up with this class. Please bring in 2 old photos that need retouching and a MAC compatible 4GB flash drive (costs vary from \$15-\$30) to the first class.

DESIGN A LOGO

Six Sundays 11:00am - 1:00pm Sundays, Jan 23, 30 & Feb 6, 13, 27 & March 6
Artist Instructor: Karen Hudson Fee: Member \$130, Non-Member \$145

Students will learn how to brainstorm, sketch out ideas, and complete a logo design. Discussion about famous logos and what makes them great, sketching out ideas by hand with pencils and black markers, combining type with symbols, shapes and lines, and making a final clean logo on the computer in Adobe Illustrator (with instructor's help) is the goal of this class. Teens and adults are welcome. (Contd. Pg. 15)

HERE AND THERE - No news this week.
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NEVERSINK NEWS - Hulda Vernooy
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Condolences to Wanda Cypert and family on the passing of her daughter, Carole Krickhahn of Frost Valley Road, Oliveria, on Saturday, January 15, 2011.

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

DO YOU HAVE AN ANNOUNCEMENT OR SOME NEWS FROM YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD YOU WANT IN THE TOWNSMAN?

If you have news about what is happening in your family, community group or just a pretty scene or winter story about your neighborhood that you would like our readers to know about, with modern technology it has never been easier to get the information to the Townsman.

Just email it to: tvtownsman@yahoo.com
Pictures are certainly welcome. Send them as jpgs or pdf files.

If you are among those who do not have a computer or are not computer savvy, there is always the old-fashioned mail. Send your information to: The Townsman, P O Box 232, Grahamsville, NY 12740 or drop it in the drop box.

And don't forget for those in the Neversink area with news, Hulda is just a phone call away!

TV STAFF, COMMUNITY PARTNERS BRING JOY TO LOCAL FAMILIES
(From Pg. 1)

Literally hundreds of gifts were delivered from the school, all donated by school staff members, local civic organizations and churches, the United Way of Sullivan County, and individuals from the community.

Along with bags and boxes filled with toys, clothing, and other special treats, families received all the makings for a turkey dinner complete with homemade pies and fresh fruit. Food Pantry coordinators, George and Mary Lee Haag, compiled the baskets with donated turkeys and dinner trimmings. Students in Mellonnee Cappiello's Family and Consumer Science classes with members of the Future Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) used donated ingredients to bake 60 apple pies. The Tri-Valley FFA, under the direction of Tara Berescik, contributed fruit baskets with apples, oranges and pears from the annual fruit sale. Tri-Valley staff members were generous with food donations and monetary contributions.

Families found the United Methodist Church hall brimming with goodies on distribution day, a true expression of the holiday spirit, neighbors caring for neighbors.

For additional information, please contact Jeanne Fiedler, TVTA Cares Committee chairperson, (845) 985-2296 ext. 5505.

SC LONG BEARDS (From Pg. 1)

Justin asked anyone who spots a pig in their area to please shoot it and call him @ (866)487-3297 to report it so that he can keep check on where they are and if it is a new area that they should be concerned with. Hank D'Auria, 2nd VP and JAKES (Juniors Acquiring Knowledge, Ethics and Sportsmanship) Coordinator for the NY State Chapter, gave a seminar on how and why JAKES events should be done by all local Chapters throughout NYS. These children are our future and we should invest in passing on the heritage of conservation and hunting and a true love of the outdoors. There also was a seminar on turkey hunting by Pete Claire from Turkey Trot Acres explaining this relatively new way (mostly to northerners) to hunt turkey-very interesting and different.

Mike Miller, NYS Assembly Minority from the Sportsman's Caucus in Albany gave a little talk on why we should attend the events in Albany and make sure our voices are heard. The next Sportsman Day in Albany that all sportsmen and their organization members should attend is on January 25th from 9am to 1pm. Last year sportsmen packed the place, it was the largest crowd they had ever had and we need to do it again. We need to let them know that we are keeping our eyes on them and what a positive impact our dollars have for NYS. If you are interested in attending call your Assembly person's office for more details. There may be a bus that you could get on to attend. The New York State NWTFL Leadership meeting is open to all and is always interesting and educational.

The Awards Banquet was held at the Banquet Room with a great turnout. This is where we preview our Banquet packages for our local chapter events. The merchandise was once again very tempting and the banquet was a big success. The

awards were given to several local chapters for their outstanding accomplishments in several areas. Locally, the Sullivan County Long Beards were honored to bring home three trophies - the most JAKES members in NYS for the 5th year; the most Regular members in NYS for the 2nd year and the Most Outstanding Chapter in NYS for the 4th time. The Sullivan County Long Beards Annual Banquet & Scholarship Award Dinner will be held on April 10, 2011.

If you are interested in attending, please call Hank at (845) 439-3738 to reserve a place, as we sell out quickly. We would like to thank all of our members, donors and youth who have helped us get to this place. We are very proud to represent Sullivan County and all of you.

SPIRITUALITY AND END-OF-LIFE CARE (From Pg. 1)

This free program, held at Cornell Cooperative Extension of Sullivan County (64 Ferndale-Loomis Road, Liberty) will present the role of spirituality during the end-of-life. Family caregivers, hospice volunteers, and professionals (nurses, physicians, funeral directors, social workers, psychologists, case managers, etc.) are welcome ~ please RSVP at 292-5250. The event also offers CE (continuing education) credits for professionals (who must stay an additional 1/2 hour for discussion and pay \$25 per certificate). The program is supported by NYS Office for the Aging Caregiver Program ~ refreshments will be served.

Topics to be discussed include: differentiating spirituality from religion; how spiritual issues and spiritual coping emerges throughout an illness; how spirituality can complicate and facilitate end-of-life care and grief; using reminiscence to gain meaning during end of life review; dignity enhancement approaches; utilizing and enhancing spiritual coping; understanding the spiritual practices, rituals, and beliefs of major faith systems toward end-of-life care.

JEFF BANK 2012 PHOTO CALENDAR CONTEST (From Pg. 1)

All entries must have a completed application form (available at all Jeff Bank branches, online at www.jeffbank.com or by contacting Kathryn@catskillartsociety.org), a maximum of four images in digital, horizontal JPEG format with the largest file size available (preferably 16M or larger) on CD. There is a contest entry fee of \$5 payable to CAS. All entries must be delivered to CAS, 48 Main Street, Livingston Manor, NY by April 23rd or send by post to CAS, PO Box 991, Livingston Manor, NY 12758. Please note that this is not a postmark deadline.

This initiative was created by Jeff Bank to support CAS and the Arts Community. If you have any further questions please contact Kathryn at 845-436-4227 or Kathryn@catskillartsociety.org.

FUNDRAISER FOR MENTAL HEALTH (From Pg. 1)

If Santa didn't bring you what you really wanted, be your own Santa - or get in some Valentine's Day shopping for yourself or someone you love and take advantage of the Lia Sophia January Clearance Sale!

Several items from the current catalog are being retired with the introduction of the new catalog in February, so now's your last chance to get some of these beautiful pieces of fashion jewelry. All Lia Sophia jewelry comes with a lifetime guarantee. During January, buy any one item at full price (make this your least expensive item!) and get two items at half price!

If you can't make the actual party, you can either place a catalog order or order online at www.liasophia.com and it can still benefit FAMH as long as the order is in by the end of January. But COME to the party so you can see the jewelry, touch the jewelry, try the jewelry on. As nice as it looks in the catalog, there's nothing like seeing it in person.

And there'll be yummy snacks as well as some chances for you to win free jewelry, too!

For information, directions or to RSVP, please call (845) 794-1029.

PASSING THE TORCH THROUGH THE ARTS SEEKS VOLUNTEERS

- In Computer Skills, Education/Arts, Grantwriting, Office Skills, Research on January 4, 2011 at 11:56 am

Passing the Torch Through the Arts (www.passingthetorch-throughthearts.com) is

more than just a collective group of artists producing theater in the Hudson Valley.

We are a group of multi-cultural, multi-generational imaginative individuals working towards social change.

We keep our focus on youth at the center of all initiatives and believe in growth through collaboration. Diversity is an asset we possess both culturally and professionally and at the heart of our company is camaraderie and support. This is who we are and we invite you to join us and help us grow!

PTTA is looking for volunteers to help with grants and research, not for profit development, publicity, graphic design, social networking and office skills.

Hours are flexible and you can work at home. Please contact Michael Monasterial, Artistic Director, at 845-901-6820 or at: passingthetorchthroughthearts@gmail.com.

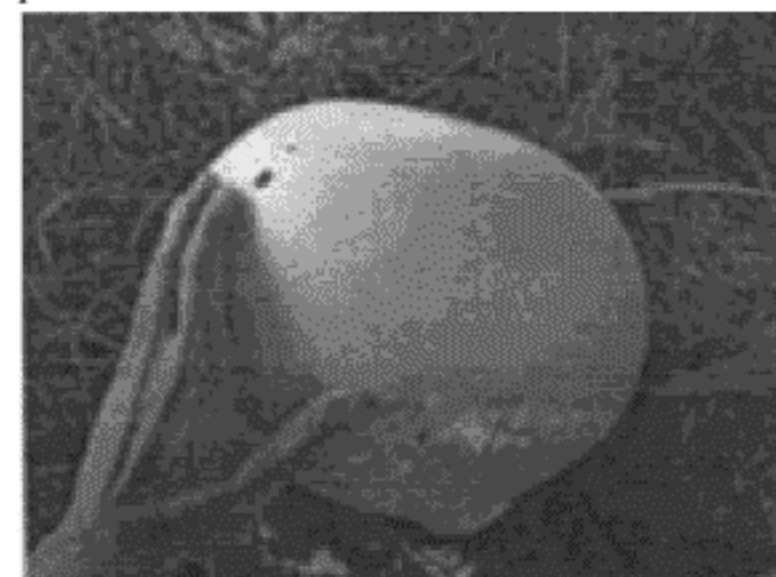
GIANT PUFFBALLS

by Peggy DeWire



Can you imagine finding a round white mushroom as big as a peach basket? That's what the telephone call from Paul was about. He asked me to come and look at something growing in his back yard - a really big white ball that smelled like a mushroom.

When I arrived, Paul and his wife Carol waved me over to their magnificent mushroom, a Giant Puffball measuring 34" around 31" top to bottom.



As they took pictures, I told them that Great Puffballs grow directly on the ground while small thumbnail size ones and fist size ones root on decayed wood. Puffballs range over the USA and Canada.

Their shallow root system of many white interlacing threads look like a lace doily. As it expands underground small beads form at random. These are fruiting buds that develop into puffballs by late summer. A Giant Puffball takes a week to become full size; smaller ones overnight to several days. Sometimes they grow in circles called fairy rings.

All puffballs contain spores (microscopic seeds) that ripen inside the skin bag to a brownish-purple powder ready for dispersal. Have you ever stepped on a puffball and watched the dust cloud blow away?

A Giant Puffball contains about seven trillion spores that gush out of the cracks in the skin when pounded by outside forces like raindrops in a down-pour or winds that suck them away like smoke spiraling out of a chimney or insects or kids from animals and people.

When puffballs are sacks of powder, Indian medicine men packed handfuls in deep wounds to stop bleeding and clot blood. This folklore was passed on. My childhood memories include watching my grandfather use puffballs as a coagulant when he dehorned cows. He called Giant Puffballs, melons of the moon.

Bearing spores internally that need release by outside forces is so unique that mycologists put puffballs in separate class gastromycetes meaning stomach fungi and the Giant Puffball in its own special genus Calvatia.

Puffballs are safe to eat when white and firm with one exception, the false Puffball with brown skin, bad smell and purple inside when cut open. Puffballs beginning to turn yellow are too old to eat. But fresh white ones are delicious cooked. You can add them to soup, stews and casseroles or saute' them, my favorite.

Here's how I prepare them: peel the skin off a Giant and slice into 1/2" thick pieces. Fry them in butter or olive oil until golden brown. Drain on a paper towel, add salt and pepper to taste. Yummy!

Giant Puffballs are eaten worldwide. Swedes call them jatteroksvamp, Spaniards homgo and Americans, melons of the moon.

So when you are out on a walk toward the end of next summer, why not look forward to a hunt for a Giant Puffball?

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!*

Good Morning My Friends,

I have had such a terrible week. And I didn't know how much it showed until yesterday when one of my friends came in and said "Paula, it was much nicer when you were baking than cursing your laptop!" I bought pastries (thank you Cohn's they are wonderful) but, I always did the baking! I make special things for special people ~ Brian's Apple Cake and Dillies' Sandwich and I ask how their children are instead of "gripping." You know that is not the word I wanted to use. Suddenly, I have become consumed with bureaucracy and paperwork and attorneys and agencies and engineers. I had to go to Kingston and Parallel Park! I know nothing moves quickly ~ but, that was really not my point ~ I hate that I have lost site of what I want of my little store. So today everyone needs to ask me when they come in if I did it?

I am making a wonderful casserole for Family of Woodstock soup kitchen. One of the things I wanted when we decided the store was our home and we would be happy here for the rest of our lives, was to be able to give back to our communities. I know the philosophy of people wanting everyone to be self-supporting but it simply isn't like that anymore. People need help and more people need help today than ever. I took some things over to Family of Woodstock for Thanksgiving and the people there were 'our mothers and fathers!' Yes, there were some young folks there who were able to work; but, our mothers and fathers were there - maybe your grandparents were there and they appreciated the home cooked meal they were served. I know you can't bring food cooked in residential kitchens to soup kitchens. But, you can give to them! They eat bread and foods you can get at the bread store. There are children that are brought to soup kitchens that would be delighted to get a pudding cup or I am taking some mandarin oranges because they are my grandchildren's favorite! If each of us buys one non-perishable sale item at the groceries ~ like when the mandarin oranges are \$1.99 for six cups ~ each week ~ put them in a bag in you kitchen closet and when you have five items take them to a soup kitchen. I am going to ask a friend that works for Family of Woodstock about other ones near us and I will make a list for next week. I can put a box in my store and collect items like I mentioned and take it over when I go to Woodstock. I go there at least once a week. But, first I have to put my Christmas decorations away! Then I will have a place for a box. But, I will tell everyone that puts something in if I hear about a family in our neighborhood who is having a hard time I will give food to them from the box.

Well, I feel better and since I have started this I have stopped and put the chicken in the roaster and have the pans ready to make a casserole. I better hurry so I can beat the snow storm!

OK one more thing ~ Do you know what the emergency procedures are in the South for a snow storm? JUST STAY HOME! There is what, one snow plow in Atlanta! And I will bet you dollars to donuts that the road crew in Atlanta fight over who gets to drive it and they yell 'Yee Ha' several times while driving that snow plow. They tell the public ~ Go to the grocery store the day before and JUST STAY HOME!

From The Dixie Chicken and The Other Side Of The Mountain ~ Have a warm week my friends and come and say 'Hi' ~ after the storm!

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

I just finished reading Patti Smith's book, "Just Kids", which is a great read that I highly recommend to everybody. It's an autobiography, but focuses mostly on Ms. Smith's relationship with Robert Mapplethorpe, the artist best known for his homoerotic photographs, but as Ms. Smith makes clear to her readers, he was much more than just that. Their relationship was loving, supportive, and extremely heartfelt. I was moved to tears as I read the closing lines, as apparently was the wife of the late Senator Jesse Helms (R-NC), who upon finding some of Mapplethorpe's work in a gallery brochure, famously commented, "Lord, Jesse. I don't believe what I'm seeing!", thus spearheading Helms' efforts to have a Mapplethorpe gallery tour cancelled and federal funding to the National Endowment for the Arts withdrawn, roughly twenty years ago, about a year before Mapplethorpe died of AIDS related complications. (Next Col.)

The chronicle of Patti's life from suburban kid to internationally known poet, artist, and rock star is quite interesting and never boring. She mingles with

all sorts of people, from rock stars to royalty, and always manages to stay true to herself. I saw a bit of myself in her, albeit Patti did her dance on a higher level than I've managed to achieve, but we both crossed paths with a lot of the same people, which wasn't hard to do if you were in Manhattan at that time.

I'm not going to give too much away, but there's a great anecdote in the book about her meeting with Jimi Hendrix, who used to live in this area, and left for the 1969 Woodstock Festival from his house in West Shokan. As Patti relates it, she ran into Jimi shortly after he opened his recording studio, Electric Lady, and Jimi told her his vision for the place. "He dreamed of amassing musicians from all over the world in Woodstock and they would sit in a field in a circle and play and play. It didn't matter what key or tempo or what melody, they would keep on playing through their discordance until they found a common language. Eventually they would record this abstract universal language of music in his new studio."

"The language of peace. You dig?" "I did", said Patti.

This is only one of the many fascinating stories she tells in this excellent, well written autobiographical tome. The pages are littered with the people who were part of her life: Janis Joplin, Bobby Neuwirth (another former area resident), Allen Ginsburg, Johnny Winter and his manager, Steve Paul, Andy Warhol, Jim Carroll, Lenny Kaye, CBGB's and the bands who started there in the '70s, plus artists, fashion designers, museum curators, and just plain folks. Just kids, as Ms. Smith says. READ IT!

I finished the book in the morning, and as I was headed in to my store to open up, I was looking forward to writing about it. When I got to the store, I immediately switched on the radio, as I do every day, and what should be playing but Patti's version of "Gloria", the only other version besides the original Van Morrison recording that matters. This has always been one of my favorite Patti Smith tracks, probably THE best thing she ever did besides the amazing "Ask the Angels" from Radio Ethiopia. She puts a really cool spin on the song, and makes it her own. As I listened again, and after reading her book, I realized that the beginning, when she sings about, "leaning on the parking meter" was probably written about Mapplethorpe. There's actually a part in the book when Robert is waiting for her outside of some event that they could only afford one ticket to, where he is described as leaning on the parking meter and smoking a cigarette. Anyway, I thought it was cool that the song was playing as I prepared to write this column.

Recommended live music events for this week:

TONIGHT! January 20 - The Malibooz with Walter ("Magnet and Steel") Egan, with special guests, *The Doughboys*, (3 time winner of *Little Steven's Underground Garage Coolest Song of the Week* and #3 *Coolest Song of the Year*) - Bearsville Theater
Friday, January 21 - David Sancious (former keyboardist and guitarist with Bruce Springsteen, Eric Clapton, Jeff Beck, Sting, Peter Gabriel) - Bearsville Theater

Saturday, January 22 - Eilen Jewell - Club Helsinki, Hudson, NY - Eilen is the best kept secret on the music scene. Great songs, vocals, and band. Her guitar player Jerry Miller is world class, as is Club Helsinki, and Eilen herself. Club Helsinki is housed in a beautiful 19th century building, is the best club in our area, and deserves your support.

Sunday, January 23 - Sharon Jones and The Dap-Kings (This is the band that Amy Winehouse used for her multi-platinum album, "Back to Black", and one of the finest soul bands operating today. Catch them if you can!) - UPAC

Tuesday, January 25 - Lyle Lovett and John Hiatt - The Egg, Albany. John Hiatt is an American treasure, and one of our absolutely best songwriters, and, HE ROCKS! Lyle Lovett is Lyle Lovett. Everybody knows who he is. He's Julia Roberts' ex.

See you next week.

BOICEVILLE WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEM COMPLETED

The hamlet of Boiceville - 126 properties including many businesses and Onteora Central School -- is the latest community in the Catskills to benefit from a new wastewater treatment system, courtesy of the Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC).

The project was accomplished with a \$12.2 million block grant from the CWC's Community Wastewater Management Program (CWMP) to the Town of Olive which will own and manage the system going forward. While some site restoration work remains to be done this spring, the project was essentially completed January 7 when the last of the sanitary lateral pipes was connected to a home on DeSilva Road.

"There has been a smooth transition from private systems to the wastewater treatment plant. The commercial property owners seem satisfied now that their businesses can expand and grow," said Olive Town Supervisor Berndt Leifeld. "The Town of Olive owes the CWC a tremendous

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thank you along with the New York City DEP and all the contractors that cooperated to complete this project. I truly believe this will have a great impact on the revitalization of our community for years to come.

The system was designed by Lamont Engineers, the firm that coordinates the CWMP program for the CWC. Approved by the New York City Department of Environmental Protection, the system includes a state-of-the-art wastewater treatment plant that can handle up to 75,000 gallons of flow per day, and 18,000 feet of large diameter gravity sewer mains.

Evergreen Mountain Contracting of West Kill, Greene County, constructed the wastewater treatment plant on a four-acre site adjacent to the Esopus Creek. At the plant, wastewater is run through numerous treatment trains, including sand filtration, microfiltration and ultraviolet disinfection, before it is discharged, at near drinking-water quality, to the creek, which feeds the City's Ashokan Reservoir.

Brunswick Electric of Troy and S&O Construction Services of Pleasant Valley installed electrical, plumbing and heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems at the treatment plant, which is currently handling 25,000 gallons of flow per day.

The plant is managed for the Town of Olive by LVDV Operations. The on-site septic systems that had served individual properties, including the school, have been pumped out and filled in. F. P. Kane Construction of Endicott installed the sanitary collection system, which included three subterranean pipe crossings of busy NYS Route 28.

CWC's Stormwater Retrofit Program also paid for stormwater controls installed throughout the hamlet simultaneously with the wastewater project. The project featured catch basins, culverts and a swale containing wetland plantings at the intersection of NYS Routes 28 and 28A. A specialized unit was installed at Lukoil that treats suspended solids and hydrocarbons at the gas station/carwash.

The wastewater and stormwater projects in Boiceville employed an estimated 35 people. Many contractor representatives and workers stayed at area motels and patronized local businesses during the two-year construction period. "This system is a good example of how the CWC is meeting our two primary missions - water protection and community preservation," commented CWC Executive Director Alan Rosa. "This project assures the cleanliness of the Esopus Creek. Its construction supported local businesses during an economic slowdown. It will also help to attract home buyers and businesses, since Boiceville now has a reliable, high capacity treatment plant and there are no worries about on-site septic systems failing." (Contd. Pg. 7)

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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 and Zoning Board of Appeals 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

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE;

The Town of Denning is seeking BIDS for a 1995 Ford F-800 Single Axle Dump truck, Diesel, Standard Transmission, with snow plow, 2wd, 2speed rear, AS IS CONDITION.

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Bids will be accepted until the opening of the regularly scheduled business meeting of the Denning Town Board on Tuesday, February 8th 2011 at the Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Road, Claryville, N.Y. 12725 set to begin at 7:00 P.M.

THE DENNING TOWN BOARD RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS WITHOUT REASON.

Joy Ann Monforte
Town Clerk
January 12, 2011

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

Reminder:

The Town of Denning Town Clerks Office will be open for the collection of taxes on Saturday, January 29, 2011 from 10 AM to 3 PM.

Joy Ann Monforte
Town of Denning Tax Collector

December 15, 2010

1/20; 1/27

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The Neversink Fire District is seeking bids for an industrial washer and drying cabinet which meets the following general specifications:

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Bids will be opened by the Neversink Fire District at its regular meeting on February 16, 2011 at 8:00 p.m. Any and all bids must be received prior to or at the time of the bid opening.

A non-collusion certificate must be included with the bid submitted.

The Board of Commissioners of the Neversink Fire District reserves the right to reject any or all bids received and to accept the bid best suited for its specific needs.

Bids can be mailed to the Neversink Fire District at PO Box 394, Neversink, New York 12765. Interested bidders with questions may contact Fire Commissioner Tim Dexheimer by regular mail at the above address or by phone at: (845) 985-2563.

Dated: January 4, 2011
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Neversink Fire District
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For information call Town Clerk Lisa Garigliano at 985-2262 x307.

WINTER FARMER'S MARKET

Join the fun at the Delaware Community Center for their Indoor Winter Farmers' Market that will be going on all winter. Upcoming dates are January 30, February 13, 27, March 20, and April 10, 23 at the Delaware Community Center, 8 Creamery Road - Callicoon, NY 12723 Stop by the Market Manager's table and pick up a card to remind you of the dates.

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**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
January 20, 2011**

6:00 p.m. - Policy Sub-Committee Meeting

7:00 p.m. - Regular Board Meeting

Secondary School Library Lower Level

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- A. GUESTS
- B. TREASURER'S REPORT
- C. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
 - 1. Minutes
 - 2. CSE Recommendations
 - 3. Building Use Forms
- D. OLD BUSINESS
- E. BUSINESS REPORT
 - 1. Warrants
- F. LATE-BREAKING NEWS
- G. EXECUTIVE SESSION
- H. ADJOURNMENT

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Day 1, Jan. 29 Day 2, Feb. 5 Day 3**

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All ski trips are scheduled to begin at 1:30 p.m. on a Saturday - unless otherwise indicated. Depending on the weather and/or snow conditions, the leader may choose to reschedule to Sunday or change the hour or location or to hold a winter hike. Leaders will be prepared to help and encourage new members.

Members and new skiers alike are reminded to always call the leader the night before the scheduled ski trip for updated information.

For more about the club, please call president Bob Klein at 796-3336 or e-mail ekalter@hvc.rr.com

Jan. 22 - Fallsburg Trails, Leader Eileen Kalter 434-5371;
Jan 29 - Fosterdale Trails, Leaders Jonathan Hyman & Gail Rubinfeld, 583-4103;
Feb 5 - Frost Valley YMCA (Fee Charged) Leader Bonnie Hoffman 794-7552; Feb 12

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Feb 26 Monguap Pond, Leader Judy Brennan 292-7832;
March 5 Fluggertown Rd Leaders Bob & Betty Klein 796-3336;
March 12 Annual Meeting and Dinner and skiing if snow.

More info to be announced. Contact Bob Klein 796-3336.

BOICEVILLE WASTEWATER (From Pg. 4)

During the project, engineering and construction teams utilized the former Trail Nursery on the WWTP site as an office. With the project completed, the Town is now seeking a buyer for the building and one-acre of land. Interested parties are urged to contact Heather Martin and Associates Realty. (845) 657-4240. The CWC is a non-profit Local Development Corporation based in Margaretville. It is committed to protecting water resources, encouraging environmentally friendly economic development and supporting watershed education in the New York City Watershed West of the Hudson River, a region encompassing parts of five counties - Delaware, Greene, Schoharie, Sullivan and Ulster.

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Jan 22 Kid's Winter Carnival and Torchlight Parade: All sorts of special events at the Discovery Lodge at Belleayre. Check website for more info. Belleayre Mountain, 181 Galli Curci Road, Highmount. 254-5600 www.belleayre.com

Jan 22 Hart Attack: 8PM. Live music. High Falls Café, Mohonk Rd. and Rt 213, High Falls. 687-2699. www.highfallscafe.com

Jan 23 Woods in the Winter: 1-3PM Mohonk Preserve hike through woods with researcher Ethan Pierce. Learn about winter life and identifying trees w/o leaves. Moderate 2mi hike. Ages 13+. Reservations required. 255-0919 for info/location.

Jan 23 Saugerties Pro Musica presents the Sima Trio: 3PM. Sima Piano Trio. \$12/Adult, \$10/Seniors, Students Free. Saugerties United Methodist Church, Washington Ave & Post St., Saugerties. 246-5021

Jan 24 Tastes of the Town: Belleayre Mountain's Discovery Lodge. Check www.belleayre.com for more info. 254-5600

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Jan 27 Energy Savers Workshop: 7PM. Reducing heating and electric bills with low cost and no cost conservation methods. Free. Gardiner Library, 133 Farmer's Turnpike, Gardiner. 255-1255. www.gardinerlibrary.org

Jan 27 SRBP Lecture Series: Gasland: 6:30-9PM. Documentary. Learn what the gas rush could mean for communities, landowners, and landscapes in this region. Free. Lecture Center, SUNY New Paltz, 1 Hawk Dr., New Paltz. 257-3880.

Jan 28 Toddler Yoga: 11AM-12PM. Children ages 2-4. Caretakers and children stretch, meditate, sing and paint. Bring yoga mat. Kingston Library, btwn Franklin and Prospect St. 331-0507; www.kingstonlibrary.org

Jan 28 Exit 19: 8PM. Get Funktified! A staple of dance music in the Hudson Valley for over 15 years. Unmistakable chemistry, unrelenting drive. \$15. Bearsville Theater, 291 Tinker St., Woodstock. 679-4406; www.bearsvilletheater.com

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UPCOMING JANUARY ULSTER COUNTY EVENTS

Jan 20 Jo-Yu Chen Trio Live @ the Falcon: 6PM Dinner, 7PM Music. Native of Taiwan, Jo-Yu Chen, New York-based jazz pianist/composer. Opener Michael Hollis. Free/Donation. 1348 Route 9W, Marlboro. www.liveatthefalcon.com

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CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH AT SUNY SULLIVAN

SCCC will present two great events this February celebrating Black History Month. Joseph Mantia & His Jazz Quintet will fill the stage in the Seelig Theater, Feb. 17 (Thurs) at 7 p.m. and on Feb. 24 (Thurs) at 7 p.m. Michael Monasterial's amazing *Sam Cooke: Where You Been Baby?* will grace the stage. Joseph Mantia & His Jazz Quintet is a tribute to jazz greats Dizzy Gillespie, John Coltrane, Duke Ellington and other jazz greats. Kitt Potter, SUNY Sullivan's grant writer... and a great jazz performer in her own right, will make a special appearance opening the show with the Impact of Black Music on the American and World Society a presentation in words, pictures and music on jazz from 1940 to 1990.

Tickets are \$12 for adults; \$10 for children. Kitt Potter will again grace the stage playing the part of Vi, Sam Cooke's wife, opposite Michael Monasterial in his critically acclaimed *Sam Cooke: Where You Been Baby?* Not only is this production filled with great music, it also tells a story that resonates with all people regardless of color. Tickets are \$20 for adults; \$10 for students. A group rate is available for eight or more for both productions. SUNY Sullivan students with college ID will be admitted free.

For more information and to purchase tickets call the Seelig Theater Box Office at 845-434-5750, ext. 4472.

SC VISITORS ASSOC UPDATING ANTIQUES TRAIL MAP

The Sullivan County Visitors Association is in the process of updating its Sullivan County Antiques Trail Map. The map is a popular tool for the antiques connoisseurs scouring our county for that perfect or unique must-have addition to their collections. The new map/guide will be a simpler design fold-out four color piece which will also be available as a download from the SCVA website. There is still time to be represented in the map/guide which is available at recession friendly pricing (50% less than the 2009/2010 version) through the end of January. To take advantage of this great opportunity, please contact Richard Delia at Ferndale@hvc.rr.com or leave a message at (845) 292-8701.

The Visitors Association credits Richard Delia of Ferndale Antiques Marketplace for his expertise in bringing the project to fruition. Mr. Delia's customers tell him that the map helps second homeowners, as well as visitors to the county, plan shopping expeditions in their search for furniture, lighting and special accessories for their country home.

"WITH AND WITHOUT". A PLAY WRITTEN AND DIRECTED BY JEFFREY SWEET, COMES TO ASK IN FEBRUARY

Beginning on February 11th, The Arts Society of Kingston (ASK), 97 Broadway, Kingston, will present "With and Without", a Play Written and Directed by Jeffrey Sweet; starring Terri Mateer, Joe Bongiorno, Holly Graff and Ron Morehead. The play will run February 11th - 13th, February 18th - 20th, February 25th and 27th, with all performances beginning at 7 pm. General Admission is \$15 and \$12 for ASK Members. For more information or to make reservations, please call 845-338-0331.

Jeffrey Sweet's "With and Without" is a witty, smart and often moving tale of the ties that bind and the ties that can so quickly unravel before our eyes. The scene is set for a week of wine, wit and relaxation. However Jill's husband doesn't show up at a lakeside

FROST VALLEY YMCA EVENTS

Friday-Sunday, Feb. 11-13, 2011: A Girl Scout Winter Sports program will be held at Frost Valley YMCA in Claryville, NY. Scouts work towards their Winter Sports Badge. Activities will include cross-country skiing, snow tubing, snowshoeing, hiking, ice fishing and ice cutting. Check-in starts at 5 p.m.

Friday-Sunday, March 18-20, 2011: A Girl Scout Eco Challenge Weekend will be held at Frost Valley YMCA in Claryville, NY. Activities will include forest and wildlife ecology, seed planting, service projects, greenhouse skills, recycling, compost education and a nature scavenger hunt. Check-in starts at 5 p.m.

Friday-Sunday, March 25-27, 2011: Women's Wellness Weekend at Frost Valley YMCA in Claryville is an opportunity for participants to focus solely on their own needs. Guests can spend time alone communing with nature and choose from over 15 activities each day, including yoga, dance, therapeutic movement, meditation, water color painting and pottery. Guided hikes in the beautiful, scenic trails of the Catskills are offered several times daily.

Friday-Sunday, April 1-3, 2011: A Girl Scout Senior Leadership Weekend will be held at Frost Valley YMCA in Claryville, NY. Senior Scouts will attend workshops on goal-setting and leadership skills. Check-in starts at 5 p.m.

Friday-Sunday, April 8-10, 2011: A Girl Scout Earth Day Celebration will be held at Frost Valley YMCA in Claryville, NY. Activities will include recycled arts and crafts projects, composting and recycling classes, nature hikes, a greenhouse planting project, wildlife ecology and learning simple techniques for going green. Check-in starts at 5 p.m. peaks.

Information/registration: (845) 985-2291, e-mail: info@frostvalley.org or visit: www.FrostValley.org. Frost Valley YMCA camp and conference center is located in the Catskill Mountain high peaks.

vacation house and, instead of a holiday, the happily married Mark and Shelly have a ringside seat of their friend's less than successful attempts to cope. The lake is serene but in the house old passions bubble to the surface in this 'dramedy' about the limits of friendship and marriage.

Jeffrey Sweet is most closely associated with Chicago theater. He has premiered plays at the Victory Gardens Theatre since the late seventies and is a member of its Playwrights Ensemble. Among his plays are "Flyovers" (Joseph Jefferson Award, best script), "The Action Against Sol Schumann and American Enterprise" (both American Theatre Critics Association prize-winners), "Porch", "Bluff", "Berlin '45" and "With and Without". Mr. Sweet wrote "Something Wonderful Right Away", an oral history of Chicago's Second City Company (a book which in turn inspired the creation of two other Chicago theaters) and two texts on playwriting, "The Dramatist's Toolkit" and "Solving Your Script". He co-wrote two musicals, "I Sent a Letter to My Love" (with Melissa Manchester, based on a novel by Bernice Rubens) and "What About Luv?" (with Howard Marren and Susan Birkenhead, based on a play by Murray Schisgal).

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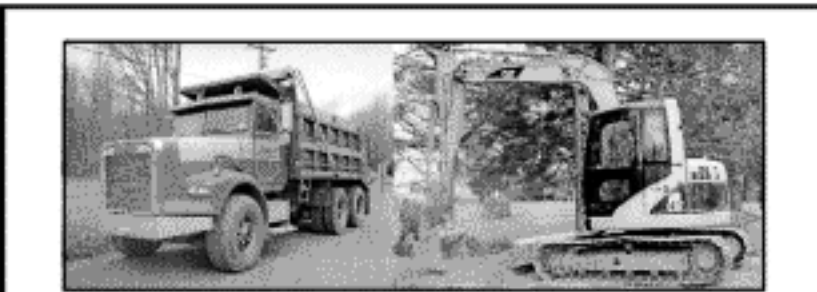


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FUNDRAISER FOR MENTAL HEALTH (From Pg. 1)

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For information, directions or to RSVP, please call (845) 794-1029.

PASSING THE TORCH THROUGH THE ARTS SEEKS VOLUNTEERS
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Passing the Torch Through the Arts (www.passingthetorchthroughthearts.com) is more than just a collective group of artists producing theater in the Hudson Valley.

We are a group of multi-cultural, multi-generational imaginative individuals working towards social change.

We keep our focus on youth at the center of all initiatives and believe in growth through collaboration. Diversity is an asset we possess both culturally and professionally and at the heart of our company is camaraderie and support. This is who we are and we invite you to join us and help us grow!

PTTA is looking for volunteers to help with grants and research, not for profit development, publicity, graphic design, social networking and office skills.

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SULLIVAN COUNTY NOT-FOR-PROFIT LEADERSHIP SUMMIT 2011 AT BETHEL WOODS CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Sullivan County Legislature Chairman Jonathan Rouis joined four local not-for-profit agencies to announce the first Sullivan Not-for-Profit Summit to promote collaboration between not-for-profit agencies of all sizes.

Jonathan Rouis, Chairman of the Sullivan County Legislature said, "This summit has been a goal of mine since early 2009, and I am excited to join these local agencies to provide a forum for sharing ideas, resources and services."

The NFP Summit will be held on Friday, March 4, 2011, and is aiming to bring Senior Leadership and Board of Directors Leadership from as many Sullivan County not-for-profit agencies as possible together to discuss collaborative opportunities, shared services, as well as trends in local and regional collaboration.

Amanda Speer, Family and Youth Development Team Coordinator for Cornell Cooperative Extension in Sullivan County, is serving as the Event Committee Chair, and CCE will act as a clearinghouse for registrants. She said, "Sullivan County Cornell Cooperative Extension is extremely grateful for the opportunity to assist in bringing together the many people and organizations that do good work in this county. By creating a supportive network of non-profit leaders we can all better understand one another's missions and maximize our service to county residents."

The event will feature two panel discussions- one featuring Sullivan County groups who have collaborated successfully with other groups, municipalities, etc. to share the secrets to their successes, and the other will feature regional experts speaking to the importance of big-picture collaborations, as well as emerging trends in the region.

Darlene Fedun, CEO of Bethel Woods Center for the Arts said, "Nonprofit organizations are significant contributors to the economic and social well being in communities. Bethel Woods, as a cultural center, believes in the power of collaborative efforts. Together we can achieve economies of scale, promotional / marketing ties, audience development opportunities and expansion of programs while boosting our individual identities, reach and impact."

"Our local not-for-profit agencies have been hard-hit during this recession, and our hope is that this summit will allow us all to really consider our individual missions and shared goals, to find commonality and new partners. Any way we can help our colleagues while also expanding our ability to serve Sullivan County youth is a win-win for us!" said Alexis Eggleton, Executive Director for the Town of Wallkill Boys & Girls Clubs, which serves Monticello, Fallsburg and Liberty. Kathy Kreiter, Agency Director for the Dispute Resolution Center of Sullivan County said, "Seizing the opportunity to collaborate with other non-profits provides the potential to make our organizations stronger, better, and more responsive to the needs of those we exist to serve."

For more information, or to register for this event, please contact Cornell Cooperative Extension of Sullivan County at 845-292-6180. Registration for this event is \$20 per person, and must be paid in advance.

SULLIVAN CO LOOKS TOWARD ULSTER CO REGARDING ELECTED COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Recently a bipartisan committee met with Ulster County Executive, Mike Hein to discuss and consider that Sullivan County change from a Legislature appointed county manager to a publicly elected county executive similar to Ulster County.

Ulster County Executive Mike Hein attended the meeting in Liberty and was able to answer questions pertaining to his position relative to other elected officials in Ulster County, as well as Ulster County co-workers and also what his obligations to the county were.

Prior to 2008 Hein was the Ulster County administrator. In 2008 the voters of Ulster County showed their support for an elected County Executive and Mike Hein, a Democrat, was the first elected Ulster County Executive, which put an end to the county legislature's extensive influence over management affairs.

The Sullivan County committee is planning to meet in a few weeks to further their attempt toward making a decision.

For more information contact Sean Reiber at 794-1532 or email him with questions or comments at sean@rieberappraisal.com.

ULSTER COUNTY FILES NOTICE OF INTENT TO SUE NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (NYCDEP) County Executive Hein Outraged Over DEP Refusal to Cease Waste Releases Into Lower Esopus

Ulster County Executive Mike Hein filed a Notice of Intent to sue under the Clean Water Act and is in the process of filing an accompanying Notice of Claim with New York City's Department of Environmental Protection (NYCDEP). The action seeks to enjoin activity associated with operating the Ashokan Reservoir Waste Channel including unpermitted releases of excessively turbid water into the Lower Esopus Creek.

The Notice of Intent is a pre-requisite to filing an action under the Clean Water Act which Ulster County and the other plaintiff municipalities believe is being violated.

"It is my great hope that NYCDEP will cease their assault upon the quality of life, economic prosperity and environmental quality of Ulster County," said County Executive Mike Hein. "They are showing a blatant disregard for the health and welfare of our residents and the Lower Esopus environment. They need to stop the discharges immediately and make things right. If they are unwilling to cease their actions, the County is prepared to take immediate action and sue the NYCDEP. We will use every resource at our disposal to protect natural resources, property and the economic prosperity of our community."

"In order to address water quality issues down stream of the Catskills, NYCDEP has chosen to discharge highly turbid from the west basin of the Ashokan Reservoir without treatment to the Lower Esopus Creek, rather than taking the more environmentally responsive route of undergoing a full environmental review and permitting for these activities," said the Director of the Ulster County Department of Environment Amanda Lavalle. "Had the City conducted a proper and full environmental review before commencing these discharges, they would have been forced to identify the horrendous impacts from these discharges and taken measures to mitigate those impact. Although releases through the waste channel have been couched as flood control relief for downstream residents, the real purpose of these releases is to avoid treatment requirements for New York City drinking water."

County Legislative Majority Leader Paul Hansut said, "The double standard demonstrated by NYCDEP is simply not acceptable. They should be held to the same environmental standards as the rest of the residents of New York State."

County Legislative Minority Leader Jeanette Provenzano said, "Providing clean water for the greater metropolitan region is undeniably an important goal. However we feel that the NYCDEP has both the ability and the responsibility to be a good partner and protect the streams impacted by their water supply operations. We are simply asking them to step up to that responsibility. I applaud the County Executive for taking the lead on this issue."

"I want to thank County Executive Hein for taking the lead on this issue and protecting the citizens of Ulster County. Together we will fight the unfair and detrimental environmental practices of the NYCDEP," said County Legislator Alan Lomita. Ulster County Legislator Walter Frey said "NYCDEP's recent polluting of the Lower Esopus is inexcusable and unconscionable. Their title as the Department of the Environmental Protection reminds me of Orwell's version of 'double speak' in 1984."

Ulster County Legislator Jim Maloney said "As head of the Legislature's standing committee on Economic Development, I am very concerned of the potential impact the NYCDEP's waste releases have will have on farming and tourism can be devastating. It will kill our economy"

Ulster County Legislator Roy Hochberg said "Our quality of life in Ulster County is unrivaled but the NYCDEP has threatened that quality of life by releasing polluted waste water into the Lower Esopus. The Lower Esopus is a key area to agriculture and recreation and must be protected"

County Executive Hein is also being supported by the strong environmental community in the Hudson Valley.

Hudson River keeper Paul Gallay said "The condition of the lower Esopus in recent months is simply unacceptable. We are a part of NYCDEP's newly established stakeholder group which is meeting again on January 14th. The City has got to announce measures to remedy the current problems and avoid future ones. Operating the water supply system cannot come at the expense of local residents and the environment." (Next Col.)

New York City DEP's waste water releases will have a negative impact on farming and tourism, two of Ulster County's top industries. The loss of economic growth in these two sectors has the potential to devastate the Ulster County economy.

"I have been farming the lands along the Esopus for 25 years and I have never seen the level of mud and sediment that the NYCDEP has released over the past 97 days," said Bruce Davenport, owner of Davenport Farms in Stone Ridge. "Good Ag. Practices (GAP) is a program adopted nation-wide by supermarkets. The goal is to protect the quality of the food supermarkets sell. Having to irrigate with turbid water could disqualify our produce from being purchased by these major supermarkets. When spring comes we are going to be asking ourselves if we are going to be able to remain in the produce business."

The damages that have been reported to the County associated with high level of polluted turbid releases include fish kills, well failure, loss of swimming, loss of boating, damage to invertebrates, failure of agricultural irrigation systems, damage to property values and aesthetic impacts.

The NYCDEP has been releasing highly turbid polluted water from the West Ashokan Basin, down a waste channel into the Lower Esopus since October 7, 2010. This action, intended to purge the reservoir of the polluted water, has continued since then. It is Ulster County's demand to have clear water released into the Esopus immediately.

The NYCDEP has released over 42 billion gallons of polluted water into the Lower Esopus since October 8th 2010. In the city's own watershed, if a private party releases a gallon of water in similar condition he or she would be fined up to \$37,500 per day.

"The gross hypocrisy of NYCDEP is truly astounding," continued County Executive Hein. They implement severe environmental restrictions in the watershed whenever possible, yet when dealing with Ulster County residents outside of the watershed they don't follow their own rules. This 'let them eat cake' approach to governance is simply not acceptable and cannot stand."

CAHILL CONTINUES WORK AS CHAIR OF ASSEMBLY ENERGY COMMITTEE

The 2011 Legislative Session began this week with Assemblymember Kevin Cahill (D-Ulster, Dutchess) continuing to serve as Chair of the Assembly Energy Committee. This marks the fourth consecutive session he has taken the lead in developing the Assembly's energy policy.

"In just a few short years we have made great strides in changing our energy policies for the better," said Chairman Cahill. "New York is now a national leader when it comes to energy efficiency, the development and deployment of renewable resources and the creation of a framework from which we can build a new energy economy."

Cahill highlighted his work on the new energy planning statute, the enhancement of the state's net metering laws, the modernization of the energy building code and the creation of the Green Jobs / Green New York Program as key accomplishments during his tenure. The Committee wasted no time getting to work in 2011, holding its first meeting on Tuesday. Next week, Assemblymember Cahill will convene a budget oversight hearing to review the activities of the Department of Public Service, New York State Energy Research and Development Authority and the New York Power Authority. (Contd. Pg. 14)

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GENTLY USED CHILDREN'S CLOTHES AVAILABLE

Knowing these are hard times for many people, Paula Rhodes of the Good Stuff Cafe and Country Store in West Shokan now has gently used children's clothing for a little as \$1 each item.

In more ways than one, Paula and her husband Gary are there supporting their community. They will be collecting non-perishable food for food banks and soup kitchens in their immediate area. They are asking for donations of single items such as fruit cups, fruit juice, puddings, etc. that can be placed in the box in their store.

Paula says, "The emphasis is on the individual, an idea I got when I saw the look on my granddaughter's face when I gave her a pudding cup!"

For more information stop by and talk to Paula, or give her a call at 845-657-2115.

OPEN CALL FOR 2012 EXHIBITION SEASON

There is a February 1, 2011 proposal deadline for artists and curators interested in submitting an application for the 2012 Exhibition Season. (This is a postmark deadline.) All proposals must include: an application (downloadable on our website at www.catskillartsociety.org or pick one up at the CAS Arts Center, 48 Main Street, Livingston Manor, NY); a cover letter with 2012 availability; a resume; a short bio (no more than 3 sentences); an artist/curatorial statement regarding the proposed work; and a minimum of ten proposed images in JPEG format with a file size of 800 pixels high on a CD. Please also include a list of work samples with media, title, date and dimensions of each piece. No slides please. Proposals must be sent to CAS, c/o 2012 Exhibition Season, PO Box 991, Livingston Manor, NY 12758. All proposals are reviewed by an outside jury panel of independent curators that changes each year. CAS will notify all applicants before the end of April 2011. Please note that artists who presented their work as part of the 2011 Season will not be eligible to re-apply until 2013. Please email Kathryn@catskillartsociety.org or call 845-436-4227 with questions.

CLEAN OUT YOUR CLOSETS FOR CAS

Catskill Art Society (CAS) and Willow and Brown will be hosting a Glamour and Glitz Used Clothing Sale on Saturday, January 15, 12:00-5:00pm at the CAS Arts Center. Free simple alterations and styling for all items sold will also be available. All proceeds will benefit CAS.

Please drop off any gently-used men's and women's clothes and jewelry including Coats Jackets Dresses Shirts Skirts Sweaters Pants Jeans Bracelets Necklaces Rings to Carolin at Willow and Brown who will accept and price the items offered for sale any time during store hours Thursday to Monday until January 15. Please clearly mark your items with name and phone number or e-mail. Gym clothes, shoes, underwear or damaged clothes will not be accepted. Items that do not sell will be donated to charity, and will not be returned.

HOSPICE PATIENT CARE VOLUNTEER TRAINING

Give the gift of self. Hospice volunteers provide compassionate support, companionship and respite to Hospice patients and their families. The Patient Care Volunteer Training consists of a 21 hour class to prepare for this rewarding volunteer service. Preregistration is required. Volunteers must attend all sessions of training and are asked to make a commitment of at least one year.

The training is being held at the Hospice office: 374 Violet Avenue, Poughkeepsie. The training schedule is as follows:

- Wednesday, February 16th 1:00pm-4:00pm,
- Wednesday, February 23rd 1:00pm-4:00pm, Saturday, February 26th 9:00am-6:00pm,
- Wednesday, March, 2nd 1:00pm-4:00pm,
- Wednesday, March 9th 1:00pm-4:00pm.

For information or registration please contact: Peggy Kuras 473-2273 ext. 1124 (Dutchess) OR Terri St. John 338-5397 ext. 2207 (Ulster)

BECAUSE WE CARE

Because We Care, a program by the Caregiver Resource Center, will be presented at Cornell Cooperative Extension of Sullivan County (64 Ferndale-Loomis Road, Liberty) for four consecutive Tuesdays (March 1, 8, 15, and 22) from 1- 4 pm. This series will provide all current and future caregivers a better understanding of caregiving with its multiple responsibilities. Participants will receive handout materials and home resources as part of their packets and guest speakers from area agencies will provide further insight into related caregiving issues.

Topics during the four classes will include:

1. Where to turn for help and services that can help; several area agencies and not-for-profits will present their services and participate in a panel to discuss flow of senior/caregiver services.
2. How can I care for both of us, strive to improve our quality of life while still living day to day?
3. What housing options are available and how can we afford long-term care?
4. How do I hire a home care employee and who will care if I am not there?

There is a minimum (five) and maximum (twenty)

for Because We Care. Please contact Cornell Cooperative Extension at 292-5250 or 292-6180 to register. This Caregiver Resource Center program is free, supported by the NYS Office for the Aging Caregiver Grant. Coffee and light refreshments will be provided.


*If a class is cancelled due to inclement weather, it will be held on the following day (so alternate dates would be March 2, 9, 16 and 23) for the same time frame.

46 HOUSE MEMBERS IN SUPPORT OF FRACKING CHEMICAL DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS ON PUBLIC LAND

Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY), Congresswoman Diana DeGette (D-CO), and Congressman Jared Polis (D-CO) are leading a group of 46 House of Representatives members in support of public disclosure requirements for chemicals used in hydraulic fracturing on public lands. In a letter to U.S. Interior Secretary Ken Salazar, the group described the disclosure requirement as a "critical step forward in encouraging the oil and gas industry to be more transparent and responsibly address the potential implications of hydraulic fracturing on water supplies and public health." In November 2010, Salazar said the Department of the Interior, which has the authority to require disclosure on public lands, is considering such a rule.

"Communities across America have seen their water contaminated by the chemicals used in the hydraulic fracturing process," said Hinchey. "When big energy companies decide they want to drill on public lands, they should have to tell the public exactly what chemicals they're pumping into the ground. We already know of several carcinogens and neurotoxins that are used in drilling process. If the industry had their way, we wouldn't find out about the other chemicals being used until they show up in the water supply. The people have a right to know what is being done to their land and what risks that may carry."

"Oil and gas companies continue to assure us that their drilling projects are safe," said DeGette, "but those same companies refuse to back up their assertions by disclosing the chemicals used in the hydraulic fracturing process. Without disclosure, authorities investigating incidents of concern to communities and residents are unable to prove one way or another the role hydraulic fracturing might have played in the contamination. Natural gas is an abundant and cleaner energy source that we need while incorporating more alternative energy sources into a comprehensive and strategic energy policy for the United States to execute going forward. It is also our responsibility, however, to ensure that its extraction does not come at the expense of the health of local communities." (Contd. Pg. 14)

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 Saturday afternoon: 5:00.
 Sunday morning: 9:00 am and 11:30 am
Holy days of obligation: as announced in church bulletin.
Daily Mass schedule:
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Saturday afternoon confessions: 4 to 4:45.
 Rev. John J. Lynch, Ph.D., Pastor. 434-7643.

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Rev. George W. Hommel, Pastor


 Covered Dish Supper
Covered Dish Supper Feb. 5, 2011
 (Jan. Covered Dish Supper Cancelled)
Sundown United Methodist Church
 at the Sundown Church Hall


Grahamsville United Methodist Church
 Thrift Sales will be held on the third Saturday of each month throughout the fall and winter from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Grahamsville Reformed Church
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 Hymn Sing & Covered Dish Supper 5:30/630 P.M. - 1st Sunday of the Month
 Rev. Paul Z. Ruter, Pastor

PRESIDENT SIGNS INTO LAW HINCHEY AMENDMENT (From Pg. 1)

"As the Department of Defense purchases solar panels to address very serious energy security concerns at defense installations around the country, we must ensure that those purchases support American solar energy manufacturing jobs, including those here in New York, rather than Chinese and other competitors," Hinchey said. "There is no good reason a company in China should be building the solar equipment that our military will use when we have a strong, emerging solar manufacturing presence here in New York. Establishing real energy security at our defense installations is critical to our national security. This is a commonsense approach to ensuring that American manufacturing jobs are supported as the military makes key investments in renewable energy."

Hinchey's amendment, which initially was added to the bill when the House first voted on the measure in May 2010, deals with the Buy American Act, which requires products purchased directly by the federal government to contain at least 50 percent of American content. The Hinchey amendment applies the Buy American Act to the procurement of solar panels purchased indirectly by the Pentagon through subcontracts such as Energy Savings Performance Contracts, land leases, and utility service contracts.

46 HOUSE MEMBERS IN SUPPORT OF FRACKING CHEMICAL DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS ON PUBLIC LAND (From Pg. 13)

"For too long the Bush Administration let big oil dictate the rules and undercut basic safeguards," said U.S. Rep. Polis. "I applaud Secretary Salazar's common sense approach, restoring a much-needed balance in our energy policy. Wherever hydraulic fracturing occurs, public lands or off, we must ensure that the appropriate oversight is in place so we can tell if and when dangerous chemicals are being used, endangering water sources and the public's health"

Onshore gas wells on Interior-managed lands account for 11 percent of the nation's natural gas supply. Hinchey, DeGette, and Polis introduced the Fracking Responsibility and Awareness of Chemicals (FRAC) Act in the 111th Congress to require the disclosure of chemicals used on both public and private lands. The FRAC Act would also close a loophole created in the Energy Policy Act of 2005, which exempts fracking from regulation through the Safe Drinking Water Act. Hinchey is also the author of the provision which led to the initiation of an U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) study on the risks posed to drinking water through the fracking process.

CAHILL CONTINUES WORK AS CHAIR OF ASSEMBLY ENERGY COMMITTEE (From Pg. 12)

"We have an opportunity to take some bold actions this year in terms of encouraging new markets for solar energy, reforming the Power For Jobs program, enacting a new power plant siting law and providing homeowners and small businesses with access to new energy efficiency opportunities," said Chairman Cahill. "Governor Cuomo has indicated that he shares some of these same goals and I am looking forward to working with his administration to accomplish our objectives."

Chairman Cahill's energy agenda for 2011 includes the following: the enactment of a permanent economic development power program that stresses long-term stability and energy efficiency; enhancing the Green Jobs /Green New York Program by adding an on-bill recovery option for consumers; strengthening the security and reliability of the electric grid; the creation of a market for Solar Renewable Energy Credits; the passage of a fuel-neutral power plant siting law (Article X) that will assist in efforts to repower aging facilities and bring more wind generation online; and bringing about more accountability to the Independent System Operator

SENATOR BONACIC NAMED CHAIRMAN OF TWO SENATE COMMITTEES - Will serve as Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee and the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Racing, Wagering and Gaming

State Senator John J. Bonacic (R/C/I - Mt. Hope) has been named Chairman of two Senate Committees. He will serve as Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee and also Chairman of the Senate Racing, Wagering and Gaming Committee.

Both posts were sought by Bonacic from new Senate Majority Leader Dean Skelos. "I appreciate Senator Skelos' confidence in naming me Chairman of two Senate Committees. Judiciary, in particular, is a tremendous responsibility as it involves considering the confirmation and (Next Col.)

re-confirmation of appointed Judges in the Court of Claims, Supreme Court, Family Court, and the Court of Appeals. In addition, it has jurisdiction over numerous areas of law relating to the rights of all New Yorkers."

The Racing, Wagering, and Gaming Committee also comes at a time of substantial responsibility and numerous issues in the State. The recent closure of the NYC OTB system, and the potential re-alignment of other OTB regions around the State, along with efforts to develop a better racing fan presence, and of course the potential Stockbridge-Munsee casino in our region, all make the Racing Committee an important part of economic development and tourism in the Catskills and Hudson Valley areas.

In addition to serving as Chairman of those Committees, Senator Bonacic will serve as a Member of the Senate Finance Committee, the Senate Banks Committee, and the Senate Committee on Housing, Construction, and Community Development.

The most recent Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee was former Democratic Majority Leader John Sampson. Senator Eric Adams of New York City formally Chaired the Senate Racing, Wagering, and Gaming Committee. Bonacic served on both Committees as a member prior to being named Chairman.

HINCHEY CALLS FOR SWIFT IMPLEMENTATION OF VOLCKER RULE TO STOP RISKY TRADING

Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) this week urged the Federal Reserve to rein in big banks by swiftly implementing the Volker Rule -- a measure approved last year by Congress as part of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act. The Volker Rule is designed to stop bankers from using depositors' money for risky investment trades by forcing banks to choose whether they want to largely operate as investment institutions engaged in proprietary trading or as commercial banks and not allow them to operate as both.

The bill, which Hinchey supported, gives Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke flexibility in determining how much time large commercial banks will have to separate themselves from risky proprietary investments like private equity funds and hedge funds. The Federal Reserve recently published draft regulations that would allow up to ten years for compliance with the rule. In a letter sent to Bernanke this week, Hinchey urged the Chairman to set the conformance period at no more than four years. The congressman argued for a shorter conformance period in order to limit the amount of time big banks could continue to pose a larger risk to commercial depositors by operating as both commercial and investment institutions.

"The American people cannot trust Wall Street to self-regulate for another ten years," said Hinchey. "When the economy collapsed because of the recklessness of big banks, ordinary people paid the price with their jobs and savings. That's why I'm urging Chairman Bernanke to implement the Wall Street Reform law in a way that stops the risky trading as soon as possible. We have to put an end to the casino-like atmosphere that has dominated our banking sector for far too long. We gave the Fed the tools they need to reign in the risky trading and now they need to use them."

Under the Wall Street Reform law, the Federal Reserve has the authority to allow up to ten years for compliance when banks have demonstrated an inability to conform or are unable to comply because of contractual obligations initiated prior to May 1, 2010. Hinchey is hopeful that Bernanke will reduce the period to a total of four years, including the standard two year conformance period, a one year optional extension, and one additional year to meet contractual obligations.

In December 2009, Hinchey offered an amendment to the Wall Street Reform bill that would have restored the Glass-Steagall Act as part of the broader financial regulatory reform legislation. That amendment was blocked from coming up for a vote before the full House. Following the amendment's rejection, Hinchey introduced the Glass-Steagall Restoration Act, which would statutorily require banking giants to decide whether they want to serve as a commercial bank or an investment bank and require them to cease activities in one of those areas within one year of the bill's enactment. Throughout the 1990's, the banking industry spent millions of dollars on lobbying efforts to remove this important wall and was successful in overturning the Glass-Steagall Act through the passage of the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act of 1999, which Hinchey voted against.

"This deregulation of the banking sector was a tragic mistake for our country," said Hinchey. "It is critical that these important safeguards be put back in place by implementing a strong Volker Rule. Just as the Glass-Steagall Act put in place (Next Col.)

important reforms that helped stabilize the banking sector following the Great Depression, the Volcker Rule can help limit bank depositors' exposure to Wall Street's risky proprietary trading -- an action solely designed to line the pockets of investment bankers."

Hinchey also authored the Too Big to Fail, Too Big to Exist Act, which would require the Secretary of the Treasury to dismantle any U.S. financial institution deemed to be so big that its potential collapse would undermine the entire U.S. economy. U.S. Senator Bernie Sanders (I-VT) authored that legislation in the Senate.

GILLIBRAND TRAVELS WITH PRESIDENT OBAMA TO MEMORIAL SERVICE IN TUCSON

U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand just boarded Air Force One with President Barack Obama to travel to Tucson, Arizona, and attend tonight's memorial service for the victims of last weekend's shooting. Senator Gillibrand, along with other Congressional members, will first travel to the University of Arizona Medical Center to visit with Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords' husband, staff, and other victims and their loved ones. Senator Gillibrand released the following statement:

"Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. said that only in moments of darkness, can we see the stars. I hope in this time of sadness and loss, we can find new strength to come together as a nation and foster greater respect for one another.

"We may never make any sense of this heinous crime, but I remember how Gabby so often urged people to stand up to the violent language that divides us, and focus on solutions. That is exactly what we need to do right now.

"I want to thank President Obama for his compassionate leadership at this time of great national tragedy. My thoughts and prayers are with all the victims of this horrible tragedy, their loved ones, and with all Americans as we struggle to move forward together.

GOVERNOR CUOMO DIRECTED FLAGS TO FLY HALF-STAFF

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo directed that flags on State government buildings were flown at half-staff on Tuesday, January 18 in honor of three Fort Drum soldiers who died in Ghazni Province, Afghanistan on January 12.

The three soldiers died of wounds received from an improvised explosive device. Killed were: Army Sergeant Omar Aceves of El Paso, Texas; Specialist Jarrid L. King of Erie, Pennsylvania; and Private 1st Class Benjamin G. Moore of Robbinsville, New Jersey. The three soldiers were assigned to the 7th Engineer Battalion of the 10th Sustainment Brigade of the 10th Mountain Division.

"On behalf of all New Yorkers, I extend our deepest sympathy to the family, the friends, and the fellow soldiers of Sergeant Aceves, Specialist King, and Private 1st Class Moore," Governor Cuomo said. "We mourn their loss but we remember their service to our nation and honor them for it."

Governor Cuomo directed the flags on all State buildings to be lowered to half-staff in honor of and tribute to our State's service members who are killed in action or die in a combat zone

CAHILL INTRODUCES EDUCATION AND PROPERTY TAX REFORM LEGISLATION (From Pg. 1)

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. (Contd. Pg. 15)

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

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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.

CAHILL INTRODUCES EDUCATION AND PROPERTY TAX REFORM LEGISLATION (From Pg. 14)

"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."

ED NOTES:

We are in the midst of hard economic times that have an effect on all of us. It is during times like this that we begin to understand the value of a community newspaper.

Small community newspapers not only help to boost the local economy, both through advertising and news, but they allow the 'mom and pop-type' of small local businesses to reach out to their clientele as well as future customers.

Community newspapers bring 'good news' such as civic fundraisers, little-league registration, church bake sales, pancake breakfasts and church suppers, thrift sales, news about students and their accomplishments, and so forth, that help neighbors get to know each other better, sharing old customs and building new traditions.

A community newspaper serves as a 'watchdog' holding elected officials accountable by keeping the public informed as to what is happening to their tax dollar.

The people who volunteer each week to make *The Townsman* available are people who live in our community. They are your neighbors and share your values and understand your community, as they are part of it.

The Townsman is much more than paper and ink. It is a deep-rooted tradition in the Tri-Valley area where it has a rich history that goes back over 60 years.

We want to thank all of our readers and those that contribute to the paper each week, and we certainly want to thank all of our advertisers for their continued support.

With the uncertainty of our economy and the direc-

- 1/25/11 Town of Neversink Parks & Rec 7 pm Neversink Town Hall
- 1/25/11 Town of Denning Tax Collection. Sundown Church Hall in Sundown NY - 11 AM to 2:30 PM.
- 1/29/11 Town of Denning Tax Collection. Denning Town Hall in Claryville NY - 10 AM to 3 PM.
- 2/2/11 Town of Neversink Planning Board
- 2/4/11 **First Friday Group** -Daniel Pierce Library -1:00 pm Book for discussion *Anna's Book*, by Barbara Vin
- 2/5/11 Sundown Methodist Church **Covered Dish Supper** -5:30 pm Sundown Church Hall
- 2/5/11 Loch Sheldrake Fire Dept. **Lunker of the County Ice Fishing Contest** 7am-3 pm (details pg 13)
- 2/5/11 **Flea Market** Loch Sheldrake Fire House on Rt 52, Loch Sheldrake 8am to 4pm (Vendor (details pg 13)
- 2/7/11 Town of Olive Audit Meeting 7:30 Town Meeting Hall, Bostock Rd., Shokan
- 2/8/11 Town of Olive Monthly Meeting 7:30 Town Meeting Hall, Bostock Rd., Shokan
- 2/10/11 Dept. of Motor Vehicle at Neversink Town Hall 10:00 am-2:00 pm
- 2/15/11 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals
- 2/19/11 **Thrift Sale** -Grahamsville Methodist Church Hall - 9 am - 1pm
- 2/20/11 **Winterlude 2011** - 4:00 to 6:00 PM at The Arts Upstairs, 60 Main Street, Phoenicia.
- 2/21/11 **TOWN OF NEVERSINK HOLIDAY - President's Day**
- 2/22/11 Town of Neversink Parks & Recreation Dept. 7 pm Neversink Town Hall

GAMES & SOCIALIZING -FREE FUN every **FRIDAY** afternoon 1- 4 pm in the upstairs meeting room in the Neversink 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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The Good Stuff Cafe • Boiceville IGA • J & G Log Homes, LLC • Sands Salvage
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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>

tion of our nation, our small community newspapers are more important than ever.

Please join us in painting a brighter future than is reported by the national media as to the destiny of our 'small community newspapers' and be encouraged as we continue to connect with communities around us and we provide this valuable form of public service that can pull our communities together.

We welcome your contribution of news and happenings! As in the past, you may drop news items and announcements in the 'Drop Box' on the porch at the Grahamsville First Aid Building, mail them to: Townsman, PO Box 232, Grahamsville, NY 12740 or send them via email to: tvtownsman@yahoo.com

CAS ARTS CENTER CLASS PROGRAM SCHEDULE (From Pg. 2)

POP GOES THE MODERN ART!
 Six Saturdays 11:00am - 1:00pm Saturdays, Jan 22, 29 & Feb 5, 12, 26 & March 5
 Artist Instructor: Karen Hudson Fee: Member \$110, Non-Member \$125

Repetition, bright colors, shapes and found objects make this course in Modern Art fun and accessible for kids ages 8 - 13. Students will learn about 20th century concepts in art, while creating fun colorful projects, that don't require any ability to draw. Using examples of Cubism, Pop Art, Op Art, Abstract Expressionism, and assemblage, students will complete each class project with a new understanding of art forms that will make them think beyond the technical aspects of the palette and brush to ideas, concepts and meaning. Some projects will be made as a group to foster a sense of teamwork and community.

DOLL CLOTHES WORKSHOP

Half Day Workshop 1:00 - 4:00pm Saturday, February 19 Artist Instructor: Ramona Jan Fee: Member \$40, Non-Member \$50

For ages 8-12 (children under 8 can participate with an adult that will help), bring your American-Girl doll (or other larger doll larger than a Barbie/Brat) and learn how to repurpose your own outgrown clothes into doll clothes. This is a fun way to learn basic hand-sewing while making hats, dresses, shoes and purses for dolls. You'll never have to buy doll clothes again and clothes will be recycled! Materials included in class fee.

NATIVE AMERICAN BEADWORK

Three Consecutive Saturdays 1:00 - 4:00pm Saturdays, January 29 & February 5 & 12
 Artist Instructor: Ramona Jan
 Fee: Mem \$90, Non-Mem \$100 Single Class \$40

Learn traditional needlework of the Native American through creating necklaces, earrings and, if

time allows, appliqué. Various handwork and bead weaving techniques will be explored. This class is for teens and adults. A range of beading kits (starting at \$10) will be available for purchase at the first class.

Please call early to reserve a place! Classes are held at the CAS Arts Center, 48 Main Street, Livingston Manor, NY with a 5 student minimum. For more info, please call 845-436-4227 or go to www.catskillartsociety.org. If paying by mail, please send check payable to CAS, PO Box 991, Livingston Manor, NY 12758. We now accept MasterCard & Visa.

WINTERLUDE 2011

Winterludes are those magical mid-winter occasions when we break away from the depths of cabin fever to celebrate life with friendship, music, and treats for the palate. The Shandaken Democratic Committee is hosting just such an event. Please join us for a glass of wine or a cup of hot apple cider and some delectable eatables while enjoying the company of old friends and new acquaintances.

Take advantage of the opportunity to chat with many of our Democratic leaders, discuss your concerns, and become more aware of local issues. Our esteemed County Executive, Mike Hein, will be joining us. Mike has taken a particularly strong interest and proactive role in addressing Shandaken's unique problems.

Our venue for this event is The Arts Upstairs, in the heart of the Catskills, where we will be surrounded by the works of many of our talented local artists.

Sunday, Feb. 20th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM at The Arts Upstairs, 60 Main Street, Phoenicia.

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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, or visit www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org

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MAKE IT IN AMERICA!

It's not the HBO comedy, *How to Make It in America*, nor is it as complex as the U.S. Manufacturing Enhancement Act, but rather something that we might all think about and support that was the product of 'brainstorming' of the Townsmen Volunteer Ladies and Gents.

On Wednesdays, the Townsmen volunteers get into some 'heavy' conversations at times. Recently we spoke about our Christmas shopping experience, and how we all had the same goal in mind, to buy gifts that were "Made In America."

We all had the same sad story - it was almost impossible!

With that in mind, we have decided that while we are out doing our regular shopping we would continue on our quest to find products that were made in America, and start to make a list of those products, and where you may purchase them.

If readers wish to add to our list, please send your discoveries along to: tvtownsman@yahoo.com or The Townsmen, P O Box 232, Grahamsville, NY 12740.

An example of a wonderful gift that is made in America, -in fact right here in Grahamsville, can be purchased at Harnett Designs where you will find some of the most unique wood carvings, including gnomes! Walk-ins are always welcome, but is best to call ahead though, as Brian is very busy these days. And if you think it is too cold or you are snowed in, check out their website at: Harnettdesigns.com. Harnett Design Studio is located on Main Street (next to the Grahamsville Methodist Church) in Grahamsville, NY. There phone number is: (845) 985-2104.

POLITICAL SLANT

By, Frank Comando

On Sunday January 16th, at the Skytop Steakhouse Congressman Maurice Hinchey (22nd Congressional District) gave a victory celebration for his campaign workers. First came the superbly prepared fine food at this well-known eatery.

Hinchey's workers were seeking information relative to these hard economic times and their questions were not about to be put off. He was asked whether he would favor a single payer healthcare system. He replied in the affirmative and stated that he thought it would be one of the best options of healthcare for the working class.

He was also asked if the Republican Congress would succeed in its attempt to repeal the present healthcare system instituted by President Obama. Answering, the congressional representative stated that it must pass not only the House but also naturally the Senate. Considering how hard President Obama has campaigned for his health care package it was the consensus of opinion that the President would veto any attempt to dismantle the present healthcare system.

Touching on the tax cut, Hinchey stated that the working class is the backbone of the United States, and that the tax cut extension for earners below \$250,000.00 was needed, but adding that the less than 1 %, the richest earners, those earning over one million dollars a year, was not needed.

Congressman Hinchey was greeted with a standing ovation and exited with a standing ovation of well over one hundred workers.

If you have something to say, say it here, and it must be less than 300 words.

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Knarf's "Classic Movie Trivia"

This Saturday three of my favorite classics will be aired. First, boasting of one of the greatest and longest sword fights on film is "*Scaramouche*," a 1952 film set in 18th-century France when a young man masquerades as an actor to avenge his friend's murder. **Cast:** Stewart Granger, Eleanor Parker, Janet Leigh, and Mel Ferrer **Dir:**

George Sidney C-115 mins, TV-PG, on TCM Saturday, January 20, 2011, at 6:00 pm.

The second film is said to be one of Errol Flynn's best, "*The Sea Hawk*," a 1940 film about a British buccaneer who holds the Spanish fleet at bay with the covert approval of Elizabeth I. **Cast:** Errol Flynn, Brenda Marshall, Claude Rains, Donald Crisp **Dir:** Michael Curtiz BW-128 mins, TV-G on TCM Saturday, January 20, 2011, at 8:00pm.

Then to round off a perfect classic night at the movies, is the film that set the pace for great ghost stories, "*The Uninvited*," a 1944 ghost story about a brother and sister's troubles after they buy a house with a ghostly secret. **Cast:** Ray Milland, Ruth Hussey, Donald Crisp, and Cornelia Otis Skinner **Dir:** Lewis Allen BW-99 mins, TV-PG, on TCM Saturday, January 20, 2011, at 10:15 pm.

Quiz,

- A. What was Stuart Granger's real name? Hint- He changed his name to suit another actor.
- B. Who played the grandfather in the *Uninvited*?

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

Do not forget **Tri-Valley Little League Registration** Saturday, January 22, 2011 at 10:00 am, and again on Saturday, January 29, 2011 at 10:00am. Both dates at the Town Hall in Grahamsville, NY. Play Ball...!

• **Liberty - JB MAK's** color flyer has great deals on construction and home products, also check out their deals on equipment rentals.

• **Ellenville 7 Liberty Square** - Free event - Pleasant Stone Farm, Saturday January 25, 2011 (2-6pm) Holistic Health Fair loads of fun and information are there.

• **Napanoch** - Whether you are on the way to work or headed home, need a great lunch? Try James Deli and be impressed.

• **Olive- Boiceville - Sands Salvage brings new meaning to the word 'Salvage'.** In the old days salvage meant something left and abandoned. However, with *Sands Salvage's informed buyers, truckloads of unbelievable bargains are yours at unbelievable prices-* from Atrium windows, etched glass doors, to the finest tools and furniture, check out their flyer in this issue.

• **Shandaken** - A town with twelve hamlets, one of which is *Phoenicia* with its fine dress shops, antique stores, restaurants, and the Empire State Railway Museum Station Road, visit *Phoenicia*, and have fun!

Have a great week!

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ANSWER TO KNARF'S MOVIE TRIVIA

B. Donald Crisp
A. James Stuart