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TVCS District Community Comes Together for Kids



Acts of generosity go on every moment of every day at Tri-Valley: an encouraging word to a hurting colleague, a smile for a lonely student, prep time spent tutoring, an anonymous donation for a club/ class trip, a supportive phone call to a parent, long evenings after school coaching, weekend days sacrificed for student activities . . . and every employee here is part of that selfless giving, mostly in unnoticed ways, throughout the whole school year. (Contd. Pg. 3)

Lutheran Churches Commemorate King Day



The Catskill Area Lutheran Churches (CALC), together with guest, Pastor Jack Horner (back row, 2nd from left), recently met at Christ Lutheran Church in Ellenville, NY, to discuss ministry in the region, including a project to commemorate the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. Pastor Horner is a staff member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA)'s Metropolitan NY Synod.

Dr. King once said, "Life's most persistent and urgent question is: 'What are you doing for others?'" Each year, Americans across the country answer that question by coming together on the King holiday to serve their neighbors and communities.

In this spirit, the CALC is sponsoring "We Care" -- a project to send letters and packages to show appreciation for service men and women. "As Americans, we are called to service on this day," said Rev. Phyllis Haynes, pastor of St. Paul's-Narrowsburg, and member of the CALC. "What would be more fitting than to provide a little bit of encouragement to those who serve our country away from home?"

Congregations involved in the King commemoration include St. Paul's in Liberty, NY, Christ Lutheran in Ellenville, NY, and St. Paul's in Narrowsburg, NY. For more information, contact the group by email: stpaulsnarrowsburg@gmail.com. The three congregations are affiliated with the ELCA a denomination of over four million members in 9,638 congregations throughout the United States.

Congratulations to Cecilia Tkaczyk on Her victory- "A Long Road, but Well Worth the Privilege"



Democrat Cecilia Tkaczyk a proven fighter for true free elections has risen victoriously to serve in the N.Y.S. Senate for the 46th Senatorial District.

For Months, the cry from voters echoed, "Count all the Ballots!" They finally did, and Democrat Cecilia Tkaczyk has a declared victory in the race against Republican George Amedore for the 46th Senate District. Tkaczyk came out ahead by 19 votes. Going into the final day, Amedore held a 35-vote lead over Tkaczyk who needed about two-thirds of the remaining ballots to go her way, they did and it was certified. Tkaczyk's win gives enrolled Democrats a 33-30 majority in the Senate, but the Republicans have formed a ruling coalition with five breakaway Democrats. (Contd. Pg. 12- Political Slant)

UlsterCorps Elects New President

Rik Flynn, co-founder and Founding President of Ulster County's hub for non-profits and community outreach, announced that as of January 1, 2013, Stephen Gilman has succeeded him as UlsterCorp's president.

"I'm delighted that someone with Stephen's strong community ties and enthusiasm for our mission has accepted this position," Flynn said. "I am especially excited about his focus on fostering service among youth. I am confident that he will bring energy, creativity and commitment to UlsterCorps and I know we're in good hands."

Stephen Gilman is Education Director of the Center for Creative Education and was part of the creation of the Carnegie Learning Center on the campus of Kingston High School. The Stone Ridge resident is a Marletown First Aid Unit volunteer, former High Falls Civic Association president, Ulster County Historical Society advisory board member, Hudson Valley for Obama founder, Hudson Valley Progressive Coalition co-founder, and founding board member of UlsterCorps. (Contd. Pg. 7)



Incoming UlsterCorps Board President Stephen Gilman

A Journey for Freedom: An Evening with Loten Namline



Tibetan musician, storyteller and activist Loten Namling will present a concert of Tibetan songs and stories at St. Philips Church in Garrison, New York at 7:00 p.m. on January 31, 2013. (Contd.Pg. 8)

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ON THE FRONT BURNER: The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.
Psalm 19:1

OBITUARY

Virgil L. Edwards of Grahamsville passed away on Thursday, January 17, 2013, quietly at home. He was 77. He was the son of the late George McKeen and Alice Jane Hunt Edwards, born on September 17, 1935 in Breezy Hill, Livingston Manor.

Virgil was a self-employed HVAC and electrical technician who found enjoyment in bowling. He was a member of the Grahamsville Fire Department for many years and a member of the Neversink Agricultural Society. Virgil was a huge fan of the New York Yankees and the New York Giants teams. In May of 1986 he married the love of his life, Sandra Holmes Edwards.

He leaves behind his devoted wife and best friend, Sandra Edwards; his siblings: John Edwards and his wife, Joan, and Alice Marie Edwards; one brother-in-law, Chris Holmes and his companion, Alison and her daughter; many nieces and nephews and his feline friend, Lilly.

He was predeceased by his siblings: Theodore, Emanuel, Vernon, Theodora Edwards and Bertha Blair.

A Firematic Service was held Monday, January 21, 2013 at Colonial Memorial Funeral Home, Woodbourne, followed by a Funeral Service officiated by Rev. Bob Kersten. Interment was in Grahamsville Rural Cemetery, Grahamsville, NY.

Days of Yore...

...Today's History

January 28, 1953 - Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Sheeley of East Mountain announce the engagement of their daughter, Verna to Mr. Donald Geiselhart, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Geiselhart of Honk Hill. The wedding date has been set for February 1st.

Mr. Mahlon Rose died at his home in Grahamsville on Wednesday, January 21st after a long illness. He was born May 6, 1882 in Sundown, the son of Peter and Cecelia (Milford) Rose and had lived most of his life in this vicinity. He is survived by his widow, the former Pearl Eckert; two brothers, Charles of Sundown and William of Grahamsville; one nephew, Albert of Grahamsville.

Mr. and Mrs. John Moshier held open house on Saturday in honor of their 40th wedding anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Moshier were among those who attended.

January 30, 1963 - Mrs. Richard M. Misner, 65, a resident of Neversink, died January 24, 1963 at Liberty Loomis Hospital. She was born June 27, 1897 in Englewood, N.J., the daughter of Charles and Philomena Kerber Grasing. Mrs. Misner was married October 25, 1927 to Richard H. Misner of Tuxedo, N.Y. She was a registered nurse and a member of the Women's Auxiliary of the Neversink Fire Department. She is survived by her husband; one daughter, Mrs. Milton Kortright of Neversink; one granddaughter; two nephews and several cousins.

The Rt. Rev. William J. Guinan of Newburgh, former pastor of Immaculate Conception Church, Woodbourne, has been appointed Dean of the Clergy of Orange County. Monsignor Guinan is pastor of St. Patrick's Church where he was assigned when he left his position at Woodbourne in November.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hornbeck are the proud parents of a daughter, Elyse Suzanne, born on January 28, 1963 at Veterans Memorial Hospital, Ellenville. She weighed 8 lbs. 1 oz. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hornbeck are the paternal grandparents and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Greenrose of West Nyack are the maternal grandparents.

January 24, 1973 - Life Scout Greg Pond, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Pond of Grahamsville, passed the Hudson-Delaware Council Eagle Review Board held last Thursday night. Greg is a member of the Order of the Arrow, is the Troop Scribe and Assistant Patrol Leader.

Nellie Childs Smith, 87, the first woman attorney in Sullivan County, died Tuesday in

Hamilton Avenue Hospital after long illness. A 55-year resident of Grahamsville, Miss Smith lived on Rt. 42. She was born August 3, 1885 in Eureka to James B. and Angelia Reynolds Smith. A 1904 graduate of the Chappaqua Mountain Institute, she studied law at the office of attorney John D. Lyons in Monticello. She was admitted to the bar in 1916 and had practiced law for over 55 years. She served as attorney for the Town of Neversink from 1955 to 1972 and was a member of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers).

January 27, 1983 - Rick Denman was notified that he is on the Dean's List at New Paltz College. He is majoring in Business Administration and is also studying Solar Architecture. He is in his third year.

Assemblyman Richard I. Coombe has been appointed to the Assembly's Standing Committees on Agriculture, Social Services and Tourism, Sports and the Arts by Assemblyman Minority Leader C.D. "Rapp" Rappleyea.

Anniversary wishes go to Linda and Ed Donnelly on their 20th year. Congratulations!

Beat the Winter Blues at Eureka Market & Café's Upcoming Events

Eureka Market & Café is hosting a series of events on three consecutive Thursdays, meant to help get people out of the hibernation, meet other people, and reconnect with loved ones over tasty, authentic, homemade food.

Buffet Night, Thursday, January 31: Diners no longer have to make the wrenching choice of what to order for dinner, and can have a bit of everything. Selecting from popular menu items, like Four Cheese Baked Ziti, and specials including Stuffed Pork Tenderloin, guests can indulge their appetites, being sure to leave room for Eureka's delectable baked goods, like Lemon Bars and our renowned Irresistible Brownies. \$12.50 + tax & tip, reservations guarantee seating.

Long Table Dinner, Thursday, February 7: New Year's resolution to meet new people? Need to get out of the house? Join other people who feel the same way, at Eureka's Long Table Dinner. You'll be seated together, and will have a selection of dishes presented "family style". An informal evening of good food and new conversations. \$12.50 + tax & tip, reservations guarantee seating.

Valentine's Day Dinner, Thursday, February 14: Eureka will have a special menu on this day. Details to come.

Menus and further details are available on Eureka's website, www.eureka-market.com

Senator Gillibrand's Statement on Monday Commemorating the Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Washington, DC - U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand released the following statement commemorating the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.:

"Today, as we gather in Washington see President Obama sworn-in for his second term, we also celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King. His dream of freedom, justice, and equality is the American dream.

"As we reflect on Dr. King's life and sacrifice, we must remain committed to his spirit of cooperation and collaboration as we face the challenges ahead. Dr. King knew there was a better future in store for America - but only as long as every single one of us dedicates our lives to reaching that promise. Seeing so many Americans on the mall today, coming together, to bend the arc of history is fitting.

"As Dr. King himself said, 'Let us rise up tonight with a greater readiness. Let us stand with a greater determination. And let us move on in these powerful days, these days of challenge to make America what it ought to be. We have an opportunity to make America a better nation.' May we all live up to his poignant words."

A Round About Tri-Valley

- Carol Furman

Congratulation to Ashley McCarthy for making the 2012 Dean's List at SUNY Sullivan. Her family is very proud of her!

Continued good wishes are sent to Sandy Bernstein of Grahamsville. Get well soon!

Tri-Valley point guard Katlynn Greffath set a new Tri-Valley girls basketball record by sinking seven 3-point shots during last week's win over Tuxedo. The previous record of six 3-pointers scored in one game was held by Amanda Krom (Tri-Valley, 2004). Amanda currently assists the Tri-Valley coaching staff. Good job, Katlynn, and keep hitting those 3-pointers!

It was nice to see that three Tri-Valley High School varsity teams received New York State Public High School Scholar/Athlete recognition for achieving a combined grade point average of 90 or above. Congratulations to the Tri-Valley girls' x-country team, the Tri-Valley girls' soccer team and the Tri-Valley boys' x-country team!

The Tri-Valley Bears boys varsity basketball team suffered their first OCIAA division loss last week when Seward beat them in overtime play. Shatik Smith had 19 points for Tri-Valley.

The 19th annual Alcohol, Tobacco Gambling and Drug Abuse Poster Contest has been announced. The 2013 theme is "The Places You Will Go: Alcohol, Tobacco, Gambling and Drug Free!" For more information, contact Mary Feusner at Tri-Valley School. Students in grade 1-12 are eligible to submit a poster. Tri-Valley's third annual "Dancing With The Teachers" will be held at Tri-Valley's Bernstein Theater on February 14th at 6:30 pm. The students and teachers will be dancing to support Catskill Regional Medical Center's Cardiopulmonary Unit. For advanced tickets call Lynn Moore at 985-2296 x 5403.

So many folks are suffering with colds, up-set stomachs and flu-like symptoms this time of year, if you haven't had a flu shot, they say it's still not too late to get immunized. Better to be safe than sorry! Remember, frequent hand washing is very important!

Please contact me with any news items you may have. (985-2918)

Words of Wisdom: You can't unsay a cruel thing!

SEARCHING FOR OUR ROOTS

--Carol Smythe, Neversink Historian

Time is the answer to a historian's dream. It is truly amazing when one thinks about the passage of time in relationship to chronicling life's events. Eleanor Roosevelt said it so well: "Yesterday is history; tomorrow is a mystery; and today is a gift..." Thank you one and all for your help in gathering local history! And a Happy New Year to you.

Bob and Geri Coleman, longtime owners of Coleman's Store in Curry, have recently donated a wonderful old ledger from the store's previous owner, Art Akerley whose family owned the Curry Store. The ledger was found in the attic of the store and dates back to 1928. Art's father Fred owned the property, which was called "twin Maple Farm". The family kept records of boarders and the income from those boarders. There were folks who came for a meal and stayed for 2 meals at a charge of \$4 for both.

In 1930, a boarder could stay one night for \$5. Perhaps they received breakfast and supper, as well as board for that \$5. Fred furnished room and board to Central Hudson employees at \$2 a day per man in 1939. He paid Catherine Calkins \$5 a day beginning in 1938 to work for him. The ledger is dusty and water-stained and gives us a first clue as to what was happening in Curry at that time. This ledger is available for research at the Local History Research Room, upper floor of the museum.

The first post office opened in Curry May 21, 1890 with Higby M Curry, postmaster. The last post office closed in Curry July 19, 1963. There is no record of a one-room school in Curry. Perhaps students went to Unionville.

A historian's path intersects with lives, past and present. The late Polly Hill was always willing to help out. Our Junior History Researcher group was busy with a project on the first graduating class at TVCS. Polly and Gloria Stevens were quick to say "yes" when asked last spring to come in and be interviewed by the student group. Leo Bertholf made himself available to come in for an interview when we were working on the "Voices From the Valleys" CD. Leo had a great sense of humor. He also had a wealth of knowledge, which he willingly shared. Helen Kwasinowicz became a trustee when we were beginning the new museum. She was generous of time and generous of spirit but she wanted everyone to get it

right. She lived in Willowemoc! No matter that the post office was Parksville! Polly, Leo, Helen... good people. I feel fortunate to have known them all.

A mile up the road from the Van Furman Farm on Glade Hill lived the William Paynes. We recently received a very interesting history of the Payne Farm from the time they acquired the property in 1936 until 1972. Their story becomes part of our archives.

The cold weather months are often a good time to do some research. The research room is open each Thursday from 1 to 4 and by appointment. Visitors are welcome. Most Thursdays, you will find Lynn Priebe, Wanda Terwilliger, Lee Shader and myself working on the archives. On other days, Joe and Mary Inghrim come in to work on the museum collection. We are especially looking for a volunteer with computer skills to do some data entry. If you're that person, please contact me at historian@townofneversink.org or by phone at 985-2452.

Tri-Valley Entertainment Marketing Class 3rd Annual Dancing with the Teachers

GRAHAMSVILLE, NY - On Friday February 14th at 6:30 p.m., the Tri-Valley Entertainment Marketing Class will hold the third annual "Dancing with the Teachers" event. The Dancing Emporium, Inc. from Middletown, NY will be performing dances again this year along with the teachers and students from Tri-Valley Central School.

Organizations dancing this year are the Art Club, FFA, FBLA, FCCLA, and the 7th and 8th graders. Along with our mighty Tri-Valley Bears Football team who are going to perform. A number.

A new event has been added, come join the Glow Stick Boys by dancing to the beat of the heart for a great cause.

All proceeds to benefit the Catskill Regional Medical Center Cardio- Pulmonary Department. Admission is \$3.00 for students and \$5.00 for adults.

Troop 97 Klondike Derby

Troop 97 is conducting their first Klondike Derby in 20 years. We will need about 50 volunteers as staff to help judge our stations, or donate baked goods or just volunteer to help make this a great experience for the Boy Scouts attending.

The event will be held at Thunder View Farms in Grahamsville on February 2, 2013 from 7 am - 5 pm.

We are planning to have eight stations with Boy Scout related activities such as fire building, bridge making, lashing, orienteering, first aid etc. Any help or support that you can give us will be greatly appreciated.

Dress accordingly, this is a rain or shine (or snow) event.

Let's make this the best Klondike Derby the Boy Scouts will ever have!!! There will be a volunteer's meeting on Sunday January 27, 2013 at 7 pm at the Neversink Town Hall for anyone who is interested in helping out.

For any additional information, please contact any of the following: Karen & Ric Coombe 985-2189; Larry Bracken 985-7687; Sean McKeon 985-5011; or Joe Bagley 292-8512

TVCS District Community Comes Together for Kids (From Pg. 1)

The holidays, however, bring opportunity for more obvious generosity... and we certainly observed that this month within our greater school community, a collaborative effort which provided food and gifts to over 50 TVCS families (and nearly 150 children).

Student clubs, local churches, Board of Education members, the community food pantry, classroom groups, strangers in grocery stores who wondered, "what's all the food for?" and gave spontaneous contributions, fire departments and other service organizations, teachers, support staff, local officials, parents, grandparents, administrators, businesses, and community members... people from all walks of life who care about Tri-Valley students came together to share the joy of this past holiday season.

Some made monetary donations, others wrapped presents, bagged fruit, helped set up for distribution, collected and donated food, knit gloves, baked cookies, transported gifts, "adopted" entire families or individual students, shopped, made deliveries, sewed fleece blankets, and loaded gifts in cars. The "whole village" of the Tri-Valley community made this annual event a blessed success!

Nature Column - L. Comando

A tribute to the memory of all of the Townsman ladies that we have lost and loved so much... Peggy DeWire, Avril Pappa, Joan Hall and Polly Hill.

The Swan -Sets the Scene with Peace and Love

Recently a beautiful swan has brought a bit of attention to the area. A white swan, most probably a Mute Swan, has been sighted on the Rondout Reservoir near the bridge on Route 55A just off the Sundown Road wintering over with a gaggle of geese.

Swans are generally found in temperate environments. There are many species of swans, but the most common to the Northeast are the Mute Swan, Trumpeter Swan, Whooper Swan and Tundra Swan.



The original breeding grounds of the Mute Swan was in the British Isles, northern Europe and north central Asia. Since they are a status symbol in European cultures, Mute Swans were domesticated in Western Europe since the 12th century. Europeans transported the birds to New England for display as decorative waterfowl in zoos, parks, avicultural collections and private estates. Between the years of 1910 and 1912, over 500 mute swans were brought to the United States from Europe. While most of the captive Mute Swans in New England had their flight feathers clipped, a small number of birds escaped from captivity. The first birds to escape in the United States are believed to have done so in the Hudson Valley in 1910.

Today Mute Swans can often be found in lakes, ponds and estuaries in the Hudson Valley. With recent milder winters, some swans will stay at home and not migrate, which is probably the motive of the beautiful swan that has joined the gaggle of geese on the Rondout!

The Mute Swan boasts a beautiful red-orange colored beak with a black fold of skin underneath. The life span of the Mute Swan is approximately fifty years, however due to predators, severe weather and environmental dangers, they normally don't make it past seven years in the wild. As with most swans, the Mute Swan pair for life. The nest building ritual begins in March and April when they will choose a home that is private, close to food and has plenty of room for take off and landing. The male's job in the coupling is to find reeds and sticks to build their family nest. The female is in charge of all the housekeeping and building tasks. She builds the nest in a platform shape or will remodel the nest from the prior year. The male is the one that very rarely vacates the nest and if he does, it will be for a short period of time. A hissing sound coming from his long throat ensures he can scare away most predators. Charging at enemies and flapping wings insists he is serious about the protective plan for his family.

Mute Swans lay an average of 6 eggs but can produce as many as 11 in one clutch. Incubation is done mostly by the female, as soon as the last egg has arrived. The young will hatch traditionally at about the same time, after 36 days of incubation. The average hatch date for swans in New York is around June 1.

The cygnets are fluffy, with gray down. The babies turn white after their first year. They are ready to breed when they are three to four years of age. Cygnets can fly at about 4-5 months of age and are considered "juveniles" at that time. On average, only 3 cygnets per breeding pair survive to juvenile age. Causes of death include disease, hypothermia, and predators. The most common predator of mute swan cygnets in New York is the snapping turtle.

During the nesting and brood rearing-periods Mute Swans are very territorial. Aggression also occurs, when an adult male with a nest or brood encounters another male. Both males raise their wings and fluff their feathers, known as "busking" (also part of the mating ritual), and begin twirling in place; a ritual that appears more like a dance than a fight.

Pictures of beautiful places will often times have a swan or two, gracefully floating in a stream or lake. Animals that depict both graceful movements and icons of tranquil times always bring us to think about the swan, so often depicted in fairy tales, setting the scene with peace and love.

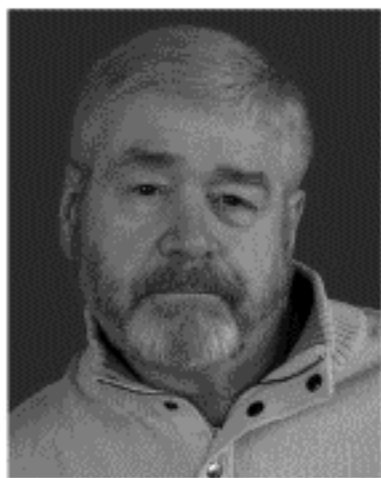
Household Hints

Brighten Your Day with Flowers Fresh and Vinegar!

Prolong the life of flowers in a vase. Add two tablespoons of vinegar plus three tablespoons of sugar per quart of warm water.

Stems should be in three to four inches of water.

Mysterious Book Report No. 81 by John Dwaine McKenna



This week's MBR is different. It's different because the novel we're reviewing represents a new type of fiction that blends two different genres together. In this instance a crime drama is combined with elements of the supernatural. Think Sam Spade meets Steven King and you've got the general idea. As an enthusiast of both of the aforementioned, *The Wrath of Angels*, (Atria, \$26.00, 481 pages, ISBN 978-1-444-75644-9) by John Connolly was right up my alley. So much so, that I bought the British first edition instead of waiting for the US publication date of January 2013. I'm glad I did. While the novel could be called simply "gothic crime fiction." It's much more than that because Connolly opens the characters up, exposing their human qualities at the same time he's hinting at supernatural talents. Like the monster in a Frank Capra sci-fi flick, the readers are aware of an otherworldly menace, but we're never quite sure who, or what, or where it is . . . which makes it twice as scary.

In *The Wrath of Angels*, detective (and serial character) Charlie Parker is on the hunt for a downed airplane that supposedly crashed somewhere in the Great North Woods of Maine with a very important list on board: the names of people who've made a deal with the Devil. The trouble is; the plane doesn't officially exist. There's no record of it . . . no flight plan, no distress call, no locator beacon, no report of an overdue aircraft, no date that it disappeared . . . and others are searching for it as well. Forces and individuals who represent the dark side, who either want to protect or kill all those named on the list. They include a serial killer called

The Collector, a beautiful woman with half of her face burned off and Brightwell, a child who remembers his own violent death at the hands of Charlie Parker; and who's looking for revenge. Brightwell is rediscovering his evil talents . . . the most diabolic of which is to suck out and swallow a human soul. This novel is fast-paced, action packed and relentlessly addictive. The characters will stay with you for a long while.

John Connolly is an Irish wordsmith with a growing reputation on both sides of the Atlantic. His writing is dramatic, compelling and seamless. If you're looking for something out-of-the-ordinary, don't miss this outstanding young author . . . he's that good and gets better with each new thriller. How about you? What are you reading these days? Have you visited your local library yet? No? Why not? Do you know that any book ever printed is available there in some form for you to look at and read? You know it's free? For anyone? Why not give it a go? What have you got to lose?

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Sullivan County Philatelic Society to Host 20 Lot Auction

The Sullivan County Philatelic Society will host a 20 Lot Auction for its February 3rd meeting time is 1:00 pm on the First Sunday of the month. We are also having a few appraisers around for anyone who wants to bring in their stamp collections to see what they are worth. Those of you who have a stamp collection not being tended to can get a free check and see what you have and its worth. This will precede the auction. We will also have our regular trading session, door prizes and give-aways. Refreshments to be served by members as well as check of upcoming stamp and hobby show in July.

For information please contact Art Rosenzweig at 794-2586 or Dick Ried at 887-548. We would like to start a Junior Stamp Philatelic Society in any of the local school districts. Those interested can call Art Rosenzweig.

Safety should be first... Enroll in the Home Firearm Safety Course

MONTICELLO - The Adult and Continuing Education Program at Sullivan BOCES is offering a Home Firearm Safety Course on Saturdays at the Kauneonga Lake Fire Hall from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm. The cost of the class is \$62.00.

The course will run throughout the year on February 23rd, March 23rd, April 20th, May 18th, and June 15th.

This is a hands-on pistol permit safety course from the National Rifle Association. You will learn basic firearms safety and will handle a variety of real handguns. A National Rifle Association instructor and firearms dealer with over 35 years of handgun experience will familiarize you with handguns, their working parts, and their safe handling and storage.

To register for either course or to obtain more information please contact the Adult and Continuing Education Program at (845) 295-4900 between the hours of 8:30 am and 7:00 pm or visit us at scbores.org, like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter.

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SC Caregivers News:

Recognizing Family Caregivers

November has been nationally recognized as Family Caregiver Month and Alzheimer's Awareness Month. To recognize this special event three Sullivan County family caregiver support groups celebrated as they enjoyed delectable desserts at a party hosted by the Caregiver Resource Center of Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County.

Fifteen family caregivers from all three groups (Caring for Caregiver, Caregiver Conversations and Share the Care) attended a party on Tuesday, November 27 to listen to Donna Davies, LCSW from the Alzheimer's Association, who shared a wonderful program entitled "Caregiving Through the Holidays". Mrs. Davies' information was very pertinent in preparation for the busy holiday season. Caregivers gained terrific advice from Donna on how to prepare (mentally and physically) for the holidays, methods to cope with family visits, some helpful gift ideas and what to keep in

mind to keep the ill family member safe. As caregivers visited, they also enjoyed the delicious desserts prepared by Yia'sou Café.

Family caregivers are always invited to attend any of the three ongoing support groups that are held in Grahamsville (the Daniel Pierce Library on the second Tuesday each month at 6pm), in Callicoon (the first Wednesday of the month at 10am in Lander's River Café) and Liberty (Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County on the last Wednesday of the month at 6 pm). For more information, please call Bonnie Lewis, RN/Caregiver Resource Center Coordinator at 845-292-6180.

January Caregiver Support Group Welcomes Speaker Fran Gavin

Caregiver Conversations, support group of Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) Sullivan County, welcomes Fran Gavin, of Cancer Services Program of Sullivan County, to speak at next meeting on January 30th at 6 pm at the Gerald J. Skoda Extension Education Center on 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road in Liberty. Caregivers can call CCE at 845-292-6180.

The Caregiver Resource Center hosts three free monthly support groups throughout Sullivan County. All informal family caregivers assisting a family member or friend who is aging, ill and/or frail are invited to attend any or all of the three locations. At each meeting educational materials are provided, plus the opportunity for caregivers to share their concerns. Caregivers can actively participate or quietly listen; meetings serve as a resource through the multiple levels of caregiving.

Caregiver support group locations and dates for 2013:

-Share the Care - First Wednesday of the month at 10 a.m. at Landers River Café, 20A Dorrer Drive, Callicoon. Meetings are scheduled for: February 6, March 6, April 3, May 1, June 12 (one week later), July 3, August 7, September 11 (one week later), October 2, November 6 and December 4.

- Caring for the Caregiver - Second Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. at Daniel Pierce Library, 328 Main Street, Route 55, Grahamsville. Meetings are scheduled for: February 12, March 12, April 9, May 14, June 11, July 9, August 13, September 10, October 8, November 12 and December 10.

- Caregiver Conversations - Last Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m. at Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County, 64 Ferndale-Loomis Rd, Liberty. Meetings are scheduled for: January 30, February 27, April 3 (1 week later ~ no March meeting), April 24, May 29, June 26, July 31, August 28, September 25, October 30, November 20 (one week early). There is no December meeting.

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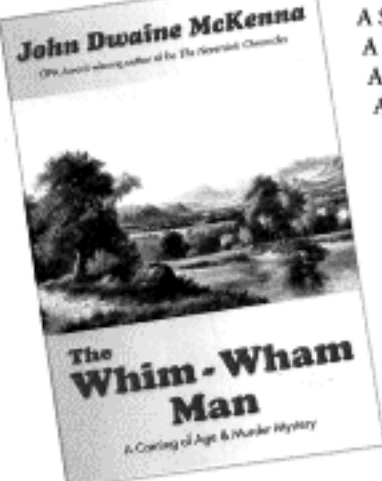
MONTICELLO - The Adult and Continuing Education Program at Sullivan BOCES is offering a Commercial Driver Training Permit Preparation course on Saturday on Saturday January 26th and Saturday February 2nd. The course is being held at the St. John Street Education Center in Monticello, from 8:30 am - 4:30 pm. The fee is \$191.00.

Participants will receive information on all relevant endorsements and be prepped for the Class A & B CDL written test. To obtain a NYS CDL you must meet several requirements, including passing the USDOT medical exam.

The next time this course will run is in April.

To register or to obtain more information please contact the Adult and Continuing Education Program at (845) 295-4900 between the hours of 8:30 am and 7:00 pm or visit us at scbores.org, like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter.

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The Olive Jar - Carol LaMonda

Sick of Being Sick

The flu or some nasty flu-like coughing cold has hit the Town of Olive. Almost every family has a member or two hacking and coughing and taking to their bed to battle the bug, probably a virus, that, although microscopic, can level a grown person.

Time to invest in Kleenex, cough drops, tea and honey, cough syrup and drops, Tylenol and chicken soup. Seems like not much can be done but to treat the symptoms and wait it out. I personally, took to my bed the day after Christmas not to be vertical for the next thirty-six hours. The first thing I did was strip the bed, change the sheets and convince myself that my red pajamas could probably be laundered rather than ceremoniously burned in the wood stove.

When not arguing over gun control issues, the next big topic of conversation is the flu shot. To get it or not to get it--that is the question. Since I got the flu shot, I am assuming that what I suffered was a mild case of what must be a horrendous sickness. I know one person who was sick in bed for a fortnight. Some wind up with pneumonia. One man in town, Larry Topper, died from complications of the flu. The flu shot for adults has an effectiveness of 65%--not bad odds considering how serious the epidemic is. For children the effectiveness is reported to be 85%. I would urge anyone playing "influenza roulette" to get the shot. At the expense of making a bad pun, "It couldn't hurt."

Long after the fever, chills and aches dissipate, a cough lingers. In every location, there are those coughing into their elbows like cats trying to hack up a fur-ball. May you do all you can to avoid this winter's misery. Perhaps the cold spell we are about to enter will kill the nasty flu buggers. Let's hope.



RESERVOIR MUSIC NOTES-
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Another busy week for Fred. He will be back with his column next week, but does say 'hello' to all his readers.

Flu Clinic at Ellenville Regional Hospital

The flu claims an average of 36,000 lives and hospitalizes more than 200,000 people every year. In response to the severity of the flu season that is affecting our community, Ellenville Regional Hospital will be holding a Flu Immunization Clinic for the next three weeks.

The Flu Immunization Clinic will be held on Mondays from 8am-11am, and on Tuesdays from 2:00-6:00pm during the weeks of January 21st, January 28th and February 4th in room 103 of the hospital.

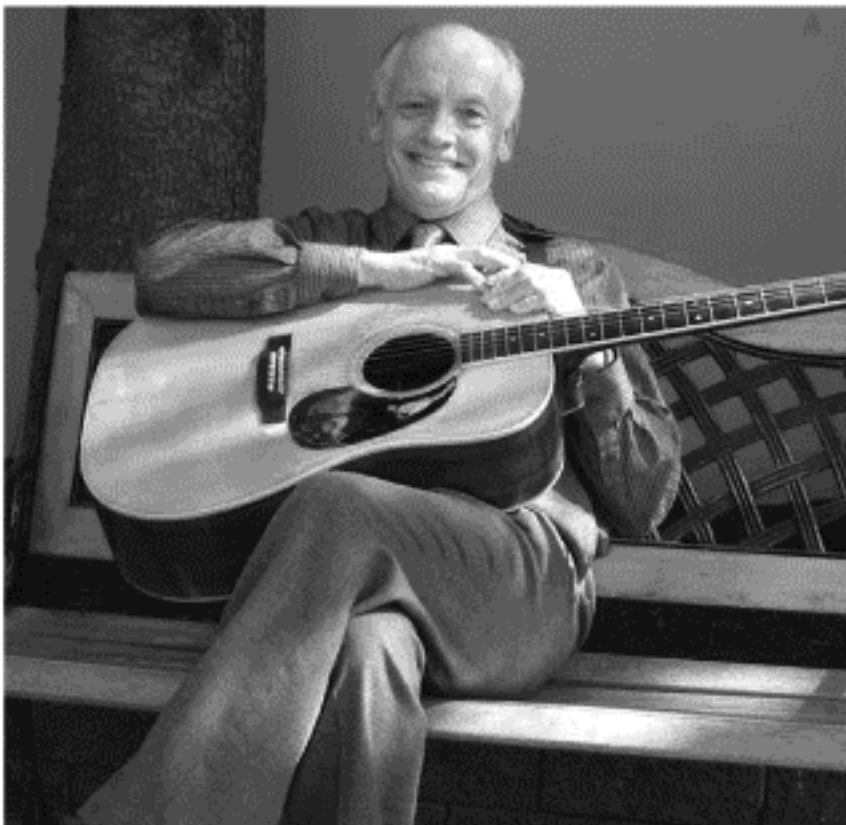
Flu immunizations will be available for those who are age 36 months or older. An insurance card must be presented at the time of service, and the fee will be based on the parameters of the insurance plan.

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If you do not have insurance, or if you need further information, please call 845 647-6400 ext. 226.

The Woodsongs Coffeehouse at the Sullivan County Museum Presents An Evening of Live Traditional Bluegrass Music featuring Louie Setzer and the Appalachian Mountain Boys



Saturday, February 2nd, 2013 from 6-9:00 pm the Woodsongs Coffeehouse at the Sullivan County Museum is pleased to present Louie Setzer and the Appalachian Mountain Boys.

Louie Setzer is known throughout Eastern Pennsylvania as one of the greatest traditional bluegrass singers around. His style has been compared to musicians like Bill Monroe, Flatt and Scruggs, Jimmy Martin and the Stanley Brothers. He has produced numerous recordings and was the primary founder of the Appalachian Fiddle and Bluegrass Association. Check out his website at: <http://www.louiesetzer.com/Home.htm>.

The evening will also feature performances by the Orange County duo Mike Baglione and Anne Loeb, and the host band Little Sparrow. You can check them out on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Little-Sparrow/106454596069509>

Also, in conjunction with the "Great Sullivan County Foodraiser" sponsored by the Dancing Cat Saloon we will be accepting donations and canned goods in support of the local food pantries. Check out the Foodraiser event at: <http://www.dancingcat-saloon.com>.

Admission is \$5, and doors open at 6pm. Get there early - last months concert was standing room only!

This project is made possible in part with funds from the Decentralization Program for Sullivan County, a regrant program of the New York State Council on the Arts, administered by Delaware Valley Arts Alliance.

The Sullivan County Museum is located at 265 Main Street, Hurleyville, New York.

For directions please visit our website <http://www.sullivancountyhistory.org/> or call 845 434-8044 or 845 671-9548

Peace Poet and Troubador David Rovics to Appear at the Pine Hill Community Center

David Rovics, the singer songwriter who Cindy Sheehan calls "the peace poet and troubador of our times," will appear in concert at The Pine Hill Community Center on Wednesday, January 30, at 7:00 pm. Suggested Donation, \$10.00.

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

Folkworks Magazine in a review of David's latest album, "Meanwhile in Afghanistan" writes, "David Rovics is the grassiest of grassroots performers-a voice for the oppressed working class-who for the most part don't even realize they are oppressed."

David has been at it for twenty years now, since 1992, and shows no signs of slowing down. If you wonder what happened to the protest music of the 1960s, look no further; pick up his new album, to be released on December 1st, and breathe some fresh air." www.davidrovics.com.

The Pine Hill Community Center is located at 287 Main Street, Pine Hill, NY 12465. For information call: 845.254.5469 or info@pinehillcommunitycenter.org; www.pinehillcommunitycenter.org

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A Bit of Rondout Lighthouse History

The Rondout Lighthouse located on the Hudson River at the mouth of the Rondout Creek is actually the final of three Rondout lighthouses. The first lighthouse, made of wood, was built in 1837 on the southern shore of the creek. The effects of Mother Nature in the North East caused great strain on the structure which eventually had to be torn down and replaced. The second lighthouse, known as the Rondout I, was constructed of the locally quarried bluestone in 1867. This house was much more durable and better equipped to handle the changes in seasons and corresponding precipitation. Rondout I's location became obsolete after the Army Corp. of Engineers extended the dikes farther into the River. The Rondout I was abandoned in 1915 for the third and final lighthouse. It was put of for auction but was never sold and ended up being demolished after the roof collapsed in 1954.

The Rondout lighthouse we enjoy today, Rondout II, was first lit on August 25th, 1915. Construction of the house began in 1913 by a company called the L.H.Bannon Plumbing, Heating & Contracting Co. The house was constructed of beige colored brick for a sum of \$33,575.81. This lighthouse is the largest and most recent Hudson River Lighthouses built to house a family. The Rondout II existed as a family home until the Coast Guard took it over in 1946. That same year electricity was installed to run the navigational light, household lights and small appliances. In 1954 the light was fully automatic and functional; there was no longer a need for a live-in keeper. The last light keeper moved away and the house was boarded up that year.

The house remained vacant until 1984 when the Hudson River Maritime Museum entered into a lease with the Coast Guard to use the lighthouse for group tours. In November 2000, President Clinton signed a bill allowing lighthouse ownership to be transferred from the Coast Guard. On June 19th, 2002 possession of the Rondout Lighthouse was transferred to the City of Kingston with Mayor James Sottile accepting the deed.

Today the lighthouse is maintained by the City of Kingston. Kingston is currently in partnership with Hudson River Cruises, d/b/a as "The Lark" and the HRMM to allow summer tours of the historic building by boat. The lighthouse can also be rented for parties, weddings and private tours. For more information contact the Kingston Heritage Area Visitor Center at 1-800-331-1518 or kcook@kingston-ny.gov.

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DiNapoli Freezes Pension Fund Investments in Commercial Firearm Manufacturers

New York State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli announced today that the New York State Common Retirement Fund (Fund) will freeze its investments in publicly-traded commercial firearm manufacturers.

"The New York State Common Retirement Fund will not buy stock in companies whose primary business is manufacturing firearms for commercial sale," DiNapoli said. "After the terrible events in Newtown, it is clear that the national movement toward greater regulation of firearms manufacturers will impose significant reputational, regulatory and statutory hurdles that may affect shareholder value.

As the fiduciary of the Fund, it is my obligation to protect and grow Fund assets and we will continue to monitor the economic and regulatory environment before taking any additional steps."

The freeze impacts the Fund's holdings in an index fund of 45,325 shares of Sturm, Ruger and Company valued at approximately \$2,174,000. The Fund's holdings in Smith and Wesson Holding Corporation were sold by an outside manager in their entirety on December 18, 2012. The Fund does not hold any other public companies whose primary source of revenue is commercial firearms manufacturing. The freeze will be in place for an indefinite period of time.

DiNapoli, acting on the recommendation of the Fund's Chief Investment Officer Vicki Fuller and after consulting outside fiduciary counsel, has directed the Fund to not purchase any additional shares of Sturm, Ruger and Company. This freeze applies to both actively-managed as well as indexed investments.

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UlsterCorps Elects New President
(From Pg. 1)

"Rik Flynn, as our founding board president, helped bring UlsterCorps from a simple idea about increasing volunteering in our community to one of the most productive community volunteering networks in the nation," said Gilman. "Rik's a real hero in our community-a selfless, super-committed, kind and wise volunteer leader. Big shoes to fill. Rik inspires us all."

Flynn, a retired educator, was president of the New York State United Teachers (NYSUT) Ulster County BOCES Teachers' Organization and a member of several state and national professional education organizations.

He was also a vice-president of the Hudson Valley Area Labor Federation (HVALF) and officer of the Upper Hudson Area Central Labor Council (UHCLC), AFL-CIO. He remains a board member of UlsterCorps.

In early 2009, Flynn helped create UlsterCorps as a county-wide response to Barack Obama's call to community service. Along with Flynn, co-founders and UlsterCorps officers Nancy Pompeo and Beth McLendon

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established a website, ulstercorps.org, which maintains a list of current volunteer opportunities in the county.

UlsterCorps works with other non-profits to facilitate collaborative responses to county challenges ranging from hunger to housing to preserving Ulster county's priceless oral histories. UlsterCorps has initiated its own programs, including The Hunger Project, the Harvesting a Lifetime Project, and the U-Team, while also facilitating communication among the county's non-profits and leaders both at its annual Service Summit and throughout the year.

For more information, contact UlsterCorps board member and press officer, Susan Barnett at media@ulstercorps.org or 845-481-0331.

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A Journey for Freedom: An Evening with Loten Namline (From Pg. 1)

Loten Namling has performed all over the world, playing his dranyen (Tibetan lute) and singing traditional Tibetan songs. Currently based in Switzerland, Loten is touring the United States playing Tibetan music and telling stories about his life. He presents a rare opportunity for American audiences to connect directly with a culture that is in danger of vanishing. His songs and stories take the listener on a complex journey through the landscape of Tibetan history and spirituality.

In 2012, Loten undertook a 50 day pilgrimage across Switzerland walking and prostrating himself for over 150 miles, dragging a black coffin symbolizing the death of Tibet. He performed concerts along the way to raise awareness of the drastic situation in Tibet. Now Loten is extending that pilgrimage to the rest of the world. In October 2012, Loten was given the Free Spirit Award for this Journey of Freedom in McLeod Ganj, home of the exiled Dalai Lama.

Loten will perform on January 31 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Philips Church, 1101 Route 9D in Garrison, New York (across the street from the Garrison School). Admission is open to all and is free of charge, with donations requested.

Outdoor Recreation on Catskill Lands Brings 2.5 Million People, Thousands of Jobs, and \$115 million, Study Shows Public Forum Will Discuss Findings and Their Implications for Development

What are the open spaces of the Catskills worth to the local economy? Plenty, according to a new study, which finds that recreational opportunities on the Catskills' publicly owned state and New York City lands plus private lands open to the public, draw over 1.7 million visitors annually. They create an economic impact of \$46,207,000 and support 980 jobs. Add those who come to enjoy other privately held lands, and the total number of people choosing the Catskills for recreation each year is almost 2.5 million, creating an economic impact of \$114,768,000 and supporting 2,413 jobs.

So states a new report, "Economic Valuation Study for Public Lands in the Central Catskills" prepared by Brian Zweig of Business Opportunities Management Consulting. Commissioned by the Catskill Center for Conservation and Development, Catskill Mountainkeeper, and Catskill Heritage Alliance, the report assesses the economic impact of outdoor recreation in our region by analyzing publicly available data using Money Generation Models (MGM) software developed for the National Park Service by a team from Michigan State University. It also identifies potential recreational and marketing opportunities for further consideration, such as a Catskill

Interpretive Center and a "Gateway" Visitor Information Center.

Although previous studies and plans have addressed the economic impacts of outdoor recreation in the Catskills, none of them, Zweig says, "have provided a comprehensive estimate of the number of visitors and the economic impact associated with outdoor recreational activities in the Central Catskills region."

"This economic impact study confirms with hard data the exceptional economic potential of this landscape of mountains, forests, streams, farmland, and villages," said Kathy Nolan, chair of the Catskill Heritage Alliance. "It shows the choice before us in dollar terms: erode what Nature gave us and undermine our economic sustainability, or build on the potential to strengthen the economic future of the region."

"The new numbers confirm what we've known for a long time," said Ramsay Adams, Founder and Executive Director of Catskill Mountainkeeper. "The natural beauty of our region is a unique, world-class asset. It made the Hudson River School of painting world famous in the 19th century, and it's the key to our future in the 21st. Preserving our open space and community character is an environmental and aesthetic imperative, but it's also clearly an economic one. This new study is more evidence that if we want to grow economically, we have to do it in a sustainable way that protects what draws people here: our spectacular environment."

"This study clearly quantifies the economic impact of our protected land and places new priority on projects that will grow tourism in the Catskills, such as the Catskill Interpretive Center and new Catskill Park road signage," said Alan White, Executive Director of the Catskill Center for Conservation and Development. "We can use the results of this study to guide regional efforts to promote the Catskill Park, beginning with creating a new recreational plan."

An executive summary of the economic impact study is posted online at <http://www.catskillheritage.org>. The report will be released in full on January 31, 2013, at a public forum entitled "What are the Catskills Worth? The Economic Value of Catskill Park and NYC Watershed Lands" hosted by the Catskill Center, Catskill Mountainkeeper and the Catskill Heritage Alliance and held at the Olive Town Meeting House (50 Bostock Rd, off Route 28 in Shokan, NY) from 4:30pm - 6pm. The event is

free and open to the public and light refreshments will be served.

At the forum, Mr. Zweig will present the study's findings, answer questions and participate in a panel discussion with development experts on implications for future development priorities. Panelists include Peg Ellsworth, executive director of the MARK Project in Arkville, New York, and Ed Goodell, executive director of the New York/New Jersey Trail Conference. The MARK project provides housing programs, economic development and technical assistance services to the Towns of Andes, Middletown and Roxbury and the Villages of Fleischmanns and Margaretville, including in the outdoor recreation and tourism sectors. The New York/New Jersey Trail Conference is a network of over 1,800 miles of public trails with a membership of 10,000 individuals and 100 clubs that have a combined membership of over 100,000 active, outdoor-loving people.

UC Executive Mike Hein Presents an Important Tool to Help Local Municipalities in Their Efforts to Protect the Environment - The Sustainability Guide is a resource which is a compilation of County initiatives that foster sustainability, protect the environment and can also be used by other municipalities as a template.

Last week, County Executive Mike Hein, announced the release of "Ulster County Sustainability Initiatives: Environmental Executive Orders, Laws, Resolutions & Procedure" and distributed the document at the monthly Town Supervisors meeting. The need for a template such as this has become increasingly apparent as many departments within county government are often asked to provide support or guidance to local municipalities whose goals are to become more sustainable, and which look towards improving the environment as well as the quality of life of their residents.

"As we continue to transform Ulster County government to be more efficient, more effective, more transparent and more sustainable, I am pleased to offer municipalities this compilation of initiatives to use as a model and a resource so that we may work together to protect our precious environment," said Ulster County Executive Mike Hein. "I encourage all municipal leaders and decision-makers to examine the information in this guide and to use the material which will also be available on the County website as a template or starting point for similar initiatives or discussions in your communities."

County Executive Hein further stated, "I congratulate the Ulster County Legislature's longstanding successful efforts to stay at the forefront of environmental protection and am looking forward to continuing to partner with them on these types of initiatives."

Ulster County Department of the Environment Coordinator Amanda LaValle said, "At the direction of County Executive Hein we have developed this compilation which not only captures the breadth of what we have been working on, but does so in a way that provides "real hands on" information to other municipalities that may be considering similar actions that will further protect all of our residents and our environment."

The compilation of sustainability initiatives grew out of a summer project in which the County was selected to host a 2012 Summer Green Purchasing intern through the National Association of Counties (NACo). Over the course of eight weeks, NACo intern, Andrew Harris, an undergraduate student at SUNY New Paltz, visited eight town conservation committee meetings to share information about the County's green procurement efforts and model policies to aid their efforts. "Ulster County is demonstrating real leadership to their larger region and serving as a model for sustainability," said Cindy Wasser, Infrastructure & Sustainability Associate. "NACo is proud to support these efforts through the Green Purchasing intern program and share their model for community sustainability efforts with other counties." The guide and Ulster

County's efforts will be a highlighted case study in NACo's County Green Purchasing Toolkit (www.naco.org/greenkit) and upcoming Guidebook (anticipated publication February 2013).

In addition to, and included within, this resource, Ulster County recently made new information available on the County website for local communities on hydraulic fracturing. All of this information can be found on the County's website at either the municipal resources link or the Department of Environment page, and includes select case law, local statutes, information on local roads and infrastructure, and is more specifically tailored to guide municipalities.

A limited number of hardcopies of the guide will be distributed to municipalities. However, the guide will also be made available digitally on the UC Department of Environment website at <http://www.co.ulster.ny.us/environment> and on the County's sustainability site at www.SustainableUlster.org.

Department of Environmental Protection to Begin Site Work for Rondout- West Branch Bypass Tunnel- Work Will Begin this Month in Newburgh and Wappinger, Creating about 160 Local Jobs

New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Commissioner Carter Strickland today announced that site preparation work will begin this month for the Rondout-West Branch Bypass Tunnel, a roughly \$1 billion project that will repair leaks in the Delaware Aqueduct. DEP contractors will begin working at sites in Newburgh and Wappinger, where two new shafts will be built to allow for the construction of the 2.5-mile bypass tunnel.

"Repairing the leaks in the Rondout-West Branch Tunnel remains DEP's top priority for construction in our water supply system," Strickland said. "This project will create good construction jobs for residents of the Hudson Valley, and it will ensure that New York City continues to have a safe and reliable water supply system for decades to come."

In 2012, DEP purchased several properties located off Route 9W in the Town of Newburgh, just north of Pine Road, where it will build one of the shafts. Site preparation work there will consist of tree removal, grading, stormwater protection measures, and the extension of utilities to the worksite. City contractors will also make road improvements, such as installing turning lanes and a new traffic signal near the site entrance, to help vehicles enter and exit the work site more safely.

The shaft construction site in the Town of Wappinger, off River Road North, will be built on property already owned by DEP. Preparation work there will consist of grading, stormwater protection and the extension of utilities to the work site. Preparation work at both sites is expected to continue through 2014, when construction of the shafts will begin. The shafts in Newburgh and Wappinger will be 900 and 700 feet deep respectively, and they will be more than 30 feet in diameter.

DEP has been in regular contact with local government officials to update them on the project's timeline, and has committed to continue that open communication through the entire life of the project.

The site work and bypass construction will be done through a project labor agreement that was negotiated with the Hudson Valley Building and Construction Trades Council. The agreement is expected to create roughly 160 jobs for local tradesmen and women while saving the City between \$16 million to \$23 million over the duration of the project. The savings come from reducing labor costs for shift work, standardizing holidays across all participating trades, and implementing a Worker's Compensation Alternative Dispute Resolution Program. Additionally, the agreement protects against delays or disruptions that could potentially arise from labor disputes.

The Rondout-West Branch Tunnel - a section of the Delaware Aqueduct that runs from Rondout Reservoir to West Branch Reservoir - is a critical component of the New York City water supply system. The 85-mile Delaware Aqueduct conveys more than 500 million gallons of water per day from Cannonsville, Pepacton, Neversink and Rondout Reservoirs - approximately half the city's drinking water - and it serves about one million residents of Orange, Putnam, Ulster and Westchester Counties. Residents of the towns of Newburgh and Marlborough are supplied directly by the Rondout-West Branch Tunnel. Construction of the water bypass will allow for repair of the Delaware Aqueduct, where leaks result in the loss of up to 35 million gallons of water per day.

The Rondout-West Branch Tunnel repair is central to the City's "Water for the Future" program, a \$2.1 billion initiative to both repair the Delaware Aqueduct and upgrade other parts of the City's water supply system. It is also part of Strategy 2011-2014, the far-reaching strategic plan that outlines 100 distinct initiatives to make DEP the safest, most efficient, cost-effective, and transparent water utility in the nation. The plan is available on DEP's website at www.nyc.gov/dep.

DEP manages the city's water supply, providing more than one billion gallons of water each day to more than nine million residents, including eight million in New York City, and residents of Ulster, Orange, Putnam and Westchester counties. This water comes from the Catskill, Delaware, and Croton watersheds that extend more than 125 miles from the City, and the system comprises 19 reservoirs, three controlled lakes, and numerous tunnels and aqueducts. DEP employs nearly 6,000 employees, including approximately 750 scientists, engineers, surveyors, watershed maintainers and other professionals in the upstate watershed. In addition to its \$68 million payroll and \$153 million in annual taxes paid in upstate counties, DEP has invested more than \$1.5 billion in watershed protection programs-including partnership organizations such as the Catskill Watershed Corporation and the Watershed Agricultural Council-that support sustainable farming practices, environmentally sensitive economic development, and local economic opportunity. In addition, DEP has a robust capital program with a planned \$13.2 billion in investments over the next 10 years that creates up to 3,000 construction-related jobs per year. For more information, visit www.nyc.gov/dep, like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/nycwater, or follow us on Twitter at www.twitter.com/nycwater.

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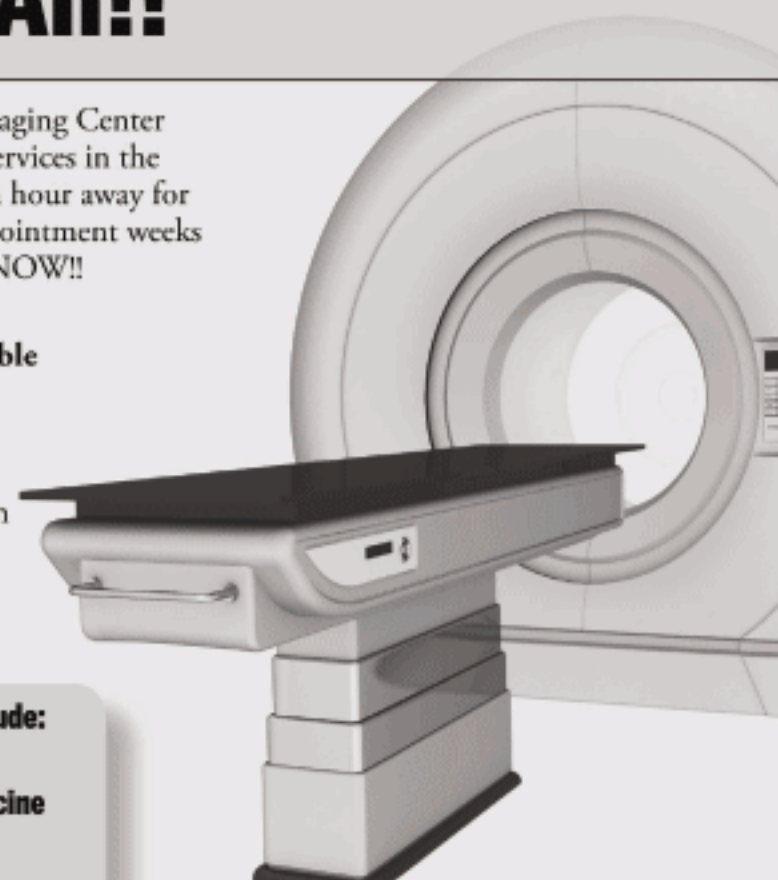
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Gibson, Tonko, Gillibrand on Obama's Gun Proposals

New York's representatives in Washington, D.C., have begun to weigh in on President Barack Obama's gun control and mental health proposals.

Rep. Chris Gibson, R-Kinderhook, a retired Army colonel, said that he opposes the plan because he believes it steps on the rights of law abiding citizens while failing to achieve its stated objectives.

The second-term lawmaker said he supports "tougher enforcement of and punishment for our existing gun laws."

"Overall, we must gauge how well we are doing now in keeping guns out of the hands of criminals and the mentally ill while respecting the rights of law-abiding citizens," Gibson said.

Rep. Paul Tonko, D-Amsterdam, said that while most gun owners are responsible, additional laws are needed to prevent violence by those that aren't.

"Surely there are common-sense reforms that we should, and must, take in order to keep our children and our communities safe," Tonko said. "I take these recommendations very seriously, and will listen to the voices of my constituents to ensure I do everything I can to help prevent gun violence."

Democratic U.S. Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, mother of two boys, expressed support for Obama's proposals but attempted to steer a non-political course.

"Keeping our children safe from the scourge of gun violence is not a Republican or a Democratic principle; this is an issue for all Americans," she said. "There is no political ideology that finds this loss of life acceptable."

A Statement by NYSAC Executive Director Stephen J. Acquario in Response to the Comptroller's Report on Slow Growth In Aid To New York's Local Governments

County governments welcome State Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli's latest report providing further explanation concerning the fiscal stresses facing counties and local governments in New York State (see <https://www.osc.state.ny.us/press/releases/jan13/011613.htm>). But there is more to the story.

It is a fact that federal and state reimbursement has not kept pace with rising operational costs facing local governments over the past 10 years, forcing local governments to rely on sales and property taxes to make up the difference.

Here's the unreported part of the local government fiscal distress. During this 10 year time period, when rising costs have out-paced State assistance, the State actually reduced reimbursement to counties and shifted more of the costs of State mandated programs on to county property taxpayers.

In nearly every major category of spending, counties are receiving less reimbursement than they did five years ago, while costs and caseloads have risen. New York's county governments cannot continue to carry the State's obligations at the local government level.

Over the past decade, cuts in State funding, lagging reimbursements, and cost shifts have forced counties to raise property taxes, cut jobs, eliminate local programs and services, and sell or close community facilities such as nursing homes and certified community health agencies (CCHAs).

A property tax cap cannot be sustained unless the State reduces the costs of their mandates sufficiently to support local revenues.

It is becoming evident that the State simply does not appreciate the counties of New York, which in 2013 are responsible for the implementation and execution of all federal health and human services programs in New York State.

NYSAC, on behalf of the State's 62 counties, again calls upon the State to provide immediate and measurable mandate relief, timely reimbursements, and increased home rule authority so that counties do not have to rely on increasing local tax revenue to make up for increases in State mandated costs and losses in State reimbursement.

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

How has the State shifted costs to county taxpayers?_ Let us begin to count the ways...

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2. Pension Contributions - County pension contributions have grown from \$47 million in 2000 to \$1.1 billion in 2013.
3. Preschool special education - from \$40 million in 1989 to more than \$1 billion in 2013.

Tenney: Political Capital Made at the Expense of Constitutional Rights

Assemblywoman Claudia Tenney (R,C,I-New Hartford) today opposed the passage of an unprecedented gun control bill that will place a great burden on the backs of law-abiding New York citizens.

"Political posturing in New York was readily apparent today. In an attempt to cash in on the emotional turmoil the nation is feeling over heinous attacks on children and first responders, downstate 'progressives' deemed it necessary to assault the constitutional rights of law-abiding New Yorkers," said Tenney. (Contd. Pg. 12)

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Tenney: Political Capital Made at the Expense of Constitutional Rights (From Pg. 10)

"Jobs, constitutional rights and our upstate culture are feeling the brunt of political rhetoric and action from downstate. The most terrible aspect of how this assault on upstaters was perpetrated is the means by which this bill was passed. We were refused the requirement of 72 hours to read the bill, and within less than half an hour, my colleagues and I were able to find glaring legal mistakes, which the Democrats refused to correct. They told us we would have to accept on faith that amendments would be delivered at some undisclosed date and time so that law enforcement would not be hamstrung by the provisions found in this crudely and hastily manufactured law.

"Furthermore, the issue of gun control was brought up because our children and first responders were targeted and assaulted by mentally-deranged and dangerous individuals. The governor and his legislative accomplices are implementing their gun-grab with immediacy, banning sales and enacting magazine capacity restrictions. Where are the measures to protect our school children? Where are the measures to provide care for those who suffer from mental illness? We are expected to wait months before the necessary changes will be addressed.

"Scoring points with downstaters was the governor's objective. He scoffed at our Conference's demand that necessary changes must be made to the way we deal with the mentally ill, but he made sure that he was in the national headlines as the most 'progressive' governor on gun control. He got his headline, but he paid for his national primary interests by sacrificing the rights of law-abiding New Yorkers.

"My friends and neighbors are being denied an important facet of their culture, heritage, fundamental rights, and in the case of those families connected to Remington Arms, their means of employment.

"New York isn't safer under the New York Secure Ammunition and Firearms Enforcement Act of 2013 (NY SAFE Act). The governor has curbed the ability for law-abiding citizens to protect themselves from criminals, who by definition circumvent law, particularly here in New York State.

"There are only two people who are safer today in New York: criminals and self-serving downstate politicians," concluded Tenney.

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At the end of October, Ulster County had nearly \$105 Million in fifty (50) bank accounts spread out among eleven banks. The size of the aggregate holdings and the breadth of the banks by which they are held prompted the Comptroller's Office to conduct a review of all aspects of the depositories, the authorizations and the investment policies.

Comptroller Elliott Auerbach instructed Director of Internal Audit and Control, Ron Clum, CPA to perform the analysis to ensure that authorized signors were in place, the monies were held in duly designated banks and trust companies, and that the County Legislature was complying with NYS General Municipal Law.

While the ministerial findings were minor, the Comptroller's auditors noted the following:

- Bank accounts had been opened without proper authorization
- Former employees remained listed as authorized signatories on some accounts
- There are dormant accounts with no activity
- The County lacks a current, written, Investment Policy

"Many of the questionable practices could be easily resolved, and we received cooperation from both the Commissioner of Finance and the Executive's Office," said Auerbach. "The most glaring issue, which has been brought to the attention of the Legislature over the past two years, is the compliance with NYS General Municipal Law concerning an updated and current investment policy. My office has offered to assist the policy making body and help them work through the details."

The *REPORT ON BANK ACCOUNTS HELD* can be found on the Ulster County website at www.ulstercounty.gov/comptroller

Wawarsing Supervisor Scott Carlsen Praises UC Exec Mike Hein

The Republican town official lauded Hein, a Democrat, for his efforts promoting a gaming license for Ellenville's Nevele resort, and also helping to clear legal roadblocks for opening the rail trail which have stymied progress for 20 years.

Scott Carlsen, Town Wawarsing Supervisor expressed his gratitude to Mike Hein, UC Executive, for all his efforts in promoting a gaming license for the Nevele Resort located in Ellenville.

Carlsen also was appreciative for all the help that Hein has given for the opening of the rail trail of the abandoned Ontario & Western Railway that can eventually be developed and connect Wurtsboro to Kingston.

The old rail line runs parallel to Route 209, along the western edge of the Shawangunk Mountains, linking with other trails regionally, including Walkway Over the Hudson.

Hein's office assisted in getting through the red tape and to reach an agreement with the State Department of Correctional Services, obtaining easements and right-of-ways.

Pleased with the outcome of the meeting, Carlsen said, "We went from Wednesday, thinking this trail would never happen - to Friday, we're like giddy, looking at a map from Rochester to Mamakating," Carlsen said. "Your people pulled it off completely; it's awesome."

"Nobody wants to see a railroad simply go away," Hein stated, "So we want to be able to work with the railroad systems that are there, the Catskill Mountain Railroad and a whole host of other folks."

Hein told the municipal officials that if they are able to connect the Ashokan Reservoir with the Walkway Over the Hudson, "we will have created a world-class tourism destination. The governor is excited about this idea."

Greek Yogurt Contains Twice The Protein As Regular Yogurt - Still Not Considered As Protein For Federal School Lunch Program-Gillibrand, Hanna: Allow Schools To Count High-Protein Greek Yogurt As An Affordable Protein Option

Washington, D.C. - U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, a member of the Senate Agriculture Committee, and U.S. Representative Richard Hanna today renewed their call to officially reclassify Greek yogurt as a source of protein under the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) MyPlate nutrition guides. Currently, Greek yogurt is not differentiated from traditional yogurt, despite having twice the amount of protein. "Greek yogurt is packed with healthy protein and should be available to our children in schools," Senator Gillibrand said. "New York State is home to a strong and growing Greek yogurt industry. And when we connect these businesses to lunchrooms across the country, we can give our children better access to healthy, nutritious food, while strengthening New York's own dairy industry. It's time to make this commonsense change in our lunchrooms so our students can thrive in the classroom, and help grow our economy."

"With a burgeoning Greek yogurt industry in our backyard, New York schools are an ideal place to begin offering Greek yogurt as a protein in school lunch programs," Rep. Hanna said. "By launching a pilot program in New York, schools could offer a high-protein, healthy lunch option for students at a considerably lower cost. The trial period would allow us to see the many benefits that could be gained by school districts, taxpayers, agriculture businesses and -most importantly - in the health of our children."

In their letter to the USDA, Senator Gillibrand and Rep. Hanna urged the Secretary of Agriculture to update the MyPlate nutrition guides to reflect the health benefits of Greek yogurt. They assert that Greek yogurt should be permitted as an affordable, high protein option under the National School Lunch Program, which is responsible for feeding 31 million students daily. The inclusion of Greek yogurt in the National School Lunch Program would save school systems money while purchasing wholesome meals for students.

This thriving industry in New York produces about 70 percent of the nation's \$6 billion Greek yogurt market. An estimated 1,500 New Yorkers are directly employed by the Greek yogurt operations in New York, with 800 more jobs expected to be created as additional Greek yogurt plants begin operation. Opening up an additional market opportunity by getting more Greek yogurt into our schools will not only provide our children a healthy, nutritious food but also further encourage growth of this booming industry in New York. Senator Gillibrand and Rep. Hanna's effort has bipartisan support from Senators James Risch (R-ID) and Mike Crapo (R-ID), and Rep. Mike Simpson (R-ID).

POLITICAL SLANT

By Frank Comando -

We have tried in the Ulster, Sullivan political arena to have transparent honest free elections and have failed in the past, but now Democratic Senator Cecilia Tkaczyk has shown us how to run a sincere and clean successful campaign.

Democrat Cecilia Tkaczyk is a proven fighter for true free elections and has arrived victoriously to serve in the 46th Senatorial district of the N.Y.S. Senate.

N.Y.S. Senator Tkaczyk

In a statement from Tkaczyk, "It is an incredible privilege to have been selected by the people of the 46th District to serve as their State Senator. No one believed our campaign had a chance in a district hand-carved by Republicans, and yet the power of good ideas and a

strong campaign proved itself. Thanks to all those who volunteered both on the campaign, itself as well as the successful post-election ballot counting process. I am honored to stand with Democratic Conference Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, and my fellow Democratic Senators, in pursuing the common sense, progressive agenda that New Yorkers demand. I look forward to hitting the ground running to serve my new constituents because there is no time to waste addressing the many challenges facing our state."

In a statement from

Ulster County Democratic Chair Frank Cardinale:

"In case you have not heard, Cece pulled it out by 19 votes. I spoke with her earlier and she wanted me to convey her gratitude to all in Ulster County that helped her to victory. I too want to thank the Town Chairs and Committee members for their effort in this and all of the other races. This victory demonstrates what can be accomplished when we are all united and pulling together. We need to continue and in fact, build on this effort in the upcoming local elections. Congratulations to all."

Gun Control and Feudalism

With terrorists attacking the US, "those who have turned their weapons into plows, will plow for those who did not." Greed is at work.

One World Government (N.W.O.) is upon us and has been instrumental in destroying our economy. This was done to economically enslave the American people on NWO's quest toward the destruction of US sovereignty. First, they moved by money, buying political influence of the Supreme Court and the elected officials of the Senate and the House. The result, these actions have essentially destroyed the working classes ability to earn; and by controlling your politics they have created no jobs, and have allowed Walmart, Home Depot, Lowes, Staples, to destroy our small business base and the jobs that go with them. Add to this the give away of US tax dollars, - Regan giving \$80 billion to the military included billions in Social Security moneys, building the B-2 and B-1, bombers and the Star Wars fantasy. Then came the bailouts, with billions of dollars given as bonuses - "The Bail Out." The next step to slavery is taking away our guns; you cannot defend yourself as the second amendment states with out guns. The second amendment is virtually dead. The day will come when there is a bigger push to limit rights: Patriot Act; Defense Authorization Act; Suspension of Habeas Corpus; then with no jobs in sight as you move to starvation, I ask a question- Is this where the feudalism of the N.W. O. merchants is going, destroying our constitution? Understand these are the old aristocrats the decedents of the losers of the American, and French Revolutions. The old common market nations are behind the destruction of US sovereignty. President Dwight David Eisenhower, "Ike," warned us, stating "Do not let the merchants, and the military get together. They will destroy your freedoms and steal your country." (Next week the Bush-Clinton dynasty)

STRUCTURE

The World Bank holds the money of the 1%. The International Monetary Fund decides which countries get financial help. The UN is the police force owned by the merchants, creating an anachronistic oligarchy with no voice for the working classes. ei. CLASS WARFARE BY THE 1%.

Paul Revere would say the second amendment should be evoked. The rights of the populous are no more... and Paul Revere yelled, "To Arms! To Arms!"

I would ask that the *UNITED NATIONS, AN ORGANIZATION THAT WAS SET UP TO CREATE & KEEP PEACE IN THE WORLD* should consider the fact that the merchants not being kept in check and are profiteering.

While the people of the world are suffering and the 1% controls 50 % of the money in the world, based on these facts the UN needs to rethink its charter. Maybe adapt some of the laws that have created the freest most industrious people and countries in the world.

The people of the world have chosen by their plebiscites, their desires, their actions to come here, and once here, by the giving of their lives in *SACRIFICE, BECAUSE OF THE LOVE OF FREEDOM*, and to keep this form of government. I ask that the U.N GENERAL ASSEMBLY, consider strongly, the primary essence of United States Constitution, Freedom for ALL be included in *THE CHARTER OF THE NEW ONE WORLD GOVERNMENT OF NEW WORLD ORDER*. In addition, end the class warfare the 1% started.

This space is also for you.

To have your comments and/or questions, space allowing, and townsman guidelines adhered to, as listed in the masthead, Email politicalslant@yahoo.com

Tai Chi Chuan Classes

MONTICELLO - The Adult & Continuing Education Program at Sullivan BOCES is offering a Tai Chi Chuan class at St. John Street Education Center in Monticello, on January 30th from 12:00pm to 1:00pm.

The class will run on Wednesdays from January 30th to March 20th. The cost of the class is \$64.00.

Tai Chi Chuan is a slow motion, moving meditative exercise for relaxation, health and self-defense. It is gentle and easy to do. It can help calm the emotions, focus the mind and strengthen the immune system.

The next class is schedule to start in April. To register and find out more information about the class, please contact the Adult and Continuing Education Program at (845) 295-4900 between the hours of 8:30 am and 7:00pm or visit us at scboecs.org, like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter.

"Les Miserables" Academy Award Nominee and Golden Globe Winner for Best Picture at Callicoon Theater

Delaware Valley Arts Alliance and the Callicoon Theater present the Golden Globe winner for Best Picture, Les Miserables starting Friday, January 25, 2013.

Director Tom Hooper brings the stage musical sensation Les Miserables to the big screen. Based on Victor Hugo's monumental 1862 novel about a decades-long manhunt, social inequality, injustice, and redemption, the film stars Hugh Jackman, Russell Crowe, Anne Hathaway, and a large ensemble cast, all of whom were recorded singing live on camera.

Hathaway's role as the wretched single mother-turned-prostitute Fantine, and her rendition of "I Dreamed a Dream," captured in a single take, earned her a Golden Globe for Best Supporting Actress (and an Oscar nomination for the same).

Les Miserables is rated PG-13 and will screen Friday, January 25 - Thursday, January 31, nightly at 7:30 p.m., with matinees at 2 p.m. on Saturday and

Sunday. The Callicoon Theater is located at 30 Upper Main St, Callicoon, NY. Admission is \$9.50 (\$8 admission on Mondays and matinees. \$7 for children under 12 at all shows).

CineArt is a partnership between Delaware Valley Arts Alliance and the Callicoon Theater that promotes and screens independent, foreign, and art films. A percentage of the profits and \$1 per person from ticket sales benefit the programs and services of the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance, the Arts Council for Sullivan County. For more information, call (845) 887-4460 or visit www.ArtsAllianceSite.org.

Training for National Safe Tractor & Machinery Operations Certification

LIBERTY- Youth or adults looking to operate heavy machinery and/or tractors should attend Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) Sullivan County's Tractor and Machinery Safety Training Program for youth ages 14-15. The introductory class will be Friday February 1st and run every Tuesday from 6-9 pm until Tuesday, March 5th at the Gerald J. Skoda Extension Education Center on 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road in Liberty. The final exam date will be Saturday, March 16th with a driving practice day on March 9th. A \$35 registration fee is due by January 25th, 2013. A parent/guardian consent form must be completed along with registration at the first introductory meeting. To register or for more information, call CCE at 845-292-6180.

This training meets the requirements of the US Department of Labor's Hazardous Occupations Order for Agriculture (HOOA). The regulations require that youth 14-15 years of age, who wish to work as a hired employee for someone other than a parent or legal guardian, and operate a farm tractor that is over 20hp, or any powered equipment or machinery attached to the tractor, must successfully pass a tractor safety training program.

The curriculum is appropriate for all youth age 12 and over, who will operate tractors and farm equipment, as well as for adults that are new or beginning tractor operators. Youth ages 12-13 can participate in the education-

al portion of the program but cannot practice driving tractors nor receive a certificate.

ArtsWAVE 2013 ARTIST RESIDENCES-APPLY NOW!

ArtsWAVE is accepting applications for residencies at the ArtsWAVE Center, 12 Market Street in Ellenville, New York. These three week residencies are for artists in need of studio space, or looking to immerse themselves in a project inspired by our own area's landscape or history. All disciplines are welcome to apply.

Four sessions are available: May; June; July; August;

The ArtsWAVE Center is a 3,600 square foot former storefront, located in the village of Ellenville, New York. Selected artists will have use of the art center for three weeks, in exchange for offering a Free Class, and having an "Open Studio" evening to show work in progress.

Special Consideration will be given to artists in Ulster County, and to projects with a strong local focus, but all artists are encouraged to apply.

Apply now to be considered for the session you prefer. For more information e-mail: class@artswave.org or call 845.443.5319

The mission of ArtsWAVE (Arts in Wawarsing and the Village of Ellenville) is to provide leadership and services that encourage the Arts for the cultural, educational and economic benefit of our community. www.artswave.org

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Sunday morning: 9:00 am and 11:30 am

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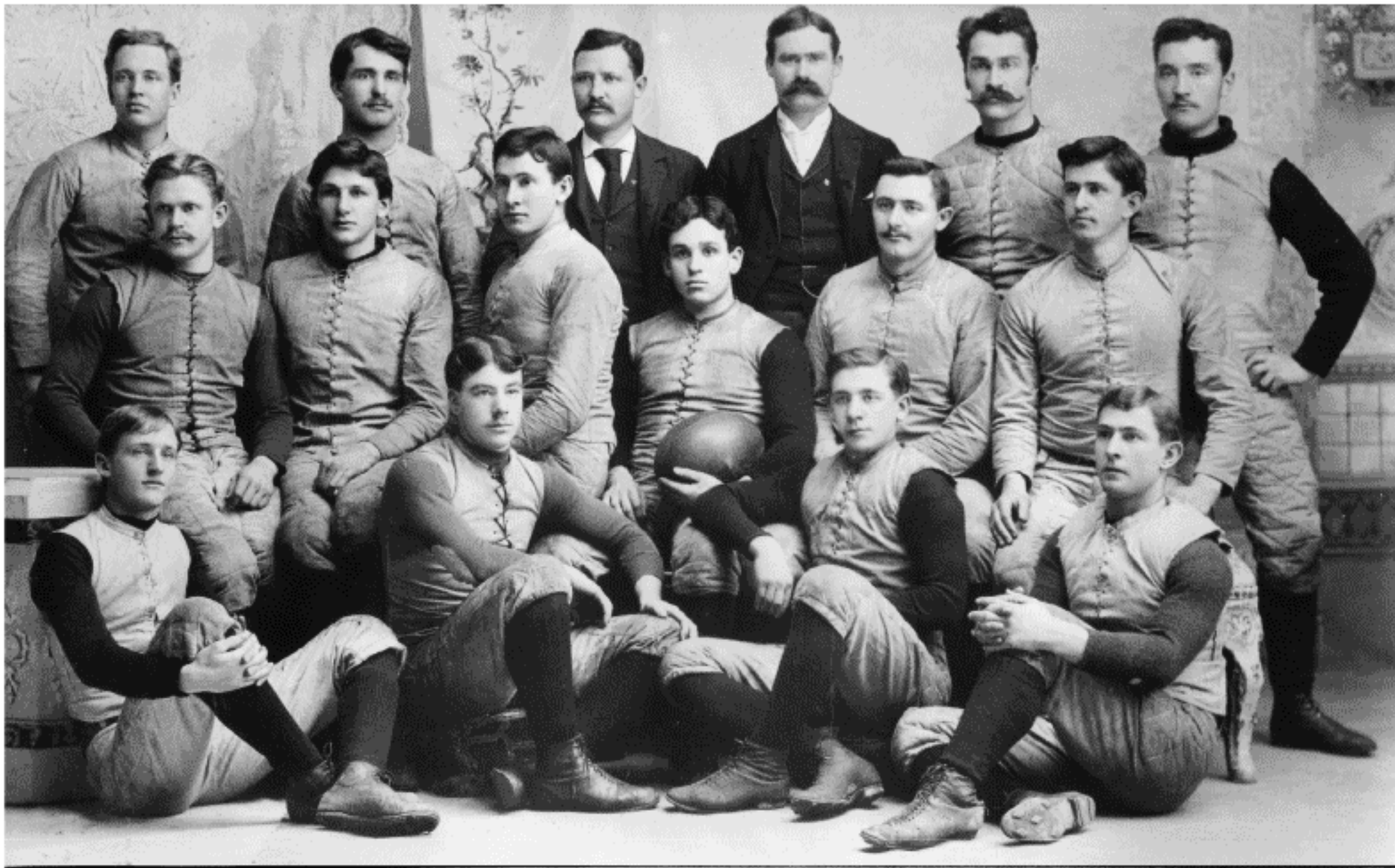
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Beginnings of Basketball Witnessed by Neversink Resident



GOLDSMITH, PHOTOGRAPHER.

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International Young Men's Christian Association Training School. Foot Ball Team of 1893.

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C. H. CAHNEY, SUB.

W. H. KINNICUTT, R.J.T.

MAURICE ROSS, SUB.
W. E. ALLEN, L.G.
J. W. LUTZ, P.B.

Basketball ranks internationally behind only soccer as a team sport. Few people realize that the story of its beginnings was witnessed by a resident of Neversink, William V. Denman. Mr. Denman was a member of the YMCA Training School football team in Springfield, Ma in 1893. At the time James Naismith held a teaching position in the physical training department. The head of the department felt the need for a winter activity that would keep budding young physical training students in shape for spring. It had to be something that could be played on the gym floor.

Jim Naismith was given the task of finding a game. Lacrosse contributed the arrangement of players, rugby furnished a hint of putting the ball in play and soccer offered a ready made ball.

A goal on the floor, as in hockey, wouldn't do because it would be too easy to defend. So, Jim got himself peach baskets and a ladder. He installed the basket nine feet from the floor and began the game with nine players on a side. The players wore woolen sweaters and gymnast trousers.

A referee tossed up the ball and the player was required to dribble the ball and to take only a stride before passing the ball to a teammate.

Because the court was only 35 feet by 45, the number of players was reduced from nine to seven and then to the current five. The height of the basket

was elevated to ten feet.

Naismith declined to have the new game named for him. So, since they were using peach baskets, why not call it "basketball"?

Yale was the first college to adopt the game in 1893. By '94 the soccer ball was replaced by the larger, heavier ball. Baskets were replaced by wire cylinders and chicken wire netting was added. The baskets had caused problems because the ball could get stuck and officials had to use a pole or ladder when needed.

Over the years rules were improved upon or added. Probably the biggest change was "the stall". Spectators and coaches didn't like it. There was one game where one side passed the ball 343 times while the referee stood there for 12 minutes watching them.

Let's go back to William Denman, a boy who grew up on a farm on Thunder Hill, attended high school in Ellenville and later became a distinguish resident of Neversink. He, no doubt, played football as seen in the picture. Could he have played in that first game? The answer in next week's edition.

Compliments of the Denman family and *Time and the Valleys Museum*

Cahill Delivers on Commitment to Redistricting Reform -Assembly Passes Second Redistricting Resolution and Sends It to Voters in 2014

(Albany, NY) - Assemblymember Kevin A. Cahill (D- Ulster, Dutchess) reaffirmed his pledge yesterday to support a constitutional amendment which would vastly improve the redistricting process by creating an independent, non-partisan commission tasked with crafting fair Congressional and State legislative districts. In order to become law, the proposed amendment must now be approved by a majority of voters when it goes to the ballot in November 2014.

"I have long been a supporter of independent redistricting and am proud to vote in favor of reform," said Assemblymember Cahill. "For years the citizens of New York have been disenfranchised by the partisan politics that lead to gerrymandering. With the passage of this amendment, the legislature can begin to restore public faith in our electoral system by ensuring that future election districts are developed in manner that puts the interests of the public ahead of the politicians. The bill also provides protections which guarantee minority voting rights, requires that large disparities in population among districts be sufficiently explained, and calls for extensive public hearings from around the state each time new districts must be created.

"The Legislative Taskforce on Demographic Research and Reapportionment, the group currently tasked with dividing legislative districts, lacked the transparency and this important process deserves. In just the two counties surrounding my hometown, there are a total of six different Senators and six separate Assemblymembers representing communities that have been carved to pieces by LATFOR. To have two modest-sized counties represented by twelve different representatives is irrational and needlessly confusing. That

is why I voted against the districts they proposed this past year. The people of New York deserve fairly drawn, logical, and truly contiguous districts. When the time comes, I hope voters approve this amendment to the New York State constitution and look forward to the day when a non-partisan redistricting process is constitutionally based."

Statement by Senator John Bonacic On Gun Control Legislation

As the *Daily Freeman* quoted Ulster County Sheriff Paul Van Blarcum, in an article on January 13, 2013: "Anybody wants to do anything, they will find a way to do it." The Sheriff pointed out that more restrictive gun and ammunition laws will not solve the crime problem. Sadly, I believe that is true.

Calls to my offices have been overwhelmingly against more gun control. When my constituents are overwhelmingly against something, and the bill we are asked to vote on is rushed through without any public review, that is nearly always a good reason to vote "no."

New York State, for years, has had the toughest gun laws in the nation. In reading the summary of the legislation provided (my comments below are based on how the legislation has been explained, because the print of the bill has not been shown to Legislators as I write this - 8 PM on January 14), it appears law abiding citizens would become criminals - eligible to be sent to jail, simply by failing to tell the government they own guns they lawfully purchased.

Equally problematic is the provision in the legislation prohibiting more than seven rounds in a ten round magazine - something irrelevant to a criminal. Under the legislation, magazines people now own, which are capable of holding ten rounds (bullets) continue to be legal, but a person may only load seven rounds in them. It strains credi-

bility to believe a criminal bent on a massacre is going to load only seven bullets in a ten round magazine. Law abiding citizens, on the other hand, who erroneously load too many bullets in a magazine, would be criminals under the legislation.

There are parts of this legislation I like and would support if they were enacted separately from the rest of this legislation:

- Penalties should be increased substantially when crimes are committed with guns;
- Penalties should be increased for "straw purchasers" of guns;
- Penalties should be increased for the unlawful possession of any gun;
- Mental Health concerns expressed by professionals should be able to lead to the suspension or revocation of the ability to own a gun;
- The State should allocate aid for more school security to protect our children.

Too often, in a rush to be "first" or "toughest" or in a desire to vote on something that "sounds good" or appeases a particular constituency, substantive policies are carelessly enacted.

I sincerely hope this law does stop another massacre, but I honestly believe it is nothing more than window dressing designed to make people feel secure until the next tragedy strikes - all while criminalizing the actions of otherwise law abiding citizens.

Caring Hands Soup Kitchen Seeks Volunteers to Pick up Donations

The Caring Hands Soup Kitchen, located at 122 Clinton Ave. (corner of Clinton Ave. & Liberty St.) is in need of volunteers to pick up donations from Hannaford's. This would require a truck, van or other large vehicle.

We need substitute drivers and replacement drivers one day a week (or more if available). Our pick up days are Monday - Friday mornings. Please contact us at the office (845) 331-7188 for more information or to volunteer.

Town of Neversink Parks & Recreation Department

www.townofneversink.org

(845) 985-2262 extension 312

Free Bingo - Friday, January 25. - Daniel Pierce Library Community Center 6:30 pm. Please bring a can good for the local food pantry. Prizes will be awarded! Refreshments will be served. Come out for some old-fashion fun! Bring your grandkids! Limited to the first 55 people signed up. **FREE FUN every FRIDAY** afternoon 1- 4 pm in the upstairs meeting room in the Neversink Town Hall.

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



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

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

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

AL-ANON MEETINGS -

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

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

SUNY Ulster Awarded Grant to Start Student Run Business "Community Creations"

SUNY Ulster has been awarded a \$5,000 grant to start a new student-run business, Community Creations, an online and on campus boutique selling handcrafted goods made by students, faculty, staff and community artisans.

The college was one of six recipients of a grant from the Coleman Foundation awarded at the National Association for Community College Entrepreneurship (NACCE) conference recently held in Chicago. Mindy Kole, Director of the Darlene L. Pfeiffer Center for Entrepreneurial Studies, represented the college and presented the proposal for the student-run business before representatives of the Coleman Foundation.

Students in the Entrepreneurship class researched ideas for a business and also developed the business plan that was presented to the Coleman Foundation board.

In the spring 2013 term, students in Entrepreneurship and Marketing classes will work on implementing the business with plans to hold a grand opening of the business in the fall. Students in the Entrepreneurship program at SUNY Ulster then will operate the business on an ongoing basis as part of their studies, supported by business and other faculty advisors.

"Community Creations is a wonderful

SUUJI WA TANSU NI KAGIRU
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- 1/29/13 Town of Neversink Parks & Rec - 7:00 pm
- 2/2/13 **Sundown Methodist Church Covered Dish Supper** - 5:30 pm Sundown Church Hall
- 2/6/13 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting- 7:30 pm
- 2/13/13 Town of Neversink Board Meeting - 7:30 pm
- 2/14/13 Dept. of Motor Vehicles Neversink Town Hall 10:00 am - 2:30 p.m.
- 2/17/13 Claryville Fire Dept. **Pancake Breakfast** 7 am - Noon
- 2/18/13 **TOWN OF NEVERSINK HOLIDAY - President's Day**
- 2/16/13 Grahamsville United Methodist Church - **Thrift Sale Only** - 9 am - 1 pm
- 2/19/13 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals - 7:30 pm
- 3/2/13 **Sundown Methodist Church Covered Dish Supper** - 5:30 pm Sundown Church Hall

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

Save the Dates!

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

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

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

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

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| SUNDOWN CAMP & BAIT SHOP | ARATI GIFT SHOP (Brickman Rd.) • NADIA'S (Hurleyville) | JAMES NAPANOCH GROCERY |
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TOWN OF OLIVE MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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

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

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

opportunity for students to learn entrepreneurship by doing it, not just reading about it in textbooks," Kole said. "Students will learn about management, operations, marketing, accounting, scheduling, inventory management and more. They will experience both the challenges and the potential of running a real business."

National Association for Community College Entrepreneurship (NACCE) is a non-profit organization for educators, entrepreneurs, and distinguished business development professionals to provide quality programs and services in entrepreneurship education and serve as advocates for "entrepreneurship movement."

The Pfeiffer Center is seeking local entrepreneurs to serve on an advisory board to the students. Any local business people interested in being part of this effort should please email Mindy Kole at kolem@sunyulster.edu.

Get Moving and Get Healthy!

MONTICELLO - This January, the Adult & Continuing Education Program at Sullivan BOCES is offering a new series of fitness classes to help people get moving and get healthy. All classes are held at St. John Street Education Center at 22 St. John Street in Monticello.

2 Mile - Walk Live: classes are conducted by a certified WALK LIVE leader using the indoor walking techniques established and proven through the many years of success of Leslie Sansone's Walk at Home Program. The WALK LIVE classes create a synergy among walk class members through a group class environment, which provides ongoing support, motivation, and inspiration to not only to begin to walk, but to continue to walk for health and weight loss. The classes are ideal for those who have had little or no physical activity in a long time, great for those who are fit and active, but like adding new activities to their routines, perfect for the young or elderly, and equally enjoyed by men and women!

This class will run on Mondays and Wednesdays from 4:15 pm to 5:15 pm and from 5:15 pm to 6:15 pm, the fee is \$64.00 each series.

Class series run on: January 23rd to February 20th ; March 4th to April 8th; April 17th to May 13th; May 20th to June 17th;

Yoga: If you own a body and can breathe, then you can learn yoga. An open mind and a clean bill of health from your doctor are all you need to begin. No previous yoga experience necessary. Classes will run on Fridays from 5:15 pm to 6:15 pm, the fee is \$64.00 each series.

Classes run: January 25th to March 15th; April 5th to May 24th

Zumba: Ditch the workout, join the party! Are you ready to party yourself into shape? That's exactly what the Zumba program is all about. Zumba is an exhilarating, effective, easy to follow, Latin inspired calorie burning dance fitness

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Grahamsville United Methodist Church

Thrift Sales & Luncheons

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June 4 & 18 Oct 1 & 15

July 9 & 23 Nov 5

December 7 - Christmas Craft Fair

party that is moving millions of people toward joy and health. Class will be held on Mondays and Thursdays from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm, the fee is \$64.00 each series.

Classes run from: January 28th to February 25th; March 7th to April 4th; April 15th to May 9th; May 20th to June 17th

Masal Bhangra. Masala is Hindi for spicy and Bhangra is a folk dance from India. The Masala Bhangra workout is an exercise-dance routine that modernizes the high-energy folk dance of Bhangra by blending traditional Bhangra dance steps and the exhilaration of Bollywood moves. This unique dance mixes cardiovascular with fun and is suitable for participants of all age and fitness levels. Class is held on Wednesdays from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm, the fee is \$64.00 each series.

Classes run from: January 30th to March 20th ; April 20th - May 29th

To register for any of the fitness classes courses or to obtain more information please contact the Adult and Continuing Education Program at (845) 295-4900 between the hours of 8:30 am and 7:00 pm or visit us at scboecs.org, like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter

Summer Session Registration at SUNY Ulster Opens

Registration is now underway at SUNY Ulster for two summer sessions with day and evening classes as well as blended and online courses to accommodate all types of students at the Stone Ridge campus and Business Resource Center (BRC) in Kingston.

Summer classes will be offered May 20 through July 3 for the first session; and July 8 through Aug. 15 for session two. In total, nearly 70 online courses will be offered on the main campus and BRC, as well as an international study abroad program to Brazil.

SUNY Ulster also welcomes visiting students, with credits transferring back to your school. Speak with your advisor today.

For information on summer registration, e-mail reginfo@sunyulster.edu. View course offerings at www.sunyulster.edu/summer.



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Knarf's Movie Trivia
CAPTAINS COURAGEOUS (Drama, 1937)

Spencer Tracy at his best. He plays "Manuel," a Portuguese fisherman, working aboard a fishing boat, off the New England Coast, early 1900's. A spoiled rich boy (Freddie Bartholomew), is lost at sea. He gets the spotlight and never lets go. Fine performances by all. When the boy is rescued by sailors on a fishing boat, hard work and responsibility help him become a man. Director, Victor Fleming. Cast: Spencer Tracy, Lionel Barrymore, Melvyn Douglas, Charley Grapewin, John Carradine, Mickey Rooney, Walter Kingsford. Spoiled rich-boy Bartholomew falls off cruise ship, rescued by Portuguese fisherman Tracy (who won Oscar for role). Boy learns to love seafaring on crusty Barrymore's fishing vessel. Enthusiastic cast in this splendid production of Kipling's story. Scripted by John Lee Mahin, Marc Connelly, and Dale Van Every. Remade as a TV movie in 1977 (with Karl Malden and Ricardo Montalban) and 1996 (with Robert Urich). Also shown in computer-colored version. **See it, on TCM! Saturday, January 26, 2013 at 8:00 PM, 117min, Rated TV-PG.**



Quiz: 1 Who played the Soda jerk?
2. Who played Dan [Troop]?

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

ELLENVILLE WAWARSING JULY 4TH CELEBRATION BENEFIT SPAGHETTI DINNER
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MORNINGSIDE LAKE 25TH ANNUAL FISHING CONTEST sponsored by the **HURLEYVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND THE TOWN OF FALLSBURG YOUTH COMMISSION**
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(For cuisine, see ad page 8 in this issue)

- PINE HILL COMMUNITY CENTER -

David Rovics, the singer songwriter who Cindy Sheehan calls "the peace poet and troubador of our times," will appear in concert at The Pine Hill Community Center on Wednesday, January 30, at 7:00 pm. Suggested Donation, \$10.00. see article in this issue



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