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Down We Go!

Saturday afternoon local residents noticed an aircraft circling around the Grahamsville end of the Rondout Reservoir, near the Sundown Road. After watching the air craft for a few minutes, they witnessed the glider landing not too far from where the Eagles land at the nearby Eagle Watch.



Driving toward the meg-shift 'landing site' to make sure no one was hurt, they saw someone was already on the scene with a SAT phone. No other details, other than neither the pilot of the craft nor the sail plane were injured or damaged during the landing. The puzzle was, how to remove the sail plane from within the small fenced in area?

A perfect 'Kodak moment' on a quiet Saturday afternoon in Grahamsville. Last week a swan, this week a plane, who knows maybe next week it will be Superman!

Team work and Play

Students from Onteora and Bronx Lab High Schools got acquainted with each other and the Watershed during a visit to the Ashokan Center in early January. They are learning about water quality and the New York City Water System as part of a "Stream Teams" project coordinated by Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County and funded in part with a CWC grant.



Applications for the next round of Watershed education grants are now available for schools and organizations. Grants ranging from \$750 to \$10,000 are available for projects benefitting Pre-K through 12th grade students and teachers. Awards up to \$5,000 are available through Special Program funding for projects intended for adult and general audiences. Application deadline for both programs is February 4. Call Diane Galusha to discuss potential projects, 845-586-1400 ext. 29.

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Septic Boot Camp

CWC sponsored a demonstration septic repair project at a site in the Town of Olive in December. The class was attended by 28 contractors, engineers and DEP personnel, and was instructed by Michael Carbonneau who explained the proper installation of the Presby on-site wastewater treatment system. The system was donated by the company and will protect nearby Traver Hollow stream, which feeds the Ashokan Reservoir. The CWC paid for the repair or replacement of 292 septic systems in 2012, bringing to 4,081 the total number of systems rehabilitated since 1997. Watershed homeowners who were not eligible for the program last year but who replaced their system before December 19 may now be reimbursed. Contact the CWC at 845-586-1400 to obtain a reimbursement form.



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Grace Kelly made the trip to Honduras last year. While there she assisted other members of the Honduran Mission Team, a faith-based organization that empowers Honduran youth to transform themselves, their communities and their country through education. (Contd. Pg. 3)

Department of Environmental Protection To Repair Lowes Corners Bridge in Grahamsville- Bridge Abutment was Damaged in 2011 During Hurricane Irene

The New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) today announced that repair work on Lowes Corners Bridge in Grahamsville, which was damaged in 2011 during Hurricane Irene, will begin the first week of February. The bridge carries Route 55A over a portion of the Rondout Reservoir. To facilitate repairs, DEP will begin to lower levels in the Rondout Reservoir this week.

DEP will repair an abutment that was damaged when the Rondout Creek partially eroded embankments around the bridge during the storm. While the bridge is currently safe, repair work will include adding new stone and concrete to strengthen the abutment until the entire bridge can be replaced. Replacement of the bridge is tentatively scheduled for 2015.

The repairs will require DEP to lower the Rondout Reservoir by approximately 10 feet to expose the abutment, which is generally submerged. To lower the reservoir, DEP will reduce diversions from upstream reservoirs into the Rondout Reservoir while continuing to divert water from Rondout Reservoir to the City. Repair work is expected to begin the first week of February and continue for roughly a month. During that time, motorists can expect periodic lane closures on Route 55A. (Contd. Pg. 3)

Ellenville-Wawarsing 4th of July Committee Annual Spaghetti Dinner

The Ellenville-Wawarsing 4th of July Committee will be holding its annual Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, February 16, 2013 from 5:00-7:00pm at the Elks Lodge in Napanoch NY. Dinner includes salad, spaghetti with Chef Verdino's secret sauce, Italian bread, soft drinks, dessert and coffee/tea.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the 4th of July Celebration, including an historic parade and amazing fireworks on the 4th!

The cost of the dinner is \$7.00 per person, children under age 5 eat free when attending with a parent.

The Elks Lodge is located on Route 55 in Napanoch. There will be no cancellations for inclement weather.

For more information, please visit the 4th of July Committee's website at www.ellenvillevawarsing4thofjuly.com.

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ON THE FRONT BURNER: If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. I Corinthians 13:

OBITUARY

George Rusin of Woodbourne passed away on Wednesday, January 23, 2013 at New York Presbyterian Hospital. He was 78. He was the son of the late Andrew and Kathrine Kolcz Rusin, born on February 22, 1934 in Brooklyn, NY.

George proudly served his country in the United States Army from 1953 to 1956. For many years he worked as a technician for Frontier Communications which was formerly Monroe Walden Telephone, until he retired. George enjoyed giving back to his community. He often volunteered at Catskill Regional Medical Center Lab and Meals on Wheels. George liked to play golf and spend time with his family. He will be sorely missed.

He is survived by his devoted wife whom he married on June 24, 1961, Joan Rusin; his sister, Pauline Kocijanski and her husband, Ted of Grahamsville; his nephews, John Kocijanski and his wife, Theresa of Monticello, Jimmy Kocijanski and his wife, Fran of Nevada; his great nieces, Kate and Meghan Kocijanski. He was predeceased by one nephew, Michael Kocijanski.

A Mass of Christian Burial was on Wednesday, January 30th at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Woodbourne. Interment followed at Grahamsville Rural Cemetery with full military honors.

In lieu of flowers, donations in George's name can be made to Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, 1275 York Ave., NY 10065.

Birth Announcement.

Carl Landon, whose family has residence on Red Hill in the Town of Denning since 1872 has a new grandson, Hamish Thomas Miller. Hamish was born on September 15, 2012 and is the son of Nancy Landon and Adam Miller. This is Carl's first grandchild. Congratulations Carl and family!

Days of Yore...

...Today's History

February 4, 1953 - Last week at Wallkill, three members of the local Future Farmers received the Chapter Farmer degree. Those receiving the degree were Frank Carlsen, Chris Holmes and Bill Schulte. This degree brings them one step closer to Empire Farmer, the highest degree in the state.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lange of Stapleton, Staten Island, have announced the engagement of their niece, Miss Eileen Lynch, to Mr. Milton Van Keuren, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Van Keuren of Grahamsville. Miss Lynch is employed by the Guaranty Trust Co., N.Y.C. and Mr. Van Keuren is employed by Walsh-Perini Construction Co. The wedding is planned for March.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy A. Kane of East Englewood, New Jersey, are the parents of a boy, Franklin, born Saturday, January 31st at Teaneck, New Jersey, weighing 6 lbs. Franklin is the seventh grandchild of the Herbert Georges and the eighth great-grandchild of the Andrew Georges.

February 6, 1963 - Mrs. Alfreda Kristoff of East Mountain and Mr. Ronald Newman of Livingston Manor were united in marriage in Livingston Manor on Sunday, January 27th. They will make their home for the present with Mrs. Newman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Sheeley.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Shafer of Southampton, Pa. are the parents of a son, Matthew Keith, born January 30th at Abbington Hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Pomeroy of Neversink are the maternal grandparents.

Mr. John Pope has joined the staff at Tri Valley. Mr. Pope, a graduate of Cortland State Teachers College, joined the science department to complete the school year in place of Mr. Cerato, who is on leave of absence.

January 31, 1973 - Earl Hamilton, 70, who formerly operated a grocery store and gas station in Kerhonkson, died Friday in Las Vegas, Nevada after a long illness. A resident of Las Vegas for two and a half years, Mr. Hamilton lived in Kerhonkson for many years. Born Dec. 16, 1902 in Willowemoc, he was the son of Charles and Addie Hamilton. He married Mary Weil on Dec. 5, 1959 in the Grahamsville United Methodist Church. Survivors include his widow; two sons, Ronald and Dennis of Las Vegas; a brother, Ransie Hamilton of Grahamsville; and three grandchildren.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Gary Gorton of Grahamsville on the birth of their son, Keith Alan, on January 10th.

On Sunday evening, Virginia and Sam Anderson had a buffet dinner for the family to celebrate the 75th birthday of Mae TerBush.

February 3, 1983 - Mae Whittaker Armstrong of Church St., Woodbourne, a lifetime area resident, died Tuesday in Liberty after a long illness. She was 97. The daughter of the late George and Catherine Gabel Eltz, she was born Aug. 13, 1885 in Rochester. She was the widow of both William Whittaker and Arch Armstrong. She was a member of the Reformed Church in Woodbourne. Survivors include two sons: John G. and Albert W. Whittaker; a daughter, Ardella Terwilliger of Woodbourne; six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

(From the pen of Tom Higgins) According to the findings of a Peruvian doctor, kissing is good for your health and will make you live longer. Dr. Salazar found that kissing stimulates the heart which gives more oxygen to the body's cells, keeping the cells "young" and "vibrant". Salazar also found that kissing produces antibodies in the human body that in the long run can protect the body against certain infections. (Okay America - Pucker up!)

SUNY Ulster Offers Financial Aid Day

SUNY Ulster will offer a Financial Aid workshop for prospective college students and their families on Feb. 9 as part of SUNY's Statewide Financial Aid Days. The event will be held from 10 a.m. to noon in Hasbrouck Hall 220.

The statewide program is designed to answer questions and provide assistance on the financial aid application, types of aid available and the award process. SUNY Ulster financial aid professionals will provide hands-on assistance in completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Web access to complete the online FAFSA will be offered at the Stone Ridge campus.

Registration is required and can be completed at www.suny.edu/student/event_listing/

SCDW Audition Notice

The Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop announces cast auditions for "12 Angry Jurors" Auditions will be held in February, with rehearsals beginning in August for play dates September 20 - 22 and 27 - 29.

"12 Angry Jurors" by Reginald Rose is a tense courtroom drama during which a diverse group of 12 strangers must decide the fate of an inner-city teen on trial for the murder of his abusive father.

Needed are 12 jurors - men or women, ages 20 - 80, 1 courtroom clerk. Also needed: stage manager (minimal duties).

Auditions will be held on Saturday, February 9, Sunday, February 10 and Saturday, February 16, at 11:00am, at the Sullivan County Museum in Hurleyville, NY.

If interested, or if you are unable to attend on these dates, please call Director Constance Slater at home 845-436-6309 or cell 845-866-4310.

For further information, check our website www.scdw.net.

A Round About Tri-Valley

- Carol Furman

Grahamsville resident, Virgil Edwards passed away on January 17th at the age of 77. Condolences to his wife, Sandy, and family. Virgil will be difficult to replace as many area residents called on him for his expertise when they had a heating problem! Rest in peace, Virgil.

Wow! Claryville's Keith Smith bowled another 300 game at Kiamesha Lanes on January 7th. This is his second perfect game in a little over two months. Some people bowl for a life-time and never bowl one perfect game!

Congratulations to George and Barbara Dean of Neversink. They recently welcomed another grandchild into their family. Daughter, Nikki, and her husband, ERic, announced the birth of daughter, Alexandra Elizabeth Horton on December 27th. She joins big sister, Sophia.

"Take Your Child to the Library Day", sponsored by the Daniel Pierce Library, will be held on Saturday, February 2nd 9:00am - 11:00am (February 9th). Fabulous performances by "Storycrafters" have been planned. "Winter Tales" for 3-5 year olds - 10:30am - 11:30am and "The Snow Queen" for school-age children - 1:00pm - 2:00pm. Register for these programs at the Daniel Pierce Library (985-7233).

Tri-Valley seventh grader, Mikayla Clearwater, visited Washington D.C. from Saturday, January 19th through Wednesday, January 23rd as part of a reward for excelling in a Youth Leadership Program, funded by Congress. Mikayla was also required to write an essay. While in Washington, Mikayla saw many historic sights and witnessed the inauguration of President Obama. She also attend a luncheon hosted by dignitaries, with many photo ops. Mikayla's family and the Tri-Valley community are very proud of her accomplishments! This was a trip she will always remember. I'm sure!

The Town of Neversink Renaissance Committee met at the Daniel Pierce Library on Thursday, January 24th at 7:00 pm to make plans for the coming summer season. The purpose of the meeting was to identify projects that might be included in this year's beautification plans. Working with the Renaissance Group is a wonderful way to be involved in your community. It's also a great service project for Tri-Valley School students. If you would like to become involved, contact Dave or Phyllis Moore at 985-2746. Many hands make light work!

The Times Herald-Record reported on January 20th that the Tri-Valley Little League fields, better known as "The Tom Mitchell Complex", will be replaced in a new location by 2014. The fields on the Sundown Road, which were kept in beautiful condition, were destroyed as tropical storm Irene, sent Roundout Creek waters flooding the fields in 2011. The Town of Neversink and NYC are close to securing a new home for the Mitchell Complex on 17 acres located on Route 42 in Grahamsville (the old Bob Many farm). NYC plans to carve the 17 acres out of the 88 acre parcel they are in the process of purchasing. This is wonderful news and the efforts of the Town of Neversink Town Board are certainly appreciated by the young and 'old' Little League supporters in the Town!

Words of Wisdom: Don't judge people by their relatives.

TVCS Student Makes Plans for Second Trip to Honduras (From Pg. 1)

My name is Grace Kelly and this year I will be going on my second mission trip to Honduras from February 22nd to March 1st. I will be traveling with the Honduran Mission Team of New Hampshire. This team was formed 15 years ago and my Aunt Carol Dale of New Hampshire is an active member. The Honduran Mission Team's parent organization is The Olancho Aid Foundation. This is a faith-based organization that empowers Honduran youth to transform themselves, their communities and their country through education. This organization began 20 years ago, when Rev. Richard Donahue from Boston was sent to Honduras for 3 years as the pastor of the Cathedral parish in Juticalpa. His 3 year stint turned into 20 plus years and the Olancho Aid foundation was born. Presently, Olancho Aid Foundation operates four schools: Escuela Nazareth, a special needs school; Centro Basico Santa Clara (primary bi-lingual), Instituto Bilingue Santa Clara (middle), El Instituto Cardenal Rodriguez, a Spanish-language high school. While on the trip, I will assist in medical clinics, visit schools and orphanages. I made this same trip last year and I'm overly excited to reconnect with the children and families I connected with on my last year trip.

On the mission team coming with me is my aunt, medical professionals, teachers and high-school students. I'm very excited to be working with such kind and generous people. I may not have a doctorate degree or a teaching degree, but I'll be more than happy to assist with medical intake, assisting children with their educational lessons and most importantly playing with the young children. Last year I had the joy of meeting a

young girl named Jenny, in a medical clinic. We were both the same age and even with our language barrier were able to create a friendship. She informed me that even though she has no shoes, she walks a mile to school everyday to get an education so she can one day be a successful woman in our society. I was so inspired by her story and it made me value my education even more.

I am asking you to take this journey with me by supporting me with prayers, monetary contributions or the needed supplies. The supplies I am collecting are the following: packages of pens/pencils, dry erase markers, reward stickers, lined paper, pairs of flip flops, band-aids and non-gummy children's vitamins. Monetary contributions will be donated to the educational programs in the special needs school, bilingual elementary school and high school. Checks can be made out to Honduran Mission Team New Hampshire and can be sent to P.O. Box 482 Neversink, NY 12765

If you would like more information about my trip or the organization you can visit www.olanchoaid.org or www.honduranmissionh.org. Thank you for all of your support. - Grace Kelly

Bradley Diuguid Named Executive Director of Catskill Art Society

Livingston Manor, NY - The Board of Directors of Catskill Art Society (CAS) has appointed Bradley Diuguid as Executive Director, effective February 15, 2013. Originally from Monticello, NY, Diuguid is currently the Operations and Audience Services Manager for Puppet Showplace Theatre in Brookline, MA, where he leads administration and business management for the arts education and presenting organization.

Diuguid earned an Ed.M. in Arts in Education from Harvard Graduate School of Education and graduated magna cum laude from SUNY New Paltz, where he earned double bachelor's degrees in Theatre Arts and English. He went on to work in arts administration and advancement at award-winning organizations and schools, including Waterwell, The Juilliard School, the American Repertory Theater, and Roundabout Theatre Company. As an educator, Diuguid taught classes, directed and devised work with companies like the Kentucky Shakespeare Festival and Long Wharf Theatre, among others.

"CAS's Board conducted an extensive search to fill the position of Executive Director and had the opportunity to interview several qualified candidates based here in the Catskills and from a variety of other locations around the country," said Charlie Irace, President, Catskill Art Society, Board of Directors. "We are thrilled to have found Bradley. His professional experience, interests in the performing arts and education and understanding and appreciation of this area will be extremely helpful to managing the current facility and as we begin to explore ways to expand the CAS Arts Center into the second floor space."

Diuguid will replace Ann Manby, who became Executive Director in 2012 after serving as a Director on CAS's Board for several years, and following Kathryn Tufano's departure to join MASS MoCA. Manby is stepping down to focus on her work as the owner of Brookside Farmhouse, a Roscoe vacation rental property; Red Fern Interactive, a marketing and public relations service provider; and Sugar Blossom Flowers, which offers fresh flowers for events, holidays and special occasions, and a Summer Flower Share program featuring locally-grown flowers from multiple growers each year.

DEP To Repair Lowes Corners Bridge in Grahamsville (From Pg. 1)

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.

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.

Small enough to fit in your hands but too prickly to hold" is a good description of the hedgehog.

The hedgehog is a spiny mammal of the subfamily Erinaceinae. There are seventeen species of hedgehog and they can be found through parts of Europe, Asia, Africa and New Zealand, where they were introduced. There are no hedgehog or living species native to the Americas. Hedgehogs share distant ancestry with shrews and moonrats and have changed little over the last 15 million years. Like many of the first mammals they have adapted and have become mostly nocturnal.



They are classified as insectivores (insect-eater), but have a wide-ranging diet. They eat insects including beetles, bees, and wasps; snails; small vertebrates such as mice, birds, lizards, and snakes; eggs; dead meat that they find; and some plant material. They often poke around in the dirt for food.

Hedgehogs range in size from 6 to 14 inches long. The hedgehog's back is made up of two large muscles, which control the positioning of its quills. There are about 5,000 to 6,500 quills on the average hedgehog, and these are durable on the outside, while being filled with air pockets on the inside. When threatened, the hedgehog can pull itself into a tight ball, causing all of the spines to point outwards. Their spines are not poisonous or barbed, unlike the quills the porcupine that we are familiar with in the Catskills. The spines cannot easily be removed from the hedgehog.

Similar to opossums, mice and moles, hedgehogs have some natural immunity against snake venom due to the protein erinacin in the animal's muscular system (although it is only available in small percentages and a viper bite, for example, may kill a hedgehog).

Depending on the species, the gestation period is 35-58 days. The average litter is 3-4 newborns for larger species and 5-6 for smaller ones. As with many animals, it is not unusual for an adult male hedgehog to kill newborn males. Hedgehogs have a relatively long lifespan for their size. Larger species of hedgehogs live 4-7 years in the wild with some recordings showing up to 16 years, and smaller species live 2-4 years. Hedgehogs are born blind. The hedgehogs are birthed with a protective membrane covering their quills, which dries and shrinks over the next several hours after birth. The infants are born with their quills beneath the skin, and pass through the skin after they have been cleaned.

The name hedgehog came into use around the year 1450, derived from the Middle English heyghoge, from heyg, hegge ("hedge"), because it frequents hedgerows, and hoge, hogge ("hog"), from its piglike snout. Other names include urchin, hedgepig and furze-pig.

In Germany, Hedgehogs are now a protected species.

You will not find hedgehogs in America, nor are they related to groundhogs. But they do have something in common with our popular Pennsylvania's Punxsutawney Phil.

According to a German legend the forerunners to the Groundhog Day tradition were hedgehogs. Hedgehogs spend winter in hibernation, but sometimes at the beginning of February a hedgehog may leave its den, and depending on the weather, they decide if they will go back into hibernation for another six weeks, or slowly wake up and come back to life.

Here is an old German proverb:
*Wenn der Igel Lichtmess seinen Schatten sieht,
so Kriecht er wieder auf sechs Wochen ins Loch.*

*If the hedgehog sees his shadow at Candlemas,
He will crawl back into his hole
for another six weeks*

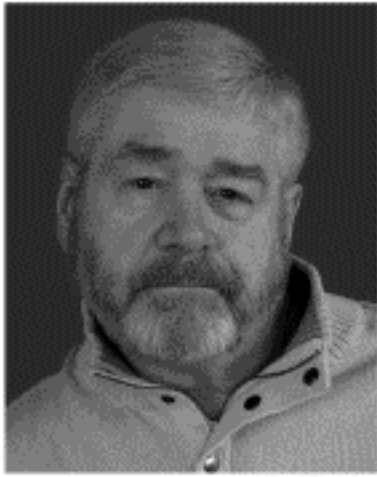
Have we been using the wrong animal all these years? Should we be saying, "Happy Hedgehog Day"? Either way, Groundhog or Hedgehog, let's hope February 2nd is at least cloudy, so neither will see their shadow. After last week's cold snap in the Catskills, spring can't get here too early this year!

Household Hints

Vinegar in the Laundry

Clothes will rinse better if a cup of vinegar is added to the last rinse water. The acid in vinegar is too mild to harm fabrics but strong enough to dissolve the alkalies in soaps and detergents.

Mysterious Book Report No. 82 By John Dwaine McKenna



One of the things I try to do each week in the Mysterious Book Report is to find new and interesting authors to review. The reason is because we're looking for our next favorite author, rather than covering the old favorites...

The problem with finding new authors is that we have to explore... and depend on the recommendations of others. Usually this works okay, but sometimes opinions can vary widely and what one thinks is great, another wouldn't like, enjoy or even read.

The Three Day Affair, (Mysterious Press, \$24.00, 249 pages, ISBN 978-0-8021-2026-7) by Michael Kardos was brought to my attention by friends in New York City who compared it to the works of Dennis Lehane, Scott Smith and other notables.

The Three Day Affair, is a story of three old college chums, from Princeton no less, who get together every year without wives, for golf, eating and drinking, while reliving their undergraduate days at dear old Princeton.

For me this one jumped the tracks right there. It just didn't seem plausible that three grads of one of the top five or ten most prestigious universities in the world commit a crime like this. One? Okay. Two? Maybe. Three? No way in hell.

Please don't forget that your public library is for all of us. All the facilities there are free for the use of everyone. It's the best deal in town. Heck, maybe the whole planet.

Don't forget to check out our websites: johndwainemckenna.com and rhyolitepress.com

You'll find the newest news and the latest happenings from out here... where the prairie ends and the west begins. It's where your questions get asked, information is exchanged, comments are written and answered, it's where the MBR archives and the BS and Donkey Dust blogs are found.

You'll hear from me next week... with a new Mysterious Book Report. Stay warm, stay well and keep reading. --JDM

Between the Bookends

The month of February brings thoughts of hearts, romance, and, of course, love stories. It is the perfect time and season for watching classic films that depict the ups and downs of true love.

Pillow Talk is a romantic comedy starring Rock Hudson and Doris Day. Set in the 1950s, they share a party line, which causes friction between them.

Casablanca stars Humphrey Bogart and Lauren Bacall, and is guaranteed to make you cry. Stop in and borrow this two-piece anniversary edition.

You've Got Mail is a modern story starring Tom Hanks and Meg Ryan. Their computer-generated romance will warm the heart.

Love Story is a timeless tragedy about a young college student who develops cancer. Ali McGraw and Ryan O'Neal are perfect as the couple who must face this battle together.

Doctor Zhivago will entertain you with its lilting music and magnificent scenery. Set in war-torn Russia, Omar Sharif and Julie Christie's love story will enthrall watchers.

A Streetcar Named Desire is based on a Pulitzer Prize-winning play by Tennessee Williams. Marlon Brando and Vivian Leigh's electric performances earned Oscars for each of them.

An Affair to Remember stars Cary Grant and Deborah Kerr. They first meet on a cruise ship and agree to see each other six months later, but some problems ensue in the interim.

The African Queen, set in 1914 during WWI, stars Katherine Hepburn and Humphrey Bogart. They fall in love while setting out on a river steamboat to aid the British in the war effort.

Gone with the Wind is a painful history lesson on the ravages of the United States Civil War. Clark Gable and Vivien Leigh's stormy relationship brings the story to life.

West Side Story is set in 1961 and is a Romeo and Juliet adaption. Two teenagers who belong to rival gangs fall in love, but a tragic conclusion soon follows.

The Way We Were is about a couple who fall in love, but circumstances occur that cause them to divorce. Barbara Streisand's performance and musical talent make the story both moving and sad.

Out of Africa was directed by Sydney Pollack and stars Oscar-winning Meryl Streep and Robert Redford. Streep portrays a baroness and Redford an aviator in 20th century Kenya.

Moonstruck is a romantic comedy about a young woman who falls in love with her fiance's brother. It stars Cher, Nicholas Cage, and Olympia Dukakis who all give superb performances.

Singin' in the Rain is a delightful movie starring Gene Kelly and Debbie Reynolds.

Gene Kelly and Debbie Reynolds. The movie is filled with memorable dancing and toe-tapping music. This feel-good film is a special anniversary edition.

Ghost is one of those movies that you will want to see again and again. Starring the late Patrick Swayze and the beautiful Demi Moore, viewers will be faced with issues concerning death, deception, greed, and the after-life.

From Here to Eternity was based on James Jones's blockbuster novel of the same name, and was voted best picture of 1953. It is set in 1941 Hawaii and stars Burt Lancaster as the ultimate professional soldier.

Annie Hall, a 1970s period piece, was written and directed by Woody Allen who also stars in the movie with Diane Keaton. Allen portrays Alvy Singer, a neurotic death-obsessed comedian who is unlucky in life and love.

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Pheasant Rearing Projects for Youth

LIBERTY- Youth will have the unique opportunity to rear and release groups of pheasants! Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) Sullivan County 4-H Youth Development is looking for youth interested in pheasant rearing and release projects in 2013.

According to The DEC, Wild populations of this introduced species have reached all-time lows. Without propagation and release programs by DEC and private entities, pheasant hunting opportunities would not exist in New York State.

Cornell Cooperative Extension in Sullivan County provides equal program and employment opportunities.

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

Bible Blitz at SCC College

LOCH SHELDRAKE--Lighthouse Ministries of Liberty, NY will be sponsoring a "Bible Blitz" at Sullivan County Community College on February 13-14 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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The Medium is the Message

Marshall McLuhan is most famous for the quote, "The Medium is the Message." When, in college, I had to read his book of almost the same title, I must admit I didn't get his message. Back then it was radio, newspapers and television-- all media that slowly got the message out to the masses. I will now sadly admit that, while I was a freshman at SUNY New Paltz, John Glenn, aboard Friendship 7 which was launched February 20, 1962, became the first U.S. astronaut to achieve orbital flight without my knowledge. I was too busy reading classics written by Greeks who lived two millennium before and trying to learn the concept of parallax. I had to visit my parents at spring break who brought it up in conversation. Now, in an age of instant communication, I think I understand what McLuhan was saying.

Ours, in a global world, is an economy based not on manufacturing but on communication. Advertising, news, marketing, and opinion are disseminated in a heartbeat to millions, even billions, of watchers and listeners. Communication decides political races, makes the stock market rise and fall, and persuades buyers to choose this outfit over that style and purchase this car or that truck.

Whoever controls the medium, controls the message. We are bombarded with information. Look around to confirm that we are all inter-connected with smart phones and computers. Most of that information is not regulated or filtered through truth lenses. Our opinions and perceptions become our truth and knowledge.

No longer will students be empty vessels to fill with information. All that information is but a click or touch away. Students will need to know how to filter and process that information. Much of that learning will involve learning to manage the communication around us.

Power will be wielded by the communicators. Independence will be achieved by those who can successfully navigate the tide of messages, many conflicting, that flood our new "techy" devices. Image will be the new reality. McLuhan, half a century ago, predicted what we all see in politics and in advertising when he said, "Politics will eventually be replaced by imagery. The politician will be only too happy to abdicate in favor of his image, because the image will be much more powerful than he could ever be."

The power of communication needs to be matched with the responsibility of the person who watches or hear that information because as McLuhan also said, "There are no passengers on spaceship earth. We are all crew." He also said, "If you spell diaper backwards, you get r-e-p-a-i-d." We all are reaping what we have sowed in technology.



RESERVOIR MUSIC NOTES-

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Wow, are we in the middle of a Winter slump! Not that it's been that hard to find some good live music to check out, but the overall amount of choices have declined massively! Well, things will pick up in March. Until then, hunker down, bundle up, and wait for the guitars and drums to thaw out. It's only another month or two until Spring!

Fortunately for those of us in the Hudson Valley, the folks at The Bearsville Theater have stepped up their game in recent months, and they're not letting any grass grow under their feet just because it's cold outside! Two weeks ago, they had The Wailers and NRBQ in one week, and this week, it continues with THE DUKE MCVIN-NIE BAND on Friday, February 1, and THE BAND 3 on Saturday, February 2!

I've written about both of these bands in past columns. Duke McVinnie Band was my Pick of the Week in my column of 9/4/12 for their last show at The Bearsville Theater on September 7, and I reviewed 3's show at UPAC in my September 23rd column. Trust me, faithful and loyal readers, these two show are where you wanna be this weekend! Google both bands for more information.

Now of course, if you should happen to be in Manhattan before the weekend, and maybe you're looking for something to do, Americana darling, KATHLEEN EDWARDS is at City Winery on Wednesday and Thursday, January 30 and 31st.

And next week, after you've recovered from your weekend at The Bearsville Theater, GRACE POTTER AND THE NOCTURNALS are at The Egg in Albany on Wednesday, February 6.

So that's it for this week! What we lose in quantity, we make up in quality, with four great shows this week. Have a good one!

Pine Hill Community Center February/March Calendar of Events

Saturday, February 2, 10:30am-noon. Kid Stuff. Free program for kids 6-12. Adults welcome. Cari Medwin brings her vast collection of exotic beads and trimmings to make bracelets.

Friday, February 8, 6-9pm. Catskills Mountain Acoustic Slow Jam.

A group of friendly acoustic musicians meets once a month to play Bluegrass, Old Time, Irish, and Catskills Contra in a low-key, non-competitive atmosphere. You can pick up standard tunes across genres, become more proficient on a 2nd or 3rd instrument, or improve your improvisational skills, all at a slower pace. For advanced beginners to intermediate and professional players. Come play music and have fun with other musicians without the pressure of performing for an audience!

Saturday, February 9, 10:30am -noon. Kid Stuff. Free program for kids ages 6-12. Adults welcome. Francisca Warnes will help make beaded jewelry fit for the finest Valentine.

Saturday, February 16, 10:30am-noon. Kid Stuff. Free program for kids ages 6-12. Adults welcome. Dancer Gloria McLean brings a lively introduction to movement and music.

Thursday, February 21, 4-6 pm. Pine Hill Community Center Storytellers Circle. This new group invites all who have a tale to tell and are interested in the craft of storytelling. We'll meet on the third Thursday of each month to listen and share

Saturday, February 23, 10:30-noon. Kid Stuff. Free Program for kids ages 6-12. Adults welcome. Wendy Brackman (Wacky Wendy) brings her own inimitable take on cutting paper.

Saturday, March 2, 10:30-noon. Kid Stuff. Free program for kids ages 6-12. Adults welcome. Nat Thomas shares the secrets of successful collage.

Mondays, March 4-April 8. 6 Sessions. 10 am - noon. Food for Thought. A Writers in the Mountains Workshop by Ann Epner.

We all have to eat, but for each of us food has a special meaning - culturally, sociologically, personally. In this informal class, we'll write about food in all its forms and in any genre you choose - personal essay, fiction, short play - whatever, as long as the subject is food. We'll be looking at examples of great food writing and sharing our work in weekly sessions.

You may register for this workshop by calling Jean Stone at 607-326-4802 or emailing her to jstone@wildblue.net, or by filling out the online registration form at www.writersinthemountains.org. Full and partial scholarships are available, according to need. Go to Register Online page for more information. Fee:

\$50 - if you register and prepay by February 11.
\$60 - after that. Pine Hill Community Center, (845) 254-5469. info@pinehillcommunitycenter.org.

Saturday, March 9. 10:30am- noon. Kid Stuff. Free program for kids ages 6-12. Adults welcome. Our own Science Guy, Bill Piervincenzi will make the Science of Sound more fun than you can imagine.

Saturday, March 9 Catskills Cabaradio. The Catskills favorite event with an exciting line up of music, interviews, poetry, storytelling and trivia. The evening begins with a pot luck supper at 6:00pm. Then promptly at 7:00, house lights dim and the broadcast begins. A Prairie Home Companion meets David Letterman meets Hee Haw extravaganza not to be missed, but if you must tune in live at www.wioxradio.org or 91.3 FM WIOX in Roxbury

Saturday, March 16, 10:30am-noon. Kid Stuff. Free program for kids ages 6-12. Adults welcome. Bill Piervincenzi, our own Science Guy makes the Science of Sound hilarious.

Saturday, March 16 7 pm Spirit Communications. The Afterlife with Adrienne De Salvo. Have you ever wondered about the well being and presence of loved ones that have passed on? Adrienne DiSalvo communicates

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Check our website for new programs to come. Call us for more information, and like us on Facebook.

The Pine Hill Community Center is located at: 287 Main Street; Pine Hill, NY 12465 - 845.254.5469; info@pinehill-communitycenter.org or visit their website at www.pinehill-communitycenter.org

Ulster County Executive Mike Hein has re-scheduled his State of the County Address to Thursday, January 31, 2013

Kingston, NY - Ulster County Executive Mike Hein has re-scheduled his State of the County Address from this evening to Thursday, January 31, 2013 at 6:30 PM in SUNY Ulster's College Hall due to the winter weather advisory issued for our area.

A winter weather advisory is in effect from 10 AM today until 7 AM on Tuesday due to anticipated snow, sleet and freezing rain. County Executive Hein reminds all citizens to exercise extreme caution while driving, if they need to be on the roads. As a reminder, the County Executive's Address will be broadcast live on the front page of the County's website at www.UlsterCountyNY.gov.

Statement from NYS AG Schneiderman on the Governor's Executive Budget

ALBANY - Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman released the following statement in response to the unveiling of Governor Andrew M. Cuomo's budget proposal:

"Our state is facing significant fiscal challenges that require tough choices. To help close the budget deficit, our office will leave no stone unturned in rooting out fraud, corruption, and waste in government, so that we can recover more money stolen from the taxpayers and hold accountable individuals who betray the public trust. I would like to thank Governor Cuomo for supporting the Attorney General's Office in our efforts to meet these goals. And I look forward to working with the Governor and the Legislature to restore the public's faith in government and our economic institutions, so that all New Yorkers can be confident they will get a fair shake in these tough times."

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Ellenville-Wawarsing 4th of July Committee to Hold Annual Spaghetti Dinner

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Proceeds from the event will benefit the 4th of July Celebration, including an historic parade and amazing fireworks on the 4th!

The cost of the dinner is \$7.00 per person, children under age 5 eat free when attending with a parent.

The Elks Lodge is located on Route 55 in Napanoch. There will be no cancellations for inclement weather.

For more information, please visit the 4th of July Committee's website at www.ellenville-wawarsing4thofjuly.com.

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Susan Dollard, CCE Sullivan County Master Gardener Program Coordinator, will be the presenter at this workshop, sharing creative ideas for terrariums. Contact Susan with any questions at smd243@cornell.edu. CCE Sullivan County Master Gardener Program is sponsoring this workshop opportunity.

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SUNY Sullivan Presents Verdi's Rigoletto Part of the 2012-2013 The Met: Live in HD Series

Loch Sheldrake, NY (January 25, 2013) - SUNY Sullivan is once again proud to be bringing the award winning series The Met: Live in HD to Sullivan County for its 2012-2013 season. All simulcasts in The Met: Live in HD series are shown in SUNY Sullivan's state of the art Seelig Theater. This season continues with Verdi's Rigoletto on February 16 at 12:55 pm.



Rigoletto has an approximate run time of 180 minutes. Italian conductor Michele Mariotti leads the new production of Rigoletto, directed by Tony Award-winner Michael Mayer. This re-imagining takes the action out of 16th-century Italy and moves it to the swinging Las Vegas of the 1960's!

Says Mayer: "I've tried to imagine a recent world that captures the decadence of the Duke's palace, where the participants are in pursuit of power, money, and beauty. Las Vegas in the '60s is such a world, where a kind of prankster energy could go bad-it's the epitome of the kinds of events that happen in Rigoletto." The cast includes eljko Lu i in the title role, Diana Damrau as his daughter, Gilda, Piotr Beczala as the Duke of Mantua, _tefan Kocán as the assassin Sparafucile, and Oksana

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

Art show at CWC

A fresh perspective on forest and stream is offered in a new exhibit of paintings by artist Lois Ostapczuk of Shokan now on view at the CWC, 905 Main Street, Margaretville. The work will be displayed through the end of February and can be seen week days (except holidays) from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Pictured is a view of "The Wires" area on the East Branch of the Delaware River.

Jazz Festival to Feature Local Bands and Prominent Jazz Artist & Educator

The Liberty Central School Department of Music will host the 17th Annual LIBERTY JAZZ FESTIVAL on Saturday, February 2 at 7:00 p.m.

The festival will feature high school and middle school jazz ensembles from Liberty as well as groups from neighboring Sullivan County schools. The students will also have the opportunity to participate in an afternoon clinic with a renowned jazz artist and educator "in a non-competitive, constructive format," according to festival co-chairman and Director of Music Gary Siegel.

This year's clinician is Larry Balestra. Mr. Balestra is a professional percussionist and recent-



ly retired as a music educator in the Rondout Valley School District. Early in his career he taught at Tri-Valley Central School. The clinic will take place from 3-5:30 p.m. and the concert will begin at 7 p.m. with both taking place in the Liberty Middle School gymnasium.

Suggested donation for the concert is \$3 with a maximum \$10/family of 4 or more. Donations will benefit the music scholarship fund and the WSUL/WVOS Heart-A-Thon. Tickets will be on sale at the door.

For more information contact Gary Siegel at 292-5400 x5117 or email at gsiegel@libertyk12.org.

About Larry Balestra:

Larry Balestra is originally from Syracuse, NY. He taught music for 34 years at Tri-Valley Central Schools and at Roundout Valley Central Schools. He started the Jazz program at Roundout Valley and created the Ulster County All-County Jazz program, which has been running successfully since 1985. He is active in NYSSMA as a certified All-State Percussion, Jazz and Major Organization Adjudicator.

His performing experiences have included: The Ice Capades Orchestra, the Buffalo Philharmonic, the Hudson Valley Philharmonic, Woodstock Chamber Orchestra, Jerry Vale, Don Rickles and with members of The National Symphony in Washington. He has been fortunate to have performed with many Catskill area jazz artists such as: Bobby Johnson Jr., Roswell Rudd, Betty MacDonald and Hugh Brodie. Larry is presently performing with singer/songwriter, Dorraine Scofield as well as The Saints of Swing and his own duo "Jazz Conversations" with guitarist, Jeff Otis. He can be heard on his brother, Rick Balestra's CD "From the Shore", Brendan Van Epps' "When She Dances" and the Kurt Henry release, "Heart, Mind and All."

UMC of Monticello Presents "Shorts & Sweets for Sweethearts"

Monticello, NY (January 26, 2013) - The United Methodist Church of Monticello is cooking up something special for a Valentine's fundraiser on Saturday, February 9, 2013.

"Shorts & Sweets for Sweethearts" is a dinner theatre experience, which will include short stories and perhaps even some silly jokes about love and romance read by Carol Montana and De Lois "Cookie" House of Big Sky Productions.

There will be one seating only at 6:00 p.m. at the UMC of Monticello, located at 445 Broadway, Monticello, NY.

Guests will be served salad, bread, lasagna, ice tea, and coffee or hot tea. Following dinner, the entertainment will begin while guests are enjoying delectable homemade desserts.

Tickets for "Shorts & Sweets for Sweethearts" are \$15.00, which includes dinner and entertainment, and are available in advance or at the door. Everyone is welcome, including singles.

Plenty of parking will be available in the church parking lot, the driveway for which is accessible from N. Lakewood Avenue in Monticello. Just follow the signs.

For additional information or ticket reservations, call 845-262-2376.

"Crone Age" with Author Marcia Nehemiah

Livingston Manor, NY - Marcia Nehemiah, an author and published poet, will be at the CAS Arts Center on Sunday, February 10 at 1:00 p.m. to read from her book "Crone Age," an insightful examination of what it means to lead an inspired life as an older woman. "Crone Age" is described as an invaluable book for women who seek meaning and vitality in their sixties, seventies, eighties and beyond.

On the brink of her sixtieth birthday and unnerved by the prospect of aging in a society with deep-rooted, negative stereotypes of old women, Marcia Nehemiah met eight octogenarians including potter Cecily Fortescue, who became her mentors. They spoke of the challenges and joys of growing

older, of love in the third age, of creativity, health, illness, and coping with loss. Their stories, as told in "Crone Age," of finding meaning and purpose in their lives reveal the many reasons to celebrate the promises and riches of aging.

Marcia Nehemiah was born, raised, and educated in New Jersey. Prior to moving to the Upper Delaware River valley in 2002, she taught high school English, creative writing and media literacy for 28 years.

Nehemiah's poems and essays have been published widely over the years. In 2003, 2004 and 2006 her work was included in the Women Artists Datebook published by Syracuse Cultural Workers. Nationally acclaimed poet Marvin Bell selected two of her poems for Honorable Mention in the 2006 poetry contest sponsored by the literary magazine Perigee.

She was also the recipient of the Judge's Award in the 2006 Betty June Silconas Poetry Contest and received Honorable Mention in the Mulberry Poets and Writers Association 7th Annual Regional Poetry Awards, 2008. Her second book of poems, Final Story was published in 2009, following the publication of Reclamation in 2005. She writes a monthly column on sustainable living for The River Reporter. When Nehemiah isn't writing, she practices the ancient folk art of making temari, Japanese thread balls. She also enjoys hiking, bird watching, snowshoeing, and rafting on the river.

The CAS Art Center is located at 48 Main Street in Livingston Manor, NY. There is no cost to attend this event. The CAS Arts Center is fully wheel chair accessible.

Kings Visit Narrowsburg Church

The celebration of the kings' visit to the infant Jesus was re-enacted by the Sunday School of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Narrowsburg, NY. Fifteen children participated in the event which included a procession of angels (Karli Keesler, Jenny Lin, Trista Rodriguez, Ariel Roycroft, and Abigail Starkweather), shepherds (William & Jonathan Roycroft), kings (Thomas, Hunter & Owen Moss and Jason Rodriguez), Mary (Mika Brauser), Joseph (Kasey Lemon), and baby Jesus (Youssef Oumrim), all led by the star (Taylor Wall). Abigail Starkweather and Jason Lin read aloud from the Bible the story of how kings or wise men from the east



brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to honor a newborn king. St. Paul's Sunday School meets every week at 9am at the church located at 31 Erie Avenue in Narrowsburg. A video of the pageant is accessible through St. Paul's website (<http://www.LutheransOnLine.com/StPaulsNarrowsburgNY>).

Kid Stuff at Pine Hill Community Center

Kid Stuff, the free series of children's workshops at The Pine Hill Community Center, has been generously funded for 2013. The program, which offers free sessions in arts, dance, music and nature every Saturday morning from 10:30 - noon, has been running for nearly a year. However, for 2013, thanks to a \$5,000 grant from Kids in the Kaatskills that was matched by the A, Lindsay and Olive B. O'Connor Foundation, it is now on strong footing. Ann Epner, the Executive Director of the PHCC says the money means that "we can buy supplies, hire an assistant, and ensure that the best program presenters in their fields will be offering a wide variety of workshops for all kids ages 6-12." Epner stresses that parents are welcome to drop children off for the duration of the class, but they are also very welcome to join in the fun. Children younger than 6 are welcome if parents or caretakers remain in the room. The program takes place every Saturday morning from 10:30 - noon. The Center hosts a Saturday morning "Coffee's Ready," during which people in the neighborhood or those passing through are welcome to drop in, have some fresh baked goods and coffee and catch up on the local news. While children are busy with Kid Stuff, parents can relax in front of the grass pellet stove and have a good visit knowing their kids are having a great experience.

Recent workshops have included farmer Madalyn Warren who, with the kids, created a mural on root systems in the garden and then peeled, chopped, roasted and consumed a variety of root vegetables; singer songwriter Elly Winger took the kids on a musical journey complete with passports, as they sang and played songs, identified the country of origin on a large map and made a variety of musical instruments.

"We're always trying to keep it fresh and different each week," says Epner. This summer, Hana Roth Seavey, a former circus clown will lead a five part series in circus arts that will culminate in a performance for parents and friends. Roth Seavey's previous one-off workshops for Kid Stuff have been very popular with kids eager to acquire such skills as juggling, skit preparation, stilt walking and unicycling. Epner is always looking for new programs and

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urges anyone who is interested in leading a workshop to be in touch with her.

Upcoming programs are: Feb.2, Cari Medwin - beaded bracelets; February 9, Francesca Warnes, beaded jewelry; Feb. 16, Gloria McLean, dance; Feb. 23, Wendy Brackman, paper sculpture; March 2, Nat Thomas, collage; March 9, Bill Piervincenzi, the wacky science guy - Science of Sound; Mar. 16, Patti Rudge - a winter hike (on snowshoes, if the weather permits); March 23 - Janice DeMarino - paper-making.

The Pine Hill Community Center is located at 287 Main Street, Pine Hill, NY 12465. For information call: 845.254.5469.

Get 'Renaissance Ready' Learn How to Apply to the 2013 Grant Program

[FERNDALE] - Volunteers interested in learning about the 2013 Sullivan Renaissance grant program and getting help in planning their projects and completing their applications are invited to the "Get Ready to Renaissance" seminar on Wednesday, February 6 beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the CVI Center in Ferndale.

The seminar will review the basics of the Sullivan Renaissance program, including how to apply for grants, deadlines, youth involvement, design and maintenance requirements. Staff will discuss project ideas and review paperwork with potential applicants. Refreshments will be served.

Beginning February 1, applications are available for download from the Sullivan Renaissance web site (<http://www.sullivanrenaissance.org/participate/applications/>) in a portable document format (PDF) with fillable form fields. Applications can be completed electronically and e-mailed to Sullivan Renaissance (along with required documentation) or printed and mailed by the appropriate deadline.

If requested, Sullivan Renaissance representatives will visit communities at their convenience to explain the program, review the garden design plans and assist with the application process.

Beautification and community development grant applications are due by Wednesday, March 20. Some Sullivan Renaissance grant programs have different deadlines, including: interns, environmental and seasonal grants; and scholarships.

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

SIGN UP FOR ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Individuals wishing to attend the Sullivan Renaissance Annual Conference, Local Market and Expo on Saturday, March 9 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the CVI Center in Ferndale will be able to register and sign up for workshops directly on-line beginning February 1. The keynote address will be delivered by Dr. Peter Tarlow, an international consultant on the positive effects of community beautification, who has been assisting Sullivan Renaissance for the past two years. Dr. Tarlow will also present a workshop focused on youth leadership.

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Beginnings of Basketball Witnessed by Neversink Resident... *Continued from last week*



He asked for boxes, but all the janitor had were two old peach baskets.

During the next few years basketball became the game we know today. Backboards were devised, first wood, then glass. To keep the ball from bouncing away a net was introduced, a new ball was designed and more rules were added. Jim Naismith left Springfield for the foothills of the Rockies. At the University of Colorado he studied medicine because he felt he could better direct young men's physical activities if he knew more about the body. After graduation he moved on to the University of Kansas in 1898, at the age of thirty six where he lived the remainder of his forty one years.

W.V. Denman, after graduating, worked for the YMCA in Norwich and New Haven, Conn. and later Director of Physical Education in Reading, PA. He married Sarah Grant in 1896. In 1901 they acquired the Mount Pleasant House that overlooked the Neversink Valley. It became a popular boarding house. It was there they raised eleven children. After New York City acquired their 300 acre farm as part of the reservoir, the couple moved to Hurley where he died at the age of eighty one.

Naismith maintained his friendship with William Denman through the years and at one time paid a visit to Neversink and his one time student. The year Naismith died, 1939, the NCAA began its annual tournament that through the Final Four, rivals the Super Bowl and World Series.

The first team is recorded at the Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield. William did not arrive at the YMCA until the next year after Naismith created the game. We can only guess that he was not involved at first. The game was far from perfect as a team sport for the first few years. The family reports how much Will loved the game and would talk for hours to anyone who was interested. He would chat about the trials and errors to make the game competitive and enjoyable for the players and spectators.

The fact that Jim Naismith remained a long time friend and honored him with a stay at his Neversink home suggests that William was a major contributor to the success of the game.

No, William unfortunately did not play on the official "first game" but the role he played in its development was equally important.

Bonacic will Chair Judiciary and Racing, Gaming & Wagering Committees Also Named to Senate Finance, Rules and Six Other Committees

State Senator John Bonacic (R/C/I - Mt. Hope) will continue to Chair two State Senate Committees for the 2013/2014 State Senate Session. Committee assignments for the Senate were released Thursday evening (January 24, 2012) by Senate Leaders Dean Skelos and Jeff Klein.

Bonacic will Chair the Senate Judiciary Committee, as well as the Senate Committee on Racing, Gaming & Wagering. He will also serve on the following Senate Committees:

Finance; Rules; Housing, Construction, and Community Development; Mental Health; Alcoholism and Drug Abuse; Children and Families; Banks; and Cultural Affairs, Tourism, Parks and Recreation.

"I am very pleased to be Chair of these two key committees. In the Judiciary Committee, we will be leading the confirmations over the next few months for two Justices on the State's highest Court - the Court of Appeals, as well as advancing the Constitutional Amendment for gaming for the second time, as is Constitutionally required."

"With respect to Racing, Gaming & Wagering Committee, I am hopeful this will finally be the year that gaming can come to the Catskills. We have any number of potential locations I would be interested in seeing gaming at, including the Concord, the Nevele, Grossingers in Liberty and potentially other sites."

Casinos in the Catskills have been talked about for decades. Last year, both the Senate and Assembly passed a Constitutional Amendment to enable up to seven casinos across the State. If the Constitutional Amendment is passed this year by the Senate and Assembly, voters will have to approve the same in November. Thereafter, licenses for up to 7 facilities can be issued.

Bonacic was appointed to Chair both Committees as part of a bi-partisan coalition which runs the Senate. "I appreciate the confidence of Senate Leaders Klein and Skelos. We have many issues to address this year in Albany, and gaming is only one of them, but I think Chairing these two committees, while also serving on the Rules and Finance Committees, puts our Senate District in a good place to help influence the major issues the Senate, Assembly, and Governor will be addressing this year," concluded Senator Bonacic.

Confidential Funds Procedures Evoke- Comptroller's Evaluation of Current URGENT Procedures Reflect Change

Ulster County Comptroller Elliott Auerbach, critical of the lack of sufficient internal controls over Confidential Funds prior to the arrest and conviction of Ulster Regional Gang Enforcement Narcotics Team (URGENT) leader Tim Matthews, recently conducted a nearly one year review and found the agency has formalized procedures that strengthened earlier weaknesses and provides reasonable assurances that prudent financial practices have been instituted.

"In an effort to find an opportunity in a crisis situation, Ulster County Sheriff Paul Van Blarcum and Undersheriff Frank Faluotico were able to vigorously implement General Orders which bolstered internal controls and quickly removed the risks associated with the handling of confidential investigative funds for URGENT," said the Comptroller.

The review covered the period of January 1, 2012 through November 30, 2012 and had the following objectives:

- Determine the adequacy and effectiveness of internal controls over Confidential Investigative funds.
- Evaluate compliance with departmental procedures and guidelines.
- Verify accounting practices, tacking methods, cash transactions and cash on hand.
- Confirm that Confidential Funds are safeguarded.

Auerbach said that the Benjamin Franklin quote, 'out of adversity comes opportunity' rings true in this situation. "The review team had tremendous cooperation from the Sheriff and Undersheriff and found no irregularities associated with cash accounting while offering further administrative recommendations to reinforce the process."

The report, entitled CONFIDENTIAL FUNDS REVIEW, can be found on line at: www.ulstercountyny.gov/comptroller

Executive Hein lauds Governor Andrew Cuomo for Critical \$2 million Investment in Rregional Tourism and Economic Development Initiative

Kingston, NY - County Executive Mike Hein today thanked Governor Andrew Cuomo for exhibiting true leadership by investing \$2 million of State funding in his 2013-2014 Executive Budget towards the development of a rail trail



from the City of Kingston to the Ashokan Reservoir with the ultimate goal of connecting the Walkway Over the Hudson. The County Executive expressed his deep appreciation and gratitude to Governor Cuomo for including the major trail funding in his proposed 2013-14 Capital Projects Budget.

"We are extremely excited that Governor Cuomo has been so supportive," said Ulster County Executive Mike Hein. "I want to personally thank him for his strong leadership, vision and his investment in a new New York State. We are working to create a world class tourism destination right here in Ulster County. The dream of connecting the Walkway Over the Hudson and the Ashokan Reservoir took a giant step toward becoming a reality as a result of the Governor's \$2 million commitment to the project. This project has far reaching regional significance and will positively impact tourism, public health, economic development and will allow our residents and people from around the world to enjoy the pristine natural beauty that is Ulster County, New York."

The funding, which is proposed under the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Capital Budget, represents a significant financial commitment to Executive Hein's rail trail proposal, which he unveiled last October during his 2013 budget presentation. Hein's proposal called for the development of a multi-use recreational trail along the County-owned Ulster & Delaware (U&D) Railroad corridor, which stretches more than 38-miles from Kingston to Highmount near the Belleayre Mountain. The development of this rail trail would boost New York State tourism and economic development, improve quality of life and increase recreational opportunities for area residents. Additionally, this initiative will create key links to other upstate rail trails and ultimately a connection to the magnificent Walkway Over the Hudson. The Walkway Over the Hudson has had well over 1 million visitors since opening.

In the months since his budget presentation, Executive Hein has met regularly with New York State and DEC officials, highlighting the tremendous potential for creating a premier rail trail network in Ulster County that eventually would link to the Walkway over the Hudson and rail trails in adjoining counties. Hein has repeatedly cited the public health and quality of life benefits from developing a trail that links Kingston to the Catskill Park and the Ashokan Reservoir and also discussed the trail's potential for boosting economic revitalization efforts in the City of Kingston and drawing additional visitors to the Hudson Valley and New York State.

Ulster County is currently researching trail development and developing preliminary plans for segments along the Ulster & Delaware Railroad corridor. The County will also continue to work to identify other public and private resources to facilitate the planning and construction of the rail trail as envisioned by County Executive Hein.

Gillibrand Teams up with Civil Rights Leader Rep. John Lewis to Reintroduce Voter Empowerment Act in Senate-Voter Empowerment Act Will Strengthen Our Democracy Through Ensuring Equal Access to Registration and Voting

Washington, D.C. - U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand today reintroduced the Senate companion of the Voter Empowerment Act as Rep. John Lewis (GA-5), House Democratic Whip Steny H. Hoyer (MD-5), Assistant Democratic Leader James Clyburn (SC-6), Rep. John Conyers (MI-13), and Rep. Robert Brady (PA-1) reintroduced legislation authored by Civil Rights icon Rep. Lewis in the U.S. House of Representatives. The Voter Empowerment Act will help ensure equal access to the ballot for every eligible voter, will modernize our voter registration system to help more Americans participate, and takes steps to eliminate deceptive practices and voter fraud that deter voters from casting their ballots.

As more and more stories of voting problems emerge from last year's general election, Democrats are continuing to press the issue of ensuring Americans' voting rights through Congressional action, especially at a time when some states have implemented or are planning to implement new barriers to voting for certain groups, including seniors, students, low-income Americans, and members of our Armed Services. The bill is being reintroduced on the anniversary of the 24th Amendment, which banned the discriminatory practice of the poll tax. Click for a section by section description, fact sheet, quotes in support, or full bill text of the Voter Empowerment Act.

"Dr. Martin Luther King often spoke about the fierce urgency of now; now is the time to protect the voting rights battles that have already been won, and to press for new protections," said Senator Gillibrand. "Ensuring that every vote counts is a cornerstone of our democracy that should be embraced by both sides of the aisle. I am honored to work on this bill with a true American hero like Congressman Lewis and the other leaders on this bill to ensure that voting is accessible and every American's voice is heard."

Rep. John Lewis said, "The right to vote is precious, almost sacred. Too many people in this country had to give their lives to exercise a right already guaranteed them by the Constitution. Outlawing the poll tax 49 years ago, does not mean we were finished protecting democratic freedom. New challenges to equal access still arise today. To be a credible voice for equal justice abroad, we must be watchful here at home to alleviate every historic and current impediment to the democratic process."

"I am proud to join in reintroducing the Voter Empowerment Act," Democratic Whip Hoyer said. "Last year, this bill was introduced after several Republican-controlled state legislatures enacted restrictive new voting laws, which made registering to vote and casting ballots difficult or impossible for many. In November, we saw long lines at polling places, with many people waiting hours to vote. This legislation introduced today is needed to protect Americans seeking to exercise their right to vote. With just a few months before the next special election for a seat in Congress, House Republicans ought to waste no time in bringing this bill to the Floor and working with Democrats to pass it."

"The right to vote should be the birthright of every American, but in the past several years, more than a dozen states have passed laws making it more difficult for citizens to exercise their constitutional right to vote," said Assistant Democratic Leader Clyburn. "We urgently need to update our federal laws to safeguard the sacred right of American citizens to vote. Working with Representatives John Lewis, Marcia Fudge, George Miller, Democratic Whip Steny Hoyer and others, we consolidated several bills that had been under discussion for some time. We convened a legislative summit last year with dozens of Members and representatives from scores of advocacy organizations. Working extensively with Ranking Members Robert Brady and John Conyers, we developed this comprehensive bill. The Voter Empowerment Act contains three main parts: improving access, protecting integrity and ensuring accountability. On this date in 1964, the 24th Amendment to the Constitution was ratified, ending forever the Jim Crow era practice of poll taxes as a barrier to the free exercise of the right to vote. This legislation will end recently enacted creative devices that constitute a modern version of the poll tax. I urge the 113th Congress to pass this needed legislation this year."

Rep. Conyers stated, "There is no more important right in our society than the right to vote - the foundation of all of our other rights enshrined in the Constitution. Unfortunately, efforts to scale back the right to vote continue to thrive in our country. Today we call on Congress to once again protect that precious right. Congress did not stand idly by in 1965 when we passed the Voting Rights Act and the many federal protections we passed thereafter. When equal access to the

ballot box is impaired by any means, the Constitution obligates our most careful and deliberate attention. And, we, the 113th Congress, must not stand idly now by when American citizens are denied their constitutional right to vote."

Rep. Brady stated, "We're committed to strengthening our democracy and ensuring no eligible voter is ever denied the opportunity to cast a ballot. Disfranchisement, for any reason, is an affront to our process and cannot be tolerated."

Assemblywoman Gunther Named Chair of Mental Health Committee

Albany, NY - Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther (D, I, WF -Forestburgh) today announced that she has been named Chairwoman of the Assembly Committee on Mental Health.

"This comes at a critical time for mental health services in our state and nation. Right now, there is an acute awareness of how important access to treatment is for people suffering from mental illness and their families," said Assemblywoman Gunther. "As the only nurse in the New York State Assembly, I have a unique perspective on these issues. I'm looking forward to using my background and experience to eliminate the stigma of mental illness and pass meaningful legislation."

Assemblywoman Gunther will also maintain her role as Chairwoman of the Subcommittee on Women's Health, and a member of the Agriculture, Health, Environmental Conservation, Racing and Wagering, Tourism, Arts and Sports Development Committees.

UC Exec Proclaims the Week of January 28th as No Name Calling Week in Ulster County - As part of NNCW, County Executive Hein creates bullying prevention video for middle school students and their teachers and families

County Executive Mike Hein proclaimed the week of January 28th No Name Calling Week in Ulster County. No Name Calling Week (NNCW) is an opportunity to provide educational activities aimed at ending name calling of all kinds, especially bullying. During this week, numerous educational events are being held in Ulster County designed to put an end bullying.

As part of NNCW in Ulster County, County Executive Mike Hein and Hudson Valley LGBTQ created a bullying prevention video in order to provide middle school students and their teachers and families with resources in Ulster County to help address bullying. The video, created by Highland, NY Digital Filmmaker Jeanne Vitale at Open Sky Productions, is on YouTube, at:

<http://youtu.be/eTPNXCVRHg>

"Bullying is a serious problem nationwide, but it is important for students, parents and school administrators to understand that there are resources available in Ulster County to help," said County Executive Mike Hein. "My office created this video because I want anyone dealing with a bullying situation to know where to turn to for help. As we work to make Ulster County the healthiest county in New York State, curtailing bullying is an extremely important part of this effort."

Cahill Appointed Chair of Assembly Insurance Committee

(Albany, NY) Assemblymember Kevin Cahill (D-Ulster, Dutchess) was named Chair of the Assembly Insurance Committee yesterday. Cahill previously chaired the Assembly Energy Committee for four years before accepting this new post and remains a member of the Health, Economic Development, Ethics, Higher Education, and Ways and Means committees.

"I am honored to have been chosen to lead the Assembly's Insurance Committee," said Assemblymember Cahill. "I look forward to working with the Governor and Senate to advance policies that promote the best interests of consumers and widen access and coverage to meet the growing needs of those across the state."

During his tenure at the Assembly, Cahill has been instrumental in addressing the state's increasingly complex insurance issues. As a member of the Health committee, he helped to pass the New York Health Benefit Exchange Act. This law brought the state into compliance with the federal Affordable Care Act and will facilitate the purchase and sale of qualified health plans in the individual market and help small business owners enroll their employees in a plan.

The purview of the Committee on Insurance covers a myriad of insurance-related issues, ranging from health care, automobile and property policies to consumer fraud and insurance industry practices.

"In light of the worldwide phenomena of increasingly extreme weather patterns and drastic changes in climate, it is important now more than ever that insurance policies change and companies are held accountable to reflect our new reality," Cahill said. "I will work with my colleagues to ensure that lives and homes are adequately

covered and protected as Chair of the Insurance Committee."

Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver said, "I am pleased to announce the appointment of Assemblyman Kevin Cahill as chair of the Insurance Committee. I know he will serve the people of New York dutifully in this role and provide exemplary guidance in leading this committee. For New Yorkers, issues related to health and property insurance have been particularly relevant following major federal health care changes and the devastation wrought by a series of violent storms, and I know Kevin will approach this new role with the same energy, enthusiasm, and dedication that he shows his constituents."

"Speaker Silver has made an excellent choice in appointing Kevin Cahill to lead the Standing Committee on Insurance," said Majority Leader Joseph D. Morelle, D-Irondequoit, who previously chaired the committee from 2007 until January 2013. "From the cost of health care to the timely payments of life policies, insurance issues are critical to our economy and to the well-being of hard-working families. I know Chairman Cahill will provide wise and steady stewardship of this very important committee."

"We congratulate Mr. Cahill for his well-deserved appointment and congratulate Speaker Silver for this informed and sensible appointment," said Kevin Ryan, CIC, CPIA, Past President of Professional Insurance Agents of New York State Inc. and principal at Valley Group Inc., an independent insurance agency in Kingston, N.Y. "He has long maintained relationships with local PIANY agents in the Mid-Hudson Valley, meeting regularly to discuss insurance-related issues and he has an understanding of insurance that will benefit his constituents and all of New York's insurance-buying public."

POLITICAL SLANT

By Frank Comando

BUSH, CLINTON ARISTOCRATIC TIES

The books *Burke's Peerage & Baronetage* and *Burke's Landed Gentry* have, for 175 years, recorded the genealogies of the UK and Ireland's titled and landed families. Often referred to as 'the aristocracy bible', these are without comparison as a genealogical reference to the influential figures and families of Great Britain and Ireland.

What about Bill Clinton? In an Associated Press article published in *The Daily Oklahoman*, October 28, 1996, Harold Brooks-Baker said: "Bill Clinton was born William Jefferson Blythe, but took his stepfather's name as a teenager. Clinton's ancestry can be traced back, on his mother's side, to King Henry III who ruled England from 1227 to 1272. He is descended from King Robert I of France.

Furthermore, he is related to every Scottish monarch to the current British royal family. Clinton's royal roots include several medieval monarchs and Simon de Montford, a statesman and soldier under King Henry III. Through de Montford, Clinton is related to every ancient aristocratic family in Britain today."

In the same article, the journalist revealed that "Bill Clinton's family goes back to William Henry Harrison and Benjamin Harrison, making him related to Gerald Ford and Jimmy Carter. His kinship to Ford makes him 'near kin' to Richard Nixon and George Bush."

Small world, isn't it? And this seems to be a jealously guarded secret as over the past years, the President had all records of his family history, school records, medical history, etc. sealed. So Much for Freedom of Information.

Burke's publishing director, Harold Brooks-Baker says Bush's royal connections are startling. "[Bush] is closely related to every European Monarch both on and off the throne," says Brooks-Baker. Some of the Bush's royal kin include Britain's Queen Elizabeth II, the Queen Mother, Duchess Sarah "Fergy" Ferguson and even the late Princess Diana. His most prominent ancestor may be England's King Charles II, who shared the governor's vision of a strong military. Going back nearly 1000 years, Brooks-Baker points out both the Bush and Pierce families [Barbara Bush's maiden name is Pierce] were high society. "Not one member of his family was working class, middle class, or even middle, middle class," he notes.

Gore's family members weren't exactly peasants. The vice president's family tree includes Charlemagne and three Holy Roman emperors. And a good fight wouldn't frighten the vice president's most famous ancestor, England's Edward I - best known today as the king who defeated, then executed Braveheart. Gore is running a bit behind Bush in the European royal count, his blood-line runs close to some American home-grown nobility, including Thomas Jefferson.

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



FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
FOR HEALTHY LIVING
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

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February 3, 1-3pm**

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How to Say I Love You with a Special Valentines Gift

You don't have to go far to get that special Valentine's gift for those who you love.

If it is sweets for your sweetie that you are looking for, check out the Blue Hill Lodge where you will find an elegant array of fine imported chocolate and imported candy can be purchased at the Blue Hill Lodge.

Say 'I Love You' with custom Cakes and Cupcakes from Erin's Edible Art, the newest bakery

in Sullivan County. Erin offers a choice of unique baked goods including Cake Poppers and Chocolates for all occasions, cheesecake, breads and cookies.

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Call Erin at 845-798-1482 for more information. And yes, delivery is available at Edible Art By Erin.

A Light in the Dark: A Showcase of High School Darkroom Photography

This February, ASK welcomes "A Light in the Dark: A Showcase of High School Darkroom Photography" and "Down the Garden Path" an Exhibition by our members. The shared opening reception will take place during First Saturday, February 2nd, 5-8 pm. Both exhibitions will run until February 23rd. ASK is excited to present a comprehensive exhibit of black and white photographs created by local Ulster County high school students. All images in this show were created in the darkroom without any digital manipulation.

Four high school art educators have prepared this show from work submitted by students currently studying darkroom techniques. Debra Tampone, Art Teacher at Kingston High School has organized a beautiful show along with the following art teachers: Stewart Schuenemann from Onteora High School, Judi Esmond from New Paltz High School and Beverly Bennett from Rondout High School.

Amidst our fast paced, digitally overloaded world, the fine art of developing film in the darkroom is on the brink of extinction. However, despite such forces as Photoshop, area high school students who have discovered the darkroom are developing their artistic voices through this traditional 19th century process. Translating the image in the darkroom with chemicals and light brings the artist closer to the spirit of photography as it was originally experienced. This back-to-basics, hands

on process demands more commitment and involvement; hence there is a greater connection and more meaning to the work. The excitement of "pulling their first print" has enough impact to drive students to explore all the capabilities of this time-honored traditional, process and has produced a new generation of photographers who value the power of darkroom photography.

Down the Garden Path - During ASK's second exciting collaboration with local florists throughout the city of Kingston, artists will paint a floral scene or still life, and then florists will create an arrangement based on a painting of their choice. The arrangements will be placed on pedestals in front of each painting (as if they were popping out of the canvas!) and then raffled off shortly before the end of opening reception.

•Waffle Breakfast• Everyone Welcome!

Saturday, February 9, 2013
Sunset Church Hall
7:30 am - 9:30 am
Free Will Offering
For Information call - 985-2455

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TIME & THE VALLEYS MUSEUM
GRAHAMSVILLE, NY

2012 Season: Open Noon-4 p.m. Thurs.-Sun. and by appointment
332 Main St., Grahamsville
Price: \$2, \$1 ages 6-15; free age 5 and younger
Call: 985-7700

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

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

CrossWay Assembly of God

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

Ismael Berrios
Lead Pastor
P. O. Box 480
507 Hasbrouck Drive
Woodbourne, NY 12788
845-434-8263
Email: crosswayaog@aol.com
www.crosswayaog.com

ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL MISSION
The Little Church with the Big Heart
Sunday, 8:15 am Service of Holy Communion
Music by Susan and Fred Van Wagner
Coffee hour follows service
All are welcome!

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South Fallsburg
845-436-7539
Rev. Ninon Hutchinson
www.standrewsepiscopalmission.org

Sundown United Methodist Church
Sunday Worship Service • 8:30am

Grahamsville United Methodist Church
Sunday Worship Service
10:30am
985-2283

Claryville Reformed Church

Claryville Road
Claryville, NY 12725
845-985-2041

Bible Class 9:00 am
Worship Services @ 10:00 am
Rev. Paul Nulton
John Bult, Organist

Covered Dish Supper
Feb. 2, 2013
5:30 pm
Sundown United Methodist Church
at the Sundown Church Hall

Grahamsville United Methodist Church

Thrift Sale Only
Feb. 16, 2013
9 am-1 pm

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6317 Rte. 42, Woodbourne, NY

Weekend Mass schedule:
Saturday afternoon: 5:00.
Sunday morning: 9:00 am and 11:30 am

Holy days of obligation: as announced in church bulletin.

Daily Mass schedule:
Monday afternoon 5:45 (Holy Rosary at 5:30); Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday mornings: (includes Morning Prayer)- 8:50 am

Saturday afternoon confessions: 4 to 4:45.
Rev. John J. Lynch, Ph.D., Pastor. 434-7643.

St. Augustine's Chapel
Watson Hollow Rd. • West Shokan, NY
Sunday Mass - 9:30 am
Holy Days 5:30 pm
Penance 9:00 am, 2nd Sunday of the month
Rev. George W. Hommel, Pastor

Loucks Funeral Home
Geoff and Heather Hazzard & Anthony Perito
79 North Main Street
Ellenville, New York
(845) 647-4343

Grahamsville Reformed Church
Sunday School 9:30 A.M.
Worship Service 9:30 A.M.
Rev. Paul Z. Ruter, Pastor
845-985-7480

LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES

TOWN OF NEVERSINK

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
EXPENDITURE OF HIGHWAY
MACHINERY CAPITAL
RESERVE FUNDS SUBJECT TO
PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Town Board of the Town of Neversink will hold a public hearing at the Town Hall, 273 Main Street, Grahamsville, New York, at 7:15 p.m. prevailing time, on February 13, 2013, in connection with the expenditure of Highway Machinery Capital Reserve Funds. Said expenditure is for the purchase of a 2013 2 Wheel Drive 2 Ton Crew Cab Dump Truck with Attachments, in an amount not to exceed \$65,000.00, at which time all interested persons will be heard.

Dated: January 11, 2013
Lisa Garigliano, Town Clerk

1/31/13

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE

The Town of Denning PLANNING BOARD will hold a PUBLIC HEARING on the Application for "SPECIAL PERMIT" issued to the Blue Hill Lodge and Café (Tomina LLC) for the purpose of manufacturing beer in a Micro-Brewery located on their commercial site at 1467 Denning Road, Claryville, NY 12725.

SAID hearing will take place at the Claryville Fire House Community Hall, 1500 Denning Road, Claryville, NY 12725 on Saturday, February 23, 2013 scheduled to begin at 10:00 AM. At said time any and all interested person(s) will be heard.

For further information please contact the Planning Board at 1567 Denning Road, Claryville, NY 12725 during normal business hours or by calling 985-2411 for further information.

By the Order of the Town of Denning Planning Board
Carl Landon, Chairman

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Catskill Mountain Keeper New Location

Catskill Mountain Keeper has a new location in Hurleyville, NY that opened this month in the restored Sullivan Dairy building, and is the result of an exciting partnership with the Center for Discovery. The office will be the headquarters for their expanding agricultural and educational initiatives, including the Catskill Edible Gardens Project, Farmer Loan Assistance Program, and Trailkeeper. The office will be shared with their friends at the *Green Door Magazine* and the Open Space Institute.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Please take notice that the Town of Neversink Planning Board will hold a public hearing, pursuant to Section 267, Town Law, on the application of Louis Auerbach and Marla Dallal for the purpose of review of an application for an 2 Lot Subdivision located at Aden Hill Road, Parksville, New York (SBL# 29.-1-5.5).

Said hearing will take place at the Neversink Town Hall, Grahamsville, NY on Wednesday, February 6, 2013 at 7:00 P.M. at which time all interested parties will be given an opportunity to be heard.

BY ORDER OF THE PLANNING BOARD
TOWN OF NEVERSINK
JAMES STANGEL, CHAIRMAN

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Town of Neversink Highway Taxes

As an employee of the Town of Neversink Highway Department I am often asked at this time of year about our tax bills. It seems many people think by looking at their bills that the highway department is the town tax when actually this one line item covers all the taxes the Town of Neversink needs to collect to operate. The highway department portion is less than half of the total taxes collected in the Town of Neversink. If anyone would like to see a summary of the town budget which shows where the balance of the taxes collected is being spent, you may inquire at the town clerk's office.

Respectfully,
Mickey Van Valkenburg

From the Governor's Office

Dear Fellow New Yorker,

Today, Governor Andrew Cuomo unveiled the proposed 2013-2014 Executive Budget, laying out his fiscal roadmap for the year.

The Governor's Executive Budget eliminates a \$1.3 billion deficit and holds state spending growth under 2% for the third year in a row with no new taxes or fees.

The Budget provides funding to grow the economy and create jobs, build on mandate relief and pension reform, continue work to reform state government to better serve taxpayers and do more with less, invest in a high quality education system to better prepare our students, and help New York State rebuild better, stronger and smarter after Hurricane Sandy. To read the full budget, click here, and read highlights below.

The 2013-2014 Executive Budget and Management Plan:

- Increases education aid by \$889 million, or 4.4 percent, driving an average increase of more than \$300/student per year;
- Targets economic development spending to accelerate the commercialization of new technology, launches a third round of the Regional Economic Development Councils, and markets the state's tourism assets to bolster economic growth, especially Upstate;

- Reforms the Workers' Compensation system to save employers, local governments, and school districts more than \$900 million;

- Includes nearly \$974 million in savings from government redesign and cost control efforts;

- Builds on the significant mandate relief enacted in 2012-13 by providing a Stable Rate Pension Contribution Option to allow local governments and school districts to immediately realize Tier VI savings; and

- Raises the minimum wage from \$7.25/hour to \$8.75/hour

Under the Governor's fiscal blueprint, New York will make critical investments to build a new New York that works for you and your family.

Sincerely,
The Office of the Governor

Statement from Assemblymember Cahill on Executive Budget

(Albany, NY) Assemblymember Kevin Cahill (D- Ulster, Dutchess) reacted to the budget presentation given by Governor Cuomo today in the following statement:

"Today Governor Cuomo opened the budget process with a plan that reflects our fiscal reality. Though it is significantly lower than the previous economic crisis years, the State is facing a deficit over \$1 billion. We need to enact smart measures that will keep our finances on track without harming our necessary services or placing an additional burden on our taxpayers or most vulnerable residents.

"We are at a critical juncture and the decisions we make in this year's budget will determine the long term future of our state. As we continue on the path toward renewed prosperity, we must honor our commitment to modernize our state and local governments, increase opportunities, provide New York residents with quality, affordable health care and give our children the top-rate education they deserve.

"As we move forward with budget negotiations, I will be examining all options to best serve the needs of the people of Ulster and Dutchess Counties and all New Yorkers. I look forward to working with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to craft a responsible, on-time budget plan that will address our immediate problems while continuing our commitment to long term economic stability."

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UC Legislature Recognizes Former Chairmen at 45th Anniversary Session

When the Ulster County Legislature first met on January 2, 1968, the first Chairman, Peter Savago, stepped to the podium and asked his fellow legislators to "consider the taxpayers, what with so many Federal and State mandated programs on us."

The complete text of Chairman Savago's speech was read by current Legislator and Vice Chairman James Maloney during the historic recognition of the first 45 years of the Ulster County Legislature. Legislator Maloney noted, "Isn't it ironic that 45 years later, in 2013, this Legislature is still wrestling with many of the same issues?"



In attendance at that recognition event were the Honorable Peter J. Savago, Chairman from 1968 to 1976; Ms. Christina Gardner representing her late father, the Honorable Ernest J. Gardner, who served in 1977; the Honorable Louis M. Klein, Chairman from 1978 to 1979; the Honorable William R. West, Jr., Chairman from 1984 to 1985; the Honorable Richard B. Mathews, Chairman from 1986 to 1991; the Honorable Gerald Benjamin, Chairman from 1992 to 1993; the Honorable Elizabeth Alfonso representing her late husband, the Honorable Daniel L. Alfonso, Chairman from 1994 to 2000; the Honorable Ward D. Todd, Chairman from 2001 to 2003; the Honorable Richard A. Gerentine, Chairman from 2004 to 2006; the Honorable David B. Donaldson, Chairman from 2006 to 2009 and the Honorable Frederick J. Wadnola, Chairman from 2010 to 2011. The Honorable Thomas W. Roach, Jr., Chairman from 1980 to 1983, was unable to join the celebration but sent his regards.

It was noted by Legislator Maloney that the vision each of these former Chairmen had helped fulfill the promise to give Ulster County good progressive government, furnish necessary services and

improvements while holding the line on property taxes.

Each of the former Chairmen were presented with a Legislative Proclamation signed by current Legislative Chairman Terry L. Bernardo and an Ulster County Legislature lapel pin.

In closing the first organizational speech in 1968, Chairman Savago stated, "May I ask for the maximum cooperation from the Legislators and the Department Heads so that we can give Ulster County good progressive government furnishing the necessary services and improvements while keeping an eye on the tax dollar."

Town of Neversink Parks & Recreation Department

www.townofneversink.org

(845) 985-2262 extension 312

Capital District Flower Show - March 22. \$15 residents/\$23 non-residents must be paid no later than Tuesday, February 12.

Villa Roma FUN DAY -Saturday, May 11. \$10 residents/\$30 non-residents must be paid no later than Tuesday, March 26 includes lunch & make your own sundaes.

Father's Day Brunch Cruise -Saturday, June 15 fd \$20 residents/\$39 non-residents must be paid no later than Tuesday, April 23.

FLEA MARKET- Saturday, July 13. DETAILS:With both new and used items something for everyone. Reserve your table now. \$15 per space must be paid no later than Tuesday, June 25.

Scranton-Wilkes-Barre Yankees Baseball Game - Thursday, July 25, \$12 residents/\$30 non-residents must be paid no later than Tuesday, May 28.

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.
 Tuesday: 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
 Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 Thursday: 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
 Friday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
 Sunday and Monday: Closed
 If you have any questions, please call the library at 985-7233.

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

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

A Statement by NYSAC President Edward A. Diana in Response to the Executive Budget Proposal

There are helpful actions in the 2013-14 Executive State Budget proposal released today and we look forward to working with the State Legislature during the budget negotiation process. County leaders are pleased that the Governor continues to recognize the impact unfunded mandates are having in our communities. Fully implementing the 2012 County Medicaid Relief Act, along with other initiatives announced by the Governor today, will have positive long term fiscal benefits at the local level.

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- 2/2/13 **Sundown Methodist Church Covered Dish Supper** - 5:30 pm Sundown Church Hall
- 2/4/13 Dept. of Motor Vehicles Neversink Town Hall 10:00 am - 2:30 p.m.
- 2/6/13 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting- 7:30 pm
- 2/9/13 **Waffle Breakfast**- Sundown Methodist Church Hall - 7:30-9:30 am-Everyone Welcome!
- 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.
- 2/16/13 Grahamsville United Methodist Church - **Thrift Sale Only** - 9 am - 1 pm
- 2/17/13 Claryville Fire Dept. **Pancake Breakfast** 7 am - Noon
- 2/18/13 Town of Neversink Holiday - **President's Day**
- 2/19/13 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals - 7:30 pm
- 2/20/13 - Neversink Fire District Meeting at 7:30 p.m.; Public Meeting at 8:00 p.m.
- 2/26/13 Town of Neversink Parks & Rec - 7:00 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 EWOC -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:

- SUNDOWN CAMP & BAIT SHOP
- GRAHAMSVILLE DELI
- CANNIE D'S
- BLUE HILL LODGE
- 3 GOLDENS
- ARATI GIFT SHOP (Brickman Rd.) • NADIA'S (Hurleyville)
- VALERO MINI MALL (Loch Sheldrake) • WOODBOURNE CITGO STATION
- MO'S GAS STATION (Woodbourne) • P.D. SMITH ENTERPRISE (Woodbourne)
- LIBERTY FITNESS • CHARLIE'S PIZZA • AGWAY (Liberty) • J.B. MAK (Liberty)
- NEW LOCATIONS in the TOWN OF OLIVE & SHANDAKEN**
- Boiceville IGA • Boiceville Florist • Reservoir Music • Snyder's
- Phoenicia Hardware • Phoenicia Pharmacy • Phoenicia Deli • Mama's Boy • Brio's • Emerson Resort • Big Indian Market & Deli • Now in Pine Hill!
- JAMES NAPANOCH GROCERY
- COUNTRY FLOWERS
- MATTHEW'S PHARMACY
- NAPANOCH APPLIANCE
- PETER'S MARKET

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.

We applaud Governor Cuomo for bringing greater fiscal stability to the State Budget over the past two years. County leaders recognize that the State cannot reverse decades of passing costs on to local property taxpayers in one budget, but the concepts advanced by the Governor and additional opportunities to be advanced by the legislature can save taxpayer dollars at the State and local levels and improve government programs for the New Yorkers who need those programs most.

Are You Interested in Pursuing a Career in Nursing?

LIBERTY - On Thursday, February 7th and March 7th, the Sullivan County BOCES Career and Technical Education Center will be hosting two information sessions about the BOCES LPN (Licensed Practical Nursing) Program. Potential students can choose to attend either date. Multiple sessions are offered, 1:00 PM to 2:00PM or 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM, on each day to fit busy schedules. All sessions will be held in the Eugene D. Nesin Theatre/Auditorium at the St. John Street Education Center, in Monticello. In the event of inclement weather, snow dates are scheduled for Feb 14th and Mar 14th.

Each session will include an overview of the LPN Program admission process. Learn about the application requirements, admission testing, financial aid resources and other program information. The nursing faculty will also explain the program curriculum, competencies and clinical rotations. Career advancement opportunities and college articulation information will also be presented.

Part-time and Full-time programs are available for adults and high school seniors. We are now accepting applications for September 2013. Registration is required to attend the sessions. Attendance is strongly recommended for adults and high school seniors interested in enrolling in an LPN class for September 2013. For more information and to register please call (845) 295- 4940. Now is the time to start your nursing career!

Rag Rug Crochet Classes for Everyone

LIBERTY- New students welcome through February 1st to join the Rag Rug Crochet Workshop series by Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) Sullivan County 4-H Youth Development program. Each week, youth and adults- both beginning and experienced alike- will be guided through the process of this heritage craft using recycled fabrics.

Beverly Hesse, longtime 4-H volunteer, returns as instructor to this annual 4-H textile program. Class begins 6pm on February 1st and will be held at the Gerald J. Extension Education Center on 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road in Liberty. Call 845-292-6180 with questions or to register.

Classes are free for youth (those under 10 must bring an adult to assist) and for 4-H Leaders. Classes are also free for all other adults with the purchase of a Cornell Cooperative Extension membership (\$20/year).

Cornell Cooperative Extension in Sullivan County provides equal program and employment opportunities. Please contact the Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan

County office if you have any special needs.

SUNY Ulster Holds Nursing Information Session

On February 5 beginning at 3:00 p.m. SUNY Ulster will hold an information session about its Nursing degree program in room 112, Vanderlyn Hall, on the Stone Ridge Campus. This session will provide information on the admissions process, the program curriculum including pre-requisites and co-requisites, as well as new testing requirements. Due to limited openings, SUNY Ulster's Nursing Program is only available to residents of Ulster County.

A seat for this session may be reserved by calling the Admissions Office at (845) 687-5022 or online at www.sunyulster.edu.

SUNY ULSTER Information Sessions Sustainable Building Advisor Certificate Program

Free information sessions are scheduled for Saturday, February 2 and Saturday February 23, 2013 at 10:30 AM at the Business Resource Center on Ulster Avenue in Kingston.

The Sustainable Building Advisor Program starts the weekend of March 23 and 24. It is offered in nine Saturday/Sunday sessions between March and November. The program is geared toward, but not limited to design and construction professionals, architects, project managers, realtors, resource conservation specialists and other building professionals. There are no specific prerequisites for the program other than the desire to learn about building better, more energy efficient, healthy and cost effective buildings.

The lead instructor for this course is Janus Welton, AIA, LEED AP BD + C, CSBA, Biomimicry Specialist. Students will also learn from local experts in various aspects of sustainable design and take field trips to regional sustainable sites.

The SBA program is rated as a 400 Level Mastery Course by the US Green Building Council's Education Provider Program. The course is approved for LEED AP credential maintenance credits and fulfills the LEED Green Associate exam eligibility criteria. The American Institute of Architects (AIA) has approved the SBA Program for core Continuing Education Learning Units.

This training prepares professionals to take the CSBA exam, which provides the nationally recognized Certified Sustainable Building Advisor designation. The Sustainable Building Advisor Institute, (sbainstitute.org), the national provider of the SBA Course, works with SUNY Ulster to offer the course at the Business Resource Center in Kingston, NY. To register for the information session, or for more information, please call 845-687-5012, or email songayla@sunyulster.edu.

For a complete list of sustainability courses, or for more information, contact Ann Songayllo in SUNY Ulster's Continuing and Professional Education Office at (845) 687-5012 or visit http://www.sunyulster.edu/continuing_education/ to see the online catalog.



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Knarf's Movie Trivia

CASABLANCA (ROMANCE, 1942)
An American mercenary, arms dealer, and later saloon owner in North Africa is drawn into World War II when his lost love turns up. All this with a cast that any director would give his teeth to have in one film. Directed by Michael Curtiz and starring Humphrey Bogart, Ingrid Bergman, Paul Henreid, Claude Rains, Conrad Veidt, Peter Lorre, Sydney Greenstreet, Dooley Wilson, Marcel Dalio, S. Z. Sakall, Joy Page, Helmut Dantine, Curt Bois. This is a WW II classic of epic proportions war-torn Morocco with elusive nightclub owner Rick (Bogart) finding old flame (Bergman) and her husband, underground leader Henreid, among skeletons in his closet. Rains is marvelous as the very dapper police chief, and to quote Ilsa, "nobody sings "As Time Goes By" like Sam"(Dooley Wilson) Three Oscar's include Best Picture, Director, and Screenplay (Julius & Philip Epstein and Howard Koch). **My candidate for the best Hollywood movie of all time. See it, on TCM! Saturday, February 2, 2013 at 8:00 PM, 103 min, Rated,TV-PG, Quiz: 1.** What actor in this film with his own money purchased the most WW II war Bonds ?
2. Name Peter Lorre's first film?

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ELLENVILLE WAWARSING JULY 4TH CELEBRATION BENEFIT SPAGHETTI DINNER

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The Sundown United Methodist church will hold a Waffle Breakfast on Saturday, February 9th from 7:30 to 9:30 am. Everyone is welcome. They are planning to hold a breakfast with a different menu on the second Saturday of each month. Watch the **Townsmen** for future dates and featured menus.

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