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"Ulster County's Flow Control Law helps eliminate the government's subsidy of the RRA," said County Executive Hein. (Contd. Pg. 10)

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The PRASAD Children's Dental Health Program (PRASAD CDHP) is pleased to announce that they have been awarded a \$1,000 grant from the First Niagara Bank Foundation. The funds will go towards support of the PRASAD CDHP's "Healthy Smiles" initiative. (Contd. Pg.4)

Ulster County Sheriff's Office Is Awarded Re-Accreditation



Sheriff Paul Van Blarcum is pleased to announce that the Ulster County Sheriff's Office Criminal Division has recently been accorded re-accreditation by the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services. The process involved an on-site evaluation by an assessor from the Accreditation Unit of NYS DCJS, the state's criminal justice support office to all law enforcement agencies operating in New York. (Contd. Pg. 10)

Sullivan County Sheriff Responds to Sandy Hook Tragedy

Students in Sullivan County were greeted by police officers from various agencies when they returned to school on Monday December 17, 2012.

In Grahamsville, Sheriff's Deputies and State Troopers were present on the school grounds at Tri-Valley to reassure the parents and teachers, and to promote calm in the wake of the horrific incident in Newton, Connecticut.



Fallsburg BCE Winners of Peace Poster Contest

Members of Fallsburg Lions Club joined Lions District Governor to honor Dawn Ruhren, the Benjamin Cosar Elementary School Sixth Grade winner of the of the Peace Poster Contest.



In the photo, left to right, Benjamin Cosar Elementary School Principal Mary Kate Stinehour, Lions 20-0 District Governor Joyce Maier, Town of Fallsburg Lions Club President Miranda Behan, Roger Ruhren, Dawn Ruhren, Welyn Ruhren, art teacher Maura Pellegrino, and Peace Poster Chair Ilene Wizwer. (Contd. Pg. 8)

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ON THE FRONT BURNER: Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and will not be afraid, for the Lord God is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation. Isaiah 12:2

OBITUARY

Frank A. Hamilton, 86, of Lake Worth FL, passed away on December 22, 2012 at JFK Memorial Hospital in Lake Worth.

The son of Frank and Grace Hamilton, he was born March 20, 1926 in Neversink, NY.

Frank served in the U.S. Air Force in the 421st Night Fighter Squadron during World War II. He was active in community and church activities until the end. He loved to help people and embraced life.

During his working years he was a small business owner, public school business administrator and was the Hotel General Manager at Mohonk Mountain House in New Paltz.

Frank is survived by his loving wife of 58 years, Jane Stafford Hamilton; sons David and Dean; 4 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren; brother, Charles Hamilton and wife, Bernice of Grahamsville and Lake Worth, FL and sister, Cora Greene of Liberty.

A Memorial Service was held at the Lakeside United Methodist Church, Lake Worth, FL.

A Memorial Service will be held in Plattsburgh, NY, (Frank and Jane's home before his retirement), in the summer of 2013.

Thank You

The family of Pauline (Polly) Hill wish to express our sincere appreciation to all those who helped ease our bereavement by their cards, food, offerings, mass cards, donations and other expressions of sympathy. We are deeply gratified to you all.

David, Glenn, Susan,
Lisa, Sally, Cheryl, Aaron,
Matthew, Sarah and Rebekah

**A TRIBUTE TO
POLLY AND "MAYOR" DON HILL
THE FABRIC OF**

THE GRAHAMSVILLE COMMUNITY
Pauline "Polly" A. Hill of Grahamsville, New York passed away on November 27, 2012 peacefully at home at the age of 83.

Her husband, Donald H. Hill, the "Mayor" of Grahamsville, died about a year earlier on September 9, 2011.

Somehow our close knit Neversink Community can only think of Don and Polly together. Always active and, at the end of a busy day, always together.

Polly and Mayor Don were part of the fabric, the heart, growth and maturity of the Grahamsville community.

When Tri-Valley Central School first opened in 1951 combining the small district schools into one, Polly was there starting her career teaching both Latin and English. In 1967, she taught English until her retirement in 1987. While she was at Tri-Valley she was head of the English Department, senior class advisor, chaperoned numerous senior trips, directed several senior plays, and for a brief stint she was a cheerleading coach.

In Polly's 1958 yearbook, the year she married, she changed her signature from "Thompson" to "Hill." This writer graduated that year and I signed her yearbook thanking her for her assistance with the Senior Class play.

After Don proudly served in the Navy from 1951 to 1955, rising to the rank of Petty Officer Third Class, then worked for the New York State Eastern Correctional Facility from May 10, 1956 to retirement on May 10, 1986, he became more active in the community. He was Superintendent of the Grahamsville Rural Cemetery from 1986 to 2001. During this time, Polly was the Secretary for the Grahamsville Rural Cemetery Association.

In 1989, Don was one of the founding members of the Flag Day Exchange Ceremony held at the Grahamsville Reformed Church. The exchange is held on Memorial Day and Veterans' Day to honor past members and civic minded community members.

At Polly's memorial service, her sister Joyce said Polly was always besides Don, sometimes a step behind, peppering Don with ideas, sometimes with suggestions, and always with reassurance and encouragement. Joyce said their mother taught Polly "character."

Don Hasbrouck was in Polly's first home-

room class for four years. He recalled when Polly played the pump organ in church.

"When Polly joined the first teaching class at Tri-Valley" Don recalled, "she was one of several really good young teachers (about 22 years old)." With a young facility, they were fun and "nudged" us. Directing class plays, Polly was constantly yelling, "project-project!"

Marilyn King recalled Polly as a vocal teacher who came to her house.

Another student, Jim McCarthy called Polly "the real deal."

Student Phil Coombe (he graduated with David Hill) described Polly as "Totally prepared" ordering us to "slow down - be precise." Her rapport with students was to prepare good students and good graduates. For that we thank Polly."

One couple said, "Polly put us in a play, and we've been together ever since."

When Grahamsville First Aid Captain Robin Mahnklin needed help with a speech, she went to Polly.

Another said when Polly spoke to you, she made you feel like the most important person in the world.

At the same time, Don was a volunteer fireman for Woodbourne and later transferred to the Grahamsville Fire Department and was an active member from 1949 to the time of his death when he was a Fire Policeman. He served as fire commissioner for 30 years. Don could always be found in the firemen's booth at the Little World's Fair. His duties ranged from collecting money (and giving change) to cutting peppers and onions for the sausages, hamburgers and hotdogs, or handling small emergencies like filling the empty ketchup and mustard bottles.

And he was a member of the Grahamsville First Aid Squad.

Don was busier in his retirement. He was a school bus driver for Tri-Valley activities and umpire for girls' softball, little league and recreational leagues.

He was one of the founding members of the Tri-Valley Little League, could be found supporting and cheering on the Tri-Valley Bears school athletic teams, and why not? For a brief stint, Polly was a cheerleading coach.

Don was also active in the FFA.

During this time, Polly was the author and creator of the column "Here and There" in the *Townsman*, where she reported for posterity the good news - the small "newsy" tidbits of significance to the local folks, with of course her twinkling literary humor.

Somewhere and somehow, Don was known around Grahamsville, unofficially, as "Mayor" and could be found most mornings in the General Store having coffee greeting his friends and neighbors...He never bothered getting elected. Why waste money? He would have won anyway, uncontested. His opinions were generally rural common sense. There was rarely an appeal to Polly.

As the saying goes: "You can't have one without the other. It just ain't fittin'." One wonders when they ever stopped to rest.

At the end of Polly's service, Reverend Bob conveyed one of Polly's (and probably Don's) last requests: "When you sing, 'How Great Thou Art,' sing with GUSTO!"

Written' by an
Appreciative and Loving Community
(Put together by William A. Brenner)

Days of Yore...

...Today's History

January 7, 1953 - The children and grandchildren and some close friends of Mr. and Mrs. John Coddington of Sundown, marked the occasion of their 45th wedding anniversary with a surprise party at their home on December 31st. About thirty guests attended and presented Mr. and Mrs. Coddington with gifts in honor of the day.

Arnold Robinson was home on furlough New Years Day to Sunday. He is a Second Class Seaman at Norfolk, Va. He has been in the Navy four years and expects to be discharged on the 30th of January. The Robinson family had a family gathering Sunday in his honor. (Contd. Pg 3)

A Round About Tri-Valley- Carol Furman

Mary Lou Vernooy and family recently donated an American flag to the Tri-Valley Lions in memory of her father, Donald TerBush, who was a Charter Member of the Tri-Valley Lions. The flag will be kept at the Daniel Pierce Library, since the Lions' Directors meet there once each month.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Michael Schulte. Mike passed away on December 11th after a courageous battle with cancer. God bless you Mike, and may God comfort Mike's family and friends. Mike will be especially missed by his wife, Dena, and his two young sons, Michael and Joseph.

Sympathy is also extended to the family of Carol W. Curry. Carol passed away on December 11th and is survived by her husband, Ken, her children, grandchildren and several great grandchildren. Carol will be missed by all who knew and loved her. May God bless her and her family at this time.

Congratulations to Pat Cummins of Woodbourne (better known as Daniel Pierce Library's "Mr. Pat") who shot a 9-point deer while hunting in Virginia.

Claryville resident, Keith Smith, bowled his first 300 game at Kiatnesha Lanes on November 26th. Way to go, Keith!

Tri-Valley's Autumn Bender, daughter of Tim and Cathy Coombe Bender, was selected a member of the second team for the V845 Girls' Cross Country All-Stars. Autumn is a Tri-Valley freshman and, I'm sure, we'll hear more about her running ability in the future. Autumn's Mom was also a good runner when she attended Tri-Valley H.S. in the late 80's!

Joyce Dunham DuBois, wife of Fredrick DuBois and sister-in-law of Ginnie Rhynders and Irma Mentnech passed away after a lengthy illness. Sympathy is extended to the family.

The Daniel Pierce Library Holiday Tea, held in December, was very well attended. Special thanks to all who made this community event so festive.

Tom and Maureen Graham welcomed a new granddaughter, Emily Julianna, on October 19th. The baby's parents are Julian and Sharon Graham Harrington of Phoenix, Arizona. Little Emily's five year old sister, Maureen, helped welcome the new arrival!

Linda and Frank Comando hosted a holiday luncheon for The Townsman volunteers at the Blue Hill Cafe in Claryville on December 14th. The meal was delicious and everyone had a nice time.

Frank gave each guest a copy of his holiday CD.

Continued good wishes to Paul Lounsbury who has been under -the-weather for several weeks. Hope you are feeling better now! I hear so many have been sick with some kind of a bug that's going around.

Thank you to the folks at Blue Hill Lodge and Cafe in Claryville for hosting the little Christmas party for the local children on December 22nd. The Furman children had a nice time and enjoyed sitting on Santa's knee.

Stay well and have a very happy and a healthy new year!

Words of Wisdom: Lettin' the cat out of the bag is a whole lot easier than puttin' it back in.!

Days of Yore - (From Pg 2)

Jack and Jill went up the hill,
and rode down on their sleigh;
Then home half starved to eat their fill
that chilly winter day.
"They'll eat you out of house and home,"
a startled neighbor said.
Their mother smiled, "I shop at KRUM'S, my
children are well fed!"
KUM TO KRUM'S

January 9, 1963 - Mr. and Mrs. James Marks of Neversink announce the engagement of their daughter, Margaret, to Ronald Blatsberg at a party in the Neversink Fire House on Saturday evening. Miss Marks, a graduate of Tri Valley Central School, now attends the Eastman School of Music. Mr. Blatsberg is a medical student at the University of Rochester. A June wedding is planned.

Announcement has been made of the wedding of Miss Linda Rudolph, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Rudolph of Orange Lake and William Edwin Amthor, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. William Amthor of Walden and Sundown, at the Denny Memorial Baptist Church, Walden on Dec. 9th. Mr. and Mrs. Amthor will make their home in Montgomery, N.Y.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Tatum of San Antonio, Tex. are the parents of a boy, Douglas, their sixth child, born on December 18th, 1962. Mrs. Tatum, the former Iva Lawton, is a Tri Valley School graduate and she joined the WACS after graduation. The couple has four boys and two girls.

January 2, 1973 - Rubin A. Ackerley, 54, a lifelong res-

ident of Sullivan County, died Wednesday at Liberty Community General Hospital. Mr. Ackerley was born September 27, 1918 to Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Ackerley. He married the former Evelyn Crossman on May 31, 1945. He is survived by his widow; five sons; two daughters; his father, of Liberty; five brothers; six sisters and fourteen grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew N. DuBois, Sr. announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary Jane to Donald R. Osterhoudt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Anderson of Grahamsville and the late Robert D. Osterhoudt. Miss DuBois and her fiancé are both graduates of Tri-Valley Central School. She is employed by the Sullivan County National Bank of Liberty. Her fiancé is employed by the Woodbourne Rehab. Center. Wedding plans are incomplete.

January 6, 1983 - Fire companies from Claryville, Neversink and Grahamsville fought a stubborn blaze early Saturday morning that destroyed the main dining/recreation hall of the YMCA Center in Frost Valley located approximately 10 miles from Claryville. None of the 300 guests at the center for a recreational weekend were injured. The hall was empty at the time of the fire that was caused by an apparent short in a kitchen fan.

Frank Comando and his wife were invited to attend the inauguration of Governor Mario Cuomo at the Rockefeller Convention Center in Albany on New Year's Day.

An interesting typo appeared in the last issue of the Grahamsville & Sundown United Methodist Church Newsletter, where the News from Sundown column started out with "Christmas Sinday is only a few weeks away."

AARP Driver Safety Program

The AARP Driver Safety Program will be held at the following location: South Fallsburg Community Center, Laurel Avenue, South Fallsburg, New York on:

Saturday, January 5, 2013 from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Snow Date - Saturday, January 12, 2013-
PLEASE ARRIVE AT 8:45 AM

Saturday, February 2, 2013 from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM -
PLEASE ARRIVE AT 8:45 AM

Saturday, February 16, 2013 from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM -
PLEASE ARRIVE AT 8:45 AM

To Register - Call Sonny Smith at 434-8922 (Leave Message). PLEASE CALL AFTER 9:00 AM IN THE MORNING.

Sonny Smith, an AARP- Certified Instructor, will give this course in one full day session, which will consist of a lecture, discussion and video presentations. Participants will receive a certificate which entitles them to apply for a discount on their automobile insurance.

For information, phone Sonny Smith at 434-8922 (Leave Message). PLEASE CALL AFTER 9:00 AM IN THE MORNING. The fee is \$17 for AARP members and \$19 for non-members; make checks payable to AARP, and mail to Sonny Smith. Please enclose your phone number with payment. Classes are limited to 35, so apply early.

This course is instructed by a Retired & Senior Volunteer Program (R&SVP) volunteer and is sponsored by the Sullivan County Office for the Aging.

Ellenville Hospital Blood Drive

The American Red Cross and Ellenville Regional Hospital will join together for a community blood drive on Thursday, January 10, 2013 from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Ellenville Regional Hospital at 10 Healthy Way. The Red Cross blood drive will take place in a traveling donor center outside of the hospital in their parking lot.

January is National Volunteer Blood Donor Month, a time when the American Red Cross recognizes and thanks the millions of dedicated blood and platelet donors across the United States for helping to ensure a stable blood supply for patients in need both locally and across the country. Approximately every two seconds, a patient in the United States needs blood. That's why your blood donation through the Red Cross is so important.

This month, Dunkin' Donuts and the American Red Cross are teaming up for their 6th annual "Give a Pint, Get a Pound" campaign. All presenting donors at Red Cross blood drives in January will receive a coupon for a free pound of Dunkin' Donuts coffee*. The campaign is in celebration of National Volunteer Blood Donor Month and helps increase awareness about the need for blood.

Walk-ins are always welcome, but donors are encouraged to schedule an appointment in advance by calling 845 647-6400 ext. 226, or 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or by visiting redcross-blood.org.

Professional Women of SC

The Professional Women of Sullivan County will be holding their next meeting on Wednesday, January 16th at the White Sulphur Springs Restaurant at 3334 State Route 52 in White Sulphur Springs, NY. Networking will begin at 6:00 pm, followed by dinner at 6:30 pm. Our speaker will be Beverly Paige, and the topic is Conquering Clutter. Dinner choices will be chicken noodle soup or salad, filet of salmon with dill sauce, chicken Kiev with wild rice, or pasta primavera. Rolls and butter, veggies, dessert and coffee/tea will be served. The cost including tax and tip is \$22. All are invited (including men). You do not have to be a member to attend our meetings. Please RSVP to Marilyn Stein with your dinner choice at mjcat12@hotmail.com or 845-791-7723.

About the Professional Women of Sullivan County: Formally known as Catskill Mountain BPW, Professional Women of Sullivan County (PWSC) is a member organization of New York State Women, Inc. and strives "To build powerful women professionally, personally, politically through advocacy, education and information." The group meets on the third Wednesday of each month at locations throughout Sullivan County. To obtain more information about the organization, please contact Helen Rados at 845-866-2565 or hrados@gmail.com

How Deer in Grahamsville Get Winterized - By Peggy DeWine

Our whitetail deer were enjoying the first snowstorm of the season. I watched yearlings frolicking around their family herds until they drifted deeper into the woods. Whitetails had prepared for winter in three main ways.

The first is to grow heavier, darker fur coats with each hair hollow to trap warm air next to the body for insulation. This keeps a warm-blooded animal's body temperature fairly constant, regardless of the surrounding weather.

All North American deer do this, from the biggest - a moose at seven feet tall and 1800 pounds - to the smallest - a Florida Key Deer at two feet tall and 50 pounds. The very littlest deer in the world today is the rabbit deer or Pudu that lives in the Andes Mountains of South America. It is one foot tall and weighs 20 pounds and it is the most prolific of the deer as it can have up to seven young at a time, though its usual is five fawns.

The second winter readiness is when male deer lose their antlers after the mating season and rejoin family herds in "deer yards" when snow is deep. The outstanding feature of whitetail bucks is the antlers which are shed in winter and regrown completely six months later. This regrowth puts an enormous strain on the buck's vitality since a large pair of antlers can be a fifth of total body weight.

Female caribou or reindeer are the only ones in the deer family that grow antlers. In Asia two species of primitive deer have no antlers.

True deer that grew deciduous antlers first appeared about ten million years ago. They were cat-size mammals with clawed feet. One line stayed in Europe and became the Red Deer group.

Another line migrated from Asia a million years ago across the Bering Straits and became the New World of moose, elk, caribou and white tail deer.

Today there are thirty-two kinds of deer worldwide divided into four sub-families. Our whitetail belongs to Cervinae.

In China, a small primitive deer in another sub-family lives along waterways. It has no antlers but does have long vicious incisor tusks. It can eat fish.

The third way Grahamsville deer prepare for winter is to alter its digestive system to handle the seasonal change in diet from green leaves and grass to tree buds, twigs and moss.

Whitetails took a million years to perfect their winterizing tricks of growing heavier coats, shedding antlers and digesting seasonal diets. But they did it so well that they survive comfortably all over the United States.

Household Hints

Vinegar for your Hair

It's Winter and the White Flakes on your black sweater aren't snow, fight dandruff by mixing 2 tablespoons each apple cider vinegar, water and flax or olive oil and massage into scalp, shampooing out after 15-20 minutes.

Condition hair. Add a tablespoon of vinegar to dissolve sticky residue left by shampoo.



Mysterious Book Report No. 79

by John Dwaine McKenna



Happy New Year to you and yours. I'm looking forward to a year filled with new and exciting thrillers, mysteries, and whodunits of every kind; from police procedurals to courtroom dramas, from hard case crime to a couple of science fictions, we'll review them all . . . and throw in few surprises too. I'm itching to get going, so come along, the Mysterious Book Report is just getting started for 2013. Hop on . . . it's gonna be a great fun ride.

I wanted to start the New Year with something exceptional, something truly outstanding and memorable. I found it in crime fiction; it's the follow-up to last year's hit, *The Given Day*.

The title is *Live By Night*, (Wm. Morrow, \$27.99, 402 pages, ISBN # 978-0-06-000487-3) by the incomparable Dennis Lehane, who is fast becoming one of my preferred authors. The book is historical fiction and begins in 1920, just as the Volstead Act, Prohibition, went into effect. The protagonist is Joe Coughlin, the third son of Thomas Coughlin; a prominent captain in the Boston Police Department with ambitions of one day being the commissioner; whose youngest son has chosen a life of crime. The action moves at lightning speed from Boston to prison to

Tampa, Florida, where Joe Coughlin gets set up with the Pescatore organized crime family and becomes the controller of rum from New Orleans Louisiana, to Charleston, South Carolina and all points in between. Joe becomes an Irish prince in a Sicilian mob, wealthy beyond his wildest dreams. But an ongoing personality conflict with another gangster named Albert White, a rival for the affections of a woman named Emma Gould, keeps coming back to bite him . . . and may ultimately cost Coughlin his life.

This one has it all: sex, booze, bullets, fast cars and boats, beautiful women, unrequited love, bombast and machine gun fights . . . all set against one of America's most colorful decades.

What's not to love? If you only read one book this year, I'd suggest *Live By Night*. Yeah. It's that good. Lehane just gets better and better. Don't miss it.

Don't miss visiting your local library. It's your chance to associate with the great minds of the world. Give it a shot. You'll be glad you did. It's free.

Hey . . . I hope you get a chance to check out my website: johndwainemckenna.com or the dynamic: rhyolitepress.com

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Read a book! One good reader is worth a thousand boneheads . . . maybe more. We'll see you next week with another new and fascinating MBR.

--JDM

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The "Healthy Smiles" initiative is a fun and educational program that teaches dental health education to elementary school children. Developing proper dental care habits at an early age helps children get a good start on a lifetime of healthy teeth.

"Dental health education is important for children at such a young age," said Dr Cecilia Escarra, Program Administrator. "It's important to promote healthy eating patterns and to minimize risk of decay or other diseases. We are grateful that First Niagara is supporting our program."

Incorporated in 1998, PRASAD CDHP is a certified New York State Department of Health Article 28 Clinic and School Based Health Center, approved to operate within New York State schools.

Since incorporation, PRASAD CDHP has served more than 68,000 children at different community and school sites in Sullivan and Ulster counties.

"We are glad to support a program that is so highly aware of their needs," said Dianne Brady, First Niagara Branch Manager, Liberty. "The PRASAD CDHP encourages and teaches positive behavior for optimal dental health practices and First Niagara is proud to contribute to that."

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January Registration for Pageant

Registration for the 2013 Sullivan County Pageant will take place Sunday, January 13 at 1 p.m. at the Villa Roma Resort Conference room.

Information and applications will be processed at that time. On Sunday January 27, also at 1 p.m. at the same location applications must be finalized along with payment of the entry fee and photo needs must be submitted. The Pageant is far from a beauty contest, encouraging ladies from 5 and up

who reside in Sullivan County to go out and make a difference by not only being recognized in the county for their title but for volunteering. The entry fee is \$75 with \$5 of each entry fee donated to United Way of Sullivan County.

Contestants will compete in the six following categories:

Age 5-6 "Little Miss Sullivan County 2013"

Age 7-8 "Young Miss Sullivan County 2013"

Age 9-12 "Miss Pre-Teen Sullivan County 2013"

Age 13-17 "Miss Teen Sullivan County 2013"

Age 18-24 "Miss Sullivan County 2013"

Age 25-26 "Ms. Sullivan County 2013"

The theme for the 2013 Pageant is "She's Gone Country" and contestants will compete in western wear, evening gowns and also in an onstage interview.

The Pageant is accepting donated gowns for the contestants prior to the event to help cut costs.

Rehearsal dates at the Villa Roma are scheduled for Sunday March 3 at 1 p.m., Sunday March 10 at 1 p.m. and Sunday March 24 for the mandatory dress rehearsal at 1 p.m. The Pageant will be held Saturday, March 30 at 1 p.m. at the Villa Roma. Admission is \$7 and under 5 free.

The reigning 2012 Pageant queens are Ms. Sullivan County Bridgette Kleinberger, Anna Rose Mongiello Miss Sullivan County, Marina Lopez Braddock Miss Teen Sullivan County, Stephanie Krom Miss Pre-Teen Sullivan County and Anabella Wagner Young Miss Sullivan County.

Jane Malara and Elizabeth Brown are the Pageant co-directors.

Those wishing to become pageant sponsors or donate gift certificates to the pageant winners or contestants wanting additional information may contact Elizabeth Brown at 845-798-7009. Pageant email is sullivancountypageant@yahoo.com

Third Annual Nonprofit Leadership Summit at Bethel Woods

BETHEL-The Steering Committee of the Nonprofit Leadership Summit planning team is pleased to announce that the 2013 summit will take place at Bethel Woods Center for the Arts on Wednesday, March 6th. This is the third annual summit bringing together regional leaders from the wide-ranging not-for-profit community to foster collaboration, advocacy and innovation.


"The success of the past two summits is what keeps us motivated," said Amanda Langseder, one of three co-chairs for the event. "The summit has helped transform a large group of varied nonprofit organizations into a cooperative network, willing to work together to contribute to the growth, sustainability and vibrancy of our region." The previous summits have produced many positive outcomes, including related events that have grown out of the summits, such as the Sullivan County Board Fair, Nonprofit Coffee Hours, a consortium of the cultural organizations that is partnering with business and tourism to further position the region as a cul-

tural destination.

"We're proud of all the summit has accomplished in two short years and we're excited about all the possibilities it has unleashed," noted Karen Van Houten Minogue of the Community Foundation of Orange and Sullivan, who is also co-chairing this year's event. "I'm also very optimistic about the spin-off initiatives that have resulted from bringing our non-profits together."

This year's event will also usher in the exciting announcement of the winner of the First Nonprofit Innovation Award. The award recognizes local nonprofit organizations that have developed innovative ways to produce demonstrable results and benefits to the community at large. A panel of judges will select the winner of the \$5,000 award. Two runners-up will each receive \$500.

The annual summit offers participants a comprehensive day of professional development, leadership training and networking, while bringing to light the significant value of the nonprofit sector in the county's development and long-term prosperity. The Steering Committee is hard at work planning the day's agenda to make this summit the most exciting and productive to date. (Contd. Pg 12)



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Nickels and Dimes

Nickels and dimes. That is the new way industries and businesses have decided to raise their dollars. On a recent flight on an airline that will go nameless, I experienced the "nickel and diming" game. I will call this airline "Separated" rather than its real name. "Separated" fits the seating arrangements. Families with young children were placed in rows not even in "shushing" distance. The plane was full except for the "upgraded seats." Seats with more leg room cost \$59. or \$69. to occupy. The airline provided some beverage, but charged for their snack packs or sandwiches. At \$7.95 for cheese and crackers, the snack box was mainly paper, cardboard and plastic surrounding minute amounts of processed cheese and crackers. The airline even charged to see their Direct TV satellite programs. \$7.95 to watch a movie and see TV that is free on all home sets.

It isn't just airlines that are "nickeling and diming" us. Restaurants, rather than raising prices, have separated their dinners into appetizers, salads, bread, entrees, and desserts and coffee. Salads and bread used to be expected with an entree. Now it is all a la carte. An entree of \$19.99 can easily approach \$30. adding up the side dishes.

Shipping and handling is another way to increase the purchase price of an item. Sometimes the item costs less than the shipping charges. If you return an item, don't be surprised to be hit with a restocking fee.

I prefer the way things used to be. Charge me \$10. more but give me the full package. There is something degrading about being "nickeled and dimed" to death. It is a matter of attitude. The feeling of getting value for your money, even if the cost is the same, leaves a better feeling than being charged for each little aspect of a product.

Beyond December 21st!

- L. Comando, Ph. D.

Around 5,000 people gathered at Stonehenge on Friday, December 21, 2012 for a party marking the winter solstice and the end of the 5,124-year cycle of the Mayan calendar, while others were worrying what would happen if the world ended! Well, we all know that didn't happen, which could only mean the beginning of a new cycle, and we got to celebrate a Merry Christmas once again!

For years people have gathered at Stonehenge, and other places around the world to witness the Winter Solstice. The word solstice is derived from the Latin words sol (sun) and sistere (to stand still), because at the solstices, the Sun stands still in declination; that is, the seasonal movement of the Sun's path (as seen from Earth) comes to a stop before reversing direction. Therefore, it appears to stand still for several days.

Many different cultures recognize the annual event through holidays, festivals, rituals and celebrations. This year, the winter solstice was even more significant, as it coincided with a total lunar eclipse for the first time since 1638.

Since the winter solstice lasts only a moment in time, other terms are often used for to name the day on which it occurs, such as "midwinter", "the longest night", "the shortest day" or "the first day of winter". Worldwide, interpretation of the event varies from culture to culture, but most Northern Hemisphere cultures have continued the recognition of rebirth or return of the light, or sun.

Now that the 2012 Winter Solstice and Christmas 2012 have become history and we are looking toward the days getting longer there is another festivity on the horizon, January 6, the Epiphany, commonly known as Twelfth Night, Twelfth Day, Three Kings' Day, or the Feast of Epiphany, that commemorates the manifestation of Christ to the gentiles. Epiphany means "appearance" or "showing forth". It is also called Theophany ("manifestation of God"), especially by Eastern Christians. Epiphany refers not only to the day itself but to the church season that follows it - a season that has a varied length because it ends when Lent begins, and this depends on the date of Easter.

The word epiphany is commonly linked in Western Christianity with the visit of the wise men (Magi) to the Christ child. Through the Magi, Christ revealed himself to the gentiles. In Eastern Christianity, Epiphany puts emphasis on the baptism of Jesus by John, with Christ revealing himself to the world as God's own Son. Likewise, on Epiphany some denominations commemorate Jesus' miracle of turning water into wine, signifying the manifestation of Christ's divinity as well.

In some European countries, such as the Czech Republic and Slovakia, children dress as the three kings and visit houses on January 6th, singing and paying homage to the "king of kings". They are rewarded with praise and cookies.

Dia de los Reyes Magos is the Latin American celebration of Epiphany. In many Latin American countries, it is the three wise men and not Santa Claus who bring gifts for children.

In France Le Jour des Rois (the Day of Kings), sometimes called the Fête des Rois, is celebrated with parties for children and adults. The galette des rois, or "cake of kings", highlights these celebrations.

Children in Spain fill their shoes with straw or grain for the three kings' horses to eat and place them on balconies or by the front door on Epiphany Eve. The next day they find cookies, sweets or gifts in their place. The "three kings" make an entry in many cities in Spain on Epiphany Eve, accompanied by military bands and drummers in medieval dress.

Epiphany is one of the oldest Christian feasts. It

has been celebrated since the end of the second century, before the Christmas holiday was established.

Almost two-thousand years before the birth of Christ, the Egyptians celebrated the winter solstice (which then occurred on January 6) with a tribute and celebration of the birth of the god Aenon (Ænon is a Greek word coming from a Hebrew term "ay-yin". It means "spring" or "natural fountain".) A vigil was held for Proserpina on the eve of January 5th, commemorating her giving virgin birth to the Aenon.

Interestingly, the Gospel of John (3:23) refers to Enon near Salim as the place where John the Baptist performed baptisms in the River Jordan, "because there was much water there".

And far to the north, where the geography is a little different, the Norse celebrated the festival of "Yule" (later: "Christmastime") at the same time as the winter solstice.

Jul, the celebration of the Norse New Year, is a festival of 12 nights. This is the most important of all the Norse holidays. The ancients believed that on the night of December 20, the god Ingvi Freyr rode over the earth on the back of his shining boar, bringing Light and Love back into the World. In later years, after the influence of Christianity, first the god Baldur, then Jesus, was reborn at this festival. Jul signifies the beginning and end of all things; the darkest time (shortest hours of daylight) during the year and the brightest hope re-entering the world. During this festival, the Wild Hunt is at its greatest fervor. The god Odin is the leader of this Wild Ride; charging across the sky on his eight-legged horse, Sleipnir; a very awe-inspiring vision. In ancient times, Germanic and Norse children would leave their boots out by the hearth on Solstice Eve, filled with hay and sugar, for Sleipnir's journey. In return, Odin would leave them a gift for their kindness. In modern times, Sleipnir was changed to reindeer and the grey-bearded Odin became the kindly Santa Claus.

While doing my Christmas shopping this year, I made a point of wishing all Merry Christmas. Why not? The malls and shops were certainly decorated for Christmas, weren't they? Wouldn't it be hypocritical not to wish people a Merry Christmas especially when less than a week before, we weren't absolutely certain that there would be another Christmas?

But we did survive the end of the Mayan Calendar. The Earth, the Sun and the Moon are still here and nothing seems too different. There is still the same awe and wonder of what the future has in store for us.

Culture and traditions may change, but one thing that we know for sure, the sun that will rise tomorrow morning is the same sun that rose on our ancestors in the past and will still be shining for the great-grandchildren of our own grandchildren.

What a gift! Another chance. Now we can all stop worrying for at least for the next 5,124 years!

Have a happy, healthy, prosperous and bright New Year!

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Sullivan County - The Catskill Nordic Ski Club recently finalized its schedule for the upcoming ski season.

The club offers informal guided cross-country ski trips on some of Sullivan County's most beautiful trails. Most of the trips are free, except where noted, and last about two hours.

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Ulster County Executive Mike Hein and Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro jointly announced a shared services agreement between the two counties to address the soaring, state mandated costs of providing legal defense counsel to indigent clients. The County Executives have forged a cooperative agreement to garner a level of cost containment over a State mandated expense that has now reached a combined total of nearly \$3.9 million annually in Ulster and Dutchess counties, while maintaining high quality representation.

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lished by New York State in a process referred to as "assigned counsel". The skyrocketing cost, coupled with decreased program aid from New York State, has placed a significant additional burden on counties to cover the cost of this mandated service. In 2011, the system of providing representation cost Ulster County taxpayers \$1,345,653 while Dutchess County taxpayers spent \$2,540,000.

"Governments at every level must learn to work past political differences and municipal boundaries to focus on delivering results for the people. I am confident that the citizens of Ulster and Dutchess will benefit from this innovative collaboration," said Ulster County Executive Hein.

County Executive Hein continued, "Not only does this pilot program represent a \$175,000 savings for Ulster County's taxpayers, it represents a \$300,000 total savings for our region's taxpayers, all while those in need continue to receive high quality legal representation. This is truly a win/win collaboration, and we both look forward to working our respective Legislatures to make it a reality."

Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro said, "This agreement is the first of its kind in New York State for County Public Defender's Offices and represents exactly the type of cooperative partnerships we need to embrace if we are to be successful in our

efforts to deliver smaller, smarter government to our taxpayers. I am grateful to Public Defender Tom Angell for seeking out new and better ways to meet our residents' needs, while reducing costs. We were very pleased to bring this plan to Ulster County and appreciate the support and cooperation of County Executive Hein to make this partnership a reality."

Ulster County Public Defender Andrew Kossover added, "I want to thank both County Executive Hein and County Executive Molinaro for this innovative, cooperative approach to a fiscal problem that is plaguing counties throughout the State. I am excited to take part in this shared service arrangement, and look forward to working with Dutchess County's Public Defender Thomas Angell."

Dutchess County Public Defender Thomas Angell noted, "This new arrangement will permit each of our Public Defender Offices to create cost efficiencies while at the same time increasing the quality of legal services provided. I look forward to this new partnership with Ulster County Public Defender's Office. Our clients will better served by having access to full time defenders as well as the investigators, social workers and outside resources that our respective Public Defender Offices can provide."

The one year agreement unveiled today will be a pilot program in County Court, City of Kingston Court and Town of Ulster Court in Ulster County; and County Court and City of Poughkeepsie Court in Dutchess County.

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Happy Birthday Vera!
Vera Atkins of Neversink turned 90 on December 12, 2012 (12/12/12). Her daughter, Marilyn Laufer and a group of family and friends fêted her that day at a luncheon to celebrate the occasion. The party was held at the Meeting Hall of the Grahamsville Methodist Church, where Vera is a life-long member and congregant. Attending the event, in addition to Vera, was her daughter, Marilyn Laufer, friends Betty Jefferson (co-coordinator), Dottie Eckerson, Lee Ellis (who gifted a beautiful floral centerpiece from her shop in Jeffersonville), Lucie De Vore, Marge Lella, Brenda Cook, Jean Helthaler, son-in-law, Hesh Laufer, Hilde Koch, and Gloria Wagenknacht. A beautiful cake was created by Linda Manzolillo of "Cakes by Linda". Vera is a long-time (now a some-time) contributor of her original poetry to the Townsman. She is a long-time member of the Alchemy Club, a poetry group that meets monthly in Grahamsville. Vera's mother, Beatrice Ackerly, was also a poetry contributor to the newspaper. She was the author of the column, "Looking Back," reminiscences about her youth and young adult years in the area.

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It Looks Like Spring in December



Just before Christmas Bob Drown was able to add a few miles to his Wayback Machine. He and Cooper took advantage of the sunshine on a "spring-like" day to the Barkely farm in Divines Corners. The scene has changed a bit this week, and now more like the scene should, a Winter Wonderland!



Marge Lella, Marilyn Laufer, Gloria Wagenknecht, Better Jefferson, Brenda Cook, Jean Helthaler, Dottie Eckerson, Lucille De Vore, (seated) Vera Atkins. Absent from the photo are Hilde Koch, Lee Ellis and Hesh Laufer celebrate with Vera, her 90th birthday.
Happy Birthday Vera!

Catskill Mountain Doll Club Presents Gift Baskets for Safe Passage



Catskill Mountain Doll Club members (left to right) Margaret Lindsley, Marilyn Laufer, and Janet LeRoy presented holiday gift baskets on behalf of the club for distribution at Safe Passage in Liberty. Accepting for her organization were Director Donna Pennine (right), and Sarah Cooper (not pictured).


Members of the Catskill Mountain Doll Club created holiday gift baskets which were presented to Safe Passage in Liberty, N.Y. for distribution to victims of domestic violence, for whom Safe Passage is an advocate. (Anyone needing their services is urged to call on their 24-hour hotline at 845-292-5700.) The Catskill Mountain Doll Club meets monthly in Liberty to share their interest in dolls and doll-related activities. Prospective new members are invited to attend a meeting and explore the possibility of joining the group. For information about the club please call (845) 292-6628.

Youth Project with Etched Glass at Extension
LIBERTY- Back by popular demand, Second Saturdays Craft Class for youth returns to Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County. Learn how to etch glass using simple techniques on everyday glassware this January 12th 2013 from 10 am- Noon. Class will be held at the Gerald J. Skoda Extension

Education Center on 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road in Liberty. Pre-registration by January 9th, 2013 is required to hold your seat in class, by calling 845-292-6180. A \$5 fee covers the cost of supplies. Bring your own drinking glass from home or purchase one at class for an additional \$1. This 4-H class is open to all community youth age 5-19, but children under 10 must bring an adult to assist them. Parents and youth group leaders are also welcome to attend.

Live Music Event: Woodsongs Coffeehouse

Now entering into it's fourth successful season, the Woodsongs Coffee-house will open on Saturday, January 5th, 2013 from 6-9:00 pm at the Sullivan County Museum in Hurleyville, New York. The featured musicians will be singer/songwriter Rick Nestler, Van Manakas and acoustic duo Steve Schwartz and Antoine Magliano.



Rick Nestler (featured performer) is a singer/songwriter who has performed with Pete Seeger and has written and recorded many songs. His repertoire includes folk material, traditional songs, protest songs, love songs, and country ballads. He is a seasoned performer who will deliver a solid evening of enjoyable and stimulating music. He penned "The River that Flows Both Ways" which was recorded by Pete Seeger on his album "Pete Seeger's Family Concert." Visit his website at <http://www.ricknestler.com>

Guitar virtuoso/multi instrumentalist Van Manakas is known for his work as a top Nashville musician. Van is renowned for his on-stage work and on numerous major recordings in bluegrass, country and swing music, as well as jazz and pop. He sings and plays guitar, fiddle, dobro, mandolin and recently released a CD "Leavin' Tennessee" featuring Butch Baldassari, Byron House, Stuart Duncan and Bobby Hicks. Visit his website at <http://vanmanakas.com/>

Steve Schwartz, guitarist (of Steve's Music in Rock Hill) will be performing an acoustic set with Antoine Magliano on vocals, guitar and dobro. Antoine is the long time WJFF host of the show "Strings Attached", which airs on thursdays from 12 - 1pm. The evening will be hosted by the Sullivan County americana band Little Sparrow, featuring Aldo Troiani, Carol Smith, Lynn Reno, Kurt Knuth and Lester Wilson. Visit them on Facebook - <http://www.facebook.com/pages/LittleSparrow/106454596069509> Join us for a great evening of live americana and folk music, Saturday evening, January 5th 6-9:00pm! Admission is \$5 suggested donation. Coffee, tea and fresh baked goods will be available. The Sullivan County Museum is located at 265 Main Street, Hurleyville, New York. For directions please visit our website <http://www.sullivancountyhistory.org/> or call 845 434-8044 or 845 671-9548.

Rally Against Fracking
Catskill Mountainkeeper Woodstock is organizing carpools and vans for everyone who wants to attend the upcoming Rally Against Fracking at Governor Cuomo's State of the State address in Albany on **January 9th, 2013**. We are delivering our call to ban fracking to the Governor at this event in order to make clear that New York's future depends on our protecting our clean water, beautiful landscapes, and sustainable businesses from fracking. We will meet at Enterprise Rental on Route 9W in Kingston at 8:30 am and pick up riders at the McDonald's near the entrance to I-87 North in Saugerties at 9:00 am. We plan to arrive in Albany before 11 am and will leave around 3 pm, returning via Saugerties and Kingston. We will ask for donations to help with gas and tolls. Reservations are essential to make sure that we have enough space for everyone! If you are interested in carpooling or taking our van to this event, or simply want more information regarding hydrofracking in New York, please call 845-679-8423 or email kathy@catskillmountainkeeper.org



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Fallsburg BCE Winners of Peace Poster Contest (From Pg. 1)



In the picture are Fallsburg Junior/Senior High School Principal Michael Williams, 7th grader Victoria Langeland, art teacher Tobie Magnetico, and Lions Club International 20-0 District Peace Poster Chair Ilene Wizwer. Victoria is the Fallsburg Jr/Sr High School seventh grade winner for the Annual Lions International District Peace Poster Contest sponsored Town of Fallsburg Lions Club.

Holiday Spirits!



The cast of "The Little Town of Christmas", presented by the Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop, directed by Bunny Woloszczak, entertained well over 150 adults and children at the Sullivan County Museum this past weekend. The show was followed by the SCDW annual meeting for members at which all current office holders were reelected and two new Board members were seated - Lillian Tighe and Christopher Sheridan.

SUNY Sullivan Presents Berlioz's Les Troyens-Part of the 2012-2013 The Met: Live in HD Series

SUNY Sullivan opens the 2013 portion of this year's Met: Live in HD schedule with a simulcast of Hector Berlioz's Les Troyens. The first opera in January, this performance will show on Saturday the 5th, at 12:55 pm.

With production by Francesca Zambello, the Trojan War epic comes to life for its revival on the Met stage. Fabio Luisi conducts, and the cast features Marcello Giordani as Aeneas, the hero who flees the ruins of Troy for a new set of challenges in the North African kingdom of Carthage. Deborah Voigt performs the role of cursed Trojan prophetess Cassandra. In her Met debut, Susan Graham plays Dido, the noble but heartbroken Queen of Carthage. Les Troyens has an approximate run time of 300 minutes.

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Annual Youth Big Buck Contest for 2012

Anthony Celano, age 15, shot a 145 lb, 7 pointer on October 6, 2012, while accompanied by Butch Kortright, President of the Sullivan County Long Beards, NYS NWTF and Valerie Luddemann, owner of Vals Guns in Livingston Manor.

He used a 30-06 Remington. He is the winner of .22 250 Camo Savage with a bolt action.

Anthony also received a free mount from Tim Kautz of TK Taxidermy on Route 52 in Youngsville.

Educational Exhibit on Vietnam Veterans Display at SUNY Ulster's Business Resource Center

SUNY Ulster presents "The Second Front: Vietnam," an educational display presenting the challenges faced by veterans suffering from PTSD, on exhibit in the lobby of the Business Resource Center (BRC) through Jan. 10, 2013.

The forensic-style exhibition is sponsored by the SUNY Ulster Mid-Hudson Health and Safety Institute and on loan from The Lewis Henry Morgan Institute, SUNY-IT, Utica. The exhibit is made possible through funding by the National Highway Safety Administration with a grant from the New York State Governor's Traffic Safety Committee.

Combat veterans from the Vietnam era and their families provided their narratives for the exhibit to explain the "Second Front" and the issues that combat veterans faced on the roadway when they returned, not knowing they had PTSD. The panel exhibit also addresses the issues of impaired driving and drinking alcohol to alleviate the symptoms of PTSD.

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County Exec Mike Hein Signs UC Solid Waste Management "Flow Control" Law-

(From Pg. 1) Hein continued, "It spurs competition and small business development, honestly addresses the RRA's \$23 million debt and helps to protect our environment. Though this law is not a panacea for past challenges at the RRA, I hope today does spur the additional Legislative action needed for a more comprehensive solution to the solid waste issues facing our community." Ulster County's Flow Control Law will ensure the reliable delivery of waste to the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency (RRA), allowing the system to operate on a strictly fee-for-service basis.

With flow control, costs for waste disposal will be distributed proportionately and fairly among those who generate waste. Flow control is designed to help the environment, ensure stable rates over time and create an equal playing field for all private haulers. It will also enable the RRA to ensure proper disposal of recyclable materials. This law provides a foundation for improved long term solid waste management planning, as the RRA will be able to monitor the flow of trash.

According to Ulster County Legislator Ken Wisnick, "Most residents do not know that Ulster County property taxpayers have been subsidizing RRA operations by \$200,000 a month. Most of that subsidy was due to the deep discounts given only to the large corporate garbage companies. The flow control law is far from ideal, but it will result in ALL private garbage collectors paying the same rates and shift the full cost of garbage disposal from taxpayers to those who dispose of garbage. I believe this makes for good public policy."

"I am happy that the County Executive and the Legislature have agreed to end the taxpayer subsidies of the Resource Recovery Agency and make it a more equitable option for all residents and businesses of Ulster County," said Ulster County Legislator Carl Belfiglio, Chair of the Environment, Energy and Technology Committee.

DEP and Delaware County Employees Honored for their Hurricane Sandy Recovery Efforts- Volunteers Brought Critical Equipment to New York City and helped removed downed trees and pump flood water (From Pg. 1)

New York City Environmental Protection Commissioner Carter Strickland last week honored 52 DEP upstate employees and six members of the Delaware County Department of Public Works for their exemplary work in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy. The high winds and record storm surge that accompanied the Hurricane resulted in tens of thousands of downed trees, nearly half a million people without electricity and flooding to critical infrastructure throughout New York City and the work of the honorees helped some of the hardest-hit communities in the city begin the recovery from the historic storm. Commissioner Strickland was joined by DEP Chief Operating Officer Kathryn Garcia and Deputy Commissioner for Water Supply Paul Rush at the ceremony, which was held this past Friday at the DEP Facility in Downsville.

"The winds and storm surge of Hurricane Sandy devastated portions of New York City and thankfully we were able to mobilize these staff and resources from upstate to aid in the recovery effort," said Commissioner Strickland. "We are grateful to Supervisor Eisel and Delaware County for their support in this effort and for the extraordinary dedication of all the volunteers that helped New York City begin its recovery."

"Delaware County was proud to help New York City residents recover from damage left in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy," said Delaware County Board of Supervisors chairman James Eisel. "We were fortunate to have the help of New York City after Hurricane Irene and the June 2006 flood damaged many of the county's homes and businesses. After each of these devastating storms, Delaware County and New York City have shown that true partners work together best in times of need."

Immediately after the storm, two teams of upstate workers were deployed to New York City to assist in areas that were most affected by the storm. The first team - known as Task Force Godwin for the industrial sized pumps they operated - arrived in New York City on October 30th and worked continuously to remove flood water from several critical locations over the span of seven days. They helped to pump out Manhattan's Battery Underpass, a sewage pump station in Brooklyn, and a City Department of Education facility.

The second team - known as Task Force Chipper - worked with the New York City Parks Department to remove trees and limbs that had fallen on power lines, homes and across streets in some of the hardest hit neighborhoods in Queens. Its members arrived in New York City on November 1st and worked continuously for over two weeks, returning home on November 16th. In response, many Queens residents wrote letters

to thank the task force for its quick and professional work. Task Force Chipper included six employees from the Delaware County Department of Public Works, which volunteered its manpower and equipment to help with the tree removal. Their assistance underscored a longstanding partnership between DEP and Delaware County that dates back decades. During previous storms that flooded upstate communities, DEP had sent employees based in New York City to help pump out basements and homes in Delaware County.

Additionally, as the storm approached, upstate staff from DEP's Bureau of Water Supply quickly set up an emergency operations center to ensure reliable communications and prepared generators and key facilities throughout the watershed. As the storm made landfall on October 29th, many of these employees worked around the clock to ensure New Yorkers had a high quality water supply and to remove trees from city roads across the watershed.

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 almost 1,000 scientists, engineers, surveyors, watershed maintainers and others 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 over \$13 billion in investments planned over the next 10 years that will create up to 3,000 construction-related jobs per year.

City Transfers 815 Acres to State for More Recreational Use

New York City will convey title to an 815-acre property located in the Town of Windham to New York State for expanded recreational use, NYC Department of Environmental Protection Commissioner Carter Strickland and NYS Department of Environmental Conservation Commissioner Joe Martens announced today.

DEP and DEC have worked cooperatively over several years to transfer ownership since DEC expressed interest in managing the property for recreational use consistent with watershed protection. The site was selected due to the extensive network of pre-existing dirt roads that are suitable for biking and other recreational opportunities.

DEC will seek to manage the property as "Wild Forest" that will allow for activities that will help foster positive relationships among the City's watershed partners due to its location just outside the Catskill Park. The 59-lot property was acquired by the City in 2002 and 2005 under its Land Acquisition Program to protect water quality for more than nine million New Yorkers. Following this mandate, DEC's protocols will ensure that water quality protection is maintained. DEC will solicit public input regarding future recreational uses as part of its Unit Management Plan process.

"New York City tap water continues to be among the highest quality and best tasting in the world thanks in part to the Land Acquisition Program that protects the water at its source," said DEP Commissioner Carter Strickland. "Transferring this property to state management provides a unique opportunity to enhance recreation and tourism opportunities for the Town of Windham and the surrounding Catskills while doing so in a manner that will not compromise the water supply."

DEC Commissioner Joseph Martens said, "DEC has worked collaboratively with NYC DEP to open up watershed lands to greater public use, consistent with meeting water quality goals. The transfer of Mt. Hayden will enable DEC to provide outstanding public recreational opportunities, including hiking and mountain biking on this property."

Town of Windham Supervisor Stephen Walker said, "The town is interested in pursuing more trails for mountain biking, cross-country skiing and other recreation activities. It's been a pleasure working with DEP and DEC toward those mutual interests."

Under DEP's ownership the property had been open for recreational uses instead of development as it was slated for prior to the City's acquisition. As part of the transfer, DEC plans to designate the property as a "Detached Forest Preserve" property and will maintain the property in a manner that protects water quality while allowing watershed residents and visitors to enjoy the land.

Protected as "forever wild," New York's Forest

Preserve lands have exceptional scenic, recreational and ecological value. Rugged mountain peaks, remote lakes and ponds, millions of acres of unfragmented forests, and hundreds of miles of trails provide ample opportunity for many types of recreation while providing a variety of habitats for plants and wildlife. Striking a balance between recreational use and resource protection, the Catskill Forest Preserve is achieved through a park-wide land classification system and individual unit management plans. With the transfer, DEC will assume tax and stewardship obligations.

Watershed protection is widely considered the best way of maintaining high quality drinking water in the long term. New York City's program, one of the most comprehensive in the world, has been so successful at protecting the integrity of New York City's water supply that the United States Environmental Protection Agency awarded the city a 10-year Filtration Avoidance Determination (FAD) in 2007. Since the beginning of the FAD, New York City has committed \$541 million to purchase land to protect its unfiltered drinking water which supplies roughly half the population of New York State.

The 2007 FAD requires the city to continue an active Land Acquisition Program, focusing on properties selected for their water quality protection benefits. The city only acquires land and easements from willing sellers, and pays fair market value based on independent appraisals. DEP has made unprecedented efforts to balance water quality preservation with the interests and economic vitality of watershed communities, and has agreed to avoid acquisitions in and around existing hamlets where towns have designated such properties as important for their future growth. The success of New York City's Watershed Protection Program is a primary reason New York City remains one of only five large cities in the United States that are not required to filter their drinking water. The other cities are Boston, Portland, San Francisco and Seattle.

The Land Acquisition Program is governed by a Water Supply Permit, which was extended for 15 years by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation in 2010. The Water Supply Permit issued by DEC allows the city to continue to acquire additional properties and conservation easements to ensure that the undeveloped, environmentally-sensitive lands in the watershed remain protected. In 2010, almost 12,000 acres were signed to contract by DEP, making it the most successful year for signing contracts since the Land Acquisition Program started in 1997.

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UC Sheriff's Office Is Awarded Re-Accreditation (From Pg. 1)

The assessor inspected the Sheriff's Office headquarters and examined equipment and personnel. He also carried out an in-depth review of policies and procedures. Finally, he assessed the managerial and operational functions within the Sheriff's Office.

As an accredited law enforcement agency, the Sheriff's Office must meet 130 individual standards set by the Accreditation Council. The Ulster County Sheriff's Office is among 142 accredited agencies within the state. The department, which also houses Ulster County's Emergency Response Team, Search & Rescue Unit and the U.R.G.E.N.T. drug and gang task force, first gained this status in 1992 under former Sheriff Michael LaPaglia and continued as an accredited agency under Sheriff J. Richard Bockelmann, predecessor to Sheriff Paul Van Blarcum. The intent of the DCJS program is to promote high standards and professionalism within the practice of law enforcement in New York.

At an awards ceremony in Albany on December 13, 2012, Sheriff VanBlarcum thanked his entire staff for their hard work and dedication.

U.S. Navy Awards Hinchey Highest Civilian Honor -Secretary Mabus Presents Congressman with Navy's Distinguished Public Service Award in Pentagon Ceremony

Arlington, VA - U.S. Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus today presented Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) with the Navy Distinguished Public Service Award in a ceremony at his office in the Pentagon. The award is the highest recognition that the Secretary of the Navy may pay to a civilian not employed by the Department of the Navy.

Hinchey, who is retiring after 20 years of service in the U.S. House of Representatives, enlisted in the United States Navy following high school and was honorably discharged after serving in the Pacific aboard the USS Marshal. He is a member of the U.S. House Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense. Hinchey also created the House Defense Energy Security Caucus, which aims to find solutions to energy challenges facing the Armed Forces and the Department of Defense.

"I appreciate Congressman Hinchey's support of the Department of the Navy's energy efforts and other initiatives that maintain readiness while ensuring quality of life for the men and women who wear the uniform of our nation," Secretary Mabus said. "He has proudly represented his fellow New Yorkers in demonstrating unfailing support of our Navy and Marine Corps team, the greatest expeditionary force the world has ever known, and this award recognizes that support."

"It is a great honor to receive the Navy Distinguished Public Service Award," Hinchey said. "I served in the U.S. Navy after high school, which enabled me as a member of Congress to understand and address the challenges and needs of our men and women in uniform. In that effort, it was a great privilege to work with Secretary Mabus and all of the distinguished leaders of our armed services. I thank the Secretary for this designation and I will cherish it forever."

Rep. Norm Dicks (D-WA) said, "My good friend, Mr. Hinchey, has been a great partner on the Defense Appropriations subcommittee toward strengthening our Navy and I congratulate him on this exceptional honor."

As a member of the U.S. House Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense, Hinchey has been a tireless advocate on behalf of the needs of the U.S. Navy. As a veteran, Hinchey has also worked diligently to ensure proper treatment and care of our uniformed men and women during and after their service, voting repeatedly to increase troop pay and strengthen health care and other benefits.

Hinchey has also played a substantial role in educating members of Congress and the public on the strategic value of utilizing sustainable energy sources for the U.S. military. As a founder of the bipartisan Defense Energy Security Caucus, Hinchey has continuously highlighted the need to strengthen emerging defense energy initiatives, including ways to limit the need for heavily targeted and dangerous fuel convoys in Afghanistan; encouraging the Department of Defense to purchase exclusively American-made photovoltaic solar panels; and, supporting an emerging advanced biofuels industry and advanced battery researchers.

Established in 1951, The Navy Distinguished Public Service Award is presented by the U.S. Secretary of the Navy to civilians for contributions or accomplishments that have had Navy-wide, or beyond, impact.

Mid-Hudson Region Awarded Total of \$92.8 Million to Support Eighty-Four Separate Projects

(Kingston, NY) - Assemblymember Kevin A. Cahill (D-Ulster, Dutchess) released the following statement today regarding the Regional Economic Development Council's announcement of funding winners:

"This injection of over 90 million dollars to the Hudson Valley will help the area reach its true potential. Region wide, the awards are an impressive mix of both the traditional tourism sector and the kind of scientific, medical, and technological fields which will aid in diversifying and therefore strengthening the economic portfolio of our area. The projects will help to improve our quality of life and create many permanent, high paying jobs.

"Specifically in Ulster County, I'm pleased that New York State has approved the Mid-Hudson Regional Economic Development Council's \$1.2 million proposal to construct the mile-long Hudson Landing Promenade along the Hudson River beginning in the City of Kingston and Ending in the Town of Ulster. This project will aid in accomplishing the shared goal of preserving the natural beauty of the scenic Hudson River, which so many, including the Hudson River Valley Greenway, have been working towards for years.

"Additionally, the \$775,000 award to create the Hudson Valley Food Hub, which will provide processing and marketing opportunities to farmers and other food producers and strengthen the area's food distribution infrastructure, has the potential to turn local artisans into nationwide brands.

"These awards bring us closer to a strong economic recovery and a more stable economic future. These resources will contribute to the foundation needed to

rebuild our economy, give local businesses the ability to thrive in a competitive global market, and encourage new development. I will continue to work to bring more state investment to the region."

Department of Environmental Protection Completes Installation of First Siphon at Gilboa Dam

The New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) announced that contractors have finished installing the first of two siphons at the Gilboa Dam. The siphon was successfully put into operation this morning. DEP has also stopped the special diversions through the Shandaken Tunnel and the operational releases from Ashokan Reservoir that allowed for the installation of the siphon.

The siphon is a metal pipe - 6 feet in diameter at its widest point - that moves water out of the reservoir, over the Dam and into the creek below the Dam. Contractors have also begun the installation of a second siphon at the Gilboa Dam. The completion date of the second siphon will depend largely on the amount of rainfall the area receives in the coming weeks.

Each siphon is capable of releasing 250 million gallons of water a day from the Schoharie Reservoir into Schoharie Creek. DEP will use the initial siphon to help prevent the reservoir from spilling, thereby allowing workers to install the second siphon.

The siphons are critical to the rehabilitation of Gilboa Dam. The Dam is currently undergoing a full-scale \$400 million rehabilitation that will include reinforcing it with 234 million pounds of concrete, reconstructing the spillway, and installing a new release tunnel around the Dam from the Schoharie Reservoir to the Schoharie Creek. Reconstruction of the Gilboa Dam is expected to be completed in 2014, while the new release tunnel is expected to be finished in 2019. The two siphons will be removed once the release tunnel is operational.

The siphons will remove water from the reservoir and allow contractors to access portions of the Dam that might otherwise be obstructed by water pouring over the spillway. The siphons will also help DEP meet its commitment of removing water from the reservoir equal to 50 percent of the snow pack during winter months, while also providing additional flood protection.

DEP manages New York 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, as well as residents of Ulster, Orange, Putnam and Westchester counties. The water comes from the Catskill, Delaware, and Croton watersheds that are located up to 125 miles from the City and include 19 reservoirs, three controlled lakes, and numerous tunnels and aqueducts. DEP has nearly 6,000 employees, including almost 1,000 scientists, engineers, surveyors, watershed maintainers and others 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 that support sustainable farming practices, environmentally sensitive economic development, and local economic opportunity. In addition, DEP has a robust capital program with over \$13 billion in investments planned over the next 10 years that will create 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.

Third Annual Nonprofit Leadership Summit at Bethel Woods (From Pg. 4)

NONPROFIT LEADERSHIP SUMMIT STEERING COMMITTEE

Honorary Committee (in formation)

Darlene Fedun - Bethel Woods Center for the Arts; ohn Galanti - Hudson Valley DataNet, LLC; Suzanne Rhulen Loughlin, Esq. - Firestorm; William Murabito, Ph.D. - SUNY Sullivan; Darrell Supak - Catskill Regional Medical Center

Steering Committee Co-Chairs:

Linda C. Hartley, Hartley Consulting, Inc.; Amanda Langseder, Cornell Cooperative Extension Karen Van Houten Minogue, Community Foundation of Orange and Sullivan

Steering Committee Vice Chairs:

Jim McIntyre, Shadowland Theatre; Outreach; Glenn Pontier, Sullivan Renaissance; Innovation Award; Carl Santos, New Hope Community; Marketing, Exhibit Tables; Whitney Schlott, Bethel Woods Center for the Arts; Host Logistics; Kaytee Warren, United Way of Sullivan County; Press and Social Media; Rayna Wendell, Hospice of Orange County; Program; Kristin Geeslin; Principle, Work Life Synergy; Assessment

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Ramsay Adams, Catskill Mountain Keeper; Kathy Geary, artist; Now & Then, WJFF; Evadne Giannini; Principle, Hospitality Green; Sue Diamond, Strategic Marketing; Maria Ingrassia, SUNY Sullivan; Irene M. Jones, Marshall & Sterling; Kathy Kreiter, Sullivan County Federation for the Homeless; Tannis Kowalchuk, NAAC - North American Cultural Laboratory; Wade Lawrence, Museum at Bethel Woods; Caryn Mathews, RSVP; Valerie Masi, Catskill Art Society; Kathy Meckle, BOCES; Beth Murray, SUNY Sullivan; Brenda Patton, NYSEG; Gary M. Schuster, Esq.; Jacobowitz & Gubits LLP Gladys Walker, CACHE

POLITICAL SLANT

By Frank Comando

FISCAL CLIFF RESOLUTION

Middle and lower-income taxpayers are the main beneficiaries of the fiscal-cliff deal, but there are other winners-and losers-of the last-minute scramble to avert scheduled tax increases and spending cuts. The gridlock leading up to the deal dimmed the country's already dim view of Congress. Lawmakers aren't going to get the grand deficit-reduction bargain they had hoped for. And although an economic crisis may have been averted, the final deal sets the stage for another debt-ceiling showdown.

WINNERS:

'Middle-Class' Taxpayers. With the Bush tax cuts set to extend for individuals making less than \$400,000, middle- and upper-middle class taxpayers can breathe a sigh of relief. The Alternative Minimum Tax will be permanently lifted to reflect inflation, sparing close to 30 million taxpayers from a tax increase. The tax relief isn't total, however: The payroll tax cut won't be extended for another year, meaning that working Americans will see their paychecks reduced in 2013. But it could have been worse.

President Obama and Vice President Biden. President Obama made the fiscal cliff negotiations all about taxes, repeating the call for tax increases on the rich and tax cuts for the middle class that helped him win reelection. Although the final deal is less than the president had hoped for, he gets to say he kept his campaign promise to protect middle-class Americans. He also gets to renew key tax cuts passed as part of his 2009 stimulus package and to extend unemployment insurance. Meanwhile, Vice President Joe Biden can revel in the crucial role he played in last-minute discussions with Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell. Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell. The wily legislator who once pledged to block President Obama at every turn has proved, once again, to be a crucial deal-maker between the White House and Congress. Initially side-lined as negotiations focused on President Obama and Speaker John Boehner, McConnell stepped forward at the last minute to help craft legislation that Republicans could support.

AARP. Seniors-and the lobbyists who represent them-won't be feeling the pain of entitlement cuts come January, despite initial insistence from Republican lawmakers that significant cuts to Medicare or Social Security be part of a fiscal cliff deal. The battle to prevent a switch to chained CPI, a metric that would reduce the growth of Social Security payments, has been won, at least for now.

LOSERS:

Deficit Hawks. Going over the fiscal cliff would have significantly reduced the deficit, combining cuts to domestic and military spending with tax hikes on pretty much everyone. The last-minute deal reached by Washington negotiators lifted taxes on the wealthiest Americans and didn't do anything to cut spending. Speaker Boehner's Plan B. Speaker Boehner's attempt to rally his caucus behind an alternate cliff deal, dubbed "Plan B," failed miserably: a bad sign of the Ohio Republican's ability to put forward an alternative that his caucus could take seriously. Boehner's plan included too many tax increases and not enough spending cuts for Republicans to stomach-and it seemed to temporarily stall negotiations.

The U.S. Treasury. The United States hit its borrowing limit on Monday, and lawmakers failed to include raising the limit as part of the cliff deal. The Treasury Department will enact what it calls "extraordinary measures" to avoid a government default, but it can only protect the nation's credit for so long. Stay tuned in the coming months for another Washington fight over whether, and how, to raise the debt ceiling.

The 1 Percent. Wealthy Americans who make their money from investments, rather than paychecks, were losers in the fiscal-cliff deal. In addition to higher income taxes, those who make above \$400,000 will now be subject to a 20 percent tax rate on their capital gains and dividends. The fiscal cliff wasn't all bad news for the wealthy, however: They can still bequeath up to \$5 million tax-free, with any additional money taxed at 40 percent. That's greater than the current 35 percent estate tax rate, but less than the 55 percent rate on assets over \$1 million that would have gone into effect without a deal.

HOLIDAY CHEER. From senators who had to fly back to Washington two days after Christmas to Hill staffers who canceled New Year's Eve plans in anticipation of a late night hammering out a deal, the fiscal-cliff negotiations cast a pall over the holiday season. And it wasn't just Washington: Americans spent the holidays wringing their hands over pending tax increases.

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

SC Sheriff Makes Arrests in Liberty

On Monday December 10, 2012, Sheriff's Deputies arrested two Liberty men in connection with an ongoing investigation into the sale of heroin on the streets of Sullivan County. Anthony Aubain, 24, of Yaun Avenue and Linval Pringle, 25, of Lincoln Place were taken into custody shortly before 4:00 PM near the exit 101 off-ramp on Sullivan Avenue in Liberty. They were traveling in a silver 2010 Dodge Charger that resembled an unmarked police car. Deputies believe the driver, Anthony Aubain, who lists his occupation as a self employed barber, may be one of the major suppliers of heroin in the area. "We are looking into Mr. Aubain's activities in Liberty, Fallsburg and Monticello", said Sheriff Mike Schiff. Deputies recovered 34 bags of heroin at the scene and an undisclosed amount of cash. Aubain was charged with Criminal Sale and Criminal Possession of a controlled substance, both Felonies. Lival Pringle was charged with Felony Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance, for acting in concert with Aubain. Both men are were arraigned and sent to the Sullivan County Jail without bail.

Sheriff Mike Schiff noted a disturbing trend since his agency's last big heroin bust on October 2, 2012. On that date, a Forestburgh man was arrested for selling heroin with the brand name "Last Dragon" stamped on it. That brand was being investigated by the Coroner's office for a possible link to several deaths involving overdoses in Sullivan County. "We are finding that the dealers are now reluctant to stamp a brand name on their heroin packets", said the Sheriff. "My gang intelligence unit has heard that the dealers are concerned they may face a manslaughter charge if someone overdoses and the heroin brand is traced back to them", he said. The heroin recovered in the Liberty arrest did not have a brand name or stamp on it.

The Village of Liberty Police assisted Sheriff's Deputies at the scene. The investigation is continuing. Anyone with information regarding illegal drug sales or other criminal activity in Sullivan County is

encouraged to call the Sheriff's confidential TIPS line at 845-807-0158.

CWC Board's next Meeting is January 8

The Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC) Board of Directors will meet Tuesday, Jan. 8 at 1 p.m. at CWC offices, 905 Main Street, Margaretville.

The Board typically meets the first Tuesday of the month, but this meeting is one week later than usual because of the New Year holiday.

Also scheduled for January 8 are several committee meetings. The public is welcome.

Information on CWC programs and projects, as well as meeting schedules and board agendas, can be found on the corporation's web site: www.cwconline.org. Inquiries are welcome Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the CWC's offices; via email at invest@cwconline.org, and by telephone, toll- free: 877-WAT-SHED (877-928-7433).

LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

To Whom It May Concern

... including the 799 people who voted to "Keep Neversink a Dry Town".

Shame on you all for infringing on the "Rights" of others! It's not just "your town"! We are all members of this community, not to mention visitors and people passing through.

You have put yourselves above all of us with your selfishness! This is the USA where we do and should have the right to choose for ourselves and not be told by others, what we can and can't sell and or purchase - Alcohol is legal to buy and sell in this county. It is not as though someone wanted to open an opium den- just to be able to sell alcohol at a restaurant in the Town of Neversink.

All of you who think that you know "the facts" and included what you perceive as being true in a previous letter to the Editor, ie - "You can bring your own bottle of wine or six pack of beer" into Eureka Market and Cafe "to enjoy with your meal" and that "most of the pizzas are takeout". You are wrong! Please check your facts before expressing them in a public letter for most everyone to read!

Perhaps the 799 people should look around and realize that just because you think that you're above everyone else, you're not!

Do you refrain from going to restaurants that do sell alcohol? If you do, that is your choice! Shame on all of you for making the decision for the people that would have made the choice for themselves to sell and purchase alcohol at Eureka Market and Cafe in "our" town of Neversink.

Think about the 'rights that are afforded you, and consider what it would be like to have those 'rights' taken away!

Please try not to be so selfish in the future!

From someone that does not consume alcohol, this letter is about our right to choose and freedom.

Sincerely,
Kathleen Neylon, Resident of the Town of Neversink
21 Gillette Road
Grahamsville, NY 12470
845-985-7848

Editor's Response:

In every election there are the winners and the losers. There are quite a few people who have expressed themselves and agree with Kathleen Neylon.

Most people think that voting is a Constitutional right, but in fact it is not.

The Constitution contains many phrases, clauses, and amendments detailing ways people cannot be denied the right to vote. Note that in all of this, though, the Constitution never explicitly ensures the right to vote, as it does the right to speech and freedom of expression.

The most basic component of freedom of expression is the right of freedom of speech that allows individuals to express themselves without interference or constraint by the government.

The 2012 election is now in the past, and there are still many who are not happy with the results, on a local, state or federal level. But all the results are the choice of the majority of the people.

Expressing individual ideas is a Constitutional right. Hopefully more people will begin to speak out and not be afraid to express themselves. That is what preserves a democracy and freedom.

For those who did not vote, and are unhappy with any of the results, remember voting is not a Constitutional right, but rather an obligation! It is a privilege, and an act of individual expression. We are in debt to those who have lost their lives to preserve our freedoms. Voting is an act of moral obligation.

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Price: \$2, \$1 ages 6-15; free age 5 and younger
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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
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The Little Church with the Big Heart
Sunday, 8:15 am Service of Holy Communion
Music by Susan and Fred Van Wagner
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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

St. Augustine's Chapel
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Holy Days 5:30 pm
Penance 9:00 am, 2nd Sunday of the month
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(embraces Fallsburg, Neversink, Sundown and Ulster Heights)
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.

Grahamsville Reformed Church
Sunday School 9:30 A.M.
Worship Service 9:30 A.M.
Rev. Paul Z. Ruter, Pastor
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Geoff and Heather Hazzard & Anthony Perito
79 North Main Street
Ellenville, New York
(845) 647-4343

LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES**TAX COLLECTOR LEGAL NOTICE:**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that I, Lisa Garigliano, Tax Collector for the Town of Neversink, County of Sullivan and the State of New York, will collect taxes according to the following schedule:

MONDAY thru FRIDAY: 9:00 AM-4:00 PM (excluding holidays) at the: TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE LOCATED IN THE NEVERSINK TOWN HALL, 273 MAIN ST. (RT. 55),

GRAHAMSVILLE, NY 12740, PHONE: (845) 985-2262 x307

SATURDAY: Neversink Town Hall on the following date: January 26, 2013 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Taxes collected until the 31st day of January, 2013 without interest. All taxes postmarked after January 31, 2013 will be subject to late penalties as listed below. **LATE PAYMENT PENALTIES ARE STRICTLY ENFORCED.**

SCHEDULE OF FEES: Jan. 1 - Jan. 31 No Penalty

Feb. 1 - Feb. 28 1% of Tax Amount

Mar. 1 - Mar. 31 2% of Tax Amount, plus \$2.00 unpaid notice fee; sent 3/2

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Lisa Garigliano, Tax Collector

TO PAY BY MAIL IN FULL: Send **ENTIRE TAX BILL** with payment to: Lisa Garigliano, Tax Collector, PO Box 307, Grahamsville, NY 12740.

• Upon receipt of payment the top portion of your tax bill will be marked paid and returned to you for your records. It is for this reason that it is **important to return the entire bill.**

INSTALLMENT PAYMENT PLAN: May be paid as follows:

• January - 50% due by 1/31/2013 at 0% interest. Send "Payment #1" stub with your check.

• February - 25% due by 2/28/2013 at 1% interest. Send "Payment #2" stub with your check.

• March - 25% due by 3/31/2013 at 2 % interest plus \$2.00 unpaid notice fee. Send entire bill.

• Receipts will be mailed to you after every payment

• *Please Note: You must make the Jan. Payment in order to participate in the installment plan.*

SOLID WASTE/RECYCLING DISPOSAL FEE: The County has imposed an annual fee to pay for solid waste/recycling disposal. This fee appears as a separate line item on your tax bill and is payable along with the tax. Please direct all questions to the County Treasurer's office at (845) 807-0200.

AFTER MARCH 31st: TAXES ARE PAYABLE TO COUNTY TREASURER; CALL (845) 807-0200 FOR AMOUNT DUE OR CONTACT THEM AT: Sullivan County Treasurer's Office, 100 North St., PO Box 5012, Monticello, NY 12701.

• If you no longer own this property, please return bill to collector with the new owner's name and address; or forward the bill to the rightful owner.

• If your address has changed, please note your correct mailing address, along with your SBL# and return it with your tax bill.

• You may obtain a duplicate tax bill/receipt or check the status of your payment via the Internet at www.taxlookup.net/neversink.

For information regarding Veteran's, Senior Citizens or Star Exemptions please contact the

Town of Neversink Assessor's Office: Bryan Delaney, Sole Assessor (845) 985-2262 x 323
Geri Gorton, Clerk (845) 985-2262 x 319

Hours are Mon. to Fri. 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. Evening hours are available, please call for an appointment. Or by Mail at: PO Box 307, Grahamsville, NY 12740.

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TAX COLLECTOR'S NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF TAX ROLL AND WARRANT

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

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

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

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

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

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that pursuant to the provisions of law, the tax roll for the Town of Denning will be returned to the Ulster County Finance Commissioner on the date of expiration of the Collector's Warrant for 2013.

Joy Ann Monforte
Tax Collector
Town of Denning
December 12th, 2012

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

**TOWN OF NEVERSINK
ORGANIZATIONAL/REGULAR MEETING
FOR THE YEAR 2013
JANUARY 9, 2013
at 7:30 PM**

Please be advised that the Organizational/Regular meeting of the Town of Neversink Town Board for the year 2013 will be held on January 9, 2013 at the Town of Neversink Town Hall at 7:30 PM.

The purpose of the meeting is to make appointments, set salaries and compensations, establish policies and procedures in addition to the Regular January meeting.

Lisa Garigliano, Town Clerk
December 13, 2012 12/13;1/3/13

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the annual inspection for 2012 of the Tri-Valley School Buildings for fire hazards which might endanger the lives of students, teachers, employees therein, has been completed and the report there of is available at the office of Tri-Valley School District for inspection by all interested persons.

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**THE TRI-VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL
DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

The Board Meeting is cancelled for
Thursday, December 20, 2012

The next scheduled meeting will be
on January 17, 2013

**TOWN OF NEVERSINK
NOTICE: PARKS & RECREATION DEPT. ADVISORY BOARD VACANCY**

The Town of Neversink announces a vacancy on the Town of Neversink Parks & Recreation Department Advisory Board. The vacancy is for a 5 year term beginning on January 1, 2013.

Please send a letter of interest to Mark McCarthy, Supervisor, Town of Neversink, PO Box 307, Grahamsville, NY 12740 or drop it off at the Town Hall. Letters of interest should be received by January 7, 2013. Please address any questions to Mark McCarthy, Supervisor at (845)985-2262, ext. 301. 12/13;1/3

SUNY Ulster Accepting Submissions for Regional Juried Collage Exhibit "Cut & Paste"

SUNY Ulster is accepting entries from Hudson Valley artists for its new regional juried exhibition, "Cut and Paste," opening in 2013 at the Muroff Kotler Visual Arts Gallery that will feature artwork made using collage, montage, assemblage, bricolage, and decoupage.

The deadline for submitting entries to the college for the show that will be judged by independent curator and installation artist Michael Asbill is Feb. 1. The exhibition will open with a reception on March 15 from 6 to 8 p.m. in the gallery and run through April 19.

The "Cut and Paste" theme was selected to coincide with the 100th anniversary of the "invention" (or coining of the term) of collage by Picasso and Braque. The college invites artists 18 and older working within Ulster, Dutchess, Columbia, Greene, Orange and Sullivan counties who employ and/or challenge this art form to submit their works. Asbill of Accord co-directs Kingston Museum of Contemporary Art (KMCA) and serves as art manager for the Hudson Valley Seed Library. Asbill's recent projects as an artist include The Cloud, an interactive computer and photographic installation for the Samuel Dorsky Museum in New Paltz and How Much? How Little? The Space to Create, a collaborative effort with Habitat for Artists for the DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities, and The Corcoran Museum of Art in Washington, DC. He is a founding member and resident of Mettacamp, an intentional community dedicated to sustainable living and the arts. He holds an MFA from the University of California, San Diego.

SUNY Ulster's Muroff Kotler Visual Arts Gallery is open Mondays through Fridays, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., and by appointment. It is closed March 25-29 and all other college holidays. Events are free and open to the public.

Artists will be notified by email on Feb. 8 and delivery of selected works will be March 1 and 2. For more information contact Jeffers at jeffers@sunyulster.edu or (845) 687-5113, or visit http://www.sunyulster.edu/docs/news_events/cut_paste_invitational.pdf for the prospectus.

Town of Neversink Parks & Recreation Department

www.townofneversink.org

(845) 985-2262, extension 312

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

Annual Lippman Park Winter Festival & Chili Cook-Off

(Wawarsing) - Saturday, February 2, 2013 from 11 am to 4 pm

There will be fabulous events for the whole family

We need participants for the Chili Cook Off; Craft Vendors and Food Vendors, and local groups for the Information Booth.

For more information call Cynthia "Sam" Bugna, Program Director, Ellenville-Wawarsing Youth Commission at 647-0200 Ext 541 or 845-430-3540; E-Fax 909-752-9423 or email us at ewycny@yahoo.com Visit our website, or see us on Facebook.com/ewyc1; ewyouthcommission.org; Facebook.com/ewyc1

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- 1/2/13 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting- 7:30 pm
- 1/9/13 Town of Neversink Board Meeting - 7:30 pm
- 1/10/13 Dept. of Motor Vehicles Neversink Town Hall 10:00 am - 2:30 p.m.
- 1/12/13 Breakfast. Everyone Welcome. Sundown Church Hall - 7:30-9:30 am
- 1/15/13 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals - 7:30 pm
- 1/21/13 TOWN OF NEVERSINK HOLIDAY - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- 1/29/13 Town of Neversink Parks & Rec - 7:00 pm

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

Save the Dates!

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

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

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TOWN OF OLIVE MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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

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

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

into Mr. Aubain's activities in Liberty, Fallsburg and Monticello", said Sheriff Mike Schiff. Deputies recovered 34 bags of heroin at the scene and an undisclosed amount of cash. Aubain was charged with Criminal Sale and Criminal Possession of a controlled substance, both Felonies. Lival Pringle was charged with Felony Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance, for acting in concert with Aubain. Both men are were arraigned and sent to the Sullivan County Jail without bail.

Sheriff Mike Schiff noted a disturbing trend since his agency's last big heroin bust on October 2, 2012. On that date, a Forestburgh man was arrested for selling heroin with the brand name "Last Dragon" stamped on it. That brand was being investigated by the Coroner's office for a possible link to several deaths involving overdoses in Sullivan County. "We are finding that the dealers are now reluctant to stamp a brand name on their heroin packets", said the Sheriff. "My gang intelligence unit has heard that the dealers are concerned they may face a manslaughter charge if someone overdoses and the heroin brand is traced back to them", he said. The heroin recovered in the Liberty arrest did not have a brand name or stamp on it.

The Village of Liberty Police assisted Sheriff's Deputies at the scene. The investigation is continuing.

Anyone with information regarding illegal drug sales or other criminal activity in Sullivan County is encouraged to call the Sheriff's confidential TIPS line at 845-807-0158

ASK "Plan B" and "If the Shoe Fits"

This January, ASK welcomes "Plan Bee" by the residents of Northeast Center for Special Care and "If the Shoe Fits" an Exhibition by our members. The shared opening reception will take place during First Saturday, January 5th, 5-8 pm. Both exhibitions will run until January 26th.

Plan Bee

Through the Month of January the Art Society of Kingston (ASK) will be featuring a very special exhibition. The theme will be Colony Collapse Disorder in Honeybees and the works will strive to inform the viewer of this potentially devastating development. What makes this show of particular importance are the many different artists whose works will be on display. They are residents of the Northeast Center for Special Care (NCSC) in Lake Katrine. For those readers unaware NCSC is a facility specializing in the treatment and rehabilitation of individuals with brain injury.

Brain injury, a long misunderstood and frequently misdiagnosed medical condition afflicts people of all walks of life and from diverse socio-economic backgrounds. The NCSC which opened in 1999 is the only facility of its kind in the United States and has since its inception focused on fine arts as a major contributing factor in the healing process. The works produced on a day-to-day basis are startling in both color and form and provide an outlet for individuals coping with impairments physical and cognitive. "Art is inspiration. Art is healing. Art is joyful. Art is an immeasurable benefit to the (resident) neighbors. Art

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| 302 | Keith Stryker | Building Department |
| 303 | Teri Lockhart | Bookkeeper |
| 305 | Geri Gorton | Payroll Clerk |
| 306 | Brenda Devore | Supervisor's Assistant |
| 307 | Lisa Garigliano | Town Clerk |
| 311 | Deborah Shaver | Court Clerk |
| 312 | Jamie Dymond | Parks & Recreation Director |
| 313 | Carol Smythe | Historian |
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| 319 | Geri Gorton | Assessor's Office Clerk |
| 323 | Bryan Delaney | Sole Assessor |
| 985-2281 | Preston Kelly | Highway Superintendent |
| 985-7281 | Danita Kristoff | Dog Control Officer |
| 985-2581 | Karen Rauter | Stream Management Program |

Breakfast!

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addresses the spirit, which recovery requires." Describes a residents family member, Joan Powers

The NCSC implements a wide variety of techniques to enable its population to produce these art works and is currently remodeling its already impressive Art Studio with the addition of a public gallery. The Art Studio at NCSC begins at the individuals' ability and becomes enhanced with new techniques and exploration. "No matter what level a patient is on their artistic journey, finding satisfaction can be achieved. I love witnessing those moments which the artist becomes lost in what they are doing, giving people the tools to feel that bliss is what makes my job as art therapist so magical," explains Mae Skidmore NCSC Art Therapist.

Like the paintings soon on display at ASK the NCSC Art Studio buzzes with activity and creativity as paintings and sculptures offer both a therapeutic and social reprieve for the resident neighbors. The walls of the entire campus are aflame with vibrant colors and stark scenes created over the last thirteen years by residents, many of whom have long since completed their therapies and returned to their communities.

For more information, contact: Luke Adams, Community Outreach Coordinator 336-3500 ext. 3106, Mae Skidmore, Art Therapist 336-3500 ext. 3190

If the Shoe Fits

This January, ASK's walls will be filled with shoe-inspired artwork. Set foot into ASK and you will most certainly find a shoe that fits!

Defensive Driving Class Sponsored by Roscoe Kiwanis Club

A Defensive Driving Class will be ponsored by Roscoe Kiwanis Club on January 5, 2012 from 9AM - 3PM The fee for the course is \$35 (due at sign-up). This class will be held at Roscoe Central School Cafeteria. There is a limit of 40. To sign up, call Jacky at 607-498-5730



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Knarf's Movie Trivia
TO HAVE AND HAVE NOT, (1944, Romance)
This is the film when "Bogey, met Betty." "Their legendary love scenes (both on screen and off screen) make the movie." A beautiful drifter snags a skipper-for-hire. Sweeping him off his feet in a whirlwind of romance, that is only complicated by their growing involvement with the French resistance. Directed by, Howard Hawks, and **Starring Humphrey Bogart, Walter Brennan, Lauren Bacall, Hoagy Carmichael, Dan Seymour, Marcel Dalio, Dolores Moran, Sheldon Leonard.** It's Hemingway's "worst novel" come to life, with solid performances by all. Suspenseful action, and a couple of songs by Slim. (Andy Williams was hired to dub Bacall's singing, but that's her voice, after all.) unbelievable dialogue by William Faulkner and Jules Furthman: **See it, on TCM! Saturday, January 5, 2013 at 8:00 PM, BW-100 min, Rated, TV-G, Quiz:** 1. Who played Crickett? 2. Who played Marie Browning, also known as Slim?

What's Going On In The Gnome NeighborhoodTM This Week?
Hi gang, HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!

-PHOENICIA -INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF THE VOICE -Fellow lovers of the voice this is Not an "end of the year donation" request! It's **VIVA VERDI!** With **RIGOLETTO** Sat. August 3rd, a heart wrenching masterpiece **REQUIEM** Sun. August 4th a musical monument Voices of Distinction a **WAGNER CELEBRATION.** Friday, August 2nd. <http://www.phoeniciavoicfest.com> Phoenicia Festival of the Voice Foundation | PO Box 327 | Phoenicia | NY | 12464, Tel: 845 586 3588 ...

-MONTICELLO -The first meeting of "The Sullivan County Philatelic Society" for 2013 will be held on Sunday afternoon, January 6th, 2013 At 1:00 pm. at the Ted Stroebele! Regies-ion center at two Jefferson Street Monticello NY 12701. Stamp club member Charles Breiner will be our guest speaker. His talk will be on the postal service during the civil war. Our regular "Trading Session," door prizes, and give a way's The new schedules for 2013 are in the process of being sent out to all paid members, in 2013 we are going back to having stamp show in July, and many other Hobby groups will join us. I remain, Philatelically yours, Art Rosenzweig sec/trea3, P.o. box 230 Monticello, NY 12701, Tel: (845) 794-2586

- HURLEYVILLE - SULLIVAN COUNTY MUSEUM- Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop announces Auditions for: An Evening of Broadway Cabaret., Directed by Richie Chiger. Auditions will be held at the Sullivan County Museum in Hurleyville 260 Main Street, Hurleyville, NY, Thursday January 3rd, 6:30 to 8:30 PM. Please come prepared to sing a song you would like to do from a Broadway Show. Please bring music for our accompanist. Performances will be Friday February 22 at 8 PM, Saturday February 23 at 8 PM, Sunday February 24 at 2 PM Performances will be 2 acts with free desserts and coffee served at intermission. Suggested donation: \$10.00 all seats. For more information call Richie (845) 794-7966 or www.scdw.net 265 Main St Hurleyville, NY 12747, Tel: 845-434-8044



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