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STUTTERING- STRAIGHT TALK FOR TEACHERS

When teachers hear a child stutter, the immediate reaction is one of concern mixed with a host of urgent questions: Should I call on the student in class, or will that only make it worse? How should I handle teasing and bullying by other students? What should I do about reading aloud in class?

The Stuttering Foundation has produced the DVD, *Stuttering: Straight Talk for Teachers*. This 20-minute film helps parents and teachers understand how stuttering can affect children of all ages in the classroom and is available at the Daniel Pierce Library in Grahamsville. (Contd. Pg. 10)

AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCE DAY



William Browne, a second year student in the Sullivan County BOCES Natural Resources Program placed first in the skid steer operation competition at the 5th Annual Cobleskill Agriculture and Natural Resources High School Day.

The event is hosted at SUNY Cobleskill and consists of a day of friendly competition between various high schools from across the state in events from livestock judging, to tree identification, to welding, as well as campus and facility tours.

William, a senior at Roscoe Central School, was required to score well on both a written exam and on his operation of a John Deere 317 Skid Steer through a timed obstacle course.

ERH PARTNERS WITH THE CENTER FOR DONATION & TRANSPLANT TO HONOR THOSE WHO DONATE LIFE



Ellenville Regional Hospital is proud to announce that it is partnering with the Center for Donation & Transplant (CDT) to honor patients and their families that choose to give the gift of life through organ and/or tissue donation.

Ellenville Regional Hospital will recognize its organ and tissue donors by flying a Donate Life Flag in their honor after every donation case at the hospital in 2011. After the flag has been flown, it will be given to the donor's family in memory of their loved one. Ellenville Regional Hospital will also fly the flag during National Donate Life Month in April to help raise awareness of the life-saving benefits of organ and tissue donation. (Contd. Pg. 3)

QUICK ACTING CAFETERIA MONITOR SAVES LIFE OF LIBERTY MIDDLE SCHOOLER



Sue Huggler, LAMA President (left) poses with Liberty Cafeteria Monitor Hazel Akerley (right).

Liberty, NY...The cool-headed, quick response of a cafeteria monitor helped save the life of a Liberty Middle School student.

When Hazel Akerley saw that the girl was in distress, she sprang to action and performed the Heimlich maneuver on the choking student, and within seconds, dislodged a piece of chicken from the student's airway.

LIBERTY ELEMENTARY SECOND GRADE CLASS FORGOES GIFT EXCHANGE TO HELP LOCAL ANIMAL SHELTER



Liberty, NY Most years, students in Mrs. Mary Warren's class participate in a gift exchange with each other during their holiday party. This year, the thoughtful second-graders chose to help a local animal shelter instead. (Contd. Pg. 3)

SC RECEIVES AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN FINANCIAL REPORTING

Monticello - County Manager David P Fanslau has announced that Sullivan County has been awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for its comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR). (Contd. Pg. 12)

MIKE HEIN OFFERS COUNTY SUPPORT AND RESOURCES FOR DREDGING OF THE STONEY CLOVE TO HELP PROTECT PHOENICIA

With a population of under 400, Phoenicia, N.Y, a small town nestled in the Catskill Mountains only two and a half hours north of New York City, has been nominated as one of America's Coolest Small Towns sponsored by *Budget Travel* magazine. (Contd. Pg. 12)

NEVERSINK RENAISSANCE THANKS CHARLES REHM

The latest addition of the "Barn Quilts of Neversink" Calendar recognizes the outstanding photographic contributions made by Charles "Chuck" Rehm of Grahamsville. Chuck has submitted dozens of beautiful barn quilt photos over the past three years. The well received calendar could not have been possible without Chuck's outstanding submissions. (Contd. Pg. 3)

LIBERTY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SAFETY POSTER CONTEST WINNERS ANNOUNCED- Fourth-graders take top three prizes



Liberty Elementary School Art Teacher Tracie Euker poses with bus safety poster contest winners (from L to R) Raymond Figueroa, Abrielle Milling and Jordan Locascio.

LES fourth-grade students Abrielle Milling, Raymond Figueroa and Jordan Locascio took the top three prizes respectively in the NY Association for Pupil Transportation school bus safety poster contest. (Contd. Pg. 3)

GUNTHER RECOGNIZES HUMAN RIGHTS DAY



Receiving the Resolution from Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther is Chairperson of the Orange County Human Rights Commission, Nolly Climes. Also present are Commissioners Angel Figueroa and Fred Cook as well as Susan Varden, Human Rights Assistant

Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther (D, C - Forestburgh) presented a resolution to the Orange County Human Rights Commission recognizing Friday, December 10, 2010 as Human Rights Day in the State of New York. (Contd. Pg. 3)

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ON THE FRONT BURNER: Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear. Isaiah 59:1

OBITUARY

Ethel Irwin Coombe passed away on December 22, 2010 peacefully at home with her loving children by her side. She was 98.

Ethel was the daughter of the late Joseph and Margaret Shields Irwin, born on July 19, 1912 in Kearny, NJ.

Ethel was a devoted wife to Philip Coombe, to whom she was married for 73 years. She was a loving mother blessed with many diverse talents; she was a tailor, stone mason, artist, interior decorator, gardener, poet, and quilter as well as an avid reader. She was always an active member of her community and involved in a number of different organizations both locally and in Ridgewood, NJ where she lived for thirty two years. She was a member of the Grahamsville Reformed Church, Studio Monday Artists, Claryville Quilters, and a past president of the Shawangunk Gardening Club. In her youth she was a star basketball player and was the first woman at Kearny High School to receive a varsity letter. She also enjoyed playing golf. For many years she was involved in merchandising and buying.

Ethel was an extraordinary wife, mother, and grandmother; she always made her home a warm and inviting place for all her friends and family to visit. She was loved by all that knew her and will be sorely missed.

She is survived by her five children: three daughters Charlotte Stratton and her husband Vernon, Phyllis Gillette, Marilyn Stewart and her husband William; two sons Philip Coombe Jr. and his wife Carolyn, Richard I. Coombe and his wife Phyllis, 19 Grandchildren, 38 great grandchildren and one great great granddaughter. Her husband Philip and her son-in-law John Gillette predeceased her.

Burial will be private at the convenience of the family at the family plot in the Grahamsville Rural Cemetery. A memorial celebration of her life will be announced at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations in her name can be made to the Daniel Pierce Library and The Time and the Valleys Museum Building Fund.

Arrangements were under the direction of Louck's Funeral Home, 79 North Main Street, Ellenville NY 12428. For further information please call 845-647-4343

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS



The Work family had an early Christmas present. **Braden David Work** weighed 6 pounds 9 ounces and was 18 inches tall when he arrived, three weeks early on December 22, 2010! Braden is the third grandchild of Mary and Vic Work. According to Grandpa Vic, Mom, Dad and Baby Braden are all doing well. Congratulations to the Work family!

Erin and Shawn Alvord of Loch Sheldrake are the proud parents of a son, **Nathan Shawn**, born December 14, 2010. He weighed 8 lb. 3 oz. The proud grandparents are Tom and Kim Nash of Neversink and Vivian Alvord.

BRONZE STAR RECIPIENT

Marine Sgt. Daron E. Huebsch, a graduate of Tri-Valley High School in Grahamsville, has received the Bronze Star Medal with combat distinguishing service, for "heroic service from Nov. 15, 2008, to June 1, 2009." His parents, Carol and Gene Huebsch were present at Camp Lejune, North Carolina when the medal was awarded in October, 2010. His courageous actions, on several occasions, saved lives and were breathtaking. We are proud of our men and women in uniform and the sacrifices they and their families make daily. Thank you.

DAYS OF YORE....

Today's History

December 27, 1950 - Memorial Hall was filled to capacity last Thursday evening to hear the first concert of the Tri Valley School Band under the direction of Mr. Arlington Visscher, Music Supervisor at Tri Valley. It is to be hoped that a tradition, the annual Christmas band concert, was born last Thursday night.

A Grahamsville woman was injured on Tuesday as the car which she was driving, careened off Route 52 near Liberty and overturned twice. Ferndale State Police said that the woman, Pearl VanWagner, was treated at the scene for multiple abrasions and released. The car, a 1937 Buick, was badly damaged.

New England's oldest man - 111-year old Jeremiah Campbellton - died in his sleep on December 23rd. Mr. Campbellton was orphaned when seven-years old when the Micmac Indians raided the lonely cabin where he lived, killed his parents and carried him into captivity. For six years he lived with the Indians, learning their language and ways. After his escape, the Indian woodcraft knowledge stood him in good stead and he ultimately became one of Maine's best guides.

December 28, 1960 - Mr. and Mrs. William H. VanBenschoten of Woodbourne Road celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary and his birthday on Dec. 26th.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hansen of White Sulphur Springs announce the engagement of their daughter, Bertina Lee to Fred Nash, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Nash of Neversink. Mr. Nash is a graduate of Tri Valley Central School and is employed in construction. No wedding date has been set.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bailey celebrated their 17th wedding anniversary on Christmas Day with a family supper and invited guests.34

Movies will be shown at the Neversink Firehouse every week. On Wednesday, Dec. 28th, "The 39 Steps", "Three Stooges" and a "Captain Video" serial were shown. These movies are free to residents of the Neversink Fire District.

December 30, 1970 - "Christmas 1970" was definitely white and deep. In answer to all of the soulful pleas for snow, nature answered with a convincing coverage of six to twelve inches.

Congratulations, a bit belated, to Mr. Ralph Hornbeck whose birthday was on the 24th and to Doris and Ralph Hornbeck on their 49th wedding anniversary, which was on Christmas Day.

From a long time former resident, Mrs. Lee (Delia) Dayton. She writes, "We oldsters should count our blessings and not even mention our aches and pains." Enough said, she is happy at Binghamton with her daughter and family, the J. Buswells and son, but she has moments of nostalgia for Grahamsville and the "garage" where she spent so many happy hours visiting with good friends.

Conservation facts: The wall-eyed pike is not a pike at all, but is the largest member of the perch family. A porcupine can destroy two trees in a single night and has been known to cause damages ranging from \$10 to \$100 per acre. They feed largely on conifer bark and when they girdle a tree, it dies. The offspring from a single pair of flies, under ideal conditions, could produce in one year enough new individuals which if packed 1,000 to a cubic inch, could form a ball of flies 96,000,000 miles in diameter. (That's not a typo, folks, but I'd love to know where that statistic came from. B.S.)

December 18, 1980 - Arnold C. Ackerley, 68, of Liberty, died Thursday, Dec. 11th at home. Mr. Ackerley, a lifelong resident of the area, was born February 2, 1912 in Morsston to Daniel and Edith Davis Ackerley. Survivors include Margaret E. McGuire Ackerley at home; six sons, Wesley, Eugene and Roy, all of Liberty; Richard and Arnold Jr. both of Grahamsville and Donald of Aschbach, Germany; six daughters: Marion Wegman of Swan Lake, Marjorie Fairbairne, and Virginia Keefer of Liberty, Caroline Johnson of Grahamsville, April Crary of Youngsville and Cindy Barber of White Lake.

The Raymond Curry family welcomed a newborn recently.

Happy Anniversary to Eugene and Virginia Fuller on Dec. 21; and Happy 47th Anniversary to Mr. and Mrs. George Krom on Dec. 31st.

HERE AND THERE

January 1, 2011: Happy New Year 2011 to everyone! And what delightful weather we were given to launch our new set of 365 days! Mother Nature, you have outdone yourself!

It's been four weeks since we have 'chatted' through this column: two weeks of computer virus and treatment, plus two weeks of non-publication of the Townsman (to give our many volunteer workers time to enjoy family and holiday festivities). During that time we lost a personal and community friend with the passing of Ethel Coombe at age 98. Over the years, through her work in the church and Sunday School and many community programs, she touched the lives of many people of all ages, and will be fondly remembered by all who knew her. We extend our condolences to all who loved her.

We understand that Jeanette Erath is still in the hospital, while brother Don, at 90, is now home and doing quite well on his own, with frequent visits from friends and neighbors. Best wishes to you both!

For today, I'm going to include a couple of items that would have appeared a month ago if my Dell-a had been healthy. It's good news about good people; if you've heard it before, it's worth remembering. (Dec. 9, 2010)

It took me a month to locate the early-November issue of the Democrat in which the area Business and Professional Women group named their most recent honorees. (Many thanks to Martha Ahrens for finding her copy for me, and to her husband Fred for delivering it.) Two of the 36 women named by the BPW are local Tri-Valley residents; the third is our personal primary caregiver as well as of several other local residents. The local women named are Julie (Schulte) Starmer and Mary Dymond; the third is Cynthia (Cindy) Gilmour of the Sullivan Internal Medical group. Coincidentally, all three of them are RNs who have earned the professional designation of FNP - Family Nurse Practitioner - meaning they can examine, diagnose, and prescribe. We congratulate all 36 of the newest honorees, with an extra pat on the back for our local gals.

The membership of the Grahamsville Reformed Church increased by four on Sunday, Nov. 28, when the four young people of the Confirmation Class made their public commitment. The four newest members are Autumn Bender, Nathaniel Bender, Dustin Coombe, and Jon Mickelson. We congratulate these young people and their families on this important decision. God bless you all.

Have a good week. (pah)

NEVERSINK NEWS - Hulda Vernooy

II want to wish the readers a Happy and Healthy New Year, and I hope the holidays were good to you.

Get well wishes to John Noren of Neversink. Hurry and be well soon, John.

A belated Happy Birthday to Carolyn Coombe who celebrated her day on December 21st, and to Barbara Barkley who celebrated on December 31st. Hope your day was perfect ladies.

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

NEVERSINK RENAISSANCE THANKS CHARLES REHM (From Pg. 1)

Chuck is a self taught photographer who first picked up the camera as a teenager. His photographs have been published in a number of magazines over the years. He is known for his wildlife, landscape, sports, and macro photography. Aside from his contributions to "Barn Quilts of Neversink", Chuck's favorite subjects include the Amish of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.

Chuck has been a math teacher for the past 25 years at Tri-Valley School in Grahamsville and resides locally with his wife Susan and their two teenage daughters.

In order to encourage more local residents to submit photos for future calendars, Chuck shares his photography tips for all to consider. Winter is a great time for barn quilt photos. You may submit your digital entries for next year's calendar to: barnquiltsofneversink@gmail.com by August 15, 2011.

Don't forget to pick up the 2011 calendar. Calendars are available at the Neversink Town Hall and the Daniel Pierce Library at a cost of \$7.00. As a special incentive, those purchasing three calendars at these locations will get one free. Calendars may also be ordered by mail at: Neversink Renaissance, PO Box 307, Grahamsville, NY 12740. With shipping, the cost is \$9.00 for one; \$16.75 for two; or \$26.00 for three. Checks should be made payable to Neversink Renaissance.

Barn Quilt Photography Tips

Take your photos during the magic hours of the day. These are the first and last couple hours of the day. Shadows are more dramatic and the sun warmer in hue.

Don't be satisfied to "snap a photo" on the drive by if the lighting is poor. Make a note to yourself and drive by again when the light is better.

Use a polarizer filter if possible. It will deepen colors and cut glare. Think of deep blue skies and puffy white clouds.

Photograph at different times of the year. The sun will be in different sky positions lighting a barn quilt in ways that are not possible at other times of the year.

Frame your pictures. Subjects are oftentimes best placed off center. Use the "rule of thirds". Divide your scene into thirds top to bottom and left to right. Place your quilt on one of these four intersections.

Drab, dreary scenes will give you drab, dreary photographs. Unless you are going for a certain effect, consider that most people like bright and colorful photographs.

Incorporate some of the surrounding scenery into your picture. It will place the barn and quilt into the country context.

Most importantly, have your camera with you. You never know when the perfect barn quilt scene will appear before you.

ERH PARTNERS WITH THE CENTER FOR DONATION & TRANSPLANT (From Pg. 1)

As a token of appreciation for Ellenville Regional Hospital's support, CDT will dedicate a rose in honor of the hospital's donors to be placed on the Donate Life Float in the 2011 Rose Bowl Parade in Pasadena, California. The dedicated rose joined hundreds of others from across the nation to create a living memorial called the "Family Circle Garden" that was incorporated into the float. To read Ellenville Regional Hospital's personalized dedication, visit the Donate Life Float website at www.donatelifloat.org, and click on "Dedicate Roses."

For information on Ellenville Regional Hospital, please call 845 647-6400 or visit www.ellenvilleregional.org.

GUNTHER RECOGNIZES HUMAN RIGHTS DAY (From Pg. 1)

"Human Rights Day is celebrated annually across the world on December 10th. The purpose of the day is to recognize the work of human rights defenders worldwide who act to end discrimination. This date was chosen to honor the United Nations General Assembly's adaptation and proclamation, on December 10, 1948 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR), the first global acknowledgement of human rights," said Gunther. "The recognition of Human Rights Day is to emphasize that the respect for human rights and human dignity is the foundation of freedom, justice and peace on our planet."

Gunther presented the Resolution to the Orange County Human Rights Commission Chairperson, Nolly Climes. Other Human Right Commissioners present were Angel Figueroa and Fred Cook along with Susan Varden, Human Rights Assistant.

"Human Rights transcend culture, ethnicity, social and economic status," said Gunther. "The Universal Declaration of Human Rights is worldwide, enduring and vibrant and concerns us all, and it is our duty to ensure that these rights are a living reality, that they are known, understood and enjoyed by everyone, everywhere"

LIBERTY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SAFETY POSTER CONTEST WINNERS ANNOUNCED (From Pg. 1)

The contest takes place each autumn at school districts throughout the state, and first place winners of individual schools advance to the regional competition. Local prizes are donated by sponsor Phil Valone and Rolling V/Gershowitz Bus Company.

The theme for this year's contest was "I see the driver and the driver sees me." In addition to certificates of recognition by the bus company, the top three students won cash prizes and Abrielle Milling's poster has advanced to the regional competition. Should she win at this level, she will continue on to the state level of competition.

Each student had a very different interpretation of the theme: Abrielle's poster had an underwater motif, Raymond's bus flew through outer-space and Jordan's poster showed her being picked up at her house.

"Children were asked to illustrate the theme 'I see the driver, The driver sees me' in the most creative way possible," explains LES Art Teacher Tracie Euker. "Students needed to think outside the box for this creative endeavor to give the viewer a taste of the unexpected. I am very proud of their achievements. Congratulations to our winners and all who tried!"

LES GRADE CLASS FORGOES GIFT EXCHANGE (From Pg. 1)

In addition to each student bringing in items for the pet drive, teachers, staff and other students throughout the district donated to the cause. "It took me three trips with my car filled to the brim with dog food, cat food, cleaning supplies and lots of other items," said Warren. "These kids are so generous and thoughtful and I am incredibly proud of them."

QUICK ACTING CAFETERIA MONITOR (From Pg. 1)

This isn't the first time that Akerley has saved a student from choking - she was recognized by NYSUT (New York State United Teachers) and named to the NYSUT Life Line Honor Roll for coming to the aid of a student in 2008.

Affectionately known as "Grandma" to students, Mrs. Akerley has been a cafeteria monitor at Liberty for 18 years. When asked about the incident, she explains that she was just doing her job. "I'm just glad that I know how to do it and that I can do it (the Heimlich maneuver)," says Akerley. "It's all in a day's work."

Liberty LAMA President Sue Huggler is quick to point out that "Hazel deserves so much credit. She has such a wonderful rapport with the students that goes well beyond just doing her job. We are very lucky that she is a part of our community here at Liberty. Hazel is our gift that just keeps on giving!"

AARP DRIVER SAFETY PROGRAM

The AARP Driver Safety Program will be held at the South Fallsburg Community Center (Former Ambulance Building) Laurel Aven South Fallsburg, New York Saturday, January 22, 2011 from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

To register or for information, phone Sonny Smith at 434-8922 and leave a message.

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.

The fee is \$12 for AARP members and \$14 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.

THE SWIMMING RABBIT

By Peggy DeWire



I was following a nature path around a mangrove swamp when I came upon a little black rabbit eating grass at the edge of the trail. It had small ears, no cottontail, and very short legs and tiny feet.

It let me approach slowly to within six feet before it hopped into the water and swam straight toward a patch of floating plants fifty feet away, where it hid.

I'd just seen a Marsh Rabbit (*Silvialagus palustris*) which is truly a creature of southern wetlands, ponds, bays, lakes and the edges of mangrove tangles.

Marsh Rabbits are small herbivores, only 15-17 inches long, weighing 2 1/2 pounds.



They will not feed out in the open but stay close to the edge of the dense vegetation they live in. Their short legs are good for maneuvering tight turns in tangled undergrowth. If this fails to lose a predator, they head for the nearest water where they swim with only their noses showing.

Their main enemies are feral cats and dogs, hawks, alligators and man.

Life is precarious in the wetlands and to compensate for this, Marsh Rabbits have several litters during breeding season, February to October.

The female or doe makes a large covered nest of cattails and other swamp reeds for her two to five babies who are born blind and naked. Over the next few weeks their eyes open and fur grows. They begin to follow their mother on foraging trips until they're equally at home on land and water.

Several times lately I've seen the little dark rabbit feeding at about the same place on the nature trail. Now it lets me pass on the other side of the path without swimming away.

The Olive Branch

FROM THE OTHER SIDE OF THE MOUNTAIN- Paula Rhodes, Owner of The Good Stuff Café West Shokan, NY.

Hello My Friends, I hope ya'll had a wonderful holiday. I certainly did! My family was here and this was the first time in a long time we have been together. We had all four of our grandchildren and it was just amazing to see the last two go yesterday! New Years Day I took our two little ones home. My three year old and I sang all the way there "Oh Granma's taking us home and she's so Happy." We had them for the week. "We" decided since we weren't going out for New Years and Rebekah and Ed wanted to go to a party, we would just keep the babies when their parents went home last Tuesday! It was time for them to go home.

Our three year old grandson will not eat anything! He doesn't even want candy. We have to beg and bribe him to eat. Luckily the foods he will eat are things like fruit and yogurt. But, his little sister, 14 month old Amelia Lee, will eat anything that doesn't eat her first! She sat at the table with John of the famous Jonwich sandwich and he started feeding her and swears she ate as much as he did! But every time he stopped feeding her, she started crying. Her Grandfather nicknamed her "The Bulldozer" and it fits perfectly. Oh, and her 16 year old brother decided it would be so cute to teach her how to growl! If it weren't so funny I would have gotten upset with him but it is just adorable! She is very shy so she will stand and peak out the door and the other day I walked by her and realized she was standing at the door growling! It is just adorable!

Well, it has been very quiet on this side of the mountain so far this year. It was so very nice to see all the friends on Sunday. I want all to get back to "normal" soon so I will go and bake something. Let us hope we get some excitement soon!

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

Well, it's a new year, which started on 1-1-11. I like those numbers, and I hope you will like my new music column for this newspaper.

Let me introduce myself for those of you who don't know me. My name is Fred Perry, and I'm a musician, song writer, record producer, label owner, music publisher, and currently the owner of Reservoir Music on Route 28 in Shokan. Pretty obviously, music is a large part of my life, which explains how I've come to be writing this column. In this and future columns, I will write about past, present, and future musical happenings in the Hudson Valley, New York city and state, and the world at large. My goal is to entertain and inform, so please let me know how I'm doing at that. My email address is reservoirmusic@gmail.com, or you can

write to me at *The Townsman*.

The New Year started off with a bang in the Hudson Valley, with lots of music to choose from, all top notch. At the *New World Home Cooking* on Route 212 between Saugerties and Woodstock, *Uncle Funk* held court all night long. This great band features Jerry Marotta, Tony and Pete Levin, Jesse Gress, and Joe Beesmer. These guys have played and recorded with just about everybody in the music biz, from Peter Gabriel to King Crimson to John Lennon. Alice Cooper, Lou Reed, Tom Waits, Buddy Rich, Gil Evans, Paul Simon, Wayne Shorter, Jaco Pastorius, Stevie Nicks, Pink Floyd... need I go on? I have it on good authority that this was a smokin' show, although I did not attend. (Contd. Pg. 8)

OLIVE TOWN BOARD -
submitted by Cindy Johansen
Increases in Cable, Dog Licensing final 2010 discussion...

The last official Olive Town Board regular meeting for 2010 was held on December 14, 2010. The meeting was not very long, but was packed with several items of interest.

Correspondence from Time Warner (Brenda Parks) revealed that as of January 1, 2011, rate changes will be in effect for the Olive service area. Sighting increased programming and upgrades to delivery systems, the increase (according to Supervisor Leifeld) would average each resident approximately \$1.00 per month on average. The letter also announced that construction was completed on High Point Mtn Road, West Shokan, to include up to 13 more residents. Time Warner will be contacting those residents in that area to let them know the services are now available should they wish to sign up.

Another letter, from the NY State Dept. of Transportation announced that all paving work along the State Route 28 corridor including the towns of Hurley, Olive and Shandaken was now complete. This project has greatly improved the driving conditions from State Route 375 all the way to the county line with Delaware County near Belleayre Mountain. New pavement, problem areas dug up and addressed, as well as new breakdown lanes and painting, will make winter travel much improved. The letter requested any concerns or questions/comments please be directed to them so that they may be addressed. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Supervisor Leifeld so that he might pass them along.

Each month, during the separate Audit Meeting (usually each Monday prior to the regular meeting on Tuesday) Town Board members review bills that have been submitted through a voucher system for payment. These bills (for all purposes) have already been paid by the time they are reviewed, but it allows the council members (as well as the general public) a chance to review all bills and get answers to any questions they might have. These vouchers are then listed in lump sum according to the voucher numbers they are assigned and the council members "pay the bills" during the regular meeting. This month, several significant amounts were paid, including Fire Department payment # 3 in the amount of \$195,100 and a general fund payment of \$198,707.30. The latter amount includes a one time payment to the Library (\$129,000) per the recent referendum vote which approved the increase from \$44,000 (the town's previously budgeted amount for the Library) to \$129,000. The remaining balance of the vouchers paid in this group were for the repairs to the highway garage roof, which is work that has been ongoing. It is important to note that the annual budgetary payment to the library will remain at \$129,000 per year until or unless Olive Free Library brings it back before the public for another referendum vote. One last fiduciary process included the transfer of funds from several accounts in preparation of the annual closing of the Supervisor's books.

Supervisor Leifeld then introduced and council members unanimously enacted Resolution # 19 - Local Law # 10, concerning Dog Licensing. New York State has eliminated dog licensing through the Agriculture Department, and has passed along to the local towns the obligation of licensing dogs in their jurisdiction. Local Law # 10 was created using a template from the state and a program enabling the town to print out the licenses was developed with the help of local computer talented residents and licenses will now be issued by Town Clerk Sylvia Rozzelle. You can stop by her office any week day (except holidays) until 4 PM or call for more information: 657-2320.

Supervisor Leifeld then read Resolution # 20 - Support for recently fired employees at Belleayre Mountain. The resolution sited the seemingly unfair elimination of a high number of full time employees, many of whom are local residents, in order to

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absorb a high number of employees from other departments of the State. Many local residents have lost their jobs in order for other State employees to retain theirs. The resolution was passed unanimously. It was also recommended that a copy be forwarded to the county and state levels, with a letter requesting that they also pass resolutions driving home the fact that Belleayre is the largest employer of the area and is the driving force of our economic stability. Council Member LaMonda requested that a copy of the resolution be forwarded to Belleayre's director, Tony Lanza.

Notable during reports from the various departments of the town was a request to the Olive Recreation to start our own Little League. Several years ago, Olive ended it's independent Little League program due to a lack of interest. Questionnaires will be sent out to see if there is enough interest to once again have our own Little League program. Complaints about traveling to Hurley were sited as the main reason parents were looking to have the local league reinstated. Ice skating was once again brought up as a request. Many years ago, the Town attempted to host a skating area. Unfortunately, there were those who vandalized the ice with rocks and sticks making it impossible to skate, as well as some picnic tables had been broken up and used for fire wood. That was many years ago - so the question remains whether or not the town might entertain developing a skating area and if so, where. If you have any comments, please contact members of the Recreation Committee or attend a recreation committee meeting and give them your feedback.

During the Police Department report, it was noted that the department had answered 128 calls for the month of November and prior to that, had answered 154 calls. Council member Bruce LaMonda suggested that neighbors should be looking out for neighbors since economic hardship often creates unsavory climates and watchful neighbors are sometimes the difference in solving or preventing crimes.

Logging will begin on New York City property near Cold Brook Road in Boiceville, known as the Davis Bend. Please be on the lookout for trucks and other equipment moving in and out of the area as this work progresses through the winter months. Work can only be done while the trout season is closed commencing now and ending by April. Access to the Chimney Hole has been temporarily suspended during this time, but it was assured to be reopened in time for the spring fishing season.

Finally, and noteworthy, are the following dates. Due to this paper's suspension over the holidays, some of these dates have passed. Please take note that on December 30, the town held it's Annual Audit and Closing of the Books. On January 4, the Town Board convenes for the purposes of holding their Organizational Meeting, where salaries will be posted, appointments will be made (serving at the pleasure of the Supervisor or Town Clerk) and dates will be set for vacations and official office closings. This information should be readily available through the town's web site shortly after it has been approved by council members. Or contact Town Clerk Sylvia Rozzelle for a copy. (Contd. Pg. 15)

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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the annual inspection for 2010 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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TOWN OF NEVERSINK
NOTICE OF ADOPTION

WHEREAS, notice of Public Hearing was duly given, and said hearing duly held in the Town of Neversink Town Hall, 273 Main Street, Grahamsville, New York on the 8th day of December, 2010 at 7:15 p.m. prevailing time to consider the adoption of Local Law No. 4 of 2010 entitled "A Local Law to Amend Chapter 22 of the Code of the Town of Neversink Entitled 'Dogs' to Provide for Procedures to be Followed in Relation to the Licensing and Identification of Dogs", which Local Law amends Chapter 22 of the Code of the Town of Neversink to add Article II - Licensing of Dogs due to legislation change wherein the State of New York has relinquished the responsibility of dog licensing function to local municipalities.

NOW, THEREFORE, PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that after due consideration and deliberation, the Town Board of the Town of Neversink duly adopted said Local Law on December 8, 2010 and said Local Law was duly filed with the New York State Secretary of State on December 15, 2010.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE
TOWN OF NEVERSINK

Lisa Garigliano, Town Clerk
Dated: December 22, 2010

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

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

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

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

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TOWN OF NEVERSINK
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON
PROPOSED LOCAL LAW

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that there has been introduced before the Town Board of the Town of Neversink in the County of Sullivan and State of New York, Introductory Local Law No. 5 of the Year 2010, entitled "A local law to amend Chapter 27 of the Code of the Town of Neversink entitled "Flood Damage Prevention" to comply with the floodplain management requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program contained in 44 CFR 60.3(b, c and d)." The proposed local law will replace the Town's existing Flood Damage Prevention Law in order to update the same and incorporate therein the new Flood Insurance Study and Flood Insurance Rate Maps establishing the 100-year base flood elevations for the Town of Neversink as recently completed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and to maintain the Town of Neversink's eligibility to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program.

The proposed local law has been determined to be Type II action pursuant to the regulations promulgated under the State Environmental Quality Review Act, for which no environmental review is required.

A copy of the aforesaid local law is on file with the Town Clerk of the Town of Neversink, New York, where the same may be examined.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE

that, pursuant to §20 of the Municipal Home Rule Law, a public hearing will be held on the aforesaid local law before the Town Board of the Town of Neversink, at the Town of Neversink Town Hall, 273 Main Street, Grahamsville, New York, at 7:15 p.m. prevailing time, on January 12, 2011, at which time all interested persons will be heard.

Dated: December 13, 2010
Lisa Garigliano, Town Clerk

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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

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SATURDAY: Neversink Town Hall on the following date: January 29, 2011 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

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- February - 25% due by 2/28/2011 at 1% interest. Send "Payment #2" stub with your check.
- March - 25% due by 3/31/2011 at 2 % interest plus \$2.00 unpaid notice fee. Send entire bill.

- Receipts will be mailed to you after every payment

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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:

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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 2011.

Taxes will be collected at the Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Road, Claryville, N.Y. 12725 on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M., and at the Catskill Hudson Bank, in the Carrie D's Plaza, Route 55, Neversink, N.Y. 12765 and by mail to the Town of Denning P.O. Box 277, Claryville, N.Y. 12725.

Taxes will also be collected at the Sundown Church Hall on Tuesday, January 25, 2011 and on Saturday January 29, 2011 the Denning Town Hall from 10A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

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

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that pursuant to the provisions of law, the tax roll for the Town of Denning will be returned to the Ulster County Finance Commissioner on the date of expiration of the Collector's Warrant for 2011.

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

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Please take notice that the organizational meeting for the Claryville Fire District of the Towns of Neversink/Denning, Counties of Sullivan and Ulster, New York will be held on the 11th day of January, 2011, at 7:00PM on that day at The Claryville Fire Department Community Hall.

This notification is being given to the news media pursuant to the provisions of Section 94 of the Public Officers Law of the State of New York.

By order of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Claryville Fire District.

Anne-Marie Kremer
Secretary
Claryville Fire District

1/6/11

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

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

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ERH AND CSEA REACH AGREEMENT
On December 22, 2010, Ellenville Regional Hospital and CSEA, the union representing it's employees, reached an agreement on a contract renewal, which was set to expire on December 31, 2010.

The CSEA members overwhelmingly approved the negotiated contract changes for 2011, with only 1 vote in dissent.

Hospital President and CEO, Steven L. Kelley, was pleased with the results. "We enjoy a good relationship with CSEA and with our employees", Kelley said. "Contract negotiations were amicable, with both sides willing to listen to the concerns of

the other. We look forward to another successful year, and with continued support of CSEA and our outstanding staff", he added.

GILLIBRAND ON EXTENDING BUSH TAX CUTS TO WEALTHY: WRONG FOR ECONOMY, WRONG FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand issued the following statement today after voting against cloture on legislation to extend the Bush tax cuts for millionaires and billionaires:

"I'm opposing this deal in its current form because right now we need to focus on the middle class, who are always left behind, not the people at the very top, who are doing just fine in this economy.

"Although this deal includes important measures I have fiercely advocated for, extending Bush tax cuts for the very wealthy will saddle our children with billions of dollars of debt. With unemployment near 10 percent and a growing budget deficit, every dollar in this deal should be spent in a way that creates jobs and gets our economy growing, and tax cuts for millionaires and billionaires do not create jobs and will not help our economy grow. This kind of fiscal recklessness is bad for our economy and bad for future generations."

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RESERVOIR MUSIC NOTES (From Pg. 4)

Further east and south, and for those of you with a more rock n roll sensibility, *The Basement* in Kingston presented, for at least the second New Year's Eve in a row, *Pitchfork Militia*, the rockiest psychobilly band this side of the Mississippi. I've seen these guys many times, and if countrified rockin psychobilly with a comedic stroke is your cup of tea, these guys are the best around!

I was at *Pitchfork's* New Year's Eve show last year, and it rocked, but this year I wound up at *Harmony* in Woodstock, where the *Chris Zaloom Band* served up some tasty rockin' blues. Always fun, these guys did not disappoint, and owner Sha Wu generously set out a most scrumptious feast for his loyal and faithful patrons, easily making *Harmony Woodstock* the place to be this New Year's Eve!

And if that wasn't enough music to get you through the weekend, Burt's Electronics brought the annual *New Riders of the Purple Sage* show to the Bearsville Theater on New Year's Day this year, capping a fantastic musical weekend with my old friends, Buddy Cage, David Nelson, Michael Falzarano, Johnny Markowski, and Ronnie Penske.

I wish you all a happy, healthy and prosperous new year, and I look forward to meeting you again in the pages of *The Townsman*.

LOCAL RESIDENT, JOHN ADAMS AWARDED PRESIDENTIAL MEDAL OF FREEDOM *By Keith Schneider-Mode Shift*

Congratulations are in order for John H. Adams, the co-founder of the Natural Resources Defense Council, who this week was named one of the 15 recipients this year of the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian award. Adams is the first founder of an American environmental advocacy organization to receive the award since Russell E. Train was similarly honored in 1991. Train, of course, was a founding board member of the World Wildlife Fund and the second administrator of the E.P.A.

John H. Adams co-authored, with his wife, Patricia Adams, *A Force for Nature, "The Story of NRDC and the Fight to Save Our Planet"*, Chronicle Books, 2010. John is the founder of

Natural Resources Defense Council. John and Patricia live in Beaverville.

Adams said this in response to the announcement: "For forty years I've been privileged to live out my passion, standing up for the natural inheritance that belongs to us all. In receiving this great honor today, I stand on the shoulders of a remarkable NRDC team, and of Americans everywhere, who love this country and believe we share a common duty to safeguard the waters that nourish us, the wildlife that inspires us, the air that sustains us and the land we call home. This is our country. It is ours to cherish; it is ours to protect. That is how we keep faith with future generations. And I thank the President for recognizing this high calling and the contribution I've been privileged to make."

Adams, who like other eminent figures worthy of such distinction, is one of the most approachable and level-headed men you'll ever meet. As an environmental journalist I've been in his company a number of times over the years, riled his staff with some of my reporting, and conducted several interviews. He was always smart, cordial, and friendly. The organization he founded in 1970 is, arguably, the most important environmental advocate in the world now, a green organizational titan with an annual budget exceeding \$100 million, and with offices across the country and as far as Beijing. He is the ninth environmentalist to receive the award joining Rachel Carson and Marjory Stoneman Douglas, among others.

The NRDC's culture reflects the steady persistence and optimism of its founder. It helped to shape and defend the first-of-its-kind national environmental law and regulatory program that significantly reduced the damaging effects of industrialization and dramatically expanded the country's will to preserve land, wild habitat, and natural diversity. In doing so Adams essentially led the team of lawyers and policy specialists who wrote the chapters of modern environmentalism that changed the nation and the world for the better.

Adams stepped down as NRDC's president in 2006, just about the time that climate change was emerging as a political priority and environmental emergency that would eventually outrun the tools and tactics that had proven so successful in his era of environmentalism. No doubt he is offering advice, but it is up to those younger than Adams to

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figure out how to push back against the money and power of the fossil fuel industry, and convince the world a safer path lies in cleaner energy alternatives. Adams' life and career, though, exemplify the most important lessons for success on solving global warming. Never quit. Never lie. Never stop moving forward.

CAS ARTS CENTER - Two Events

Clean Out Your Closets for Catskill Art Society

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

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

Dance Your Heart Out for Catskill Art Society

Just so you have someplace to wear your glamorous and glitzy finds from the Clothing Sale, CAS will be hosting a Winter Funk Dance Party on Saturday, January 15 - 7:30-10pm Music- DJ Nick Forte \$20 at the door for members; \$25 for non-members. Admission entitles you to two drinks (beer & wine). Additional Drinks for a suggested donation of \$3 each.

CATSKILL NORDIC SKI CLUB 2011 SCHEDULE

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.

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

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

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

Jan 8 -Bova Rd., Summitville, Leader Pat Gersten 794-1039; Jan 15: Fluggertown Rd., Leader Kathi Widmann 786-5650; Jan. 22 - Fallsburg Trails, Leader Eileen Kalter 434-5371; Jan 29 - Fosterdale Trails, Leaders Jonathan Hyman & Gail Rubenfeld, 583-4103; Feb 5 - Frost Valley YMCA (Fee Charged) Leader Bonnie Hoffman 794-7552; Feb 12 Downs Road Trails, Leaders Warren & Judy Bergstrom 794-7631; Feb 19 Minnewaska State Park (Fee Charged for Parking) Leader Dan Gersten 798-6618; Feb 26 Monguap Pond, Leader Judy Brennan 292-7832; March 5 Fluggertown Rd Leaders Bob & Betty Klein 796-3336; March 12 Annual Meeting and Dinner and skiing if snow. More info to be announced. Contact Bob Klein 796-3336.

LEARN PHOTOSHOP AT ASK!

The Arts Society of Kingston (ASK) will be offering two Photoshop courses during the month of January, Photoshop for Photographers and Photoshop Fundamentals, led by Stephen Blauweiss. Both workshops will take place on three consecutive Sundays, January 9th - 23rd at ASK, 97 Broadway in Kingston. Photoshop for Photographers will be held from 2 - 4 pm and Photoshop Fundamentals will be held from 4:30 - 6:30 pm.

Photoshop for Photographers

This course is for photographers who want to learn enhanced techniques in

digital imaging to make images look their best.

Topics include: optimizing tone and color; retouching and repairing; filters; exposure correction and enhancement; alpha channels; various high-end selection techniques, including paths and channels; converting color images to black-and-white; advanced layering and masking techniques; non-destructive filters and resolution issues; and preparation for print and the web. (Some knowledge of Photoshop required.)

Details - \$150.00 (Total 6 hours). Bring your own laptop with a copy of Photoshop CS or more current. (Most current version is CS5), Mac or PC Photoshop for Photographers - 2 hours a week for three consecutive Sundays starting, January 9, 2011 - 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Photoshop Fundamentals

This course provides an overview of all of Photoshop's essential tools.

Topics include: masking; collage/compositing; color; selections; best file formats; resolution/image quality; cloning; color vs. black-and-white; blending mode; preparation for print and web and more. Learn to feel comfortable using this powerful software. (No previous knowledge of Photoshop required.) Details- \$150.00 (Total 6 hours). Bring your own laptop with a copy of Photoshop CS or more current. (Most current version is CS5) Mac or PC.

Photoshop Fundamentals - 2 hours a week for three consecutive Sundays starting, January 9, 2011 - 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. - Stephen Blauweiss

is currently a Photoshop instructor at Pratt institute in NYC and started teaching there in 1992. Mr Blauweiss is a graphic artist and filmmaker with an extensive background in print, video and photography. His expertise in print design encompasses all aspects, from concept through final production. In addition to running Paramedia Productions, his production company in New York City, he is executive producer of BigGreenTV, an environmental news program for children.

Mr. Blauweiss has served as principal computer trainer/consultant for art directors and production staff at CBS TV, The New York Times and ShowTime Television Network, among others, as well as at major magazines such as Time Magazine and People Magazine. Since 2001, he has been a member of the Digital Archive Advisory Board at The New York Public Library.

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Sullivan Renaissance will hold a "Ready, Set, Organize" seminar to help communities learn how to organize beautification projects on Wednesday, January 5, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the CVI Building in Ferndale.

Are you are thinking about a small project at a single location or a community-wide effort involving multiple partners? Do you have an idea for a beautification project in your community and want to connect with others? Have you ever wondered how big jobs can get divided up into smaller pieces that are done by different people?

A panel of experienced community volunteers will explain how they rally the troops and organize local beautification efforts - and offer suggestions about how you can do the same. Featured panelists include: Mary Paige Lang-Clouse of the Ethelbert Crawford Library in Monticello; Matthew Migliaccio of the Phillipsport Community Center in Phillipsport; Elaine Fettig of the Rockland-Roscoe Chamber of Commerce in Roscoe; Eileen Patterson and Deborah Krol of Warwick in Bloom in the Village of Warwick, the national winner of America in Bloom in 2003 and this year's winner of the international competition, Communities in Bloom.

Sullivan Renaissance staff will be on hand to explain the 2011 program and how to apply for a grant. Everyone is invited to attend. Refreshments will be served. Pre-registration is requested by January 3, 2011 by calling 845-295-2445 or e-mailing info@sullivanrenaissance.org. Individuals may also register on-line at www.sullivanrenaissance.org.

Individuals interested in Sullivan Renaissance should also mark their calendars to reserve Saturday, February 26 for the annual Winter Conference at the CVI Building. The keynote speaker will be tourism expert and lecturer Dr. Peter Tarlow.

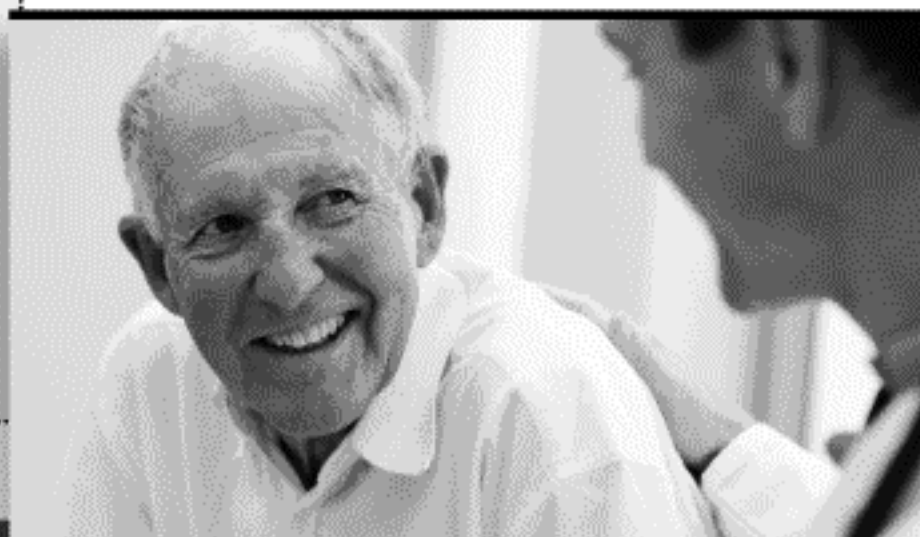
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STUTTERING- STRAIGHT TALK FOR TEACHERS (From Pg. 1) It is available at other libraries including the Fallsburg Library in South Fallsburg, New York. Some libraries have an older video version. The highlight of the DVD is the children who discuss their experiences in the classroom and share what was helpful for them. "Even when I knew the answer, I wouldn't raise my hand because I was worried about what others might think," says Umberto, a teenager in the DVD. He added that giving a classroom presentation on stuttering to the entire class has made him feel more at ease. "At the beginning of the school year, I was embarrassed to read aloud in front of my teacher and friends because of my stuttering," says Kate. She worked with her teacher to make a plan about how she could practice first at home and then individually with her teacher. Martin offers a different perspective. "I feel confident and even though I might mess up when I talk, I'm not ashamed. I still want the teacher to call on me even though I might be having a bad day."

Noted speech-language pathologists Bill Murphy, M.A., of Purdue University and Kristin Chmela, M.A., of Northwestern University present practical strategies teachers can use immediately to help children feel more comfortable talking in the classroom. "The courage and honesty of the children sharing their experiences helps teachers find solutions for the children in their class," says Lisa Scott, Ph.D., of The Florida State University and co-producer of the DVD.

At school, children who stutter often face bullying and teasing. This treatment by other students sometimes causes more anxiety than does the speech disorder itself. "Even the children who receive therapy to help them speak more fluently continue to have negative feelings as they grow older," Murphy says. "Their ability to communicate is still hindered by the shame and embarrassment they feel about stuttering, which is often brought on by teasing."

Murphy suggests teachers make stuttering an open topic for discussion in the classroom. One exercise a teacher can use is to discuss famous people who stutter. NBA basketball star Kenyon Martin, news anchor John Stossel, and actors James Earl Jones and Nicholas Brendon are just a few of the many celebrities who struggle with stuttering. A list of famous people who stutter and a downloadable poster can be found at www.stutteringhelp.org.

Elementary school teacher Katie Lenell says, "This DVD is an excellent resource for educators at all grade levels. I now feel more at ease having a child who stutters in my classroom."

The DVD, offered free to all public libraries, comes with a 42-page handbook of information and resources. If you wish to check it out and your library does not have it, ask them to contact the Stuttering Foundation at 800-992-9392 or online at:

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Please submit a one page, typed letter describing yourself and why you wish to serve on the Fallsburg Board of Education. Please include your contact information (phone number or email). This letter must be signed and delivered to Sandra Salovin, District Clerk, no later than 4 p.m. on Wednesday, January 12th, in the Administrative Offices at Fallsburg High School on 115 Brickman Road, PO Box 124, Fallsburg, NY 12733.

Interviews with the Board of Education will be on Wednesday, January 19, 2011, during the regular scheduled Board meeting, beginning at 7:15 PM in the Jr./Sr. High School Board Room.

For further information, please contact Dr. Ivan Katz at 434-6800, x1214.

SC LEGISLATURE IMPLORES THE NYS LEGISLATURE TO ENACT SUBSTANTIVE REFORM OF THE REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW SECTION GOVERNING TAX EXEMPT CRITERIA

Legislature Chairman Jonathan F. Rouis announced that the Sullivan County Legislature adopted a resolution at its final meeting of 2010 that implores the New York State Legislature to enact substantive reform of the real property tax law section governing tax exempt criteria.

"During each of the informational meetings on the County Budget that were held in seven locations throughout Sullivan County, a recurring complaint about New York's public policy centered on the need to reform tax exempt criteria," said Rouis. "The current tax exemption criteria has nearly 20% of all real property parcels exempt from taxation, leaving 80% of the property owners to essentially pay 100% of the property tax burden," added Rouis.

Sullivan County has about \$11.05 billion of equalized value real property assessments. However, more than \$2.17 billion is exempt from real property taxation. If all non-governmental properties were subject to the real property tax, there would be an additional \$6.46 million realized at the 2011 County tax rate. If all non-governmental tax exempt real property were presently subject to real property taxation there could be a net reduction of the property tax by 13.25% or there would be no appropriation of Fund Balance or a greatly reduced appropriation of Fund Balance.

"There must be an ability authorized enacted by the New York State Legislature to provide County Governments the ability to realize revenues from the impacts of providing County Government services associated with improvements on tax exempt properties, so that the eighty percent (80%) of the balance of taxable real property owners do not have to shoulder the burden of one hundred percent (100%) of the property tax levy," concluded Rouis.

MIKE HEIN OFFERS COUNTY SUPPORT (From Pg. 1)

The stores that line the main street in Phoenicia are not the usual 'country stores' but rather modish with a Woodstock flair and include antique, vintage clothing, out-of-print books and unconventional domestic items. There are plenty of good restaurants with an impressive mountain scene as a backdrop on over 280,000 acres of NYS Forest Preserve.

While all of this seems in Phoenicia's favor, recent floods have devastated local residents and businesses.

Ulster County executive Mike Hein visited Phoenicia's Main Street last week to discuss the county's response to the village's increasingly dire flood problems. Hein, who promised the county's support for the town of Shandaken in an application for permits to do emergency dredging in the Stony Clove, assured Phoenicians that he felt their pain.

Ulster County will support a creek dredging project to prevent future flooding in this town of Shandaken hamlet, County Executive Michael Hein said on Wednesday.

Hein made his comments on Main Street in Phoenicia, which has flooded twice in the past two months. Both times, the flooding was the result of the Stony Clove creek overflowing amid heavy rain.

Hein said the county Department of Public Works will provide operational support to the town of Shandaken during dredging. He said the support will include loaning the town equipment and the staff to operate it.

"The recent floods in Phoenicia have devastated homeowners, businesses and the infrastructure of Shandaken," Hein said. "It is absolutely imperative that the DEC (state Department of Environmental Conservation) approves the emergency permit and allows dredging of the Stony Clove.

"I will dedicate resources from the county's Department of Public Works to assist in the dredging efforts," he said. "It is my great hope that this action will provide relief to the people and businesses of Shandaken. In the meantime, I have directed my staff to provide a workshop to assist the businesses of Phoenicia in identifying available resources."

Hein invited area business owners to a workshop from 10 a.m. to noon Jan. 11 in the St. Francis De Sales Parish Hall in Phoenicia. The session will include information on assistance available and on current and long-term efforts to address potential flooding.

The town of Shandaken, in consultation with the New York City Department of Environmental Protection and the state Department of Environmental Conservation, plans to submit a permit to remove accumulated sediment from the portion of the Stony Clove believed to contribute to the flooding of Phoenicia's Main Street.

Hein called on state environmental officials to expedite the permit review process, including, if necessary, using its emergency authorization powers under the Uniform Procedures Act.

SC RECEIVES AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN FINANCIAL REPORTING

(From Pg. 1)

The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management. The Treasurer's Department is to be commended for once again receiving this recognition.

"The County Treasurer and the Deputy County Manager/Commissioner of Management and Budget are members of GFOA, and both offices have developed an excellent professional working relationship that has permitted Sullivan County to receive the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by GFOA for the last number of years," said Fanslau. "There is a considerable amount of work that all of the county's departments are required to fulfill, culminating in a financial management process that clearly shows the professionalism of these offices, and I commend Treasurer Cohen for his annual and sustainable accomplishment as duly noted by the GFOA," added Fanslau.

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"The CAFR reviews and is supported by the County budget process that was changed to be more transparent in 2007, with the incorporation of performance based management and budgeting. The prior vacancy variance process that eluded transparency was abolished in 2007 to provide for a more readily identifiable budgetary process that identifies revenues, appropriations, positions budgeted, and a capital plan," concluded Fanslau..

GILLIBRAND PRAISES SIGNING OF CHILD NUTRITION BILL

U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand praised the signing of the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act - the reauthorization of the Child Nutrition Act - calling the legislation, "a step in the right direction." The overhaul of the child nutrition programs includes a number of measures that Senator Gillibrand pushed for, including an increase in the reimbursement rate for schools, new regulation to eliminate junk food, major expansion of access to include all foster children, and new protections to ensure the safety of food served at schools.

"After failing for many years to take any steps to reduce child obesity, today marks a step in the right direction," Senator Gillibrand said. "The legislation rids schools of junk food, issues proper alerts to

schools when contaminations occur, guarantees all foster children access to school meals, connects farms to schools to supply them with fresh, local produce, and strengthens nutrition resources for children and young mothers. I will continue to fight for more common sense changes to the program and secure the investments we need to make sure every child can achieve their full potential."

The Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act includes the following provisions that Senator Gillibrand pushed for: The Safe Food for Schools Act that ensures the safety of school meals by improving the system for notifying schools when food has been recalled; Increases the reimbursement rate for school meals - the largest increase in history; Ensures regular updates of nutritional standards for the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program; Streamlines WIC enrollment by allowing state WIC agencies to certify mothers every year instead of every 6 months; Expands access to the School Lunch program to all foster children; Eliminates junk food from schools enrolled in the national School Lunch program, and establishes national nutritional standards for schools that are not, ensuring all schools observe nutrition standards consistent with the dietary guidelines of the School Lunch program - standards that have not been updated since the Carter Administration; and \$40 million for the Farm-to-School initiative that connects schools with locally-produced fresh fruits, vegetables and value-added products like pre-sliced apples and carrots.

HINCHEY STATEMENT ON TAX CUT VOTE IN THE HOUSE

Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) released the following statement after the House approved a tax cut bill that extends the Bush tax breaks for the wealthy.

"I strongly support the extension of tax cuts for the middle class, which is why I voted just two weeks ago for a bill to permanently extend them. It is deeply troubling that Senate Republicans rejected that bill because it did not include a full extension of tax cuts for the wealthiest 2 percent of Americans and instead forced a vote on the bill that came before the House today.

"Let me be very clear: I support a great number of provisions in this bill ranging from tax relief for the middle class to an extension of unemployment benefits. That's why I have repeatedly voted for those provisions. But at a time when we need to get serious about cutting the federal deficit and reducing the national debt, we simply cannot afford to give away significant tax breaks for the wealthiest 2 percent of the population. Doing so will do nothing to spur real economic growth. Rather it will concentrate wealth in the hands of a small percentage of people and burden our children and grandchildren with greater debt and force them to confront even greater fiscal challenges in the years ahead.

"Nearly ten years ago, the American people were promised that dramatically cutting taxes for the wealthiest Americans would lead to greater prosperity and more job creation. After experiencing the worst economic collapse since the Great Depression, we can now clearly see that wasn't the case. The rich in this country have gotten richer with their tax breaks while the middle class is suffering more than ever. In order to get this country back on track, we need to support the middle class through tax relief for 98 percent of Americans households -- those earning less than \$250,000 annually -- while getting our budget in order. Restoring tax rates for the wealthiest 2 percent of Americans to the way they were under the Clinton administration when the economy was very strong will help reign in the federal deficit and move us toward stronger economic growth."

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SC SHERIFF INVESTIGATING ATTEMPTED BURGLARY ON KLOTHE RD

The Sullivan County Sheriff's Office is investigating an attempted burglary that took place on Monday December 20, 2010. At approximately 11:00 AM, a female in a residence on Kothe Road in the Town of Neversink notice a subject trying to gain access to her home via a basement window. The subject who was wearing dark clothing and a knit hat had driven up to the residence on an ATV. When the occupant made some noise inside the residence, the male subject fled on the ATV. Anyone with information regarding this incident is requested to call the Sheriff's Office at 794-7100 or the confidential tips line at 845-807-0158.

PUBLIC INVITED TO MUSICAL REHEARSAL FOR NEW MASS TO CELEBRATE CENTENNIAL OF MARYKNOLL FATHERS AND BROTHERS

A new Mass by Jan Michael Joncas, liturgical theologian and composer of contemporary Catholic music that includes On Eagle's Wings, will debut in Ossining during January to begin celebration of the centennial year of Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers. An "open rehearsal" of the Mass will be offered to the public on Sunday, January 23, 3-4 p.m., at Our Lady Queen of Apostles Chapel, Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers, 55 Ryder Road in Ossining.

Reservations for this rehearsal are not required and admission is free. Neighbors of all faiths are welcome, including members of local choirs, musicians and music directors. Should inclement weather occur on January 23, a recording regarding the rehearsal will be available by calling 914-941-7636, ext. 2299.

Maryknoll commissioned Father Joncas to compose this new Mass to commemorate the anniversary of its 1911 founding. Titled *Missa ad Gentes*, or Mass to the Peoples, the new composition incorporates musical elements that represent both Maryknoll's United States heritage and the diverse cultures in which Maryknoll missionaries serve. The cultures represented in the Mass include Americana along with African-American, Asian, Russian and Hispanic influences from Latin America.

The texts for the Mass are from the new Roman Missal scheduled for use by all Catholic parishes in the United States during the later portion of 2011. The choir, under the direction of Lucille Naughton, director of music at Maryknoll, is composed of Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers, Maryknoll Sisters, Maryknoll Lay Missioners and Maryknoll employees along with friends and neighbors.

The Maryknoll Gift Shop will be open during the event. Located in the Maryknoll Mission Center, the store features children's books, alpaca items, flameless candles, African jewelry, cards and religious items, Cambodian silk accessories and Orbis books at a 40 percent discount from list price. Regular hours are Monday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Telephone: 914-941-7636 x2427.

Follow Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers on Twitter at www.twitter.com/MaryknollNews and Facebook at www.facebook.com/maryknollsociety.

Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers is the overseas mission outreach of the Roman Catholic Church in the United States, following Jesus in serving the poor and those in need in 27 countries. All Catholics are called to mission through baptism, and Maryknoll's mission education outreach in parishes and schools throughout the country engages U.S. Catholics in mission through prayer, donations, as volunteers and through vocations. The Society will commemorate its centennial with a theme of *The Gift of Mission - The Maryknoll Journey*. These missionaries will celebrate as they continue their journey into the next 100 years to share God's love and the Gospel in combating poverty, providing healthcare, building communities and promoting human rights. For more information, visit www.maryknollsociety.org.

LIBERTY CS SEEKS NOMINATIONS FOR WALL OF FAME

Nominations are currently being accepted for inductees to the Liberty Central School District Wall of Fame. The inaugural group will be selected in early spring, 2011 and honored on Tuesday, May 17, 2011. Nomination forms and criteria are available on the district Web site or at the district administration office.

The Liberty Central School District Wall of Fame will honor former students, employees and community members that have achieved distinction, outstanding accomplishment or significant contribution within their school, family, career, community or personal life.

The Wall of Fame will be located in the lobby of the David E. Panebaker Auditorium at the Liberty High School. "We are excited that this project is again back on track, and we look forward to honoring the initial inductees this spring," announced Assistant

Superintendent and Wall of Fame Co-Chairperson Carol Napolitano.

All previously submitted Wall of Fame nominees from last year will still be considered. Deadline for submission is Friday, February 25, 2011 at 3 p.m.

Nomination forms can be downloaded at www.libertyk12.org or picked up at the District Administration Office at 115 Buckley Street, Liberty, NY. Please call Mrs. Linda Etess at 845-292-6990 for more information.

You are invited to this special Epiphany Event at the
Grahamsville United Methodist Churches

Friday, January 7, 2011
Epiphany is a Christian Feast Day that celebrates the revelation of God the Son as a human being in Jesus Christ. It is also a time when we celebrate the visit of the Magi to the Baby Jesus.
Epiphany Open House in the Parsonage
4:00-7:00 p.m.


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 Monday Night Home Bible Study 7 pm
 Tuesday Night Youth Home Bible Study 7 pm
 Friday Youth Night 7 pm

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 Lead Pastor

P. O. Box 480
 507 Hasbrouck Drive
 Woodbourne, NY 12788
 845-434-8263

Email: crosswayaog@aol.com
www.crosswayaog.com

St. Augustine's Chapel
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Sunday Mass - 9:30 am
 Holy Days 5:30 pm
 Penance 9:00 am, 2nd Sunday of the month

Rev. George W. Hommel, Pastor



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 The Little Church with the Big Heart
Sundays, 3 pm: Communion
 Music by Susan and Fred Van Wagner
 Coffee hour follows service
 All are welcome!


For Information:
 Mother Joan LaLiberté
 845-887-4742

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 South Fallsburg

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

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

Claryville Reformed Church



Claryville Road
 Claryville, NY 12725
 845-985-2041

Bible Class 9:00 am
 Worship Services @ 10:00 am
Rev. Paul Nulton
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CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION (embraces Fallsburg, Neversink, Sundown and Ulster Heights)

6317 Rte. 42, Woodbourne.
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.

 **Covered Dish Supper**

Grahamsville United Methodist Church

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

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

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Geoff and Heather Hazzard & Anthony Perito

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 Ellenville, New York
 (845) 647-4343

Grahamsville Reformed Church
 Sunday School 9 A.M.
 Worship Service 10 A.M.

Hymn Sing & Covered Dish Supper
 5:30/630 P.M. - 1st Sunday of the Month

Rev. Paul Z. Ruter, Pastor

Greg Goldstein, Town Supervisor
Office 273 Main Street, Grahamsville
website:www.townofneversink.org

Town of Neversink Parks & Recreation Department



Jamie Brooks, Director
Mailing: PO BOX 307, Grahamsville, NY 12740
Phone(845)985-2262 ext. 312



BOWLING

WHEN: Sunday, February 13.

DETAILS: Ellenville Lanes 3-5 pm. All families in the Tri Valley School District and Adults in the Town of Neversink are welcome! You must provide your own transportation to Ellenville. Please bring \$5-\$7 to purchase snacks. A team of 4 will be on each lane so get your team together today! **SIGN-UP: If you plan to attend \$3 residents/\$10 non-residents must be paid no later than January 25.**



MOVIE

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WHEN: DATE & MOVIE TO BE ANNOUNCED

DETAILS: Leave the Town Hall Parking Lot 9 am Saturday morning, view movie, return to Town Hall approximately 1:30 pm.

SIGN-UP: If you plan to attend \$8 residents/\$16 non-residents must be paid no later than TBA this includes transportation, movie, small soda and small popcorn.

SIGN-UP: If you plan to attend \$3 residents/\$10 non-residents must be paid no later than January 25.



Create Your Own Scrapbook & PIZZA

WHEN: Friday, March 18

DETAILS: 5:30 pm Tri Valley High School Cafeteria. Take time to organize your memories. Go home with a small hand-made scrapbook. All supplies will be provided. Feel free to bring your photos with you.

SIGN-UP: If you plan to attend \$5 residents/\$10 non-residents must be paid no later than March 1.



Tie Dye Tee Shirts & PIZZA

WHEN: Friday, April 29.

DETAILS: 5:30 pm Tri Valley High School Cafeteria. Come have a quick dinner and tie dye a tee shirt to bring home. All supplies will be provided.

SIGN-UP: If you plan to attend \$5 residents/\$10 non-residents must be paid no later than April 5.



Museum of Natural History

WHEN: Saturday, June 4.

DETAILS: Leave Town Hall 8 am to explore all 45 halls of the museum, the Rose Center for Earth & Space and view the Hayden Planetarium Space Show. Return to Town Hall at approximately 7 pm.

SIGN-UP: If you plan to attend \$25 residents/\$38 non-residents must be paid no later than April 26.



ALBI CONCERT & HOT DOG LUAU

WHEN: Sunday, July 17.

DETAILS: Outdoor Stage by Town Hall Parking Lot. Rain or Shine. Please bring your own lawn chair or blanket to sit on. Hot dogs, soda & water will be for sale for \$1 each.



The Buddy Holly Story Forestburgh Playhouse

WHEN: Wednesday, July 27.

DETAILS: Meet at the Town Hall at 10 am to car pool to Forestburgh Playhouse to see the musical and eat lunch at the Tavern.

SIGN-UP: If you plan to attend \$30 residents/\$46 non-residents must be paid no later than June 28.



ZOOM FLUME

WHEN: Saturday, August 6.

DETAILS: Enjoy a fun filled family day complete with a wave pool & water rides at Zoom Flume. The school bus leaves the Town Hall at 8 am & returns at approximately 6 pm. Please bring money for the snack bar, coolers are allowed so feel free to bring lunch if you would prefer.

SIGN-UP: If you plan to attend \$10 residents/\$34 non-residents must be paid no later than June 28.



Rhinebeck Fair

WHEN: Thursday, August 25.

DETAILS: Spend the Day at the Dutchess County Fair, the 2nd largest fair in NY State. The coach bus will leave the Town Hall at 9 am and return at approximately 6 pm. Anyone under the age of 15 must be accompanied by an adult. Food & ride tickets can be purchased ahead of time at a discounted price. Food coupons are a \$10 value for \$8 and Ride coupons are 12 tickets for \$20.

SIGN-UP: If you plan to attend \$15 residents/\$30 non-residents must be paid no later than June 28 this includes admission & transportation.

Pumpkin Decorating & Pizza

WHEN: Friday, October 28.

DETAILS: 5:30 pm Tri Valley High School Cafeteria. Come have a quick dinner and decorate a pumpkin to bring home. All supplies will be provided.

SIGN-UP: If you plan to attend \$5 residents/\$10 non-residents must be paid no later than October 4.

Army Football Game West Point

WHEN: DATE & TIME TO BE ANNOUNCED

DETAILS: Leave Town Hall by Motorcoach bus to attend Army Football game!

SIGN-UP: If you plan to attend \$25 residents/\$38 non-residents must be paid no later than TBA this includes admission & transportation.

Transportation to NYC

WHEN: Saturday, December 3.

DETAILS: We will be dropped off near Times Square and you will be free to spend the day as you wish! We will leave Town Hall at 8 am and return at approximately 8 pm.

SIGN-UP: If you plan to attend \$20 residents & non-residents must be paid no later than November 8.

SAVE THESE DATES & THIS FLYER

Dear Parks & Rec Supporter,

Please mark your calendars and hold on to this informational flyer.
In an attempt to save trees I will be producing less paper flyers this year!
Looking forward to 2011,

Jamie

Procedure to Attend Events

One of the following **MUST BE DONE BEFORE** the cut off date:

1. COME & fill out permission slips & bring payment to the Town Hall Upstairs Parks & Recreation office between 3 pm & 6 pm on Tuesdays.
2. MAIL permission slips & payment to Parks and Rec Dept PO BOX 307 Grahamsville, NY 12740

PLEASE make NOTE the following:

For your convenience permission slips can be downloaded from our website www.townofneversink.org or picked up in the Parks and Recreation office in the Town Hall on Tuesdays from 3 pm to 6 pm. Trips maybe cancelled due to lack of sufficient participants or inclement weather. If you need to contact the director for any reason I can be reached at the Town Hall on Tuesdays between the hours of 3 pm and 6 pm; any other time please leave a voicemail at 985-2262 ext. 312 or email me at racerj12d@aol.com.

Town of Neversink Parks & Recreation Department
NOW ON FACEBOOK!

Town of Neversink Parks & Recreation Department
www.townofneversink.org
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AL-ANON MEETINGS

Monday 7:00 p.m. United Methodist Church, 170 N. Main Street, Liberty

Thursday 7:00 p.m. Immaculate Conception Church Annex, 6317 Route 42, Woodbourne

Saturday 8:00 p.m. United Methodist Church, 170 N. Main Street, Liberty
<http://www.al-anon.alateen.org>

ADULT & CONTINUING ED PROGRAM AT BOCES TEAMS WITH SUNY SULLIVAN TO PROVIDE GED AND ADVANCED ESOL CLASES

Do you want a better life for yourself and your children? The Adult and Continuing Education Program at BOCES is committed to helping people learn the skills they need to obtain the goal of having a better life by offering courses to individuals who need a GED or would like to learn the English language, in addition to many other career and enrichment courses. In doing this, the Adult Program has teamed up with SUNY Sullivan to offer yet another location for people to obtain their GED and take an Advanced English as a Second Language (ESOL) course.

While it's always best to obtain one's diploma in the traditional way, sometimes it is just not realistic. If you have not consider a general equivalency diploma (GED) as an alternative consider these benefits: 1. The GED can open doors for you that are closed to high-school dropouts.; 2. A GED is honored by all public and most private colleges and universities.; 3. Most employers ACCEPT the GED as a recognizable diploma.

Getting your GED involves taking a series of tests designed to measure the skills equal to those represented by a high school diploma. The tests measure writing, social studies, science, reading, and mathematics skills. So don't miss out on this opportunity, the course will run on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:00pm to 9:00pm starting on January 26th at SUNY Sullivan located in Loch Sheldrake. This course will help you prepare for the GED exam which is scheduled for March 11th & 12th or July 8th & 9th. The Advanced ESOL course is designed for students who are ready to enhance their English skills whether it's speaking, listening, reading, or writing. The Advanced ESOL course is the perfect choice for someone who is ready to go that next step. If you are interested in this course it will run on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:00pm to 9:00pm starting on January 27th.

For more information or to sign up contact the Adult and Continuing Education Program at (845) 791-4070 or log onto scooces.org and follow us on face book and twitter for program updates.

The Adult Program at BOCES enhances our community, one family at a time

HVAC COURSES COMES TO SC THROUGH THE ADULT & CONTINUING ED PROGRAM AT BOCES

The Adult and Continuing Education Program at BOCES is now offering HVAC courses for individuals interested in working with heating and ventilation and air conditioning systems.

Job prospects for heating, air-conditioning, and refrigeration mechanics and installers are expected to be excellent especially in the fastest growing areas of the country. In addition, employment of heating, air-conditioning, and refrigeration mechanics and installers is projected to increase faster than average for all occupations through the year 2014. As the population grows, so does the demand for residential, commercial, and industrial climate-control systems. The increased complexity of HVACR systems will

- 1/6/11 **First Thursday Readers**-Daniel Pierce Library 1 pm
- 1/10/11 Town of Olive Auditing Meeting 7:30 pm Olive Town Hall on Boxtock Rd, Shokan, NY
- 1/11/11 Town of Denning Audit Meeting 7 pm
- 1/11/11 Town of Olive Town Board Meeting 7:30 pm Olive Town Hall on Boxtock Rd, Shokan, NY
- 1/11/11 Claryville Fire District Orgaization Meeting 7 pm
- 1/12/11 Town of Neversink Town Board Meeting
- 1/13/11 Eept. of Motor Vehicle at Neversink Town Hall 10:00 am-2:00 pm
- 1/13/11 Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting 7 pm
- 1/17/11 Town of Neversink HOLIDAY - Marin Luther King Jr. Day
- 1/18/11 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals
- 1/18/11 Town of Olive Planning Board Meeting 7:30 pm Olive Town Hall (call 657-2015 to confirm meeting)
- 1/25/11 Town of Neversink Parks & Rec 7 pm Neversink Town Hall
- 2/2/11 Town of Neversink Planning Board
- 2/5/11 Sundown Methodist Church Covered Dish Supper -5:30 pm Sundown Church Hall

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

- Town of Denning Message Board: <http://www.denning.us>
- Town of Neversink Website: <http://townofneversink.org>
- Daniel Pierce Library - <http://www.danielpiercelibrary.org>
- Time and The Valleys Museum - <http://timeandthevalleysmuseum.org>
- Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman On-Line Edition: <http://thetownsman.com>
- To find out what is happening at Tri-Valley CSD: <http://tvcs.k12.ny.us>

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

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| SUNDOWN CAMP & BAIT SHOP | ARATI GIFT SHOP (Brickman Rd.) | LIGHTHOUSE DELI |
| GRAHAMSVILLE DELI | E & H PAINTBALL (Loch Sheldrake) | NAPANOCH FLORIST |
| GRAHAMSVILLE AUTOMOTIVE | VALERO MINI MALL (Loch Sheldrake) | JAMES NAPANOCH GROCERY |
| CANNIE D'S | WOODBOURNE CITGO STATION | MATTHEW'S PHARMACY |
| BLUE HILL LODGE | MO'S GAS STATION (Woodbourne) | NAPANOCH APPLIANCE |
| 3 GOLDENS CONVENIENCE STORE | P.D. SMITH ENTERPRISE (Woodbourne) | PETER'S MARKET |
| | AGWAY • J.B. MAK (Liberty) | |

NEW LOCATIONS in the TOWN OF OLIVE:& SHANDAKEN

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

also create opportunities for service technicians. People and businesses depend on their climate-control systems and must keep them in good working order, regardless of economic conditions.

The courses at the Adult and Continuing Education Program are designed to meet your individual knowledge or experience. The program will take you from basic introduction all the way through advanced training. Introduction to HVAC will be offered in the evening starting on January 25th or on Saturdays starting on January 29th. Topics cover include but are not limited to plumbing basics, electrical theory, soldering, refrigerants, and refrigeration cycles of residential and light commercial systems.

If you already have some basic knowledge sign up for the Intermediate HVAC course. This course will be offered in the evening starting on March 15th or on Saturdays starting on March 19th.

The Advanced HVAC course will be offered in the evening starting on May 24th or on Saturdays starting on May 28th.

Within six months you can go from basic to advanced training and be able to start that new career or advance in your current career. Don't wait; a new opportunity is a call away. For more information or to sign up contact the Adult and Continuing Education Program at (845) 791-4070 or log onto scooces.org and follow us on Facebook and Rwitter for program updates.

The Adult Program at BOCES enhances our community, one family at a time.

IS THERE A GREEN CAREER IN YOUR FUTURE? FIND OUT A SUNY SULLIVAN

"Going Green" has become more than just a popular catch phrase. Today, going green is a necessity. It is a necessity that has evolved into one of the fastest growing career opportunities. Do you think you have a green future? Do you think that your career path is leading you to finding gainful employment in one of the many areas of sustainability?

Perhaps you've already given a career in sustainability some serious thought. Or maybe you've just begun to explore this new field of endeavor. Either way, SUNY Sullivan wants to invite you to take the next step into what could become your dream career.

SUNY Sullivan will be offering Introduction to Renewable Energy Systems (GRB 1200) in the spring 2011 semester (1/26-5/20).

This three-credit on-line course "covers the principles, methods, and equipment associated with renewable energy systems. Topics include biofuels, solar, wind, biomass, fuel cells, hydropower, geothermal and ground source heat pumps and energy storage systems."

It is the first of three different courses in this program. Not only will this course give you a better understanding of the nature of renewable energy systems, you'll be able to take the course from the comfort of your home and discover if this is the right career path for you. The courses in the college's renewable energy/sustainability program are funded in part by a grant from the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA), a public benefit corporation (www.nyserda.org).

Start the New Year off on the right foot. Find out if green is in your future!

To learn more, visit us at www.sunysullivan.edu or call us at 845-434-5750 ext. 4456.

VASSAR BROTHERS MEDICAL CENTER AND ERH FORM CRITICAL ACCESS HOSPITAL TRANSER AGREEMENT

Poughkeepsie, NY - Based on a mutual desire to enhance the continuity of health care delivery in their communities, Vassar Brothers Medical Center and Ellenville Regional Hospital today announced the formation of a Critical Access transfer agreement.

Ellenville Regional Hospital (ERH), a designated Critical Access Hospital, is a 25-bed facility located in Ellenville, NY. As a Critical Access Hospital, ERH provides rural community patients their first entry into the health care system by providing primary hospital services.

A Critical Access Hospital (CAH) is a hospital designation made possible by the Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility Program created by the federal government in the Balanced Budget Act of 1997. It is an alternative for small, rural hospitals and creates the potential for enhanced reimbursement from Medicare, as well as the opportunity to better match the local community's needs to the hospital's capabilities. In order for the hospital to meet the CAH requirements, it must include the services of at least one Critical Access Hospital and at least one full-service acute care hospital. Through this transfer agreement with Vassar Brothers Medical Center (VBMC), a 365-bed tertiary care medical center based in Poughkeepsie, ERH patients will have access to all of the high quality and cost-effective services currently available at VBMC.

OLIVE TOWN BOARD (From Pg. 1)

Before closing the meeting, Supervisor Leifeld introduced the fact that the town would be receiving a grant in the amount of \$43,000 for the development of a park or picnic area along State Route 28 in Shokan. The area designated is across from Mountain Road, where the railroad cars are currently parked. This is part of a State project for the Route 28 Corridor, and at the time of the grant application, it was not believed that the funds would be awarded, given the current economic status of the State and recent job losses. Much discussion has been bantered around about who would be responsible for maintenance, pick up of garbage, etc. for a park that will likely be used primarily by travelers as they pass through our area. Supervisor Leifeld suggested that council members be contemplating what they would like to do now that the grant has become a reality and whether or not the town actually wishes to build the park. Discussion would begin at the next regular meeting. More to follow....

The next regularly scheduled Town Board meeting will be a combined Audit and Board meeting on January 11, 2011 beginning at 7:30 PM at the Town Meeting Hall on Bostock Road, Shokan. See you there

THE TRI-VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

A Regular Board Meeting Will Be held
 On Thursday, January 6, 2011 at 7:00 P.M.
 After a Board Policy Committee Meeting
 Held at 6:00 P.M.
 In the Secondary School, Lower Library Level,
 Grahamsville, New York



Daniel Pierce Library

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

Closed Sundays and Mondays

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

845-985-7233

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

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Large 3 bdrm house, Grahamsville, TV school, \$1000.plus security. Utilities not included, No pets. Available 11/1/10 - 845 985 2709. tfn

Mobile Home for rent in Grahamsville: 14x72 3 Bdr, Nice condition, walking distance to Town Park. \$675 per month + utilities and security - No pets. 985-7242 pd12/9

RENT- Spacious, bright & quiet one bedroom apartment with large private back deck located on Camp Road. \$750 per month with early payment discount. Call Jim (845)798-1424

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POLITICAL SLANT By Frank Comando

Our Democracy is in danger of being usurped once again. As we have recently seen and heard a bill passed by the Senate and the House, (our Congressman Maurice Hinchey is not supporting this bill) and signed by the President benefits only three-tenths of the population, "The Super Rich." In light of this Stephen Crockett, a talk radio host has suggested to amend the constitution. Here are some of his suggestions.

Corporations shall not have the right to spend shareholder money to influence elections. Executives who are convicted of using corporate funds to influence elections shall be barred from serving as corporate officers for life and be punished as felons.

All trade agreements between the United States and foreign nation must be approved by a majority public referendum vote of American citizens of voting age. All previous trade agreements must be approved in the above manner within 4 years of the adoption of this amendment.

All imported manufactured goods must be taxed by the federal government at a minimum rate to offset the financial losses involved to American workers, businesses, and governments. No trade agreement may be placed into the referendum process for approval that does offset the financial losses listed above.

All citizens shall be entitled to basic healthcare at public expense. The federal government has the responsibility to provide basic healthcare to all citizens and must fund adequately this responsibility.

Employers, Congress, or governments at any level shall not restrict the right of American workers to organize and bargain collectively with employers. Employers are not permitted to interfere with the election process when workers are deciding rather or not to unionize and bargain collectively. Employers who violate the unionization rights of workers shall be considered felons and punished as felons subject to punishments established by Congress.

All citizens have the right to gainful employment, at hourly rates at least equal to the established minimum wage, by the federal government, if able and willing to work, during periods of excessively high periods of unemployment, unless fired by the federal government for good cause or while serving a criminal sentence. Congress shall establish a reasonable definition of excessively high unemployment rate at a level of no more than 8 percent of the total available domestic workforce.

Corporate officer elections of publicly traded corporations shall be conducted by the Commerce Department of the federal government. Shareholders voting to elect the corporate officers shall vote their shares independently on the salaries and other compensation packages of the corporate offices involved. A majority of shares voted by participating shareholders must approve these compensation packages. Candidates for these corporate offices may vote their shares in the election of corporate officers but may not vote their shares in the vote on compensation.

What are your thoughts on these suggestions? Have your comments and/or questions, space allowing, posted, or answered here e-mail: politicalslant@yahoo.com.



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- The Lodge: Super for entertaining. 3 bed/2 bath, 3+ acs with Great Room, open plan kit/din/lounge. \$269,000
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Knarf's "Classic Movie Trivia"

Some say this classic 1955 film rocketed James Dean to Stardom, others say he died right. Whatever your opinion? I think you will agree that this film depicting the early fifties is fine entertainment.

Synopsis; an alienated teenager tries to handle life's troubles and his apron-wearing dad.

Cast: James Dean, Natalie Wood, Sal Mineo, and Jim Backus Dir:

Nicholas Ray C-111 mins, TV-PG, on TCM Monday January 10, 2010, at 6:00 pm

Quiz,

A. Who played John "Plato" Crawford?

B. Who played "Goon"

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

Know your communities, get and stay involved.

Grahamsville - Need some positive energy in your life? See page 14, for Neversink Parks and Rec. calendar of events for 2011. Keep it on your 'fridge' for lots of Neversink P&R fun including "Albi in the Park" plus trips, plays, and all kinds of fun activities.

Denning -Town of Denning Business/Audit Meeting, at the Denning Town Hall in Claryville NY - 7:00 PM. Tue 11 - Claryville Fire District Organizational Meeting at the Claryville Fire District Community Hall - 7:00 PM. Thu 13 - Planning Board Regular Meeting at the Denning Town Hall in Claryville NY - 7:00 PM.

Ellenville-Napanoch - We all know that there are great buys at **Peters Market** a member of the IGA Chain of grocery stores. But did you know there are fine photographic cards of our area on sale by expert photographer Pat Peters. Make a friend aware of the beauty of our area, and on the next occasion you have to send a greeting, make it a **Pat Peters' Greeting card**, and inspire dreams of natural beauty.

Olive-Boiceville - Speaking of IGA stores, **IGA of Boiceville** has those wonderful tasty things we all desire to satisfy our taste buds.

Shokan - New column on music by Fred Perry of "Reservoir Music" on Rte. 28 begins in this issue on page 4.

New Years Eve and the Ball - 1907 - Walter F. Palmer, chief electrician for *The Times*, created the first New Year's Eve Ball in response to the behest of publisher Adolph Ochs, to create some kind of spectacular midnight show that would draw attention to Time Square. The New Year's Eve Ball first descended from a flagpole at One Times Square, and was constructed with iron and wood materials with 100 25-watt bulbs weighing 700 pounds (320 kg) and measuring 5 feet (1.5 m) in diameter. At first, it dropped 1 second after midnight, and now has become an American icon, reminding us of new beginnings for a New Year!

Have a great week and a very Happy New Year!
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ANSWER TO KNARF'S MOVIE TRIVIA
B. Dennis Hopper
A. Sal Mineo