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Denning Highway Department Helps to Raise Awareness of Local Invasive Species

Town of Denning Highway Superintendent Dan Van Sadars starts the New Year by hanging a new educational poster to raise awareness of the best practices for controlling Japanese Knotweed in the Towns of Neversink and Denning.



Over twenty County and Town highway department employees took part this fall in 3 training sessions conducted by Riparian Field Technician, Brenden Wagner. Since 2011, he has led the effort, with over 25 participating landowners along the Chestnut and Rondout Creeks, to plan and implement the prevention measures of this introduced species.

Says Wagner, "Our communities are in the unique position to prevent the damage done

to river corridors all over the northeast U.S. by this shallow-rooted invasive that out-competes the native woody vegetation that safely knits our stream banks and soil together, but also co-opts human use of the stream for recreation and does not support native wildlife."



This is a project is brought to the Towns through Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District and the Catskill Region Invasive Species Partnership (CRISP), with support from The Catskill Center for Conservation and Development and NYC DEP.

Governor takes Snowmobile Tour to Promote Winter Tourism in Upstate NY



Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today traveled to the Tug Hill region in the North Country to launch "I [Snowmobile] NY," the first part of a print, television, radio and digital, nationwide, \$4.5 million winter tourism campaign aimed at promoting snowmobiling, skiing, and other recreational activities in Upstate New York.

The Governor unveiled the tourism campaign at a press conference and took a snowmobile tour for 20 miles in Tug Hill. He was joined by Senator Betty Little, Senator Joseph Griffo, Assemblyman Ken Blankenbush and

Assemblywoman Addie Russell.

"This season, we welcome visitors from around the world to experience winter in Upstate New York," Governor Cuomo said. "The North Country region is unmatched in its natural beauty and now offers new recreational

trails for snowmobiling and a wide variety of other activities for outdoor enthusiasts of all ages to explore. As one of the biggest and growing employers in the state, the tourism industry continues to play a significant role in boosting our economy. With our new ad campaign, we want more New Yorkers and tourists to come visit regions like Tug Hill to see what winter adventures await in the Empire State."

The print and digital "I [Snowmobile] NY" ads will begin running after January 1, 2014, in national newspapers and trade magazines.

For more information about the announcement, go to: <http://www.governor.ny.gov/press/12302013-cuomo-launches-campaign-to-promote-snowmobiling-in-new-york>

TVCS Students Collect Food for Needy Pets at Sullivan County SPCA



A huge thank you to Becca Reynolds, Halie Travis and Heather Foster. They came up with the idea to help the animals at the SPCA. The girls worked really hard through social media, putting up flyers etc. they were able to donate over 500 lbs of dog food 400 lbs of cat food and cat litter not to mention all the toys and blankets.

Great job by great kids from Tri Valley School District!

TVCS Future Business Leaders of America Keep Busy!



The TVCS Junior FBLA recently decorated a beautiful Christmas tree for the annual "Christmas Tree Lighting" at the Town Square in Grahamsville. (Contd. Pg. 3)

The Tri-Valley Lions Club Gift Card/Gift Certificate Raffle

The Tri-Valley Lions Club will hold a Gift Card/Gift Certificate Raffle. One winner will be drawn on February 4, 2013. Cards and certificates range from \$10 to \$25 for a total of \$400.

Gift certificates and cards were donated by these wonderful friends of the Tri-Valley Lions:

In Liberty, NY: Shoprite; Trading Post; Rite Aid; Agway Pet Center; Tractor Supply; Second to None Restaurant; The Medicine Shoppe; Golden Shears Salon; Dollar General; Advance Auto (detailing kit); Dunkin Donuts; McDonalds; Last Licks; Eureka Café in Grahamsville; Marcos Restaurant in Loch Sheldrake; Nardis (Frankie & Johnnies) in Hurleyville; Cannie D's Market in Neversink; Citgo Gas Station in Woodbourne. Gift cards may be used at these establishments subject to the store's rules.

Tickets for the raffle are \$5 each. Buy one, or buy several.

You may purchase tickets from any of the Tri-Valley Lions that you may know or call Esta Jacob at 845-985-2927 after 5:30 pm

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Deadline for all submissions is 3:00 p.m. Friday.

NO EXCEPTIONS

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Have a question- please call: Linda Comando (845) 985-0501.
As always, thank you for your support.

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ON THE FRONT BURNER: The Lord God of your fathers make you a thousand times so many more as ye are, and bless you as he hath promised you. Deuteronomy 1:10

OBITUARIES

Eugene S. Ackerley, a lifelong Sullivan County resident, passed away on Sunday, December 22, 2013 at the Stratton VA Medical Center in Albany, NY. He was 64.

The son of Arnold C. and Margaret Ellen McGuire Ackerley, he was born on February 16, 1949 in the Town of Neversink.

Gene served on the Police Department for the Village of Woodridge for 35 years, working his way up to Police Chief. He was a U.S. Army Veteran, serving from 1968 to 1971. He was a member of the Neversink Beagle Club and Liberty Elks Lodge #1545 of Liberty. Gene was an avid golfer and spent many enjoyable hours playing golf with his friends.

"Gene's charismatic personality and smile was like no other. We will remember him for his sense of humor and his greatness."

He is survived by his loving family: his mother, Margaret Ackerley of Liberty, NY; wife, Maria Sutherland Ackerley, at home; son, Eugene Ackerley Jr. of Grahamsville; daughters, Lindsay Garvey (Luke) of Pine Bush and Meghan Ackerley of Palm Coast, FL; brothers, Arnold Ackerley of Liberty, Richard Ackerley of Fayetteville, NC and Donald Ackerley and his companion, Colleen of Fayetteville, NC; sisters, Marion Wegman of Liberty, Marjorie Fairbairn of Liberty, Virginia Kiefer of Jeffersonville, April Malara of Jeffersonville and Cindy Barber (Edward) of White Lake; two grandchildren, Logan and Lexi Garvey and numerous nieces and nephews. He is further survived by his brothers-in-law: Jon Sutherland (Justine) (Jon and Gene were also best friends) and Bill Sutherland (Mary) all of Parksville; sister-in-law, Peggy Morgans (Lynn) of Parksville and his special cousin, Billy Ackerley (Diane) of Woodbourne. He was predeceased by brothers, Wesley and Roy Ackerley and sister, Caroline Johnson and by his father, Arnold C. Ackerley Sr. Funeral Services were held on Saturday, December 28th at Ramsay's Funeral Home, Liberty, NY, Pastor Robert Hewitt officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Zachary & Elizabeth Fisher House, 113 Holland Ave., Albany, NY 12208.

John Anthony Misko of Grahamsville, New York, passed away on Monday, December 30, 2013 at Roscoe Regional Rehab and Residential RCF. He was 86.

John was the son of the late John P. Misko and Olga Howanitz and was born on July 30, 1927 in Eynon, PA. He was raised in the coal mining area of northeast Pennsylvania and, like his brother before him, proudly served our country in the United States Navy during 1945-1946 as a Seaman Second Class. After an honorable discharge he moved to New York where he eventually became the Supervisor of Maintenance at the Concord Hotel, a position he held for almost 40 years until his retirement. John was an active member of the VFW Bernstein Post for many years. At home he took great pride and joy in maintaining the house and perfecting his lawn. He loved to ride his lawn mower and was always ready to spring into action after the rains had come. Like his father, John was an incredible handyman and carpenter. He fixed just about anything that needed fixing and was always happy to help friends who didn't have the same skills. In his spare time he enjoyed camping, fishing, keeping his tools organized and barbecuing on the grill. Most importantly, he enjoyed spending time with his family. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother and friend who will be deeply missed.

He is survived by his loving wife, Thelma Misko at home; his children, Elaine Kaiser and husband, William, David Misko and wife, Marina Peake and James Misko and wife, Jennifer, Barbara Maschio, Robert Botsford and his companion, Sara Kelz, Betty Botsford, Bonnie Preston and her husband, Stephen, and Michael Botsford and his wife, Lisa. His grandchildren include Dawn Thompson, Adam Zingalis, Dorothea Kaiser, Samantha Kaiser, Jacob Misko, Nicholas Misko, Cierra Jones-Pugh, John Michael Botsford, Brittany Benton and Amie and Robyn Morganbesser. His great-grandchildren include Trinity and Maddox Thompson, Natalia Zingalis, and Easton Pugh. He is also survived by his sisters, Violet Shumski, and Ann Marie Mahalak and her husband, Robert. He was predeceased by his first wife, Jane Misko, and one brother, Vincent Misko.

The family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the Roscoe Regional Rehab and Residential RCF doctors and staff for their care,

compassion and dedication throughout John's stay. Donations in John's name may be made to Roscoe Regional Rehab and Residential Council, 420 Rockland Road, Roscoe, NY 12776.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Saturday, January 4, 2014 at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Woodbourne, NY with full military honors.

Horace M. Sheeley, 86, great-grandfather, grandfather, father, husband, businessman, Gideon, Lion, Fireman, Public Servant and Church member of Grahamsville, NY passed on Monday, December 30, 2013 at home after a short battle with cancer.

Horace, the son of Earl D. and Ada V. Sheeley was born in Ellenville, NY on September 6, 1927. He is survived by his wife, Eunice; sons Jim (Sue) and John; grandchildren: Mike (Deanna), Megan (Jason), Karyn (Mike), Luke, Benjamin and Nathaniel; great-granddaughter, Brea and two great-grandchildren on the way.

Horace graduated from Ellenville High School in 1945 and then served two years in the Army. Upon returning to Grahamsville, he worked on both the Neversink and Rondout Reservoir projects. He married his wife of 56 years on November 10, 1957, and after a short residence in Monticello, returned to Grahamsville where he lived and served until his death on Monday morning. Horace owned and operated Earl D. Sheeley & Son, Inc. from 1968 through 1999 when they handed over the reins to Jim and his wife to continue the family business his Dad had started so many years ago. Horace served as Councilman for the Town of Neversink for over 30 years and was active in the Sullivan County Republican Party. He was a charter member of both the Grahamsville First Aid Squad and Grahamsville Fire Dept.; lifelong member and leader of the Grahamsville United Methodist Church; member and past officer of the Grahamsville Rural Cemetery Association; lifelong member and director of the Neversink Agricultural Society; member of the Tri-Valley FFA Alumni Assn; member of the Tri-Valley Lions and an active member of Gideon's International and the Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Association in his later years.

God and family first, trucks second. Horace will be missed by both family and the community. They just don't make many like him anymore.

Firematic Services were held at Ramsay's Funeral Home, Liberty on Thursday, January 2nd. Funeral Services were held Friday, January 3rd at the Grahamsville United Methodist Church, Grahamsville, NY. The Rev. Peggy Ann Saurhoff officiated. Burial followed at Grahamsville Rural Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Gideon's International, Tri-Valley Lions, Grahamsville United Methodist Church, Grahamsville Fire Department or the Grahamsville First Aid Squad.

DAYS OF YO'RE....**Today's History**

January 6, 1954 - Mr. and Mrs. Philip Coombe of Ridgwood, New Jersey, and Broadacres, Grahamsville, New York, announce the engagement of their daughter, Phyllis Ann to John Benjamin Gillette of Ellenville and Grahamsville. Miss Coombe is the granddaughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Wm. Coombe of Ellenville. Mr. Gillette is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Gillette and the late Mr. and Mrs. George Reynolds of Grahamsville.

The passing of Mr. Alfred Currey of Grahamsville on Friday is of deep concern to all this community. He was one of the oldest residents of Grahamsville, being nearly 92 years of age. He conducted the hardware store before his son, Charles Currey took over. His health and vigor had been excellent.

January 1, 1964 - Lee S. Dayton, 71, died September 28 at Wilson Memorial Hospital in Johnson City after a short illness. Dayton had owned and operated a garage in Grahamsville for many years. Less than two years ago, he and his wife sold the business and moved to a new home at Endwell, N.Y. The LaHankos now operate a garage business in the same building that the Dayton's owned for so long. He was born on January 24, 1892 at Eureka, N.Y., the son of George Dayton and Josephine Hasbrouck. He was married on November 15, 1911 at Grahamsville to Delia Cross. (Contd. Pg. 3)

A Round About Tri-Valley

-Carol Furman

Carolyn Hill of Neversink retired as Sullivan County Personnel Officer the beginning of December. Carolyn spent 27 years in the County's employ. Enjoy your retirement, Carolyn!

Condolences to the Eugene Ackerley Family. Eugene passed away just before Christmas. Congratulations to Justin Swarthout of Tri-Valley who was selected to football's All League Team, as well as to the All Section Team.

A roaring fire, holiday lights and a large Christmas tree all contributed to a lovely evening at Frost Valley's Thomas Lodge Dining Hall on December 13. A delicious buffet dinner was served, free of charge, to local residents at Frost Valley's Community Gathering. Thank you, Frost Valley. What a nice way to help celebrate the holiday season!

Congratulations to Tara Berescik, Tri-Valley Agriculture Teacher, who received the honor of being voted "Tech Teacher of the Year" at the National Agriculture Conference.

Congratulations to Matt and Keira Weyant of Woodbourne on the birth of a daughter, Aislynn Grace, born on December 8.

Becca Reynolds, Halie Travis and Heather Foster, Tri-Valley students, collected over 500 pounds of dog food, 400 pounds of cat food and litter and many toys and blankets for the SPCA in Rock Hill. Thank you, girls, for a job well done!

On December 29, the Blue Hill Lodge in Claryville was crowded with guests enjoying a pre-New Year's Eve buffet. The food was delicious and everyone seemed to be having a very nice time.

As of December 1, SUNY Sullivan's Women's Basketball Team had climbed to the #3 spot in Division 3's National basketball poll.

Van (Chip) and Julie Furman and children recently returned from a holiday vacation in Mexico. The Caribbean was a bright blue and temperatures were in the 80's.

Happy Birthday wishes to Margaret Dolan who recently celebrated her 92nd birthday with her daughter and family in Tennessee.

Condolences to the family of John Misko who passed away on December 30th. John was 86 years old.

Words of Wisdom: Be at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let every new year find you a better person. (Benjamin Franklin)
When life gets too hard to stand, kneel!

DAYS OF YORE....Today's History
(From Pg. 2)

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Costa of Grahamsville are the parents of a daughter born December 24 at Maimonides Hospital, Liberty. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mickelson are the maternal grandparents. Mr. Anthony Costa is the paternal grandfather. Richard George, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Krum was baptized at the Grahamsville Methodist Church Sunday morning with Rev. Harry Myers officiating.

Mr. and Mrs. William VanBenschoten celebrated their sixty-third wedding anniversary on December 26th. They received many cards and had quite a few callers.

January 9, 1974 - Life Scout Thomas M. Arielly of Grahamsville Troop 187 passed his Eagle Scout Review Board held by the Hudson-Delaware Council on December 27th. Tom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Arielly of Mutton Hill Road, Neversink. An Eagle Court of Honor will be held in February to honor and present Tom with his Eagle medal.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Bevier of Napanoch have announced the engagement of their daughter, Susan Jane, to Daniel Charles Levy, son of Mr. Joseph Levy and the late Virginia Levy of Grahamsville. Miss Bevier is a senior at Tri-Valley Central School. Her fiancé is in the U.S. Air Force stationed at Sheppard AFB, Texas. Wedding plans are incomplete.

January 5, 1984 - Sullivan County Judge Louis B. Scheinman of Woodbourne, a longtime public servant, former District Attorney and Family Court Judge, died December 20, 1983 in Syracuse Crouse-Irving Memorial Hospital of heart failure. Services were held Thursday, December 22nd at the Woodbourne Synagogue with Rabbi Nelson Latkin officiating.

Hulda Ferber of Grahamsville and Robert Ferber of Saranac Lake, N.Y. wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Karla, to John Leyden of New City, N.Y. Miss Ferber is a graduate of Tri-Valley High School and is now attending the Beauty School of Middletown. Her fiancé

graduated from Clarkstown North High School and is employed by the Ulster County Highway Department. A fall wedding is planned.

The Future (and Busy) Business Leaders of America (From Pg. 1)

The Junior FBLA recently had their annual 7th and 8th grade Halloween Dance. It was a great success! The 7th and 8th graders danced to their favorite tunes with their friends in some pretty funky costumes. We had an admission fee and we sold yummy goodies at the concession stand all night, and we rose over \$200 for the March of Dimes organization.

Also, the Junior FBLA hosted a Free Senior Citizen Luncheon on November 21, 2013. We dressed up in our best business attire to serve, with veneration, the seniors who attended a Thanksgiving Meal. Also, for an extra treat, we served some delectable ice cream, donated by Gillette Creamery. The event was a success; we served about 40 people who were satisfied when they left.

The Junior FBLA would like to thank our local seniors who attended. We had a lot of fun and we hope to host it next year!

Finally, the Junior FBLA recently decorated a beautiful Christmas tree for the annual "Christmas Tree Lighting" at the Town Square. Although it was quite windy, we worked through it and the tree looks great!

Submitted By:
Gillian Mathews
Jr. FBLA Reporter

Caregiver Support Group: Caring Conversations Offered via Phone

LIBERTY, NY-A support group is being offered a fourth time by telephone conference call for caregivers who are not able to travel to the established three community sites (in Grahamsville, Callicoon, and Liberty) or would like to visit with other caregivers more frequently. Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County is offering this program via its Caregiver Resource Center.

This free group, Caring Conversations, will be offered on the third Tuesday of each month promptly at 10 am for 55 minutes. The first phone conference support group will be on January 21, 2014. When caregivers call, there is no fee (using a 1-800 toll free number) but there will be a limit of 10 caregivers able to participate at this time so registration in advance is appreciated.

To participate in this telephone support group, the public is asked to contact Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County at 845-292-6180.

This opportunity is sponsored by the NYS Office for the Aging Caregiver Resource Center Program.

Hometown Author Donates His Books to the Daniel Pierce Library

Author John Dwaine McKenna has been living in southern Colorado for many years, but was born and raised here in Neversink, New York. In fact, he still writes a weekly column,

The Mysterious Book Report, in this newspaper. In addition to staying close to his roots, he has recently donated three of his books to the Daniel Pierce Library. *The Neversink Chronicles* is a fictional account of the reservoir system that displaced more than ten thousand people through forced eviction. You will read about the areas of Bittersweet, Aden, and Eureka to name a few.

The Whim-Wham Man is a fictional coming of age and murder mystery set in Colorado in the 1940s. It is replete with interesting characters and plot twists that make it a page-turner.

Colorado Noir Stories From the Dark Side is a collection of several entertaining short stories.

One of the stories deals with a woman who has to survive living on the streets; another one is about two petty thieves who get involved in a capital crime; and finally, another story is about the terror and grittiness of World War II, which includes vivid descriptions of military life.

These books are available now for patron borrowing at the Daniel Pierce Library. Come visit the library and be prepared to curl up with John's enjoyable books on a cold winter's night.

Nature Column - Linda Comando

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

A Number One Bird; the Cardinal



The drab weather at the beginning of the week was a let down from the colorful holidays! The scene out of the dining room window was rather drab until a beautiful male Cardinal visited the birdfeeder this morning adding a bit of vivid red to the view.

Quite common in the area, the Northern Cardinal (*Cardinalis cardinalis*) has a crested head, a short thick bill, and is a long-tailed songbird that often sits with a hunched-over posture with its tail pointed straight down. Cardinals are robust, seed-eating birds that are typically associated with open woodland. The sexes usually have distinctive appearances.

Male cardinals are brilliant red all over, with a reddish bill and black face immediately around the bill. Females are duller overall with red wings and tail, washed with gray, and has smaller crests. They have the same black face and red-orange bill. Young cardinals resemble

females, but a bit browner with a dark bill. Cardinals nest in dense tangles of shrubs and vines, usually lower than 10 feet up in a tree or shrub. The female generally lays 2-4 eggs that are gray, blue or greenish and heavily marked with brown, gray, and purple. Young hatch in about 11-13 days and leave the nest at about 9-10 days later, but continue to associate with adults for several weeks.



Cardinals are often found in pairs. During the winter, they may be found in groups. They are common at bird feeders where they especially like sunflower seeds. Away from your feeder, they may not be as noticeable. Although once you learn their loud, metallic song that sounds like "what, what, what, cheer cheer cheer" or more eloquently "whoit cheer, whoit cheer, cheer-cheer-cheer; cheer, whoit-whoit-whoit-whoit; wheat-wheat-wheat-wheat", "bir-dy, bir-dy, bir-dy, bir-dy" you should be able to spot them more easily in backyards, parks, woodlots, and shrubby forest edges.

Cardinals, are passerine birds (birds of a large order distinguished by feet that are adapted for perching) and are found in North and South America. They are also known as cardinal-grosbeaks and cardinal-buntings.

Interesting facts about the Cardinal are: can live up to 15 years in the wild.; they are the state bird of seven states-no other bird holds this distinction; The cardinal's red color is due to carotenoid pigments in their diet and males that have a brighter red color appear to feed at higher rates and have greater reproductive success than males that are duller in color. The range of the Northern Cardinal has been expanding north in recent decades, due in part to its willingness to utilize bird feeders.

The Northern Cardinal type species was named by colonists for the male's red crest, reminiscent of a Catholic cardinal's mitre. A short hooded cloak, originally of scarlet cloth, worn by women in the 18th century was also called a cardinal and may have some influence on the name.

And the lowest cardinal number- one!

To many of us who watch the birds at our feeders during the winter, the vivid red Cardinal is number one!

Household Hints

Clean you Microwave in a Jiffy!

This really works!
To clean your microwave oven, put a microwave-safe bowl of 1/2 cup vinegar and 1 cup water in the oven, and cook long enough to boil. In addition to removing any lingering odors, this will loosen any baked-on food from the microwave's walls.

They Don't Dance Much Mysterious Book Report No. 127 by John Dwaine McKenna

This week's Mysterious Book Report is a blast from the past: a piece of crime fiction that was first published in 1940, but for some reason was never the big success it was expected to be with the general public, although it received great reviews from the likes of Raymond Chandler, Flannery O'Connor and others. It is the work of a Greensboro, North Carolina newspaper reporter named James Ross, and it is the only novel he ever published. It is considered to be the birth of a genre known as "Southern Noir." Kept alive by word of mouth through the years, its copyright was renewed in 1968, and has just been put back into print, part of the renaissance of out of print classics that's now taking place via computer-driven revolution known simply as print on demand, wherein books can be economically produced as few as one at a time.



They Don't Dance Much, (Mysterious Press/Open Road Integrated Media, \$14.99, 288 pages, ISBN 978-1-4532-9620-2) by James Ross is, in the words of Raymond Chandler: A sleazy, corrupt, but completely believable story of a North Carolina town. In it a bankrupt small-time farmer named Jack McDonald is down to his last dollar. Its 1940, and the end of the depression. Heavily in debt with no prospects and no crop because he's been wiped out by the boll weevil and he's a desperate man, McDonald accepts a job in a new roadhouse owned by a seedy, disreputable and thuggish acquaintance of his named Smut Milligan . . . a man who'll do anything for money, up to and including murder. Things look promising for the new business. Between the food, moonshine, gasoline, gambling and the little cabins out back that rent for a dollar several times a night . . . good money is coming in. But then debts, thugs and the law start coming in too . . . and the husband of the married woman Smut is involved with. It's a fast trip down a rough, rocky red dirt road, to perdition and Hell, driven by lust and greed and fueled by blood. If you're a fan of Southern Noir, or any of the dark gloomy tales from the wild side of crime fiction, be sure to get a copy of this pioneering, genre influencing work. Yeah, it's worth the trouble because, yes, it's really that damn good!! A CAVEAT: This was written in 1940. Attitudes and speech were different for all races. If you're concerned about political correctness and offended by the casual and frequent use of racial slurs . . . you probably won't want to read it, except perhaps as a stark example of what it was like in the rural south back then.

Have you gone by your local library and signed up for a FREE library card yet? Oh, yeah, I see. You're too busy watching all of those reality shows on TV. Watching stupid people doing stupid things has a certain appeal I guess, but hanging out with really smart women and men—the ones who write books—seems like a lot better way to spend one's time to me. Think about it . . . Check out our websites: johndwainemckenna.com and rhyolitepress.com

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John Dwaine McKenna 2013 Best Books of the Year List

Hello to all of you dedicated readers out there! It's hard to believe, but the holiday season is here already and it's time for our annual list of the Best Mystery's and Thrillers we've read and reviewed in 2013 . . . and thanks to the help of Ian Kern and all the other associates at Otto Penzler's Mysterious Bookshop in New York City . . . it's a monster!!! It's been the most outstanding group of high quality, fiendishly clever, well written, superbly plotted, intelligent, interesting and unconventional novels we've ever seen. Each has been read from cover-to-cover by yours truly, analyzed, reviewed and rated FIVE STARS for excellence. They are the best of the year. All are worthy of your attention. Read on and enjoy! --JDM

Best Books of the Year 2013

- MBR # 85 *The Hot Country*, by Robert Olen Butler The Pulitzer Prize winning author takes us to Mexico during the 1915 Civil War.
- MBR # 87 *Gun Church*, by Reed Farrel Coleman The weirdest, deadliest and most intense gun club on the planet earth.
- MBR # 88 *The Stockholm Octavo*, by Karen Engelmann Political intrigue, murder, the occult and mystery in seventeenth century Sweden.
- MBR # 91 *Hard Twisted*, C. Joseph Greaves A serial killer with a teenage girl as a voluntary hostage moves through TX, NM, CO and VT during the mid 1930s.
- MBR # 92 *The Thief*, Fuminori Nakamura The most existentialist novel in years, about a Tokyo pickpocket.
- MBR # 95 *The Collini Case*, Ferdinand Von Schirach An inexplicable murder by an honest factory worker, and a sensational trial with an amazing conclusion in Germany.
- MBR # 96 *Ratlines*, Stuart Neville A Nazi conspiracy in modern day Ireland.
- MBR # 99 *City of Saints*, Andrew Hunt A socialite murder in 1930 shocks the 'city of saints'- Salt Lake City, Utah and a young Mormon deputy tries to figure it out.
- MBR #103 *The Death of Bees*, Lisa O'Donnell Two young girls in an Edinburgh slum, their drug abusing parents missing and a nosy neighbor whose pesky dog won't quit digging up things better left buried in the girl's back yard . . .
- MBR # 106 *Black Irish*, Stephen Talty A police Lieutenant in Buffalo, New York, daughter of a legendary detective, tries to solve a string of horrific, gruesome and savage murders by figuring out why an antique toy is left at each scene.
- MBR # 109 *Ghostman*, Roger Hobbs A debut novel by a young author with a unique point of view and a criminal character who's as fascinating as a pet piranha . . . and every bit as likeable.
- MBR # 115 *The Son*, Philipp Meyer A saga that rolls across Texas through four generations of a pioneer family, proving that retribution comes at strange times in unique ways.
- MBR # 119 *A Man Without Breath*, Phillip Kerr Bernie Gunther, Berlin Detective, is conscripted into the Wehrmacht and sent to the Eastern Front one month after the defeat at Stalingrad to try and prove a Russian mass murder of Polish Army officers at a place called Katyn Forest. This novel is disturbing, compelling, well researched and true. It is too good to be missed.
- MBR # 122 *The Shanghai Factor*, Charles McCary A young American spy, living in Shanghai gets involved with a Chinese woman, and exposes himself to risks he couldn't have imagined. Taut with suspense, treachery and double crosses.
- MBR # 126 *Burial Rites*, Hannah Kent Agnes Magnúsdóttir, convicted of murder is sentenced to death in nineteenth century Iceland. She is sent to a remote farm and spends a year with a family while her case works its slow way through the appeals process.

That concludes our Best Books of the Year list for 2013. Out of forty-nine Mysterious Book Reports for the year, sixteen were rated five stars, an exceptional number. I hope you get the chance to read some or maybe even all of them. You'll be well served if you do. -


Bright lights, pure water for the Big City

The massive new ultraviolet treatment plant where water from the Catskills is disinfected before it enters the NYC delivery system was the subject of a presentation by engineer Deborah Keesler at the December 3 meeting of the CWC Board of Directors. The Catskill-Delaware UV Disinfection Facility at Eastview, Westchester County, has been in operation for more than a year. Keesler, Deputy Manager of the DEP's Eastview Region, said the plant is currently treating an average 1.3 million gallons of water each day. Although the Cat-Del supply is largely clean and its Watershed is protected (allowing the City to avoid building a filtration plant), the water must still be treated for microorganisms that can make people sick. Chlorine is added to the water to kill bacteria from human and animal waste and other sources. The UV plant is a second means of disinfection, utilizing ultraviolet light to incapacitate giardia and cryptosporidium parasites that withstand normal chlorine treatment and are dangerous in people with compromised immune systems. The plant, the largest in the US, measures 410x200 feet with the first level below ground. It features 56 treatment units each containing 210 ten-foot-long lamps emitting ultraviolet waves through the water.

Fifty people are employed at the plant, which was built by Trojan Technologies of Ontario at a cost of more than \$1.5 billion. UV equipment will also be added to a filtration plant that is currently being built in the Bronx for the Croton System of the City's water supply.

ERH Honored in 2014 Tournament of Roses Parade

Ellenville Regional Hospital was recognized with a rose on the Donate Life Float in the 125th annual Tournament of Roses Parade on New Year's Day. Ellenville Regional Hospital partners with the Center for Donation & Transplant (CDT) to facilitate life-saving organ and tissue donation. CDT is sponsoring a rose on the Donate Life float in recognition for Ellenville Regional Hospital's support of donor families through participation in the Donate Life Flag Program. In 2014, a flag will be flown at the hospital following every organ and tissue donation case. The flag will then be given to each donors' family in honor of their loved one. Today, over 120,000 people are waiting for a life-saving organ transplant; this statistic includes over 10,000 New Yorkers. Over 28,000 organ transplants were performed in 2012; however, the demand is still much greater than the supply, with an average of 17 Americans dying every day due to the shortage of donor organs. New Yorkers can register to be an organ and tissue donor by joining the New York State Donate Life Registry available online at www.donatelifecdt.org.



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The Olive Jar - By Carol LaMonda

Warning for 2014

I just got comfortable writing 2013. It will be difficult to remember that 2014 will go on checks and letters. It is also the year that will be a round number to celebrate on my birthday. Why do those round numbers take on such significance?

Instead of making specific resolutions like I try to do each year, especially the one about the twenty-pound weight loss that always carries over to the following year, I am resolved to let each day unfold with the joy and uncertainty of events. I am giving up trying to control the present and future. Along with that acceptance will be the resolve to just be myself, not a chameleon or the person someone wants me to be. I also want to wear all that jewelry my husband has bought me over the years or give it away to friends and relatives who wear "outfits" while I wear comfortable, elastic waist yoga or sweat pants.

All this resolving reminds me of a poem I loved even before it became pertinent to my situation. Here is the poem by Jenny Joseph that will sum up 2013 for me:

Warning

When I am an old woman I shall wear purple
With a red hat which doesn't go, and doesn't suit me.

And I shall spend my pension on brandy and summer gloves
And satin sandals, and say we've no money for butter.
I shall sit down on the pavement when I'm tired
And gobble up samples in shops and press alarm bells
And run my stick along the public railings
And make up for the sobriety of my youth.
I shall go out in my slippers in the rain
And pick flowers in other people's gardens
And learn to spit.

You can wear terrible shirts and grow more fat
And eat three pounds of sausages at a go
Or only bread and pickle for a week
And hoard pens and pencils and beer mats and things in boxes.

But now we must have clothes that keep us dry
And pay our rent and not swear in the street
And set a good example for the children.
We must have friends to dinner and read the papers.

But maybe I ought to practice a little now?
So people who know me are not too shocked and surprised
When suddenly I am old, and start to wear purple.



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Fourth Annual Nonprofit Leadership Summit Set for March 27 at Bethel Woods

Bethel, New York: The Steering Committee of the Nonprofit Leadership Summit is pleased to announce that the 2014 summit will take place at Bethel Woods Center for the Arts on Thursday, March 27th. The event marks the fourth annual convergence of regional nonprofits for the purpose of fostering collaboration, advocacy and innovation.

"The success of our first three summits has been very encouraging and we want to maintain the positive energy by continuing to offer our regional nonprofits the critical tools they need to advance their missions despite the difficult economic climate," noted Karen Van Houten Minogue of the Community Foundation of Orange and Sullivan, who is again co-chairing the event with Linda C. Hartley of Hartley Consulting, Inc. "This year's planning team is putting together a comprehensive program that promises to provide inspiration and value to a broad range of nonprofit organizations."

The summit will also serve as the site for the announcement of the winner of the Second Annual Innovation Award, which recognizes a nonprofit organization that has demonstrated innovation in collaboration, marketing, operations or programming. The innovation should be one that generates measurable results and benefits the community at large. Three finalists will be selected to make presentations at the summit and a panel of judges will select the winner of a cash award. Two runners-up will each receive cash awards.

The deadline for submission is March 3, 2014.

The annual summit offers participants a full day of professional development, leadership training and networking, while highlighting the significant value of the nonprofit sector in the area's development and long-term prosperity. Information about how to register for this year's event will be available in mid-January.

Dave Thomson, Chairman of the Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce Foundation said, "The

Summit is aligned with our mission of providing educational programs to augment the skills of nonprofit leaders. We are delighted to serve as the Summit's new fiscal sponsor, and look forward to a collaborative and productive relationship in both serving and re-vitalizing our region."

Winter StoryWalk® for Kids at CCE Sullivan Nature Trail

LIBERTY, NY- The StoryWalk® Project is an innovative way for children and families to enjoy reading and the outdoors at the same time. Preschoolers and children up to 9 years of age can enjoy a winter StoryWalk® at 4 pm on Thursday, January 23, 2014 along the Turtle Spring Nature Trail at Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) Sullivan County's Gerald J. Skoda Extension Education Center on 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road in Liberty. The highlighted story will be "Tracks in the Snow" by Wong Herbert Yee. After the walk, participants are invited to warm up indoors while exploring and learning about wildlife tracks through some take-home crafts. Liberty Public Library (LPL) and CCE Sullivan County are collaborating to offer this free opportunity. Interested families should pre-register for this free event by calling CCE at 845-292-6180 or LPL at 845-292-6070.

This project combines the benefits of physical activity, time outdoors in nature, literacy, and family time. Laminated pages from a children's book are installed along an outdoor path. As you stroll down the trail, you're directed to the next page in the story. This StoryWalk® will be in place throughout the winter months but families are encouraged to attend this opening day.

The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Vermont Bicycle & Pedestrian Coalition and the Kellogg Hubbard Library.

AARP Driver Safety Program

AARP Driver Safety Program will be held at the following location: AARP Driver Safety Program South Fallsburg Community Center, Laurel Avenue, South Fallsburg, New York on Saturday, January 18, 2014 from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

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County Executive Mike Hein Signs Financially Responsible Budget That Contains The Largest Reduction In Government Spending In The History Of Ulster County While Maintaining Essential Services

Kingston, NY - County Executive Mike Hein signed the 2014 Ulster County Budget which provides for the largest reduction in government spending in the history of Ulster County and no real property tax increases. As a result of improvements in efficiency, public/private partnerships and a multi-year restructuring strategy, residents will continue to enjoy essential government services while County property taxpayers are protected. Unfortunately, the budget also includes a County version of "sequestration" as a necessary approach to address the "Cahill Crisis" but will only be implemented if the State is unable to re-institute the County's 1% sales tax prior to February 2014.

"I am proud to say, not only does this budget represent the third consecutive year that my Administration has delivered a budget with no property tax increase, but it contains the largest reduction of government spending, \$23.8 million, in Ulster County's history while still ensuring essential services," stated County Executive Hein. "County government is smaller and more efficient than ever before, and through innovation and a collective willingness to make tough decisions we have been able to move closer to financial sustainability while still being able to provide the essential services so important for our residents."

"I want to acknowledge and thank the Ulster County Legislature who adopted the 2014 Budget in a bipartisan, unanimous vote," added the County Executive, "and I am looking forward to continuing our collective efforts to promote government transparency by providing taxpayers a valuable tax bill insert for the second consecutive year which clearly shows where county tax dollars are being spent."

"Unfortunately, even with all the positives included in this budget and the hard work of both my Administration and the County Legislature, there is still a serious threat to the people of Ulster County; essential services, including critical funding for not-for-profits, are in jeopardy if the County's sales tax request is not addressed by the State of New York in January," stated County Executive Hein. "I have been assured by the Governor's Office that he will sign this bill immediately after passage, and previous incarnations have already passed overwhelmingly in the State Senate. In addition, the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance has already indicated their willingness to assist us with implementation so that the required revenue will be available in time to meet the 2014 budget plan.... the only potential impediment remains with Assemblyman Cahill's previous blockage. The Safety Net takeover often discussed with this issue has continued exactly as outlined over a year ago. Unfortunately, the County and the City of Kingston are absorbing serious fiscal hits and can only shield not-for-profits for so long."

The 2014 Budget includes:

- o The largest reduction in Ulster County government spending;
- o No property tax increase;
- o No layoffs;
- o The continuation of the planned takeover of Safety Net by the County;
- o A "sequestration" plan to protect the County from the "Cahill Crisis"; and
- o The continued reinvention of County government through innovation and change to ensure the continued provision of essential services.

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... in Greek means "Toward the Sun," was written by Carol Olsen LaMonda. Carol writes the column "The Olive Jar" for *Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman*. This local author has been busy guesting at book clubs who have chosen this local memoir as their book choice. As summer approaches, the story of a carefree vacation in the Catskills should be added to your summer "must-read" list. The memoir is available at Amazon or Barnes and Noble on-line as a soft or hard cover or as a downloadable e-book for Nook or Kindle. Go to amazon.com or barnesandnoble.com and type in Prosilio in the search to order your copy of *Prosilio*

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Beetles to the rescue!

There's a new weapon in the fight to preserve the eastern hemlock - a tiny beetle called *Laricobius nigrinus*. In November, 500 beetles, flown in from Washington State, were released at Mine Kill State Park to eat the park's least wanted resident, the hemlock wooly adelgid (HWA).

HWA can kill an otherwise healthy tree in just a few years. Since hemlocks are the 4th most abundant tree species in the Catskill Region, their loss would have major impacts on the wood industry, tourism and water quality. Additionally, the death of large stands of hemlocks could pose wildfire and tree fall risks.

HWA was discovered at Mine Kill in southern Schoharie County two years ago. On November 26, Park staff joined forces with the Catskill Regional Invasive Species Partnership (CRISP) and Professor Mark Whitmore from Cornell University to release the beetles at the park (photo below). It may take up to a decade to determine how effective the bugs really are in controlling the HWA population.

For more information contact Molly Marquand, CRISP Coordinator, at (845)-586-2611 Ext. 103.

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Cahill Bill Expanding Consumer Investment Choice, and Industry Disclosure Signed Into Law

(Albany, New York) Assemblymember Kevin Cahill (D - Ulster, Dutchess) announced today that his bill, A. 7306-B, was recently signed into law. Beginning immediately, life insurance companies will be permitted to sell a new kind of policy which allows money to be credited in accordance with an equity index every three years instead of annually. This paves the way to bigger returns for a consumer's investment.

"This bill will allow insurers to provide a broader array of financial products to fit changing needs. It will also increase disclosure requirements allowing policyholders to make more informed financial decisions," said Cahill.

"This new law will enable life insurers to offer New York residents the types of equity-indexed life insurance products that have provided greater return to the customer in other states," said Diane Stuto, Executive Vice President of the Life Insurance Council of New York. "These products have been popular with customers outside of New York so we anticipate that they will be well received by residents of this state, who can now benefit from the additional amounts of interest that these products may provide. Many thanks to Assembly Insurance

Security Guard 8-hr. Pre-Assignment Training Course

MONTICELLO - The Adult and Continuing Education Program at Sullivan BOCES is offering an 8-hour Pre-Assignment Security Guard Training course on January 25th from 8:30 am to 5:30 pm at the St. John Street Education Center in Monticello. The cost of the course is \$80.

This course will satisfy the minimum criteria recommended by the New York State Security Guard Advisory Council and leads to a training certificate required for employment as a security guard. Additional courses will be offered on February 22nd, April 5th, and May 3rd.

To register or for more information, contact the Adult and Continuing Education Program at (845) 295-4900 between the hours of 8:30 am and 7:30 pm or visit us at scboes.org. For program updates Like Sullivan County BOCES on Facebook and follow us on Twitter

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**The Envelope, Please!
Winners Selected for the
Ninth Annual Livingston
Manor Boxcar of Goodies**



CAS Board Member and Willow & Brown owner Carolin Walton-Brown and CAS Executive Director Bradley Diuguid are thrilled with all the participants in this year's drawing.

Photo by Lisa Lyons

The names of three lucky winners of the 9th Annual Livingston Manor Boxcar of Goodies were drawn on Monday, December 23, at CAS Arts Center. Livingston Manor merchants had donated dozens of wonderful gifts as a thank-you for shopping locally. For every \$10 spent at their businesses, shoppers earned a chance to win gifts.

Livingston Manor Chamber of Commerce members Bradley Diuguid of CAS, Carolin Walton-Brown of Willow & Brown, and Lisa Lyons of Morgan Outdoors picked the winning tickets from thousands of entries. This year's winners are Glenn Friedman and Rene Carlson of Livingston Manor, and Christina Jones of Jeffersonville. Livingston Manor's Holiday Trains on Main continues through December 31, with hand-made model train layouts on display and in motion at CAS Arts Center, 48 Main Street, and Morgan Outdoors, 46 Main Street. The public is invited to enjoy the nostalgic trains, view the region's largest collection of antique toys, and stroll along Main Street in its holiday finery.

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The Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library Wins 28 Award Winning Young Adult Books

The Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library was the recipient of a grant for the top books of the year, as voted by teens around the country.

The Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library was awarded a grant from the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA), to receive the Teens' Top Ten books. The books were selected by teens around the country. The YALSA website states that "voting for the 2013 Teens' Top Ten took place from August 15 through Teen Read Week, Oct. 13-19. This year, there were 28 nominees that competed for the "top ten" list. Over 32,000 votes were cast." As part of the grant, the library received not only the ten winning books, but all 28 nominees.

The books are on display in the lower level of the E.B. Crawford library, and the book display was decorated by the Teen Advisory Group. The display will be up through the month of December. Come by to see what teens are reading, and check out a book! For more information on the Teens' Top Ten, visit the YALSA website: www.yalsa.org. For information on teen programs at the E.B. Crawford Library, contact Joanna Goldfarb at 845-794-4660, or by email at goldfarb@rcls.org

Townsmen Volunteers Celebrate the Christmas Season



The Wednesday Townsman Ladies and Volunteers are joined by Irina Nicoletti, owner of the Blue Hill Lodge and Chef Willie for a day of fun and good food at the Blue Hill Lodge.

Starting at the left and going around the table are Barbara Barkley, Jean Helthaler, Martha Ahrens, Barbara Purcell, Linda Comando, Irina Nicoletti (hostess), Frank Comando, Willie (chef), Claire Rennison, Carol Furman, Barbara Slater, Carolyn Coombe, Hulda Vernooy and Gloria Beavers. These are the ladies who faithfully prepare, stuff and mail the Townsman each week. Thank you ladies!

Wounded Warriors on the Hunt

The NYCDEP partnered with the Ruffed Grouse Society (RGS) this fall to conduct the first "Wounded Warrior" deer hunt on Ashokan Reservoir lands. Four US service veterans participated and three doe were taken.



"Warriors" and volunteers at NYC DEP's Ashokan campus: Front, l to r: Volunteer Don Brokema; Warrior "Bert" Humphries of Whitney Point, NY; guide Marty Giuliano; Warrior Christine Magdalene of NYC; Warrior Edward Afanador of Mays Landing, NJ; and guide "Sonny" Young. Back: DEP Police Sergeant Dave Wiswall; Paul Lenz of the DEP Natural Resources Division; Warrior William Hayes of Thiells, NY and RGS volunteer and guide Bill Swiac.

DEP Police and Natural Resources staff members helped with planning, logistics and transportation. The CWC offered support by providing a portable toilet. A local butcher processed and packaged the meat at no cost. Other volunteers included four NYS licensed guides who sat in the blinds with the hunters and DEP staff and family members who made soup and chili.

The Ukrainian National Association in Kerhonkson provided lodging. A dinner and fund-raiser was held at the Association's estate attended by more than 40 people.

Fallsburg Lions Club Makes Donation to RISE



In the photo left to right are Town of Fallsburg Lions Club Immediate Past President Miranda Behan, President Patricia Behan-Gibson, CRMC CEO Dr. Gerard Galarneau, Lions Treasurer Sy Berenson, and First Vice President George Gibson.

At the annual dinner hosted by Catskill Regional Medical Center (CRMC) in Harris, NY on November 21, 2013, the Town of Fallsburg Lions Club made donations of \$3000 for special equipment needs and \$500 for the Rape Intervention Services and Education (RISE) Program that has its office at CRMC.

The Sounds of the Holiday Abound in Fallsburg



The sweet holiday sounds of voices, bells, and instruments filled the Fallsburg High School auditorium on Thursday evening, December 19 as the Benjamin Cosor Elementary School performed its Annual Winter Concert under the Direction of Band Conductor Lauren Bernard and Chorus Conductor Andrea Henderson.

School Principal Mary Kate Stinehour welcomed a packed house of families and staff and introduced each musical number presented by the different bands, recorder ensembles, bell choir and choral groups. The Concert Band offered a particularly rousing and excellent rendition of the "Legend of the Irish Giant" by Edward Kennedy. The Elementary School Chorus had the auditorium clapping to the melodic sounds of a traditional Chanukkah song, "Hine Ma Tov."

Ms. Bernard and Ms. Henderson were very proud of the young musicians for performing the third time that day due to the snow canceling their originally scheduled concert on December 17. The audience left the hall smiling and congratulating the children for warming their hearts.

Fallsburg Girl Scouts Bring Joy at Christmas



Santa Claus enlisted the support of Fallsburg Girl Scout Troop 677 and the teachers and staff of Benjamin Cosor Elementary School to help deliver holiday gifts and toys to Fallsburg families that are especially appreciative of the support. Teaching Assistant Kristen Meyer, who is the Scout Master of the troop, organized this year's event. Staff has been providing toys by

taking a mitten off a special tree in the school lobby that indicates an age and gender of a child. The staff person then wraps and labels the gift with a sticky note.

On Monday, December 16, Ms. Meyer's elves, including teachers Robin Pantel, Kathy Foreman, Kate Giametta, and Molly Gelsomino, addressed the gifts and added them to gloves and scarves donated by Woodridge Kiwanis and to books and assorted gifts given by SYDA Foundation. While that was happening, three of the girl scouts, Mickenna Meyer, Shaina Hurwitz, and Fallon Bastone were putting non-perishable food items into boxes for fourteen needy families as part of the Backpack Program. The Friday before Christmas, staff gathered in their sleighs to make the deliveries.

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NYS Sheriffs' Association Institute's 2014 Criminal Justice Scholarship Awarded to SUNY Ulster Student



Left to right: James Truitt, Professor of Criminal Justice; Paul J. VanBlarcum, Ulster County Sheriff; John Villiell, SUNY Ulster student and scholarship recipient; Donald C. Katt, SUNY Ulster President; and Thomas D'Amicantonio, Associate Professor of Criminal Justice.

The New York State Sheriffs' Association Institute's 2014 Criminal Justice Scholarship has been presented to John Villiell of Rifton, a criminal justice major at SUNY Ulster. The scholarship is presented each year to an academically outstanding full-time student of criminal justice or police science who intends to pursue a career in a criminal justice field.

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Congressman and Wife Mary Jo, along with Staff Volunteer at Catholic Charities Food Pantry

Congressman Gibson and his wife Mary Jo, along with members of Congressman Gibson's staff, volunteered at Catholic Charities' Hudson Food Pantry. Mary Jo is a regular volunteer at the food pantry and Congressman Gibson donated the pay he received during the October government shutdown to help purchase food and needed items for this year's Christmas baskets. The total donation was \$5400, and is in addition to continuing to return his military pension each month he serves in Congress.

NY's Tourism Industry Generated \$7.7 Billion in State & Local Taxes and Added 24,800 Jobs in 2013

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today released an end of the year progress report on the State's tourism initiatives showing that the number of visitors to New York increased by 8.8 million this year. In addition, the industry is projected to generate \$7.7 billion in state and local taxes with direct spending expected to reach \$61.3 billion. The industry is also projected to add 24,800 jobs by the end of the year. The Governor held a cabinet meeting today, where Cristyne Nicholas, Chair of the Governor's Tourism Advisory Council, gave a presentation on the impressive results being delivered by the state's efforts to attract more visitors to the state, grow the tourism industry and create jobs.

"This year my administration made it a priority to showcase the Empire State as the go-to destination for visitors from around the world," Governor Cuomo said. "Our efforts are clearly paying off: by the end of 2013, nearly nine million more visitors will have come to New York compared to 2012. We will have generated almost \$8 billion in local and state taxes and reach more than \$61 billion in direct spending, which is enough to pay the salary of every firefighter and police officer in New York. We will have created tens of thousands of new jobs in the industry, growing one of the state's biggest employers. These figures underscore the significant role the tourism industry plays in New York's economy, and we will continue our work to make sure it thrives."

In the last year, New York's tourism industry has grown in revenue, job creation, the number of visitors, and hotel occupancy:

- o In 2013, the tourism industry is projected to generate \$7.7 billion in state and local taxes. Direct spending is projected to reach \$61.3 billion, an increase of 7 percent since 2012. Based on Department of Labor figures, this is enough to pay the salary of every firefighter and police officer in New York State.

- o Since December 2012, Leisure & Hospitality employment is expected to add 24,800 jobs for a total of 818,700 jobs by the end of 2013, a 3.1% increase.

- o The number of visitors to New York in 2013 will increase by 8.8 million, a 4.2% increase since 2012. By the end of the year, the total number of visitors is projected to be 218,800,000.

- o In 2013, New York's hotels will sell 43 million rooms with associated \$8.3 billion hotel room revenue. As of October 2013, New York's hotel occupancy rate is 73.7% which is almost 10% higher than the national rate.

This year, Governor Cuomo kicked off the state's tourism efforts by hosting the Tourism Summit in Albany, where he announced \$60 million in tourism funding - the highest level of tourism funding in decades - as well as other initiatives including: a new I Love NY marketing campaign with the Port Authority and MTA, Taste NY marketing efforts, an international tourism campaign, I Love NY in Times Square, and I Love NY LGBT. Click here to read more about the results of the Tourism Summit.

2013 also saw the launch of the Governor's Path Through History campaign, an initiative that supports tourism and economic development by highlighting significant historic sites, locations and events throughout New York. Under Path Through History, the State developed and launched a website, designed and placed tourism signage on State and Federal highways, invested in

regional projects and promotion of historic sites, and rebranded Museum Week and Heritage Weekends (June 1-2 and 8-9, 2013) as Path Through History Weekends and Museum Week. More than 200 consumer events were developed throughout the state as part of the program.

This summer, Governor Cuomo held various high-profile events to highlight locations in Upstate New York as world-class tourism destinations. On July 21 and 22, the Governor hosted the first ever Adirondack Challenge, a two day festival with a whitewater challenge featuring the Governor, New York officials, and members of the media. On August 8, the Governor also attended the BassMasters Tournament in the Thousand Islands which drew more than 34,100 people to the four day event. There, he announced that the 2014 BassMaster Elite Series will return to New York in 2014, including the "Governor's Challenge," a fishing competition featuring the Governor, elected officials from New York State and some of the biggest names in professional fishing to highlight the state's many fishing and vacation opportunities. The next day, on August 9, Governor Cuomo appeared at the Watkins Glen International to announce a partnership with NASCAR for a public safety initiative to combat distracted driving. The State also participated in the PGA Championship, which had a \$102 million economic impact on the Rochester region. The Governor announced a landmark agreement with The PGA of America to bring the 101st PGA Championship and the 45th Ryder Cup to Bethpage State Park in Farmingdale.

A major initiative by the Governor this year was Taste NY, which fuses the state's agriculture sector with tourism to highlight the great variety of wine, beer, spirits and food products grown and produced here in New York. Governor Cuomo organized a Governor's Cup Wine Tour in the Finger Lakes region and invited more than 200 restaurateurs, wine buyers, and media to attend. The Governor launched an ad campaign to promote New York State wines and announced the winner of the 2013 Governor's Cup. Taste NY participated in more than 15 events this year, including the Manhattan Cocktail Classic, the Great New York State Fair, Hudson Valley Food and Wine Fest, Farm Aid, Cider Week, and the NYC Wine & Food Festival.

The State also launched several advertising and marketing campaigns to promote the state's tourism industry. This included a "Get Outta Town" campaign and partnerships with the MTA and Port Authority featuring 6,400 ad posters in platforms, trains, subways and buses, video advertising at more than 100 subway entrances in Manhattan, Grand Central Terminal's main hall, and Long Island Rail Road passenger areas in Penn Station, and a fully wrapped I Love NY 42nd street shuttle.

SC Legislature Adopts the 2014 County Budget at the Tax Cap

Monticello, N.Y. - Sullivan County Legislative Chairman Scott Samuelson announced that the 2014 Sullivan County Budget was by the Sullivan County Legislature unanimously with a 9-0 vote. "We are extremely grateful for the excellent work of the Management and Budget staff and County Manager Joshua Potosek. Their hard work allowed us to produce a budget that not only stayed within the Governor's 2% tax cap but maintained jobs and services as well as returning funding to vital county resources," stated Chairman Samuelson.

"This year we were able to work in a bipartisan manner to hold the line on spending to adopt a budget to stay within the 2% tax cap," stated Alan Sorensen, Sullivan County Minority Leader and District 9 Legislator.

"The County staff worked effortlessly in conjunction with the Legislature to make the necessary cuts to reduce the tentative levy to the tax cap," stated County Manager Joshua Potosek.

The 2014 Adopted County Budget includes increased funding to support strategic investments in economic development, public works, public safety, youth, agriculture, veterans, and flood remediation. The adopted budget does not include drastic serv-

ice cuts, layoffs, exorbitant tax increases, or the use of fund balance from the general fund. The existing service levels have been sustained and the budget allows for Sullivan County to modestly build capacity in a few key strategic areas.

Editorial from Times Union: An Especially Nasty Rip-off

Initial audits find millions of dollars in waste, fraud and abuse in special education. The governor has an opportunity to authorize the comptroller to crack down on this.

Special education for disabled children is one of the key reasons New York's education costs are so high. We don't begrudge kids the money, as long as it is spent helping them. That isn't always the case.

State Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli last year began looking at the special ed system and found millions of dollars in misspending and outright rip-offs. It prompted him to push a bill mandating that his office audit the more than 300 special ed providers in the state and hold them to a level of accountability that the state has so far been incapable of enforcing. The bill awaits Gov. Andrew Cuomo's signature, with a deadline to act today.

Comptroller DiNapoli has already been auditing the state Education Department's oversight and management of New York's \$1.4 billion-a-year preschool special education program, which serves about 75,000 children with physical, developmental and emotional disabilities. So far, 18 audits of providers have uncovered \$16.5 million in improper payments, including reimbursements for no-show jobs, questionable bonuses and raises, and teachers who lacked required certification. The audits also found money being spent on personal uses — cars, travel, entertainment, home furnishings and landscaping. Five people have been arrested; three have pleaded guilty.

Those audits included several Capital Region providers. In one case, full-time rates were being billed by a director who lived near Myrtle Beach, S.C.; in another, taxpayer funds were used for a \$12,000 home entertainment center, a Disney World vacation, and tickets to Dave Mathews Band and Phish concerts.

All in all, the audits found that the state Education Department isn't monitoring the special ed system well enough to prevent or detect such misuse of public funds, nor holding the executives, directors and private auditors of the firms accountable. State Education Commissioner John King last year acknowledged his department simply isn't up to the task. He suggested Mr. DiNapoli's auditors would be better suited for it.

The bill on Mr. Cuomo's desk would give the comptroller a mandate to audit the providers, not just the state offices that monitor them, over the next four years. It would also require special certification when a firm evaluates a child for potential special needs services and then places that child in its own program.

Mr. Cuomo has pointed to special education as one of the biggest reasons New York has one of the nation's most expensive education systems. Reining in the waste, fraud and abuse in the program would undoubtedly save tens of millions of precious education dollars annually. But someone has to look for it.

If the poet Dante Alighieri were alive today, he'd surely add a circle in the Inferno for those who steal from programs for disabled children. Mr. Cuomo, though, has an opportunity to bring more than poetic justice; he can impose the real thing. All it would take is a stroke of his pen — today.

POLITICAL SLANT By Frank Comando

We all cannot agree on all the legislation that our choice of candidate supports during his or her term of office. If we are in agreement 40% of the time that this candidate supports our perceptual spirit and belief structure we are in good shape.

As most of our readers know in 1982, I was very instrumental in destroying the Koch for Governor of New York campaign in Sullivan and Ulster counties. This was done much to the chagrin of the then proponents of gambling in Sullivan and Ulster counties.

Why would I have taken this risk? Well for one point, I knew from research that major parts of the Liberal and conservative political structure of NY favored Mario Cuomo for very good reasons. Was I correct? What happened?

In 2013, The New York Law Journal named Governor Cuomo recipient of its "Lifetime Achievement Award" in recognition of his career accomplishments and the profound impact he has made on the law, in New York's legal community and as New York State's Governor.

Mr. Cuomo continues to pursue his wide-ranging interest in public policy. He accepts a limited number of lecture engagements each year, as well as some television and radio appearances. In his newest book, *Why Lincoln Matters, Today More Than Ever*, published in 2004 by Harcourt, Inc., Mr. Cuomo brings to life the contemporary relevance of Lincoln's message for today's hot-button issues. Mr. Cuomo also authored Reason to Believe, published in 1995, and republished in an updated version in 1996, describing the challenges facing us today and pointing the way to workable answers. Additional publications authored by former Governor Cuomo include More than Words (1993) a collection of some of his most famous speeches. *The New York Idea: An Experiment in Democracy* (1994), the success story of the *Empire State; Lincoln on Democracy* (1990), a volume Mr. Cuomo co-edited that brings together for the first time all of Abraham Lincoln's speeches, writings, and conversations on the central theme of American political life; *Diaries of Mario Cuomo* (1984), which describes his first campaign for Governor; and the *Forest Hills Diary* (1974), a description of the experiences that led him into public life. Editions of *Lincoln on Democracy* have appeared in Polish, Japanese, and Hebrew.

Mr. Cuomo was elected New York State's 52nd Governor in 1982 and won re-election in both 1986 and 1990, setting records for popularity in both contests. He was the longest serving democratic governor in the modern history of New York State and won the two largest electoral victories ever. In twelve years at the helm of the nation's most populous state, *Governor Cuomo steered the state through two recessions, balanced 12 consecutive budgets and created more than half a million jobs. He launched the largest economic development initiative in New York history, spurring private sector growth through billions of dollars of public investment in infrastructure enhancements and the creation of an unparalleled network of high-tech research facilities. During Mr. Cuomo's tenure, foreign investment in New York almost doubled and thousands of new export opportunities were created for New York firms. He furthered the national debate on economic policy and trends through the findings of the Cuomo Commission on Trade and Competitiveness - The Cuomo Commission Report (1988) and America's Agenda: Rebuilding Economic Strength (1992).*

A March 2007 Marist College poll of 641 registered voters was asked whether they thought various governors were good. Governor Cuomo, a Democrat, received a 74 percent favorable rating above those received by Governors Pataki, Carey and Rockefeller. Mr. Cuomo entered private practice in 1958 with the firm Corner, Weisbrod, Froeb & Charles. He served thirteen years as an adjunct professor at St. John's University School of Law and clerked for New York State's highest court, the Court of Appeals, under Judge Adrian P. Burke. Mr. Cuomo continued to practice law until 1975 when Mario M. Cuomo was appointed by Governor Hugh Carey as New York's Secretary of State. In 1978, he was elected Lieutenant Governor, a position he held until going on to win the governorship in 1982. Mr. Cuomo reentered private practice at Willkie in 1995. He is the former Co-Chairman and a former member of the Board of Directors of the Partnership for a Drug-Free America.

Well, in my book, and in many others also, "The Nut doesn't fall far from the tree." These are just some of the reasons I support Andrew M. Cuomo for Governor of New York State, the "Man" who brought Gaming to New York, and in my considered opinion will bring more groundbreaking benefits to the people of New York State.

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Alliance Gallery 2015 Exhibitions Call for Submissions

Alliance Gallery in Narrowsburg, NY is calling for submissions for solo, group, or curated shows in 2015. The Alliance Gallery program priority is to exhibit high quality work by professional and emerging artists who live part-time or full-time in the Mid-Hudson, Catskill, or Upper Delaware River regions. All media and styles are considered, as are installations and proposals by curators. There is no submission fee. The deadline for submissions is Saturday, January 25, 2014.

Interested artists should submit: Ten to 12 images of recent works as jpeg images on CD at 300 dpi, approximately 8" x 12", labeled with title or number only. (If your jpegs do not represent the work that you want to show, please describe your concept in a cover letter or proposal.); A one-page itemized list corresponding to the numbered jpegs listing the title, medium, date, and size of each work, along with a short artist statement on the same page; A one-page résumé; A one-page detailed proposal if your work is of a conceptual nature; or, if you are a curator, a proposal describing the curatorial concept, accompanied by support materials (i.e. images, résumés, etc.); A SASE (self-addressed, stamped envelope) if you want your materials returned (otherwise they will be discarded after 30 days).

Send to: Alliance Gallery P.O. Box 170 Narrowsburg, NY 12764

Jurying is based solely on the jpegs, so it is important to submit consistent, high-quality images. As the jurors change each year, it is strongly recommended that artists keep applying even if their work has not been chosen in the past. Artists who have exhibited in one- or two-person shows at Alliance Gallery are welcome to reapply after a two-year period (if you had a show in 2012, you can reapply in 2014 for a show in 2015).

For a PDF of the Alliance Gallery submission guidelines, visit ArtsAllianceSite.org. For more information, call the gallery director Rocky Pinciotti at (845) 252-7576.

SUNY Ulster Recognized for Innovation Among Community Colleges for Entrepreneurial Studies Program

SUNY Ulster has been recognized as a leader for innovation among community colleges for transforming its entrepreneurial studies program.

The college has been named as a finalist for the 2014 Bellwether Award, which annually recognizes outstanding and innovative programs and practices that are successfully leading community colleges into the future.

SUNY Ulster President Donald C. Katt will be among leaders from 30 colleges selected to present their innovative practices in January at the 2014 Community College Futures Assembly, sponsored by the Institute of Higher Education at the University of Florida, that focuses on cutting-edge, trendsetting programs that other colleges might find worthy of replicating.

SUNY Ulster was selected among the top 10 winners in the "planning, government and finance category" for the transformation to the business program to now include an Associate's Degree program in entrepreneurial studies; an accelerated online certificate offering; and the new Darlene L. Pfeiffer Center for Entrepreneurial Studies, which is partnering with the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) to increase the success of business startups.

SUNY Ulster's Entrepreneurial Studies program supports our mission of preparing

students for success in the workforce and also playing an active role in our region's economic development," Katt said. "I am pleased to accept this recognition for our new and growing entrepreneurial studies program, share our achievements with other community colleges in the nation and bring back best practices learned from other leaders."

Extension Workshop on Self-Care Through the Healing Power of Gratitude

LIBERTY, NY- A free family caregiver workshop on 'Self-Care Through the Healing Power of Gratitude' is slated for Tuesday, January 14, 2014 from 2:00 to 3:00 pm. An alternate date of Thursday, January 16 is in place in case of inclement weather.

The Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County workshop will be held at the Gerald J. Skoda Extension Education Center on 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road in Liberty. Presenter Michelle Lorenzo, MA, LMT, will explain the many forms of gratitude and how it can provide therapeutic effects on caregivers in dismay. A guided exercise will follow to help caregivers start the journey and healing.

Through the shared support of the caregiver community and the power of laughter, caregivers will be enabled to experience the healing power of gratitude with the goal of inner strength and serenity. Pre-registration is requested by January 9 by calling CCE at 845-292-6180. Coffee and snacks will be offered. This program is sponsored by the NYS Office for the Aging Caregiver Resource Center Program.

Neversink Fire Department

Fireman 10-13

On Thursday December 19

Our fellow Firefighter Cosmos Fitzpatrick and his family lost their home to a fire. Cosmos stood strong as his house burned and did his job...

Now it's our job to help him and his family. They lost everything and with no insurance need our help!

On January 11, 2014 the Neversink Fire Department will host a Pancake Supper... that's right breakfast for Dinner!! Serving 4-7

Adults \$10.00 Kids 10 and Under \$5.00 Take outs available!

As always breakfast with NFD is all you can eat!

Pancakes, Eggs anystyle, Home Fries, Sausage, Sausage gravy, Coffee, OJ, Milk, Tea, Hot Cocoa

If you cant make it donations gladly accepted! You can mail donations to

Neversink FD c/o Mike Congelosi

P.O. Box 367

Neversink, NY 12765

For more information/questions Mike Congelosi 845-866-6329

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TIME & THE VALLEYS MUSEUM
GRAHAMSVILLE, NY

Time and the Valleys Museum has copies of every *Townsmen* printed since the beginning (1947) classified by year for anyone to research.
985-7700
timeandthevalleymuseum.org

CrossWay Assembly of God

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

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

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

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

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Serving Sullivan County Since 1896

66 John Street, Monticello, New York (845) 794-2700
275 S Main Street, Liberty, New York (845) 292-7100
Route 55, Kauneonga Lake, New York (845) 583-5445

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

The Hurleyville and Woodridge United Methodist Churches
invite you to weekly worship:
9 am in Hurlyville,
10:30 am in Woodridge.
For more information, call
Pastor Susan Woodworth 845-794-6325

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

5277 State Rt. 42
South Fallsburg
845-436-7539
www.standrewsepiscopalmission.org

Claryville Reformed Church

Claryville Road
Claryville, NY 12725
845-985-2041

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

CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
(embraces Fallsburg, Neversink, Sundown and Ulster Heights)
6317 Rte. 42, Woodbourne, NY

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

Holy days of obligation: as announced in church bulletin.

Daily Mass schedule:
Monday afternoon 5:45 (Holy Rosary at 5:30); Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday mornings: (includes Morning Prayer)- 8:30 am (starting Sept. 3 - 8:50 am.)

Saturday afternoon confessions: 4 to 4:45.

Rev. John J. Lynch, Ph.D., Pastor. 434-7643.

COVERED DISH SUPPER

SUNDOWN METHODIST CHURCH
Church Hall
Jan. 14, 2014
Covered Dish Supper
5:30 p.m.

Grahamsville United Methodist Church

Watch future *Townsmen* for **Thrift Sale Calendar**

Fellowship Hall
Rt. 55, Grahamsville, NY

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

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

PUBLIC NOTICES/LEGALS:

TAX COLLECTOR LEGAL NOTICE:

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

MONDAY thru FRIDAY: 9:00 AM-4:00 PM (excluding holidays) at the: TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE LOCATED IN THE NEVERSINK TOWN HALL, 273 MAIN ST. (RT. 55), GRAHAMSVILLE, NY 12740, PHONE: (845) 985-2262 x307

SATURDAY: Neversink Town Hall on the following date: January 25, 2014 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Taxes collected until the 31st day of January, 2014 without interest. All taxes postmarked after January 31, 2014 will be subject to late penalties as listed below.

LATE PAYMENT PENALTIES ARE STRICTLY ENFORCED. SCHEDULE OF FEES:

Jan. 1 - Jan. 31 No Penalty
Feb. 1 - Feb. 28 1% of Tax Amount
Mar. 1 - Mar. 31 2% of Tax Amount, plus \$2.00 unpaid notice fee; sent 3/3

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Lisa Garigliano, Tax Collector

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

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

INSTALLMENT PAYMENT PLAN:

May be paid as follows:
• January - 50% due by 1/31/2014 at 0% interest. Send "Payment #1" stub with your check.

• February - 25% due by 2/28/2014 at 1% interest. Send "Payment #2" stub with your check.

• March - 25% due by 3/31/2014 at 2% interest plus \$2.00 unpaid notice fee. Send entire bill.

• Receipts will be mailed to you after every payment

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

SOLID WASTE/RECYCLING DISPOSAL FEE:

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

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

• If you no longer own this property, please return bill to collector

with the new owner's name and address; or forward the bill to the rightful owner.

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

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

For information regarding Veteran's, Senior Citizens or Star Exemptions please contact the Town of Neversink Assessor's Office:

Bryan Delaney, Sole Assessor (845) 985-2262 x 323

Geri Gorton, Clerk (845) 985-2262 x 319

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

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

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that I, Joy Ann Monforte, Tax Collector for the Town of Denning, Ulster County, State of New York, have received the tax roll and warrant for the collection of taxes within the Town of Denning for the year 2014.

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

Taxes will also be collected on Saturday, January 25th, 2014 from 10 P.M. to 2 P.M. at the Denning Town Hall.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE as pursuant to Ulster County Law No. 8 of 2012 an insert has been provided describing each Unfunded Mandate required by New York State.

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

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that pursuant to the provisions of law, the tax roll for the Town of Denning will be returned to the Ulster County Finance Commissioner on the date of expiration of the Collector's Warrant for 2014.

Joy Ann Monforte
Tax Collector
Town of Denning
December 18th, 2013

1/9/14

**New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
Notice of Complete Application**

Date: 12/17/2013
Applicant: NYC DEPT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
96-05 HORA.CE HARDING EXPWY 5TH FL CORONA, NY 1-1368
Facility: NYC DEP - SHIELDS RD SHIELDSRD NEVERSINK, NY
Application ID: 3-4842-00191/00003

Permits(s) Applied for: 1 - Article 24 Freshwater Wetlands
1 -Section 401 -Clean Water Act Water Quality Certification

Project is located: IN NEVERSINK IN SULLIVAN COUNTY

Project Description: NYC DEP proposes to regrade and resurface approximately 95 feet of an unpaved road and install a culvert in water supply lands adjacent to the Neversink Reservoir. Portions of the work site are in the adjacent area of FW#LE-7, a Class II wetland. No materials are to be stored in the adjacent area.

Availability of Application Documents: Filed application documents, and Department draft permits where applicable, are available for inspection during normal business hours at the address of the contact person. To ensure timely service at the time of inspection, it is recommended that an appointment be made with the contact person.

State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) Determination
Project is not subject to SEQR because it is a Type II action."

SEQR Lead Agency
None Designated

State Historic Preservation Act (SHPA) Determination
Cultural resource lists and map have been checked. No registered, eligible or inventoried archaeological sites or historic structures were identified at the project location. No further review in accordance with SHPA is required.

Availability For Public Comment
Comments on this project must be submitted in writing to the Contact Person no later than 01/16/2014 or 15 days after the publication date of this notice, whichever is later.

Contact Person LEE KASSIN NYSDEC, 21 SOUTH PUTT CORNERS RD NEW PALTZ, NY 12561-1620 (845) 256-3032

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Winter Bird Watch Class with CCE Sullivan County Master Gardeners

LIBERTY, NY- Winter is a great season for attracting birds to our backyards. Cold temperatures, severe storms and scarce food supplies make winter the harshest season for wild birds. Bird mortality is high all winter long. Backyard birders can help meet birds' needs during the winter and will be rewarded with a diverse flock of winter visitors. Those just getting started in bird feeding or frustrated by a lack of success in attracting a variety of birds to feeders, the Sullivan County Master Gardeners can help.

Learn how to identify the most common birds and what their favorite treats are at a program on winter birds offered by Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County on Thursday, January 23, 2014. The class will run from 5:30 to 7:30 pm at the Gerald J. Skoda

Extension Education Center on 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road in Liberty. Information on how to sign up for Cornell University Feeder Watch Program will be distributed. Each participant will make a simple bird feeder to take home.

All class materials are covered with a fee of only \$10.00. Class size is limited so pre-registration with non-refundable payment is required. Registration can be obtained by calling 845-292-6180 or emailing smd243@cornell.edu.

Youth Shooting Sports & Environmental Ed. Opportunities for All in 2014

LIBERTY-Families are invited to attend a free informational session on the 4-H Shooting Sports and Environmental Education program of Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) Sullivan County. Participants can learn about this educational opportunity at a Safety Day on Friday, January 17, 2014 at 6:30 pm. The event will be offered at the Gerald J. Skoda Extension Education Center on 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road in Liberty.

This event will serve as an introduction to shooting sports and environmental programming available through Cornell's 4-H Youth Development branch in Sullivan County. A discussion of the different shooting sports' disciplines, safety, and nomenclature of various firearms will occur. Projects and activities in which youth can become involved will be introduced. After a question and answer segment, there will be an opportunity to sign youth and new volunteers up for the program.

All participants must pre-register for this free event by January 15, by calling CCE at 845-292-6180 or emailing sw288@cornell.edu.

SCDW Announces Open Auditions

The SCDW announces open auditions for "For England, For Love" - an original dramatic play by Michael Corriere to be presented May 16, 17 & 18, 2014, at the Rivoli Theatre.

This tale of intrigue and espionage takes place in Paris, Washington and the Kremlin.

Casting needs are three females and two males- each able to maintain a British accent, and three males able to maintain a Russian accent (one can be French).

Auditions will be held on Saturday, January 11, 2014, from 11:00AM to 2:00PM at the Sullivan County Museum in Hurleyville, NY.

For further information, please call Mike C. 845-913-6429.

Town of Neversink Parks & Recreation Department for details and information: www.townofneversink.org (845) 985-2262 extension 312

January & February - Every Sunday (1/5, 12, 19, 26 & 2/2, 2/9, 2/16, 2/23) **Skiing/Snowboarding- Holiday Mtn** 10 am - 5 pm

Jan 11 - **CABS Babysitting Class, Boys & Girls** 11-15. To register call 845-866-6329. \$45.

Feb. 7 **Family Game & Pizza** - 5:30 pm at Daniel Pierce Library Community Room. \$5 TVCS students & residents/\$12 per family non-residents. Must be paid by Jan. 28.

March 2 - **Beauty & the Beast** Leave Town Hall at 1:15 return approx. 8:30 pm. \$28 TVCS students & Neversink Residents/\$53. non residents. Must be paid by January 14.

FREE FUN every FRIDAY afternoon 1- 4 pm in the upstairs meeting room in the Neversink Tow Hall.

Watch for a full list of 2014 Events to be posted in the *Townsmen*



Daniel Pierce Library hours of operation beginning September 1, 2011.

Tuesday: 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Thursday: 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Friday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Sunday and Monday: Closed

If you have any questions, please call the library at 985-7233.

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

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

AL-ANON MEETINGS- <http://www.al-anon.alateen.org>
Mon- 7:00 p.m. United Methodist Church, 170 N. Main Street, Liberty
Thurs- 7:00 p.m. Immaculate Conception Church Annex, 6317 Rt 42, Woodbourne
Sat- 8:00 p.m. United Methodist Church, 170 N. Main Street, Liberty

Monthly Meeting of SC Tea Party Patriots

On Thursday, January 9 at 7:00 PM the monthly meeting of the Sullivan County Tea Party Patriots will be held at 240 Chestnut Street, Liberty. All are welcome. For further information contact whrotties@netzero.net or Barbara at 845/439-5401

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This event will serve as an introduction

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- 1/8/14 Claryville Fire District Organizational Meeting - 6:30 pm Claryville FD Community Hall
- 2/1/14 Sundown Methodist Church Covered Dish Supper - 5:30 pm Church Hall

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

- SUNDOWN CAMP & BAIT SHOP
- GRAHAMSVILLE DELI
- EUREKA MARKET & CAFE
- CANNIE D'S
- BLUE HILL LODGE
- 3 GOLDENS
- VALERO MINI MALL (Loch Sheldrake)
- WOODBOURNE - CITGO STATION • MO'S GAS STATION • P.D. SMITH ENTERPRISE
- LIBERTY - LIBERTY FITNESS • CHARLIE'S PIZZA • AGWAY (Liberty) • J.B. MAK (Liberty)
- LIBERTY SHOPRITE • ELLENVILLE SHOPRITE
- JAMES NAPANOCH GROCERY
- DR. LONSTEIN'S OFFICE
- MATTHEW'S PHARMACY
- ELLENVILLE CITGO
- ELLENVILLE REG HOSPITAL
- NAPANOCH APPLIANCE
- PETER'S MARKET
- Joma Cafe (West Shokan) • Boiceville IGA • Boiceville Florist • Reservoir Music • Snyder's
- Phoenicia Hardware • Phoenicia Pharmacy • Phoenicia Deli • Mama's Boy • Brio's • Emerson Resort
- Big Indian Market & Deli • Colonial Inn Pine Hill • Pine Hill Community Center

TOWN OF OLIVE MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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

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

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

Clip & Save!

Sundown Methodist Church 2014 Calendar

- 1/4/14 Covered Dish Supper - Sundown Methodist Church - 5:30 pm
- 2/1/14 Covered Dish Supper - Sundown Methodist Church - 5:30 pm
- 3/1/14 Covered Dish Supper - Sundown Methodist Church - 5:30 pm
- 4/5/15 Covered Dish Supper - Sundown Methodist Church - 5:30 pm
- 5/3/14 Covered Dish Supper - Sundown Methodist Church - 5:30 pm
- 6/7/14 Covered Dish Supper - Sundown Methodist Church - 5:30 pm
- 6/14/14 The Sundown Ladies Yard Sale at the Curch Hall - 9 am - 3 pm
- 7/5/14 Covered Dish Supper - Sundown Methodist Church - 5:30 pm
- 8/2/14 Covered Dish Supper - Sundown Methodist Church - 5:30 pm
- 9/6/14 Covered Dish Supper - Sundown Methodist Church - 5:30 pm
- 9/27/14 Sundown Ladies Annual Haravest Fair & Luncheon - 9 am - 2 pm at the Church Hall
- 10/4/14 Covered Dish Supper - Sundown Methodist Church - 5:30 pm
- Date to be announced - Holiday Craft Fair at the Sundown Church Hall 9 am - 3 pm and Luncheon
- 11/1/14 Covered Dish Supper - Sundown Methodist Church - 5:30 pm
- 12/6/14 Covered Dish Supper - Sundown Methodist Church - 5:30 pm
- Date to be announced - Cookie Walk

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All participants must pre-register for this free event by January 15, by calling CCE at 845-292-6180 or emailing sw288@cornell.edu.

Home Firearm Safety Course Offered

MONTICELLO - The Adult and Continuing Education Program at Sullivan BOCES is offering a Home Firearm Safety Course on Saturdays at the Kauneonga Lake Fire Hall from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm. The cost of the class is \$65.00. The course will run throughout the year on January 25th, February 22nd, March 29th, April 26th, May 17th and June 14th.

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

To register or for more information, contact the Adult and Continuing Education Program at (845) 295-4900 between the hours of 8:30 am and 7:00 pm or visit us at scoecs.org. For program updates Like Sullivan County BOCES on Facebook and follow us on Twitter.

ERH and American Red Cross to hold Blood Drive

The American Red Cross and Ellenville Regional Hospital will join together for a community blood drive on Thursday, January 9 from 12:00 p.m.

to 5:00 p.m. at the Ellenville Regional Hospital at 10 Healthy Way. The Red Cross blood drive will take place in a traveling donor center outside of the hospital in their parking lot.

The Red Cross is asking eligible blood donors of all blood types to donate blood during the winter months to strengthen the community's blood supply. January is National Volunteer Blood Donor Month, a time when the Red Cross recognizes and thanks the millions of dedicated blood and platelet donors across the United States for helping to ensure a stable blood supply for patients in need both locally and across the country.

Approximately every two seconds, a patient in the United States needs blood. That's why your blood donation through the Red Cross is so important. Blood is an essential component for patient care in area hospitals, and the only source of blood is a healthy, volunteer blood donor. All presenting donors during the month of January will receive a voucher for a free pound of Dunkin' Donuts coffee.* Walk-ins are always welcome, but donors are encouraged to schedule an appointment in advance by calling 1-800-RED CROSS, 845-647-6400 ext. 226 or by visiting redcrossblood.org.

Recycle Your Christmas Tree; Pilot Program will Turn Trees and Brush into Mulch

[MONTICELLO] - This year the Village of Monticello Department of Public Works (DPW) is providing curbside pickup and recycling of Christmas trees through a new pilot program in partnership with Sullivan Renaissance.

Christmas trees left at the curb within the Village of Monticello through the month of January will be picked up by the DPW and brought to DeHoyos Park to be chipped. All decorations, lights and stands must be removed before recycling.

The recycled trees will be ground into wood chips and used to mulch the planting beds on Broadway next spring.

"To keep the trees and other plants on

REMINDER TO LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS:

Please send your **Annual Calendar of Events** for posting in the Townsman.

Email: tvtownsman@yahoo.com

The Townsman
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Grahamsville, NY 12740
or
Drop Box at 1st Aid Bldg.
Thank You!
&
Happy New Year!

Broadway in good health, the planting beds need to be mulched annually," explained Sullivan Renaissance Horticultural Coordinator Diana K. Weiner, "Recycling these trees is not only good for the environment, but will also result in a cost savings to the village.

Village residents interested in learning more about the Christmas Tree Recycling Program should contact the Monticello DPW at 845-794-6130 x 312.

Sullivan Renaissance is a beautification and community development program principally funded by the Gerry Foundation. For more information about its programs, visit www.sullivanrenaissance.org or call 845-295-2445.

SUNY Ulster Holds Continuing and Professional Education Open House

Local residents will have the opportunity to learn about course offerings in growing fields as well as programs for personal enrichment and enjoyment at SUNY Ulster's Continuing and Professional Education Open House, Jan. 16, from 4 to 7 p.m., at the Business Resource Center (BRC) in Kingston.

The event will include a full program of workshops, informational table displays, refreshments and a raffle. SUNY Ulster representatives from admissions, academic travel and other areas will be available to answer questions.

Career-focused workshops include sessions on solar manufacturing, alcoholism and substance abuse counseling, energy efficiency, food entrepreneurship and becoming a birth arts doula.

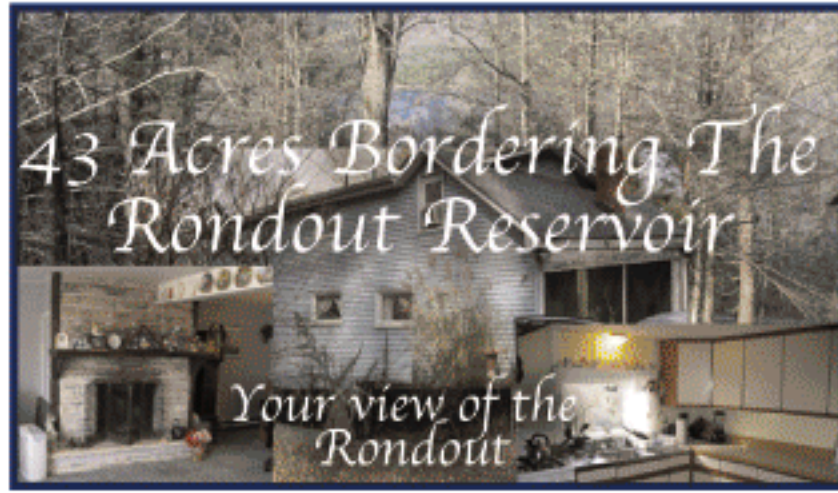
Presentations and book signings will be offered on CinergE: Communication, Energy Healing and Love for Animals by animal communicator and Reiki master Cindy Brody; and local writer and breast cancer survivor Melanie Young, author of *Getting Things off My Chest*. A talk and slide show on Colombia also will be presented by a native of the country.

Also at the Open House will be displays on clean energy and energy efficiency, advanced manufacturing, helicopter school, art, hiking and camp crafts, sustainable design and water operator program, Web development and bookkeeping certifications, and medical careers.

For a schedule of workshops and additional information, call 845-339-2025 or visit www.sunyulster.edu/ce.



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HANDCRAFTED ITEMS FOR SALE

CHRIS PARROW POTTERY

Happy New Year!

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 For information call us at 845-985-7564

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ANSWER TO KNARF'S MOVIE TRIVIA
 1. Roscoe Karns
 2. Alan Hale

Knarf's "Classic Movie Trivia IT HAPPENED ONE NIGHT (Comedy, 1934)



An almost washed up newspaperman tracks a runaway heiress on a madcap cross-country tour. Directed by Frank Capra, and starring, Clark Gable, Claudette Colbert, Walter Connolly, Roscoe Karns, Alan Hale, Ward Bond. Legendary romantic comedy doesn't age a bit. Still as enchanting as ever, with reporter Gable and runaway heiress Colbert falling in love on rural bus trip. Hitch-hiking travails, the Walls of Jericho, and other memorable scenes, are fresh and delightfully enchanting. *This is the first film to win all five major Oscars: Picture, Actor, Actress, Director, and Screenplay (Robert Riskin). Based on Samuel Hopkins Adams' story "Night Bus," See this film on TCM 8:00 pm, Saturday evening, January 11, 2014, BW-105 min, Rated TV-PG, Quiz: 1. Who played Oscar Shapeley? 2. Who played Danker?*

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

Daycare Center for 3 & 4 yr. olds opens in Sullivan County
 Terri Gozza, Owner/Director/Teacher

Liberty, NY A full day, of funfilled, wonderful learning experiences for 3 & 4 year olds, doors opened in the former Miller Ins.bldg. on Rt. 52 in Liberty on Tues. Jan. 7th at 7:30 am.

Their hours are 7:30 AM to 5:30 PM. Their Program at the TLC provides a clean, safe, healthy environment where every child can develop emotionally, physically, intellectually, and socially. We are committed to providing safety and security for all children. TLC encourages learning and growth through play in an environment designed to strengthen your child's muscles, build coordination, stretch his/her imagination, and to learn in a way that is fun and enjoyable.

"We believe that children should be allowed to grow at their own pace and to learn in ways that help them become confident in themselves as learners. Our goal is to provide all of the children with a clean, safe, comfortable, and nurturing environment. Respect toward self, others and the environment will be emphasized. We believe in the value of both structured and unstructured activities. Structured activities will include the use of a preschool curriculum, regular reading times, circle times, arts and crafts, and musical activities. Outdoor play and center times are some of the more flexible and unstructured activities which we offer. It is our goal to create an environment and program which enhances the child's natural desire to learn through meaningful, appropriate, and playful activities."

To learn more about their program or to enroll your child, please contact Terri Gozza (845) 4231915 TLCLiberty@gmail.com

HURLEYVILLE

Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop

Knarf note; A Season of great classics are coming to SCDW, "Tentative" 2014 Season (Subject to change): Snow White - Musical - Children's Production, Catskills Melodrama, Guys And Dolls - Musical, The Foreigner, Love, Sex and the IRS for more information, call 845 985-2976

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