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Grahamsville Welcomes Renowned Novelist, Steve Hamilton



"What's my advice for aspiring writers? *Just do it!*"

It's not every day that an internationally-known, award-winning novelist is on hand to impart an impassioned enthusiasm for the art of creative writing; which is why the Daniel Pierce Library Reading Room was filled to capacity the evening of Friday, June 15th, as the First Friday Book Discussion Group welcomed renowned author, Steve Hamilton, as the featured speaker at their annual Local Author Series.

Born and raised in Detroit, Steve Hamilton graduated from the University of Michigan where he won the prestigious Hopwood Award for fiction. In 2006, he won the Michigan Author Award for his outstanding body of work. His novels have won numerous awards and media acclaim beginning with the very first in the Alex McKnight series, *A Cold Day in Paradise*, which won the Private Eye Writers of America/St. Martin's Press Award for Best First Mystery by an Unpublished Writer. Once published, it went on to win the MWA Edgar and the PWA Shamus Awards for Best First Novel, and was short-listed for the Anthony and Barry Awards. His novel *The Lock Artist* won the 2011 Edgar Award and will soon become a major motion picture. The awards didn't stop there but he's too modest to crow about them. Hamilton currently works for IBM in upstate New York where he lives with his wife Julia and their two children. (Contd. Pg. 3)

Mainstreet Beautification!



The Sullivan County Visitors Association has a new "face". In support of promoting tourism in the Sullivan County Catskills, the SCVA has a brand new sign in front of their Tourism Office displaying the Sullivan County Visitors Association logo. It's large and prominent and they are confident that visitors will be utilizing their office and services throughout the summer. Signage is an extremely important tool when visitors are arriving in the area for the first time and are searching for the Visitor Information Center. Signage on the highway exits as well as in front of their office is user friendly to visitors, residents and their family and friends.

They have also placed an outdoor holder for Travel Guides, where during the times they are closed, visitors will be able to access guides from the holder as well as businesses in the County who carry the guide. (Contd. Pg. 4)

SC Sheriff Congratulates Deputy Andrew Meade on his Recent Accomplishments



Sullivan County Sheriff Michael Schiff and Jail Administrator Harold Smith, Jr. congratulate Deputy Andrew Meade of Neversink on his recent graduation from the Dutchess County Corrections Academy. Deputy Meade successfully completed six weeks of intensive training and will now be assigned as a corrections officer to the Sullivan County Jail.

Hasbrouck Old Stone House Sets Innovative Summertime Art Events

Aspiring young actors, artists and stand-up comedians alike can all make a public debut this summer at The Old Stone House of Hasbrouck.

In addition to many regular art programs and exhibitions at the historic Sullivan County building, this month brings a one-time Talent Night to the pavilion, plus a special "Messy Smocks" opportunity for kids to create truly terrible art. Then, in mid-August, a highly focused week-long "Stageworks" program culminates in an open-air performance on August 19th.

Messy Smocks. A special twist in this popular after-school art program leads up to the unusual World's Worst Art Show opening on July 14th. Students will spend one session, July 9th, deliberately creating truly bad art. An entire wall of the exhibition five days later is set aside for the results. The kids' "art" might be an enlarged photo vandalized with mustache and black eyes, or trash tacked to a board and sprinkled with glitter. And it'll all be for sale! The class is for ages 6-16, runs 6:30-8:30pm, and one-time tuition is \$5/student (\$4 for Old Stone House members). (Contd. Pg. 8)

Mid-Hudson Small Business Development New Advisors



Mid-Hudson Small Business Development staff members: Noa Simons, Arnaldo Schwerert (Director), Myriam Bouchard, Al Griggs, Barbara Voerg, John Moriarty, Vanessa Primus, Cathy Terrizzi, and Sam Kandel.

Mid-Hudson Small Business Development has recently added new advisors to their staff.

The new advisors include Cathy Terrizzi, Noa Simons and Vanessa Primus.

Cathy Terrizzi has worked in financial management for corporations and not-for-profits and is an experienced entrepreneur. She has managed and operated a consultant business helping clients identify solutions and training needs. Cathy is an educator in Business and

Information Technology and has been on the faculty of Mount Saint Mary College and SUNY Orange. She holds a real estate broker license and has served in local and county government. She has earned a Business Degree and a Masters in Public Service from SUNY New Paltz. (Contd. Pg. 4)

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ON THE FRONT BURNER: Let not him that is deceived trust in vanity; for vanity shall be his recompense.
Job 15:31

OBITUARIES

Audrey J. Shelton, 78, formerly of Grahamsville, NY, passed away Thursday, June 21, 2012. She was preceded in death by her husband of 54 years, Donald L. Shelton; her parents, Herbert and Lulu Dreher; her sisters, Margaret Squier and Betty Curry.

She is survived by her children and their spouses, Doris and Jerry Lambert, Donald Jr., and Anne Shelton, Ronald and Margo Shelton, Karen Shelton and Patti and Larry McComb; her brother, Arthur Dreher. She was idolized by her nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Audrey was a retired cook at Rondout Valley Central School in Kerhonkson, NY.

A memorial service will be held at 4 p.m., Saturday, July 14th at Bliley's-Staples Mill, 8510 Staples Mill Rd., Richmond, VA. Interment will be private.

Donations may be made to the American Cancer Society or Heartland Hospice.

Marion Wolfe of Liberty, NY, a homemaker and a retired employee of the Trailways Bus Company, died Wednesday, July 4, 2012 in Catskill Regional Medical Center, Harris, NY. She was 96.

The daughter of the late Fred and Katherine Gilligan Wright, she was born July 2, 1916 in DeBruce, NY.

Marion was a past president and member of the Neversink Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary.

Survivors include two sons, John Wolfe and his wife, Nancy of Saugerties, NY and Michael Wolfe and his wife, Karen of Neversink, NY; a son-in-law, William Winters of Ellenville, NY; six grandchildren: Kelly Wolfe, Shannon Wolfe, Brandon Wolfe, Travis Wolfe, Lori Nichols and Clayton Winters; a niece, Sharon Wood; a nephew, Charles Hamilton and several great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband, Henry Wolfe on July 16, 1984 and by a daughter, Lorraine Winters.

Funeral services were private. Burial was in St. Peter's Cemetery, Cold Spring Rd., Liberty, NY.

Memorial contributions in her name may be made to the Neversink Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary, PO Box 627, Rte. 55, Neversink, NY 12765.

Marie Carroll Binde Whipple of Grahamsville, died on Wednesday, July 4, 2012 at Catskill Regional Medical Center surrounded by her loving family and friends.

Marie was born December 27, 1940 in Wilkes-Barre, PA to the late William C. and Florence D. Gould Binde. Marie married her lifetime friend, Darwin, and they settled in Wurtsboro, NY where she raised her children until 1980.

She was an active member in the Dutch Reformed Church where she was president of the Sunday school and youth programs. She was loved by all the neighborhood children and was called "Mom" by many. Along with her husband and other community parents, she was an intricate part of creating the Mamakating Little League, as well as the baseball park known as Brewer Field.

The family also spent many years in Fairdale, PA and Phoenix, AZ before settling in Grahamsville, NY.

Marie's great loves of her life were her children whose mere presence gave her strength, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, to whom every day of her life every day of her life was devoted. She had a great compassion and love for animals and gardening which was passed down to her children and grandchildren. The flowers that she grew brought her tranquility and peace.

Marie is survived by her devoted and loving husband of 52 years, Darwin R. Whipple, at home; her six children: Darwin Whipple Jr. of Balston Spa, NY, Yvonne Dolfini Jones and her husband, Andrew, Demise L. Whipple, James Robert Whipple, Mary Whipple-Smith and her husband, Kyle, and David Whipple and his wife, Kelly all of Grahamsville. She is also survived by her grandchildren: Christopher Dolfini, Christina Dolfini-Moberg and her husband, Zach, Jason Dolfini, Amber Martinek, Darwin R. Whipple, III, James R. Whipple, Andrew Grace, Julianna, Benjamin Smith, Sarah and David Whipple; her three great-grandchildren: Anthony, Hannah and Austin Dolfini; her sisters, Agnes Lapinski and her husband, Mike of Montana, Hylah Bishop of

California and Nancy Binde of Arizona; brother-in-law, James Appley of Fishs Eddy, and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by six brothers: Walter, Harry, Robert, Elmer, Arthur and William Binde.

A special thank you to Pam Curry and Lillian Magie ("Cookie") for their help and love while caring for Marie through her last seasons of her life.

We would also like to extend our thanks to CRMC 5th floor and emergency department for the compassion and assistance given to our family at this very difficult time.

Marie loved books and was an avid reader, so memorial contributions can be sent to the Daniel Pierce Library, PO Box 268, Grahamsville, NY 12740.

A Memorial Service was held on Saturday, July 7, 2012 at the Grahamsville United Methodist Church, Rte. 55, Grahamsville, the Rev. Bob Kersten officiating.

DAYS OF YORE...

Today's History

July 16, 1952 - There was a wedding at the Lows Corners Parsonage on Sunday afternoon. Miss Doris M. Sheeley of Lackawack Hill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Sheeley, was married to Mr. Joseph Tompkins of Wawarsing, son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Tompkins.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Van Dover Wednesday afternoon at the Ellenville Hospital. He weighed 7 lbs. 11 oz. and his name is Blair Alan.

Work was carried out on Friday and Saturday by the Town repairing the Sugarloaf Bridge that was damaged in the flood last week and repairing the road farther up. There still remain some parts that are badly washed out and almost impassable.

Hay that is adequately dry when put in the barn along with a complete system of lightning rods or cables in good condition on the barn, cuts down the danger of fires from spontaneous combustion and lightning.

July 11, 1962 - Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Walter of Grahamsville are going to hold an Open House on Sunday, July 15 from 3-7 p.m. The Walters will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

Elisha A. Dean, 78, of Lackawack died on July 7th in Middletown. Born in Denning on December 2, 1883, he was the son of the late George F. and Viola Sheeley Dean. He was the husband of Mary E. Koegan Dean who survives. Survivors besides his wife include 3 daughters: Mrs. Dorothy Smith of Lackawack, Mrs. Clara Eck of Ellenville and Mrs. Bernice Portz of Hurley; a brother Loron of Sundown and a sister, Cannie Sheeley of New Paltz.

Miss Florence Misner, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Misner of Woodbourne, will spend the coming year in France as an exchange student. She is a junior at Bucknell University in Lewisburg, Pa., and will take part in the Junior Year Abroad Program of Sweetbriar College.

July 19, 1972 - Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Agnew of Grahamsville who are the proud parents of a daughter born July 4th.

Happy Anniversary to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Clark, 9yrs. on July 20th; and to Mr. and Mrs. Sam Anderson, 13 yrs. on July 21st.

After a freakish electrical storm with torrential rain and a hail storm in the Peekamoose area this past Saturday, the temperature dropped down to 41 degrees.

July 15, 1982 - Dr. John Walter, president of Sullivan County Community College, announced recently that the college board of trustees has appointed Jack Gallagher to the position of Vice President and Dean of Faculty. He has been chairman of the social and behavioral sciences division at SCCC for the past 14 years.

Mr. Richard W. Schmitz of Woodbourne has been reassigned to Chanute A.F.B. in Illinois. There he will be retraining into Automatic Pilot Systems. He was promoted to Sergeant on June 1st. After completion of his school, Richard, his wife Melissa and daughter Tiffany will be coming to New York to visit his mother, June Schmitz and other relatives. While here he will attend his brother's wedding.

HERE & THERE

I took a little time out this past week to spend with my family and will be back with Here & There news next week. (pah)

Don't Miss This! The Daniel Pierce Library Flea Market & Book Sale

You don't want to miss this. The Daniel Pierce Library Flea Market and Book Sale will held at the Library, 328 Main Street, Grahamsville this Friday, July 13, Saturday, July 14, and Sunday, July 15. The Flea Market and Book Sale is from 10 AM to 8 PM on Friday and Saturday and from 10 am to 5 pm on Sunday. Rain or shine, the flea market and book sale is held inside and outdoors. There is something for everyone! Furniture, File cabinets, Desks, Books, DVDs, Books-on-tape, CDs, Videos, magazines and more. Proceeds to benefit the Daniel Pierce Library Building Fund and programming for all ages. For more information call (845) 985-7233.

Grahamsville Welcomes Renowned Novelist, Steve Hamilton (From Pg. 1)

Steve Hamilton travels extensively around the United States, and so, when Library Assistant, Mikki Greene, called to inquire about his availability, everyone at the Daniel Pierce Library was delighted to hear that this prominent mystery writer would be willing to pay Grahamsville a visit! His wit and modest demeanor put everyone at ease as he spoke about his various works and visited with members of our community, thus nurturing an appreciation for reading and creative writing.

A special thank you to Mr. Steve Hamilton, members of the First Friday Book Discussion Group, Daniel Pierce Library Staff and Volunteers, and the members of our community for making this year's First Friday Book Discussion Local Author Series an outstanding success!

"Community Quilts of Remembrance and Celebration" on Exhibit at the Daniel Pierce Library

The Community Quilts of Remembrance and Celebration are now on exhibit at the Daniel Pierce Library, 328 Main Street, Grahamsville, NY, through August 31st. Sponsored by Bethel Woods Center for the Arts and the Calico Geese Quilters, two quilts were crafted at the Harvest Festival's third annual Airing of the Quilts on September 11, 2011. The festival included community quilt-making activities inspired by the Boise Idaho Quilt Project, which originated with women activists during the 1960s.

Quilters were invited to participate in making two quilts that celebrate the community's common threads and diversity - a "Quilt of Celebration and Nature" and a "Quilt of Remembrance." Sally Abrams, of the Calico Geese Quilters, assembled the quilts and machine-quilted the "Quilt of Celebration and Nature." Bill Marzagal of Woodbourne, a professional machine quilter, donated his time and talent to machine quilt the "Quilt of Remembrance."

The "Quilt of Remembrance" features blocks that honor loved ones (parents, grandparents, friends, etc.), or the memory of those who have served (9/11 responders, service men and women, teachers, etc.). The "Quilt of Celebration and Nature" features blocks that express individual appreciation for the region's beauty and/or the blessings that its people enjoy.

Both quilts contain blocks constructed by children and adults.

"We live in a magnificent place and we want to celebrate it. We hope that these community quilts will give our friends and neighbors a form of expression for that purpose," said Sally Abrams, president of the Calico Geese Quilters.

Following this exhibition, the quilts will travel to the Sullivan County Government Center in September. In October, they will be displayed at the Liberty Library and then move to their final home at the Sullivan County Museum in Hurleyville.

For more information call the Daniel Pierce Library at (845) 985-7233.

Become a Community Tree Steward

Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County will be offering Tree Steward Training on August 21st and 22nd at 64 Ferndale Loomis Rd, Liberty, NY. Class will be held from 11:00-3:00 on Tuesday and 9:00-1:00 on Wednesday. Participants will receive 8 hours of hands on instruction with David Skeval, a Cornell Natural Resource and

Forestry Educator from Onondaga County. David has instructed and run a successful Tree Stewardship Program in his county for 4 years. He has trained 116 stewards who now volunteer to improve their communities and parks, by caring for trees. Come to this exciting new program in Sullivan County and then share your knowledge and skills with your community and neighbors. Each participant will be asked to volunteer 10 hours back to our community on select-ed projects.

The fee for this class is only \$25.00 and will include a tree care guide book and light refreshments. For more information call 845-292-6180. Class size is limited, so register early to assure placement.

This training is made possible through collaboration with Sullivan Renaissance Environmental Initiatives Program.

May-June Tri-Valley Lions News

We had a very successful Journey For Sight Walk and Tag Day on May 5th. Thank you to all who pledged the walkers and donated at the tag stations. Also thanks to the walkers, tag bucket workers and workers at the First Aid Building. Special thanks to Esta Jacob and Don TerBush for chairing the events.

We donated \$300 to to Team Chad & Dad & Michele for the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, \$150 to Relay for Life for The American Cancer Society (and represented by Ruth Curley); and \$150 to Rhulen Rock Hill Run & Ramble for Leukemia and Lymphoma. Lion Esta Jacob completed the Rhulen 5K walk in 57 minutes.

Our Installation for the 2012-2013 officers was conducted by Zone Chair, Irene Wizwer on June 5th with the following installed: President, Carmen Salvemini; 1st Vice President, Gene Froelich; 2nd Vice President, Carol Furman; Secretary, Liza Salvemini; Corresponding Secretary, Fran Fuller; Treasurer, John (Jack) Clark; Membership, Don Ter Bush; Directors, Vincent Asklund, William Delaney, Michael Curley; Special Directors, Dave Forshay, Pete Furman, Esta Jacob, Joyce Lockhart, Merton Lockhart, Dave Moore, Pauline Vetter; Stats, Don Ter Bush; Tail Twister, Phyllis Thomas Moore; Lion Tamer, Carol Clark; Immediate Past President, Gene Froelich.

We presented four community service awards at the Award Ceremony at Tri-Valley Central School in June. The \$250 recipients were: Scott Ansbro, Amber Buley, Hope Costa and Arianna Kaminsky. Congratulations to all the 2012 graduates of Tri-Valley and all other schools in the county.

Cleanup for the soda booth will be on August 7th at 6 pm in preparation for the Little World's Fair on August 16, 17, 18 & 19. This is in place of a dinner meeting. Many hands make light work, 'is the saying'.

This year the September Rabies Clinic on September 5th will be from 5-7 pm due to earlier darkness.

Thank you to all who donate eyeglasses and hearing aides in our boxes at the bank in Grahamsville, Annie D's, Daniel Pierce Library, and Neversink Town Hall. We appreciate your help to aid others less fortunate.

To become a member of our club contact Membership Chairman, Don Ter Bush at 985-2566 or any member who will help you.

Children's Garden Workshop with The Ivy Vine Puppet Theater

Cornell Cooperative Extension Master Gardener Program is excited to present a Garden Workshop for children and their adults on July 26th at 5:30 at the Gerald J. Skoda Education Center in Liberty, NY. Singer, storyteller and puppeteer, Grian MacGregor will delight our audience with her cast of wonderful puppets. A very talented gardener herself, Grian has developed programs for children that make learning fun. After the puppet show all attendees will make and take a garden craft. Hope you can join the fun!! All tickets are \$5.00 each. Space is limited so reserve a seat early. Bring the whole family! Check out the Ivy Vine Puppet Theater at www.grianmacgregor.com



This project is made possible in part with funds from the 2012 Decentralization Program, a regrant program of the New York State Council on the Arts, administered in Sullivan County by Delaware Valley Arts alliance. Please contact the Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County Office if you have any special needs.

BLUEBERRY OR HUCKLEBERRY

By Peggy DeWire

After we picked blueberries that morning, I looked at the three ladies slumped tiredly at my kitchen table and joked, "You all look with purple mouths!"



Betty cracked back, "Peggy, you look funny yourself with all those blueberry leaves in your hair."

As I brought iced tea and a plate of muffins to the table, Mary asked if I put

blueberries or huckleberries in them. And what's the difference anyway? I told her that there was only one difference and she'd notice it herself as she ate up her bucket of berries. Otherwise they were almost the same.



Both plants belong to the Heath family (Erica), a huge one with 3,400 species. Many are hardy woody bushes that grow in cooler zones in acid soil over most of the U.S., Canada and north to the Alaskan tundra.

Six species are true huckleberries (gaylussacia) usually navy blue with ten crunchy seeds in each berry. Some have light blue berries. The fruit is full of flavor and slightly gritty.

By contrast, seven species of true blueberries (vaccinium) are usually cadet blue and each berry is filled with many soft seeds. The flavor is delicious. Some highbush and lowbush produce dark blueberries.

To sort out the confusion you can't tell the difference on the basis of color.

The seed test - crunchy or not - is reliable even on plump cultivated blueberries sold in stores.

Blueberries are a very healthy food containing antioxidants that repair DNA damage and anthocyanins in the blue coloring that improve eyesight.

In the early 1900's plant breeders domesticated the wild highbush blueberry into the plump tasty one we enjoy today. Of the annual 224 million pounds harvested in 30 states and Canada, 90% are sold as fresh. Peak harvest is in July, also known as National Blueberry Month here.

Blueberry growers use special blueberry Bees (Osmia ribifloris) for best pollination because they are so good at it. Just two bees can take care of a bush for a whole summer! Blueberry Bees are much smaller than a honey bee, solitary, gentle and a lovely metallic blue.

To attract nesting Blueberry Bees, growers drill little holes in wooden blocks and hang them in bushes and places sheltered from bad weather. In the wild, Blueberry Bees nest in hollow plant stems and empty snail shells.

Blueberries have fewer insect pests than most other plants. I suspect this is because many members of the Heath family have poisonous andromedotoxin in sap and leaves. Interestingly the caterpillar of a beautiful moth is resistant to the toxin and eats its way to becoming a Blueberry Hawk moth with a velvet brown body and apricot wings.

Leaf roller and aphid are controlled with pyrethrin dusting. This natural derivative from chrysanthemums isn't toxic to humans and degrades quickly.

Over refills of iced tea and more muffins, we swapped blueberry cooking hints such as adding lemon juice and cornstarch to pureed berries for blueberry soup. Dusting berries with flour before adding them to cake batter keeps them from sinking to the bottom. Measure out and add still-frozen berries to recipes. Sprinkle a handful of fresh berries on top of a wedge of blueberry pie before serving.

Some favorite recipes were swapped and Gloria gave me her famous Huckle Buckle cake. As the ladies got up to leave, we all agreed to pick blueberries again next week because it was such fun.

Household Hints

Vinegar - to Keep the Ants Away!

To keep ants away, spray vinegar along doorways, windowsills, countertops - anywhere that ants are likely to appear. If you find an ant trail (path that ants use repeatedly), clean it with vinegar.

Special Education Contractors Misusing Taxpayer Dollars Multiple Felony Arrests Stemming from Audits

Three private contractors hired to provide special education services for pre-K children used public money for inappropriate and unallowable expenses, according to audits released today by New York State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli. Some contractors billed for no-show jobs, improper staff bonuses, landscaping services and flooring for a vacation home, and much more.

DiNapoli called the schemes to defraud the state "unconscionable." In some instances, contractors attempted to hide the fraud, while in others the fraud was barely concealed. DiNapoli's office began a wide-spread probe into the operations of special education contractors after irregularities arose in financial disclosure reports. This probe so far has led to felony arrests of four contractors and restitution of \$610,000.

"This money was intended to give our most vulnerable children the services they needed, instead the money was used for contractors to landscape their second homes or for no-show jobs. Special needs kids were shortchanged by contractors that had figured out how to game the system," DiNapoli said. "Working with the Manhattan District Attorney Cyrus Vance and Bronx District Attorney Robert T. Johnson, we have been able to recover taxpayer dollars and bring these individuals to justice. My office is also working closely with the State Education Commissioner John King to improve monitoring and prevent future abuse."

"Stealing from children with special needs is reprehensible," State Education Commissioner John B. King, Jr. said. "Fortunately, the overwhelming majority of pre-k special education providers are committed to serving special needs children honestly and compassionately. We will continue to work with Comptroller DiNapoli and the special ed community to ensure every pre-k special education dollar provides the services our children need. We have a responsibility to these children, and we're going to make sure we meet that responsibility."

Manhattan District Attorney Cyrus R. Vance, Jr., said, "Through the work of the Office of New York State Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli, who discovered this fraud, and the Public Integrity Unit of my office, we were able to investigate and uncover a scheme that took thousands of dollars away from our city's already strapped education budget. This disposition will result in the recovery of \$610,000 for a vital city program - pre-school special education."

In New York State, SED, through private contractors, provides special education services to children aged three to 21. Contractors are reimbursed for expenses and fees by New York City and the counties through rates set by the State Education Department (SED), which oversees special education programs statewide. SED sets reimbursement rates for each contractor, which may vary.

This is an in-depth review of the \$2 billion program and there are currently 18 audits underway, including the three released today, of special education contractors to determine whether the costs submitted by them were properly calculated, adequately documented and allowed under SED guidelines. DiNapoli's office has also initiated a training program for special education providers to detect and combat fraud and encourage the reporting of suspected wrongdoing.

The three audits released today looked at Important Steps (Bronx), Special Education Associates (Brooklyn) and Capital District Beginnings (Troy). Findings include:

Important Steps

Auditors and investigators found nearly \$250,000 in improper costs over the course of a single year claimed by Important Steps, including \$3,162 used to purchase trees, bushes, gravel, carpeting and tiles for the vacation residence of its executive director and her husband.

Examples of other improper expenses included:

Payments of \$91,330 to two independent contractors who were also full-time employees of Important Steps; Workers compensation costs of \$65,541 paid on behalf of independent contractors, which is prohibited; Corporate income tax expenses of \$38,827; Unsupported vehicle-related costs of \$19,050;

Bronx District Attorney Johnson has charged the Executive Director Janet Reznik and her husband David Shapiro with five felony charges including grand larceny, tampering with public records and filing false documents with the state. Reznik and Shapiro were arraigned on June 6 in Bronx Criminal Court and are scheduled to appear in court today.

Special Education Associates

Special Education Associates (SEA) claimed \$324,881 in salary for a no-show executive. SEA compensated its Assistant Executive Director Deena Bernstein, who is the wife of SEA's Executive Director Samuel Bernstein, as a full-time employee

even as she was employed at the same time as a full-time dean, professor and department chair for the City University of New York. Auditors and investigators found the hours reportedly worked by Deena Bernstein as SEA's assistant executive director were often the same hours that she reportedly worked at CUNY. In one instance, CUNY attendance records show Mrs. Bernstein attending a conference in Florida while SEA records show her working that same day in New York City from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Another \$60,857 in improper expenses was claimed including \$34,010 in vehicle lease costs for the Bernsteins. SEA also improperly employed the Bernstein's granddaughters, who were 12 and 16 years old, as independent contractors in SEA's records rather than employees per Internal Revenue Service regulations.

Manhattan District Attorney Vance prosecuted the Bernsteins. Samuel Bernstein pled guilty in December 2011 to one count of defrauding the government, a class E felony and, as part of his plea, paid \$610,000 in restitution. He agreed to a lifetime ban in the operations of SEA. Deena Bernstein is next scheduled to appear in New York County Supreme Court on June 27.

Capital District Beginnings

Auditors and investigators found that Capital District Beginnings inappropriately obtained reimbursement for the salary of one of its owners/executive directors for providing services to children even though she lives full time in a southern state and spent an average of only 55 days in New York.

In total, \$831,244 was disallowed for services for no-show executives, inappropriate staff bonuses and other costs, including more than \$40,000 for vehicles including one for the director who lives out of state.

SED generally agreed with the findings of the audits and indicated it would take necessary steps to adjust reimbursement rates for these entities. Its full response, along with the response of each contractor, is included in the final audit reports.

The comptroller is continuing to work with SED and the New York City Department of Education to address these issues and protect funds from misappropriation. To view the audit: visit:

<http://www.osc.state.ny.us/audits/allaudits/093012/10s31.pdf>; <http://www.osc.state.ny.us/audits/allaudits/093012/10s32.pdf>; <http://www.osc.state.ny.us/audits/allaudits/093012/11s1.pdf>

Gillibrand Fights to Extend Priority Access to USDA Funding for SC and Town of Wawarsing in 2012 Farm Bill - Priority Designation Eases Access to Federal Funding to Revitalize Rural Communities, Grow Local Economies; Measure Passed Full Senate Last Week as Part of Farm Bill

U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, a member of the Senate Agriculture Committee, today announced an extension of the Rural Economic Area Partnership (REAP) Zone designation for Sullivan County and the town of Wawarsing passed the full Senate as part of the 2012 Farm Bill.

The measure would extend a designation that helps give the region priority access to federal funding from the USDA to help grow the local economy and revitalize rural communities. The current Sullivan-Wawarsing REAP Zone designation expires September 30, 2012. Senator Gillibrand's measure would extend the designation another five years. After clearing final passage in the Senate, the legislation now awaits passage by the House of Representatives.

"New York's rural communities have felt some of the very worst of this economic downturn - just the latest in a string of years, if not decades, that have been tough on rural families and businesses," Senator Gillibrand said. "When our rural communities suffer, our entire state suffers. But I know that our rural communities are home to some of our hardest workers and the best that New York has to offer - from our family farms, to manufactures, to innovative small businesses. When we invest in rural families and businesses, we can re-energize local economies, help attract new businesses and new jobs, and get back to enjoying all that life in rural communities has to offer."

President of Sullivan Wawarsing REAP Zone JJ Pavese said, "It is great that the Senate has led the way in passing this year's Farm Bill, hopefully the House follows suit. Keeping the REAP Zone in tact is important to the Sullivan and Wawarsing communities as it helps award bonus or preferential treatment of grant applications that are within our zone. We have and will continue to support all grant applications that will benefit the constituents of these communities."

Established in 1999, REAP Zone designations allow disadvantaged rural areas to gain preference for USDA funding. Recent projects that received federal funding in part due to the REAP designation include: Upgrading sewer systems and constructing a new wastewater treatment plant in the villages of Monticello and Woodridge;

Improving heating and air conditioning in the Village of Ellenville Municipal Building and the Sullivan County Headstart Center in Monticello; Installing videoconferencing equipment at the Sullivan County BOCES site and nine schools across five school districts; Creating a new meat processing facility in Liberty and purchasing new dairy processing equipment; Developing a comprehensive economic development plan and a jobs action plan for Sullivan County

NYS Attorney General Schneiderman Announces Settlement Enhancing Religious Accommodations for Employees of NYC Health and Hospitals Corporation - Agreement Improves Corporation's Policies And Training To Ensure Employees' Rights Are Safeguarded; Schneiderman: My Office Is Committed To Ensuring That The Religious Rights Of All New Yorkers Are Protected

Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman today announced a settlement with the New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation (HHC), the largest municipal healthcare organization in the country, and Jacobi Medical Center, a facility within that network, to safeguard all employees' rights to religious accommodations. Today's settlement requires the institutionalization of best practices at HHC's several facilities, and ensures that employees' religious accommodations requests will be handled in accordance with the New York State Human Rights Law, New York City Human Rights Law, and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

"Protecting the religious rights of all New Yorkers is an important priority of my office," said Attorney General Schneiderman. "Our society honors the balance of a person's religious commitments with his or her responsibilities in the workplace, and the law protects these rights. We are pleased that HHC and Jacobi have taken these critical steps to improve upon, and institutionalize, necessary religious accommodation policies to ensure a proper balance for all of their employees."

After the Attorney General's Office began a formal investigation into religious observance practices, HHC and Jacobi agreed to make across-the-board changes in order to amicably resolve this matter. The settlement requires all hospitals and medical facilities within the HHC network, including Jacobi, to implement a uniform policy on the review and granting of religious accommodations requests, conduct regular training on that policy and the law, and develop an internal complaint system. Additionally, Jacobi will regularly report to the Attorney General on the implementation of these procedures.

In November 2011, Attorney General Schneiderman launched the Religious Rights Initiative, which is dedicated to combating religious discrimination, investigating religious freedom violations and ensuring that anti-discrimination laws are aggressively enforced. The Religious Rights Initiative targets faith-based discrimination and violations of religious rights through public education, outreach and law enforcement, including litigation.

Last week's settlement was hailed by leaders of the faith community. Ron Meier, New York Regional Director of the Anti-Defamation League, said, "The right to observe one's faith is a fundamental one, and requires protection. We commend the New York State Attorney General for advancing the rights of religious observers in the workplace."

Todd R. McFarland, Associate General Counsel, General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, said, "It is reassuring to know that the religious rights of all are safeguarded in the State of New York. People should not have to choose between observing their faith and securing their livelihood. We take comfort in knowing that the Attorney General recognizes and protects the rights of religious persons."

The case is being handled by Assistant Attorney General Allegra Chapman, and was previously also handled by former Assistant Attorney General Kayla Gassmann, under the supervision of Civil Rights Bureau Chief Kristen Clarke, Chief Counsel for Civil Rights Spencer Freedman, and Executive Deputy Attorney General for Social Justice Janet Sabel, with the assistance of Alyson Spindell, Director of Community Affairs and Engagement for Religious Rights.

The Attorney General's Civil Rights Bureau is committed to combating discrimination and protecting the rights of all New Yorkers. To file a complaint with the Bureau, contact 212-416-8250 or civil.rights@ag.ny.gov.

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The Olive Jar Summer Reveries- By Carol LaMonda

Lying in my rope hammock on the deck with a slight breeze on this holiday morning, my mind drifted, like the clouds moving slowly overhead, to a summer spent at my Nana and Poppop's house in a small New Jersey community called Norseville. Comprised of Norwegians who had commonly purchased the tract of land, they all shared the immigrant experience and a common bond with the 59th Street Church in Brooklyn. By the time I spent childhood summers there, in the fifties, the world was poised on the brink of homogenization of nationalities and races. I still stood out as an oddity with my olive skin, brown eyes and hair among a sea of towheads. "Oh, that's Min and Olaf's daughter," they would say knowing that my dad had married a Greek woman and that would explain my uniqueness.

My grandkids will be able to compare their trip to Costa Rica with the vacation in Punta Cana with the River Walk in Texas or Disney Land in California. My generation would all tell tales of a week spent with grandparents. I imagine my week away was a vacation for my family, glad to have one less older child to manage two younger ones. I never even thought about that until now because, from my perspective, my week in Norseville was a magical getaway.

At night, I slept in the one extra bedroom that was upstairs in the bungalow. It had rosebud wallpaper, not full roses that bloomed; these were small, pink buds laden with promise dancing on a creamy white background. The bed was built into a cubby in the wall. From its height, I could see out the one window. At night the moon and stars danced on a stage accompanied by fire flies. Mornings were announced by a symphony of birds in song and the organ curtains fluttered in the morning breeze. Since the bedroom was up the stairway to the kitchen, I could always smell and hear the coffee perking. The cereal, which would go "snap, crackle and pop" was purchased especially for me. Often there were fresh berries to sit on top of it.

There was a screened in porch, and Nana and I would have peanut butter spread on real butter on a single slice of Grislebrod from Larsen's Bakery in Brooklyn or slice of Gjetost, dark sweet goat cheese, on the same hearty bread. While Poppop worked climbing poles for Bell Telephone Company, Nana would slowly untie her apron and hang it on a peg. That was the sign that some wonderful adventure was about to begin.

Sometimes it was just a stroll to Edith and Fred Lundberg's house (I wonder if they are relatives of Crissy Downs?) to have a cup of coffee and chat. I can remember having a grown-up cup of coffee with lots of sugar and cream and watch my Nana pour hers on the saucer (no mugs then!) to cool it and then pour it back into the cup to sip. Other times, we would walk along to the highway to Uncle Eddie Tornquist's store by the river. I would be wearing my sneakers, but Nana walked in her flowered house dress and high heels. An ice cream and comic book, purchased without the cover to save five cents, would be my treat.

If I was let out "to play", I would wander to the fenced in garden and eat gooseberries right off the bush. I wouldn't even care if they were pink and ripe. Green and sour were just as good. My mouth still puckers with the memory. There was an apple tree just right for climbing and viewing the neighborhood. Sometimes I would sit on the bench by the rose garden; usually I would do that after Poppop came home from work and we would take down the American Flag from the tall flag post and carefully fold it before dark.

My favorite spot was the hammock that hung between two trees at the edge of a wooded lot that divided the house from the community's Bunker Hill Lutheran Church and Pavilion. The hammock was a khaki-grayish color, probably started out white, and made of thick canvas softened by years of use. I would have to thread the notched stick through the tunnel of strings to make it stretch out to its immense sag. There I would lie and imagine my life with my husband and my children when I grew up.

I hope you are lucky enough to have a hammock...a hammock that can let your mind travel back to the innocent and luscious memories of grandparents and a world filled with expectations and possibilities.



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See you next week!

What's Happening in Pine Hill?

July 14, James Krueger. Walk the Walk, Sing the Song. Singer/songwriter and former Director of the Pine Hill Community Center, will lead kids on a nature walk around the Hamlet, and then together they'll create a song.

Friday, July 20, 7pm. Film: Bienvenidos A Fleischmanns, An Immigrant Community in Rural America. Local filmmaker Jessica Vecchione's 2009 film is an intimate portrait of the challenges, successes and assimilation of an Hispanic immigrant community in rural America. In 1986 Mexican immigrants moved to upstate New York looking for a safer and more tranquil way of life. They had immigrated to Newburgh New York, but, deteriorating economic conditions, crime and inferior schools lead them to find a better situation for their families. Twenty years later, the Hispanic Immigrant community in Fleischmanns accounts for at least 30% of the population. Discover the ways these families have assimilated into the community through successful businesses and successes of the second generation children in the local School system. The village of Fleischmanns is a bright spot of hope as two cultures reach out to each other in friendship and understanding. Filmmaker will be on hand to answer questions and to discuss the film. Free.

Saturday, July 21, 7pm - 9pm. James Krueger in Concert. Join us for this very special event. Acclaimed singer/songwriter James Krueger brings us an evening of solo voice and guitar. Said to "probe

beneath the surface of seemingly simple topics" (Rambles Magazine), James Krueger has been called an "extraordinarily talented writer with a real talent for poetic imagery" (Great American Song Contest Judges). With a consummate musicianship and a sharp sense for poetry, James' songs paint kaleidoscopic portraits of human longing and redemption within landscapes of remarkable beauty. James' repertoire consists of five solo albums, including his latest CD "The Unspoken Hope of Love." His music is inspired by traditional folk while remaining contemporary and original. Listeners hear pop, Americana, and even classical influences in his recordings and performance. James has often been compared to James Taylor, John Denver, Townes Van Zandt and Garnet Rogers. \$5.

July 21. Artist Marilyn Silver. Marilyn invites children (as well as people who used to be) to attend her introduction to printmaking workshop. Participants will learn to create a simple styrofoam print. No experience necessary. All materials provided. Just bring an old shirt to keep your clothes clean. And get ready to let your inner creativity out.

Wednesday, July 25- Aug. 10. Kids in the Kaatskills. Morning sessions 10:30 - 12 noon, Afternoon sessions, 1:30-3:00pm. (Wed., Thurs, Fri.) It looks to be another wonderful season with a schedule of many talented presenters. With new presenters touching a variety of areas, it promises to be another terrific summer of learning and fun. Come pick up a program or check our website for program details. Free (some minimal materials fees for a few of the workshops).

UC Sheriff Paul Van Blarcum Announces Participation in Sheriff's Summer Camp Program

Ulster County Sheriff Paul VanBlarcum announced today that 27 children from the county are attending the New York State Sheriffs' Association Institute's 2012 Summer Camp. The Sheriffs' Summer Camp is designed to provide a solid recreational program combined with the development of a sense of good citizenship. This will mark the 36TH year of the camp's operation.

This morning at 9:20 a.m., 20 children who are attending this week boarded the bus for camp, watched by parents and families whose expressions ranged from proud to sentimental. Children wore light grey tee shirts bearing the Ulster County Sheriff's badge emblem, generously donated to the kids by Johnson's Signs & Tees of Kingston. The remaining 7 campers will attend later this summer.

The Sheriffs' Summer Camp, which is located near

Penn Yan in Yates County, is supported by the Sheriffs' Association's Honorary Members through their contributions and annual dues. This year the camp will accommodate over 900 deserving boys and girls from across New York State.

Sheriff VanBlarcum, in discussing the objectives and goals of the camp said, "The Sheriffs' Summer Camp Program is designed to provide a child who ordinarily would not have the chance, an opportunity to go away during the summer." Sheriff VanBlarcum pointed out that, "The primary objective is to create a positive interaction between the kids attending camp and the Sheriffs and Deputy Sheriffs who participate in the camp programs. We have found from experience during the first 34 summer camps that the kids develop a renewed respect and understanding for the men and women who enforce our laws. The deputies become their friends and in some cases substitute parents for a week," said a proud Sheriff VanBlarcum.

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Please like us on Facebook for daily updates on programs and events. The Pine Hill Community Center is located at 287 Main Street in Pine Hill, NY 12465. Call us at 845.254.5469 or Email: info@pinehillcommunitycenter.org. Visit our website: www.pinehillcommunitycenter.org

Discussion Group on Parenting

A new discussion group on parenting will meet on Friday, July 13 at 11 am. Facilitated by Bea Blacksborg, a Pine Hill resident, mother and grandmother, the group will share thoughts, values, ideas and frustrations with an eye to discovering ways to approach situations more effectively. Bea, a longtime elementary school teacher says "I believe that bringing good, kind people into this world is the most important job anyone can do." Based on interest, this group will meet weekly. For more information, contact the Pine Hill Community Center.

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Hinchey Announces \$1.1 Million in Federal Assistance for New York Businesses Struggling because of Unfair Trade Deals- Congressman Voted to Restore Federal Assistance for Local Companies Last October after House Republicans Allowed it to Lapse in order to Force Votes on Three New Unfair Trade Agreements

Washington, DC - - Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) today announced that the New York State Trade Adjustment Assistance Center at the Research Foundation State University of New York in Binghamton has been awarded \$1,112,113 in federal funding to help companies negatively impacted by foreign competition through expanded free trade agreements. The funding is provided through the Trade Adjustment Assistance for Firms (TAAF) program and is administered by the Economic Development Administration (EDA). Last October, Hinchey voted to restore TAAF benefits after House Republicans allowed the program to lapse on February 12, 2011.

"This assistance will provide a boost for local businesses that are struggling because of unfair trade deals," said Hinchey. "I was proud to vote to restore this important assistance for local companies, after House Republicans initially

allowed the Trade Adjustment Assistance program to lapse in order to force votes on three new so-called "free trade" deals that I opposed. Thousands of New Yorkers negatively impacted by unfair trade deals, which I have consistently opposed, rely on this important program to help them get back on their feet. It is terrible that this assistance was delayed because Republicans in the House demanded even more unfair trade deals."

The TAAF program provides local companies with funding to pay for consulting, engineering, and design services to improve their business strategy, strengthen product lines, and make their company more competitive with overseas firms. Companies that receive assistance have a survival rate of 95 percent, according to the New York State Trade Adjustment Assistance Center. Local businesses can apply to the New York State Trade Adjustment Assistance Center to determine their eligibility to receive this assistance.

In addition to assisting local companies, the Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) program also helps workers who lost their jobs because of these unfair trade agreements. The program offers necessary retraining opportunities, health insurance assistance, and other crucial support to U.S. workers who lose their jobs due to the negative effects of international trade. According to the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL), since 1977 nearly 100 applications for TAA on behalf of tens of thousands of workers have been certified within the congressional district Hinchey represents. (Contd. Pg 10)

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Artists are highlighted most dramatically at the Riverfest poster auction that takes place at the bandstand at 12:30 p.m. The work of over five dozen artists, whose posters are created especially for the festival in every conceivable medium from watercolor to fabric to wood, are auctioned off by Jerry Malek. These beautiful interpretations are on display in the gallery windows of the Delaware Arts Center and National Park Service and can also be seen online at www.ArtsAllianceSite.org.

Music opens the festivities just before 10 a.m., followed by the ever-popular Dog Parade. Pooches and pups strut their stuff at the bandstand, all hoping to win the "best of" awards, while emcee Kevin McDonough offers running commentary and the

Dog Parade judges deliberate. Live music thereafter is provided by Stacy and Friends, the Rich Johansen Band, Mike Jung, and other guests.

It wouldn't be Riverfest without the NACL stiltwalkers overseeing the festivities from their birds' eye view. The tradition continues and these larger than life characters will inspire and delight once again. (Contd. Pg. 9)

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Hasbrouck Old Stone House Sets Innovative Summertime Art Events (From Pg. 1)

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Summer Stageworks. This is an intensive all-day, week-long drama-and-dance study program for children entering grades 5-8. It includes multi-discipline workshops and rehearsals leading up to an original stage production, to be performed for friends and family at noon on Sunday, August 19th, under the pavilion. Sessions run 9am-3:30pm, Aug 13-17, at the Old Stone House. Tuition is \$110 per participant (10% off for members).

For these special events, contact Andrea Eddings at (845) 985-0419 or email OSHYA@peoplepc.com for more details, registration and performance sign-up. The Stageworks program also presents a volunteer opportunity for a teaching assistant 16 or older, and may fulfill some High School program requirements.

The Old Stone House of Hasbrouck, 282 Hasbrouck Rd., Hasbrouck, NY 12788, is a community and arts center conveniently located near Ellenville, Grahamsville, Monticello and Liberty. There's more information at www.TheOldStoneHouseOfHasbrouck.org.

Riverfest 2012, A Festival of Music, Art, and Ecology

Music, art, and the environment are the primary themes of Narrowsburg's 22nd Annual Riverfest, held this year on Sunday, July 22, from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., at the edge of the Delaware River on Main Street in Narrowsburg, New York. Presented by Delaware Valley Arts Alliance and sponsored by Catskill Regional Medical Center, the 22nd Annual Riverfest embodies the spirit of our river valley and highlights the artists who live and work here.

Riverfest's distinguishing characteristic is the access it affords to the artists whose products are being sold. Everything at Riverfest is artist-made and the person who is selling it to you is the artist him/herself: broom makers; potters; jewelers; textile, wood, and glass artists; writers, and painters. Get a book

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Riverfest 2012 (From Pg. 8) Kids Korner is a place where children can create works of art or play games under the direction of Maureen Cookingham from 11 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Art projects range from masks to mini posters and kids get to take home their own interpretation of Riverfest. Environment and energy efficiency information booths will help you wade through the complexities of clean water, clean air, and energy conservation.

Follow the signs to Riverfest and enjoy a full day of celebrating the arts and environment.

Admission is free. For more information call 845-252-7576 or visit www.ArtsAllianceSite.org.

Country Hit-Maker Josh Turner Brings Sizzling Show to Belleayre July 14

Highmount, NY - Multi-platinum country music star Josh Turner brings his top-notch live show to the Belleayre Music Festival on Saturday, July 14 at 8 p.m.

Since his 2003 debut, Josh has have sold over five million albums and been nominated for two Grammy awards as well as numerous award nominations from the Country Music Association, Academy of Country Music, Country Music Television and the American Country Awards. Josh's latest chart-topper is 'Time is Love,' the first single from his new album,

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'Punching Bag.'

The success of his new album adds to the string of hits that Josh has enjoyed since bursting onto the country/pop music scene. 'All Over Me,' the second single from last year's release, 'Haywire,' was chosen as BMI's 2011 'Song of the Year' and was one of ASCAP's 'Top Five Most Played Songs.' His previous single, the four-week No. 1 hit, 'Why Don't We Just Dance,' was the Most Played Song of the Year for 2010.

The South Carolina native has four previous No. 1 singles ('Your Man,' 'Would You Go With Me,' 'Why Don't We Just Dance,' (the Most Played Song of the Year for 2010) and 'All Over Me' (BMI's 2011 Song of the Year and one of ASCAP's Top Five Most Played Songs).

His live shows reflect Josh's love for music and his appreciation for his rapidly growing fan base.

Tickets for Josh Turner at Belleayre are: \$99 for Super Premium, \$66, \$56, \$46, \$36 and \$25 for lawn seating.

The Belleayre lineup also includes: July 21, Broadway Leading Lady Christine Ebersole. July 28, Belleayre Festival Opera presents Puccini's 'La Boheme.'

Also: August 3, NYC's Hottest Tribute Jazz Band Ed Palermo's Frank Zappa Little Big Band. August 4, M.F. Production's Celebration of Lionel Hampton featuring Dianne Schuur & Warren Wolf. August 10, Jazz for the 'Here & Now' Stefon Harris & Blackout. August 11, Pat Metheny Unity Band with Chris Potter, Antonio Sanchez & Ben Williams. August 18 (noon-6 p.m.), Belleayre Car Show- Free admission. Precedes concert by The Texas Tenors. August 18, 'America's Got Talent' Sensations The Texas Tenors. August 25, Carolines Presents Comedy in the Catskills starring 'Curb Your Enthusiasm's' Susie Essman. September 1, 'America's No. 1 Tribute Show' The Music of Led Zeppelin - A Rock Symphony.

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SUNY Sullivan Graphic Arts Students Get the Call to Design 2012 Harvest Fest Poster for Bethel Woods Center for the Arts

Loch Sheldrake, NY (June 11, 2012) - When Bethel Woods Center for the Arts wanted a new look for its 2012 Harvest Festival, the organization reached out to SUNY Sullivan professors Tom Am-brosino and Mark Lawrence. Ambrosino and Lawrence, in turn, took the opportunity to present this project to their students not only as an excellent classroom exercise, but as a real-world job that most established marketing agencies would jump at the chance to pitch. Thirty students joined in the process of conceptualizing and creating materials for the client's consideration.

Operating as a creative team, SUNY Sullivan faculty and students held an intake meeting with executives from Bethel Woods in order to define the project. Bethel presented its needs and goals, sharing with the SUNY Sullivan team the mission and vision of the center. Taking the knowledge gained in this meeting, the students began the creative process with Ambrosino and Lawrence functioning as much as Art Directors than as teachers.

"This was very much an 'agency style' approach," explains Tom Ambrosino, Professor of Graphic Design & Computer Graphics at the college. "The students worked on this project just as advertising professionals would. And, by handling Bethel Woods as a 'client,' the students got the kind of invaluable experience that some industry professionals wait years to get."

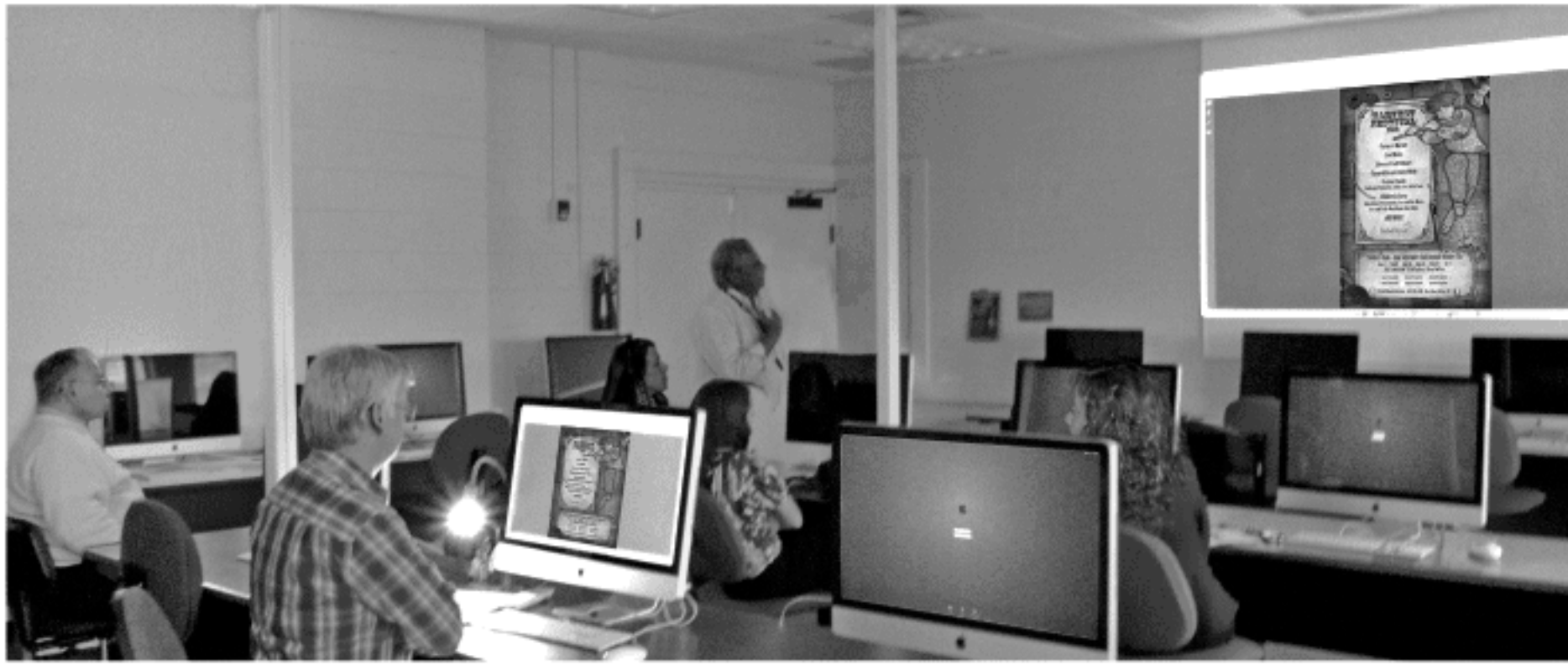
This collaboration between the SUNY Sullivan creative team and Bethel Woods culminated in a final meeting during which select students presented their concepts and designs to representatives from Bethel Woods, including Denise Frangiapne and Channyn Culligan, and members of the SUNY Sullivan Board of Trustees, including chairman Nick Speranza. The

designs reflect Bethel Woods and the Harvest Festival well. We couldn't be happier with the creativity and professionalism that each of our students exhibited in this endeavor, and we look forward to working closely with Bethel Woods with future classes.

Indeed, Bethel Woods has expressed its interest in continuing this project as an ongoing collaboration between their organization and the college. All members of the creative team involved with the 2012 campaign have received letters of gratitude from Bethel Woods CEO Darlene Fedun.

The two designs by Alex and Stephanie will make their debuts soon, as Bethel Woods reveals its promotional campaign for the upcoming 2012 Harvest Festival season, which will be its 14th year.

The Harvest Festival reflects Bethel Woods' commitment to community, and this partnership with SUNY



SUNY Sullivan faculty members, Tom Ambrosino and Mark Lawrence, and Board of Trustees Chairman, Nick Speranza, review final designs with Bethel Woods representatives inside the college's Mac Lab.

final designs up for consideration were taken back to Bethel Woods corporate offices for further consideration. At the end of the process, Bethel Woods decided on two designs to promote the 2012 Harvest Festival - one which will be used on print materials such as posters and rack cards, and another which will be used on tee shirts.

The 2012 Bethel Woods Harvest Festival Posters & Rack Cards will feature the creative design of Alex Peretin, a SUNY Sullivan graphic design student from Cooperstown. Stephanie Bailey, from Liberty, created the design that will be featured on the tee shirts.

"We're very proud of Alex and Stephanie for having the top designs," said Tom Ambrosino. "Both women succeeded in meeting the needs of their client, and both

Sullivan is further evidence of that. Community is, as Bethel Woods has stated, "central to the core values and mission of Bethel Woods Center for the Arts." The Harvest Festival is supported by the Gerry Foundation as well as other sponsors (including SUNY Sullivan) who share a commitment to community and regional economic development.

This year's Harvest Festival at Bethel Woods occurs Sundays, Labor Day to Columbus Day from 11am - 4pm. This year's events include: September 2 - Alpaca Festival; September 9 - Sullivan County Heritage Faire; September 16 - One World Culture Festival; September 23 - Earth Day in Autumn & Live Well Be Well; September 30 - Annual Chili Cook Off; and October 7 - Rustic Craft Show

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This new initiative will help to survey, maintain, and preserve the valuable tree resources at residences and in communities throughout Sullivan County. It is sponsored initially by Sullivan Renaissance, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Sullivan County and individuals concerned about protecting public and private trees.

The two-day "Tree Steward Training" will be held on Tuesday, August 21 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and Wednesday, August 22 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The training will take place at the Gerald J. Skoda Extension Education Center, 64 Ferndale Loomis Road, Liberty, NY 12754. The "Tree Steward Training" includes eight

hours of hands on instruction with David Skeval, a Cornell Natural Resource and Forestry Educator from Onondaga County. After training, graduates will volunteer 10 hours of community service to survey trees in their community. Training will include:

- Learn how to best site, select and plant trees for optimal growth and least costly maintenance
- Identify species of trees and their potential insect and disease issues. Understand how to make choices to avoid problems and create the healthiest environments for the future
- Learn how to maintain young trees for the best environmental balance and tree health

Tuition is \$25 and includes a tree care guide book and light refreshments. Adults of all ages and abilities are welcome. Anyone under the age of 17 must be accompanied by an adult. Class size is limited. For information on how to register, visit <http://blogs.cce.cornell.edu/sullivan/> or call 845-292-6180.

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

workers to apply for the adjustment assistance.

Hinchey has opposed unfair trade deals like the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) and the Central American Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA) because they cause the exportation of U.S. jobs.

In the 111th Congress, Hinchey cosponsored the Trade Reform, Accountability, Development and Employment Act (TRADE Act), which would require a comprehensive review of major trade agreements on the books, ensure that environmental labor and human rights standards are addressed in future agreements, and give Congress the authority it needs to assert its proper constitutional role in the trade negotiating process by significantly limiting future fast-track authority.

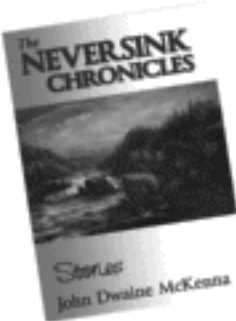
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Hinchey Announces \$1.1 Million in Federal Assistance for New York Businesses (From Pg. 7)

In 2010, Hinchey announced that 380 workers who lost their jobs at the Emerson Power Transmission facility in Ithaca, New York would be eligible to apply for TAA. Hinchey called on DOL to expedite that TAA application and make the benefits of the program available to Emerson workers as soon as possible. The DOL promptly responded, certifying the eligibility of the

Hinchey Calls on U.S. Dept. of Justice to Launch Anti-Trust Investigation of Two Major Natural Gas Companies - Congressman Cites Report Showing Chesapeake Energy Corp. & Encana Corp. Worked Together to Dramatically Lower Market Value for Leased Land Used in Fracking

Washington, DC -- Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) today called on the U.S. Department of Justice to launch an anti-trust investigation of two major natural gas companies after a recent news report detailed a series of meetings and secret agreements between the two companies that led to a dramatically lower market value for land those companies leased for drilling in Michigan. Reuters reported last week that Chesapeake Energy Corp. and Encana Corp. worked together to avoid competing for the same parcels of land so that each company would have no competition when making lease proposals to landowners and therefore be able to secure a cheap price. In a letter sent to U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder, Hinchey also urged him to examine whether such anti-competitive practices took place elsewhere in the U.S.

"I urge you to review this [Reuters] report, open an investigation into whether any federal antitrust laws were violated in this case, and assess whether violations may have been committed in other oil and gas lease bidding across the country," Hinchey wrote in his letter to Holder. "As you know, the recent boom in domestic oil and natural gas production has caused the industry to lease millions of acres for development on both private and public property. Chesapeake Energy Corp. and Encana Corp. represent two of the largest corporations in the oil and gas industry. Reuters reported Chesapeake has leased more than 15 million acres in the U.S. in the past 10 years while Encana has leased 2.5 million acres. These rivals often bid against each other for prime oil and gas rights in shale formations; however, prices and competition for leases in Michigan drastically fell after communications between these two companies began in 2010, when top executives discussed how to avoid bidding against each other in a public land auction and strategies for dealing with at least nine large private landowners."

Reuters detailed a series of communications between high level executives with Chesapeake and Encana in which they discussed ways to keep prices down for upcoming land sales. Leading up to one such sale in October 2010, the two companies discussed "arranging a bidding strategy." That auction resulted in \$9.7 million from the leasing of approximately 274,000 acres in Michigan. In a similar auction in May 2010, prior to communications between the two companies, the State of Michigan raised \$178 million from the sale of more than 118,000 acres.

Hinchey is a leader in Congress of the effort to protect drinking water and the environment from the risks of hydraulic fracturing. He is a co-author of the FRAC Act, which would mandate public disclosure of chemicals used in frack fluid before and after drilling takes place and allow the EPA to regulate fracking activities under the Safe Drinking Water Act. The congressman also authored the appropriations language that led to the current EPA study on hydraulic fracturing.

The full text of Hinchey's letter to Holder follows:
July 2, 2012

The Honorable Eric Holder
United States Attorney General
U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Attorney General Holder

I am writing to bring your attention to a very disturbing article, entitled "Special Report: Chesapeake and rival plotted to suppress land prices", published by Reuters on June 25. According to this report, two of the largest natural gas companies in the United States may have colluded to suppress oil and gas lease prices illegally in Michigan in 2010. I urge you to review this report, open an investigation into whether any federal antitrust laws were violated in this case, and assess whether violations may have been committed in other oil and gas lease bidding across the country.

As you know, the recent boom in domestic oil and natural gas production has caused the industry to lease millions of acres for development on both private and public property. Chesapeake Energy Corp. and Encana Corp. represent two of the largest corporations in the oil and gas industry. Reuters reported Chesapeake has leased more than 15 million acres in the U.S. in the past 10 years while Encana has leased 2.5 million acres. These rivals often bid against each other for prime oil and gas rights in shale formations; however, prices and competition for leases in Michigan drastically fell after communications between these two companies began in 2010, when top executives discussed how to avoid bidding against each other in a public land auction and strategies for dealing with at least nine large pri-

vate landowners.

Reuters's evidence of possible collusion began in June 2010 when executives "discussed how to handle negotiations with at least nine private landowners." Emails were exchanged between top executives, including Chesapeake CEO Aubrey McClendon, who suggested "to smoke a peace pipe" with Encana in a June 16 email to a Chesapeake vice president. Chesapeake expressed an explicit intent to work with Encana to strategize ways to avoid "bidding each other up."

On June 15, Chesapeake vice president Doug Jacobson emailed Encana vice president John Schopp with "plans to split up where, and from whom, each company would lease land in Michigan." As Reuters reported, "the reason, the email shows, was to ensure each company could acquire more land without bidding against the other."

Intent to pursue anti-competitive practices was very explicit. Mr. Jacobson wrote to Mr. Schopp, "I'd like to visit with you about the implications of the impact of our competition on acreage prices and whether or not the sooner we do this the better shot we have of keeping acreage prices from continuing to push up." The prices offered to private landowners dropped sharply following these communications.

Reuters also reported that emails were exchanged prior to an auction of state land in Michigan on October 26, 2010. An October 20 email from Jeff Wojahn, Encana's U.S. president, to Mr. McClendon referred to "arranging a bidding strategy" prior to the auction. This strategy suggested counties that would be divided between the two companies in order to avoid competitive bidding. Even if the companies backed away from an official bidding strategy, it seems clear there was a signaled intent and it looks highly suspect that neither company leased any rights in the same county.

The auction resulted in \$9.7 million from the leasing of about 274,000 acres. In a similar auction in May 2010, before the two companies began communicating, Reuters reported that the state of Michigan raised \$178 million from the sale of more than 118,000 acres, where 83 percent of the more than 1,200 winning bids had competitive offers.

Reuters reported that Chesapeake faced competition in auction bids "in just 10 percent of the 320 leases it purchased at the fall auction." Compare that to the May auction where "Chesapeake faced competing bids for every one of the more than 850 leases it secured." The results were strikingly similar for Encana. "In October, only 27 percent of the 1,675 leases it purchased were contested. In the May auction, companies bid against Encana in each of its 70 successful offers." I find it highly unlikely that this happened by coincidence. And, if it happened in Michigan, there is a possibility it has happened elsewhere.

This sample of communications between top executives at rival corporations related to pricing, market allocation, and auction strategy is highly troubling. While Encana has stated it is undergoing an internal investigation, it seems clear there is sufficient evidence to warrant federal scrutiny. These corporations may have cost the state of Michigan and private landowners millions of dollars. Based on this report, I urge you to investigate these allegations of anti-competitive practices by the oil and gas industry designed to suppress oil and gas lease prices in Michigan and elsewhere in the U.S.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
Maurice D. Hinchey
cc: Joseph Wayland, Acting Assistant Attorney General,
Antitrust Division

Assembly Energy Chair Statement on Energy Highway Task Force RFI - Responses Encourage Use of Renewables, New Generation and Transmission Options
(Albany) Assemblymember Kevin Cahill (D - Ulster, Dutchess), Chair of the Assembly Energy Committee, released the following statement on the response to the New York Energy Highway Task Force's Request for Information:

"The State has more than enough power to meet our electricity needs. Upgrades to the existing transmission system would make better use of New York's resources, including clean renewable energy. One of the biggest problems of the deregulated energy market has been the failure to take on the transmission bottlenecks that existed for decades. Addressing these challenges represents one of the most effective ways to lower consumer costs, improve air quality and strengthen New York's energy security.

"The responses to the RFI put a spotlight on the challenges New York's energy infrastructure is up against and the urgent need to move forward with a range of solutions to develop a 21st century system. Though it is a critical component, modernizing our transmission lines is not the only answer. Investments in efficiency, solar generation, smart grid and energy storage will all play essential roles. A coordinated plan to integrate all of these innovations will help create and sustain thousands of jobs across the state and insulate New York from the inevitable rise of natural gas

prices and the very real impact of climate change.

"Last century, New York committed to developing our hydroelectric resources, which in turn drove the development of the electric system we have today. As that infrastructure nears the end of its lifespan, we have an opportunity to once again take equally bold actions to fundamentally transform the way we produce, deliver and use energy in the future."

You can view the responses and more information about the New York Energy Highway Task Force here: <http://www.nyenergyhighway.com/>.

POLITICAL SLANT - Frank Comando

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Barack Obama is launching a push to extend tax cuts for the middle class, as he seeks to shift the election-year economic debate from the dismal jobs market to assertions that Republican rival Mitt Romney protects the rich.

Obama, in an address from the White House later Monday, will call on Congress to pass a one-year extension of tax cuts for households making less than \$250,000 a year, said senior campaign adviser Robert Gibbs. The president's appeal to middle-class voters is aimed at drawing a contrast with Romney and congressional Republicans. The House GOP is expected to make its own push this month for an extension of all the Bush-era tax cuts due to expire at the end of the year, including reductions on wealthier income earners.

Obama opposes extending the tax cuts for Americans with higher incomes, while Romney has said he supports extending the expiring cuts for all income earners.

The president's announcement Monday comes as Democrats embark on a coordinated attack on Romney, intensifying calls for him to explain offshore bank accounts and release several years of tax returns.

The strategy is aimed at portraying Romney, whose personal wealth could exceed \$250 million, as disconnected from middle-class voters.

"We have to continue to grow our economy. We have to grow it from the middle class out," Gibbs said Monday in an interview on NBC's "Today" show. "But for millionaires and billionaires, they don't need a tax cut," he added.

Gibbs said, "We're going to have to make some tough choices in this country. We can't continue to spend the kind of money that was spent in the last decade."

The Romney campaign had no immediate comment on Obama's tax proposal.

Romney aides have called Democratic attacks on the presumptive GOP nominee's wealth an "unfounded character assault."

Romney hasn't shirked from his wealth in the face of renewed Democratic criticism. He held a \$50,000 per person fundraisers Sunday in the Hamptons, New York's exclusive string of waterfront communities on Long Island's South Shore.

Romney aides also announced that the campaign and the Republican National Committee raised a combined \$106 million in June, the former Massachusetts governor's biggest monthly haul so far. The Obama campaign has not yet announced its June fundraising total.

Obama was to make his case for the middle class tax cut extension during an event in the White House East Room later Monday. He was expected to be joined at the event by several people the White House says would benefit from the extension.

The president was also to continue the tax debate Tuesday during a campaign trip to Iowa. His re-election team was also promoting the president's tax policy at a series of events this week in battleground states, including New Hampshire, Colorado and Nevada.

The president's shift to the tax debate follows Friday's lackluster jobs report showing the nation's unemployment rate stuck at 8.2 percent.

The Bush-era tax cuts are due to expire at the end of the year unless Congress votes to extend them. Economists worry that across-the-board tax increases, along with automatic spending cuts also scheduled to take hold at year's end, could be a blow to the shaky U.S. economy.

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

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Actor Aidan Quinn to Present Spirit of Woodstock Award to Maurice D. Hinchey

(WOODSTOCK, NY- Following the announcement of *Spirit of Woodstock* award recipient Maurice Hinchey, The Woodstock Film Festival is pleased to announce actor Aidan Quinn will present the award to the Congressman. Special musical guests will include a live set by local songstress Sarah Fimm and friends.

Aidan Quinn is a member of WFF's advisory board and has acted in numerous films (Desperately Seeking Susan, Legends of the Fall) and television series (White Collar). He has been nominated for two Emmy Award and most recently he has appeared in Unknown (2011) and the 7th season of the acclaimed Showtime series Weeds.

"Aidan is not only an actor of great talent, but he has been involved with WFF for a several years on our advisory board," commented WFF co-founder and executive director Meira Blaustein. "We are excited to have him present the award to the Congressman."

Woodstock native Sarah Fimm will be treating guests to her mixture of alternative rock and pop infused with electronic grooves and haunting vocals. Fimm taught herself piano at an early age and experiments with a variety of other instruments on her records. She will be joined by local friends to add a welcoming musical atmosphere to the evening.

The gala will be hosted at the dramatic "Ledgerock" in Hyde Park along the banks of the Hudson River, Saturday, July 21 at 7 p.m. Local, seasonal Italian fare will be catered by Woodstock's Cucina and drinks will be provided by WFF 2012 Official Sponsors Hudson Whiskey and Hendrick's Gin, along with several other local event sponsors including Whitecliff Vinyards, Brotherhood Winery, Shawangunk Trail and Warwick Valley Winery.

Thank you to "Ledgerock" homeowners for graciously hosting this event at their property.


Tickets for the event start at \$150 per person, all-inclusive. Tickets may be reserved by visiting: woodstockfilm-festival.com/fundraising/spirit2012.php

One Light Healing Touch with Nancy Plumer, MS. at Pine Hill Community Center

On Monday, July 16, 10:15 -11:45, the first of a series of wellness workshops. One Light Healing Touch (OLHT) with Nancy Plumer, MS will be held. This is a unique, comprehensive, heart-centered and grounded approach toward health and healing. It draws from the Shamanic, Esoteric and Holistic traditions. Energy healing is an ancient practice integral to many cultures around the world. Today there is a resurgence of interest in this powerful and long proven healing method. Join us for a fascinating, experiential evening of energy healing. Learn how life force energy flows, how we create reality and how to release old programming and stress in order to become more grounded, focused, joyful and aware. Discover

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how to tap into your own innate healing ability. Please RSVP Nancy at 845 687-2252 or Kathy at 845 706-0673 Cost: \$10 Pine Hill Community Center is located at 287 Main St., Pine Hill, NY.

Nancy Plumer, MS., is an intuitive energy healer and has been studying holistic healing for over 30 years. She is a certified One Light Healing Touch Practitioner/Instructor and a long time Kripalu yoga teacher. She is the co-founder of Women with Wisdom, teaches at Linwood Spiritual Center and taught for many years at the Omega Institute in Rhinebeck, NY. She has a private healing practice in Stone Ridge, NY.

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Special Education Contractors Misusing Taxpayer Dollars Multiple Felony Arrests Stemming from Audits

Three private contractors hired to provide special education services for pre-K children used public money for inappropriate and unallowable expenses, according to audits released today by New York State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli. Some contractors billed for no-show jobs, improper staff bonuses, landscaping services and flooring for a vacation home, and much more.

DiNapoli called the schemes to defraud the state "unconscionable." In some instances, contractors attempted to hide the fraud, while in others the fraud was barely concealed. DiNapoli's office began a wide-spread probe into the operations of special education contractors after irregularities arose in financial disclosure reports. This probe so far has led to felony arrests of four contractors and restitution of \$610,000.

"This money was intended to give our most vulnerable children the services they needed, instead the money was used for contractors to landscape their second homes or for no-show jobs. Special needs kids were shortchanged by contractors that had figured out how to game the system," DiNapoli said. "Working with the Manhattan District Attorney Cyrus Vance and Bronx District Attorney Robert T. Johnson, we have been able to recover taxpayer dollars and bring these individuals to justice. My office is also working closely with the State Education Commissioner John King to improve monitoring and prevent future abuse."

"Stealing from children with special needs is reprehensible," State Education Commissioner John B. King, Jr. said. "Fortunately, the overwhelming majority of pre-k special education providers are committed to serving special needs children honestly and compassionately. We will continue to work with Comptroller DiNapoli and the special ed community to ensure every pre-k special education dollar provides the services our children need. We have a responsibility to these children, and we're going to make sure we meet that responsibility."

Manhattan District Attorney Cyrus R. Vance, Jr., said, "Through the work of the Office of New York State Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli, who discovered this fraud, and the Public Integrity Unit of my office, we were able to investigate and uncover a scheme that took thousands of dollars away from our city's already strapped education budget. This disposition will result in the recovery of \$610,000 for a vital city program - pre-school special education."

In New York State, SED, through private contractors, provides special education services to children aged three to 21. Contractors are reimbursed for expenses and fees by New York City and the counties through rates set by the State Education Department (SED), which oversees special education programs statewide. SED sets reimbursement rates for each contractor, which may vary.

This is an in-depth review of the \$2 billion program and there are currently 18 audits underway, including the three released today, of special education contractors to determine whether the costs submitted by them were properly calculated, adequately documented and allowed under SED guidelines. DiNapoli's office has also initiated a training program for special education providers to detect and combat fraud and encourage the reporting of suspected wrongdoing.

The three audits released today looked at Important Steps (Bronx), Special Education Associates (Brooklyn) and Capital District Beginnings (Troy). Findings include:

Important Steps

Auditors and investigators found nearly \$250,000 in improper costs over the course of a single year claimed by Important Steps, including \$3,162 used to purchase trees, bushes, gravel, carpeting and tiles for the vacation residence of its executive director and her husband.

Examples of other improper expenses included:

Payments of \$91,330 to two independent contractors who were also full-time employees of Important Steps; Workers compensation costs of \$65,541 paid on behalf of independent contractors, which is prohibited; Corporate income tax expenses of \$38,827; Unsupported vehicle-related costs of \$19,050;

Bronx District Attorney Johnson has charged the Executive Director Janet Reznik and her husband David Shapiro with five felony charges including grand larceny, tampering with public records and filing false documents with the state. Reznik and Shapiro were arraigned on June 6 in Bronx Criminal Court and are scheduled to appear in court today.

Special Education Associates

Special Education Associates (SEA) claimed \$324,881 in salary for a no-show executive. SEA compensated its Assistant Executive Director Deena Bernstein, who is the wife of SEA's Executive Director Samuel Bernstein, as a full-time employee

even as she was employed at the same time as a full-time dean, professor and department chair for the City University of New York. Auditors and investigators found the hours reportedly worked by Deena Bernstein as SEA's assistant executive director were often the same hours that she reportedly worked at CUNY. In one instance, CUNY attendance records show Mrs. Bernstein attending a conference in Florida while SEA records show her working that same day in New York City from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Another \$60,857 in improper expenses was claimed including \$34,010 in vehicle lease costs for the Bernsteins. SEA also improperly employed the Bernstein's granddaughters, who were 12 and 16 years old, as independent contractors in SEA's records rather than employees per Internal Revenue Service regulations.

Manhattan District Attorney Vance prosecuted the Bernsteins. Samuel Bernstein pled guilty in December 2011 to one count of defrauding the government, a class E felony and, as part of his plea, paid \$610,000 in restitution. He agreed to a lifetime ban in the operations of SEA. Deena Bernstein is next scheduled to appear in New York County Supreme Court on June 27.

Capital District Beginnings

Auditors and investigators found that Capital District Beginnings inappropriately obtained reimbursement for the salary of one of its owners/executive directors for providing services to children even though she lives full time in a southern state and spent an average of only 55 days in New York.

In total, \$831,244 was disallowed for services for no-show executives, inappropriate staff bonuses and other costs, including more than \$40,000 for vehicles including one for the director who lives out of state.

SED generally agreed with the findings of the audits and indicated it would take necessary steps to adjust reimbursement rates for these entities. Its full response, along with the response of each contractor, is included in the final audit reports.

The comptroller is continuing to work with SED and the New York City Department of Education to address these issues and protect funds from misappropriation. To view the audit: visit:

<http://www.osc.state.ny.us/audits/allaudits/093012/10s31.pdf>; <http://www.osc.state.ny.us/audits/allaudits/093012/10s32.pdf>; <http://www.osc.state.ny.us/audits/allaudits/093012/11s1.pdf>

Gillibrand Fights to Extend Priority Access to USDA Funding for SC and Town of Wawarsing in 2012 Farm Bill - Priority Designation Eases Access to Federal Funding to Revitalize Rural Communities, Grow Local Economies; Measure Passed Full Senate Last Week as Part of Farm Bill

U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, a member of the Senate Agriculture Committee, today announced an extension of the Rural Economic Area Partnership (REAP) Zone designation for Sullivan County and the town of Wawarsing passed the full Senate as part of the 2012 Farm Bill.

The measure would extend a designation that helps give the region priority access to federal funding from the USDA to help grow the local economy and revitalize rural communities. The current Sullivan-Wawarsing REAP Zone designation expires September 30, 2012. Senator Gillibrand's measure would extend the designation another five years. After clearing final passage in the Senate, the legislation now awaits passage by the House of Representatives.

"New York's rural communities have felt some of the very worst of this economic downturn - just the latest in a string of years, if not decades, that have been tough on rural families and businesses," Senator Gillibrand said. "When our rural communities suffer, our entire state suffers. But I know that our rural communities are home to some of our hardest workers and the best that New York has to offer - from our family farms, to manufacturers, to innovative small businesses. When we invest in rural families and businesses, we can re-energize local economies, help attract new businesses and new jobs, and get back to enjoying all that life in rural communities has to offer."

President of Sullivan Wawarsing REAP Zone JJ Pavese said, "It is great that the Senate has led the way in passing this year's Farm Bill, hopefully the House follows suit. Keeping the REAP Zone in tact is important to the Sullivan and Wawarsing communities as it helps award bonus or preferential treatment of grant applications that are within our zone. We have and will continue to support all grant applications that will benefit the constituents of these communities."

Established in 1999, REAP Zone designations allow disadvantaged rural areas to gain preference for USDA funding. Recent projects that received federal funding in part due to the REAP designation include: Upgrading sewer systems and constructing a new wastewater treatment plant in the villages of Monticello and Woodridge;

Improving heating and air conditioning in the Village of Ellenville Municipal Building and the Sullivan County Headstart Center in Monticello; Installing videoconferencing equipment at the Sullivan County BOCES site and nine schools across five school districts; Creating a new meat processing facility in Liberty and purchasing new dairy processing equipment; Developing a comprehensive economic development plan and a jobs action plan for Sullivan County

NYS Attorney General Schneiderman Announces Settlement Enhancing Religious Accommodations for Employees of NYC Health and Hospitals Corporation - Agreement Improves Corporation's Policies And Training To Ensure Employees' Rights Are Safeguarded; Schneiderman: My Office Is Committed To Ensuring That The Religious Rights Of All New Yorkers Are Protected

Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman today announced a settlement with the New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation (HHC), the largest municipal healthcare organization in the country, and Jacobi Medical Center, a facility within that network, to safeguard all employees' rights to religious accommodations. Today's settlement requires the institutionalization of best practices at HHC's several facilities, and ensures that employees' religious accommodations requests will be handled in accordance with the New York State Human Rights Law, New York City Human Rights Law, and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

"Protecting the religious rights of all New Yorkers is an important priority of my office," said Attorney General Schneiderman. "Our society honors the balance of a person's religious commitments with his or her responsibilities in the workplace, and the law protects these rights. We are pleased that HHC and Jacobi have taken these critical steps to improve upon, and institutionalize, necessary religious accommodation policies to ensure a proper balance for all of their employees."

After the Attorney General's Office began a formal investigation into religious observance practices, HHC and Jacobi agreed to make across-the-board changes in order to amicably resolve this matter. The settlement requires all hospitals and medical facilities within the HHC network, including Jacobi, to implement a uniform policy on the review and granting of religious accommodations requests, conduct regular training on that policy and the law, and develop an internal complaint system. Additionally, Jacobi will regularly report to the Attorney General on the implementation of these procedures.

In November 2011, Attorney General Schneiderman launched the Religious Rights Initiative, which is dedicated to combating religious discrimination, investigating religious freedom violations and ensuring that anti-discrimination laws are aggressively enforced. The Religious Rights Initiative targets faith-based discrimination and violations of religious rights through public education, outreach and law enforcement, including litigation.

Last week's settlement was hailed by leaders of the faith community. Ron Meier, New York Regional Director of the Anti-Defamation League, said, "The right to observe one's faith is a fundamental one, and requires protection. We commend the New York State Attorney General for advancing the rights of religious observers in the workplace."

Todd R. McFarland, Associate General Counsel, General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, said, "It is reassuring to know that the religious rights of all are safeguarded in the State of New York. People should not have to choose between observing their faith and securing their livelihood. We take comfort in knowing that the Attorney General recognizes and protects the rights of religious persons."

The case is being handled by Assistant Attorney General Allegra Chapman, and was previously also handled by former Assistant Attorney General Kayla Gassmann, under the supervision of Civil Rights Bureau Chief Kristen Clarke, Chief Counsel for Civil Rights Spencer Freedman, and Executive Deputy Attorney General for Social Justice Janet Sabel, with the assistance of Alyson Spindell, Director of Community Affairs and Engagement for Religious Rights.

The Attorney General's Civil Rights Bureau is committed to combating discrimination and protecting the rights of all New Yorkers. To file a complaint with the Bureau, contact 212-416-8250 or civil.rights@ag.ny.gov.

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Albi Concert -Sunday, July 15, 5 pm-8pm Outdoor Stage Town Hall Parking Lot. Rain or Shine. Bring your own lawn chair or blanket to sit on. Hot dogs, soda & water will be for sale for \$1 each.

Mountain Creek Water Park, NJ -Saturday, August 4 Leave Town Hall 8:30 am-return to Town Hall approximately 6:30 pm. \$12 residents/\$36 non-residents must be paid by June 26 this includes motorcoach transportation and admission.

Free mad Science Fire & Ice Show Wednesday, August 8. Grahamsville Fairgrounds at 5 pm. Rain or Shine. Please bring your own lawn chair or blanket to sit on. Hot dogs, soda & water will be for sale for \$1 each. Register to attend by July 31.

Shopping Colonie Center, Albany, NY Friday, November 16. Leave the Town Hall at 8 am return to the Town Hall at approximately 7 pm. \$21 residents and non-residents must be paid by October 16.

Transportation to NYC Saturday, December 1 Drop off near Times Square. Leave Town Hall at 8 am, return at approximately 8 pm. \$21 residents & non-residents must be paid no later than November 8.

Permission slips can be downloaded from our website www.townofneversink.org or picked up in the Parks and Recreation office in the Town Hall on Tuesdays from 3 pm to 6 pm. For more information call 985-2262 ext. 312 or email racerj12@aol.com.

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AL-ANON MEETINGS -
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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

YOU CAN SEE THE DIFFERENCE! Seasonal Residents Use Grants to Beautify Properties

[WHITE LAKE] - Six summer camps and colonies have been awarded matching grants between \$500 and \$2500 from Sullivan Renaissance as part of the 2012 Seasonal Demonstration Grant Program. The grants are given to seasonal communities such as bungalow colonies, camps and second home developments to encourage projects that improve the appearance of their properties and serve as a demonstration to others.

"We're excited by the commitment of these seasonal communities to improve

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- 7/11/12 Town of Neversink Board Meeting - 7:30 pm
- 7/12/12 Dept. of Motor Vehicles Neversink Town Hall 10:00 am - 2:30 p.m.
- 7/15/12 Claryville Fire Dept. **All you can eat Pancake Breakfast** 7 am - Noon
- 7/15/12 **Albi Concert** - Neversink Town Hall parking lot. 5 pm. Rain or shine! Bring your own chair.
- 7/18/12 Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Assoc. Meeting - 7:30 PM
- 7/18/12 Neversink Fire District Meeting at 7:30 PM, Public Meeting at 8:00 PM
- 7/19/12 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals - 7:30 pm
- 7/21/12 Grahamsville UMC **Thrift Sale only** - 9 am - 1 pm
- 7/21/12 Grahamsville Reformed Church **Smorgasbord Dinner**
- 7/22/12 Grahamsville Fire Dept Ladies Auxiliary Community **Yard Sale & Silent Auction** 9am-3pm(See pg. 13 ad)
- 7/24/12 **Grahamsville United Methodist Church Thrift Sale** (9am-1pm) & **Luncheon** (11am-1pm)
- 7/24/12 Claryville Fire District Meeting - 6:30 pm
- 7/27/12 ShogumShockers/Warwaring Sportsman Club **Penny Social** Drawing starts at 6:30 - 210-7069 or 532-7281
- 7/28/12 Neversink Fire Dept Ladies Auxiliary **Penny Social** - Doors open at 5 pm
- 8/4/12 Sundown Methodist Church **Covered Dish Supper** - Church Hall 5:30 pm
- 8/7/12 **Grahamsville United Methodist Church Thrift Sale** (9am-1pm) & **Luncheon** (11am-1pm)
- 8/7/12 Town of Denning Town Board Meeting - Sundown Church Hall - 7:00 pm
- 9/5/12 Tri-Valley Lions Rabies Clinic - 5-7 pm Grahamsville Fairgrounds

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

July 28, 2012 Time and the Valleys Museum Annual Old Time Fair and BBQ
 August 5 - Halls Mills Covered Bridge Centennial Celebration
 Neversink Agricultural Society 133rd Little World's Fair - Aug 17-19, 2012
 October 6 - Daniel Pierce Library 27th Annual Giant Pumpkin Party & Children's Parade

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

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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.

Vendors Wanted

3rd Annual Sportsmen's Flea Market, sponsored by the Grahamsville Rod & Gun Club, Inc.

Sept. 29, 2012 • 9:00 am to 5:00 p.m.
 Table Space • \$15. Extra table \$10

For information call: Gary Castle (845) 985-0292 or Mike Depuy (845) 985-2693

and beautify their properties," said Seasonal Program and Community Consultant Allen Frishman, who manages the Seasonal Demonstration Grant Program for Sullivan Renaissance. "It's great to see the applicant's reaction when I explain how we help share in the cost of a beautification project. First timers are incredibly appreciative that someone wants to help them clean up their property. I truly believe this improves the relationship of the seasonal occupants and the local communities."

The six projects receiving grants are:

- American Theological will receive up to \$2500 for half the costs associated with a sign replacement and removal of old fence and landscaping at its property on Route 42 in Kiamesha Lake.
 - Camp Kavunes Halev will be reimbursed for up to \$2500 for half the costs associated with enclosing its dumpster and landscaping at the property on Ferndale Loomis Road in Liberty.
 - Camp Simcha was awarded up to \$2500 for half the costs associated with replacing a fence near the entrance of its property on White Road in Glen Spey.
 - Green Acres Cottages, Inc. will receive up to \$2500 for half the costs associated with painting the barn, installing a barn quilt mural and new signage at its property on Denman Road in Liberty.
 - Steve's Camp at Horizon Farms has been granted up to \$2200 for half the costs associated with sign replacement, landscaping and brush removal at its property on Old County Route 82B in Livingston Manor.
 - Wagon Wheel Campground & Cottages, Inc. will get up to \$500 for half the costs associated with signage and landscaping at the property located at Wortzman Road in Fallsburg.
- Additional grants will be announced later in the summer. For information on how to apply, contact 845-295-2445 or www.sullivanrenaissance.org.

In addition to matching grants, Sullivan Renaissance seasonal beautification activities include:

- Mini-grants awarded to summer communities;
 - Hands-on workshops on spring and summer gardening basics in April and July, and a workshop on "Beautifying Businesses" in June;
 - Publishing the "Building Seasonal Partnerships" brochure for area camps and colonies with the support of Thompson Sanitation;
 - Out reaching to summer camps, bungalow colonies and businesses.
- Sullivan Renaissance is a beautification and community development program principally funded by the Gerry Foundation. Sponsors include Bold Gold Media Group/Thunder 102, FisherMears Associates, Kristt Company, Robert Green Dealerships, Sullivan County Democrat, The River Reporter, Thompson Sanitation and WSUL/WVOS.

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

Neversink Fire Dept Ladies Auxiliary Penny Social - July 28, 2012 • Doors open at 5 pm

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The Daniel Pierce Library Flea Market and Book Sale will held at the Library, 328 Main Street, Grahamsville this Friday, July 13, Saturday, July 14, and Sunday, July 15. The Flea Market and Book Sale is from 10 AM to 8 PM on Friday and Saturday and from 10 am to 5 pm on Sunday. Rain or shine, the flea market and book sale is held inside and outdoors.

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