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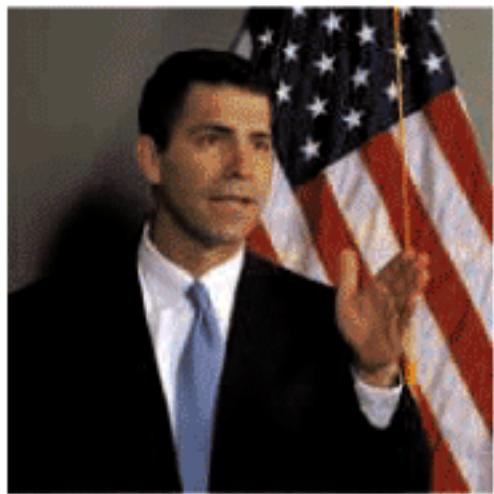
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2012 State of the County Address: Hein Outlines an Ambitious Agenda for UC



UC Executive Mike Hein details several new initiatives for 2012 in State of the County address

In his 2012 State of the County address, delivered before the County Legislature, Ulster County Executive Mike Hein detailed several new initiatives for 2012 designed to protect our taxpayers and improve the quality of life for Ulster County residents. County Executive Hein called for bi-partisan cooperation from the Ulster County Legislature and recognized the historic nature of the new 23-member body.

The County Executive said, "The State of the County provides an opportunity for us to reflect on some of the successful changes implemented during a highly eventful 2011, but more importantly, it is an opportunity to outline valuable initiatives that will shape the future of Ulster County and better serve our 183,000 residents. In this 2012 State of the

County Address, I am announcing an ambitious agenda that is designed to protect taxpayers, help those in need and better prepare Ulster County for the future." (Contd. Pg. 12)

Neversink Renaissance: Help Plan our Community Beautification Efforts!

Ever wonder how you can get involved in community beautification in the Town of Neversink? Neversink Renaissance, now in its 12th year, will be holding its annual organizational meeting on Thursday March 8th at 7:00 at the Town Hall. This is an opportunity for individuals or community groups to help plan and maintain town beautification efforts for the coming year and look at future years as well. Fresh ideas are always welcome.

To learn more about Neversink Renaissance or for further information about the organizational meeting call Dave and Phyllis Moore at 985-2746.

New York State Decentralization Grants Awarded for Cultural Programming in 2012

Fifteen Sullivan County non-profit organizations received \$17,500 in Decentralization Grants (DEC) for 2012 cultural programming at a special awards ceremony on Saturday, February 18, 2012 at the Delaware Arts Center in Narrowsburg, NY. Representing NYS Senator John Bonacic was Joe Ann Drake, who read a prepared statement from Senator Bonacic thanking the grant recipients for their contributions to the cultural life of Sullivan County. Allocated by the New York State Council on the Arts, the funding is administered by the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance (DVAA). The granted organizations represent nine townships throughout Sullivan County, including the Towns of Callicoon, Delaware, Fallsburg, Forestburgh, Highland, Liberty, Lumberland, Rockland, and Tusten.

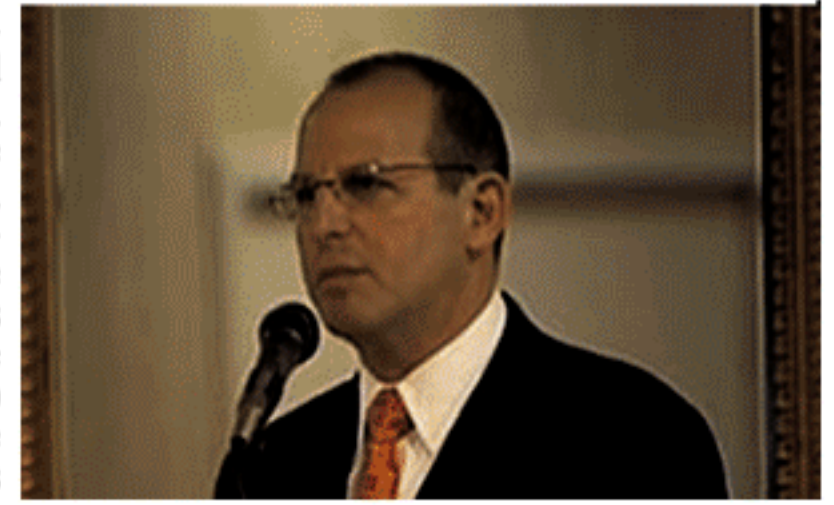
Granted organizations are:

Callicoon Center Band for a summer concert series; Cornell Cooperative of Sullivan County for art workshops; Delaware Valley Chamber Orchestra for a local composers series; Delaware Youth Center for art and theatre workshops; Friends of Sunshine Hall Free Library for winter cultural program; Icehouse Arts for three youth video workshops; Liberty Free Theatre for theatrical production Liberty Museum and Arts Center for a jazz festival Roscoe Free Library for watercolor workshops Sullivan County Community Chorus for two concerts; Sullivan County Historical Society for a vaudeville production; Sullivan County Historical Society for a series of coffeehouse concerts; own of Fallsburg for two free Chamber Music at St. Andrews concerts; Town of Lumberland Cultural Series for two concerts; Western Sullivan Public Library for an oral history project

DVAA seeks candidates to serve on future grant review panels. A likely panelist is a citizen informed about the arts and/or county cultural events. Duties consist of reading applications and participating in two meetings. To be considered, or for more information about the Decentralization Grant program, call (845) 252-7576. For more about this and other DVAA programs, visit ArtsAllianceSite.org.

Found Money! - A Billion-Dollar Bonanza Could Await Ulster County

Ulster County Comptroller Elliott Auerbach alerted dozens of local governments, school and fire districts, little leagues, ambulance corps, local courts and police departments in the county that there is money waiting for them as part of the Office of the State Comptroller's (OSC) unclaimed funds account. The total being held by the State is close to \$11 billion dollars for over twenty-six million accounts.



Known as The People's Watchdog, Ulster County Comptroller, Elliot Auerbach continues to serve the people as he alerts local governments, schools, fire districts, little league, etc. that there may be money waiting for them as part of the OSC unclaimed funds account.

As part of an intern project, Auerbach's staff combed records that identified monies being held by the State as a result of unclaimed funds from dormant bank accounts, insurance benefits, trust funds, estate proceedings and other idle holdings that have been surrendered after two to five years of account inactivity. "We have identified and contacted numerous organizations and governments in the County, including entities like the Woodstock Fire Department, the Marlborough School District, the Town of Shandaken and the Rondout Valley Little League informing them that there is money waiting to be claimed on their behalf," Comptroller Auerbach said. "New York State holds these unclaimed funds in a trust, and OSC has processed more than 600,000 claims and has paid out approximately \$296 million dollars," according to Auerbach.

Comptroller Auerbach stated "this is not only an opportunity for local governments, not for profits and community based organizations, but for individuals as well. OSC boasts that the largest personal account paid was for \$4 million dollars and is currently holding an unclaimed individual account of \$1.7 million dollars. Before you get your hopes up to high I would just like to point out however, that 63% of the claims have been less than \$100.00."

To find out more go to www.osc.state.ny.us/ouf

Evelyn J. Clarke Appointed Human Rights Commissioner and Youth Bureau Director as Arlene Foy Reynolds Retires



Evelyn J. Clarke appointed to the positions of Youth Bureau Director and Human Rights Commissioner.

Ulster County Human Rights Commissioner and Youth Bureau Director Arlene Foy Reynolds has announced her intentions to retire. The announcement ends 14 years of service to the people of Ulster County. Arlene was appointed by County Executive Hein to serve in the dual roles of Director of the Human Rights Commission and the Youth Bureau. This action has allowed the County to save taxpayer dollars in the face of state aid cuts to the Youth Bureau Department.

Additionally, County Executive Hein announced that he will appoint Evelyn J. Clarke to the positions of Youth Bureau Director and Human Rights Commissioner. Evelyn has great experience with community advocacy and youth work. In addition to her advocacy work, Evelyn is uniquely qualified to manage the administrative aspects of these two County departments having worked 27 years for IBM.

In addition to her work for IBM, Evelyn has worked at the NYS Division for Youth, the Community Partnership Training program, counseling at-risk youth for job skills. Evelyn has also held a number of community service positions on a volunteer basis.

Evelyn holds a Bachelors degree from SUNY New Paltz and a Masters of Public Administration Degree from Marist College. She currently resides in Esopus, with her husband Reverend Modele Clarke. (Contd. Pg. 4)

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ON THE FRONT BURNER: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.
Psalm 22:27

OBITUARIES

L. John (L. Jack) Agnew, 69, of Grahamsville, passed away on Thursday, February 23, 2012 at Catskill Regional Medical Center in Harris, NY. He was the son of the late Louis Lafayette Agnew and Margaret Kiss Agnew and was born on April 4, 1942 in Harrisburg, PA.

He was Professor Emeritus at Sullivan County Community College where he taught commercial art and photography for 40 years. He was the recipient of the Chancellor's Award and active in various community affairs.

Survivors include his wife, Andrea Cook Agnew at home; son, Kristian Agnew and wife, Andrea of Cary, NC, and Blake Agnew and wife, Noelle of Wilmington, NC; daughter, Bryndis Semo and husband, Jason of Colonie, NY and six grandchildren: Aidan, Sophia and Lydia Semo; Hudson and Emery Agnew and Ryatt Agnew.

Funeral services were private at the request of the family.

The Agnew family requests that memorial donations be made in L. Jack's name to the Daniel Pierce Library, PO Box 268, Grahamsville, NY 12740.

Frances M. Hill of Grahamsville, NY passed away on February 23, 2012 peacefully at home with her family by her side. She was 94.

She was the daughter of the late Frank and Mary Miller Weigand and was born on November 13, 1917 in Woodbourne, NY. She was the widow of Douglas Hill to whom she was married for 55 years.

She was a communicant of the Church of the Immaculate Conception and past member of the Grahamsville First Aid Squad.

A family statement reads, "She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend to all that knew and loved her. She was dedicated to her family and all that she did; she was a loving person who was a caregiver to all and will be missed greatly by everyone."

She leaves behind to cherish her memory her loving children: Donna M. Conklin and her husband, Steven of Grahamsville; Three granddaughters: Shona LaPolt and her husband, Richard of Swan Lake, Stephanie Moraine and her husband, Robert of Ohio and Pamela DeMarmels of Liberty, NY; ten great-grandchildren: Courtney and Cassandra LaPolt, Daniel, Kaylee, Joshua, Sarah, Aaron and Dominic Moraine, Ashley and Mikayla DeMarmels; one daughter-in-law, Carolyn Hill of Neversink; one sister, Dorothy Osterhout of Divine Corners; three sisters-in-law: Grace Weigand of Swan Lake, Rose Weigand and Betty Weigand of Woodbourne and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by one son, Steven T. Hill and four brothers: Harold, Richard, Walter and Arthur and one sister, Mildred Roosa.

A funeral service was held at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, State Route 42, Woodbourne on Monday, February 27th; Father Lynch officiated. Interment followed at St. Michael's Cemetery in Ulster Heights, NY.

Donations in Frances' name can be made to the charity of one's choice.

DAYS OF YORE...

Today's History

February 27, 1952 - A surprise bridal shower was held Saturday afternoon at the Sundown Church Hall for Miss Dorothea Singer. Her engagement to Mr. Lee Denman was announced some time ago and the wedding will take place in the near future.

Mrs. Ethel Benton of Liberty, formerly superintendent of the Goshen Hospital, has been appointed business administrator of the Liberty-Loomis Hospital. In addition to her duties at the hospital she will work closely with the Board of Directors in completing the organization plans of the newly state-chartered hospital.

February 14th marked a milestone in the goal to give residents of Sullivan County the best type of hospitalization possible for the unfortunately ill. The first shovel of dirt was dug by Liberty's Mayor, Stuart Farrand. From that point on the contractor took over. February 28, 1962 - The Grahamsville Methodist Church congregation will see its

final service in the Social Hall on Sunday, March 4th. The congregation, which has been worshipping in the Social Hall since New Years because of the current church improvement program, will resume services in the newly renovated sanctuary on March 11th. On that day the Presiding Bishop of the New York Area of the Methodist Church and the District Superintendent will be welcomed.

Miss Elizabeth Niles Sweet, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wendell N. Sweet of Grahamsville, became the bride of Mr. Robert Byron Morden, son of Mr. and Mrs. F.B. Morden of Islington, Ontario, Canada on Saturday. After a wedding trip to the Adirondacks, Mr. and Mrs. Morden will live in Weston, Ontario Canada.

March 1, 1972 - Congratulations are extended to Miss Elizabeth Ostapenko of Jamaica and Roy A. Cole of Woodbourne who were united in marriage on February 12th at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Woodbourne. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wasily Ostapenko of Jamaica. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Cole of Hasbrouck Road, Woodbourne are the parents of the groom. The couple will reside in Bridgeville.

Congratulations to Mr. Richard Coombe who has been promoted to associate professor of social and behavioral sciences at SCCC.

Happy Anniversary to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mickelson, 15 years on March 2nd; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Errigo, 27 years on the 3rd; Mr. and Mrs. James Krum, 5 years on the 4th; Mr. and Mrs. Louis Rubenzahl, 5 years and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Matthews, 5years, both on the 5th.

March 4, 1982 - Floyd Hermann of Sholam Road, Napanoch, a retired store owner and a lifelong area resident, died Wednesday, February 24, 1982 in Harris Hospital, Harris, NY. He was 94. The son of the late Joseph and Mary Eck Hermann, he was born Dec. 26, 1887 in Napanoch.

Survivors include a great-nephew, Gordon Mechler of Napanoch.

Scant news this issue; better luck next week!

TV Darby and Bernstein to State Championship

Seniors Dominique Darby and Jim Bernstein qualified for the 2012 Indoor Track and Field State Championship this weekend at Cornell University. Dominique will be making her third trip in qualifying for the Shot Put event which she won at last weeks State Qualifier.

Jim won the Section 9 State Qualifier in a Lifetime Best performance to get a spot at the State Meet.

At the State Qualifier Senior Brittany Rennison broke a school record held by Julie Ehrets set in 1998 in the 600. Brittany did not qualify for States.

Good Luck Dominique and Jim!

Study Abroad: Through SUNY Ulster & Anywhere SUNY Goes

Richard Cattabiani, Director of International Programs at SUNY Ulster will speak about study abroad programs, as well as additional opportunities made available to our students through the sixty-four campuses within the State University of New York. The information session is on Wednesday, March 7, from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the Vanderlyn Hall College Lounge, (VAN 203) on the Stone Ridge campus.

Prospective students interested in learning about our program requirements and how international studies may be included into their educational plans at SUNY Ulster are strongly encouraged to attend.

From 6:30-7:00 p.m. Admissions representatives will offer a brief presentation to assist those with questions regarding our Admissions process and next steps. Please reserve your seat by calling 845-687-5022 or by emailing Email: www.sunyulster.edu/Visit.

Rosendale Winter Farmers Market

March 4th is the date for the Rosendale Winter Farmers Market: Free hot beverages, Wi-Fi, acoustic guitar & songs. Meats, baked items, fruits, gifts, more. 10am-2pm

Rosendale Community Center is located at 1055 Rt. 32, Rosendale.339-0819. Visit them on FaceBook.

HERE AND THERE Local News from the Tri-Valley Area

We hear from Joy Monforte that Congratulations are in order for the TVCS Cheerleaders who took 3rd place at the OCIAA Cheerleading Tournament in Kingston last Saturday (2/18).

Joy also tells us that for the first time in Tri-Valley history, with a 2-year old program, Johnny Monforte took 3rd in the OCIAA Div. II 145 lb Wrestling Tournament. Kevin Palko took 3rd following him at 152lb. at Rondout Valley on Sunday the 26th.

Coach March, you have done a tremendous job! Congratulations to all.

We are trying to catch up on our birthday list and follow in Polly Hill's footsteps and realize that we missed a few in February. Polly reported in one of her columns that she counted 27 local friends and neighbors who celebrated their birthdays in February. We were able to garner a few! Happy belated birthday to Mike Garigliano, Gabrielle Skidmore, Cathy Bender, Meghan Terwilliger Douglas, Jeff Simerson and Christy Horos and to all who celebrated their special day this past February.

Happy Birthday to Jennifer (Sorrentino) Garigliano who was a Leap Year baby and celebrated on February 29th!

... and to Scott Hynson who celebrated on February 17th. He spent his day ice fishing and reported a good catch of perch and a super-sized bull head!

Miss Brianna Worden starts the month off celebrating her 15th birthday today, March 1st. Lisa Costa will celebrate on March 2nd, and Sarah Allen, Polly's granddaughter who lives in Red Hook will celebrate on the 3rd. Kathy Denman can look forward to another candle on her cake when she celebrates her birthday this weekend on March 4th.

Also on March 4th, a special day for Elise and Raymond Hornbeck who will celebrate their 51st Wedding Anniversary. And a very Happy Anniversary to a special Sundown couple, Bill and Connie Vurckio who celebrated 63 years of wedded bliss on this past Monday, February 27.

Congratulations and best wishes to you all. If we missed your birthday, anniversary, or a special occasion, just let Hulda know. Have a good week and God Bless. (Call Hulda at 985-2268 with your Neversink news.)

Searching For Our Roots

--Historian Carol Smythe

Old clippings are often great resources for nuggets of history. In the early 1960's, it was fun to read about a Grahamsville Methodist Church supper. It seems the ladies were tired of the traditional suppers and decided to serve a Swedish smorgasbord. Swedish meatballs were on the menu along with many other dishes, some Scandinavian and some good old Grahamsville dishes.

Eighty-eight people attended and the ladies cleared \$75. Prices charged were Adults \$1.25, Children 75 cents between the ages of 12 and 5 and under 5 - Free. Can you imagine being able to buy a meal for less than \$2?

Gloria Thompson of Florida weighed in on the tavern in Hasbrouck, which was mentioned as being the attraction for Phineas Booth. She reminded me to go to Quinlan's and read the chapter on Town of Fallsburgh. There it told about Matthew, son of Conrad Sheeley, being the proprietor of the first tavern in Hasbrouck.

Thinking of Hasbrouck brings me to a question that continues to pop up in my mind. Two different individuals have told me stories about the site where the Old Stone House is in Hasbrouck. Each has to do with an early section of the house being used as a fort. Others tell me this could not be true. Dear readers, let me know if you have any pertinent information. Don't forget, Hasbrouck and all that section of Fallsburgh were part of the Town of Neversink until 1826 when the Town of Fallsburgh were created.

Our neighboring reservoir, the Ashokan, is the subject of an archival exhibit on the second floor of the Ulster County Office Bldg, 244 Fair St, Kingston. A portion of their Ashokan Collection is on display from 9 to 5 weekdays through April 30th. For more information contact the Ulster County clerk's office at 340-3040 or visit her web page at www.ulstercountyny.gov/countyclerk

The rise of digital cameras is blamed for the fall of film-loaded cameras. We are reminded that the Kodak camera was launched in 1888. It was the year 1900 when the Brownie camera was introduced at a cost of \$1. Margaret Smith Dolan tells us that the reason for so many photos being available of the Upper Rondout including Eureka, Montela and Lackawack areas is that the Kodak people came through and gave cameras away. My Mom had a huge stash of snapshots from the 1920's that she had taken with a Kodak. Now instead of photo albums,

one has chips or disks with all the family photos on them. Times do change.

Joe Weise has been a great help in writing down tidbits of local history from time to time. In one collection that he sent me - he quotes Percy Bunton as saying "half your wood and half your hay you must have on February's second day" (when you cooked and heated your house year-round). Joe goes on to say, "Percy Bunton came in one blustery day - shivering and wearing only his light barn coat." Joe reports that Percy's comment was "winters comin and I aint got enough clothes on to wad a shotgun." If you have any favorite old sayings, I invite you to send them along to me.

Donations come in almost weekly for our research center and our museum collections of artifacts. Recent donations to the research center include a two-volume genealogy of "The Van Valkenburg Family in America" as compiled by Paul I. Van Valkenburg and "The Ancient Records of Norwalk, Conn." published in 1847. The Norwalk records include all early settlers there. I recognized the names of Hanford and Fitch but certainly there are others who came from there as well.

There is a lot going on in the museum. There is a 7th grade group called the "Junior History Researchers" from TVCS who are working on an oral history project. They are meeting every other week at the museum. Right now, they are trying to contact members of the Class of 1952, teachers and other school staff from that time period.

The watershed floor is being completely rebuilt by Dave Forshay and Jack Clark. That floor will tell the story of the watersheds under the able direction of Donna Steffens, Museum Director and Barbara Purcell, Chair of the Exhibit Committee. There is still a need for artifacts from the building of the reservoirs and photographs.

An exhibit titled "The Family Farm" will fill the upper level exhibit space. Dorothy Muthig is chairing that committee. The museum is planning to open on May 5th.

I'll be the first to say that history is never dull. If you have anything to share, please contact me: historian@townofneversink.org or 845-985-2452.

Good News, Boaters!

Canoes, kayaks and sailboats will be allowed on the Pepacton, Schoharie and Neversink Reservoirs this year! The NYC DEP has agreed to allow non-mechanized boats on these man-made lakes in a multi-agency effort to increase tourism and the general quality of life in the region. Boating will be permitted from Memorial Day through Columbus Day. The CWC will help fund the program by renting portable toilets to be placed at launch sites which will be developed by the DEP (three on the Pepacton, and two each on the Schoharie and Neversink). The CWC will also subsidize equipment needed to steam clean boats (mandatory), and will soon advertise for vendors who would like to provide, and charge a fee for, this service to boaters; watch the CWC website for the bid announcement.

This expansion of recreational boating follows a successful 3-year pilot program on the Cannonsville Reservoir, where boating will continue from seven launch sites.

Boaters will be able to get to the Schoharie Reservoir from Prattsville when the NYC DEP opens 126 acres of City-owned land just downstream of the hamlet. DEP land on both sides of the Schoharie Creek north of the Route 23 bridge will be open to the public May 1, and boating on Schoharie Reservoir will be permitted starting May 25. Parking areas will be provided on both sides of the creek, and a boat launch will be installed on the Rt. 23 shoreline. The entire area was previously accessible only to anglers with permits and now will be reclassified partly as a Designated Use Area and partly as a Public Access Area. The Designated Use area will be around 41 acres and will be used for "Passive Use," such as walking, picnicking, fishing, nature study, etc. with no permits required. About 83 acres will be reclassified as a Public Access Area which allows hunting, fishing, trapping and hiking, also with no permits required.

Contractors hired by the DEP last fall removed countless tons of flood debris from the creek and its banks, increasing the area's accessibility. The move by DEP is intended to assist in the recovery of flood-devastated Prattsville by attracting recreational visitors and providing an opportunity for boaters to take advantage of an upstream access point for the newly opened Schoharie Reservoir. It also offers a business opportunity for steam cleaning and boat rental vendors.

Kid Stuff at Pine Hill

This Saturday, March 3 from 10 am - 12 noon, Kid Stuff, Pine Hill Community Center's will host a brand new program for kids from 6-12. Every week one of the area's most gifted professional artists, musicians, writers and nature experts will lead a workshop that delights, energizes, informs and entertains kids. This free program will make Sat. mornings a great beginning to the weekend for all kids in the area. Pine Hill Community Center is located at 287 Main St. Pine Hill NY, 12465. For information (845) 254-5469. pinehillcommunitycenter.org.

The Feisty Fisher

By Peggy DeWine



The phone rang this morning and I listened to my friend Betty's troubled voice, "Hi Peggy. Something has been taking our barn cats here on the farm and today Jim and I saw the cuprit but we don't know what animal kin of animal it is."

She went on to describe a great big weasel with a bushy tail, silky dark brown fur and a cat face.

I said, "Betty, you and Jim saw a fisher, a deep woods animal rarely seen by people even though it hunts both night and day."

At her urging, I told her that fishers once ranged over most of the United States but had been trapped almost to extinction for their beautiful thick brown fur. Nowadays they are making a comeback statewide in places in forests like the Catskills. And they are helped by the protection of a limited trapping season, October 14th to December 10th.

Fishers (Martes pennanti) of the weasel family are solitary agile hunters on both the ground in trees. Over a ten-mile square home range, they feed on small animals, fruit, berries, carrion and fern tips. Fishers and Martens (their little cousins in the weasel family) can elongate their bodies to squeeze into small holes in the ground and hollows in trees for prey.

Fishers just might be the fastest animals in the treetops. Woodsmen have told me that martens catch squirrels on the run and fishers catch martens.

A favorite fisher food is a porcupine up a tree which a fisher can skillfully overturn so fast tht it avoids the sharp dangerous quills on the back and tail and exposes the soft unprotected underbelly.

Fishers are good swimmers, but don't catch fish, which makes me wonder how they got named.

This valuable fur bearer grows two feet long with a bushy 14" tail. Its beautiful dark brown pelt has white-ripped guard hairs giving its body a frosted appearance. It has five toes on each foot with retractable claws like cats.

Fishers breed in spring and 1-5 young are born a year later. The embryos don't develop through this long gestation but have a spurt of growth a month before birth. This phenomenon is called delayed implantation and occurs in black bears, armadillos and weasels. The female breeds again soon after birthing so she is pregnant most of her lifetime.

She raises her babies in a den hole in a tall tree and may move them several times to other dens if disturbed. About three months later she has taught her little ones to be speed tree climbers and equally fast ground hunters.

Fishers are solitary, feisty animals that communicate by scent marking brush piles, ground burrows and trees in their territory. In winter they tunnel in the snow to make dens.

Fishers live about ten years and have few enemies except men who are trappers or lumberjacks who cut down whole forests. Since fishers are the only animals that consistently prey on porcupines which debark and kill tress, I find it ironic that timber men degrade fisher habitat.

I told Betty and Jim that their feisty fisher would very likely move on to another spot in its ten-mile square home range. And soon, since it doesn't like human contact.



FISHER



Helpful Hints - Sock it Two You!

- Cut off the foot and use to insulate bottles and cups
- keep the cold cold and warm warm
- Use them to wash or wax the car
- Take big socks and use to keep your shoes clean while doing chores or yard work.
- Make a cat toy buy filling with catnip.

MYSTERIOUS BOOK REPORT NO. 38 by John Dwaine McKenna



We're continuing with serials this week . . . and no Mikey . . . they're not the kind you pour out of a box and eat for breakfast with milk and a spoon. These are serial stories, like you see on TV, where each installment ends with a cliff-hanger, so you'll be eager to watch the next installment, to find out, what happens next?

In that spirit, this week's MBR 38 will continue the review of Duane Swierczynski's "insanely entertaining" Charlie Hardie series, with the second book of the trilogy, titled *Hell & Gone* (Mulholland, \$14.99, 286 pages, ISBN 978-0-316-13329-6).

At the conclusion of book one, *Fun & Games*, Charlie Hardie was shot, wounded and left for dead in a shoot-out with the Accident People after he exposed their billion-dollar scheme. As book two, *Hell & Gone* begins, Charlie has been kidnapped and drugged, by the Accident People, kept in a coma, and treated for his injuries. When he awakens, he is trapped in a secret underground prison, where he's the warden, in charge of the most dangerous criminals on earth. It reminded me of the stories of Frank Kafka, which I loved reading in college. And all the action I've just described occurs in the first 100 pages! Like all pulp fiction, it's an unbelievable thrill-ride from the very first page. I found it irresistible and great fun to read. If you're starting to think it's almost like a comic book, well, you're right. Swierczynski's day job is at Marvel Comics. Like comics, *Hell & Gone* is fast-paced and entertaining, but more enjoyable to my way of thinking, because it's longer and without drawings that distract your attention. You have to use your imagination. I like that, and I liked the books. The last of the trilogy is due next month. The title is *Point & Shoot*, and I'll review it shortly thereafter.

If you see Mike Curley around town, ask him about all the great books he gets at the new Daniel Pierce Library in Grahamsville. He'll tell you how he's gone from "I don't read much, no time," to "I get two or three books at a time," and reads them in two weeks . . . and goes back for more! I may even send him a star for being such an outstanding reader.

If you go to my website, you can read all of the Mysterious Book Reports, the new Reader Comments section, and reviews of *The Neversink Chronicles*. You can leave a comment of your own, a complaint, ask a question, leave kitchen hints like how to cook a possum or woodchuck, or anything else you can think of. You can order copies of *The Neversink Chronicles* using pay pal on my website: johndwainemckenna.com or by sending \$15.00 plus \$4.00 for shipping and handling to: P.O. Box 2406, Colorado Springs, CO 80901. Copies are also available at *Cannie D's* in Neversink, and the *Time and the Valleys Museum* store in Grahamsville, or at Amazon.com if you live far away, like San Francisco or Vladivostok . . . someplace like that.

March is here. It's a good time to turn off the TV and read a book. I'll see you next week with a shiny, brand-new, just-out-of-the box Mysterious Book Report. --JDM

Troy Ackerley Receives SC Sheriff's Dept Scholarship



SUNY Sullivan student, Troy Ackerley from Grahamsville, the recipient of the Sullivan County Sheriff's Department Scholarship, is flanked (l.) by Sullivan County Sheriff, Michael Schiff; (r.) SUNY Sullivan interim-president, Dr. William Murabito; and SUNY Sullivan criminal justice coordinator, Robert Eiler. Troy, a criminal justice major at the college, will graduate in May.

Evelyn J. Clarke Appointed Human Rights Commissioner and Youth Bureau Director as Arlene Foy Reynolds Retires (From Pg. 1)

"I want to recognize Arlene for her notable service to the citizens of Ulster County," said Ulster County Executive Mike Hein. "She has worked hard to make the merger of the Human Rights Commission and the Youth Bureau successful. Her dedication to the people of the County was obvious and I wish her the best of luck in her future endeavors."

He continued, "Evelyn Clarke is an amazing community servant and we are very excited to have a highly qualified individual eager to serve the people of Ulster County. Her vast professional experiences, as well as her community service, make her the perfect fit. Evelyn's energy and passion for both Human Rights and Youth work will make her an incredible resource for the residents of Ulster County."

Evelyn Clarke said, "I look forward to being a part of the Hein Administration. This is an amazing opportunity to serve both the community and to make a difference in the lives of our youth."

Two Men Arrested in Theft of Laptop Computer

On Monday February 20, 2012 at approximately 8:00 PM, a student who resides in the dormitory at Sullivan County Community College reported that someone had broken into his room through a first floor window and had stolen his laptop computer and some cash. The laptop was valued at \$2,000. Sheriff's Deputies, on scheduled night patrol at the college, responded to the incident. The Deputies quickly determined that the burglary was staged to look as if someone had broken into the room from the outside. The investigation immediately focused on the victim's roommate and another student who eventually confessed to stealing the property. Rodney Adjei, 19, of Queens and Tyrek Joyner, 20, of Brooklyn were each charged with Grand Larceny in the 4th degree a class E Felony. They were both released on an appearance ticket pending a February 29th court date in the Town of Fallsburg. The Laptop was recovered by the Sheriff's Office.

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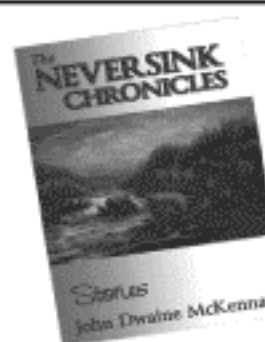
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The Olive Jar - By Carol LaMonda Did You Know?

Did you know that we are breaking records for unseasonably high temperatures and record low snowfall this February? In two days we went from 60 degree sunshine to five inches of snow to thunder and hail. Here we are at the end of February, and my mittens are still sitting in the box of scarves, gloves and mittens. They say March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb. This year it might be that March comes in like a lamb and goes out like a bunny rabbit. Not complaining, just saying that I don't remember such an open winter since that of 1991.

This past Saturday, February 25, the Olive Free Library sponsored a seminar on Edible Wild Plants by John Root. How appropriate is the speaker's name to the topic? Did you know that Bob Overton gave a talk on Beekeeping a few weeks ago. I am always impressed by the services of our library. Books, CD's, DVD's, computers, toys, museum, exhibits, book clubs, and wonderful programs like Story Hour and the Trail Mix Concerts. It also provides space for clubs like the Tongore Garden Club and the Town Senior Yoga program.

Some things to do this weekend: March 4, from 3-6, the Shokan Firehouse will be the site of a drive-through Brooks Chicken Barbecue. Dinners are \$12 and \$11 for seniors. It is a good idea to buy tickets ahead. This fundraiser is so popular that last year they sold out.

On Saturday, March 3, the Olive Democrats are having a Wine, Beer and Cheese Party from 4-6 at the Boiceville Inn.

Did you know that Onteora wrestlers all dyed their hair blonde to compete at sectionals? Austin Weigel and Dustin Mackenzie are competing at States. Did you know that President Abraham Lincoln was a wrestler?

Did you know that the LandMark Grille is doing take out orders on Wednesday through Saturday?

Did you know that Chris Walsh or Ben Rounds play each Friday night at the Boiceville Inn?

Did you know that there is a new stop sign at the Y from Route 28 to Route 28A?

Did you know that 28 Exchange is having estate auctions every two weeks? The next one is March 3.

Did you know that Walt's Auto Body is moving to the Beyond the Gate property?

Did you know that T-Mobile will be added to our cell tower?

Did you know that hairspray will remove ink stains?

Did you know that ants always pass each other on the right?

Did you know that Olive Town Board Meetings are on the second Tuesday at the Town Meeting Hall on Bostock Road? Guaranteed the comedy and drama there rivals any show on television. Come and be informed and entertained



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RESERVOIR MUSIC NOTES-

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Greetings and welcome to this week's Reservoir Music Notes. Well, we lost another one this week. The great blues guitarist, harp player, and vocalist, Louisiana Red, passed away February 25 at the age of 80. Red was a three time W.C. Handy Award winner, and had played and recorded with some of the immortals of the genre. Now he's immortal. RIP Red.

Strangely enough, almost all of this week's live music picks are in the city. The only local show I'm recommending this week is The CKS BAND at The Falcon in Marlborough, and they are strongly recommended! So I'm going to take this opportunity to profile the band, who I consider one of the most promising and exciting new bands to come along in a while! They're not really a brand new band though, as the members have played together in other outfits for a long time. Consisting of drummer Randy Ciarlante, keyboardist Bruce Katz, and guitar player Scott Sharrard, all three are world class players who never fail to put on a great show.

Randy Ciarlante, one of my favorite drummers and an awesome singer, has been a fixture on the Hudson Valley music scene for a long time. A member of The Band in later incarnations, Randy has also played with Jim Weider's percolator, The Honky Tonk Gurus, The Levon Helm Band, and along with Bruce, was a member of the precursor to CKS, The Organiks.

Bruce Katz, a three time W.C. Handy Award nominee for Piano Player of the Year, is a member of the Gregg Allman Band, and also plays regularly with Delbert McClinton, John Hammond, and leads his own Bruce Katz Band. Bruce is a soulful master of the keyboard!

Scott, also a member of Gregg Allman's band, has been called "Gregg Allman's secret weapon".

Together, these three master musician's can't be anything but great, and I think they've finally found the right configuration of members to take it to the next level. If these guys aren't touring nationally and opening shows for artists who are household names by this time next year, I'll eat your lunch! Well what did you think, I'd eat a hat? Saturday, March 3 at The Falcon in Marlborough with added bonus of David Kraai and Amy Laber as opening act!

And now for the best of the rest. All of these shows are in Manhattan, except where noted.

Wednesday, February 29 - Last week's pick, LEO KOTTKE, finishes his three night stand at City Winery. Kottke is the leading living proponent of acoustic trance guitar, in the style popularized by the late John Fahey.

Thursday, March 1 - SISTER SPARROW AND THE DIRTY BIRDS are on their way up, and to prove it, they're making the jump out of the Hudson Valley into Manhattan at The Bowery Ballroom tonight.

Friday, March 2 - In a career spanning five decades, Jamaican born pianist MONTY ALEXANDER has performed with the likes of Frank Sinatra, Quincy Jones, Dizzy Gillespie, Sonny Rollins, Clark Terry, Milt Jackson, and now, SLY AND ROBBIE, the best Reggae rhythm section on the planet! At The Blue Note. Also tonight, former Woodstock resident TODD RUNDGREN returns to City Winery.

Saturday, March 3 - Tonight is hoppin' downstate! One of the great rock n roll bands of the 80's THE DEL FUEGOS, is back together after a 21 year hiatus and playing at the Bell House in Brooklyn! Also, one of the most authentic Country voices around today, CHUCK MEAD, formerly of BR549, is at Joe's Pub. And one of the original Stiff Records' stable of artists that included Elvis Costello and Nick Lowe, WRECKLESS ERIC, is at Maxwell's in Hoboken with his wife, AMY RIGBY, a fine artist in her own right. The reviews on their albums and live performances are sensational, so this is very intriguing.

Sunday, March 4 - Master of the mandolin and former Jerry Garcia collaborator, DAVID GRISMAN, at City Winery.

Monday, March 5 - Waylon's son, SHOOTER JENNINGS, is at Hill Country Barbecue. I saw Shooter play at CBGB's when he first started out. The audience was filled with celebrities and he was pretty damn good! But the really big show tonight is the rehearsal show for ROBERT JOHNSON AT 100 at City Winery. The actual show is tomorrow night at The Apollo and is a benefit for the Blues Hall of Fame, but tonight all the participants, who include The Roots, Living Color, Shemekia Copeland, Taj Mahal, Chuck D, Keb Mo, Todd Rundgren, Sam Moore, and Bettye Levette, will be previewing tomorrow's show at City Winery. VIP tix at The Apollo are \$300, and a barstool at City Winery is \$30, so, nuff said!

Tuesday, March 6 - ROBERT JOHNSON AT 100 at The Apollo and JANE'S ADDICTION at The Wellmont Theater in Montclair, NJ.

Wednesday, March 7 - TODD RUNDGREN's back at City Winery.

Well, that's a damn fine week of music... IF you're downstate. In the Hudson Valley, if you wanna rock this week, you better show up at The Falcon. Have a great week.

From Assisting Crime Victims to Beina a Victim of Crime - Unaccounted For Cell Phone Racks Up 17,000 Minutes In Two Months

Ulster County Comptroller Elliott Auerbach revealed that a recent claims audit of cell phone charges for a county phone assigned to the ULSTER COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT'S CRIME VICTIM'S ASSISTANCE PROGRAM uncovered a missing phone which resulted in probable theft of services when it was discovered that the usage went from little or no monthly charges to over 10,000 minutes in a single month's billing cycle resulting in a total usage charge of \$1063.00. The prior month's usage was over 7000 minutes and ran up usage charges in excess of \$780.00.

"After our review and with the assistance from both the PROBATION DEPARTMENT and INFORMATION SERVICES it was discovered that the chain of custody for this particular wireless device was broken and it looks as if the County has suffered as a result of this abuse of taxpayers' money. While I realize that the losses appear to be minimal, my office is committed to insure that every dime and dollar of taxpayers' money is being prudently spent," said Comptroller Auerbach. "I have spoken with District Attorney Holley Carnright and have turned over my findings to his office to determine if there are possible criminal charges" said Auerbach.

The Comptroller was very critical of county cell phone use and policy in a June 2009 report entitled THE COST OF CONNECTIVITY when he examined cell phone cost and found the controls ineffective and made numerous recommendations for cost containment. "It's time for the policy makers to revisit county cell phone use, reduce the hundreds of devices that are county issued, and provide a monthly allowance for those employees who use their personal cell phone for county business" Comptroller Auerbach suggested.

Submissions to The Dorsky Museum's Hudson Valley Artists 2012 exhibition are being accepted through Friday, March 2nd.

This year's installment of The Dorsky's annual exhibition, Dear Mother Nature: Hudson Valley Artists 2012, is organized by guest curator Linda Weintraub. Ms. Weintraub served as the first director of the Edith C. Blum Art Institute at Bard College where she originated 50 exhibitions and published over 20 catalogues. She is the author of several books about contemporary art including "To Life! Eco Art in Pursuit of a Sustainable Planet," to be published by the University of California Press in 2012.

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SUNY Ulster RSVP Volunteers Schedule Free Tax Appointments -Tax Preparation Help Available Through April

Volunteers at RSVP of Ulster County, sponsored by SUNY Ulster, have assisted some 1,900 local residents by scheduling appointments for free tax services and help is still available through April.

Since January, a team of 14 RSVP volunteers has manned the tax appointment scheduling desks at the SUNY Ulster RSVP Volunteer Program. The volunteers arrange appointments at 18 different community locations for participants to get their NY state and federal tax forms prepared for free by IRS certified preparers through the AARP Tax

Preparation Program and the Cash Coalition of Ulster County.

The RSVP volunteers help streamline the process by letting participants know the necessary forms and items to bring to their appointments, and confirm appointments three days prior to the scheduled date.

"By handling the scheduling and preparing the participant for the meeting, the tax preparers can spend more service time counseling and preparing returns," said Catherine Canzian, Director, RSVP Volunteer Program, Ulster County. "It is no surprise that our RSVP Volunteers help make a difference every day. They are truly an amazing

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Town of Fallsburg Receives Grant for Free Concert from NYS Council on the Arts Through DVAA

Narrowsburg...on February 18 the Town of Fallsburg received a grant of \$1,240 for a free concert series that takes place in St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, South Fallsburg. Mother Joan LaLiberté was on hand to accept the award and the Certificates of Commendation to the Town of Fallsburg from State Senator John J. Bonacic and New York State Assemblymember Aileen M. Gunther. The funds originate from the New York State Council on the Arts regranting program and are administered by Delaware Valley Arts Alliance. The ceremony took place at DVAA headquarters in Narrowsburg. The grant will be used to help pay musicians for the following two concerts:

Chamber Music at St. Andrew's Presents the Eleventh Season of Free Concerts

Saturday April 21 at 8 pm The Bronx Opera Company opens Chamber Music at St. Andrew's 11th season presenting Sing for Spring. Beloved selections from opera and Broadway musical theatre will be an exciting departure for the chamber music series.

Soprano Leslie Swanson, baritone Jeremy Moore, a keyboard player and other performers from the Bronx Opera company will take the audience on a voyage from 18th century Vienna to 20th century New York City. The performance is narrated by Michael Spierman

Saturday October 20, 8pm Charles Mingus Jazz Quartet performs music by the late, great Mingus. Charles Mingus was an important American composer and a virtuoso bass player. He was active in the '60s in the Civil Rights movement. The Quartet is made up of bass, drums, alto sax and guitar.

<http://mingusmingusmingus.com>.

Chamber Music at St. Andrews offers two free chamber concerts a year, performed by outstanding musicians, that enrich, inspire and bring pleasure to Sullivan County audiences. All are invited to come and bring their families and neighbors.

This series is supported in part with funds from the 2012 Decentralization Program, a regrant program of the NYS Council on the Arts, administered in Sullivan County by the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance, and by the generosity of many individuals and businesses.

St. Andrew's is located at 5277 State Route 42, South Fallsburg The concerts are FREE!

Reservations required.

Contact: pcfriedman27@gmail.com

ASK for Music

Come hear the finest of the Hudson Valley's acoustic performers!

Kirsten DeHaan, Ron Renninger and Paul Maloney will perform at the Arts Society of Kingston (ASK), 97 Broadway, Kingston, NY on March 16th, 8 pm. Cost - \$6.00

Refreshments will be served

Where the Fun Begins!

The Village of Monticello is excited to be bringing our community the Broadway Craft and Farm Fest to Broadway again this year. Last year we had such a successful event that we have decided to have one each Sunday starting July 8th and ending on September 2nd (that's right 9 weeks to enjoy a Sunday on Broadway).

The Events will run from noon to 6pm at the corner of Broadway and St. John Street, and will be followed by our great concerts on the Lawn right across the street from the event.

Please see the attached Vendor Application if you would like to set up a table at our great event! Come out and enjoy your Village of Monticello. "Where the Fun Begins"

CAS ARTS CENTER - New Exhibition: "Vernal Equinox" Featuring the Work of Ursula Clark & Naomi Teppich -March 3 - April 8, 2012

The Catskill Art Society is proud to present "Vernal Equinox," a two person exhibition featuring the three-dimensional environmental art of Ursula Clark and Naomi Teppich at the CAS Arts Center, 48 Main Street, Livingston Manor, NY. Born in Germany, Clark lives and works in Brooklyn, NY, where she creates site-specific installations using natural materials. Teppich was born and raised in New York City, and now lives and works in Galilee, PA. Both artists will present sizable three dimensional cocoon-like structures during "Vernal Equinox," and additional sculptures including ceramic pieces and three-dimensional works on bases, created by Teppich. CAS Gallery hours for this exhibition are Thursday - Saturday 11am - 6pm, and Sunday 11am - 3pm. The CAS Arts Center is wheelchair accessible and open to the public.

There is no cost to attend the following events and all are welcome.

March 3, 2pm - Artist Talk

CAS will host an artist talk for "Vernal Equinox" with Ursula Clark and Naomi Teppich from 2-3pm on Saturday, March 3.

March 3, 3pm - 5pm - Opening Reception

CAS will host an opening reception for the exhibit, "Vernal Equinox" on Saturday, March 3 from 3pm - 5pm. Light refreshments will be served.

About Catskill Art Society

Catskill Art Society is a non-profit cultivating public interest, participation, and enjoyment of the arts. Through its multi-arts center, CAS explores contemporary art practices and facilitates creative and professional development for established and emerging artists. For more information, please go to www.catskillartsociety.org

ASK Introduces its Premiere Regional Juried Exhibition and Welcomes a Solo Show by Nathan Milgrim

The Arts Society of Kingston (ASK) welcomes a solo show by Nathan Milgrim to The Members' Lounge and introduces the ASK Premiere Regional Juried Exhibition, displayed in the Main Gallery. The shared opening reception will take place during First Saturday, March 3rd, 5-8 pm. Both exhibitions will run until March 31st.

Journeys: a Solo Show by Nathan Milgrim

Born in 1931, Nathan grew up in and around Mount Vernon, New York. He attended school there and in Syracuse, New York, studying production management and art history. Upon graduation, he entered the imported rug and carpet business and acted as salesman traveling the USA. Unhappy with styles of rugs he had to sell, he taught himself designing and started a career in rug creating, making a world-wide reputation for his highly saleable colors, constructions and designs that extended over 30 countries. In the year 2003 after a very serious cancer operation he left the rug field and started to study watercolor painting with Betsy Jacaruso. He continues there and with other watercolor painters, Eric Wiegardt and Skip Lawrence. His paintings have been shown locally, in Europe, New York City and the Albany capital building.

ASK Regional Juried Exhibition

The ASK Regional Juried Exhibition includes artists from Connecticut, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York and Vermont. The Juror, Tom Sarrantonio is an accomplished plein air painter, and a professor in the Art Department at the State University of New York at New Paltz, where he teaches painting and drawing. He is a graduate of the Pennsylvania Academy, a recipient of the Pollack-Krasner grant, and a residency at Chateau Balleroy in Normandy, France. Mr. Sarrantonio is a graduate of the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts.

This exhibition is sponsored by Savona's, Artcraft and Catskill Art and Office Supply.

About ASK

The Arts Society of Kingston, a regional center for the arts, presents a diverse range of visual art exhibitions, performances, workshops, classes, and other arts-related programming for the benefit of artists, art-lovers, and the general community of the Hudson Valley. Through its initiatives, ASK provides opportunities, resources, and education for artists. In carrying out this mission, ASK enriches the quality of life, bridges cultural gaps, and increases awareness and appreciation of the arts. For more information, please visit ASKforArts.org.

Dance the Night Away at Jackie Horner's Dance Studio

On Saturday March 10th from 7:30 pm until 10:30 pm come 'Dance the Night Away' at Jackie's Dance Studio inside Liberty Fitness Center. Come Singles, Couples and Teens!! Tweak your Dance skills and even learn some new steps!!! Also, enjoy Wine and Cheese, and some St. Patty's fun sweets! Need some Lessons, then come on in Every Monday at 730pm & bring your Dancing Shoes and your smiles!!!! - \$10 per person Beginners to Advanced Welcomed!!!!

Register for Expo On-Line - CVI Center to be Filled with an Abundance of Flowers

[FERNDALE] - Individuals wishing to attend the Sullivan Renaissance Annual Conference and Expo on Saturday, March 10 can register and sign up for workshops directly on-line. Everyone is welcome and there is no fee to register.

Go to www.sullivanrenaissance.org and click on the link at the top of the page. Those unable to register on-line should call the Sullivan Renaissance office at 845-295-2445.

The CVI Center in Ferndale will be filled with an abundance of flowers and numerous garden exhibitors. The conference also features the introduction of the Renaissance Collection, a group of annuals and perennials that meet the challenges of gardening in Sullivan County.

The keynote address will be delivered by Joe Lamp'l (aka Joe Gardener), host and executive producer of the award-winning series "Growing a Green World" on public television, who will talk about gardening trends around the country. His groundbreaking series delivers the latest trends in eco-friendly living mixed with traditional gardening know-how. To view a full episode online, go to www.growingagreener-world.com

The conference also features exhibits and workshops on the Renaissance Collection, garden maintenance, recruiting volunteers, cultivating leaders, Main Street success stories, enhancing storefronts, and the Catskill Edible Garden Project. All workshop space is limited to the first registrants.

The new 2012 Sullivan Renaissance grant program will be outlined and applications will be available. Achievement Awards will also be given to eleven individuals and businesses.

The conference begins at 8:00 a.m. with a light breakfast and registration. The program starts at 9:00 a.m. and runs to 2:00 p.m.

Completed forms may be faxed to 845-295-2746; scanned and emailed to sgonzalez@sullivanrenaissance.org; or mailed to Sullivan Renaissance, c/o Gerry Foundation, PO Box 311, Liberty, NY 12754.

Sullivan Renaissance is a beautification and community development program principally funded by the Gerry Foundation. For more information, call 845-295-2445.

Auxiliary of ERH to Sponsor Theatre Party/Bus Trip to Broadway Show Memphis

The Auxiliary of Ellenville Regional Hospital has been successful in obtaining tickets to one of the most sought after shows on Broadway. And they want you to save the date.

The theatre party fund raising effort for this year will be a bus trip to the Broadway show, MEMPHIS on Wednesday matinee, June 13th, 2012 at the Shubert Theater on Broadway and W. 44th St., New York City.

The show represents the beginning of the rock and roll era in the turbulent 1950's. It is a musical dealing with the segregation of black performers and their many dilemmas. This show has earned many Tony awards and audiences are giving them standing ovations at every performance.

The price is \$130.00 per person which covers an orchestra seat, and round trip bus transportation. Passengers will be picked up in Kerhonkson, Ellenville.. Wurtsboro and Middletown. Reservation contacts are Joanne Everett at (845) 647-6769, Carol Lounsbery at (845) 210-1431, or Blossom Rozman at (845) 706-3817 (cell). Checks are to be made payable to the Ellenville Regional Hospital Auxiliary (ERHA) and can be mailed to Carol Lounsbery at 15 Healthy Way, Apt. 43, Ellenville, New York 12428.

Because this show sells out very quickly, it is suggested that reservations be made as soon as possible. Tickets are going fast!

The Auxiliary of Ellenville Regional Hospital is a supporter of the projects of the Hospital. Recently, they gave the Hospital a check for \$16,000. 00.

Woodson Coffeehouse at SC Museum

On Saturday, March 3rd, 2012 from 6-9:00 pm the Woodsongs Coffeehouse at the Sullivan County Museum is pleased to present the Carl Richards Band (www.carlrichardsband.com) performing acoustic rock and roll, old country, original songs and even a touch of blues. The band has been performing for more than 25 years, and has opened for such greats as Willie Nelson, Johnny Paycheck, Leon Russell, Delbert McClinton and Little Sammie Davis. Carl writes many of his own songs and has recorded more than five CD'S.

He also host's a television show called "Keepin' Country Strong" on Access 23 TV, located in Port Jervis, New York. Rhythm & News magazine's popular poll voted Carl #1 Rock-A-Billy Band and Hudson Valley's #1 TV Personality.

The evening will also feature a debut performance by Sullivan County's newest acoustic duo - Steve Schwartz and Antoine Magliano. Steve is well known among local musicians as a gifted guitarist, and he is also the owner of Steve's Music in Rock Hill.

Antoine hosts a WJFF radio show entitled "Strings Attached", which features music from different genres performed on stringed instruments. Come see these very talented musicians in what is sure to be a cool performance!

The music begins at 6:30, and, as always the evening will be hosted by the Sullivan County Bluegrass and Americana band Little Sparrow.

Admission is \$5 suggested donation. This project is made possible in part with funds from the Decentralization Program for Sullivan County, a regrant program of the New York State Council on the Arts, administered by Delaware Valley Arts Alliance.

The Sullivan County Museum is located at 265 Main Street, Hurleyville, New York.

For directions please visit our website: <http://www.sullivancountyhistory.org/> or call 845 434-8044 or 845 671-9548

Dance Social at Hurleyville Museum

Join the fun at the Hurleyville Museum on March 18, 2012. This event benefits the Sullivan County Historical Society and the Sullivan County Alzheimer Association. Free dance lesson (Fox Trot - beg.-intermediate level) 12:45 pm to 1:30; Dance Social 1:30 pm to 4:00 pm. \$10.00 per person includes beverage and desserts. Contact: Hurleyville Museum 845.434.8044 or Visit www.sullivan-countydance.com Call Harold at 845.794.4641 or hfried@hvc.rr.com

Liberty Lodge #521 to Host Presentation on "Camp Turk"

Liberty Lodge #521, Free & Accepted Masons of Liberty, New York is proud to announce that on Tuesday, March 13, 2012, representatives from the Masonic SUMMER CAMP FOR CHILDREN, "Camp Turk", in Woodgate, New York will be making a presentation about its camping facilities, purposes, goals and achievements over the years at the Lodge Rooms in Liberty, New York.

This presentation is open to the public. The presentation will start at 8:00 PM. The only thing the Lodge asks is that you call ahead to confirm your attendance at 845-866-4000 and that you please be on time. We want to be sure we have enough refreshments for all in attendance.

SC Philatelic Society Meeting

The next meeting of the Sullivan County Philatelic Society will be held on Sunday, March 4th at 1 pm in the Ted Stroebele Recreation Center at 2 Jefferson Street Monticello NY 12701. We have a DVD entitled *Switzerland's 13 Types of Postal Stationary* which then be discussed after shown. The last stamp auction was well received.

We will also have our regular trading session, give aways and door prizes.

We are starting to form a Junior Stamp Club in the county soon. Also this year we will have a stamp and coin show in June more as available.



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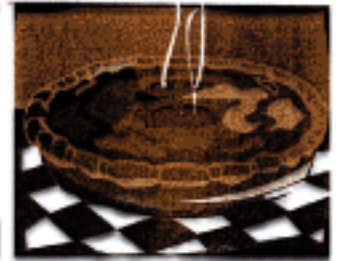


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Attorney General Schneiderman Secures \$2 Million in Settlement With Companies that Tricked Consumers into Signing Up for Online Discount Clubs with Hidden Fees - Vertrue And Adaptive Marketing To Pay \$2 Million In Refunds To New Yorkers Who Were Duped While Shopping Online

Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman today announced a settlement with Vertrue Incorporated and its subsidiary, Adaptive Marketing, LLC (collectively "Adaptive") to provide \$2 million in refunds to New York consumers who were tricked into enrolling online in Adaptive's discount club programs and then charged hidden fees. Adaptive also agreed to reform its online marketing practices.

"This scheme tricked thousands of New York consumers into unknowingly signing up for memberships programs they did not want or need," said Attorney General Schneiderman. "The discount-club seller Adaptive profited by luring consumers with enticing but deceptive offers that included hidden membership fees. This settlement helps make the Internet a safer place for consumers to shop."

The Attorney General's investigation found that Adaptive entered into arrangements with many well known retail companies, such as Classmates, Intelius and VistaPrint, that permitted Adaptive to solicit the companies' customers by offering discounts, rebates, or other incentive offers while the customer was shopping online. When a consumer accepted what he or she thought was the retailer's online offer, the consumer was unknowingly transferred to an Adaptive webpage and automatically enrolled in Adaptive's fee-based membership program. Because Adaptive obtained a consumer's credit or debit card account information from the retail partner, consumers were not required to re-enter their credit and debit card numbers and were unaware that they were being enrolled in Adaptive's fee-based membership program.

After a brief "free trial" period, Adaptive would charge the consumer's credit or debit card approximately \$15 or more monthly until the consumer proactively canceled the membership. Consumers often incurred these fees for months on end without realizing that they had been enrolled in these programs. Even after consumers noticed these charges on their credit or debit card statements, many experienced difficulties cancelling the fee-based programs when they contacted Adaptive for that purpose.

Information about joining Adaptive's discount club program, the monthly fees, and the secret transfer of the consumer's credit or debit card account information was buried in fine print and cluttered text on the webpage so that most consumers were not aware that by accepting the discount offer, they were being enrolled in Adaptive's fee-based programs. Few "members" of these programs actually used any of the programs' offered discounts and benefits, presumably because they did not know they were enrolled in the programs.

As part of the settlement with Attorney General Schneiderman's Office, Adaptive agreed to implement important reforms to protect New York's online shoppers from being deceived by discount and cash-back advertisements. These reforms require Adaptive to:

- Ensure that consumers understand that that they are enrolling in an Adaptive membership program;
- Require consumers to enter their full credit or debit card numbers and other billing information on the discount club seller's enrollment page before enrolling the consumer in an Adaptive membership program;
- Warn consumers that the incentive being offered is for joining a separate company's membership club;
- Notify consumers when they are redirected to a discount club seller's site that they are leaving the original retailers' websites;
- Provide a consumer-friendly exit, such as a "No Thanks" button, from any discount club seller's solicitations that interrupt the completion of the consumer's transaction with the original retailer.

A number of these reforms go further than the federal Restore Online Shoppers' Confidence Act ("ROSCA"), which banned the practice of third party sellers obtaining consumers' billing information directly from the retailer, a practice commonly referred to as "data pass," effective December 29, 2010.

New York consumers who were unknowingly enrolled in an Adaptive program via data pass between January 1, 2007 and January 31, 2010 (Adaptive stopped using data pass in January 2010) will be eligible to receive refunds through a notice and claims process that will be administered by an independent entity supervised by the Attorney General's Office.

In addition, Adaptive is required to provide a refund to any New York consumer who was enrolled in an Adaptive program via data pass at any time and informs the company they were unknowingly enrolled in the program and/or were charged a membership fee without their knowing authorization, with certain conditions. Refunds are also available for consumers who were not allowed to cancel their membership upon request.

Adaptive's membership programs include: 24Protect; At Home Rewards; BusinessMax; DealMax; Passport to Fun; Privacy Matters 1-2-3; Privacy Matters Identity; Privacy Plus; SavingsAce; SavingSmart; Shopping Essentials; TodaysEscapes; ValueMax; and Your Savings Club;

The Attorney General's office has previously reached agreements with major discount club sellers Webloyalty, Affinion and Encore Marketing, as well as a number of well known retailers that partner with Adaptive and these other discount club sellers.

What Consumers Should Do to Protect Themselves Against Unauthorized Charges:

Consumers should carefully review their credit and debit account statements each month to ensure that all charges have been authorized. Consumers who discover unauthorized charges from discount club sellers should call the 1-800 number listed with the charge on their account statement to cancel their membership and/or request a full refund. Consumers should also inquire whether they are members of any other programs from that particular seller in order to ensure they cancel all memberships and/or receive all refunds. Consumers may also contact the Attorney General's Office at: 1-800-771-7755 or visit: www.ag.ny.gov.

Consumers should carefully read the fine print provided with any discount or service offers, particularly when shopping online. Seemingly attractive "free" or "limited trial" offers often come with significant strings attached.

The investigations were handled by Assistant Attorney General Laura J. Levine and Special Counsel Carolyn Fast with the Bureau of Consumer Frauds & Protection under the supervision of Deputy Bureau Chief of the Bureau of Consumer Frauds & Protection Jeffrey K. Powell and Executive Deputy Attorney General for Economic Justice Karla G. Sanchez.

Letter to the Editor:

Defense Cuts Endanger Our National Security

The 2013 Defense Department budget cuts military spending by \$487 billion over 10 years, which translates into eliminating six Air Force fighter squadrons, cutting 16 ships from the Navy, and reducing the Army and Marine Corps by 80,000 to 100,000 troops over five years. Our thinking is that future wars will be fought with more high technology weapons and fewer troops. The problem is we could lose highly qualified military personnel because of the cutbacks. The end result could mean we will have a plethora of high technology weapon systems available, but lack the quantity and quality of non-commissioned and commissioned military leaders to employ the equipment.

Another \$600 billion in defense cuts could be

enacted if Congress does not act to change current laws.

Unfortunately, our military strategy might be faulty. Let's look at a few countries who could be potential adversaries.

China has a multi-million man army and a large air force. It is upgrading its missile systems and developing anti-ship missiles that could threaten U.S. naval forces. It is in the process of deploying two aircraft carriers and building up its submarine fleet. China seeks to dominate Southeast Asia and wants to annex Taiwan. It is a close ally of North Korea.

North Korea has a million man army and continues to expand its missile capabilities. It poses a threat to South Korea, and maintains a goal of uniting Korea under its domain. It has nuclear weapons and continues to sell nuclear and missile technology to a number of countries, including Iran.

Iran threatens the Middle East region with an aggressive attitude and the potential development of nuclear weapons. It has missile systems capable of hitting targets in other Arab countries, Israel and Western Europe. Iran has acquired some submarines and is building up its navy. It has a close relationship with Venezuela and might want to establish a naval base in that country.

Venezuela threatens South American and Central American countries. President Chavez is friendly with Castro of Cuba, and has developed a military relationship with Russia. He has purchased a significant quantity of arms from Russia and has allowed Russian warships to use Venezuelan port facilities.

Russia is a Communist country that could still threaten world peace. It supports Iran's nuclear program, and it is upgrading its land military forces with the latest weaponry and is refurbishing its navy.

Another concern for the U.S. is the potential rise of radical Islamists in a number of countries in North Africa and the Middle East. As the totalitarian governments in the region fail, they could be replaced with Islamic forces who might implement Sharia law and who could be antagonistic and possibly adversarial to the U.S.

The weakening of the U.S. military with the proposed budget cuts could embolden potential adversaries to expand militarily in their respective regions. We need to maintain a strong military posture to protect our national security and promote peace in the world by deterring potential adversaries from launching military adventures.

Donald A. Moskowitz
Former PO2 and LT, U.S. Navy
Londonderry, NH

Celebrate the Wearin' of the Green a Little Early This Year

If you are looking to do a little early celebrating of the 'wearing of the green' look what is happening on March 11th.- The 24rd Annual Shamrock Run will be held in Kingston followed by the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Check-in for the run is 10:30am - 12:30pm. Race starts 12:50 sharp. Check-in across from Academy Green at Gov. Clinton Apts., 1 Albany Ave., Kingston. The 2 mile race finishes at the foot of Broadway. More info and registration forms at www.shamrockrunners.org

Following 'the run' celebrate the "Wearing of the green" down Broadway, with numerous bands and floats starting at 1pm at Kingston Plaza, finishes in the Rondout District. www.UlsterAOH.com

Or you can enjoy the St. Patrick's Day Concert: Traditional Irish Music by 3-time All Ireland Fiddle Champion Dylan Foley starting at 2pm at the Ellenville Public Library & Museum, 40 Center St., Ellenville. 647-5530; www.eplm.org

And don't forget, spring your clock forward one hour on March 11th!

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Hein Outlines an Ambitious Agenda for UC (From Pg. 1)

In his address, the County Executive announced the following initiatives:

Citizen's Access: To provide citizens increased transparency and access to pertinent information about Ulster County government, County Executive Hein has created an entirely new section of the County website which includes data from County purchasing contracts, a directory of County officials with hyperlinks, the entire County budget, County financial statements, and a summary of County take home vehicles.

Emergency Operations Center: Following the devastation of Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee, the County Executive, in cooperation with his Office of Emergency Management & Communication, the Fire Coordinator and Ulster County Sheriff Paul Van Blarcum is moving forward to establish a fully integrated and operational Emergency Operation Center (EOC) to be located at the Ulster County Law Enforcement Center. The EOC will be a central command and control location, which will collect, gather and analyze data and allow County officials to make informed decisions designed to protect life and property. During emergencies, it will serve as the central source for critical disaster-related information for the people of Ulster County.

Veterans' Housing: There are a growing number of homeless veterans in the United States, a trend that is a national disgrace. The County Executive requested the Legislature's cooperation to identify a property and convert it into high quality, dignified transitional housing for Ulster County's homeless veterans.

Child Health Plus: In New York, there are two different public health programs for kids, Child Health Plus and Medicaid coverage for children. They are comprehensive health insurance programs that cover a wide range of children's health and dental needs. About 10% of Ulster County's children are currently uninsured. The County Executive set a goal to reduce the number of uninsured children by enrolling those eligible in these programs, because far too many children are going without basic healthcare.

The "President's House": Ulster County currently owns a luxury home situated on several acres of land and valued at over a half a million dollars. The home, known as the "President's House" is not used as a residence by the Community College President, yet County taxpayers must pay to maintain it. With the support of Ulster County Community College President Don Katt and the Executive Committee of the College's Board of Trustees, County Executive Hein proposes selling this luxury home and using part of the proceeds to fund the new Veteran's transitional housing.

Space Utilization: Since County Executive Hein took office, there has been a 10% reduction in the Ulster County workforce. As a result, the County should now reevaluate how best to utilize its existing space. Additionally there are currently over 70 separate properties owned by Ulster County. The County Executive therefore requested that a joint Executive/Legislative Taskforce be created with the mission of evaluating the County's properties and getting as many as possible back on the tax rolls.

First Time Home Buyers Property Tax Exemption: In order to rebuild access to the American dream, the County Executive has proposed, in accordance with New York State Real Property Tax Law, a County partial property tax exemption for first time home buyers purchasing new or renovated homes. With this proposal, Ulster County can aid County residents and attract new residents by promoting home ownership. This initiative, if adopted, can create new construction jobs, generate demand for durable goods and strengthen local communities in Ulster County.

In addition, the County Executive announced that the County will save \$3 million for the taxpayers of Ulster County by refinancing long-term bonds that were primarily used to fund the construction of the jail.

"Our commitment to financial responsibility has long-term benefits. In January, Moody's Investor Service reaffirmed the County's strong bond rating. Additionally, Standard and Poor's and Fitch Investors have recently done the same. Because of Ulster County's continuing strong bond ratings, we have been able to refinance bonds, saving taxpayers millions in the process," said County Executive Hein.

The County Executive detailed the following initiatives and respectfully requested the Ulster County Legislature's assistance to:

- Advocate for meaningful mandate relief from the State Legislature;
- Approve the tourism shared services agreement with the City of Kingston;
- Provide clean and dignified transitional housing for our homeless veteran population;
- Identify families whose children can benefit from Child Health Plus;
- Approve the sale of the college's "President's House";
- Support the review and sale of non-essential County real estate holdings;
- Pass the First Time Homebuyers Exemption;
- Partner with the County Executive to redesign Economic Development;
- Address the financial liability of the Resource Recovery Agency; and
- Partner with the County Executive to design a comprehensive, multi-year solution for Safety Net.

County Executive Hein said. "As County Executive, I have had the opportunity to speak to thousands of our residents. What they have told me is that they love this country and they want their government to live up to the principles of our forefathers. In Ulster County, since we've changed our form of government, we have a unique opportunity to be different. We have an opportunity to set aside the poison of partisan politics and to deliver the type of integrity-based government the people so richly deserve."

Hinchey Blasts Postal Service for Planned Closure of Mid Hudson Mail Processing and Distribution Center Immediate Bipartisan Congressional Action is Crucial to Saving Jobs

Kingston, NY -- Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) today vowed bipartisan congressional action to fight against the proposed closure of the Mid Hudson Processing and Distribution Center located in Newburgh, New York. The facility was included on a list of 223 processing facilities slated for closure by the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) starting in May 2012. Hinchey has been a staunch opponent of closing the Newburgh facility, which employs 385 workers. He is also working to pass legislation to address the underlying financial troubles faced by USPS.

"The Postal Service has failed to justify the proposed closure of the Mid Hudson Processing and Distribution Center in Newburgh, and I'm going to do everything I can to block their efforts," said Hinchey. "They've said publicly that a closure moratorium is in place until May, but they're already laying the groundwork to shift around resources and workers. They've said that consolidating the facility will save money, but they have yet to publicly release the data or the assumptions that caused them to arrive at this conclusion. In fact the only way to consolidate these facilities is to lengthen first class delivery times, making USPS even less competitive. Closing the Newburgh facility would be a huge mistake. We need immediate bipartisan congressional action or else hundreds of workers will lose their jobs and postal services throughout our communities will be downgraded."

In August 2011, Hinchey urged Postmaster General Donahoe to prevent the closure of the Newburgh facility after the USPS initiated an Area Mail Processing (AMP) study to consider consolidation with a similar facility in Albany, New York. Hinchey offered official comments opposing the potential closure of the facility on December 1, 2011. Later that December, Hinchey sent another letter to Postmaster General Donahoe signed by 37 other House members opposing the proposed closure of mail processing and distribution centers nationwide.

Hinchey is a cosponsor of legislation designed to help ease the financial challenges currently faced by USPS. The United States Postal Service Pension Obligation Recalculation and Restoration Act of 2011 (H.R. 1351) would free up billions in financial resources for USPS for years to come. Under current law, the Postal Service is required to pre-fund health care benefits of future retirees at a cost of over \$5 billion annually. H.R. 1351 would help reduce the financial burden of this requirement by allowing the Postal Service to use billions of dollars in overpayments to their pension fund to pre-fund healthcare benefits of future retirees. The legislation is strongly supported by the National Association of Letter Carriers.

Hinchey has also joined several of his U.S. House colleagues in introducing the Postal Service Protection Act - legislation designed to alleviate the U.S. Postal Service's (USPS) immediate financial crisis and prevent the layoff of thousands of USPS employees nationwide.

DiNapoli: Former Welfare Fraud IG Investigator Convicted of Stealing \$5,000

A former investigator with the State Welfare Inspector General's Office pleaded guilty to illegally obtaining unclaimed funds following an investigation launched by New York State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli. Gabriel Camacho, prosecuted by the Manhattan District Attorney's office, was sentenced on February 21 to community service and ordered to pay restitution.

"Fraud is fraud, but it is particularly egregious when it is committed by a public servant charged with investigating fraud," DiNapoli said.

As State Comptroller, DiNapoli is custodian of \$10.5 billion in abandoned property or inactive accounts turned over to the state by banks, insurance companies, utilities, investment companies and many other businesses as required by state law. The Comptroller's Office of Unclaimed Funds holds the accounts until they are claimed by the rightful owners.

DiNapoli's investigation found that Camacho had submitted 15 forged abandoned property claims totaling nearly \$5,000. Camacho resigned from his \$62,597 position with the state on August 26, 2011.

DiNapoli encourages the public to help fight against fraud and abuse. New Yorkers can report allegations of fraud, corruption and abuse of taxpayer money by: calling the Comptroller's toll-free fraud hotline at 1-888-672-4555; filing a complaint online at:

investigations@osc.state.ny.us; or mailing a complaint to: Office of the State Comptroller Investigations Unit, 110 State Street, 14th floor, Albany, NY 12236.

POLITICAL SLANT - Frank Comando -

MONTICELLO -

Just in case you missed it here is part of the *IDA Dan Hust article from Sullivan County Democrat*, With *Legislator Ira Steingart*, now installed as Chairman, the *Industrial Development Agency (IDA)* Board unanimously agreed on Tuesday to head toward construction of the *slaughterhouse in Liberty*. "This is a very good day for the red meat facility," said *IDA Attorney Walter Garigliano*. "... It's time to move it from planning to implementation, from approvals to construction."

Slant, Looking Back:
Hinchey, Local Officials Announce Federal Investment to Construct Southern Catskills Red Meat Processing Facility, Facility Will Support Agricultural Jobs and Economic Development Throughout Region

LIBERTY, - NY - Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) today joined with local officials to announce an \$800,000 federal investment to allow the construction of the *Southern Catskills Red Meat Processing Facility* to move forward. Hinchey was instrumental in securing the \$800,000 in funding, which was awarded through the *U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration (EDA)* to the *Sullivan County Industrial Development Agency (IDA)*. "This federal investment will create jobs, promote economic development in our area, and most importantly, help local family farms stay in business and grow," Hinchey said. "Federal investments such as this one are so critical to supporting regional agriculture, which remains an important industry throughout the region and our state. It is vital that we continue to invest in programs that promote family farms and the economic opportunities they bring to rural areas such as Sullivan County." The facility is expected to support the creation of more than 50 new agricultural jobs and three to five direct jobs at the plant itself. At a time when consumer interest has grown dramatically in local food production and naturally-raised livestock, Sullivan County and the Catskills are well-poised to tap the expanding markets for these products, particularly in the New York Metropolitan area where restaurants and farmers markets are helping to make the link from farm to table for agricultural products from our region. Currently, farmers in Sullivan County and surrounding counties in the Hudson Valley have to travel two to four hours one way to bring livestock to market, often having to wait months just to be scheduled for processing.

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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We're proud to introduce:

The Rondout Blowout
a story in five parts

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PART TWO:

Six miles as the crow flies, to the northwest of Warwarsing is the dam and gatehouse of the Rondout reservoir, one of the last links in a chain of reservoirs built by the City of New York in the '30's, '40's and '50's to supply fresh drinking water. The Rondout, which is seven and a half miles long and contains about fifty billion gallons, collects water from three streams and three other reservoirs, the Pepacton, Cannonsville and Neversink, then sends it ninety miles south to the City via the Rondout West Branch Tunnel. Sitting at the dam is the Gate House. It controls and regulates the flow of water down the twelve-foot tunnel, which passes straight through Warwarsing, six hundred fifty feet below John and Betsy Tweety's house. It car-

ries up to nine hundred million gallons of water per day; thirty-seven million per hour and all of it under high pressure.

The tunnel, built from 1939 through '42 was last shut down completely in 1958. For the last fifty-some years it's been running near capacity, twenty-four hours a day, every day of the week, month and year, and with all the budgetary constraints and cut-backs, maintenance was first "deferred," then ignored. Consequently, the engineers couldn't guarantee the tunnel wouldn't collapse if the water was shut off.

DEP management was terrified. They knew the Warwarsing section of the tunnel was plagued with problems . . . problems lacking solutions. To begin with, this section of tunnel went through an area with excessive groundwater. Then there was all the shale: a type of rock the tunnel drivers and geologists called "rotten" because of its tendency to flake into small pieces at the slightest pressure. Added to

those problems was the fact that, for whatever reasons, the general contractor had been allowed to mine and mix his own concrete aggregate, "to City specifications," and the whole section of tunnel reinforced with steel "rebar." Folks living in Warwarsing had been complaining about water leaks to City officials for twenty years. The City had been denying and obfuscating the facts of the issue and ignoring the complaints for an equal amount of time.

Beau Shemwaller came to work that Tuesday morning groggy from lack of sleep, hung over from drinking like an escaped inmate, and pissed off because he'd lost three hundred dollars playing pool and liars poker the night before. (Contd. Pg. 14)

Pastor: Min. James Graham mailing: PO Box 653 Napanoch NY 12458
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Sat. March 10
(SNOW DATE: March 11)
 4:30 p.m. until the food runs out.
Hurleyville UMC
 Traditional Corned Beef and Cabbage meal
 Tickets at the door:
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 Come and enjoy GREAT food and fellowship!

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 Beverage included
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UNDER 5 YRS. FREE
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 GRAHAMSVILLE, NY

 Time and the Valleys Museum has copies of every Townsman printed since the beginning classified by year for anyone to research.
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The Hurleyville and Woodridge United Methodist Churches
 invite you to weekly worship:
9 am in Hurlyeville,
10:30 am in Woodridge.
 For more information, call Pastor Susan Woodworth 985-2283

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

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 The Little Church with the Big Heart
Sunday, 8:15 am Service of Holy Communion
 Music by Susan and Fred Van Wagner
 Coffee hour follows service
 All are welcome!
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St. Augustine's Chapel
 Watson Hollow Rd. • West Shokan, NY
 Sunday Mass - 9:30 am
 Holy Days 5:30 pm
 Penance 9:00 am, 2nd Sunday of the month
Rev. George W. Hommel, Pastor


Sundown United Methodist Church
 Sunday Worship Service • 8:30am
Grahamsville United Methodist Church
 Sunday Worship Service
 10:30am
 985-2283

Claryville Reformed Church

 Claryville Road
 Claryville, NY 12725
 845-985-2041
 Bible Class 9:00 am
 Worship Services @ 10:00 am
Rev. Paul Nulton
 John Bult, Organist


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March 3, 2012
5:30 pm
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 at the Sundown Church Hall

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 Saturday afternoon: 5:00.
 Sunday morning: 9:00 am and 11:30 am
Holy days of obligation: as announced in church bulletin.
Daily Mass schedule:
 Monday afternoon 5:45 (Holy Rosary at 5:30); Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday mornings: (includes Morning Prayer)- 8:50 am
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 Worship Service 9:30 A.M.
 Rev. Paul Z. Ruter, Pastor
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PUBLIC NOTICES/LEGALS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to Section 103 of the General Municipal Law, The Town of Denning is seeking sealed bids for: #1 and #2 Stone Mix (Ton) Low Abrasion, Millings (Ton), Quarry Rubble (Ton), Solite (Ton), Abrasive Sand (Ton), Low Abrasive Sand (Ton), Screenings (Ton), Gabians (Ton), #1 Stone (Ton) Low Abrasion, #1A Stone (Ton) Low Abrasion, #1ST Stone (Ton) Low Abrasion, #2 Stone (Ton) Low Abrasion, #45 Stone (Ton), Sand - Snow & Ice Control (Yard) / No Clay, Loam or Organics, Item Sand - Snow & Ice Control (Ton) / No Clay, Loam or Organics, #4 (Ton) from Ledge Rock, Crusher Run (Ton) Tail Gate Spread, Dumped Rip Rap (Ton), Flat Bed Rip Rap (Ton), Cold Patch (Ton), Tailings (Yard), Tailings (Ton), Bank Run (Yard), Bank Run (Ton).

The material must be of such grade as to be acceptable to the Town of Denning Highway Superintendent. Sand for all locations shall be screened, clean, hard sharp and free from loam, clay, frozen lumps, loam or organic material with 100% passing through a 3/8 inch sieve.

Upon acceptance of bid price, bidder shall in turn notify the Town of Denning Highway Superintendent when he has at least 100 tons of material stockpiled for the Town of Denning in order that the testing may be done by the Highway Department or by a designated agent for final approval.

Bid forms are available from the Town Clerks Office or the Town Highway Superintendent. Forms must be in a sealed envelope with the company name clearly visible. Bids may be mailed to: Town of Denning, P.O. Box 277, Claryville, N.Y. 12725

All sealed bids must be received by Tuesday, March 13, 2012 prior to the Town of Denning Town Board Meeting; to begin at 7:00 P.M. during SAID meeting All Bids will be publicly opened and read. The meeting is to be held at the Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Road, Claryville, N.Y. 12725.

The Highway Superintendent must be informed upon ordering of any and all fuel charges to be added to any material delivery, followed by a fax to serve as written notice.

All material must be delivered to the Town, within the confines of the Town of Denning. The Town Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids without reason.

The Highway Superintendent reserves the right to reject any unacceptable material.

BY THE ORDER OF THE DENNING TOWN BOARD

Joy Ann Monforte, Town Clerk
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The Rondout Blowout (From Pg. 13)

His agitation increased as he approached the fence enclosing the Rondout Gate House, it was open, the gate swung wide, which could only mean Glen Dillard, his co-worker had beat him to work, again. Beau knew he'd hear about it all morning. He gritted his teeth as he closed the ten-foot chain link fence and locked it, his head thumping like a bass drum in a marching band. "I hope I don't ralph all over the place," he thought to himself as he parked his Monte Carlo Super Sport alongside Glen's old green Land Cruiser with the monster tires. It was 4:30 am, Tuesday morning. He popped three Tylenol and dry-swallowed them.

The gate house is square, about 100 feet to a side, built of native New York State cut granite blocks and finished in a 1930's no nonsense government style. It has two huge banks of windows in front with a massive overhead door in the center and a four-sided beveled roof, and another bank of Palladian windows over looking the ever-changing, blue-green and black waters. Inside, the building is mostly open space, dominated by a raised fourteen foot diameter octagonal platform in the exact cen-

Legal Notice:

I, Gene Froehlich, Sole Assessor for the Town of Neversink have completed the assessment inventory and valuation data, on which the tentative assessment roll will be based. It is available for public inspection Monday through Thursday 9:00AM until 4:00 PM at Town Hall, 273 Main Street, Grahamsville, New York. Appointments can also be made by calling (845) 985-2262 Ext. 323 for Gene Froehlich, Sole Assessor.

Gene Froehlich, Sole Assessor

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**WINDOW REPLACEMENT-NEVERSINK FIRE DISTRICT**

The Neversink Fire District Board of Commissioners is seeking proposals from qualified contractors or individuals for window replacement in the Neversink Fire Department truck rooms.

Specifications include: Remove and cart away four in-place metal casement and fixed window elevations; furnish and install four thermally broken EFCO 960 Wall class 1 clear anodized storefront elevations - three at approximately 10'x7' and one at approximately 4'x3'. Glaze with low-e soft coat insulating units. Provide 1" insulated fire resistant panels for penetration by Owner for conduits and air flow lines. Caulk and weatherproof where necessary. All proposals shall be addressed and delivered by Monday, March 19, 2012 to: SEALED BID: WINDOWS, Attn: Brian Edwards, President, Neversink Fire District Board of Commissioners, Neversink Fire District, PO Box 394, Neversink, NY 12765.

ter, which is the tunnel access. It's covered by a thirteen-inch thick steel-reinforced concrete cover.

Beau fished out his keys, unlocked the small entry door and stepped inside just in time to see Glen moving the electric overhead crane into position over the hatch cover.

"Morning, Glen."

"Hey Beau. Glad you could make it."

"Aw, bite me, butt-head."

"Bring it over here Beavis, and I will."

Beau flipped him the bird and punched in at 4:33 am. "Close enough," he thought. "Close enough."

Beau saw the coffee was brewed, and poured two cups, took both of them out on the floor and handed one to Glen.

"Thanks for making coffee."

"No problem. You look like something the cat dragged in."

"Gee, thanks for caring, Glen."

Glen blew on his coffee, took a sip and said nothing for a change.

"You got any idea what time the divers are getting here?" Beau said.

"Probably around seven, depending on traffic. They're coming up from the City. They were supposed to leave at five, according to the powers-that-be."

"As of yesterday?"

"Yeah."

"Well, we ain't gotta bust our asses then," Beau said.

"Fine by me." Glen said. "I ain't eager to haul the crap that's stuck down there. Last time there was a dead deer full 'a maggots. You got your rubber gloves?"

"Yeah."

Although most periodic maintenance was deferred or ignored by the City, a semi-annual clean-out of the trash rack was an absolute necessity. The trash rack was the filter that caught the debris: sticks, garbage, leaves and dead critters of all shapes and sizes which found their way into the reservoir. During the spring and summer, Glen, Beau and others used garden rakes and boat hooks to fish out what stuff they could, but each fall two SCUBA divers and a dive master would come around to clean and inspect the giant one hundred foot inlet valves

**Steam Cleaning Vendor Opportunities
Small Business Opportunity Available**

The NYC Department of Environmental Protection, in partnership with the Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC), announce a small business opportunity to provide steam cleaning services for boaters (canoes, kayaks, sailboats) on the Neversink Reservoir. The program runs from Memorial Day weekend through Columbus Day weekend and all boats must be steam cleaned prior to being placed on the reservoir. Successful vendors will be able to issue access permits, boat tags, and charge fees for this service. Startup grant support may be available through CWC.

Interested parties should attend an informational meeting to be held from 6 to 8 pm on Thursday March 8 at the DEP offices on Route 42 in Grahamsville.

For more information on the program please visit the DEP website: http://www.nyc.gov/html/dep/html/press_releases/12-11pr.shtml

and the stop shutters that controlled the inlet of the Rondout West Branch Tunnel.

Glen moved the crane into position and lowered the pintle hook so Beau could insert it in the steel loop on the hatch cover. Moments later they had the cover slid over to the side, resting one-half on the hatch and the other half on four large jack stands. The tunnel access and inlet gaped open, they could see the water fifty feet below and the access ladder and work platform too. Glen moved the crane back to the side and peered in the hatch.

"Damn. I'm glad I'm not going down there."

"You and me both." Beau said, "it's like crawling in a giant butt-hole."

"Jeeze, Beau."

Beau sniggered and opened the overhead door so he could move the John Deere tractor they used for snow plowing in winter and grass cutting in summer. After it was outside, out of the way, Glen closed the overhead door.

"Nippy out there," Beau said as he came back in.

"There'll be frost on the pumpkins 'fore you know it." Glen said.

"Let's have coffee," Beau said. His stomach was doing the flip-flop and fly, he felt like he might puke any minute, and his head was pounding like a five-ton trip hammer. He popped two more Tylenol. "Hope I make it through the day." He thought. "I feel like I'd have to get better to die." He sat in the gray metal side chair with the stuffing falling out of the holes in the arms, sipping his coffee. Glen sat at the desk, slowly going through the TH-Record, reading the comics. They waited for the dive team to arrive so the cleanout could begin.

*** TO BE CONTINUED ***

Read part III in next week's *Townsman*

Ellenville Hospital Blood Drive

In an effort to increase the regional blood supply, Ellenville Regional Hospital and the American Red Cross will join together for a community blood drive on Friday, March 16, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Ellenville Regional Hospital at 10 Healthy Way. The Red Cross blood drive will take place in a traveling donor center outside of the hospital in their parking lot. A Traveling Donor Center is a self-contained bloodmobile designed to provide convenient donation opportunities to any location that do not have adequate indoor space to sponsor a blood drive.

Donating blood is a simple act that helps save lives. Blood is an essential component for patient care in area hospitals, and the only source of blood is a healthy, volunteer blood donor. Approximately every two seconds, a patient in the United States needs blood. You can help by donating blood. A blood donation may help save up to three lives and it only takes about an hour of time.

Donors are encouraged to schedule an appointment in advance by calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or 845-647-6400 ext. 215, or by visiting redcrossblood.org. Walk-ins are also welcome! During the month of March, all presenting donors will be entered in a daily drawing to win a \$50 Red Cross Reward. Winners can use this incentive to take a Health and Safety course, show their Red Cross pride by purchasing a branded item from the Red Cross Store, or choose to make a donation back to the Red Cross.

Town of Neversink Parks & Recreation Department

www.townofneversink.org

(845) 985-2262 extension 312

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.

Liberty Science Museum, NJ Liberty Science Museum, NY Saturday, November 3. Leave the Town Hall at 8 am Return to Town Hall at 6:30 pm. \$22 residents/\$31 non-residents must be paid by July 2

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 racerj12d@aol.com.

Don't forget FREE FUN every FRIDAY afternoon 1- 4 pm in the upstairs meeting room in the Neversink Town Hall.



Daniel Pierce Library hours of operation beginning September 1, 2011.
Tuesday: 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Thursday: 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Friday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Sunday and Monday: Closed

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

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

AL-ANON MEETINGS -

<http://www.al-anon.alateen.org>

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

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

Saturday 8:00 p.m. United Methodist Church, 170 N. Main Street, Liberty

SC 4-H Hosts the Red Cross Babysitter's Training Class

On Saturday March 17th, 2012 from 9am - 4pm the Cornell Cooperative Extension, Liberty with Instructor, Mike LaFountain of Bethel Safety Associates will present a program designed for youth from ages 11 to 15. The Red Cross Babysitter's Training provides young adults who plan to babysit the knowledge and skills necessary to safely and responsibly give care to infants and children under their watch. Students will receive a

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- 3/2/12 First Friday Readers - Daniel Pierce Library - 1 pm -- 985-7233.
- 3/3/12 **Sundown Methodist Church Covered Dish Supper** - 5:30 pm Sundown Church Hall
- 3/6/12 Town of Denning Town Board Meeting - Denning Town Hall 7 pm
- 3/7/12 Town of Neversink Planning Board
- 3/8/12 Claryville Fire District Meeting - 6:30 pm
- 3/10/12 Hurleyville Methodist Church **Corned Beef/Cabbage Meal** 4:30'til food runs out. Call 434-5097 or 985-2283
- 3/13/12 Town of Denning Audit/Business Meeting - 7:00 pm Town of Denning Town Hall
- 3/14/12 Town of Neversink Board Meeting
- 3/15/12 Dept. of Motor Vehicles Neversink Town Hall 10:00 am - 2:30 p.m.
- 3/15/12 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals
- 3/17/12 Grahamsville UMC **Thrift Sale only** - 9 am - 1 pm
- 3/17/12 Claryville Fire Dept **St. Patricks Day Corned Beef Dinner** 4 -8 pm (No Pancake Breakfast in March)
- 3/21/12 Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Assoc. Meeting - 7:30 PM (No Meetings until March 2012)
- 3/21/12 Neversink Fire District Meeting at 7:30 PM, Public Meeting at 8:00 PM.
- 3/24/12 Grahamsville Reformed Church **Roast Pork Dinner** 4-7 pm Call 985-7480 for more info
- 3/27/12 Town of Neversink Parks and Recreation 7 pm Town Hall
- 4/2/12 **Grahamsville United Methodist Church Thrift Sale** (9am-1pm) & Luncheon (11am-1pm)
- 4/6/12 Town of Neversink Holiday - **GOOD FRIDAY**

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

Save the Dates!

June 9, 2012 -11 am - Fund Raising Country Auction sponsored by Time and the Valleys Museum (Fairgrounds)

July 28, 2012 Time and the Valleys Museum Annual Old Time Fair and BBQ

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

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GRAHAMSVILLE DELI
GRAHAMSVILLE AUTOMOTIVE
CANNIE D'S
BLUE HILL LODGE

ARATI GIFT SHOP (Brickman Rd.)
VALERO MINI MALL (Loch Sheldrake)
WOODBOURNE CITGO STATION
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TOWN OF OLIVE MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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

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

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

Red Cross Babysitter's Training Kit at the end of the course which includes valuable babysitting resources that they can take home with them.

The program fee is \$50 per youth and participants must bring a bagged lunch. Registration and pre-payment is required for this course. Call Cindy at (845) 292-6180 to register or contact Amanda Langseder ags97@cornell.edu or 292-6180.

Have you ever wanted to grow your own gourmet mushrooms at home?

Ferndale, NY- The Master Gardener and Consumer Ed Programs at Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County will present a workshop on "Home Cultivation of Shiitake Mushrooms" on March 21st from 5:30-7:30. This workshop will give participants hands on experience in the process of cultivating mushrooms on logs and the proper care, maintenance and harvesting of mushrooms. Shiitake mushrooms have long been hailed for both their culinary value and health benefits. With the completion of this course, you'll be able to raise them right at home. Growing these mushrooms can be fascinating and rewarding. Come and enjoy a great presentation and a unique workshop. The fee of \$25.00 is due at registration to hold a spot in this popular class. A light dinner will be served.

For more information and to register call Cindy at 845-292-5250.

Prattsville Housing Expo March 3

PRATTSVILLE, NY - The Prattsville Housing Committee will be hosting a "Housing Expo & Home Improvement Show" on March 3 (with a snow date of March 10) at the Fire House in Prattsville, NY. "The Expo is open to everyone in the process of rebuilding or new building, whether as a result of the devastation of Hurricane Irene or because springtime renovations are on your mind" notes Annie Hull, the Committee Chair. "This is not just an event for Prattsville residents. This is an event for our neighbors, near or far, who are interested in learning more about new building and rebuilding opportunities. Homeowners will benefit by being able to meet and discuss projects with many vendors at one time in one location" Hull further noted.

Vendors in areas of funding, grant opportunities, contracting, suppliers, landscaping, masonry, modular homes, real

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

estate specialists and specialty trades are already registered. The Housing Expo and Home Improvement Show is Phase I of a two-part long-term community recovery project conceived and created by the Housing Committee. Phase II will be a Housing Resource Center which is planned to open early to mid-spring and will provide ongoing assistance to local homeowners.

The Housing Expo & Home Improvement Show is open to the public, free of charge, from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. For more information or, if you would like to be a vendor, please contact Annie Hull, Housing Committee Chair at 518-299-3278 or email her at dadmhull@aol.com

SUNY Ulster Offers "Smart Start: Breakfast Info Session for Adults"

Discover the many ways SUNY Ulster supports and assists students of all ages with diverse educational and career goals. Learn about returning to college as an adult on Saturday, March 10, from 10:00-11:30 a.m. at the Business Resource Center, room 117, on Ulster Avenue in Kingston.

This seminar will review how transfer credits and alternate modes of earning college credit can shorten the time to degree completion. This talk will provide an overview of popular degree programs, options for flexible enrollment and the enrollment process. Contact the Admissions Office at (845) 687-5022 or admissions@sunyulster.edu to reserve a seat.

Here is your chance to open up for some of the region's finest musicians!

The Monticello Business Association is once again hosting the Summer Music Festival on The Courthouse Lawn and we want your band to be a part of it! Call today to set up your audition for Music Fest 2012.

Space is limited so call today! 845-693-1180 ask for Susan

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Thrift Sales - 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Luncheons - 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

APRIL- 3 & 17

MAY- 1 & 15

JUNE- 5 & 19

JULY- 10 & 24

AUGUST- 7 & 21

SEPTEMBER- 4 & 18

OCTOBER- 2 & 16

NOVEMBER- 6

December 1 - Holiday Craft Fair



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- 3BR/2BA Wonderful home privately set on ~8 acres with screened gazebo, fireplace, 1 mi to Rondout. \$299,000
- UNDER CONTRACT 2BR former schoolhouse on 3 acs. \$59k

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Knarf's Classic Movie Trivia -

For all of our Doo-Wop fans it's *Rock Around the Clock (1956)*. Getting into rock music in 1956 was 'no piece of cake' when a promoter decides to get into the new world of rock music. Directed by Fred F. Sears, with a Doo-Wop star-studded cast including *Bill Haley and His Comets, The Platters, Ernie Freeman Combo, Tony Martinez and His Band, Freddie Bell and His Bellboys, Alan Freed, Johnny Johnston*. An unknown band is brought to N.Y. where they become famous. Take a time machine ride back to the fifties, tune in to *Rock Around The Clock*, and look at the emergence of *Rock 'n' Roll. Bill Haley and the Comets* as they perform "*See You Later Alligator*," "*Frazzle Dazzle*," and the title song-*the Platters* chip in with "*Only You*" and "*The Great Pretender*." See it on TCM this Saturday, March 3, 2012, at 12:15 AM, 77 min, Rated, TV-G **Quiz:**

- A. Name the actor who played Alan Freed?
- B. Name the actor who played Bill Haley?

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

PINE HILL - Pine Hill Community Center -In addition to the programming that fills the center every week, there are some special events happening in March, including *Cabaradio* and *The Native American Gathering and Drum Circle* on the 10th, Brooklyn Storytellers on the 24th, and the launch of Kid Stuff, our brand new free Saturday series of workshops for kids. Our regular office hours are Wed. - Friday 10 - 5 pm; Sat. 10 Am. - 2pm. All activities take place as announced. **Pine Hill Community Center**, 287 Main St. Pine Hill NY, 12465. (845) 254-5469 or visit their website: pinehillcommunitycenter.org

HURLEYVILLE- We said, "Come and celebrate at *NADIA'S BUFFET* where the food is fantastic, along with the very pleasing sounds of Al Defino and his guitar, soothing you with songs. Thursday - Sunday 5pm on, for reservations call (845) 693-5104

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ANSWER TO KNARF'S MOVIE TRIVIA

A. Alan Freed
B. Bill Haley

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2 Bedroom trailer: No pets- \$700 + utilities

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