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Paulina Kleinberger of Parksville Studies Abroad in Dubai, United Arab Emirates



Paulina Kleinberger of Parksville, N.Y., (12768) studied abroad in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, during Winter Intersession 2013-2014. Kleinberger is a third-year-year industrial engineering major in Rochester Institute of Technology's Kate Gleason College of Engineering. Paulina also made the Dean's List for the Winter 2013 quarter.

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Rochester Institute of Technology is internationally recognized for academic leadership in business, computing, engineering, imaging science, liberal arts, sustainability, and fine and applied arts.

Paulina achieved a 99.45 GPA during her four years at Liberty High School student and was Valedictorian of the graduating Class of 2011. She was active in athletics, student government, orchestra and volunteer activities outside of school.

Senator Bonacic Meets with Sullivan County 4-H Group



Left to right: Caroline Robinson; Alison Wells; Marilyn Jones, Community Educator; and Jessica Schips

On Tuesday, March 4, 2014, State Senator John J. Bonacic (R/C/I - Mt. Hope) met with representatives from the Sullivan County 4-H Group. On their visit to Albany, they updated the Senator on their programs, and asked questions regarding education and agricultural issues.

FBLA Spring District Meeting a Success

by Kayla Butler, Tri-Valley FBLA Reporter



Students in the photo from left to right/front to back: Row 1: Ashley Exner and Schuyler Kraus; Row 2: Autumn Bender and Brooke Gillette; Row 3: Kayla Butler and Colleen Jones

Congratulations to the Tri-Valley FBLA for competing and placing at the Spring District Meeting on February 21 at Carmel High School! Six members attended the district-level event competing in performance events and qualifying examinations. Each of the six members placed and/or qualified for state-level competition and will now have the opportunity to attend the State Leadership Conference in Rochester, April 8-11. Colleen Jones took first place in Public Speaking 2, Schuyler Kraus won second place in Job Interview, and the Parliamentary Procedure Team consisting of Autumn Bender, Kayla Butler, Ashley Exner, and Brooke Gillette placed in the top five among teams across the state. Tri-Valley FBLA is proud and excited to announce these wonderful accomplishments!

4th Annual Rock Hill St. Patrick's Day Parade

Join the Rock Hill Business and Community Association and the Rock Hill Fire Department for the 4th Annual Rock Hill St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 15th at 1PM. The day's activities kick off at 12PM with a special kids section, located outside the Rock Hill Trading Post, which will include face painting and arts and crafts by the Y.M.C.A. of Sullivan County and cupcakes by Edible Art By Erin. This year's parade will feature bagpipers, the Orange County AOH Division 1 Pipe and Drum Band, the Walker Valley Marching Band, local fire departments, community floats, antique cars, horses, veterans and more!

For more information on marching or to become a Rock Hill Business and Community Association member visit our facebook page at www.facebook.com/rhbca12775 or contact Gary Budnik at rhstpattparade@gmail.com or call 845-866-3783.

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NY Ranks Second Nationwide in Maple Production; Maple Weekend Events Take Place throughout the State

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today encouraged New Yorkers to begin planning for Maple Weekend events this month, which take place across the state on the weekends of March 22 and 23 and also on March 29 and 30, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. New York currently ranks second nationwide in maple production, accounting for 18 percent of the nation's output with 574,000 gallons produced in 2013. Also during the 2013 season, New York's maple producers utilized 2.2 million taps, the largest number of taps since 1949. (Contd. Pg 9)



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ON THE FRONT BURNER: Ye shall keep my sabbaths, and reverence my sanctuary; I am the Lord. Leviticus 26:2

DAYS OF YORE....

Today's History

March 10, 1954 - Roy Dymond returned to his father's home in Greenville Friday night. He has been honorably discharged from the service, two years of which was spent in Germany.

Mr. Hollie Letteer, 58, of Grahamsville, died Friday night at Medical Center in New York City after an operation. He was a member of the Grahamsville Fire Company and served on the Boy Scout Committee. He was a member of the Masons and the local Isaac Walton League. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Letteer; his wife Hilda; one sister and three brothers and several nieces and nephews.

Three meals a day, day after day; meal planning sometimes bores.

Here's zest and spice for tired old meals, and lighter meal time chores

KUM TO KRUM'S

March 4, 1964 - Richard Slater, former Claryville resident, has been promoted to Plant Chemist at the Baton Rouge, Louisiana installation of Allied Chemical Corporation. He will be in charge of quality control and upgrading of control techniques and personnel.

Edna M Foster, age 56, of Ellenville died at Veterans Memorial Hospital on Monday. She was born at Neversink on October 19, 1907, the daughter of Albie and Cora Conklin Hall. She was a registered nurse at Veterans Memorial Hospital. Surviving are two sons, Paul of Ellenville and Gary of Napanoch. Two daughters, Mrs. Carol Smith of Poughkeepsie and Mrs. Betty McNamara of Ellenville; a brother, Archie Hall of Ellenville; three sisters, Mrs. Grace Hamilton of Liberty, Miss Amy Hall of Middleton and Mrs. Clarence Slater of Grahamsville.

Miss Donna Rianhard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rianhard of West Shokan, N.Y. and Carl Allison, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Allison of this village, were united in marriage in a double ring ceremony, at the Immaculate Conception Church at Woodbourne on February 15th. The couple is residing in Grahamsville.

March 4, 1974 - Sorry to report that there was no news of note in this issue. Hopefully next week will be better.

March 8, 1984 - Floyd Bevier of Napanoch, a retired self-employed carpenter and a lifelong area resident, died Saturday, March 3, 1984 in the Ellenville Community Hospital. He was 83. The son of the late William and Maryellen Hinkley Bevier, he was born Feb. 15, 1901 in Grahamsville. Mr. Bevier was a member and Trustee of the Lows Corners Baptist Church and was a World War II Army veteran. He is survived by his wife, Ruth Exner Bevier; one son; five daughters and six grandchildren.

Benjamin J. Musso of Grahamsville is happy to announce the engagement of his daughter, Patricia Rhaelle Musso to Louis Copertino, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Copertino, Sr. of East Northport, N.Y. Miss Musso, who is also the daughter of the late Rita E. Musso, is a graduate of Tri Valley Central School, SCC College and the State Univ. at Geneseo where she earned a degree in Special Education. She is employed by BOCES in Johnston as a Special Ed. teacher. Her fiancé is employed by the Rochester Institute of Technology as an Area Complex Director. A July wedding is planned.

Jeanne M. Landon, a window clerk at the Monticello Post Office, was selected to replace Thelma Gorton, who retired last fall. Ms. Landon started with the Postal Service in 1967. She will head an office with three employees.

The Professional Women of Sullivan County March Meeting

The Professional Women of Sullivan County will meet on Wednesday March 19th 2014 at 6:00 pm at La Piazzetta in Wurtsboro. Connie Keller from the Literacy Volunteers of SC will be our guest speaker.

Dinner will be served at a cost of \$27.00 per person if you are planning to attend please RSVP with your dinner choice:

A) CHICKEN FANTASIA (chicken with mushroom, broccoli and sun dried tomatoes in a cream sauce)

B) CLASSIC EGGPLANT PARM

C) SLAMON DIJON with a cognac cream sauce

Any questions please call Debbie @ 845-292-7915

SC Federation for the Homeless Receives Stewart's Grant

The Sullivan County Federation for the Homeless has received a \$500.00 grant from Stewart's "Holiday Match" program. Stewart's has been collecting and matching donations in their shops from Thanksgiving to Christmas since 1986. Half of all monies collected and disbursed comes from their customers.

In keeping with the parameters of the grant, the Federation will use this money to supplement the bi-weekly food pantry which directly supports children and families in the Sullivan County community. Last year the Federation provided 8138 pantry bags- each bag provides 3 meals a day for 3 days, which is the equivalent of 73,242 meals. Kathy Kreiter, Program Administrator at the Federation said "This generous donation will certainly help us continue to assist our area friends and neighbors in need. The Sullivan County Federation for the Homeless is committed to developing individualized and community wide plans for disadvantaged people to break the cycles of poverty that cause homelessness and hunger. For more information, please call Kathy at (845) 794-2604.

A Legend of a Leprechaun

If you should be walking along a wooded path some moonlit night in Spring and hear the faint tap-tapping of a tiny hammer, you might be lucky enough to catch a glimpse of an Irish leprechaun. But remember leprechauns are wise and tricky!

According to one legend there was a leprechaun who had just finished digging up a pot of gold underneath a bush when a woodsman came by and caught a glimpse of the little fellow and his treasure.

The woodsman knew the value of the gold and bargained with the leprechaun. "I will save you all the work of digging if you show me where there is more gold. I will dig it for you."

It didn't take long and the woodsman appeared to have convinced the leprechaun to take him to every bush where there was buried gold. After revealing seven bushes the leprechaun disappeared.

The woodsman quickly tore his red handkerchief into seven pieces and tied a piece to each bush the leprechaun pointed out, then left to fetch a shovel.

He was gone but three minutes. While he was walking back to where the gold was buried, the woodsman began to make plans as to what he would do with all his money. He would never have to work again!

When he returned to start to dig, he found a piece of red handkerchief tied onto every bush in the field!

There is a moral to the story; that is, it is wise to heed against the folly of trying to get rich quick, take what's not rightfully yours or interfere with "The Good Folk" and other magical creatures.

**Happy
St. Patrick's
Day!**

A Round About Tri-Valley

-Carol Furman

The first annual winter carnival, sponsored by the Tri-Valley School PTO will be held on Saturday, March 15th from 1:00 - 4:00 pm. Come to the Tri-Valley cafeteria for indoor carnival games, hot chocolate and cookies. It's free and open to all ages!

The Sullivan County Trail Association held a trail ride fundraiser on Sunday, March 2nd at the Mongaup Pond Campground in DeBruce to benefit Bruce Papa, club president, who is currently undergoing cancer treatment.

Ward Blade from Neversink made his yearly call to George Ratner who used to reside on Blue Hill in Claryville and was employed by NYC. George was born on March 5, 1911, and just celebrated his 103rd birthday at the Laurel Hills Retirement Home in Oregon! Ward, who used to work with George, calls George every year to wish him a "happy birthday".

Sympathy to the Aprilante, Raymond and Engle Families on the passing of Ruth Margaret Aprilante of Neversink who died on February 27th. Ruth was 75 years old.

Congratulations to Alan Moss of Neversink who made the Dean's List at SUNY Orange!

The second in a series of Lenten Services will be held at the Grahamsville Reformed Church on Sunday, March 16th. Soup and sandwiches will be served at 5:30pm and the service will begin at 6:30pm. All are welcome.

Congratulation to Tri-Valley senior, Katlynn Greffrath, who scored over 1,000 points in her school basketball career in a game against S.S. Seward. Katlynn is looking into continuing her basketball career at Division II Lock Haven University in Pennsylvania next year. Kudos also, to the Tri-Valley Girls basketball team in defeating Pine Plains by a score of 59 - 54 to win the Section 9 Class C Championship!

On March 21st, Tri-Valley area Boy Scouts participated in a pinewood derby. The Scouts cut, painted and named their cars prior to the race. The top three winners in each Den received a trophy. The fastest car this year was made by Weblo, William Rodrigues. Second and third places were won by Noah Jucha and Ethan Mentnech. Best of Show was awarded to Justin Garlinghouse. The top three local winner are now eligible to compete at the district level.

Congratulations to the SUNY Sullivan Women's Basketball Team who won the Region XV basketball championship. This win marked Sullivan's first Region XV title in the school's history!

Tri-Valley School hosted the 60th annual All County Music Festival on March 1st. Over 500 students performed in a variety of ensembles.

There will be a corned beef and cabbage supper served from 4:00 - 7:00 pm on Saturday, March 15th at the Claryville Firehouse. \$50. from the dinner will be donated to the Claryville Reformed Church Food Pantry.

Words of Wisdom: The purpose for a child's middle name, is so he can tell if he's really in trouble!

At work, the authority of a person is inversely proportional to the number of pens that person is carrying.

Cornell Landscape Webinar Series Offered by CCE Sullivan County

LIBERTY, NY- Two educational sessions of the Cornell Landscape Webinar Series are being offered this spring by Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) Sullivan County's Master Gardener program. Session I, "Landscape Update: The Root Connection & Beneficial Insects in Managed Landscapes", will take place on Wednesday, March 19, 2014. Session II, "Urban Horticulture: Woody Shrubs for Stormwater Retention & the State of Our Urban Forests", will occur on Wednesday, April 16, 2014. Both events will be held from 4:45 to 7:15 pm at CCE's Gerald J. Skoda Extension Education Center on 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road in Liberty. New York State (NYS) Department of Environmental Conservation credits have been applied for in categories 3a, 3b, 10, and 25, and 2.5 International Society of Arboriculture credits have been granted.

Session I Landscape Update: The Root Connection & Beneficial Insects in Managed Landscapes

- The Root Connection: How the Root Environment Impacts Landscape Success | Dr. Taryn Bauerle of Cornell University will discuss the interaction between plant roots and their biotic environment with a case study on some common

root pathogens. For a root system expanding during plant establishment, the defenses of roots may differ, with corresponding impacts on disease development. Taryn will discuss how selecting plants with particular root characteristics may influence their success in the landscape.

- Landscape with Nature: Planting with Beneficial Insects in Mind, an Integrated Approach | Beneficial insects can be a boon to landscape management efforts, but one must learn to recognize the good from the bad. Dr. Elizabeth Lamb of NYS Integrated Pest Management will bring an integrated approach to landscape planning and maintenance with beneficial insects in mind, and show how beneficial insects can be part of a landscape management plan.

Session II Urban Horticulture: Woody Shrubs for Stormwater Retention & the State of Our Urban Forests

- Woody Shrubs for Stormwater Retention Practices | Dr. Nina Bassuk, of Cornell University and the Urban Horticulture Institute, will share how woody shrubs can provide low-maintenance, attractive cover for stormwater retention and infiltration applications such as filter strips, swales and rain gardens. Nina will discuss how utilizing woody plants rather than herbaceous plants decreases the need for additional seasonal maintenance while successfully adding aesthetic and functional vegetation to stormwater retention practices.

- Recovering Our Urban Forests: Update on Invasive Pests (& Invasive Practices) | Rick Harper, UMass Extension Assistant Professor, will discuss the urban forest health condition of our nation's community trees. Rick will include information about underlying causes - both pests and cultural practices - and share integrated solutions that include chemical and non-chemical options.

Cost to attend each session is \$35 and includes a light dinner. Pre-registration with non-refundable payment is required by March 17 for Session I and April 14 for Session II by calling 845-292-6180. More information about these opportunities or the Master Gardener program can be obtained by emailing Susan Dollard at smd243@cornell.edu.

Hospital to Home: Web Class on Preparations for Seniors

The costs of hospital readmissions-physical, financial, and emotional-can be staggering. Caregivers with a senior loved one about to return home from a hospital stay will benefit from a free web lecture, "Hospital to Home Preparations for Seniors", offered on Wednesday, April 9, 2014 from 1:00 to 2:00 pm. The Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) Sullivan County Caregiver Resource Center (CRC) will provide this lecture to help caregivers avoid unnecessary readmissions through preparations of the home and family for the older adult's return. Crucial aspects on what to expect the first day and first month after they return home will also be detailed. Coffee will be available.

This class will be held at the Gerald J. Skoda Extension Education Center on 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road in Liberty. Pre-registration is appreciated by April 7 and can be obtained by calling CCE at 845-292-6180 or emailing Bonnie Lewis at bjl25@cornell.edu.

Participants in this web seminar will be able to:

- o Describe four ways to prepare early for an older adult's return home from a hospital stay.
- o Identify five important tasks to be completed in the first hours after an older adult returns from the hospital.

o Pinpoint the four best transitional care points for an older adult's first 30 days back at home.

Bonnie Lewis, RN, CRC Coordinator, will provide helpful materials for the care transition. The presentation is produced by the American Society on Aging with Molly Carpenter, B.S. in Family Science, a gerontology specialization from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and a master's degree in education with a gerontology specialization from the University of Nebraska-Omaha. Ms. Carpenter is also Home Instead Senior Care's CAREGiver Advocate and author of the not-for-profit book, Confidence to Care, a resource for family caregivers.

This free opportunity is made possible through a partnership between CCE and Office for the Aging in Sullivan County.

Nature Column - Linda Comando

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

The Delightful Sound of the Mourning Dove

Have you recently heard the mournful calls, "coooooOOOOO-woo-woo-woo" of the male mourning dove? This is the call of a mourning dove that has returned to the Catskills. The male will start cooing while puffing out his throat, and bobbing his tail. He will then fly up to around 100 feet then glide back down to the female in large sweeping circles.

After mating, the male mourning dove will seek a nesting site, usually a branch in a tree that is 10 to 25 feet high. He will bring twigs and sticks to the female, often landing on her as she sits in the partially built nest that they build together.

Often mourning doves will build a nest over an abandoned robin or blue jay nest.



The mourning dove's nest is always flimsy, made of loosely arranged, coarse twigs that are lined with finer twigs and rootlets. Their eggs are visible through the bottom of the nests. Should their nest be disturbed by storms or high winds, the pair will re-nest.

Mourning doves normally raise several broods each year. Each clutch size is almost always two eggs that are 1.1 by .82 inches. The first clutch of egg laying begins in early March with both the male and the female incubating the eggs. Incubation continues for 13-15 days. Upon hatching the little doves are covered in a sparse white down and their yellowish skin is clearly visible. Their eyes remain closed for 3 days. After three days they begin to open their eyes and stiff feathers begin to appear on their tiny bodies. After 6 days the little squab's eyes open completely and they are able to move around in the nest. Both parents feed the young a milk-like substance called pigeon milk, a fluid produced by a sloughing of the lining of the adult bird's crop by a regurgitation action. Within 8-15 days the young are fed a diet of mostly seeds. The adults continue to feed the squab until they are 13-15 days old, even though the young are capable of leaving the nest.

As soon as the young are able to fly, the adults begin the breeding cycle again.

By July you will begin to see mourning doves flock together as they begin to prepare for their annual journey south. In New York State most doves migrate south in late August or early September, although some doves do winter over, especially if the weather remains mild and food is available.

A mourning dove is seed eating and mainly a ground feeder. Their diet consists mostly of wheat, corn, buckwheat, yellow bristle grass, common ragweed, oats and black mustard seeds, and clover. When they grab seeds off the ground, they are not necessarily eating them. Instead, they may be stockpiling for digesting later. The seeds collect in the "crop," which is simply an enlarged part of their esophagus.

Mourning doves look very much like common pigeons, but are more streamlined. They have a small head, a robin-shaped body and a long, tapering, pointed tail with a back that is slate gray with a bluish tint and its breast is generally reddish-brown. Most of the head is tan with a single black spot behind each eye. The neck has a few metallic, purple feathers. The wings are tan to brown with inner wing feathers that have large black spots. The tail has large white spots and a black bar on each feather. The bill of the Mourning Dove is black, its feet and legs are red.

The females are slightly duller than the males, but the sexes are sometimes hard to distinguish. The males have a light blue crown and nape, but females have an entirely brown head. Also, males have rosy breast feathers while the breast feathers of the females are usually tan or brown.

Mourning doves are mostly seen in open, agricultural areas, in fields with small thickets, or along the forest edges where there are deciduous and coniferous trees. You are less likely to see them in open woodlands. Often you will see a pair of mourning doves perched on a utility wire.

Mourning doves generally pair for life. Unpaired males can be very aggressive and territorial throughout the breeding season when the male struts on the ground with his neck feathers ruffled up, his wings touching the ground and his tail displayed like a fan behind him.

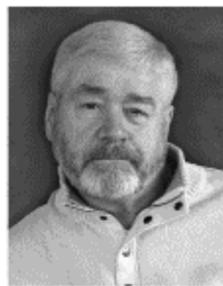
His cooing sound may be a bit mournful, thus the name mourning dove. But listen carefully. The cooing is another sign that spring is in the air!

Household Hints

Keep Corned Beef from Shrinking

Ever notice how the corned beef that comes out of the pot is always smaller than the one that went in? Stop your meat from shrinking by adding a couple of tablespoons of apple cider vinegar to the water when boiling your beef.

The Killer Inside Of Me



Mysterious Book Report No. 136 By John Dwaine McKenna

Every once in a while it's refreshing to take a break from all of the just-published, must-read books written by authors who seem to be punching them out faster than we can absorb them, and turn to one of the classics: the foundational works that are the stepping stones from which many modern works emanate.

The Killer Inside of Me, (Orion Books Ltd., \$12.00, PB 220 pages, ISBN 978-1-4091-1971-5) by Jim Thompson was first published in the United States in 1952 and republished in Great Britain in 2010. As far as I know, it's one of the first novels written from the perspective of a full-blown, amoral, sociopathic serial killer. He's a home grown boy, an orphan taken in and raised by the local doctor, a kind-appearing samaritan with a viscous private life. The boy he's adopted and given his name and home to, is a genius without morals or a conscience. Now a fully grown man, he's a deputy sheriff in his Texas home town of a few thousand souls. His name is Lou Ford and he comes across as a gentle, understanding and dedicated lawman who doesn't even carry a gun. Lou has the habit of talking to himself as if there's another person in the room, and he remarks several times that he's been able to keep his 'problem' under control for a decade or more, but that he doesn't think he can manage to do it for much longer. His problem of course, is that he can't keep from killing other human beings and, as a true sociopath, he has no conscience about it. He may even enjoy it. It's what makes a killer like that so horrific. I was reminded of the BTK (bind-torture-kill) killer from Wichita, Kansas who was caught after years of terror only because he turned himself in after concluding that the authorities weren't smart enough to catch him. The novel is all the more interesting because at the time it was written in 1952, serial killers were not yet defined, studied or understood. Treat yourself if you're a crime-fiction or mystery fan. You'll see why *The Killer Inside Of Me* is a classic.

Like the column? The greatest compliment you can give is to share it with others on Facebook. ww.facebook.com/JohnDwaineMcKenna

Master Food Preserver Certification Opportunity with CCE

LIBERTY, NY- Back by popular demand! A second comprehensive 3-day Master Food Preservation Certification series will be offered by Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) Sullivan County on July 22, 23, and 24, 2014 from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. The series will be held in the new CCE Entrepreneurial & Teaching (EaT) Kitchen at the Gerald J. Skoda Extension Education Center on 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road in Liberty, NY.

The course includes the scientific basis of food preservation, hands-on experience in boiling water and pressure canning, gelled products and pickling, demonstrations in freezing and drying, and a discussion of other methods of preservation. The program will be taught by CCE Home Food Preservation Experts, Katherine Humphrey and Judy Price, and includes pre and post-tests. Evening study is required. Program participants will earn a certificate of completion, the first important step to becoming a CCE Master Food Preserver.

Program space is limited so pre-registration with non-refundable payment of \$375 per person is required no later than July 18. Cost includes instruction, a 340-page handbook, and lunch each day. Participants will be sent home with prepared food samples. Registration and more information can be obtained by calling 845-292-6180.

\$330,000 in Funding Available Under FreshConnect Farmer's Market Program

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced the release of a \$130,000 Request for Proposal (RFP) for the "FreshConnect" Farmers' Market program, which assists New York farmers by promoting the sale of locally-grown food products. The program, in its fourth year, focuses on bringing fresh farm products to nutritionally-underserved communities and improving nutrition education statewide.

"For the last three years New York State's FreshConnect Farmers' Markets have helped thousands of New Yorkers obtain access to home grown, fresh food," Governor Cuomo said. "New York State's farms are second to none and through this program we are taking advantage of the incredible food they produce to provide healthier, better options for low income residents."

This year, the \$130,000 RFP will focus on supporting at least 13 traditional farmers' market and youth market grant projects across the state. Under this initiative, new and existing farmers' markets, municipalities, and not-for-profits may apply for up to \$10,000, and those with the best ideas on how to improve access to farmers' markets participating in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) will be awarded funding.

In addition, \$200,000 in "FreshConnect Checks" will be released this year to serve low-income families across the state, including, for the first time, \$50,000 directed to veterans of all ages. Checks will be begin being distributed through veterans facilities this summer, based on proximity to eligible farmers' markets.

The "FreshConnect Checks" program encourages the use of SNAP benefits at participating farmers' markets by providing \$2

incentive coupons for every \$5 in SNAP benefits. In 2013, over \$3.2 million in SNAP sales occurred at farmers' markets throughout the state. In addition to SNAP, FreshConnect-funded projects aim to ensure that all New Yorkers, regardless of income, have access to fresh fruits and vegetables and are encouraged to accept other nutrition incentives, such as Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Fruit & Vegetable Checks, Farmers' Market Nutrition Program checks, and Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition checks.

Acting Commissioner of Agriculture and Markets Richard Ball said, "FreshConnect Farmers' Markets are just one more way that Governor Cuomo continues to open new markets for New York's agricultural producers. Our producers are blessed to be farming in close proximity to large urban markets with consumers who are hungry for fresh goods. These markets are true economic drivers for farmers that also provide some of the best agricultural products in the entire world."

Empire State Development President, CEO & Commissioner Kenneth Adams said, "The State's agriculture industry is a vital component of New York's economy, and it's important to support our local farmers. FreshConnect has had great success in not only promoting locally grown food products, but also improving nutrition, job creation and serving as the critical link needed to bring healthier food options to underserved communities around the State."

Commissioner of the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance Kristin Proud said, "By bringing healthy, locally-grown fruits and vegetables to underserved communities, the FreshConnect program is serving a vital need while promoting better eating habits. Additionally, the FreshConnect Checks initiative offers a real incentive for recipients of SNAP benefits to shop at farmers' markets and serve fresh, healthy foods to their families."

The FreshConnect program was the first step in Governor Cuomo's "Farm New York" initiative to invest in the state's agriculture industry, a vital component of the state's economy. Since its inception the Fresh Connect Program has funded 80 projects throughout the state and allocated more than \$1 million.

To apply for funding under the RFP, please visit the Department of Agriculture and Markets website at www.agriculture.ny.gov/RFPS.html.

Kingston-Based New York Army National Guard Soldiers Head to Germany for Annual Training

1156th Engineer Company will work on buildings and training fortifications at NATO training center in Hohenfels, Germany KINGSTON, NY (03/04/2014)(readMedia)- Eighty-five New York Army National Guard Soldiers from the Kingston-based 1156th Engineer Company will be spending most of March in Germany working on buildings and training sites at NATO's Joint Multinational Readiness Center in Hohenfels, Bavaria.

The Army National Guard engineer company is a "vertical" combat engineer unit, trained and equipped to construct buildings and fortified positions and structures.

The Overseas Deployment Training will last from March 8 to March 29. Two members of the Air National Guard who are trained as civil engineers will accompany the Army Guard Soldiers.

During the deployment the company will construct two concrete block buildings and rehabilitate several fighting positions used for training troops. The unit will also rehabilitate other buildings used to house troops training at the facility.

The training will give his Soldiers a chance to work in their military occupational specialty, known as an MOS, and hone their construction skills, said Capt. Daniel Colomb, the company commander.

During ordinary Annual Training periods and weekend drills the other tasks the Soldiers are expected to master marksmanship, basic military drills, and physical training, leave little time for working in construction Colomb said. Since two Air Guard civil engineers are accompanying the company to Hohenfels, the training period will also give his Soldiers and opportunity to see how Air Force engineers do business, Colomb added.

Overseas deployment training for National Guard troops is a great opportunity for Soldiers to travel while improving their military skills, said Lt. Col. James Freehart, the commander of the 204th Engineer Battalion, the 1156th's parent unit. The Army benefits because it gets the skills of trained engineers to do work which cannot be done by the units on hand, he added.

In 2012 the battalion sent 78 engineers from the 827th and 152nd Engineer companies to Hohenfels to work on helicopter landing zones and supply pads. Those companies are "horizontal" engineering units which specialize in roads and concrete structures.

Hohenfels has been a training area since the 1930s when the German Army used it to prepare for World War II. After the war the area was used to house refugees until the U.S. Army took it over in 1951 for use as a training base for American troops in Germany.

Hohenfels served as the primary maneuver training site for American troops in Germany during the Cold War and was eventually used for "force-on-force" training like that conducted by the Army at the National Training Center in California.

Today the center is used by NATO troops preparing to deploy on peacekeeping or other missions.

The Soldiers of the 1156th Engineer Company were among the first New York National Guard units to respond when Tropical Storm Irene caused flooding in the Catskills in 2011 and have worked on local community projects on Beacon and Cohoes.



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The Olive Jar - By Carol LaMonda

With Apologies to Jimmy Fallon

My son went to college at St. Rose in Albany at the same time as Jimmy Fallon did. Jimmy was known as a good guy, kinda funny. He once gave a comedic performance at his alma mater. My son didn't go. How good can one of your fellow students be? If he only knew then.

Regretting that decision and then following Fallon's rocket rise to fame, this family holds a special place for the new darling of late time television. Since Jimmy Fallon grew up in Saugerties, there has been a FaceBook link to the Huffington Post touting the best things to do and see in Jimmy Fallon's hometown.

I decided to do the same thing about Olive. So here are ten things that one should do while visiting Olive. Mind you, these are filtered through personal experience and prejudice.

1. Have a massage by Mary Ann Wise (Malkine) now relocated at the old Olivebridge Post Office.
2. Order a buffalo chicken pizza from the Village Pizza in Shokan.
3. Have an almond crescent dipped in chocolate from the PineView Bakery with a cup of coffee.
4. Have a Shock-Top Beer at the Boiceville Inn with their nachos. Make sure to sit next to owner, John Parete, for a chat about local politics.
5. Order soup for lunch at the JoMar Cafe in West Shokan.
6. Select the lemon-thyme dressing at the LandMark Grille. Have chocolate wine for dessert.
7. Stop by the Olive Free Library for whatever is going on...story hour, family movie, a concert, yoga, scrap-booking, knitting. There is always something.
8. Walk from the Frying Pan through the Lemon Squeeze. Be sure to leap over the Canada Geese droppings.
9. Photograph the eagle making its nest, the Sleeping Indian, or the vista of mountains reflected in the Ashokan Reservoir.
10. Visit the Ashokan Campus for an art show, concert or party.

I am certain there are more than ten worthy mentionables here in Olive. If you get bored in our quaint little hamlets of Shokan, Boiceville, West Shokan, Olivebridge, Krumville and Samsonville, you can always drive the 15 miles to Jimmy Fallon's hometown of Saugerties. A comedian, not Fallon, once said that Saugerties was Native American for "I was headed toward Kingston and got lost."

The new Piano Plus! Concert Series will begin with a Gala Concert

West Shokan, NY - The Olive Free Library is pleased to announce a new chamber music concert series, Piano Plus!, beginning Saturday, March 22, 2014, at 4:00 p.m. The library has partnered with the Bard Conservatory's Distinguished Composer in Residence, George Tsontakis, who has curated a magnificent line-up of performers for the opening season. The Piano Plus! concerts take advantage of the library's gorgeous Steinway grand piano, and spacious and inviting community room. The library was home to the popular Trail Mix concert series from 2007 to 2012. The intimate setting is perfect for audiences to experience piano music and small ensembles. This first season will include three concerts in March, April and May, featuring emerging and established musicians. The concerts will be held on Saturdays at 4:00 p.m., with a suggested donation of \$12 per person.

The concerts will feature piano solos but there will be special guest singers and other instruments that comprise the "Plus" part of the concert series.

As a resident of the Town of Olive, Tsontakis recognized the unique opportunity to bring the musical arts to this community using the library's grand piano. "It's been great fun curating a series which continues to identify our unique town of Olive as an arts community and in particular, a distinctively rich venue for keyboard mega-talents. I almost forgot just how replete with inspired pianists our region is -- from local and seasonal residents to the strong Bard connection. I don't think anyone will be disappointed in our terrific line-up and thoughtful repertoire."

The first concert on Saturday, March 22, at 4:00 p.m. will feature four of the Bard Conservatory's piano fellows: Szilvia Miko performing Ravel: Gaspard de la Nuit; Eri Nakamura performing Chopin: Andante Spianato and Grande Polonaise Brillante, Op. 22; Julia Hsu performing Haydn and Dutilleux; and Hyanghyun Lee performing Chopin: Barcarolle in F sharp major, Op. 60, as well as a surprise repertoire with tenor Barrett Radziun.

On April 19, pianist Balint Zlodos will perform Beethoven, Mozart, and Hungarian composer Durko. On May 3, pianist Hiroko Sakurazawa will wrap up the first series playing Mozart, Faure, Takemitsu, and Stravinsky.

This inaugural season is being supported by a grant from the Decentralization Program, a regrant program of the New York State Council on the Arts with support of Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Legislature and administered by Arts Mid-Hudson.

For information about any Olive Free Library programs please contact: Katie Scott-Childress 845-657-2482 director@olivefreelibrary.org

Eri Nakamura

Eri Nakamura was born in Hiroshima and began piano studies at age four. She has performed as soloist and chamber musician in the U.S., Italy and her native Japan. Most recently she performed Tchaikovsky Concerto No. 1 with Edogawa Philharmonic in Tokyo.

She has been heard as soloist with the CIM Orchestra (Severance Hall) and the National Repertory Orchestra (Breckenridge, CO), and appeared in recitals at Weill Hall and Zankel Hall at the Carnegie Hall, at the Muhlenberg College Piano Recital

Series, the Chamber Music Society at Yale, Zephyr International Chamber Music Festival (Courmayeur, Italy), the Banff Centre, Aspen Music Festival and the Norfolk Chamber Music Festival.

Ms. Nakamura had studied with Sergei Babayan and Anita Pontremoli at Cleveland Institute of Music where she received an Artist Diploma. She also earned a Professional Diploma in vocal collaborative piano from Mannes under Cristina Stanescu and Vlad Iftinca, an Artist Diploma and a Master of Music degree from Yale School of Music under the tutelage of Peter Frankl, and a Bachelor of Music degree from San Francisco Conservatory of Music under Mack McCray. Currently she is a collaborative piano fellow at Bard Conservatory of Music.

Julia Hsu

Originally from Taiwan, Julia Hsu went to study at The Purcell School for young musicians in England at the age of 14 and studied with Professor Patsy Toh, wife of renowned pianist Fou Ts'ong. She continued her studies at the Royal Academy of Music, London, where she completed her Bachelor's and Master's degrees. In 2006, she went to Helsinki, Finland as an exchange student at the Sibelius Academy, where she benefited greatly from the guidance of Professor Matti Raekallio, whom she later followed in Germany at the Hannover Hochschule für Musik und Theatre, in the highly sought-after "Soloklasse" program. Her interests in chamber music and song accompaniment lead her back at the Royal Academy of Music, London, where she completed her second Master's in Piano Accompaniment with a full scholarship in 2011.

Earlier in 2013, Julia was appointed Musician-in-Residence in Yilan's Waldorf School, Taiwan, where she interacted with students and fellow colleagues through regular lecture recitals and chamber music projects. Julia was one of the Festival Fellows in the Bowdoin Music Festival and a scholar at the Banff Arts Centre last summer, before she joined the Fellowship Program at Bard Conservatory, NY.

Barrett Radziun

Tenor Barrett Radziun has performed widely throughout the United States, meriting critical acclaim for his performances in opera, oratorio, art song, and early music.

Following an April 2013 performance at The Longy School of Music in Cambridge MA, The Boston Musical Intelligencer described Radziun's performance as "truly moving...effortless in rendering sensitivity." Cleveland Classical wrote, "In particular, tenor Barrett Radziun was brilliant in his solo performances," in response to his 2010 performance of Monteverdi's 1610 Vespers at Oberlin Conservatory's Baroque Performance Institute.

Radziun is a graduate of the Bard College Conservatory of Music's Vocal Arts Program, a two-year degree program culminating in a Master of Music degree in Vocal Performance. The program is led by legendary American soprano Dawn Upshaw and pianist Kayo Iwama, both of whom Radziun worked with closely.

The mission of the Olive Free Library Association is to provide our community and its surrounding neighbors with materials and services that meet educational, informational, cultural and recreational needs. It also provides a site for community activities that meet the same needs. www.olivefreelibrary.org

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Sunday, March 23, 1- 3pm. **THE SPIRIT OF THE LAND: An Introduction to Algonquin Indian Beliefs Regarding Our Relationship to Mother Earth** - a new workshop with Evan Pritchard, director of The Center for Algonquin Culture, and author of *Native New Yorkers, No Word For Time*, and *Bird Medicine*. Minimum donation, \$10. Back room, Pine Hill Community Center, Main Street, Pine Hill NY.

In this two hour workshop, Evan Pritchard, a descendant of the Mi'kmaq, will lead a discussion on many of the beliefs and practices of Algonquin people regarding our relationship with Mother Earth, from the ancient past to today. He will address questions such as: What are Landkeeper spirits and how did they come into being? How can we communicate with Landkeeper Spirits? What is an elemental? What is a Maysingwe? What is the difference between a Tree Guardian and a Tree Elemental? What is the difference between a manitou and Kitchi Manitou? Why is tobacco so important to Algonquin people and how is it used? What other offerings are used and when? What is the meaning behind the four and seven directions? Is the moon a rabbit boy or a grandmother? What do we mean by "Mother Earth?" Who is "Corn Mother?" What are the three sacred ceremonial times of day? What does the word Kawiensink (the original name for Pine Hill) mean? What is a Willowmok? How can we understand bird messages? Bring your questions and opinions, and a notepad. Book signing, one on one, at conclusion.

Evan Pritchard, "Abachbahametch" ("Chipmunk") of Mi'kmaq and Celtic descent, is the author of *No Word For Time*, *Native American Stories of the Sacred*, *Native New Yorkers*, and its sequel, *Henry Hudson and the Algonquins of New York*, which is required reading for many local High Schools (source: Barnes and Noble). His latest book is *Bird Medicine: The Sacred Power of Bird Shamanism* (Inner Traditions 2013). He is the founder and director of the Center for Algonquin Culture, which is also creating a series of books of words and phrases in Algonquian languages. Evan is also the author of *Aunt Helen's Little Herb Book*, a self-guided Native American tour book Touring Native New York, plus *Double Dutched: The Puzzling State of New York's Native American Place Names*. He has worked with countless elders to help preserve the ancient history of North America, notably the late William Commanda. Evan has taught Native American studies courses at Marist, Vassar, and at Pace University, and lectures widely across the Eastern US and Canada. His appearances on the History Channel have been seen by millions. He gives workshops and lectures on Algonquin-related subjects throughout the eastern United States, which are listed in his newsletter *The Landkeeper*. He can be contacted through his website www.algonquinculture.org. Light refreshments will be served.

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UC Sheriff's Report

March 7 -Deputies from the Ulster County Sheriff's Office report the arrest of Brian C. Smith, 24 years of age, of 32 Prince St, Neversink, NY following a traffic stop. Mr. Smith was charged with Unlawful Possession of Marihuana, a violation. On March 7, 2014 at approximately 3:02 am Deputies observed a 2000 Chevy Pick-up truck traveling west on State Route 44 55 in Kerhonkson with a headlight out. Following a traffic stop of the vehicle, Mr. Smith was found to be in possession of a small amount of marijuana. Mr. Smith was released on appearance tickets

to appear in the Town of Rochester Court on March 12, 2014 at 6:00 PM.

March 7 - Deputies report the arrest Zachary S. Ryan, 23 years of age, of 28 Center St, Ellenville and Tyler J. Torres, 21 years of age, of 44 Tuthill Av, Ellenville. Both men were charged with Disorderly Conduct, a violation. On March 7th, 2014 at approximately 9:00 PM Deputies responded to an Ulster County 911 call for a fight in the parking lot of Walmart at 7500 Route 209, Napanoch. As Deputies were arriving the parties separated. Investigation revealed that the two began arguing and a physical argument began. The men hit each other and wrestled each other to the ground. Both sustained minor cut and abrasions but declined medical attention and declined to file charges against each other. Both men were issued appearance tickets to appear in the Town of Wawarsing Court on March 21st, 2014 at 8:30 Am and released. Deputies were assisted at the scene by members of the New York State Police.

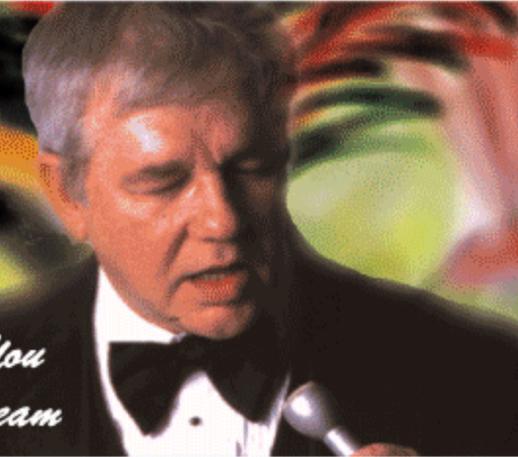
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Maple Sugaring is on Tap -Fun Facts About Nature's Sweet Treat

The taps will soon be flowing. The maple sugar taps in Ulster County, that is. It may not feel like it right now, but soon when daytime temperatures warm while the nighttime temperatures remain below freezing, the sap from our maple trees will start moving. The month of March is the time to experience the frontier tradition of maple sugaring in the Catskills. Come and tap a tree, eat something sweet and learn from the experts in the beautiful wooded mountains of Ulster County. Here are some things you may not know about maple sugar:

1. New York State is the second largest maple producing state in America.
2. It takes 40 gallons of sweet water "sap" from sugar maple trees to make one decadent gallon of pure maple syrup.
3. Native Americans were the first people to make maple syrup and legend has it that an Algonquin Indian Chief's wife or daughter (depending on which version you read) created it accidentally.
4. A quarter cup of maple syrup has more calcium than the same amount of milk and more potassium than a banana.
5. Ever wonder where the "sugar" comes from? Sugar is produced in the leaves of a maple tree during photosynthesis. It is transported into the wood and stored during the winter, mostly in the form of carbohydrates. It is then converted to sucrose and dissolved in the sap. You can tap any kind of maple tree (red, black or silver) for its sap, but as its name suggests, sap from sugar maples have the highest sugar content.

Want to learn more?
Come to one of these upcoming maple sugaring events:

Featured Events

Maple Fest at Ashokan Center 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, March 1, 2014

Forsyth Nature Center Maple Sugaring Demonstration Program 11 a.m., Saturday, March 1, 2014

Mohonk Preserve Kids' Day in the Sugarbush 1-3 p.m., Sunday, March 2, 2014

Maple Sugaring at Frost Valley 10 a.m.-4 p.m., March 16 and 17; March 22 and 23; 10 a.m.-4 p.m., March 29 and 30, 2014

Maple Weekends at Platte Creek Farm 9 a.m.-3 p.m. March 22, 23, March 29, 30

For more information, visit ulstercountyalive.com

Jazz Musician Don Byron Conducts Artist-in-Residence at SUNY Ulster - Two Upcoming Master Classes and Spring Concert Open to Public

Award-winning clarinetist, saxophonist, composer and arranger Don Byron is leading a series of master classes and will perform a concert this spring as SUNY Ulster's Larry Berk Artist-in-Residence.

Open to the public, the upcoming Master Classes on March 12 and April 2, from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m., in Room 147 Vanderlyn Hall, will discuss topics related to jazz performance, including jazz theory, jazz improvisation, George Russell's Lydian Chromatic concept and the state of jazz in today's society.

Since his residency started in February, Byron has been working with SUNY Ulster music majors and provided a retrospective on his career in the first session.

"Don Byron's diverse background is very appealing to our students varied interests," said Chris Earley, program coordinator of the SUNY Ulster Music Department. "His residency continues to reinforce how many remarkable musicians live in Ulster County and ties in with Larry Berk's vision for the program."

Byron is a singular voice in an astounding range of musical contexts, exploring widely divergent traditions. As clarinetist, saxophonist, composer and arranger, he redefines every genre of music he plays, be it classical, salsa, hip-hop, funk, klezmer, rhythm and blues, gospel, or any jazz style from swing and bop to cutting-edge downtown improvisation, documented on more than a dozen of recordings as bandleader, including the Grammy-nominated and Jazz Times Record of the Year 2004, *Ivey-Divey*.

For the past two decades, Byron has been consistently voted best clarinetist by leading international music magazines. He is a 2012 Doris Duke Performing Artist, a recipient of Guggenheim and U.S. Artists Fellowships. In 2009, he was awarded the Rome Prize and was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize for Composition.

Also a gifted teacher, he has led residencies at many universities, including Harvard and Columbia, and was a visiting Professor at MIT and at SUNY Albany, teaching theory, saxophone, improvisation and composition.

The residency will conclude with a free concert on April 12 featuring Don Byron New Gospel Quintet, at 7 p.m., in the College Lounge.

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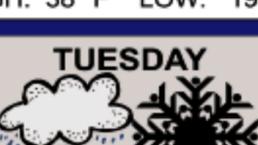
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Joe Langworth Presents Broadway Musical Theater Showcase at SUNY Ulster

Director, choreographer and educator Joe Langworth will present a Broadway Musical Theater Showcase with SUNY Ulster students as part of his Larry Berk Artist-in-Residence Series.

To conclude his spring residency at the college, Langworth will offer a final Master Class on March 26, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., and the Theater Showcase presented with students on March 27, at 7:30 p.m., in Quimby Theater. The events are free and open to the public.

Langworth has been working with theater students since March on vocal techniques while focusing on storytelling within a song. He has been helping them choose contemporary musical theatre pieces that they can use for auditions when they enter the field.

"I have been blown away by the natural talent of SUNY Ulster students," Langworth said. "The students' excitement and desire to learn more about musical theater made it thrilling for me to share a few of the things I've learned throughout my career."

SUNY Ulster Theater Coordinator Stephen Balantzian said: "We are thrilled to host Joe. His insight as a professional is an invaluable experience for the theater students. The showcase is not to be missed!"

The Musical Theater Showcase will feature songs selected by the students and Langworth from various contemporary musicals as well as a group number with vocal harmonies.

"I think the students will be surprised when they realize that the acting training they've gotten from Stephen Balantzian and their other professors at SUNY Ulster will crossover to this new musical genre, as they put their feelings to song," Langworth said.

Langworth has worked in Broadway theater for more than 20 years, from performing in A Chorus Line at the Shubert Theatre at the start of his career to his recent contributions to the award-winning Broadway productions of South Pacific and Next Fall.

Last year, he directed Tony Award winner Paulo Szot in his one-man concert that premiered at the Spoleto Festival in Italy and went on to play New York's 54 Below. Langworth recently received a Broadway World award nomination for best director for his work with Szot.

SCDW Audition Notice

"The Masque of the Red Death" is a music-drama based on Edgar Allen Poe's famous story. The Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop and The Delaware Valley Opera will produce this original work written and composed by Gladys Smuckler Moskowitz, Oct. 31, Nov. 1, 2 at the Rivoli Theatre, S. Fallsburg and Nov. 7,8,9 at the Tusten Theatre, Narrowsburg. AUDITIONS for vocalists, actors and dancers will be at the Sullivan County Museum 10-3 Sat. April 5. ROLES open: E.A. Poe- narrator; King Propsero-Tenor; Queen Ligeria-Mezzo;The Fool-Baritone; Red Death- dancer/mime; Ebony clock-contralto/bass; Beauty- soprano, Lord Edgar-Tenor; chorus w/dialogue. For more information please call Gladys 845-434-3162 or email: gladysmucklermoskowitz@gmail.com, or Sally Gladden 434-0209 or email: gladsally@gmail, or Carol Castel 212-720-5290 or email: info@delawarevalleyopera.org

"Spring Fling Party" to Welcome Catskill Mountainkeeper to Livingston Manor

Livingston Manor, NY - The Catskill Art Society will join the town in welcoming Catskill Mountainkeeper to Livingston Manor with a "Spring Fling Party" at the CAS Arts Center at 48 Main Street, Livingston Manor, NY on Saturday, March 22 from 5-8pm. All are welcome to attend for this casual seasonal bash!

Are you ready to shake off the snow and party? Join CAS and Catskill Mountainkeeper in celebrating the new season at our Spring Fling Party. Featuring organic food from Natural Contents Kitchen, plus drinks and live music.

Children are welcome! During the event, CAS will hold a free art workshop for kids, using recycled and reused materials to find new avenues for creativity.

Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door. Tickets are free for children under 12.

For tickets or information, call the CAS Arts Center at 845-436-4227 or e-mail info@catskillartsociety.org.

About the Catskill Art Society

The 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. Located in Livingston Manor, the renovated 4,500+ square foot facility includes a designated fine arts gallery, a large multi-purpose space, a pottery studio, a painting studio, and a digital arts lab. For more information, please visit www.catskillartsociety.org.

Funding for CAS is provided in part by the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Legislature.

NY Ranks Second Nationwide in Maple Production; Maple Weekend Events Take Place throughout the State (From Pg. 1)

"New York State makes some of the best maple products in the country - from maple syrup to maple sugar," Governor Cuomo said. "New York's homegrown maple industry is a key part of our state's agricultural economy. That's why we are promoting New York's Maple Weekend which will give residents and tourists alike the chance to enjoy everything our state's maple producers have to offer."

Maple Weekend, which is an annual event put on by the New York State Maple Producers Association, will take place at more than 100 locations statewide. There, maple producers at will show visitors how maple syrup is produced in sugarhouses, going through the process from tree to table, explaining everything from tubing systems to the evaporation process. Depending on the location, pancake breakfasts may be available, as will treats such as maple cotton candy, maple popcorn and maple sugar candy. Admission is free to all Maple Weekend events.

Acting State Agriculture Commissioner Richard A. Ball said, "Maple Weekend is a great way for New Yorkers to go out and learn about this hugely important agricultural industry. Maple is not just a product that goes on pancakes anymore. It can now be found in everything from barbecue sauces to various spices to some of the most delicious treats everywhere. Maple is big business here in New York and I look forward to participating in Maple Weekend events during the month of March."

Dwayne Hill, President of the New York State Maple Producers Association, said, "Maple syrup is a natural product and the first product of the year. It's important for consumers to come out and see how much hard work goes into making maple syrup. If they see what goes into it, they will see why New York maple syrup is well worth it."

Greg Zimpfer, Owner of Zimpfer's Maple Products in Attica, said, "This is an opportunity to see that food is something somebody has to make. One of the most common things we hear during Maple Weekend is, 'I'm glad I don't have to make it and I can just buy it.' People gain an appreciation for what goes into New York maple syrup."

Larry Rudd, Owner of Rudd's Family Maple Syrup in Mannsville, said, "We open our sugarhouses and we give tours from the tree to the table. People have a lot of questions. At Maple Weekend, they get answers. They can see it, smell it, taste it, and experience the heritage New York maple syrup has. People get familiar with it."

Harry Komrowski, co-owner, Komrowski Maple in Memphis, said, "There's a huge movement for consumers to buy food locally and Maple Weekend helps them do that very well. We invite people in, and they become believers in the state maple industry. Maple Weekend creates lifelong customers."

Cornell Cooperative Extension has an extensive maple program that works on many different products related to New York's maple industry, from forest management to helping maple producers with sap collection and processing, as well as marketing value-added products. During Maple Weekend events at Uihlein Forest in Lake Placid and Arnot Forest in Van Etten, the Cornell Maple program will also be doing taste testing of new syrups made from walnut and birch trees.

For more information on Maple Weekend events throughout New York State, please visit www.mapleweekend.com.

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Assembly Child Care Workgroup Passes Legislative Package

Legislation Increases Investment in Child Care, Increased funding for child care subsidies

Albany, NY - Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther (D,I,WF - Forestburgh), Chair of the Assembly Mental Hygiene Committee, today stood with her colleagues on the Assembly Child Care Workgroup to pass an extensive package of legislation to strengthen access to quality, affordable child care. Measures include increasing funding for and enhancing access to child care subsidies, establishing paid family leave, and providing greater opportunities for training of child care providers.

The measure in the package sponsored by Assemblywoman Gunther would establish a task force to review administrative and regulatory requirements of all state agencies governing child care programs with the goal of eliminating duplicative processes and streamlining requirements (A.8924).

"Providing the resources to properly train and prepare providers to care for and nurture our children is fundamental to improving the child care system in New York," said Assemblywoman Gunther. "Improved training programs, bolstering credentialing services, and providing higher education opportunities, coupled with reducing onerous regulatory requirements on child care providers ensures that the focus is on enriching the lives and learning experiences of our children and helping them to thrive."

Ulster County Executive Visited Highland Elementary School As Part Of The Parents as Reading Partners Program

Ulster County Executive Mike Hein engaged students in Leigh Weaver's third grade class this past Monday by reading, Thomas Jefferson: Life Liberty, and the Pursuit of Everything, by Maria Kalman. Read Across America Day is held in honor of Dr. Seuss' birthday and coincided with Highland Elementary School's annual Parents as Reading Partners Program, which is a four week program organized by the Parent Teacher Association to encourage children to read.

"It was great to have the opportunity to read to the amazing third grade students at Highland Elementary," said County Executive Mike Hein. "The Parents as Reading Partners Program engages students, parents, teachers, and the community by encouraging children to read, both at home and at school. It is the support of organizations such as the Parent Teacher Associations and Parent Teacher Organizations that help support these efforts and others, making them such a valuable asset to schools, parents, and their communities."

To show their appreciation, the children autographed a copy of the book County Executive Hein read and presented it to him as a keepsake of his visit.

Senator Bonacic Announces Confirmation of Mark D. Gearan as Chairman of the NYS Gaming Commission

New York State Senator John J. Bonacic (R/C/I - Mt. Hope) is pictured with the newly appointed Chairman of the New York State Gaming Commission, Mark D. Gearan. As Chairman of the Senate Committee on Racing, Gaming and Wagering the Senator moved his nomination to the Senate floor for confirmation by a unanimous vote.

Business Council Supports Funding New York's Tourism Industry

The Business Council of New York State joined more than 200 tourism industry professionals in Albany for the Tourism Industry Coalition's Tourism Action Day supporting sustained and increased funding for New York State's travel and tourism industries.

"New York has made great gains the past few years in supporting and investing in the state's tourism industry," said Heather C. Briccetti, Esq., president and CEO of The Business Council of New York State. "Connecting tourists with the best New York has to offer is a wise investment, boosting our economy and creating jobs. The Council supports the state sustaining its investment in tourism related programs."

The Business Council supports continued funding for the state's Regional Economic Development Councils, funding for the state to host more tourism related summits and initiatives that create private sector investment and job creation. The Executive Budget includes funding for Market-NY at \$5 million; Taste-NY at \$1.1 million; I Love NY at \$2.5 million; and the county matching funds program at approximately \$3.8 million for FY2014-15.

The Business Council also supports the continued funding of the Wine and Grape Foundation appropriated at \$713,000, for FY2014-15 and the state's continued investment in the Regional Economic Development Councils, Open for Business and NY Works, which was estimated at \$60 million in 2013.

The Business Council members attending or being represented at Tourism Action Day included: Albany County Convention & Visitors Bureau, American Express, BBL Hospitality, Destiny USA, Inns of Aurora, LLC, The Desmond Hotel & Conference Center, Empire City Casino at Yonkers Raceway, Empire Resorts, Inc., Fox Run Vineyards, Inc., Fulton Montgomery Regional Chamber of Commerce, Gideon Putnam Resort and Spa, IN New York & Where magazines, The Lodge at Welch Allyn, New York Power Authority, Niagara Honeymoon Sweets, New York Wine & Culinary Center, New York Wine & Grape Foundation, Palace Theatre, Plattsburgh Chamber of Commerce, The Sagamore, Saratoga Casino & Raceway, Saratoga Convention & Tourism Bureau, Tri-City Valley Cats, VisitRochester, and the Wyoming County Chamber & Tourism.

The Business Council supports the level of funding appropriated to the tourism industry in Governor Cuomo's Executive Budget and encourages the New York State Legislature to approve this level of funding.

For more information on The Business Council's support of the Travel and Tourism industry, visit www.bcny.org.

Permalink: <http://readme.readmedia.com/Business-Council-Supports-Funding-New-Yorks-Tourism-Industry/8287185>

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SUNY Ulster Students Inducted Into Phi Theta Kappa

Recently, 41 students from the Spring 2014 semester at Ulster County Community College were inducted into Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for junior and community colleges.

To join Phi Theta Kappa, a student must have a cumulative average of 3.5 or higher in at least 15 credits in a two-year degree program. Members work on community projects and become eligible for special scholarships when they apply to four-year colleges.

The following students were inducted into Phi Theta Kappa: Accord: Ashlyn Latimore; Cragmoor: Frederick Gilles; Ellenville: Jennifer Schoomaker; High Falls: Margaret Ruzzi; Highland: Layla Cummings, Jasmine Heisey; Hurley: Susan Palazzo, Shelagh Sweeney; Kerhonkson: Rebecca Carroll, Lindsey Dugan; Kingston: Lori Ferguson, Fatimah Franklin, Byron Krempf, Taylor Long, Jessica Mann, Fresia Martinez, Jennifer Perry, Larry Torres; Milton: Daniel O'Brien; Monroe: Ashley Manning; Napanoch: Gabriel Zenteno; New Paltz: Ashley Agor, Cassie Reed, Madison Schirripa, Beau States; Olivebridge: Derek Scheltmeyer; Port Ewen: Edward Zifchak; Rhinebeck: Rita Pryor-Halstead; Rosendale: Lauren Mead; Saugerties: Simon Naccarato, Angelica Schubert, Travis Shultis, Sylvia Tracy; Shokan: James Cowan, Sokunthea Mao; Stone Ridge: Albert Bodie, Tyler Brown; Tillson: Theresa Shapiro; Wallkill: Josef Thorenz; and Woodstock: Emily Carone, David Zukor.

SC NAACP Announces Plans Candidates Night Forum

The Sullivan County NAACP hopes to offer an opportunity for the candidates in the race to express their views and to announce their plans to move the village forward at the scheduled Candidates Night Forum. Participation from voters, community members, the candidates and their supporters is integral to the March 13th forum goal to move the community forward. All voters are welcome to attend the forum. The candidates running in the Village of Monticello elections are (the names are in alphabetical order by last name):

Village Judge: Josephine Finn Monticello Trustees: Buddy Allen, Rochelle Massey, Doug Solomon, Jill Weyer

Please come and join us Thursday evening to learn more about the candidates.

In 2012, according to the Board of Elections there were 3,076 registered voters in the Village of Monticello. ONLY 994, less than 33% came out to vote. As of 2014, there are 3,324 registered voters in

the Village of Monticello.

As a community, help get the vote out and vote for progress on March 18th!

Our regularly scheduled meeting will be held March 13th, 6pm at the Ted Stroeble Center. We are happy to announce that the NAACP's Healthcare Committee and Economic Development Committee will be hosting several guest speakers to address some of our game changing initiatives. Topics include the state of healthcare, credit and debt. All are welcome to attend! Educating the community will help change the game!

For more information regarding the March 13th scheduled events, please contact Amanda Ward at (914)799-0924.

SC NAACP Meet the Candidates Night Forum

The Sullivan County NAACP will hold a Meet the Candidates Night Forum on March 13, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Ted Stroeble Center (10 Jefferson Street, Monticello NY). Candidates will be asked randomly selected questions, submitted by residents during the forum. The event will last approximately one hour. Afterwards, community members can mingle with the candidates.

SUNY Ulster Gears Up for its First SUNY Mascot Madness Competition Online Voting for Senator Sam has Begun

SUNY Ulster and its new mascot, Senator Sam, has been selected to participate in SUNY's Mascot Madness, a bracket-style competition much like the NCAA basketball tournament, with voting running now to April 3.

In the first round, SUNY Ulster will compete against SUNY Canton to get the most votes on social media. Voting is open to all and the public is being encouraged to select Senator Sam in the online voting competition. To win the competition and become NY's favorite mascot, a campus will have to progress through five rounds. Anyone can vote to support SUNY Ulster by going to: sunyulster.edu/mascotmadness.

Senator Sam represents the spirit of SUNY Ulster and the entire campus community is gearing up to vote up a storm. "I know I have some big shoes to fill in terms of our competition," says Senator Sam. "SUNY Ulster has tremendous determination despite our smaller size. We took first place in SUNY's Harlem Shake competition. Mascot Madness is a friendly SUNY-wide opportunity to rally for our campus."

This year's SUNY Mascot Madness competition includes 43 SUNY campuses representing 650 athletic teams and over 360,000 students. SUNY Chancellor Nancy L. Zimpher adds, "Mascot Madness is an exciting opportunity to bring together students, alumni and community members in the name of SUNY campus pride. It's truly amazing how our social media efforts have helped to unite the SUNY system through this and many other campaigns throughout the year. Good luck to all of this year's competitors!"

Kelli Sillik, a second-year fine art student at SUNY Ulster adds, "This is the perfect kind of campus activity to take our minds off the harsh winter. Everyone joins in on the fun. I know I'll be voting and cheering SUNY Ulster on all the way!"

To get accepted in the competition, SUNY Ulster produced a Mascot Madness video featuring Senator Sam, President Donald C. Katt, and many of SUNY Ulster's faculty, staff and students. An idea of SUNY Ulster's Business Club, the video was filmed and edited by students. The video can be found on YouTube by searching #sunyulster or by using this url: tinyurl.com/qcm5sql. Senator Sam is available for interviews.

Gunther Community Housing Wait List Passes Assembly Bill would require NYS Office of Mental Health to track housing needs

Albany, NY - Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther (D,I,WF - Forestburgh), Chair of the Assembly Committee on Mental Hygiene announced unanimous Assembly passage of legislation that requires the New York State Office of Mental Health (OMH) to track and report individuals with mental illnesses that are in need of housing services but have yet to receive them (A.7721-A/S.5228-A).

"Stable housing is critical to helping individuals living with mental illness recover and thrive within the community," said Assemblywoman Gunther. "Currently, we don't have an accurate picture of the number of people who need housing services, where they live, and where housing exists, making it difficult to direct OMH resources in the most effective way possible. This legislation will help us identify gaps in services and respond appropriately."

The Community Housing Wait List requires housing providers, referring agencies, and a county's community-based agency provide a comprehensive list, every 60 days, of each person who is referred to, applied for, or meets the criteria for housing services operated, licensed or funded by OMH. OMH is then required to provide a quarterly report to the Governor and the Legislature.

The legislation is currently in the Senate Finance Committee.

Weekend Incident Latest in Series Of Issues Transporting Oil By Rail Across NYS, Including West Nyack, Cheektowaga, Ulster, and Selkirk since December - There Has Been A Huge Spike In Oil Shipments On Rail Over The Past Six Years

After another derailment of tankers carrying crude oil, this time in the Capital Region, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand renewed her call for the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) to urgently update and implement guidelines for safer transport of hazardous liquids. According to the Association of American Railroads, oil shipments have increased from 9,500 carloads in 2008 to an estimated 400,000 carloads in 2013 nationally. Terminals at the Port of Albany have the capacity to handle 2.8 billion gallons of oil per year. Since December 2013, there have been at least 4 derailments in New York State, including West Nyack, Cheektowaga, Ulster, and Selkirk. Millions of New Yorkers live, work, and attend school within the vicinity of the train tracks, which can be travelled twice a day by trains over 100 cars long, and carrying 85,000 barrels of oil.

"These freight trains carrying crude oil and other hazardous liquids are going through communities near homes, schools and hospitals," said Senator Gillibrand. "A derailment or explosion in New York could put countless lives at risk and cause major damage to our waterways. We need new guidelines to improve oil tanker safety, and far more accountability and transparency to protect public health, safety and the environment."

CSX lines carrying crude oil run through neighborhoods in Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse, Albany and New York City, as well as other cities, towns and villages around the state. An accident or explosion in any of these communities would have catastrophic consequences. Additionally, freight rail lines run along some of New York's environmentally sensitive areas, including the banks of the Mohawk and Hudson rivers, and along the edge of the Adirondack Park in the North Country. A spill affecting any of New York's

water bodies, public lands or other protected ecosystems would pose a serious risk to these natural resources.

While the recent agreement between DOT and the rail industry to reduce the speed of trains carrying crude oil was a positive first step, Senator Gillibrand is pushing for more to be done to immediately address the safety of - and ultimately phase-out DOT-111 tankers - and implement new guidelines for the safer transport of crude oil and other hazardous liquids. Two decades ago, the DOT-111 tankers were deemed "inadequate," however, they have continued to operate on rail lines, including through communities in New York. As recently as 2012, the NTSB reported that DOT-111 tankers have a "high incidence of tank failure."

In her letter to Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administrator Cynthia Quarterman, Senator Gillibrand wrote, "I remain concerned about the timeline for finalizing a rule. It is my hope that you will move as quickly as possible to issue a draft rule and move to a final rulemaking to improve the safety of the DOT-111 tanker cars. This is critical to the safety of millions of New Yorkers who live or work near rail lines."

House Approves Rollback of Flood Insurance Rate Hikes - Bill co-sponsored by Chris Gibson would alleviate huge financial pressure on NY homeowners

Washington, DC - Congressman Chris Gibson (NY-19) announced that the House of Representatives passed H.R. 3370, the Homeowner Flood Insurance Affordability Act, a bill seeking corrective action to address skyrocketing flood insurance rates initiated by Federal regulators without Congressional consent.

H.R. 3370 was approved by the House March 4 by a wide margin, 306-91. The bipartisan bill was cosponsored by Congressman Gibson and 237 fellow Members.

"This constituent-driven reform will bring relief to thousands of New York homeowners, many of whom have never experienced flooding but were subjected to insurance premium increases in the thousands of dollars," said Congressman Gibson. "These increases, if allowed by Congress to take effect, would drive middle class families from their homes and put a tremendous strain on the housing and lending markets."

H.R. 3370 corrects problems caused inadvertently by the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Act, which sought to bring solvency to the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). The rate hikes stem primarily from FEMA's implementation and delay in publishing required studies, maps, and rate schedules for homeowners.

"My staff and I continue to advocate for residents of flood-stricken communities, and this legislation continues that work," said Congressman Gibson. "Hurricanes Irene and Sandy and similar flooding events in our region have forever altered the way we think about emergency preparedness, flood insurance, and how we look out for one another. I am grateful to the many New Yorkers who spoke out on this issue."

The Homeowner Flood Insurance Affordability Act

- o Permanently removes the home sale/new policy rate increase trigger for primary residences. A person buying a new home will be treated the same as the seller under NFIP regulations.
- o Reinstates grandfathered rates by decoupling rate increases from FEMA remapping. This will ensure that policy holders who built to code and standards of NFIP rate maps at the time are not penalized for later rate/map changes.
- o Ensures greater solvency of the program. The bill authorizes an approximately \$25 annual fee on primary resi-

dence policies and approximately \$250 per year on business/ non-primary residence policies in the NFIP. All revenue from the assessments would be placed in the NFIP reserve fund. The assessments would phase-out as premium rates begin to match projected losses.

Cahill Supports Bill to Delay Common Core Implementation - Legislation would also protect student data privacy

Assemblymember Kevin A. Cahill (D - Ulster, Dutchess) co-sponsored and voted in favor of A. 8929 (Nolan) which would delay the use of test scores as a factor Annual Professional Performance Reviews for two years, as well as prevent grades from becoming part of students' permanent record. It would also impede the sharing of personally identifiable data with third-party vendors. The introduction works to address concerns raised by parents, educators and other individuals expressed over the past few months.

"I have long believed that legislators and other elected officials should leave the job of establishing and altering educational curricula to the professionals who have the credentials and practical knowledge to best help students learn. However, the roll-out of the common core tests, modules, and administration has proven so problematic that many of these same professionals have called upon us to participate," said Cahill.

The Assembly bill also requires the state Education Department to develop tools, resources and materials to be used in optional training programs for teachers and principals so they can adjust to the Common Core. Many of the concerns raised about the implementation include a decided lack of intensive training related to Common Core learning standards.

"Most educators I've spoken with support the concept while expressing grave concern over the roll out. This moratorium will give the teachers, students and administrators the breathing room they need to more appropriately transition to the new curriculum and evaluative tools," said Cahill.

Further, and perhaps most importantly, this legislation prohibits the State Education Department from releasing information to third-party vendors and requires the development of a breach remediation plan that immediately notifies schools or the Department of suspected or actual security infringements.

Additionally, the law would provide parents the option to prohibit disclosing their child's record. "In a world where personal information is becoming increasingly valuable to private industry, it is of the utmost importance that we work to safeguard all of the sensitive data government collects, including and especially that of young learners. Parents should be given a 100 percent guarantee that their privacy is safeguarded," said Cahill.

War on de Blasio's Charter School Crackdown

Governor Cuomo did not simply express support for the charter school movement; he attended a rally in support of charter schools and delivered a rousing speech. "We are going to save charter schools, and you are making it happen by being here today," he told the crowd, insisting they were "not alone" against forces that intend to shut down charter schools. "This is democracy, and this is how you make your voice heard," he said to cheers.

Governor Cuomo's speech in Albany was delivered before thousands of parents united to support their charter schools. The protest was organized after de Blasio rescinded approval for three charter schools approved during the Bloomberg administration. The Mayor had warned that he would issue a moratorium on more schools in the city early in his tenure--and

delivered this weekend. The New York Post collected reports of crying children and outraged parents who called de Blasio's move "ridiculous."

Cuomo noted that, as a whole, charter schools had been a "great success," demanding a round of applause for the Success Charter School network--the network de Blasio specifically denied space in public facilities last week.

The New York Times reports that de Blasio called the rallies a "sideshow" and the original Bloomberg charter school plan "abhorrent" after traveling to Albany this week in support of his proposal to tax New Yorkers making more than \$500,000 in order to fund a universal pre-kindergarten program. That program marked the first rift between the two Democrats. Governor Cuomo responded to de Blasio's plan by offering to use state funding to create the universal pre-kindergarten program that de Blasio called for in his campaign. Such a plan would negate any reason to raise taxes on New Yorkers, but de Blasio insisted the tax was an important part of his plan. No prominent Democrats have yet to stand with de Blasio on the issue, confirming accusations in the New York Post that de Blasio is so woefully inept as a political operative that he is "stumbling about like a drunk in the dark." Even Democrats within City Hall have anonymously complained to news sources that his governing style leaves them "confused" and offers them only vague instructions that do not help them perform their duties.

POLITICAL SLANT by Frank Comando -

Dear Editor:

Re "LETTER: Ulster County Legislature Chairman John Parete cares about people," Jan. 30, 2014, by Victoria Vaughn, in which she extols the virtues of her grandfather, John Parete, D-Boiceville, but fails to reveal her relationship to the man.

Vaughn also characterizes her grandfather as a "lifelong liberal Democrat," but does nothing to explain his quixotic behavior since he took office as legislator of District 22. We're left to assume, then, that it was spite that led Parete to publicly endorse Chris Gibson, R-Kinderhook, for U.S. Rep. Maurice Hinchey's redrawn district, a man whose political philosophy runs antithetical to a "liberal" platform, over Julien Schreiberman, the man who ousted Parete as chair of the Ulster County Democrats?

Does a "lifelong liberal Democrat" overthrow the will of his caucus through a coup d'état with Republicans in order to wrest control of the Legislature? Does this same liberal Democrat assign plum committee chairmanships to his Republican friends?

For the first time in the history of the Ulster County government, we have minority members holding the majority vote in a committee. Vaughn can add that to her grandfather's list of accomplishments.

One has to wonder why the Republicans are so successful in manipulating this legislative body. The answer is simple. They know how to unite and vote as a bloc?— something our current chair, the "lifelong liberal Democrat," seems unwilling to empower his own caucus to do.

Oh, wait. That's right — this is simply an example of a "lifelong liberal Democrat" striking a bipartisan tone, not some petty politician taking revenge on those who dared to challenge his "entitlement" to the chair.

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This space is also for you:

To have your comments and/or questions, space allowing, and Townsman guidelines adhered to as listed in the masthead,
Email politicalslant@yahoo.com

CAS Public Tour Series Returns

The Catskill Art Society will continue its Public Tour Series, a deeper look at the themes and subjects of its juried exhibitions in an interactive guided tour. The upcoming tour will focus on Christopher Vernale's solo photography show, featuring his series "Child's Play" and "Wherever You Go," at the CAS Arts Center at 48 Main Street, Livingston Manor, NY on Saturday, March 22 at 2pm. This event is free, and small donations will be accepted at the door.

The Public Tour Series provides opportunities for visitors to look deeper at the exhibitions that CAS offers. Participants are encouraged to make observations, ask questions, and experience the exhibit in a group environment, with an informed guide on hand to lead with behind-the-scenes information. Visitors of all ages are welcome to drop in. Tours last about 45 minutes. The tour will be led by Bradley Diuguid, Executive Director of the Catskill Art Society.

All tours are free and open to the public. No reservations are required. For more information, call the CAS Arts Center at 845-436-4227 or e-mail info@catskillart-society.org.

Meeting of Long Term Care Council

The Long Term Care Council is the advisory board for SULLIVAN NYCONNECTS, the single Point of Entry for information on long term care services in Sullivan County. The next meeting of the Long Term Care Council will be Wednesday, March 19, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Legislative Committee Room (2nd floor) in the Sullivan County Government Center. Meetings of the Long Term Care Council are open to the public and all are welcome to attend.

For further information about the Long Term Care Council, please contact Martha Scoppa, Point of Entry Coordinator, SULLIVAN NYCONNECTS, Office for the Aging, 100 North Street, P.O. Box 5012, Monticello, New York 12701 or (845) 807-0257

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Grahamsville Reformed Church

Roast Pork Dinner

April 5, 2014

Saturday, 4 pm to 7 pm

Menu: Roast Pork, Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes, Sauerkraut, Green Beans, Salad, Homemade Apple Sauce, Breads, Assorted Desserts, & Drinks

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Grahamsville Reformed Church Hall

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Bible Study 7 pm

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Ismael Berrios
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LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES**ATTENTION:
PARENTS OF NON-PUBLIC
SCHOOL STUDENTS**

The Tri-Valley Central School District in accordance with Section 3635(2) of the Education Law requires that requests for transportation to a non-public school for the 2014-2015 school year be submitted, in writing, prior to April 1, 2014.

Tri-Valley residents should submit their request to:

School District Clerk
Tri-Valley Central School
34 Moore Hill Road
Grahamsville, NY 12740

By order of the Board of Education
Martha Lee Ter Bush
District Clerk
March 7, 2014 3/13

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

The Town of Denning Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a meeting on Tuesday, March 25th, 2014 at the Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Road, Claryville, NY 12725 set to begin at 7pm. Said purpose of this meeting is the proposed Wind Turbine to be located on Eve Eden Road, as well as any other business before the Board.

BY THE ORDER OF THE TOWN
OF DENNING ZONING BOARD
OF APPEALS
Mark Boncek
Chairman

February 26, 2014
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Please take notice that the Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing, pursuant to Section 267, Town Law, on the application of Richard Coombe, Jr. for the purpose of review of an application for an Area Variance for the placement of signage to be placed on property that would be larger than what is specified in zoning to be located at 62 Old Brodhead Rd., Grahamsville (SBL# 45.-1-6.2)

Said hearing will take place at the Neversink Town Hall, Grahamsville, NY on Tuesday, March 18, 2014 at 7:30 P.M. at which time all interested parties will be given an opportunity to be heard.

BY ORDER OF THE ZONING
BOARD OF APPEALS
TOWN OF NEVERSINK
WALTER FIEDLER, CHAIRMAN

3/13

The Catskill Watershed Corporation is soliciting bids for portable toilets for boat launch sites on the Cannonsville, Neversink, Pepacton, and Schoharie Reservoirs. Bids must be received at CWC by 4 PM, March 21, 2014. For bid documents please contact Barbara Puglisi or Frieda Suess at 845-586-1400. EOE 3/6-20/14

ANNOUNCEMENT

The following positions
are available at
Tri-Valley Central School:

Substitute Cafeteria Workers

Interested parties should submit letter of interest or application to:
Mrs. Lisa Raymond, Assistant
Superintendent for Business
Tri-Valley Central School District
34 Moore Hill Road
Grahamsville, New York 12740
(845) 985-2296 ext. 5201

Cut-off date for receiving applications/letters of interest: April 11, 2014

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Letter to the Editor:**RE: BUDGET FLIP-FLOPS**

All of the tax payers were ecstatic that our fire taxes actually decreased this year; due to the approved 2014 Claryville Fire Budget.

We who went to the budget meetings will clearly remember all the discussions and debates each of the line items brought, especially the one about snow removal. It was decided that since the Department owns the building and charges the District rent, they are clearly the landlord. Since snow removal is always the responsibility of the landlord, and never the tenant, snow removal was removed from the budget.

At last month's meeting certain chiefs had the audacity to hand in a \$2,200 bill for snow removal! This is an affront since it was agreed that it's a cost for the landlord, not the District!

Outlandishly, these chiefs turned in snow removal bills stating that they both had plowed for the same day! Before they try to rip-off the tax payers, they should try to get their deceptions straight!

That unfortunately is not the only outrageous and deplorable situation that came up during the meeting. It would interest the tax payers to know that it was actually suggested by a Commissioner that if the snow plowing wasn't paid, then rent on the building could be renegotiated! That's extortion! The rent on the building was already voted on and approved.

The Commissioners decided to table the vote for paying for snow plowing until the March 13th, meeting. I don't know why they didn't vote "NO" on paying last month, since it was removed from the budget.

I implore the tax payers to come March 13th, at 6:30 pm to Claryville Fire Department's social hall. Let's be heard!

A Denning Voter
E. Wilson
Claryville, NY

A Note from Congressman Gibson

Dear Friend,

After a busy week of district meetings and votes in Washington, I wanted to take a few moments to update you on my work on my efforts to address a few important local issues.

On Monday, I shared my comments with EPA officials regarding the discharge of treated wastewater into the Kinderhook Creek from the Dewey Loeffel landfill Superfund site in Nassau. Nearly 100 residents of Columbia and Rensselaer Counties were on hand at St. Paul's Church in Kinderhook, where I reiterated my concerns about the lack of a comprehensive public health study on the contents of the discharged water. We have a right to know what is being discharged into our waterways and whether this water poses a threat to our communities or the ecosystem of the creek and Hudson River.

**Attention
Town of Denning Taxpayers:**

Please attend the Fire District Meeting Thursday, March 13th at 6:30 pm at the fire hall. We need to say "no" to using our tax dollars to pay \$2,200 for six weeks (month of January and two weeks in February 2014) snow plowing the truck house driveway. Snowplowing was removed from the 2014 budget because the Fire Department owns the buildings and the property, not the District. Why should our tax dollars be used to pay this?

Last week, in a similar vein, I joined members of Protect Ghent and the Preservation League of New York State at the Art Omi facility to renew calls on state regulators to ensure new power lines proposed for Columbia County are planned and constructed with the utmost respect for our rural landscape, farms, and historic properties. I believe this project, and similar upgrades to our infrastructure, need to employ technologies that safeguard the character of the small towns of the Hudson Valley.

In legislative news, I am pleased to report that the House overwhelmingly passed H.R. 3370, the Homeowner Flood Insurance Affordability Act. This bipartisan bill seeks corrective action to address skyrocketing flood insurance rates initiated by FEMA without Congressional consent. This constituent-driven reform will bring relief to thousands of New York homeowners, many of whom have never experienced flooding but were subjected to insurance premium increases in the thousands of dollars.

Another consumer-friendly bill passed the House this week, H.R. 4076, the Home Heating Emergency Assistance Through Transportation (HHEATT) Act. This bipartisan bill seeks to lower the cost of home heating oil and propane during these cold winter months by granting emergency exemptions to fuel companies to make deliveries for longer hours. I will continue to advocate for regulatory improvements that lower energy costs and make it easier to run a small business.

You can track my votes on every piece of legislation on my official website. I also urge you to connect with me via Twitter.

I look forward to two important community events this weekend, as I join families at the Sullivan County Boys & Girls Club Dinner in Callicoon and firefighters at the Pawling Fire Department Installation dinner at the Trinity Pawling School. I am honored to help recognize citizens who give so much back to their communities.

As always, please contact me or my office if we can be of assistance. With warm regards and thanks,

Chris Gibson
Member of Congress

From Governor Cuomo's Office

Dear Fellow New Yorker,

Yesterday, Governor Andrew Cuomo launched "No Excuses" - a drive to bring his proposal that provides much-needed property tax relief to homeowners directly to the people of this state.

Learn more about the Governor's property tax relief plan by visiting our new website at www.cutpropertytaxes.ny.gov. You can watch a video featuring fellow New Yorkers and find out how to get involved with the effort to pass property tax relief.

What's the problem: New York's

real property taxes remain the highest in the nation. By total dollars paid, 3 out of the 4 counties with the highest property taxes in the nation are in New York, with Westchester ranking #1, Nassau #2 and Rockland #4. By percentage of home value, 13 of the 15 counties with the highest property taxes in the nation are located in Upstate New York.

What's the solution: Governor Cuomo has a plan to lower property taxes for New Yorkers. Thanks to responsible fiscal management in state government over the past three years, New York has gone from a \$10 billion deficit to an expected \$2 billion surplus. His plan focuses on freezing property taxes for two years and creating a "circuit breaker" that will provide tax relief based on an individual or family's ability to pay. Both of these programs are part of the Governor's broader proposal to deliver approximately \$2 billion in tax relief to families and businesses across New York.

New Yorkers can take action now by telling their legislators it is time to cut property taxes this year. Join the conversation online at #CutPropTax. Together, we can keep moving New York in the right direction.

Sincerely,
The Office of the Governor

Assembly Child Care Workgroup Passes Legislative Package Legislation Increases Investment in Child Care, Increased funding for child care subsidies

Albany, NY - Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther (D,I,Wf - Forestburgh), Chair of the Assembly Mental Hygiene Committee, today stood with her colleagues on the Assembly Child Care Workgroup to pass an extensive package of legislation to strengthen access to quality, affordable child care. Measures include increasing funding for and enhancing access to child care subsidies, establishing paid family leave, and providing greater opportunities for training of child care providers.

The measure in the package sponsored by Assemblywoman Gunther would establish a task force to review administrative and regulatory requirements of all state agencies governing child care programs with the goal of eliminating duplicative processes and streamlining requirements (A.8924).

"Providing the resources to properly train and prepare providers to care for and nurture our children is fundamental to improving the child care system in New York," said Assemblywoman Gunther. "Improved training programs, bolstering credentialing services, and providing higher education opportunities, coupled with reducing onerous regulatory requirements on child care providers ensures that the focus is on enriching the lives and learning experiences of our children and helping them to thrive."

Town of Neversink Parks & Recreation Department

www.townofneversink.org

(845) 985-2262 extension 312

Friday, May 2 - **Roller Skating** - Tri-Valley Students grades 1 - 4. Must come on the bus and leave on the bus. 6:30 pm pickup at Tri-Valley School - \$3 per person must be paid by Tuesday, April 1. Includes transportation & admission.

May 3 - **Ringling Bros Barnum & Bailey Circus**. Leave Town Hall 1 pm return approx. 8:30 pm. \$25/Neversink Residents & Tri-Valley Students; \$40 non residents. **Must be paid by Tuesday, March 18.**

Friday, May 16 - **Roller Skating** - Tri-Valley Students grades 5 - 8. Must come on bus & leave on bus. 6:30 pm pickup at Tri-Valley School - \$3 per person must be paid by Tuesday, April 1 - Transportation, admssion, skate rental, a slice of pizzas & drink

June 7 - **Botanical Gardens & Lunch** - Leave Town Hall 8 am. Must be 21 yrs old to attend. Includes garden buffet. \$40/Neversink Residents-\$80 non-residents. **Must be paid by Tuesday, March 25**

July 26 - **Saratoga Casino & Raceway**. Leave Town Hall 8 am return 8:30 pm. 20 Free Play, voucher for Garden Buffett and motor coach transportation. Must be 21 years old. \$28 Neversink resident/non-residents. **Must be paid by June 3.**

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.

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

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

Friday is Science Day at the Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library

Stop by the library on the last Friday of the month for a fun science project

The last Friday of each month is Science Day at the Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library. Past science day projects include learning about and testing for particle air pollution, making barometers, and testing invisible ink.

Come to the next Science Day on March 28 at 5:00 for a science project and a treat! Learn about solar energy, and make your own solar s'mores oven.

This program requires pre-registration. To register, or to request more information, contact Joanna Goldfarb at jgoldfarb@rcls.org.

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- 3/12/14 Town of Neversink Board Meeting - 7:30 pm
- 3/13/14 Dept. of Motor Vehicles Neversink Town Hall 10:00 am - 2:30 p.m
- 3/13/14 Claryville Fire Dist Meeting -Regular meeting - 6:30 pm
- 3/15/14 **Amy Paes Scholarship Game at TVCS - 5:00 pm**
- 3/15/14 **Grahamsville United Methodist Church Third Saturday Thrift Sale (9am-1pm) (also Soup Lunch)**
- 3/15/14 **Claryville FD Corned Beef & Cabbage Supper 4-7 pm (See page 13 for details)**
- 3/17/14 Grahamsville Fire Dist. Board of Fire Commissioners - 7:00 pm
- 3/18/14 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals - 7:30 pm
- 3/20/14 Neversink Fire District Meeting at 7 p.m.; Public Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
- 3/21/14 **Claryville FD Movie Night -Frozen** at 8:00 pm at Warren Cole Community Fire Hall (845) 428-1654
- 3/30/14 Neversink Grahamsville FD Annual Spring Pancake Breakfast 7 am- 12 noon. (See page 13 for details)
- 4/1/14 Town of Denning Board Meeting - 7:00 pm **Sundown Church Hall**
- 4/2/14 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting- 7:00 pm
- 4/5/14 Sundown Methodist Church **Covered Dish Supper - 5:30 pm Church Hall**
- 4/5/14 **Roast Pork Dinner - Grahamsville Reformed Church**
- 4/5/14 **9th Annual Sportsmans Dinner 4-8:30 pm (See page 13 for details)**
- 4/8/14 **Grahamsville United Methodist Church Thrift Sale 9am-1pm & Luncheon 11 am - 1 pm**
- 4/8/14 Town of Denning Town Board Business Meeting 7:00 pm Town of Denning Town Hall

Save the Date!

May 3, 2014 **Tri-Valley Lions Journey For Sight Walk** in memory of Gene Ganz, Don Hill, Helen Kwasinowicz; & Horace Sheeley. It will be a 3 mile walk in the Fairgrounds. Registration is at 8:30am in the Grahamsville First Aid Building.

Wednesday, June 4, 2014.-**Tri-Valley Lions' Rabies Clinic** from 6-8pm under the Pavilion at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds. A \$5 donation would be most welcome, but not mandatory. Bring previous rabies certificate for each animal, and your pet can receive a 3 year rabies vaccination.

July 12, 2014- 10 am- 3 pm **Community Yard Sale Craft & Vendor Fair** - Grahamsville Fairgrounds. Spots \$15 a piece. Rain or Shine. Free Admission & Parking. All welcome!

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

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- Big Indian Market & Deli • Colonial Inn Pine Hill • Pine Hill Community Center
- JAMES NAPANOCH GROCERY
- DR. LONSTEIN'S OFFICE
- MATTHEW'S PHARMACY
- ELLENVILLE CITGO
- ELLENVILLE REG HOSPITAL
- NAPANOCH APPLIANCE
- PETER'S MARKET

TOWN OF OLIVE MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Unless otherwise noted, all **Town Board meetings** are held at the Town Meeting Hall, Bostock Road, Shokan at **7:00 pm**. Town Board Meetings are the **second Tuesday of each month** with the **audit/workshop meetings** being held the **Monday preceding the second Tuesday**.

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.

Claryville Vol. Fire Dept. Movie Night

Claryville Fire Dept will present **Frozen** Rated PG at Movie Night. on March 21st at 8:00 pm at the Warren Cole Community Fire Hall. Free admission and soda and popcorn provided. Feel free to bring comfy pillows and blankets. Any questions call (845) 428-1654. Donations appreciated.

Sullivan County CCE Master Gardener Volunteers Win National Grant

LIBERTY, NY- Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) Sullivan County Master Gardeners were selected as one of 50 award winners from a pool of more than 3,000 inspiring applicants for the 2013 Subaru Healthy Sprouts Garden Grants administered by the National Gardening Association and funded by Subaru of America. The Sullivan County Master Gardener program is one of only 47 to receive a \$500 award package. CCE was delighted to accept this opportunity to support garden education through its Master Gardener program.

The award stated that this program was selected because of the exceptional nature of the work the Master Gardeners are doing to enhance the lives of youth and the community in Sullivan County. The application the Master Gardeners submitted provided a combination of clearly stated goals, organized planning for their gardens, and well developed plans for incorporating health and nutrition into their curriculum.

The Sullivan County Master Gardeners will be featured in a national publication for Subaru in the coming year to highlight the important work that the Master Gardeners are doing in Sullivan County. More information on the CCE Sullivan County Master Gardener program

can be obtained by calling 845-292-6180 or emailing Susan Dollard at smd243@cornell.edu.

Teen D.I.Y. Projects at the Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library- Teens are invited to celebrate Teen Tech Week at the Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library

Teens are invited to celebrate Teen Tech Week at the Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library. Teen Tech Week runs from March 9 through 15, and is celebrated by libraries nationwide. The purpose of teen tech week is to promote learning, creativity and exploration beyond school.

This year's theme is D.I.Y @ Your Library. Come to the library on March 11 and 13 for some environmentally friendly D.I.Y projects. Make old books new on March 11 by creating your own book art. On March 13, make a reusable bag out of an old t-shirt. Bring your own shirt with a cool print, or use one provided by the library. These programs are free, and no registration is required. Both programs start at 5:00, and will run while supplies last. For more information on teen tech week and library programs, contact Joanna Goldfarb at 845-796 4660 x. 8, or by email at jgoldfrab@rcls.org.

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FOR MORE INFO, CALL 434-6763

TAKE OUTS AVAILABLE



9th Annual Sportsmen's Dinner

Calvary Baptist Church of Loch Sheldrake presents their

9th Annual Sportsmen's Dinner on April 5, 2014 4pm-8:30pm

at Loch Sheldrake Fire Dept.

Rte. 52 Loch Sheldrake NY

Game Dinner with guest

Speaker Dr. David Samuel speaking on

Improving Hunting Success

Tickets are \$12 Donation 12 yrs. old and up.

Many Door prizes including a

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Call 985-7410 for tickets.

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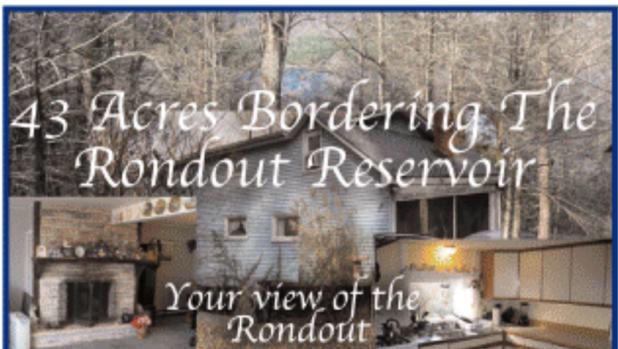
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The national web site is hardchargersmotorcycleclub.com

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- Architectural Digest home on 300+ acres with private library, adjacent to State land. \$995,000
- 4BR/2BA home w/great room on 3+ acs in Claryville. \$190k
- 2BR/2BA cottage w/sunroom, stream, sunny deck, front porch near Mongaup Pond in Livingston Manor. \$199k
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FOUND Black Lab (female) on Route 55 Rondout Reservoir. Sweet dog. Please call DCO at 985-7281.

HELP WANTED

Frost Valley YMCA is seeking a full time, year round **Building Maintenance Technician** to cover Thursday-Monday, 2PM-10:30PM. Must be 21 years or older with ability to lift 50 pounds and a clean US driver's license. General maintenance, building, and construction experience. This position will assist with general grounds care, along with basic heating, electrical, plumbing, roofing, and general repair. Send application and resume to Linda Campbell, HR, hr@frostvalley.org 845-985-2291 EOE 3/13; 3/20

Frost Valley YMCA **Business Development Specialist** Excellent opportunity with great benefits and on-site housing. Seeking full time, year round Business Development Specialist to co-create sales and marketing plan to focus on group retention and booking new groups. Must be 21 years or older with Bachelor's degree in marketing, business, sales, recreation, or related field, or equivalent work experience. Required experience in recruitment of new business, with excellent communication and organizational skills. Send application and resume to Linda Campbell, HR, hr@frostvalley.org 845-985-2291 EOE 3/13

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Knarf's "Classic Movie Trivia"
BUTCH CASSIDY AND THE SUNDANCE KID (WESTERN, 1969)



Somewhat fictionalized version of the lives of two free-spirited bank robbers fleeing from railroad detectives and heading for Bolivia. Directed by George Roy Hill, and starring Paul Newman, Robert Redford, Katharine Ross. *See this film on TCM. 08:00 PM, Sunday, March 16, 2014, C-110 min, Rated TV-G.*

Quiz: 1. Who played Percy Garris?
2. Who composed "Raindrops Keep Falling On My Head"?

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

GRAHAMSVILLE
The Grahamsville United Methodist Church will hold their first Thrift Sale and Luncheon on April 8th. The Thrift Sale is 9 am - 1 pm and the Luncheon is 11 am - 1 pm.

VINNY APPICE & CARMINE APPICE
The Black Sabbath Man vs the Vanilla Fudge Man
NATIONAL RECORDING ARTIST'S DRUM WARS
Featuring Jeff Duke-guitar: Jim Crean, lead vocals and Chris Daley - bass. Monday, April 28, 2014 at 7:00 PM, *The Cove*, 4701 transit Rd Depew, N.Y. 14043 (716) 656-7946

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WINTER 2014 CELEBRATE THE 45TH ANNIVERSARY THE WOODSTOCK FESTIVAL
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Sunday, June 8, *Journey & Steve Miller Band* with Special Guest *Tower Of Power* Tuesday, June 17, *Peter Frampton & The Doobie Brothers* Saturday, July 12 *David Bromberg Band* - Thursday, April 3, *Richard Marx* - Friday, April 4, *Cristiana Pegoraro* - Sunday, April 13, 2014 *Shandelee Music Series*. In The Event Gallery *Manhattan School Of Music* Presents: *The Magic Flute* Friday, April 4 o 11 Am, *Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival* Presents: *Much Ado About Nothing* Friday, May 2 o 11 Am, **BETHEL WOODS** is your "not for profit" Arts Center, To make a gift call 845.295.2501 or visit BethelWoodsCenter.org/Donate

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