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Class C TVCS Lady Bears Varsity Basketball Team SC's Newest Section Nine Champions



Sullivan County's newest Section Nine champion are the Class C Tri-Valley Central School Lady Bears Varsity basketball team. They won this championship on Sunday March 6 by defeating Millbrook, 40-27. Senior ace Jakki Pugh scored 17 points in this win. The Lady Bears run in the state championship bracket ended Thursday, March 10 with a 64-40 loss to Haldane. Again Pugh had 17 points for a high school career of 1,167 points. Members of the Lady Bears are, Sabrena Smith, Katlynn Greffrath, Mareena DiMilia, Hope Costa, Maria TerBush, Amanda TerBush, Sarah Schneyer, Jakki Pugh, Keira McHugh, Caroline Martin, Erin Smith and Nicole Bradley. Coach is John Tenbus. Congratulations Lady Bears for an outstanding season and for the great fan support the team received throughout the season.

BOCES LPN Students Reach Milestone and Receive Caps



(First row from left to right): Fernando Retana, April Drake, Shannon Kinne, Crystal Ernst, Robert Kranik (Second row from left to right) Heather Hummel, Courtney Kasha, Ashley Williams, Tiffany Conklin Kelsey Rourke, Shannon Raffo, Michelle Granobles, Dawn Rink, Jessica Conklin (Back row from left to right): Dona Seck, Sergio Guillermo, Wendy Keesler, Diana Yearwood, Nicole Wolcott, Paladon Ruiz, Anthony Skow, Timothy Elam, and Janie Vine.

LIBERTY: On Thursday, Feb 24th, at the Sullivan County BOCES Rubin Pollack Education Center, twenty-three individuals from the License Practical Nursing Program were presented with their caps. The capping ceremony is a milestone in the student's progression of becoming LPN. Family and friends attended the ceremony and joined the student at a reception, which was prepared by the BOCES Culinary Arts students.

The guest speaker for the ceremony was Kelly Ketcham, RN, CPHQ, and Lab Instructor at Sullivan BOCES. Ms. Ketcham, spoke to the students about how nurses are educated and trained to care for individuals. (Contd. Pg. 3)

Emergency Assistance Available to Constituents in Japan

If you are concerned about a friend or loved one, here is what you can do to find more information: - Page 12

SC Encourages Donations to Relief Effort for Victims of Japan Earthquake/Tsunami

(Monticello) County Manager David Fanslau announced that the County will add links on the County website (www.co.sullivan.ny.us) to recognized charities that have been established to aid the victims of the devastating earthquake and tsunami in Japan on Friday. There is also information provided by the Federal Bureau of Investigation regarding fraudulent charities. (Contd. Pg. 4)

Phoenicia Rotary: Focus on helping both here and abroad

With vivid, horrifying scenes fresh in our minds of the disaster hitting Japan this week, Shelter Box comes immediately to mind. If you have not had an opportunity to see one, I hope that you will take the time to check out the website. Some have had an opportunity to see one up close - get inside and see the many things that are shipped with each of these "green" boxes that deliver hope, dignity and warmth in an otherwise seemingly hopeless situation. (Contd. Pg. 4)

Hinchey Discloses New Legislation to Stop Tax Increase on Working Families Without Congressional Action, Little Noticed Change Will Yield Higher Taxes This Year for Families Earning Less than \$40k

Kingston, NY -- Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) today joined City of Kingston residents to unveil new legislation to end a tax increase being levied this year on working families earning less than \$40,000 a year and working individuals earning less than \$20,000 a year. Hinchey recently joined Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro (D-CT) in introducing H.R.772, the Extended Tax Relief for All Act of 2011, to stop a little noticed tax increase on working families and many retirees caused as a result of the expiration of the Making Work Pay Tax Credit. (Contd. Pg. 12)

Searching for Our Roots -

Historian Carol Smythe

Cleaning the attic can be an awesome task especially when one decides to do one's income tax on the same day. The end result is that my attic is almost bare; my living room contains about ten boxes that were not there before and the income tax is still not completed. (Contd. Pg. 3)

Family Works Weekend Offered at Frost Valley YMCA

Claryville, NY-Frost Valley YMCA's Family Works Weekend is an opportunity for friends and families to help us upgrade our main camp greenhouse while learning all about how greenhouses work, seeding, planting and raising crops in this way. Our greenhouse will then be used to teach other school kids and families the same skills throughout the spring and summer. (Contd. Pg. 8)

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ON THE FRONT BURNER: All the while my breath is in me, and the spirit of God is in my nostrils; my lips shall not speak wickedness, nor my tongue utter deceit. Job 27:3-4



Destiny Rose Macedonio of Grahamsville, a fourth grade student at Tri-Valley Elementary School and a lifelong area resident, died Saturday, March 12, 2011, at the Catskill Regional Medical Center in Harris. She was 10 years old. The daughter of John C. Macedonio and Pamela C. VanAken, she was born February 8, 2001 in Harris.

Destiny was a flute player in the Tri-Valley Central School Elementary Band.

In a family statement it was said, "Destiny's nickname was *Devious Destiny*. She was a mommy's girl and she will be deeply missed."

Survivors include her parents: mother, Pamela C. VanAken of Grahamsville, and father, John C. Macedonio of East Northport; five sisters: her twin, Faith Macedonio, Brianna Macedonio, Danielle Macedonio, Shannon Macedonio, all at home, and Brittany Macedonio of Long Island; her maternal grandparents, Ronnie and Bob VanAken of Grahamsville; her paternal grandparents, Geraldine and Phillip Macedonio of Long Island; several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Visitation was held from on Tuesday, March 15, at the Harris Funeral Home, Liberty. Eucharistic Services was celebrated at on Wednesday, March 16, at St. Peter's R.C. Church in Liberty.

Memorial contributions in her name may be made to Ronald McDonald House Charities, Attn: Charitable Accounting, 1 Kroc Dr., Oak Brook, IL 60523.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Harris Funeral Home; 845-292-0001, 845-439-5200, or www.Harris-FH.com.

60th ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to Joan and Edward Langton who will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on March 24th! Many more years of happiness. Yes, you have been blessed!

8TH GRADE 2ND QUARTER AWARDS

Each quarter the 8th grade teachers at Tri-Valley Central School are recognizing and rewarding students who go above and beyond expectations inside and outside of the classroom. Quarter awards include Academic Excellence, Leadership, Most Improved, and Excellent Work Ethic.

For Quarter 2, award winners include Sara Dertinger for Academic Excellence, Dorothy Monforte for Leadership, Dean MacGhee for Most Improved, and Nathan Bender for Excellent Work Ethic. Congratulations to these fantastic students-keep up the good work!

DAYS OF YORE....

Today's History

March 7, 1951 - Miss Joan Raffa of Neversink and Mr. Edward Langdon of Nyack were united in marriage on Saturday March 24 1951 at the Methodist Church in Liberty, the Rev. Lloyd Gilmour officiating. Mrs., Langdon is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Raffa of Neversink. Maid of Honor was Miss Doris Misner. A reception was held at the Neversink Fire Hall.

Fernald DuBois of Grahamsville has rented Wilson Van Wagner's store in the Porter building and will take over for business on March 12. Formerly in business in the village, they operated a restaurant in the same building in quarters now occupied by the Grahamsville Post Office.

Miss Trinka Brown of Lackawack was named to the Dean's List at New Paltz State Teachers College for the first semester in recognition of excellent scholarship. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albro Brown. A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Harold

Moshier of South Hill at Veteran's Memorial Hospital in Ellenville on Saturday. This is their third child.

Sullivan County will have a new newspaper next week to be known as the Sullivan County Eagle. It will be a Republican weekly, published at Jeffersonville by Vance Hunt. The paper will be printed at the plant of the Delaware Valley News at Narrowsburg. The Townsman was the eleventh paper when it was established four years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward H. Teller of Liberty, announce the engagement of their daughter, Marian Sue, to Franklin William Brooks, son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Brooks of Grahamsville.

March 8, 1961 - Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Arielly of Grahamsville are the parents of a son, born February 25 at the Maimonides Hospital in Liberty.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Paul Tremain of Grahamsville are the parents of a son, born February 27th at Liberty Loomis Hospital in Liberty.

A very pretty wedding was solemnized at the Presbyterian Church in New City, N.Y. on Saturday afternoon of March 4th when Miss Elise Greenrose, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Greenrose of Nyack, became the bride of Mr. Raymond Hornbeck, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hornbeck of Rocky Hill.

Mrs. Ella May Cypert died Thursday, March 2nd in Middletown after a long illness. She was the widow of Augustus Cypert. She was born October 29, 1885 in Lackawack, daughter of Adam and Caroline Barthel Herman.

March 3, 1971 - Donna Botsford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Botsford of Grahamsville, has been notified of her acceptance at Sullivan County Community College. Miss Botsford plans to pursue a career in mental health assisting.

Assistant Chief Douglas Hill conducted the first class of the Company-operated Fire School on Monday evening. The class was well attended.

Robert Lee Krom left Friday morning for Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas, where he will be stationed for twelve weeks before going to California.

March 5, 1981 - (From reporter Tom Higgins) I'm happy to announce that three members of the Alchemy Club of Grahamsville had poems published in the Jan.-Feb. issue of "Mohawk Valley - USA". The proud poets are Marilyn Barr of Grahamsville with two poems, "Pyramid Builder" and "Cat in the Window", Ruth West of Kerhonkson, writer of "Frozen Fields" and Ruth Carter of Napanoch with "Sarah Catherine's Here". Let's not forget Evelyn Huntsberger who wrote "Sonnet to a Sonnet" appearing in the book "Great Contemporary Poetry", published in Sacramento, Calif.

Invitations are out for the wedding of Robin Beach and Brian Evans. The ceremony will take place in the Free Methodist Church in Liberty on March 21st with the reception following at the Neversink Fire Hall.

Congratulations and best wishes to Gary Lockhart and Terry Shaver who announced their engagement this week. Plans are being made for a wedding on August 29th.

SC ART SHOW

You are invited to visit the 2011 Sullivan County Elementary [K-8] Art Show. The Elementary Art Show will be held at the Hurleyville Museum from March 18 - April 6, 2011.

The reception will take place on Friday, March 18th from 5 - 7 pm where all are welcome to come see the exhibition and have refreshments.

We hope that you will join us for this wonderful community event which will showcase the talents of our students here in Sullivan County.

Students from Tri-Valley will participate so please stop in to see their work!

HERE AND THERE

Happy belated birthday to Christie Horos who celebrated the day on February 27th.

If you have local news that you would like to put in the Townsman, please email your copy to: tvtownsman@yahoo.com or send it via regular mail to: Townsman, P O Box 232, Grahamsville, NY 12740 or drop it in the drop box on the porch of the Grahamsville First Aid Building

NEVERSINK NEWS - Hulda Vernooy

Congratulations to our girls basketball team for the great job they did playing in the Class C Games, and for the good sportsmanship that they have shown. The cheerleaders and the chorus did an outstanding job as well. It's also nice to know that we live in a wonderful community with spectators who show such an interest in our young people and give them so much support. Congratulations, girls, on a job well done!

We want to wish Polly Hill a very Happy Birthday!

And we want to send out "get well" wishes to Arlene Knight Graham.

March 21st the Adult Swimming Program begins again at Fallsburg Central School. It goes for 6 weeks. There are classes Monday and Wednesday mornings, and Tuesday and Thursday evenings. For more information, call Eileen Minarsky at 985-7011 or Janet Carey at 985-7391.

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

SEARCHING FOR OUR ROOTS (From Pg. 1)

You may wonder what cleaning the attic has to do with history. Well, the contents of the attic were definitely interesting. You see, my mother always managed to have things to store. First she and Dad moved from the farm on South Hill. At that time, they left behind the dog and numerous things that Dad wouldn't take to the new house in Grahamsville. After Dad died, there were many more things to dispose of when Bobby Krom bought the Grahamsville house. Then there was Mom spending summers in the South Hill Schoolhouse and winters in their house in Florida. OK, two more places to empty out. Attics and barns are wondrous places for storing.

You might wonder what was in the attic - probably the one item I almost missed was most important. It seems that Mom kept a ledger when she and Dad were first married where she kept track of every penny they spent! Having just spent \$3.73 cents a gallon for gas, it was enlightening to know that in 1933 - 7 gallons of gas cost \$1.05 or 15 cents a gallon. A loaf of bread was indeed ten cents and a listing for radio battery charged 75 cents caught my eye.

Have you been to the dentist lately? It's pretty expensive if you don't have some kind of dental insurance. In 1933, both parents had a single tooth extracted and it cost them \$2 apiece. A haircut was fifty cents. They bought groceries at both Krum's and Porter's stores. A lawyer's fee was \$15.00.

Of course, they didn't earn much either. I can remember Mom saying that Dad was driving the mail and after work he would go to Nolie Barkley's to help in the icehouse. He got paid a dollar for that extra work and his supper. That was considered very good pay.

They were young and idealistic. Mom taught school and they had a farm. In March of 1933, income from the farm totaled \$38.78. The school check received in June for 4 months was \$760.80. In addition to the farm, Dad worked out when work was available - you can see entries for roadwork, mail route, etc. Interesting to think about how very little money there was.

I was born in 1933. By the time I was old enough to remember, we always seemed to have so much. One can't help but wonder - a bountiful farm, surrounded by loving family and yet so little money as they were starting out.

PS - The attic produced much more - there were photos with students identified of the Lows Corners School. There were boxes of interesting items from an earlier time. Some of these will go to family - the rest to be donated to the Time and the Valleys Museum auction to be held on July 30th. Boxes and bags of papers. Some to the dump - others to the museum archives.

If you have an attic, waiting to be cleaned, I urge you to do so. Probably better if you don't attempt to do another major task, such as your tax return, on the same day!

Honors in the SC Catskills

Ferndale, NY - The Sullivan County Visitors Association was recently honored by the New York State Travel and Vacation Association for Tourism Excellence in Marketing in New York State. Roberta Byron-Lockwood, President/CEO, accepted

the award from Jim Walter, President of the New York State Travel and Vacation Association, at the annual NYS Tourism Conference in Albany on March 3, 2011.

The program submitted for the statewide honor was the Sullivan County Catskills Local Matching Funds Program developed in 2010 with funding from a public/private sector partnership. The project was judged on creativity and high levels of conversion, attendance, economic impact and/or consumer response. Under the Sullivan County Visitors Association, the program was offered to over 200 businesses that participated in several local media outlets.

"This program was made possible by the Sullivan County Manager and the Legislature. The funds used were the 15% administrative fee of the bed tax collections that was leverage with cooperative partners to secure added value advertising from the our local media outlets," stated Roberta Byron Lockwood. "In a tough economic year, these extra advertising dollars helped the tourism businesses in Sullivan County remain solvent and as an added benefit increased both the sales tax and bed tax collected under tourism codes."

The 2011 local matching funds program is again being offered in the Sullivan County Catskills. For information on this program and others offered by the Sullivan County Visitors Association, call 845-747-4449.

BOCES LPN Students (From Pg. 1)

"I expect that all of you will join the field and help raise the bar for what is expected. Strive for balance, skills and compassion," stated Ketcham.

Ms. Ketcham also spoke about how the students should follow the 4 H's - Head, Heart, Human Traits and Honesty. "Never forget what you caps, lamps, and pins symbolize and be infectious with passion and compassion. Life is a journey and you will beam everyday in th healthcare field," said Ketcham, "Well done my friends."

The Sullivan County BOCES LPN class included Jessica Conklin, Tiffany Conklin, April Drake, Timothy Elam, Crystal Ernst, Michelle Granobles, Sergio Guillermo, Heather Hummel, Courtney Kashan, Wendy Kessler Shannon Kinne, Robert Kranik, Shannon Raffo, Fernando Retana, Dawn Rink, Kelsey Rourke, Paladon Ruiz, Dona Seck, Anthony Skow, Janie Vine, Ashley Williams, Nicole Wolcott, and Diana Yearwood.

For more information about getting into the LPN program call 295-4143, to schedule an entrance exam time and request an application.

LHS's first female teacher to be a St. Baldrick's "Shavee"

Liberty, NY. After March 11, Liberty High School Teacher Maureen Crescitelli will definitely have to wear a hat on cold days. Having accepted a challenge from high school Principal Jack Strassman, the special education teacher will have her head shaved tomorrow to benefit the St. Baldrick's Foundation.

At this year's pancake dinner sponsored by the LHS Student Council and Interact Club, Principal Strassman "threw down the gauntlet," says Crescitelli. He challenged her to shave her head if he were to raise \$1,000. As of Thursday, March 10, \$1,055 was raised.

Liberty High School students have actively participated raising money for St. Baldrick's over the years. In those years, students, teacher and community members have shaved their heads to raise money and awareness for childhood cancer. The event is spearheaded at LHS by student Dillion Cerullo and this year 29 "shavees" are participating from LHS and the community.

Crescitelli isn't the first female from Liberty to become a "shavee." Last year, student Amanda Agapito shaved her head for St. Baldrick's. "She was allowed to wear a hat for the first day back to school," says Strassman, "so she could adjust to not having hair." Whether Crescitelli will get that privilege is not known.

The official St. Baldrick's Foundation event for Liberty will take place at the Liberty Fire House at

4 p.m. on Friday, March 11. For more information, or to make a donation, visit the www.stbaldricks.org. All are welcome!

100 Days is a cause for celebration for Liberty Kindergartners

Liberty, NY... February 24 was the 100th day of classes at Liberty Elementary School, a momentous occasion for



LES kindergartners. In honor of the 100th day of 2011, students created a 100-car train that wound through the top floor of the eight-classroom addition.

The day gives kindergartners a chance to work on math skills and also marks a significant milestone in their first year of school - the 100th day. Throughout the kindergarten classes, activities like creating "100" crowns (crowns that had 100 objects on them), working within themes like "100 day sports day" and making necklaces with 100 pieces were part of the preparations for February 24.

"It really is a special accomplishment to reach 100 days and we try to make it as fun and educational as we can," said Kindergarten Teacher Rachel Countryman. "The progress they have made certainly is cause for celebration."

On their own, kindergartners created a train car at home with their families. The cars ranged from the simple to the ornate and showed off the different things that were special to each student. The cars made up the 100-Day Train, and students sat in their cars while Principal Jeri Finnegan acted as the honorary conductor. Together with Principal Finnegan and their teachers, the entire kindergarten counted to 100 by ones, fives and tens and sang a counting song to the tune of "I've Been Working on the Railroad."

In the past, the 100 day celebration would have featured 100 balloons in the elementary school cafeteria, but the new cafeteria ceiling is much higher. "Since we're in our new building, we decided to create a new celebration," explains Kindergarten Teacher Susan Daurio. "The kids had a great time - they even got a visit from the math Wizard (teacher Mr. Grant) who made an appearance in every classroom as Zero the Hero."

Unlike other celebrations, the 100th day is important because it truly belongs to the students; a benchmark for themselves and their teachers of 100 days of learning. "I hope that somewhere inside of them they begin to realize they can set a goal (counting to 100), practice this skill each day and accomplish, or at least get closer, to the goal," says Daurio. "In a society where everything happens in seconds, we have lost the skill of practicing and working hard to reach goals."

SHAMROCKS IN TIME FOR ST. PATRICK'S DAY

My friend Margaret gave me a pot and some shamrock seeds a few weeks ago so that I would have a Pot of Shamrocks just in time for St. Patrick's Day.

First I had to place the packet of seeds in the refrigerator for 24 hours, to trick the seeds into thinking they had just gone through winter so they would germinate faster. The next day I sprinkled

the seeds over the soil that was in the pot and then covered them with a thin layer of soil. I moistened the soil and then put them in a bright spot in the middle of my kitchen table, not in direct sunlight. A few days later I could see the tiny seedlings poking their heads out of the soil. They grew quite quickly! First two leaves appeared on the baby plants and then I waited patiently for the third leaf of the trefoil to appear.

Shamrocks are very sensitive to light and will turn toward a light source quite quickly. This was fun to watch as I turned the pot several times each day. At night the little plants would fold up their leaves and go to sleep.

The type of shamrock that was growing in my kitchen is known as white clover trifolium repens forma minus and is of the Leguminosae family. Now that may sound like a lot of Blarney, but that is the scientific name! There actually is no true shamrock plant. The word shamrock (seamrog) is an Irish word that means 'little clover'. There are hundreds of varieties of clover, but the variety that my friend Margaret gave to me is commonly known as white-clover trifolium.

When I got up this morning, St. Patrick's Day, lo and begorra, I had a pot of beautiful shamrocks in the middle of my kitchen table!



Kelsey Rourke completes the ceremony with a smile





SUPERVISOR'S CORNER

By: Greg J. Goldstein, Town of Neversink Supervisor

Reminder The Town Hall will be closed on April 22nd in observance of Good Friday.

Burning Permit Reminder for those who have permits: open burning is NOT permitted from March 16th to May 14th.

Dept. of Motor Vehicles The DMV will be at the Town Hall from 10 AM to 2:30 PM on April 14th, May 12th and June 2nd.

Dog Census Thank you to all who have registered dogs during the dog census. During the months of January and February the Town of Neversink registered 133 new dogs. We appreciate the cooperation of all who came out during this time, despite it being one of our coldest and snowiest winters in a very long time!

Historian's Office Reminder that the Historian's Office is open every Wednesday from 1-4 PM for research and by appointment on Fridays.

Litterpluck Now that the snow banks are beginning to melt away and debris left along the roadsides are becoming more visible, the town would like to encourage residents to take part in getting the roads cleaned up. The town hall will provide the bags which can be disposed of, without charge, at the transfer station. If we all take part and clean up a small section, we could have our roadsides looking great just in time for spring!

Parks & Rec Reminder that the Parks & Rec Office is open every Tuesday from 3-6 PM at the Town Hall. Director Jamie Brooks will be available during that time for sign-ups and to answer whatever questions you may have.

Spring Clean-up There will be a spring clean-up this year; specific dates in April and/or May will be announced as soon as they are set.

Tax Collector Reminder that March 31st is the last day to pay your taxes at the town hall. After that date you will be required to pay taxes at the Sullivan Co. Govt. Center in Monticello.

Website Please be sure to check our website (www.townofneversink.org) for upcoming events, especially with the Parks and Rec Dept.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at 985-2262 ext. 301.

SC Encourages Donations to Relief Effort

(From Pg. 1)

"The Earthquake and tsunami victims in Japan are in desperate need of assistance with the basic necessities like clean water and shelter. Please consider donating to recognized relief efforts if you are able," said Legislature Chairman Jonathan F. Rouis.

The links to recognized charities set up for Japan earthquake and tsunami relief efforts will be located on the main page of the County website.

"The Citizenry of Sullivan County have showed their compassion for the victims of tragedy on countless occasions, and once again there is a need to call upon our residents to assist the victims of the horrific earthquake and tsunami in Japan," added Legislature Vice Chairman Elwin "Woody" Wood.

"As the Chair of the Public Safety Committee, I have witnessed first-hand the damage natural disasters have unleashed on its victims. For those that have the ability to donate to relief efforts in Japan, I encourage you to do so, through a recognized charity, to aid the Japan earthquake and tsunami victims," said Minority Leader Leni C. Binder.

"Sullivan County is a community rich with diversity, and always united with compassion for all. It is time for all to be thankful for what we do have, and reach out to the Japanese in their time of great need," said Legislator Jodi Goodman.

As myriad nations offer monetary aid, condolences and rescue teams, many people around the world are seeking ways to ease the burden on the Japanese government and people.

The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies accepts donations via text message. Text "redcross" to 90999, and you can make a \$10 donation to the organization. It will show up on your next mobile phone bill.

The Salvation Army, which has had a presence in Japan since 1895, is sending a team to Sendai to assess damages and hopes to be providing food, water and other necessities by Friday night or early Saturday. In Tokyo, the Salvation Army opened its main building to house and feed commuters who were unable to reach their homes.

The aid organization is issuing updates via its blog, its Twitter feed and Facebook page. It also is accepting donations via text message. Those interested in contributing \$10 to the group's efforts can text "japan" or "quake" to 80888.

The group AmeriCares, which is also accepting donations, said it is mobilizing resources and sending an emergency response manager to the region.

Save the Children is sending an emergency

team to assist its staff in Japan. Donations to the group's Children's Emergency Fund will help preserve the welfare of young ones.

Globalgiving.com, another aid organization that allows donors to select the causes they want to support - including climate change, economic development, human rights and natural disaster relief - has established a Japan Earthquake and Tsunami Relief Fund. Global Giving will disburse funds to organizations providing aid and relief to victims.

Among those organizations are Save the Children and the International Medical Corps. The Corps, which focuses on "health care training and relief and development programs," presently, is speaking with local partners to determine Japan's most pressing needs. It will send supplies or emergency teams based on those communications.

To contribute to the Corps' efforts, visit its website or text "med" to 80888 to send the group a \$10 donation.

Residents are reminded that Internet users who receive appeals to donate money in the aftermath of last Friday's earthquake and tsunami in Japan to apply a critical eye and do their due diligence before responding to those requests. Past tragedies and natural disasters have prompted individuals with criminal intent to solicit contributions purportedly for a charitable organization and/or a good cause.

Therefore, before making a donation of any kind, consumers should adhere to certain guidelines, to include the following:

- Do not respond to any unsolicited (SPAM) incoming emails, including clicking links contained within those messages.
- Be skeptical of individuals representing themselves as surviving victims or officials asking for donations via e-mail or social networking sites.
- Verify the legitimacy of nonprofit organizations by utilizing various Internet-based resources that may assist in confirming the group's existence and its nonprofit status rather than following a purported link to the site.
- Be cautious of e-mails that claim to show pictures of the disaster areas in attached files because the files may contain viruses. Only open attachments from known senders.
- Make contributions directly to known organizations rather than relying on others to make the donation on your behalf to ensure contributions are received and used for intended purposes.
- Do not give your personal or financial information to anyone who solicits contributions: Providing such information may compromise your identity and make you vulnerable to identity theft.

Phoenicia Rotary

(From Pg. 1)

The first Shelter Boxes were on the ground in less than 24 hours after the devastating earthquake hit Japan this week. Multiple distribution sites have been identified and boxes are being deployed quickly to provide much needed relief. This is made possible by the many generous donations of Rotary clubs around the world, as well as the generosity of so many of our community members.

For those who are unaware of the project, Shelter Box started as the brainchild of one Rotarian, with the support of his Rotary Club, in 2000. It has grown to become the largest Rotary Club project in the 100 year history of the organization. The headquarters for Shelter Box is in England. Only new equipment is used for each box, and items are chosen for their durability and especially the needs for the particular area and disaster they are deployed to. Items include (but are not limited to) a 10-person tent which has been custom made for ShelterBox by Vango made especially to withstand high winds, heavy rains and comes complete with privacy partitions to allow the occupants to divide the space as needed; a children's pack with crayons, pens and books; items needed for warmth or protection from mosquitoes; a basic tool kit complete with ax which might enable a family to cut wood for a fire; a multi-fuel stove provides warmth and cooking area along with cooking utensils, mugs, plates and storage containers; and of course the box itself is a lightweight container that gets used in many ways - including food storage. Each box weighs approximately 110 lbs when loaded with all the above items, however it is noted that each box is packed to meet the needs of the disaster it is responding to - so (as an example) during the earthquake that hit Japan in 2006, the need was for housing more than cooking utensils as many items were being salvaged from homes destroyed in the quake. Instead, ShelterBox shipped two tents per box (with blankets, etc.) to act as the necessary shelters until homes could be rebuilt.

Phoenicia Rotary has a Shelter Box fund that we continually collect for. This fund was set up a few years ago - when the club members so generously donated money out of their pockets. We were able to ship out four boxes that year. We decided to bring a Shelter Box to our area for two events last year - Shandaken Day and our 10K Night, where generous donations from local citizens raised nearly half of the cost of one box (\$1,000). Phoenicia Rotary made up the difference and forwarded our donation to Shelter Box where the donation was assigned a number.

Each assigned number allows us to track the box and watch where it goes to help provide relief to those in the greatest need. What I found exceptionally interesting was how many of these shelter boxes have already been shipped and to where.

To learn more about Shelter Box and how they help the world in need - please log onto their web site at www.shelterboxusa.org. While there - click on the "Track your Box" link where you can track the most recent box we have donated. Select "search by box number" and be sure to select USA in the drop down menu. Enter the number 16045 for the number. When I last checked, our box had not yet been deployed... so you will need to keep checking back to see where the box goes... An older box donated by Phoenicia Rotary (Box # 9863) was deployed to Haiti last May in continuing aid to those affected by the earthquake there.

Most of us cannot afford the \$1,000 cost of one box - but collectively, our smaller contributions will make a difference. If you are interested in helping, please contact the Phoenicia Rotary (845-657-6445), where we will continue to collect and forward donations to the Shelter Box USA organization.

Flood Resilience For Towns, Businesses & Landowners

Saturday, Apr. 9 (inclement weather date April 16), 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. "Flood Resilience for Towns, Businesses and Landowners" will be the focus of the second annual Ashokan Watershed Conference at the Emerson Resort, NYS Route 28, Mt. Tremper. Sponsored by the Ashokan Watershed Stream Management Program, the conference will include a presentation on "Extreme Precipitation: Increasing Frequency of Large Storms," by Dan Zarrow of the Northeast Regional Climate Center at Cornell, and workshops on several other topics, including flood insurance, stream bank erosion for homeowners and more. Register by March 25

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"What's Shakin' in Shandaken?"

Greetings and salutations from the "Heart of the Park,"

As always, everyone is welcome to visit the Town of Shandaken website (shandaken.us) to get up-to-date information on events and activity within the Town and region.

Phoenicia Floods: DISASTER AVERTED!! Thankfully the Town of Shandaken averted disaster twice last week following flooding events on Sun., March 6th and Fri., March 11th. Both storms carried enough precipitation to flood the area, but subsided as streets were about to be overrun. Last Friday's event being the worst of the two with a height at the USGS' Cold Brook gauge in Boiceville OF 15.9 feet. Floods in October and December of last year reached upwards of 18 feet, by comparison. Due to the inundation of the week the Town Declared a State of Emergency which will remain in effect while Highway crews assess damages Townwide. Please still be mindful of debris and localized flooding on smaller roads. If you notice an area of concern please call Eric Hoffmeister in the Highway Dept. at 688-9901.

Parks and Recreation Board: The Town Board has unanimously adopted creating a new Parks and Rec. Board. We are currently advertising for members for this board. If you are interested please go to the Town website for more specific information concerning the positions available or contact the Town Clerk's Office at (845) 688-5004. Applications must be received by 3pm on Monday, March 28, 2011.

Ambulance: The Town is seeking bids for an ambulance to replace its oldest unit. All bids are due and will be opened at our April 4th meeting. For more information or specifications please contact the Town Clerk's Office at (845) 688-5004.

Health Center: The Town of Shandaken owns a building in Phoenicia that is currently vacant, we are open to possibilities for the future of this space, but ideally would love to continue offering medical services from this facility. If you are a medical practitioner or work in a related field and are looking for space, please contact my office (688-7165) at your earliest convenience.

Beautification: There are several groups throughout the Town that could always use a hand, be it for initial plantings, fundraising or simply helping brainstorm some new ideas to help enhance the natural beauty and splendor of our hamlets. If you are interested in assisting in beautification efforts in your hamlet, please contact my office any weekday and we can direct you to the proper organization in your area.

Triathlon: The 18th Annual Pine Hill Arms Triathlon kicks off tomorrow, Sat., March 19 at 1pm. The annual Ski-Bike-Run Event takes place between Belleayre Mountain in Highmount and the Hamlet of Pine Hill. Whether standing on the deck at Belleayre's Overlook lodge to view the skiers or waiting on Main St., Pine Hill for the finish, this event is fun for competitors and spectators of all ages. Go to pinehillarms.com for more details.

Meetings: Town Bd. - First Mon./month; **Planning Bd.** - Second Wed./month; **ZBA** - Third Wed./month
Warmest regards...Robert A. Stanley, Supervisor, Town of Shandaken



Olive Town Board needs new planning board member...Cindy Johansen

The Olive Town Board met on Tuesday, March 8 to consider several items on a short agenda. Council Member Linda Burkhardt was absent

due to illness.

After approving the minutes from the last meeting, board members unanimously approved two new members into the Olive Fire Department. Alexandria and Robert Weir, both of Shokan, were accepted into the Olive Fire Department in January.

The Board then reluctantly accepted the resignation of Town Planning Board Member, Robert Tischler. Tischler recently moved to Woodstock. In a letter read by Supervisor Leifeld, Tischler declined the offer to stay on as Planning Board Member, extended by Supervisor Leifeld. Supervisor Leifeld indicated that an ad would be placed in the paper for the position, along with another opening on the Assessment Board of Review. The retiring (unidentified) member of this board recently changed jobs which made taking a day off so soon after starting his new position a little awkward. Both positions will be advertised - so if you are interested, please submit your letter of interest to the Town. Interviews will be scheduled as soon as responses have been received.

In ordinary business, the Board approved the payment of the bills. This amounted to \$50,537.97 for the Highway Department, \$95,959.16 out of the General Fund and payment # 2 for the Special Wastewater (Boiceville Sewer System) in the amount of \$38,337.11. For the month of January, cash received was \$2,284,758.78 and Interest earned on funds held in accounts amounted to \$831.81. If ever you are interested to know what each of these amounts represents, Audit night, which is the Monday preceding the regular meeting, allows you access to these bills as the council members review and sign off on payroll, etc. This is an open meeting the public is welcome to attend with all vouchers available for individual review.

New Business included a discussion about whether or not to consider upgrading the Senior Citizen Tax Exemption currently being offered by the town. Special consideration and exemption is offered to senior citizens which is directly tied to income levels. It was decided that the Board would consider changes after they were able to look at the current rates and consider how any change might affect the town moving forward.

Supervisor Leifeld also brought before the board a request by Highway Superintendent Jim Fugel to purchase a new 2.5 ton dump truck with plow. Fugel, who normally attends all Board meetings, was absent due to illness. However, he had provided Leifeld with the particulars, which he had diligently put together. The new truck would cost a total of \$47,620.02 after receiving a \$10,000 allowance for the 2003 dump truck that was to be traded. Fugel indicated that the 2003 truck was rusted out in many places and was not worth fixing. The Board unanimously granted permission for Fugel to make the purchase.

During a lighter moment, Supervisor Leifeld brought up his annual request for the individual contribution from each board member for the ad in the Onteora High School year book. When each of the members present immediately reached in their pockets to offer payment, Leifeld commented, "This has to be a first! I can't believe collecting is going to be this easy!"

Michael Courtney, from the Ashokan Watershed Stream Management Program, then addressed the board with information about the Ashokan Watershed Conference to be held Saturday, April 9 at the Emerson. Cost will be \$15 and will include lunch. This year's conference includes seminars of interest to business persons, municipal leaders, as well as landowners and will be focusing on flood issues. The Conference begins at 8:15 AM with registration (and coffee & bagels) followed with presentations about Extreme Precipitation, Planning for Stream Responses to Increased Rainfall and Forming a Flood Commission: Communities Finding Solutions. Afternoon session will include choices geared towards Businesses & Landowners or Municipalities. The conference is funded by New York City Department of Environmental Protection. The Ashokan Watershed Stream Management Program is a partnership between NYC DEP, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County and Ulster County Soil and Water Conservation District. Deadline to register for this event is March 25. For more information or to obtain a registration form, contact Michael Courtney at (845) 340 3993 or mcc55@cornell.edu

All pertinent business of the town having been concluded, and all persons having spoken who wished to be heard, the meeting was adjourned. Next meeting will be Tuesday, April 12, 7:30 PM at the Town Hall, Bostock Road, Shokan.

FROM THE OTHER SIDE OF THE MOUNTAIN -Paula Rhodes

Hello my friends,

Did you guess from last weeks news I am a very unhappy person! I still don't understand but, for those of you who know me, you know I will not give up. My store and the community mean entirely too much to me for me to give up. We are such a vital part of our community and I know I have the support of my community and I refuse to go without a fight! I am so determined to prove to CWC Loan Committee I am a good business and worth financing.

Well, my friends I am going to check to see how much water is in my basement and try to decide on my next plan of action because I am not and I will not give up!

Happy Saint Patrick's day have a great week! I just

went outside and miracles of miracles the sun is out and it isn't snowing or raining and about 50°- yippee let's go on a picnic!

My ramblings are very short today I have so much on my mind these days but you know I will soon be back to my normal self!

The Dixie Chicken



RESERVOIR MUSIC NOTES

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

It was very difficult to write this week's column, in light of the tragedy in Japan. This event will have repercussions around the world in so many areas of

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life that are unrelated to the initial event. The magnitude of the disaster is almost inconceivable, and I'm sure the music community in our area will rise to the occasion, as they always have in the past, to organize benefit concerts and other events to help relieve the suffering of the Japanese people. If I hear of anything, I'll be sure to let you know here.

The annual Rock and Roll Hall Fame Induction ceremonies were held this week. I told you who this year's inductees were in a previous column, so I'm not going to revisit that again, but on WDST's website this week, several on-air personalities and writers made up their lists of the top ten artists who deserve to be inducted, but have not yet been. I couldn't resist adding my two cents worth to that idea. Here's my list:

1. Love - The 60's art-rock band were way ahead of their time, and had a revival in the beginning years of this century, just before their leader, Arthur Lee, passed away. Check out their masterpiece, "Forever Changes" or the equally good "Da Capo".
2. Guns n Roses - Short lived but monumentally influential 80's rock band, who burst out of the gate with the greatest debut album of all time, the aptly named "Appetite for Destruction" and one of the all-time greatest albums period. Unfortunately, they self destructed immediately afterwards, but they certainly left their mark.
3. Gram Parsons - The single most important figure in what became known as Americana music, but back in his day, was called country-rock, which as my friend's The Snakehandlers say, is neither. (Contd. Pg 7)

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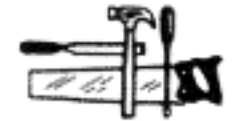


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Reservoir Music Notes (From Pg. 6) Often overlooked in the Gram Parsons equation is his partner in the Flying Burrito Brothers, ex-Byrd bandmate Chris Hillman, who should receive equal credit. Pick up "The Guilded Palace of Sin" or Gram's solo masterpiece, "Grievous Angel".

4. J. Geils Band - Before they went pop and had multi-platinum hits, The J. Geils Band released two of the most hard rockin' blues albums ever made, "The J. Geils Band" and "The Morning After".

5. Little Feat - Fronted by former Frank Zappa guitarist, Lowell George, the story goes that Zappa kicked George out of The Mothers of Invention because Frank recognized that he was a bandleader, not a sideman. Pick up any of their albums with Lowell George. They're all great.

6. Faces/ Small Faces - I put these two together because Faces was born from the remnants of Small Faces when Steve Marriott left to form Humble Pie with Peter Frampton, and was replaced by Rod Stewart and Ronnie Wood. Small Faces had about a dozen number one hits in a row in England, but sadly only broke through once in America, with the psychedelic anthem, "Itchycoo Park".

7. Donovan - Starting as a Bob Dylan inspired folkie (and a pretty good one at that), Donovan went on to record a string of great psychedelic songs with producer Mickie

Most, featuring members of The Beatles, Led Zeppelin, Cream, and The Jeff Beck Group as his backing musician's. "Sunshine Superman" and "Epistle to Dippy" are my favorites, but "Hurdy Gurdy Man" is pretty great as well.

8. Joe Cocker - One of the best white RnB singers of all time, Joe deserves induction for his performance at the 1969 Woodstock Festival alone. His first album is still his best, but after almost passing into obscurity, he staged a comeback with an amazing version of "Cry me a River" and is still as good as ever now.

9. T Rex - Ringo Starr knew how good these guys were. That's why he made a movie about Marc Bolan, the band's frontman and resident genius. "Electric Warrior" is their most popular album, but my favorite track is only available as a bonus track on the re-issue of "Tanx". I won't say what it is, but if I run into you somewhere and you ask me, I'll probably tell you.

10. Johnny Winter - Muddy Waters' called him his adopted son and he's still one of the legendary guitar slingers. My favorite album of his is still "The Progressive Blues Experiment", but if you can't find it, pick up "Johnny Winter" or "Second Winter", on which he does a scorching version of Dylan's "Highway 61 Revisited" I'd love to hear your picks. Write to me at The Townsman or reservoirmusic@gmail.com. (Contd. Pg.)

Reservoir Music Notes (From Pg. 7) Here's this week live music picks:
The ALLMAN BROTHERS continue their 16 show run at the Beacon Theater in Manhattan with 5 shows this week. On Friday, March 18, you've got your choice between driving to Tarrytown to see local legend, LEVON HELM, at the Tarrytown Music Hall, staying closer to home for former Grateful Dead vocalist, DONNA JEAN GODCHAUX at The Bearsville Theater, or coming to see me pound the skins for BEKI BRINDLE at Harmony in Woodstock. On Sunday, March 20, comedian RON WHITE brings his act to UPAC in Kingston, and please don't forget about Thursday night Karaoke with Miss Angie at The Bearsville Theater. Trust me, it's a blast!

Family Works Weekend Offered at Frost Valley YMCA (From Pg. 1)

The weekend is open to all ages, abilities and skill levels. We are offering a special price for the weekend at \$106 per person, which includes all meals, lodging and select programs from Friday evening to Sunday lunch. For complete program details, please call 845-985-2291 or e-mail: info@frostvalley.org.

To keep up with daily happenings follow Frost Valley on twitter at twitter.com/frostvalley.

Frost Valley YMCA is located at 2000 Frost Valley Road, Claryville, NY. Frost Valley YMCA is a year round camp and conference center that welcomes school groups, families, business retreats and summer campers. The camp is just 2.5 hours from New York City and New Jersey and 1 hour from Kingston, New York.

100 Poems in 100 Minutes at ASK

Lovers of poetry and writers of poems are invited to participate in the third annual 100 Poems in 100 Minutes event at the Arts Society of Kingston, 97 Broadway in the Rondout section of Kingston, on Friday, April 1st, at 7:30 p.m.

Presented in honor of National Poetry Month, the event will begin at 7:00 with sign-up and a reception, followed by the reading at 7:30. Readers may read their own poems or other poems from any source, but all poems must take less than a minute to read (timing will be strictly observed). Depending on the number of readers, each reader will have a number of opportunities to read. For example, if 25 readers participate, each will read 4 times.

A suggested donation of \$5 will be requested of all who attend. For further information, consult the ASK website at askforarts.org.

Traveling Baseball Team Joins New York Elite League

LIVINGSTON MANOR--The Sullivan County Thunderheads boys 17 and under traveling baseball team has become a member of the New York Elite Premier Hudson Valley Travel League for the 2011 summer season.

The league is associated with the Continental Amateur Baseball Association which has been labeled as the "Gold Standard" with world-class baseball and world class events. The Association features sanctioned leagues, qualifying tournaments, national championship events and World Series events.

Team General Manager Ed Townsend said this league and association brings a new and more structured class of boys traveling team baseball to Sullivan County.

Tryouts for the Thunderheads team will be held in the middle of April and pitcher-catcher tryouts will be scheduled in late March.

Home double-header games will be played Sunday's on the Livingston Manor Central School baseball field and also at City Field in Grahamsville.

Team organizers stress that baseball players and parents must make a full commitment for team play and practice starting in the month of May and through the middle of August.

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Onteora School District's Director of Transportation Inspires New Legislation to Ensure Children's Safety

David Moraca, Director of Transportation for the Onteora School District and Member of New York Association for Pupil Transportation, inspired the legislation in a letter to the editor of the Daily Freeman in January 2011. David pointed out that the Penal Code violations enumerated in Section 509 (cc) have not been updated since 1986, which prompted the Senate to amend the legislation.

New crimes for which a conviction would permanently ban a person from being a school bus driver include: reckless assault of a child, aggravated assault upon a person less than 11 years old, vehicular manslaughter in the first degree, sexual misconduct, rape in the third degree, forcible touching, persistent sexual abuse, sexual abuse in the third, second or first degree, aggravated sexual abuse in the third or second degree, course of sexual conduct against a child in the first or second degree, female genital mutilation, predatory sexual assault, predatory sexual assault against a child, disseminating indecent material to minors in the second or first degree, unlawfully dealing with a child in the first or second degree, use of a child in a sexual performance, promoting or possessing an obscene sexual performance by a child and promoting or possessing a sexual performance by a child.

"This legislation is essential to protect students," said Senator John Bonacic. "Without updating Section 509 of the Penal Code violations, an individual convicted of a variety of sex crimes, including crimes against children would be able to pass the required background check and become a school bus driver. I commend David Moraca's efficient dedication to protecting the children in his district, not only will his competency protect the children in Onteora School District, but all of the children in New York State.

The bill passed the Senate with a unanimous 59-0 vote.

County Highway Officials Converge On Albany

Last week a lobby day was hosted by The New York State County Highway Superintendents Association, Inc. (NYSCHSA) to promote their "Local Roads Matter" campaign. The highway superintendents were joined by the New York State Association of Town Superintendents of Highways, Inc. (NYSATSOH). Together they convened hundreds of county and town highway superintendents, commissioners and other highway industry professionals in Albany to discuss funding needs with lawmakers.

Both groups remain concerned about the Two-Year Capital Plan, which continues to underfund local road and bridge needs by about \$1.2 billion per year. CHIPs and Marchiselli, the two main programs that help fund the majority of local projects, are funded at levels far below what is recommended by the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) to simply maintain core efforts. (Esteban Maccera)

Counties to State Legislature: Stop Burdening Property Taxpayers. Make Insurance Companies Pay for Early Intervention Services

NYSAC expects both houses of the State Legislature to reject Governor Cuomo's budget proposal that would require insurance companies to cover the claims for disabled infants and toddlers in the Early Intervention Program, including those with the Autism Spectrum Disorder. As a result, NYSAC has launched significant lobbying efforts to ensure that this proposal is part of the final enacted State Budget. It costs the State NOTHING to immediately enact this legislation, and will save both the State and counties millions of dollars over the next several years. It is NYSAC's firm position that insurance companies should not be given a pass while property taxpayers are further burdened. In 2010, property taxpayers footed the bill for EI to the tune of \$185 million, while insurance companies paid only \$13 million. Despite the fact that 48% of the children in EI have private health insurance, these companies pay only 2% of claims submitted. NYSAC will continue to advocate to the State Legislature that it is absolutely unacceptable to force property taxpayers in New York State to pay for Early Intervention services, while insurance companies rake in the savings. We urge you to also weigh in with your State Officials on this issue. For a copy of NYSAC's memo click Early Intervention Memo. (Jessica Morelli)

Governor Cuomo nominates Julie Shimer to Chair ESDC

On Monday, March 07, 2011 Governor Cuomo nominated Julie Shimer, Ph.D., as Chair the Empire State Development Corporation (ESDC). Dr. Shimer has been nominated to chair ESDC, while Kenneth Adams of the Business Council remains Governor Cuomo's nominee for President/CEO of the organization. Julie Shimer is President and Chief Executive Officer of Welch Allyn, a privately-held, manufacturer of medical equipment headquartered in Skaneateles Falls, New York. Dr. Shimer's background is in computer networking and wireless communications. She holds master's and doctoral degrees in Electrical Engineering from Lehigh University and a bachelor's degree in Physics from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. (Katy Vescio)

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First Sullivan Not-for-Profit Summit Deemed "A Success" More than 70 Sullivan County Agencies Represented at Day-Long Summit

The first Sullivan Not-for-Profit Leadership Summit took place Friday at The Bethel Woods Center for the Arts with more than 140 participants representing over not-for-profit agencies serving Sullivan County.

"What a tremendous success for our first summit! The Committee and I were excited to see a sold-out event representing everything from youth, environmental, healthcare, the arts and many other not-for-profit services, ready to learn new ways to work together!" said Sullivan Legislature Chairman Jonathan F. Rouis.

The event featured several small group sessions, as well as educational sessions by the New York Council of Nonprofits, the Nonprofit Coordinating Committee of New York and Convio, Inc. on topics ranging from consolidating nonprofit organizations to how to effectively fundraise using online tools.

Jonathan Drapkin, President of the Hudson Valley Pattern for Progress, delivered the day's keynote address and provided several different examples of



Legislature Chairman Jonathan Rouis welcomes the participants.

collaborations already in place in Sullivan County, to illustrate his point that despite the difficulties, collaboration is possible and necessary in Sullivan County.

Amanda Speer, Family & Youth Development Team Leader at Cornell Cooperative Extension, served as Chair for the event. She said, "The overarching theme of the day was collaboration. Participants learned the many levels of collaboration as well as its value during harsh economic times. It was humbling to have so many missions, and the selfless individuals who carry out those missions, all in one room. This



The Regional Panel from left to right: Judy Eurich, Orange County United Way, Karen Minogue, Community Foundation of Orange & Sullivan, Michael Clark, Nonprofit Coordinating Committee of NY, Mike West, New York Council of Nonprofits and Keynote Speaker Jonathan Drapkin, Hudson Valley Pattern for Progress.

is just the first step in assisting Sullivan County nonprofits in the creation of a supportive network that will make all within smarter and stronger."

Two panel discussions provided summit guests the opportunity to ask local and regional collaborators about their efforts and emerging trends or ideas on how to collaborate more effectively. The Local Panel featured a message from Community Unity founder Bill Sipos, and live discussion with Elaine Muscara and Sarah Norris discussing "Explore the Arts," Jeremy Gorelick representing the Sullivan Chamber of Commerce, Ric Schwartz of SullivanARC and Denise Frangipane from Sullivan Renaissance.

Joining Jonathan Drapkin on the Regional Panel were Orange County United Way's Judy Eurich, Karen Minogue from The Community Foundation of Orange and Sullivan, Mike West from the New York Council of Nonprofits and Michael Clark from the Nonprofit Coordinating Committee of New York. Shortly after the Summit, the brainstorming and ideas from the small group sessions and the contact information for those who attended the summit will be added as their own page to the Sullivan County Economic Development Portal. The "Collaborating Agencies" responsible for organizing the Summit anticipate follow-up conversations and events to continue the work started there throughout the year, with another summit next Winter to further the educational experience, as well.

The Sullivan Not for Profit Leadership Summit was sponsored by Catskill Hudson Bank, Jeff Bank, Provident Bank and The Community Foundation of Orange & Sullivan.

Community Foundation Board Chair Gerald Jacobowitz said, "We are proud to be a sponsor of the Not for Profit Leadership Summit, and we are pleased to be able to share the story of success with Sullivan County organizations. The Community Foundation of Orange and Sullivan can be a vital partner with the nonprofit sector."

The Not for Profit Leadership Summit was organized by a group of "Collaborating Agencies" including Steering Committee Chair Amanda Speer of Cornell Cooperative Extension of Sullivan County, Legislative Chairman Jonathan Rouis and Michelle Huck of the County of Sullivan, Darlene Fedun, Linda Hartley and Whitney Schlott of Bethel Woods Center for the Arts, Alexis Eggleton of the Town of Wallkill Boys & Girls Clubs, Karen Minogue of The Community Foundation of Orange and Sullivan, Kathy Kreiter of the Dispute Resolution Center of Orange and Sullivan Counties, Susan Diamond of SullivanARC, and Kristin Geeslin with SUNY Sullivan.

Hinchey Announces Start of 2011 Congressional Art Competition Local High School Artists to Be Featured on Congressman's Facebook Page, Winner's Artwork Will Be Displayed in U.S. Capitol

Washington, DC - Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) today announced the beginning of the 2011 Congressional Art Competition. The Congressional Art Competition is open to all students in grades 9-12 who either reside or attend high school in New York's 22nd Congressional District. This year's competition is going online, as submitted artwork will be featured on Hinchey's official Facebook page and Facebook users will have the opportunity to help select a finalist in the competition. The first place winner will have his or her artwork publicly displayed on Capitol Hill in Washington, DC for one year. Those wishing to participate can learn more by visiting <http://hinchey.house.gov/art>.

"This prestigious art competition will give our gifted students a chance to show their work to the residents of the 22nd Congressional District and to the nation," said Hinchey. "I am also happy to announce that this year we will be bringing the competition online, allowing the public to help select one of the competition's finalists and ensuring that people in the district I represent have an opportunity to view the creativity and beauty of the artwork created by students in our part of New York. I wish the young artists who participate the best of luck!"

The competition, which was initiated by Congress in 1982, includes hundreds of thousands of high school students from across the nation. One piece from each congressional district will be displayed in the Cannon Tunnel of the U.S. Capitol Building in Washington, DC. The winning student will be invited to attend a ribbon cutting ceremony in the nation's Capitol.

2011 Competition Details:

This year, artwork can be submitted digitally but physical copies of the work must also be mailed or delivered to one of Congressman Hinchey's 22nd District Offices. Finalists from each of the district offices will be chosen by local artists, and for the first time ever, a finalist will be chosen by fans of Congressman Hinchey's official Facebook page. To be eligible for the Facebook portion of the competition, work must be submitted digitally.

Deadline: Students must submit their original artwork by 5:00pm on Wednesday, April 20, 2011 to their nearest district office.

Submitting Artwork by Mail or Delivery: Physical copies of artwork must be mailed or delivered along with a completed release form and a one paragraph artists statement describing the work to the nearest district office.

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Submitting Artwork Digitally: Artwork can be submitted digitally by emailing hinchey.art@mail.house.gov along with a completed release form and a one paragraph artist statement. The artwork will then be displayed on Hinchey's official facebook page. Those lacking the technology needed to submit their artwork digitally should contact the nearest district office to schedule a time for the artwork to be photographed.

Facebook Gallery: Digital submissions from throughout the district will be displayed on Congressman Hinchey's Facebook page. Students are encouraged to have their friends and family "like" and comment on their entries. The most "liked" piece on Facebook, as April 20, will automatically become a finalist in the competition, and will be hung in Congressman Hinchey's Washington office. The Office of Representative Maurice Hinchey reserves the right to make editorial decisions as to what artwork will be published on Facebook.

How Finalists will be Chosen: After April 20, a panel of local artists and teachers will select a regional winner from each of the congressman's district offices. The regional winners, as well as the most popular submission on Facebook, will be brought together for the final competition. The judges there will select a winner, whose art will be displayed in the Capitol's Cannon Tunnel. Other finalists will be hung in the Congressman's district offices. The most "liked" piece on Facebook will be hung in Congressman Hinchey's Washington office.

Guidelines: The competition is only open to high school students. Each entry must be original in concept, design, and execution and may not violate any U.S. copyright laws. Artwork must be two-dimensional in an accepted media (including: painting, drawing, collage, prints, computer-generated, photography, a mix more of two or more of medias). Submissions can be no larger than 28 inches high, 28 inches wide, and 4 inches deep, including the frame. If your artwork is selected as the winning piece, it will be required to be framed.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Congressman Hinchey's office at (202) 225-6335 and be sure to follow Congressman Hinchey on Facebook for competition updates.

CAS ARTS CENTER FILM SCREENING & FARMER'S MARKET: THE GREENHORNS

On Saturday, March 26, 2011 - From 6:30pm - 7:30pm CAS will be hosting a local Farmer's Market for the public to meet, taste and buy from local farmers at the CAS Arts Center, 48 Main Street, Livingston Manor, NY. A list of farmers to be announced. At 7:30pm participants will move across the hall to view "The Greenhorns" a film about sustainable farming. The Greenhorns are based in the Hudson Valley but work nationally and the film was produced in many different states. Armed with a camcorder, farmer-filmmaker-activist Severine von Tscharner Fleming spent three years crisscrossing America, meeting and mobilizing a network of revolutionary young agrarians resettling the land. "The Greenhorns" is an ode to their grit and entrepreneurial spirit, an exploration of sustainable agriculture, and an enticement to reclaim our national soil. Running time: 55 minutes. For more info go to www.thegreenhorns.net. Admission is \$5. Seating will be first come, first served with doors opening at 7:00pm for the film. The CAS Arts Center is fully wheelchair accessible.

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.

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Comptroller Website Provides Transparency - Whistle-Blower E-mail Hotline Launched
KINGSTON, NY (March 7, 2011)...The Ulster County Comptroller has a new look on the internet, introducing a more user friendly layout on the County's website today.

A new key feature of the site is the Confidential Whistleblower Hotline accessed by simply clicking the email link:

340-FLAW@co.ulster.ny.us.
"We hope that our confidential email and phone number welcome and encourage citizens to voice their concerns and use it as a medium, if necessary, to report suspected fraud, corruption, mismanagement and waste," Comptroller Auerbach said.

"As an independent watch-dog for the taxpayers, I want to investigate misuse of County funds or resources whether minor or major", said Auerbach. The Comptroller explained that he will investigate each report and take appropriate action as indicated. "Even if a report does not rise to the level of requiring immediate action," explained Auerbach, "they will help guide our annual audit planning by bringing to our attention possible deficit areas."

The new website layout also gives the taxpayers an insider view of the Comptroller's Office and what it does. There is more extensive information on County and State Laws, easy access to reports, audits, press releases and financial data for the Comptroller's office and Ulster County. "Our reports serve a variety of purposes and come in different formats," said Auerbach, "with this new layout it is easier to find our reports and to understand what they are intended to accomplish." Once on the website you may also access the New York State Comptroller's Office, the Ulster County Charter, articles and trainings on fraud, ethics and government auditing.

The site can be found at:
www.ulstercountyny.gov/comptroller

Statement by Senator John Bonacic

In response to a question from the NY Times, I did state, and do believe that the current tax rates for individuals and families earning more than \$1 million should be continued at its current rate.

I am the grandson of immigrants from what is now Croatia. I was the first in my family to go to college. I know personally the value of small class sizes. Quality teachers and small class sizes, combined with the essential element - parent involvement, is the key to educational success.

I do not care how good the teacher is, if class sizes continue to grow, our classrooms will be less effective environments for learning, and that is unacceptable to the future of our State in my view.

The simple reality is that schools all over - including rural schools in my District, are being hit too hard by the Governor's budget - a budget which I generally support. I understand the position the Governor has been left in, and admire his efforts so far to cut the deficit.

My decision to support the continuation of the tax rate for those earning over \$1 million, may not please everyone in my party. I understand that. I am familiar with the position of not having everyone in my party, pleased with everything I do. However, I believe this is the only reasonable way to address growing property taxes, and the class size issue, which truly does matter to parents.

Law Amended to Extend Special Elections for More Time to Process Ballots

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo signed a bill into law this week that amends the amount of time during which Boards of Elections are required to accept and process certain ballots during special elections. The bill amends certain provisions of the Public Officers Law and the Election Law to provide county and State election commissioners with 70 to 80 days to process military absentee ballots, replacing the previous time period of 45 days.

County Elections Commissioners have been seeking to change the existing provisions of the Public Officers Law and Election Law, as they felt the provisions did not provide sufficient time to finalize and transmit ballots to military voters overseas within 45 days of a special election as required by the federal Uniformed Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act.

The first special election falling under the new law was announced this week. Governor Cuomo announced that a special election will be held on May 24, 2011 for the 26th Congressional seat formally held by Rep. Christopher Lee. (Esteban Maccera)

Senator John Bonacic On Reservoir Levels and Flooding

"The dangers faced by the people of the Catskills in relation to flooding these past few and next several days are avoidable to a degree. The Senate has previously passed my legislation to require New York City to reduce reservoir levels whenever major inflows of rain or snow were anticipated. Shortly thereafter, New York City started to take some flood mitigation measures."

"Unfortunately, the City has not acted fast enough. While it is true that nothing can stop 'Mother Nature,' government at all levels has the responsibility to diminish, not exacerbate flooding - particularly when the government constructs the entity which exacerbates the flooding. For that reason, I renew my call for New York City to create permanent voids in their reservoirs. I also am asking Governor Cuomo to request the State Emergency Management Office render all possible assistance to those localities who will be impacted, and urge DEC Commissioner Martens to ensure that the DEC issues all necessary permits immediately to alleviate flooding."

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Emergency Assistance Available to Constituents in Japan

My thoughts and prayers go out to all those affected by the tragic 8.9-magnitude earthquake that shook Japan on Friday. The U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Embassy and consulates in Japan are working to obtain information on the status of U.S. citizens and to provide emergency assistance to U.S. citizens.

At this time, there are no reports of U.S. citizens killed or injured in the earthquake. Although telephone lines are disrupted, relatives may want to try contacting loved ones in Japan by e-mail, text (SMS) message, or other social media. The Department of Defense is reporting that all personnel have been accounted for, and there are no reports of injuries.

If you are concerned about a friend or loved one, here is what you can do to find more information:

- If you are a resident of New York's 22nd Congressional District or have concerns about a constituent from the district, my offices can help facilitate your efforts to obtain information on the status of U.S. citizens.

- You can find more information by monitoring travel.state.gov and the Embassy Tokyo websites for the latest updates.

- If you have concerns about a specific U.S. citizen in Japan, please send an e-mail at JapanEmergencyUSC@state.gov

- If you have concerns about a specific U.S. citizen in the Tsunami zone outside of Japan, please send an e-mail at PacificTsunamiUSC@state.gov

- E-mail inquiries are strongly preferred, but constituents may call the Department's emergency assistance center at 1-888-407-4747 (Calling from outside the U.S. + 1-202-501-4444) if they are unable to use e-mail.

- If you are calling regarding a Japanese citizen, please contact the nearest Japanese Embassy (Washington - 202-238-6700) or Consulate.

- If you are calling regarding a citizen of a third country, please contact that country's Embassy or Consulate. Contact information for foreign Embassies and Consulates in the United States is available in the Country Specific Information links at www.travel.state.gov.

Hinchey Applauds EPA's Stepped Up Effort to Protect Drinking Water from Hydraulic Fracturing Wastewater

Washington, DC - Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) today applauded the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for its decision to more closely investigate how wastewater produced by hydraulic fracturing is being treated in Pennsylvania. The EPA instructed the state to perform testing for radioactivity at drinking water intake plants within 30 days. EPA also asked for data and documents relating to permits issued by the

state to treatment plants handling fracking wastewater. These documents will be reviewed by EPA to ensure compliance with federal law.

During a hearing before the U.S. House Interior Appropriations Subcommittee last week, Hinchey asked EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson to more closely scrutinize fracking wastewater treatment after reports in The New York Times revealed the contamination threat was much greater than previously understood. In February, Hinchey wrote Jackson to call for immediate monitoring of radioactivity levels at sewage treatment plants handling hydraulic fracturing wastewater and drinking water intakes near drilling activities.

"I applaud EPA Administrator Jackson's decision to take a closer look at how hydraulic fracturing wastewater is being treated and handled in Pennsylvania. Requiring the state to test for radioactive and chemical contamination near drinking water intakes and reviewing the permits which have been issued for the disposal of fracking wastewater, which I requested last week, are absolutely the right steps to take. The public needs to know what is happening to this wastewater and what contaminants may or may not be reaching their drinking water systems. Administrator Jackson's announcement is most welcome."

Hinchey Discloses New Legislation

(From Pg. 1) "Waiters and Waitresses, grocery store clerks and those earning minimum wage should not be paying to give huge tax breaks to the CEOs, Wall Street bankers and billionaires," said Hinchey. "But as the wealthiest in our society get huge tax breaks, 51 million Americans who earn less than \$10 an hour will pay more this year than they did last year. If you own an oil company you get a huge tax cut, but if you pump gas and your household income is less than \$40,000 a year, your taxes will go up."

"It's no wonder that the gulf between the rich and everyone else keeps growing. After receiving dozens of calls from constituents who looked at their paycheck and saw that their taxes went up and their take home pay went down, I introduced legislation to help correct this serious economic injustice."

The recently passed tax package signed into law by President Obama extended tax cuts passed during the Bush Administration, but allowed the Making Work Pay tax credit, passed as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, to expire. That credit provided \$800 to joint filers and \$400 in relief to working families. It was replaced by a 2 percent cut in payroll taxes. The net effect of the changes yielded a tax increase on those earning less than \$20,000 a year or families earning less than \$40,000 a year. Hinchey's bill would provide a tax rebate to make up the difference.

According to the Tax Policy Center, 51 million households will be affected by the tax increase this year. According to the Congressional Research Service, 31 percent of families in Kingston, New York, 42 percent of families in Poughkeepsie, New York and 48 percent of families in Newburgh, New York will see their taxes rise.

For example, a working family that earns \$30,000 in a year will pay \$200 more in federal taxes this year than they did last year. In 2010, they would have been eligible for the \$800 Making Work Pay tax credit. Today, that same family will only receive a \$600 tax benefit under the payroll tax holiday.

In December, Hinchey voted to extend tax relief for those earning less than \$250,000 per year, while putting in place the Clinton era tax rates for those earning over \$250,000 a year. Hinchey also supported an extension of the Making Work Pay Tax credit. The deal that ultimately passed, which Hinchey voted against, raised taxes on the lowest income earners and added at least \$800 billion to the deficit.

Gillibrand-Bishop Plan: America Should Follow NY's Lead, Require Strong Minimum Standards for Teenage Licenses

Washington, DC - With car accidents the number one cause of death among teenagers in America, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand and U.S. Representative Tim Bishop today announced a new national plan to make our roads safer and save lives. Senator Gillibrand and Congressman Bishop are introducing the Safe Teen and Novice

Driver Uniform Protection (STAND UP) Act, legislation to set national standards for states to implement Graduated Drivers License (GDL) programs that prepare teens to be safe, responsible drivers.

More than 280 New Yorkers died in car accidents involving sixteen and seventeen year old drivers from 2005 to 2009, and more than 46,000 were injured.

A new poll shows overwhelming support among America's teenagers for GDLs. In fact, nearly 75 percent of teens approve of a single, comprehensive law that incorporates the key elements of GDL.

"I have two young boys at home, and like any parent, their safety and well-being means everything to me," Senator Gillibrand said. "As parents, we know that the day will come when each of our children will get behind the wheel of a car. As a parent and as a lawmaker, I want to make sure we take every reasonable safety precaution to ensure that our teen drivers are safe and well-prepared for the serious responsibility that comes with getting a license. The nation should follow New York's lead and establish strong minimum requirements for graduated driver's licenses in all 50 states. This legislation will give young drivers better education and more experience before they get out on the roads, keeping us all safer and saving lives."

"This effort to bring all states into compliance with minimum federal standards for improved teen driving practices is vitally important to every American family and community. There isn't a state in the nation, including New York, that has dodged the terrible suffering associated with preventable teen deaths in car crashes year in and year out. The STANDUP Act will make roadways safer for future teens, their families, and friends," said Congressman Bishop, who is the author of the legislation in the House.

In the Hudson Valley, 45 people died in car accidents involving 16 and 17-year-old drivers, in addition to 9,008 that were injured, from 2005 to 2009.

To give teen drivers more experience and better driving education before they set out on the road, and to make our roads safer and save more lives, Senator Gillibrand and Congressman Bishop are introducing the STAND UP Act.

POLITICAL SLANT

-Frank Comando

The Congress - Sen. Durbin of Illinois, the number two ranking Democrat in the Senate predicts the GOP stopgap to pass, which will avert a shutdown. The House GOP proposal to cut spending by \$6 billion over three weeks would pass the upper chamber.

To quote Durbin, "I think it will pass, in the House this week and later in the Senate, dismissing the possibility of a government shutdown at the end of this week. It buys us about three weeks and includes cuts which we've offered on the Democratic side in an effort to find a reasonable compromise here. I hope that the Republican leadership in the House will see this as a signal of good faith."

The current stopgap spending measure will expire after March 18. The proposal, introduced by House Republicans Friday, would fund the federal government through April 8 and cut \$6 billion from the budget. Vice President Joe Biden making it difficult for Senate Democrats to oppose the House GOP's latest package suggested the cuts just over a week ago. A Democratic senator said it is politically difficult for Democrats to vote against short-term spending proposals that cut 4 to 6 billion dollars when the federal deficit for 2011 is projected to reach \$1.6 trillion.

The White House- President Obama to the Republican Senatorial caucus on the economy, "So, yes, I want you to challenge my ideas, and I guarantee you that after reading this I may challenge a few of yours. I want you to stand up for your beliefs, and knowing this caucus, I have no doubt that you will. I want us to have a constructive debate. The only thing I do not want -- and here I am listening to the American people, and I think they do not want either -- is for Washington to continue being so Washington-like. I know folks, when we're in town there, spend a lot of time reading the polls and looking at focus groups and interpreting which party has the upper hand in November and in 2012 and so on, and so on and on. That is their obsession. I am not a pundit. I am just a President, so take it for what it's worth. However, *I do not believe that the American people want us to focus on our job security. They want us to focus on their job security.* I do not think they want more gridlock. I do not think they want more partisanship. I do not think they want more obstruction. They did not send us to Washington to fight each other in some sort of political steel-cage match to see who comes out alive. That is not what they want. They sent us to Washington to work together, to get things done, and to solve the problems that they're grappling with every single day." (Contd. Pg. 15)

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Sullivan County offers Grant Funds Available for Rental Housing Renovation and Weatherization
 Monticello, NY - County Manager David P Fanslau has announced that the Sullivan County Division of Planning and Environmental Management has Grant Funds Available for Rental Housing Renovation and Weatherization.

In order to increase the supply of quality, affordable rental housing, Sullivan County applied for and received a \$400,000 grant from the NYS HOME Program to provide funding to private owners of rental buildings. "This is good news for Sullivan County," Legislative Chairman Jonathan Rouis remarked. He continued, "This infusion of funds will improve housing quality and efficiency and create opportunities for work in the construction industry as well." Owners may receive funding of up to \$21,765 per unit for renovation and weatherization.

Grant Details:

- The County has a stated goal of producing 17 renovated units under this grant;
 - Of available project costs, a maximum of \$21,765 in grant funds is available per apartment;
 - Owner's match shall be \$5,445 or 25% of the grant amount;
 - Applications are due on April 1st, 2011
- Types of Renovation Projects to be Funded:
- Siding, plumbing, masonry, replacement of exterior doors and windows, roofing, sewer laterals;
 - Various interior repairs-repair and paint walls and ceilings; replacement or refinishing of floors and carpeting; replacement of kitchens and bathrooms, electrical wiring and panel upgrades;
 - Repairs or upgrades that improve a building's energy efficiency are eligible and encouraged.

For more information or to request an application, call Heather

FOOD COLLECTION

Please continue to bring your non-perishable food items to the **Good Stuff Cafe and Country Store** in West Shokan. They are particularly looking for donations of single servings of fruit cups, fruit juice, puddings, etc. For more information call Paula at 845-657-2115.

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BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY
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 For more information, call Susan Woodworth 985-2283

Bread for the Journey is an outreach ministry, providing support to many in northeastern Sullivan County.



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Teams will pause for a Luminaria Ceremony at 10:00 pm.

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LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES**LEGAL NOTICE
BIDS REQUESTED**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT pursuant to §103 of the General Municipal Law, sealed bids are requested for the purchase of:

**NEW 10 FT. HEAVY DUTY STAINLESS STEEL
ALL SEASON
COMBINATION DUMP BODY & SPREADER**

Specification for said new 10 ft. heavy duty stainless steel all season dump body & spreader may be obtained at the office of the Town Clerk, 273 Main Street, Grahamsville, NY during regular office hours of 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

All bids must be in the hands of the Town Clerk at the above mentioned address no later than 2:00 pm on Monday, April 11, 2011 at which time or as reasonably soon thereafter all bids will be publicly opened and read.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD, TOWN OF NEVERSINK
LISA GARIGLIANO, TOWN CLERK
DATED: MARCH 10, 2011 3/17/11

**TOWN OF NEVERSINK
NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

Notice is hereby given that sealed proposals are requested for installing a spray foam insulation barrier on interior roof and wall surfaces at the Town of Neversink Highway Department Garage located at 7941 Route 55 near the Hamlet of Curry in the Town. The work shall include providing all labor, materials and equipment necessary to a) remove and dispose of existing fiberglass insulation blankets and related materials in the building in the areas of proposed spray foam insulation, and b) clean and prepare metal roof and wall surfaces, followed by a two lift application of a closed-cell sprayed-on polyurethane foam (SPF).

Sealed bids will be received by the Town Clerk at the Neversink Town Hall up until 2:00 PM on Monday, April 11, 2011, at which time they will be opened and read aloud.

Sealed bids to be entitled for consideration shall be accompanied by a certified check or bond payable to the Town of Neversink, for a sum equal to five percent (5%) of the bid price. The checks of the unsuccessful bidders will be returned. Within 15 days of notification of acceptance and approval of the proposal, the successful bidder shall furnish the town with the one hundred percent (100%) Performance Bond and one hundred percent (100%) Labor and Material Payment Bond described in the Specifications, at which time the five percent (5%) bid security will be returned. Should the bidders neglect to, or refuse to furnish the aforesaid bonds, the five percent (5%) bid security shall be retained by the Town as liquidated damages.

The work will be subject to the prevailing wage rates established by the New York State Department of Labor.

Plans, specifications and proposal forms may be obtained at the office of the Town Clerk, 273 Main St., Grahamsville, NY. A \$50.00 refundable deposit, made payable to the Town of Neversink, is required and any bidder returning such set in good condition will be returned the deposit. If required, a set of contract documents will be mailed upon receipt of a separate mailing and handling fee of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) per set made payable to the Town of Neversink.

Non-Discrimination in Employment - Bidders on the work will be required to comply with the President's Executive Order No. 11246. The requirements for bidders and contractors under this order, which concerns non-discrimination in employment, are explained in the contract documents. Bidders are also required to comply with the provisions of Section 290-299 of the Executive Law of the State of New York.

Owners Rights Reserved - The Town of Neversink, hereinafter called the Owner, reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any formality or any technicality in any proposal in the interest of the Owner.

Statement of Non-Collusion - Bidders on this contract are required to execute the non-collusive

bidding certification required by Section 103-d of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York.

Lisa Garigliano, Town Clerk
March 9, 2011 3/17/11

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE;

The Town of Denning is seeking BIDS for a 1995 Ford F-800 Single Axle Dump truck, Diesel, Standard Transmission, with snow plow, 2wd, 2-speed rear. 1000 miles on the newly rebuilt transmission, rear end and axle.

Can be viewed at Town Highway Garage 6am-2pm M-F

Contact: Highway Superintendent Dan Van Saders, 985-2543 for questions.

Bids will be accepted until the opening of the regularly scheduled business meeting of the Denning Town Board on Tuesday, April 12th 2011 at the Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Road, Claryville, N.Y. 12725 set to begin at 7:00 P.M.

THE DENNING TOWN BOARD RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS WITHOUT REASON.

Joy Ann Monforte
Town Clerk

March 9, 2011 3/17;3/24

**TVCS Indoor Track & Field Final News
Girls Team Sec 9 Champs-Boys 2nd**

The 2011 Indoor Track and Field season ended with the Girls team winning the Section 9 Class B Championship (2nd Consecutive and 5th in 6 years). Winning the Section meet gives the girls the Triple Crown (OCL Division V 12-0, Sullivan County, Sec 9) The Boys Team placed 2nd at the Section meet, 2nd at the Sullivan County Championship and were co-champions with Liberty for the OCL Div V Championship. Congratulations to all team members!

Five Track Athletes Qualify for Nationals

Tri-Valley was fortunate to have five members of the 2011 team qualify for the High School Nationals held at the Armory in New York City March 11th-13th. Junior Dominique Darby placed 14th in the Weight throw with a school record toss of 47'3 1/2". Senior Ashley Weintraub placed 20th in the Mile Walk with a school record time of 8:32.20. In the Emerging Elite Athletes Weight throw, Junior Heidi Furman placed 8th, Junior Rafael Ramirez 12th and Senior Kyle Denman 20th.

Alumni Track and Field News

Ryan Loughney threw a Lifetime Best 72' 1 3/4" at the NCAA Division II Nationals in Albuquerque, New Mexico to place 1st and become a National Champion in the 35lb Weight. Teammate Garrett Grey placed 7th in the same competition, which helped the team to a 2nd place finish. Ryan and Garrett both bring back to their University (Ashland) and to their community (Grahamsville) All-American status. Congratulations!

**TRI-VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL
GRAHAMSVILLE, NY 12740****AGENDA****BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

March 17, 2011

7:00 p.m. - Regular Board Meeting
Secondary School Library Lower Level

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- A. GUESTS - Lawrence Thomas, District Superintendent, Sullivan County BOCES
- B. TREASURER'S REPORT
- C. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
 1. Minutes
 2. CSE Recommendations
 3. Building Use Forms
 4. Personnel
 - o Detention Monitor Appointment
- D. OLD BUSINESS
 1. Building Usage Fees
- E. BUSINESS REPORT
 1. Warrants
- F. BUDGET WORKSHOP
 1. Overview of all three components of the Budget
- G. LATE-BREAKING NEWS
- H. EXECUTIVE SESSION
 1. Personnel; discipline
- I. ADJOURNMENT

**Still Time to Apply for a
Sullivan Renaissance Grant-**

Application Assistance Available in Every Community [FERNDALE] - Organizations and individuals interested in participating in the 2011 Sullivan Renaissance Beautification and Community Development Grant Program still have time to plan projects and submit an application for funding. Representatives of Sullivan Renaissance will visit any community to explain the programs and assist with the application process if requested.

Applications are available at <http://www.sullivanrenaissance.org/participate/applications/>. They may be completed electronically or mailed to: Sullivan Renaissance, c/o The Gerry Foundation, PO Box 311, Liberty, NY 12754.

The deadline for submission of beautification and community development grants is Wednesday, March 23. Some other grant programs have different deadlines.

Community beautification grants will be awarded during the Spring Forum on April 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the CVI Building in Ferndale. Projects must be completed in August.

Sullivan Renaissance is a beautification and community development program principally funded by the Gerry Foundation.

APRIL SEMINAR

A seminar on the "How to Get Support and Participation From Your Business Community" will be held on April 6th at 7:00 p.m. in the CVI Building. To register and for more information, call Sullivan Renaissance at 845-295-2445 or visit the website address at www.sullivanrenaissance.org.

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Tie Dye Tee Shirts & PIZZA Friday, April 29. \$5 residents/\$10 non-residents must be paid no later than April 5.

Mount Airy Lodge Casino Wednesday, May 11- \$25 Per Person includes Motorcoach transportation and \$35 in Free Play or \$40 Per Person includes transportation, \$35 in Free Play and the Show "American Homicidal" Please bring an additional \$15 to eat lunch with, must be paid no later than March 29.

Healthy Home-Made "Cooking" Class Saturday, May 21. \$15 Per Person must be paid no later than March 29.

Museum of Natural History Saturday June 4. \$25 residents/\$38 non-residents must be paid no later than April 26.

ALBI CONCERT & HOT DOG LUAU Sunday, July 17.

The Buddy Holly Story Forestburgh Playhouse July 27. \$30 residents/\$46 non-residents must be paid no later than June 28.

ZOOM FLUME Saturday, August 6. \$10 residents/\$34 non-residents must be paid no later than June 28.

Rhinebeck Fair Thursday, August 25. \$15 residents/\$30 non-residents must be paid no later than June 28 this includes admission & transportation.

Pumpkin Decorating & Pizza Friday, October 28. \$5 residents/\$10 non-residents must be paid no later than October 4.

Army Football Game West Point DATE & TIME TO BE ANNOUNCED \$25 residents/\$38 non-residents must be paid no later than TBA this includes admission & transportation.

Transportation to NYC Saturday, December 3. \$20 residents & non-residents must be paid no later than November 8.

Call Parks & Recreation at (845) 985-2262 Ext 312 for more information

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Thrift Sale -Grahamsville Methodist Church Hall - 9 am - 1pm

SPRING BEGINS!

Claryville Fire Dept All You Can Eat **Pancake Breakfast** 7 am - 12 noon

Bowling for Babies benefiting the **March of Dimes** 12:30pm-5pm Kiamesha Lanes, call 845-423-1171

Neversink Fire District Meeting at 7:30 PM, Public Meeting at 8:00 PM.

15th Annual Women's Conference at SUNY Sullivan. Info and to register call 845-434-5750, ext. 4377

Town of Neversink Parks & Recreation Dept. 7 pm Neversink Town Hall

Claryville Fire Dist Commissioners Meeting - 7:00 PM.

Sundown Methodist Church Covered Dish Supper - 5:30 pm Sundown Church Hall

Grahamsville Reformed Church Roast Turkey Dinner - 4:00-7:00pm - 985-7480

Town of Denning Board Meeting - Sundown Church Hall - 7:00 pm

Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting

Town of Olive Audit Meeting - 7:30 pm - Town Meeting Hall, Bostock Rd.

Town of Olive Town Board Meeting - 7:30 pm Town Meeting Hall, Bostock Rd.

Town of Neversink Town Board Meeting

Dept. of Motor Vehicles Neversink Town Hall 10:00 am - 2:30 p.m.

Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting - 7 pm

Thrift Sale -Grahamsville Methodist Church Hall - 9 am - 1pm

Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals - 7:30 pm -(subject to cancellation due to inclement weather)

Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Assoc. Meeting - 7:30 PM

Town of Neversink Holiday - GOOD FRIDAY -Town of Olive Holiday

Save the Date!

July 30th - Time and the Valleys Olde Time Fair and Antique Auction

9/17 & 9/18 -Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Association Annual Antique Tractor Show -Grahamsville Fairgrounds

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

Town of Denning Message Board: <http://www.denning.us>

Town of Neversink Website: <http://townofneversink.org>

Daniel Pierce Library - <http://www.danielpiercelibrary.org>

Time and The Valleys Museum - <http://timeandthevalleysmuseum.org>

Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman On-Line Edition: <http://thetownsman.com>

To find out what is happening at **Tri-Valley CSD:** <http://tvcs.k12.ny.us>

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

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Daniel Pierce Library

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

Closed Sundays and Mondays

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

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

Second Culinary Day at SUNY Sullivan Loch Sheldrake (March 10, 2011) Remember the adage that starts "if at first you don't succeed...? Well, that's not the adage at SUNY Sullivan because when it comes to SUNY Sullivan's Culinary Day, it's "if at first you do succeed, try it again." And that's exactly what we're doing. Due to popular demand the college is hosting a second Culinary Day, Saturday, April 2 starting at noon.

This special day is a mouth-watering opportunity for students who want a career in the culinary arts and want to explore the many possibilities for future success at SUNY Sullivan. Our culinary program offers associate degree programs in the Culinary Arts, Hospitality and Tourism Management, Pastry Arts and the Professional Chef applied science degree program. The college also offers a one-year Food Service certificate program.

Culinary Day at SUNY Sullivan will include an information session and a campus tour. Future students will work side-by-side with current students in preparing an extravagant dinner that will be enjoyed by all the participants at the conclusion of Culinary Day. Instant acceptance will be an option for participating students who bring along their official high school transcript.

For more information or to register, call 845.434.5750, ext. 4287. To register online, visit: www.sunysullivan.edu/culinaryday . RSVP by March 28.

AL-ANON MEETINGS

Monday 7:00 p.m. United Methodist Church, 170 N. Main Street, Liberty
Thursday 7:00 p.m. Immaculate Conception Church Annex, 6317 Rt 42, Woodbourne
Saturday 8:00 p.m. United Methodist Church, 170 N. Main Street, Liberty
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SUNY Sullivan's culinary arts complex includes two fully equipped bakeries, a gas kitchen, a major food production laboratory and a large multi-purpose use dining room. Under faculty supervision, students receive hands-on academic experience, similar to that in industry, involving basic food preparation and baking, advanced culinary techniques and the art of dining room service.

Onteora Board of Education Budget Forum, Superintendent's Budget Recommendation and Regular Meeting

The Onteora Board of Education will hold a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, March 22, 2011, in The Woodstock Elementary School on Route 375, in Woodstock, New York.

At 6:00 there will be a Budget Forum and the Superintendent will present the Budget Recommendations for the 2011-2012 School Year.

The Regular Meeting will begin at 7:00

CWC Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of Member Towns of the Catskill Watershed Corp. will be held Tuesday, April 5 at 1 p.m. at CWC offices, 905 Main St., Margaretville. Representatives of watershed municipalities, and interested residents and businesspeople, are cordially invited to attend the annual meeting, which will feature Board election results and a summary of CWC program accomplishments during 2010. The meeting will be followed by the Board of Directors regular monthly meeting.

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Political Slant (From Pg. 12)

Last week, the President had a productive meeting with *Senators Reid, Durbin, Schumer, and Murray, and the Vice President had good discussions with Speaker Boehner and Minority Leader McConnell.* The President and Vice President urged them to come together to find a solution that funds the government through the end of the fiscal year and reiterated their commitment to helping make this happen. Last year both parties showed that each could give a little to reach a middle class tax cut compromise that works for the American people. We trust that they can do this again to avoid a government shutdown that would harm our economic recovery.

If you have something to say, say it here, and it must be less than 300 words, e-mail politicalslant@yahoo.com.

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Quiz,

- A. What song performed by Keeley Smith became famous?
- B. What was the name of the title song?

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

It's March 17th ST. PATRICK'S DAY! Saint Patrick was the patron saint and national apostle of Ireland who is credited with bringing Christianity to Ireland. Most of what is known about him comes from his two works, the Confession, a spiritual autobiography, and his Epistola, a denunciation of British mistreatment of Irish Christians. Saint Patrick described himself as a "most humble-minded man, pouring forth a continuous paean of thanks to his Maker for having chosen him as the instrument whereby multitudes who had worshiped idols and unclean things had become the people of God."

Saint Patrick is most known for driving the snakes from Ireland. It is true there are no snakes in Ireland, but there probably never have been. The island was separated from the rest of the continent at the end of the Ice Age. As in many old pagan religions, serpent symbols were common and often worshiped. Driving the snakes from Ireland was probably symbolic of putting an end to that pagan practice. While not the first to bring Christianity to Ireland, Patrick is said to have encountered the Druids at Tara and abolished their pagan rites. The story holds that he converted the warrior chiefs and princes, baptizing them and thousands of their subjects in the "Holy Wells" that still bear this name. Many folk ask the question, "Why is the Shamrock the National Flower of Ireland?" The reason is that St. Patrick used it to explain the Holy Trinity to the pagans. Saint Patrick is believed to have been born in the late fourth century, and is often confused with Palladius, a bishop who was sent by Pope Celestine in 431 to be the first bishop to the Irish believers in Christ.

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