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Families for Family Spaghetti Dinner

On Friday, March 22, 2013 there will be a Spaghetti Dinner for the benefit a Neversink family with a child that has been diagnosed with cancer.

The dinner will be held at the Neversink Fire Hall from 4 pm to 7 pm. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children ages 5-12; kids under 5 free. Take out is available.

For more information or to make a donation please call Rhonda Hough at 985-2410 or M. Cappiello, FCCLA Advisor at Tri-Valley Central School at 985-2296 Ext 4119.

First Cast at Junction Pool

Get your poles and waders ready as FIRST CAST is approaching quickly!!

The Roscoe Chamber will be welcoming our locals and guests at 7:00 am on Saturday, April 6th as they get ready to cast their lines into our cool waters at Junction Pool here in Roscoe NY.

Everyone is welcome to join us in this annual celebration. Free refreshments will be served

Last Week's Storm Plays Havoc in Claryville



Photo courtesy of Charlie Breiner taken on March 12, 2013 at the height of the rain storm.

Last week's rain and melting snow could not be classified as a major weather event, but with the flood debris and eroded banks of the Neversink in Claryville, it only takes a minor storm to cause flooding. Rocks and gravel have been deposited in the river channel creating havoc when the river is high, as the water continues to wash the river bank away causing the water in the river to become diverted, with the course now heading into homes and what was once a lawn as shown above. See The Townsman On-Line (thetownsman.com) for more of Charlie's pictures.

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Kiwanis Club Annual Opening Season Breakfast

On Sunday, April 7, 2013 Roscoe Kiwanis Club will host its annual from 7:00 am - 12:00 pm on Sunday, April 7th 2013 at The Roscoe Community Center (former Kirchner building)

The menu will include Pancakes with real maple syrup (produced locally), eggs, sausage, orange juice, coffee, butter, maple syrup...YUM, YUM!! All you can eat.

A free will offering will be accepted. All proceeds are used for the youth of our community.

Call 607-498-5395 for more information.

School Spirit Isn't Dead - Shannon Smith



On March 15th 2013, if any person was to enter the Tri-Valley Central School gymnasium, one would be greeted with loud cheers of enthusiasm and a sea of colors of green, yellow, blue, and red. Competition Night is a night when the ninth through twelfth grade classes, parents, teachers/staff, and community members come together to experience fun, games, and to create memories that will last a lifetime. (Contd. Pg. 8)

Calling All Fiddlers !! -Rosin up your bow for the 19th Annual Old Time Fiddler's Gathering

Please come and join us on Sunday, April 21, 2013 1:00-5:00 pm at the Neversink Fire Hall located on Route 55, Neversink NY. Bring your fiddle and accompanists. If you don't have someone to accompany you, don't worry. There are plenty of willing and experienced players on hand. Other instruments are welcome as long as your music fits within the primary focus of "fiddle music." (Contd. Pg. 3)

Third Annual Nonprofit Leadership Summit Urges Collaboration & Innovation

BETHEL, NY- A sold-out crowd packed Bethel Woods Center for the Arts on March 6th for the Third Annual Nonprofit Leadership Summit. They came to hear from key leaders in the not-for-profit field and glean ideas for collaboration, innovation and best practices. They also came in search of practical solutions to the problems plaguing many of the regions nonprofits. (Contd. Pg. 3)

4H Puppy Pals Update

The Daniel Pierce Library's annual tea party in December was a great success. Many people from our community came out to show their support. Our 4H Puppy Pals had a fantastic time and really enjoyed decorating the library. Thank you to the library for including us in this fantastic event.



Our next event was International Night at the Co-Operative Extension building in February. We represented France this year. Due to the weather this event had to be held on a "snow date". Despite the change of date the event was well attended and everyone had a lot of fun and learned a lot about all the different countries that were represented.

In February we met at the library and made snowflakes as a community service event for the children of Newton CT. Just before the meeting though we heard that the school had been inundated with snowflakes form so many caring individuals and we were told that they were no longer accepting snowflakes and to take a picture of them and send a letter instead. That's what we did and we decorated our Post Office with the snowflakes so that everyone in our town could enjoy them.

Future events include learning how to groom dogs and making dog treats, planting flowers to decorate the planter boxes at the Elementary school and updating our planter box on Route 42. Thank you again for all the community support.

Patrick Coombe and Andrea Decker, 4H Puppy Pal News Reporters



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ON THE FRONT BURNER: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever.
Psalm 118:1

OBITUARY

Joseph (Joe) Weise III, a former resident of Claryville, passed away unexpectedly on February 23, 2013 in Saranac Lake, NY. He was 50 years old.

Joe, the son of Joseph and Barbara Weise, was born on August 9, 1962 in Suffern, NY. He was a 1980 graduate of Tri-Valley School. Joe loved the outdoors and his favorite place was the Adirondack Mountains in NY.

Joe is survived by his wife, Kathleen and his daughter, Naomi, both of Grahamsville, NY; his parents Joseph Jr. and Barbara of Claryville, NY; two sisters: Susan VanValkenberg, her husband Gary and their children Michael and Kate of Grahamsville, NY; Mary Purcell, her husband James and their children Justin and Melissa of Rivervale, NJ; and brother, William (Bill) Weise of Charlotte, NC.

Cremation took place on February 26th. Cremains will be scattered at Union Falls Pond, Wilmington, NY this summer at the convenience of the family.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Heart Association or a charity of your choice.

Days of Yore...

...Today's History

March 25, 1953 - Mr. and Mrs. Earl Terwilliger of Lackawack Hill announced the engagement of their daughter, Joyce Edith, to George Frederick Stedner, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Stedner of Cragmoor. The couple will be married next September 6th. Miss Terwilliger is a senior at Tri Valley School and is employed at H. Rosenstock & Sons in Ellenville. Mr. Stedner is employed at Otto Marl Garage.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude DePew have just bought the "Del" Murray place at Claryville and are planning to move there soon. They expect to conduct a tourist home and hunting and fishing lodge.

The legislature voted on March 20th to make it a crime to refuse to give up a party telephone line in an emergency under the terms of the bill sent to the Governor by the Senate; such an action would be considered malicious mischief. It would also be a crime to obtain a line by falsely stating it was needed for an emergency.

March 20, 1963 - Miss Karen Mickelson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mickelson, Sr., of South Hill Road, Grahamsville, became the bride of Mr. William Exner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Exner of Ulster Heights on Sunday. The Rev. Arthur Paltridge officiated at the ceremony which took place at the Grahamsville Methodist Church. Mr. and Mrs. Exner will make their home in Ulster Heights.

Dr. Nelson P. Guild of the Hamilton College Government Dept. last week announced the election of twelve seniors to Phi Beta Kappa, the honorary academic fraternity. Among those elected was Philip West, Jr., son of Rev. and Mrs. Howard P. West of Maybrook, New York, formerly of Grahamsville.

Lewis Turner, a member of the Tri Valley Chapter of the FFA, won first place in the annual FFA Speaking Contest held in Washingtonville on Monday night. Turner, a sophomore at Tri Valley, competed against contestants from Orange, Rockland and Sullivan Counties. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Turner.

March 21, 1973 - Gary Robinson has been named to the Dean's Honor List for the third semester at the New York State University College at Oswego, New York. Gary is majoring in Business Administration. He is the son of Vincent Robinson of Rocky Hill Road, Grahamsville and Blanche Robinson of Main Street, Grahamsville.

Mrs. Mabel Hill has completed and presented to the United Methodist Church a picture of the church done in oils. It is to be hung in the conference room of the education building.

Last Thursday, March 15th a little girl was born. The proud parents of the baby, Laura Jean, are Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wendler

of Liberty. The maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Clark of Big Hollow Road, Grahamsville and the paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Edward Handler of Liberty

March 24, 1983 - The Catskill Art Society's April exhibition will be "A Family Affair", featuring the work of Mary Russell, her daughter, Carolyn Coombe and granddaughter, Cathy Coombe. The exhibition will be open April 3rd at the Sullivan County Cultural Center.

Barbara M. DeWire and John F. Walter were married February 19, 1983 at Duck Cedar Inn, Tuxedo, N.Y. with Judge John Modder performing the ceremony. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Helen D. McGeorge and the late Harvey H. McGeorge of Haverstraw, N.Y. The bridegroom is the son of Mrs. Helen F. Walter of Lakewood, N.J. and the late Leroy L. Walter. The bride is employed as a branch manager for the Bank of New York in Tuxedo. The groom is president of SCCC in Loch Sheldrake. Following their wedding trip, the couple will live in Monticello.

CWC Annual Meeting April 2

MARGARETVILLE, NY, March 18, 2013 - The Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC) will hold its 16th Annual Meeting of member towns Tuesday, April 2 at 1 p.m. at CWC offices, 905 Main Street, Margaretville. Results of the election of two representatives to the CWC Board of Directors -one from Schoharie County and one from Ulster -- will be announced. A slide show of CWC achievements over the past year, and a tour of the organizations revamped website are also on the agenda.

The floor will then be open for questions and comments from representatives of member towns and villages, and the general public.

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors will be held immediately following the Annual Meeting.

The public is cordially invited to attend both meetings. CWC programs and projects are explained in detail on the corporation's web site: www.cwconline.org. Inquiries are welcome Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the CWC's offices; via email at invest@cwconline.org, and over the toll-free line, 877-WAT-SHED (877-928-7433).

LVSC Story Time - Apr 6th

On Saturday, April 6th, The Literacy Volunteers of Sullivan County will sponsor their monthly Story Time from 11:00am to 12:00pm at the Read it Again Book Store located at 63 North Street in Monticello, NY. All children must be accompanied by an adult, who will remain with them throughout the hour. Stories will be read to the children, and an activity will follow, time permitting. Story Time is FREE, and open to all children in Grades K-3. For more information, please contact the Read It Again Book Store at 845-794-0017.

The United Church of Roscoe will hold its Annual Pork Roast Dinner

The United Church of Roscoe will hold its Annual Pork Roast Dinner on Saturday, April 20th starting 5:00 pm. Adults \$9.00. Take outs will be available. For tickets call 498-5153.

Warning to Area Residents Regarding Recent Robberies

There have been several robberies reported in the Grahamsville area near Big Hollow Road and Route 42. Monday morning word came to us that there was a break in near Cole Road at the other side of town. Over the past few weeks, houses have been broken into and jewelry and other valuable possessions have been stolen. Be on the alert, and keep a vigilant neighborhood watch. Keep your doors and windows locked, and keep valuables, including cash in a safe place. If you have a web camera, or game camera, turn them on.

A Round About Tri- Valley

- Carol Furman

The Grahamsville Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary is sponsoring an Easter Egg hunt for Tri-Valley youngsters from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm on Saturday, March 30th at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds. The event will be held rain or shine.

Neversink Parks and Rec has planned a trip to Frost Valley for dinner and a castle tour. The trip will take place on Wed. May 15th and a bus will leave Town Hall at 6:00 pm. You MUST ride the bus. The cost of the dinner and tour is \$15.00 per person for residents and \$30.00 per person for non-residents.

There are limited seats available, so if you are interested, call Jamie Brooks at 985-22262 X312 ASAP.

Middle School Art Teacher, Sandra Bernstein, has retired from Tri-Valley Central School effective February 21. Sandy taught at Tri-Valley for 30 years, was an excellent teacher and was well-liked by both students and staff. Her presence in the middle school is greatly missed. Sandy and Lenny raised two fine sons, John and Jim, who are both attending college.

Emily Moore, daughter of Dave and Phyllis Moore of Grahamsville, announced that she plans to marry Dustin Braud on August 11th, 2013. Emily is a labor and delivery nurse at Cornell Presbyterian Hospital in NYC. Dustin works in advertising.

There are still a few seats left for the Flower Show in Troy. The trip is planned for March 22nd. Call Jamie Brooks at the Neversink Town Hall X312 if interested. Cost is \$15. Residents/\$23. Non-residents.

Hayes McCardell of Grahamsville called to tell me that the 19th Annual Fiddle Fest will be held on Sunday, April 21, from 1:00 - 5:00 pm at the Neversink Fire Hall. Admission will be \$10.00 for adults, \$1.00 for school-age children and under 5, free. Monies received will benefit the Sullivan County Pregnancy Support Center in Liberty. For further information, contact Hayes at 845-901-2192. (Hayes called me on his cell phone as he was driving to Canada, so I hope I got his information correct.)

A pancake breakfast sponsored by the Fire Department, will be held on Palm Sunday, March 24th from 7:00 am - Noon at the Neversink Firehouse. Come out and support your volunteer fire fighters!

Congratulations to John Monforte 111 of Grahamsville for being named to the Dean's List at the State University of New York College of Technology at Delhi. John is an electrical construction and instrumentation major.

Marie E. Graham of Bainbridge, GA and formerly of Neversink, passed away on March 4*. She was the daughter of the late John and Loretta Noren. Sympathy is extended to the Noren and Graham families.

Condolences to the family and friends of Joseph Weise, III, formerly of Claryville, who passed away unexpectedly. Joe graduated from Tri-Valley Central School in 1980.

Congratulations to the Misner Agency in Woodbourne who received the designation of Kemper, Preferred Inner Circle of Independent Agents. Only 7% of independent insurance agents that represent Kemper nationwide are awarded Inner Circle membership.

Rosemary Hertle of Napanoch passed away on March 10th. She was 97. Sympathy is extended to the Hertle family.

Words of Wisdom: Heck is the place where people go if they don't believe in gosh. (Reader's Digest)

19th Annual Old Time Fiddler's Gathering (From Pg. 1)

The format will be the same as previous years:
 -Upon arrival, each performer/group can sign up for a 15 to 20 minute time slot to perform during the afternoon.
 -Practice rooms are available in the building.
 -A full sound system with monitors, mics, etc, will be provided (Please bring your own keyboards)
 -Admission is free for musicians and immediate family.
 -If you have CDs or products that represent you or your group, a table will be available in the lobby for your personal sales (no flea market activity, okay?)
 Our community is really looking forward to this event, and we sincerely hope you and/or your group can come and share your music with them.. Come

jam with fellow musicians in the back rooms!
 Contact Hayes McCardell, 119 Hall Rd, Grahamsville, NY 12740 - Cell - 845 901 2192 or Email to hwilburmack@gmail.com

The proceeds from this event will support the Sullivan County Pregnancy Support Center, a non-profit support center for women with crisis pregnancies.

Third Annual Nonprofit Leadership Summit Urges Collaboration & Innovation (From Pg. 1)

The excitement in the room was tangible as 150 people representing 70 nonprofit agencies gathered for a full day of networking and professional development. "So much has been accomplished just by bringing the group together," noted Amanda Langseder, one of the event co-chairs. "The Summit is an opportunity for our nonprofit sector to showcase its size, strength and value in the region."

Kicking off the Summit was Doug Sauer, Executive Director of New York Council on Nonprofits (NYCON), with his presentation, "Beyond Collaboration." Sauer offered an array of ideas for collaboration ranging from a simple shared service to an all-out merger of organizations. He stressed the need for New York State to simplify statutory requirements and regulatory and bureaucratic processes that are so costly and time consuming they often result in stifling any movement on the part of nonprofits toward merger or consolidation.

The lunchtime keynote speaker, Greg Berman, director of the Center for Court Innovation and recipient of the National Peter F. Drucker Award for Non-profit Innovation inspired attendees with "Lessons from the Front Lines of Innovation." He stressed that fear of failure can often result in organizations becoming static and not moving forward. He urged them to see failure as part of the learning process and a necessary step on the road to success. Sullivan County District Attorney, James Farrell, attended the Summit to hear Berman's presentation.

One of the day's highlights was the presentation of the first Nonprofit Innovation Award. Three finalists were each given an opportunity to present their projects to the Summit audience and panel of judges. The Community Reporting Alliance, a youth-run community newspaper from Livingston Manor walked away with the \$5,000 first place prize award. The two runners up, Crystal Run Village and Rural & Migrant Ministries, each received \$500 awards.

Throughout the day, summit attendees were offered professional workshops on organizational assessment tools, social media myths, succession planning and recruiting volunteers. The day concluded with a speed networking reception, giving participants an additional chance to get to know their nonprofit colleagues and seek collaboration opportunities. "Networking is a very important part of the event," noted event co-chair Linda Hartley. "Building cooperation and trust among our local nonprofits is the first step to fostering collaboration."

75 Tourism Leaders to Met with Legislators in Catskills

Tourism marketing, minimum wage and casino plans top agenda
 Tourism industry leaders from the Catskills Region met with state and local legislative representatives for a Roundtable Discussion on Thursday, March 14, to discuss important issues pertaining to the tourism industry. The Sullivan Hotel in Rock Hill 12775 hosted the event.

The purpose of the Roundtable Discussion - sponsored by the New York State Hospitality & Tourism Association, Catskill Association of Tourism Services, Sullivan County Visitors Association, Delaware County Chamber of Commerce, Greene County Economic Development & Tourism, and Ulster County Tourism - was to advance the hospitality industry's local and statewide legislative agendas. Statewide issues on the agenda included: the importance of tourism funding, Regional Economic Development Council grants, minimum wage and extended learning time for students and its impact on tourism businesses. Issues specific to the Catskills include, among other things: gaming and casinos, property tax relief, sales tax pilot agreements and the conversion of Route 17 to I-86.

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

There have been reports of sightings of red-winged blackbirds returning to the Tri-Valley area, after spending their winter in the south. Their early arrival and cheerful song are indications of the return of spring.



You will recognize the calls of the Red-winged Blackbird. The male's song, accompanied by a display of his red shoulder patches, is a scratchy oak-a-lee. The female also sings, typically a scolding chatter chit chit chit chit chit cheer with a high slurred whistle, teer-teer-teerr-eeee.



The stocky, broad-shouldered red-winged blackbird has a slender, conical bill and a medium-length tail. They are often defined by their hump-backed silhouette while perched.

The common name for the Red-winged Blackbird is taken from the mainly black adult male's distinctive red shoulder patches, or "epaulets", which are visible when the male bird is flying. Male Red-winged Blackbirds do everything they can to get noticed as they sit on high perches and sing all day long. They often sit with their tails slightly flared. The glossy-black males' can puff up or hide their scarlet-and-yellow shoulder patches depending on how confident they feel.

The females are more subdued and have a muted coloring, with brown streaks overall, that are paler on the breast and often have whitish eyebrows. Females stay low as they lurk through vegetation for food and quietly weave together their remarkable nests that they build in loose colonies in the cattails, rushes, grasses, sedge, alder or willow bushes. The nest is constructed entirely by the female over the course of three to six days is a cup-shaped basket of grasses, sedge, and mosses, lined with mud, and bound to surrounding grasses or branches.

Red-winged Blackbirds are polygynous, with territorial males defending up to 10 females. However, females frequently copulate with males other than their social mate and often lay clutches of mixed paternity. Pairs raise two or three clutches per season, in a new nest for each clutch. A clutch consists of three or four, and rarely five, eggs that are oval, smooth, slightly glossy, and measure about 1 3/4 in. They are pale bluish green, marked with brown, purple, and/or black, with most markings around the larger end of the egg. The eggs are incubated by the female alone, and hatch in 11 to 12 days. Red-winged Blackbirds are blind and without feathers when hatched, but are ready to leave the nest 11-14 days after hatching. The young birds resemble the female, but are paler below and have buff feather fringes.

Red-winged Blackbirds aggressively defend their territory from other animals and frequently attack much larger birds. Males have been known to swoop at humans who encroach upon their nesting territory during breeding season.

Since nest predation is common, several adaptations have evolved in this species. Group nesting is one such trait which reduces the risk of individual attacks from preying enemies by increasing the number of alert parents.

Nesting over water also reduces the likelihood of predation, along with alarm calls. Their nests offer a strategic advantage over predators in that they are often well concealed in thick, waterside reeds. Males often act as sentinels, employing a variety of calls to denote the kind and severity of danger. Mobbing, especially by males, is also used to scare off unwanted predators. Red-winged Blackbirds are prey to barn owls and hawks. Crows, ravens, magpies and herons are occasionally predators of blackbird nests. Fox, racoon, mink and snakes are also predators of the birds of all ages and their eggs.

The Red-winged Blackbird (*Agelaius phoeniceus*) is a passerine bird of the family Icteridae found in most of North America. They are omnivorous meaning they feed primarily on plant materials, including seeds from weeds and waste grain such as corn and rice, but about a quarter of their diet consists of insects and other small animals, especially during breeding season. They prefer insects such as dragonflies, damselflies, butterflies, moths, and flies, but also will eat snails, frogs, eggs, carrion, worms, spiders and mollusks. The Red-winged Blackbird forages for insects by picking them from plants, or by catching them in flight. Other treats for the Red-winged Blackbird during the summer season are blueberries and blackberries.

If you wish to attract Red-winged blackbirds and welcome them to your back yard, they can be lured to your feeders with bread and seed mixtures and suet.

Just because there is still a winter chill in the air, Wednesday will officially become Spring. Why not take some time to look and listen for the birds in your back yard. Maybe you will be lucky, and see a handsome Red-winged Blackbird, singing a song filled with hope that warm sunny weather will soon return to the Catskills.

Household Hints

Clean chrome and stainless steel

To clean chrome and stainless steel fixtures around your home, apply a light misting of undiluted white vinegar from a recycled spray bottle. Buff with a soft cloth to bring out the brightness.

Mysterious Book Report No. 89 by John Dwaine McKenna



We're taking a quantum leap of the imagination with this week's Mysterious Book Report, from eighteenth century Sweden, to twenty-first century Yemen. Yemen, for those wanting a little bit of remedial geography, (yeah, me too . . .) is located to the south of Saudi Arabia and shares a long, undefined boarder with it called the Empty Quarter. The Empty Quarter contains vast, untapped oil reserves and rebellious tribesmen at war with the south of Yemen. South Yemen itself sits strategically on the mouth of the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aden, putting Yemen in an ideal position to control a choke-point of the world's oil shipments. Throw in a weak, ineffectual government, an Al-Qaeda presence that's getting stronger by the day, a poor uneducated populace, high unemployment and close proximity to radical, and rich, Saudi extremists known as Wahabis . . . and Yemen is a ticking time bomb that could explode at any instant.

The Panther, (Grand Central Publishing, \$27.99, 629 pages, ISBN 978-0-446-58084-7) by Nelson DeMille is a long, arduous, and at times heart stopping mission to seek and capture or kill an Al-Qaeda terrorist known as The Panther. He's a ruthless killer, elusive as the desert wind, the planner of numerous acts of terror and murder, including the attack on the U.S.S. Cole, a U.S. guided missile destroyer. It was attacked by two suicide bombers in a motorboat on 12 Oct 2000 as the Cole was refueling in the Yemen port of Aden, killing seventeen US sailors and injuring thirty-nine others, some critically. Anti-terrorist Task Force agent John Corey and his wife, FBI agent Kate Mayfield are tasked with finding and neutralizing The Panther . . . an American citizen . . . who was born and raised in Perth Amboy, New Jersey. The job is nearly impossible. Corey and Mayfield are non-Arabic speakers being sent into a dangerous and hostile environment where friend and foe are indistinguishable and interchangeable, where their team members are shifty, evasive, and shady; their motives unclear, their characters, as well as their sanity at times questionable. This one will leave you bleary-eyed from reading long into

the night as you're compelled to keep turning the pages, trying to figure out who, and if, anyone will get out alive. Astute readers will delight at the appearance of Paul Brenner, the U.S. Army Warrant Officer and criminal investigator introduced in DeMille's novel The General's Daughter. (The character played by John Travolta in the movie version). If you like spy and international thrillers you'll love this book. I sure did.

You'll also love your local library if you'll take the time to visit. In addition to books, they have DVD's, CD's research materials, adult or child classes and all those smart and foxy librarians to help you in your search for knowledge. Give 'em a try, you'll see for yourself what treasures await behind the doors of your local library. As the old Chinese sage remarked, "You must read or surrender to ignorance."

We are proud to announce that ten of the best-loved stories from The Neversink Chronicles, are now available world-wide for just 99 cents each on your Kindle eReader. It was a long process but now it's finally done! Check it out. Type in John Dwaine McKenna on the search window of the "Shop in Kindle" store app.

And hey, the lonely and heartsick, or the just plain bored are all invited to check out our websites:

johndwainemckenna.com and rhyolitepress.com

For the latest news and schmooze from out here, west of the Mississippi, where the prairie ends and the mountains begin. We'll look for you next Thursday, with a brand-new, rousing, and provocative MBR. Uh-huh . . . you bet! --JDM

Neversink Renaissance Seeking Youth Interns

Neversink Renaissance is pleased to announce the availability of three paid internship opportunities for this summer in the Town of Neversink. Neversink Renaissance will hire two students to water hanging baskets throughout the community. These positions require that students have a senior driver's license and can safely operate a pick up truck. These part time positions pay \$10.00 per hour and begin the first week in June through August. Work is typically performed in the late afternoon. These individuals will be Town of Neversink employees sponsored by Neversink Renaissance.

Sullivan Renaissance will also be hiring gardening interns to work on Renaissance projects throughout the county. It is anticipated that a position will be available in Grahamsville to work at the Daniel Pierce Library as well as other community garden locations. Students must be 16 years old at the time of their application which must be submitted by April 8th. These individuals are hired by Sullivan Renaissance through Sullivan County and are paid \$10.00 per hour for up to 200 hours between May 15 and August 31.

If you are interested in learning more about these internship opportunities, please contact Dave Moore at 985-2746.

The Community Shepherds Committee will be Meeting at the Daniel Pierce Library.

On April 20th at 10 a.m., The Community Shepherds Committee will be meeting at the Daniel Pierce Library.

This will be an organizational meeting with guest speaker: Bonnie Lewis, Caregiver Resource Center Coordinator, Cornell Cooperative Extension, Sullivan County. Ms. Lewis will be a valuable resource for our new committee.

The Shepherds Committee is a volunteer committee made up of friends and neighbors of the community to help out a local need. Those needs can be a ride, a visit, a telephone call, a meal for someone coming home from the hospital or for the family of someone in the hospital or new moms, etc. If you have an interest in volunteering to help or are just a little inquisitive stop in on April 20th at 10:00 am. to see what we are all about. Thank you and we hope to see you there.

If you have a need or know someone who does please contact Sally Hill at Sally_C_Hill@yahoo.com or call 985-2255

Sullivan County Human Rights Commission Patients Rights Forum

If you have questions about your rights as a patient, if you're not sure about asking your doctor questions when you don't understand or don't agree, then come to the Patients Rights Forum to be held at the Liberty Library, 189 North Main Street in Liberty, NY on Thursday, March 21st at 6:00 PM.

Learn your rights to quality, confidential and personal medical care. There will be a Spanish language interpreter available at this meeting. Admission is

free. For more information you can contact Eric Monroe, Executive Director of the Sullivan County Human Rights Commission at (845) 807-0189 or e-mail him at: eric.monroe@co.sullivan.ny.us.

Senator John Bonacic Invites Nominees for "Women of Distinction"

Annual Program Honors Women's Outstanding Contributions to Our Community State Senator John J. Bonacic (R/I/C - Mount Hope) today invited local residents from the 42nd Senate District to nominate friends, colleagues and neighborhood leaders whose outstanding work on behalf of their communities make them deserving of a special recognition by the State Senate as a New York "Woman of Distinction."

A distinguished woman from each Senate District will be honored at a ceremony held on May 7th in Albany. Previous honorees in this annual program have included business leaders, community advocates, educators, everyday heroes, innovators, and volunteers. As we celebrate Women's History in March, it is befitting to begin the nomination process of remarkable women this month.

"There are extraordinary women in New York State who devote a significant amount of time and energy to making our communities stronger. The Women of Distinction Program not only recognizes women for their tremendous achievement at a local level, but celebrates their accomplishments statewide. It provides a special opportunity to recognize and thank women whose accomplishments have made a notable impact on the lives of others," said Senator Bonacic. "I look forward to receiving nominations of outstanding women who have made a difference and bring pride to our communities," said Senator Bonacic.

If you would like to nominate a woman who lives in the 42nd Senate District, which includes the Counties of Delaware, Orange, Sullivan and Ulster, please send an email to Senator Bonacic's Office at Catania@NYSenate.gov. Nominations must include a brief biography of approximately 300 words detailing why you think your nominee should be selected as this year's Woman of Distinction. Nominations should also include the town or city of residence and phone number of the nominee. Those making nominations should also include their own name and contact information. Nominations must be received by April 5, 2013.

Themed Art Gathering on the Deck -- Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum

Welcome all painters. Join us for the first Art Gathering on the Deck of the Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum in Livingston Manor, NY on May 25, 2013, from 11 AM to 4 PM*.

Artists are invited to set up on the deck of the Catskill Fly Fishing Museum. Artists are asked to interpret a theme, concept, vision or idea found in the Museum. All paintings created this day will be on display in the Wulff Gallery from June 20 through August 6th. No prizes will be involved but visitors will be asked to vote for their favorite painting. The artist receiving the most votes will be awarded The Visitors Choice Award and be recognized on a plaque to hang in the Gallery. All compositions will be professionally photographed before returning to artists.

Artists will be required to provide their own canvas or paper, and all painting needs. Paintings can be

no larger than 11" x 14". Folding Chairs will be available. Participating artists will be welcome to hang and offer for sale one piece created this day on the exterior of the Museum (behind their painting area).

Space is limited to 30 artists For reservations please call the CFFCM at 845-439-4810

* Artists are required to be on time, but allowed to leave after submitting painting.

A second opportunity: The 30th CFFCM Annual Summerfest will be held on August 3 & 4. This event hosts over 100 tables of antique and collectible fishing related items, local crafts and home products. This year we welcome artists to join the event to display and sell their works at Summerfest. The CFFCM will provide the space at no fee for participating artists. Attendance at this event has grown over the past several years to an average of 700-900.

The CFFCM will ask artists to create work related to a flyfishing related theme over the weekend. All paintings will hang in the Wulff Gallery from August 10, 2013 through January 10, 2014. This will be Visitors Choice II Gallery Exhibition.

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The Olive Jar - Carol LaMonda

Bits and Pieces

The Olive Fire Department sold over one thousand orders to Brooks Chicken and Ribs at their fundraiser last week.

People in Olive love combining food and fundraising. The Olivebridge Methodist Church is having a Reuben Sandwich Lunch this Saturday, and, of course, all the restaurants feature the traditional corned beef, potatoes, carrots and cabbage. Farmers used to call it a "Boiled Dinner." I intend to have it a few times this week. My motto is, "If someone cooks it, I will eat it."

The Baracuda Swim Team is having sign-ups already. Luckily they have some indoor venues because last week's teaser of warm weather has been rudely interrupted by snow and cold.

There have been robin sightings, bear reports and those audacious spring bulbs, the Snow Drops and Crocus, have been poking through the cold ground reminding us that spring is surely around the corner. Let's just hope it's a nearby corner and not one in Northern Maine.

Speaking of bits and pieces, a few ladies (Cheryl Kosarek, Lois Ostapczuk, Marie Pantliano, Jane McCabe, Sue Cocozza, and I) had an old fashioned quilting bee for the Linus Project. Cheryl organized our "sweat shop" workshop to sew quilt tops that she then takes to another group to tie before she binds the quilts and delivers them to be distributed to shelters and hospitals in Ulster County. Named after the Peanuts character, Linus who always hugs his "blankie" for comfort, these quilts offer that warmth and love when children need it most. Last year the groups contributed fifty-six quilts.

Anyone who has done quilting knows what a labor of love it is. Back in the old days, women would recycle clothing and dry goods into quilts, simple and complex. What I found out is that the tedious work can become a social event when mixed with lunch and conversation. Hence the expression, "Many hands make light work." In six hours, the group was able to create nine quilts.

Makes me think about the motto of America, E PLURIBUS UNUM, which means "FROM MANY, ONE." Now there is a civics lesson from quilting we can relearn from our pioneer fore-mothers.



RESERVOIR MUSIC NOTES- Fred Perry-Owner of Reservoir Music Center
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Greetings All! I will be back next week. - Fred

Mastery in Clay: Indigenous Potter from Papua New Guinea in the Richard W. Arnold Collection



There will be a reception on March 21 at the Longyear Museum of Anthropology, Colgate University, 13 Oak Drive, Hamilton, NY opening the Mastery in Clay: Indigenous Potter from Papua New Guinea in the Richard W. Arnold Collection exhibit. The exhibit will be open Monday-Friday through June 1, 2013.

"Each of the hundreds of Papua New Guinea earthenware traditions is distinguished by specialized elements of form or ornament. With highly developed skills and creativity, Papuan potters have produced, in a relatively small corner of the world, clay vessels of extraordinary richness and diversity. More than forty selections from the collection of Richard W. Arnold illustrate the breadth of Papuan vessels and the mastery of the potters who made them. They include pots in a great variety of shapes for storage, cooking, eating, and ceremonial use; their surface embellishments are modeled, incised, impressed, applied, and painted; and their designs are inspired by the flora and fauna of the area, human faces and figures, and the abstract, swirling visions of an inner eye."

For more information call (315) 228-7184 or 228-6643.

Cahill Wins Funding Pledge for Belleayre Ski Center Within Assembly Budget Proposal

(Albany, NY) Assemblymember Kevin Cahill (D - Ulster, Dutchess) announced today that the Assembly's budget proposal includes language which would ensure that Belleayre Mountain Ski Center would continue to receive adequate funding in light of its recent absorption by the Olympic Regional Development Authority (ORDA). Cahill advocated that a portion of the funding allocated within the budget to ORDA be specifically directed toward the Shandaken facility for lift maintenance, building upkeep, and other infrastructure and preventative repair projects.

"Last year when it was decided that Belleayre would fall under ORDA's direction, I made a commitment that I would closely monitor the implementation of the transfer and would work to ensure that the Authority was held accountable for providing the resources and attention needed to assure Belleayre's success as an economic engine in the area," said Cahill. "I will continue to work with my Assembly and Senate colleagues to see that this protection is included in the enacted budget."

"Belleayre has been hit with a hugely disproportionate reduction in funding compared to other agencies of the state over the past few years. It is important now more than ever that the Ski Center receive the kind of support and attention that will ensure its continued position as the center of commerce for the Route 28 corridor and a tremendous recreational facility for so many New Yorkers."

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What's Happening in Pine Hill?

Thursday, March 21, 4-6 pm. Pine Hill Community Center Storytellers Circle. This new group invites all who have a tale to tell and are interested in the craft of storytelling. We'll meet on the third Thursday of each month to listen and share.

Saturday, March 23, 10:30-noon. Kid Stuff. Free Program for kids ages 6-12. Adults welcome. Paper artist Janice Di Marino introduces kids to the art of making paper.

Saturday, March 30, 10:30 - noon. Kid Stuff. Free Program for kids ages 6-12. Adults welcome. Artist Roshan Houshmand and the participants will make spiral bound notebooks.

Saturday, April 6, 7:00 pm. Rick Altman and David Oliver in Concert. Altman and Oliver perform an eclectic blend of original compositions for marimbas and vibraphone. The music is inspired by many sources including improvised new music, jazz, folk, and ethnic world musics. David's compositions are heavily influenced by ska, reggae, Indian, Turkish, Latin, and classical music. Rick's compositions borrow more from the traditional jazz and new age modal jazz as well as samba and salsa. Violin prodigy Miriam Rose will open the show. \$5.00

Saturday, April 6, 10:30-noon. Kid Stuff. Free Program for kids ages 6-12. Adults welcome. Jeweler Francesca Warnes brings lots of beads to make beautiful jewelry.

Saturday, April 13, 10:30-noon. Kid Stuff. Free Program for kids ages 6-12. Adults welcome. Tess Benjamin brings beads and findings for lovely drop earrings - perfect for Mother's Day.

Pine Hill Community Center, is located at 287 Main St., Pine Hill, NY 13465. (845) 254-5469. info@pinehillcommunitycenter.org.

Olive Senior Art on exhibit at CWC office

Twenty-four paintings and three photographs created by members of the Olive Senior Art Class are now on view at the Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC), 905 Main Street, Margaretville.

The work will be displayed through the end of April and can be seen weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The Senior Art Class, sponsored by the Town of Olive, has been in existence for five years. A dozen aspiring artists, under the facilitation of Judith Boggess, have been meeting Monday mornings at the Reservoir Methodist Church. These weekly sessions have created bonds of friendship and some very fine paintings. A sampling of the work of each participant is on display at the CWC.

The paintings extol the beauty of Olive, Ulster County and beyond. Living in the Catskills provides the artist with an endless source of inspiring landscapes. The Ashokan Reservoir, the Esopus Creek, Kenozia Lake (also known as Temple's Pond) and the majestic vista of High Point are some of the local scenes captured on canvas.

Artists contributing work to this show include Christina Gardner, Janette Kahil, Evelyn Konjas, Lois Ostapczuk, Christine Benardcik, Jane McCabe, Sue Cocozza, Carol LaMonda, Ann Fitzsimmons, Judith Boggess, Evie Konjas and Gert Kaiser.

The CWC is a non-profit, Local Development Corporation responsible for several environmental protection, economic development and education programs in the five-county New York City Watershed West of the Hudson River.

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James W. Douglass, a scholar, peace activist and author, will present "JFK, Gandhi and the Unspeakable," as part of the Maryknoll Speakers Series at the Maryknoll Mission Center, 55 Ryder Road, Ossining, on Sunday, April 14, at 2:30 p.m. The series, presented by the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers, is free and open to the public.

Reservations are requested and can be made by contacting Rosann Monaro at rmonaro@maryknoll.org or 914-941-7636, extension 2261. Additional information and directions can be found at <http://www.maryknollsociety.org>.

During this 50th anniversary year of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, Douglass believes we may now have the last great opportunity to find the truth behind the plot. He also will shine light on the darkest of conspiracies in his latest book about Mohandas Gandhi that Arun Gandhi, a grandson, calls "well argued, documented and very revealing."

Douglass is the author of *JFK and the*

Unspeakable and Gandhi and the Unspeakable, both published by Orbis Books, the publishing unit of the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers. Douglass will conduct a book signing after his presentation.

In his book about Kennedy, Douglass explains the journey that led JFK from his position as a traditional cold warrior to his determination to break with the logic of the Cold War and lead the world in an entirely different direction. This sequence of steps, according to Douglass, led his adversaries in the military and intelligence to view him as a virtual traitor who had to be eliminated.

Following this same theme, Douglass, in his book about Gandhi, argues that those who conspired to kill the father of India's independence movement hoped to destroy a compelling vision of peace, nonviolence and reconciliation. In both books, Douglass explains why the assassinations of JFK and Gandhi matter today.

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ED NOTES:
Shannon Smith is a senior at Tri-Valley who is taking a class called Individualized Senior Project Experience. With this class she is able to further explore the career of journalism.
Shannon has a passion for writing, and will be attending college next year with a major in journalism.
She has prepared this article and taken pictures as part of her project.
Shannon stated, "I feel that it will give me a real life experience in the world of journalism."
In a separate note, Shannon added, "For the record, it was a close competition but the Juniors came out on top, beating the Seniors by one point."

Crew Needed for End-of-Winter Transit from April 5th - 7th, 2013

Through the winter, the Half Moon resides at King Marine in Verplanck NY. While it may appear that there is nothing to do with the ship in the winter time, it requires regular attention to ensure that critical systems remain viable through the winter.

The bilges must be monitored and snowfall cleared when possible.

Thanks to Randy King and the crew at King Marine, as well as to Pauli Egel, for their continued attention to the Half Moon through the winter season.

A crew is needed for an early April transit trip. At the end of March, a crew will head to Verplanck NY to start work on de-winterizing the ship's systems and preparing for the 2013 operational season.

The first trip of the season will take place April 5th- 7th, when a volunteer crew will move the Half Moon from King Marine Verplanck NY to Peckham Wharf Athens NY.

April 5th will be a work day, during which crew finish de-winterization projects and begin safety orientation and procedures for the 2013 season. Through the course of the weekend, the Half Moon will be moved to the outside dock at King Marine and then proceed up the Hudson River to its working berth at Peckham Wharf in Athens NY, where dockside work will continue.

Crew will board the Half Moon no later than 6pm on Friday, April 5th in Verplanck NY; priority will be given to those who can arrive earlier on Friday to work through the day. All crew will stay through Sunday late afternoon with a departure from Athens NY.

Volunteers of all experiences levels are welcome to join us for this transit trip -- we're looking forward to a great first trip of the 2013 season! Space is limited aboard the Half Moon and crew will be selected based on volunteer time through the winter and ability to arrive during the day on Friday.

If you're interested in joining the crew for this first trip of the season, please send

School Spirit Isn't Dead (From Pg. 1)



Competition Night was first created in 1976. The idea of Competition Night has changed over the past 37 years, but has

stuck true to the meaning of teamwork, coming together, and having fun. The classes, which green represents ninth grade, yellow represents tenth grade, blue is eleventh grade, and red is twelfth grade, all compete against each other with an obstacle course, crab soccer, cage ball, and many other activities. A recent addition to Com-



petition Night is the idea of skits; where each class performs to show why they are the best class out of everyone. This allows for every student to participate, and for those students who do not usually do extracurricular activities, to be involved. There is a week that leads up to the night of competition night, where students and teachers are encouraged to participate in crazy sock day, twin day, class color day, and other exciting events to earn points for their class. In the last few years on the day of Competition Night, each student has brought in cans and other food items to receive points for their class. All of the food items are donated to our local food bank, and the Tri-Valley Teachers Association snack pack program. This program donates food to student families in need.

Not only is Competition Night a night where students all come together for a fun and exciting night, but it "unites everybody all together as one big group, instead of individual cliques" according to senior Lauren Magie. Out of asking students from all different grades, ninth through twelfth, everyone has said that Competition Night brings everyone together like one big family, all working together as a team with a common goal; which is to win.

Principal Peters says that Competition Night "encourages teamwork, and results in camaraderie." This is a night filled with "respectful competition which is always good for human spirit, which leads to school spirit."

Everyone at Tri-Valley can agree that Competition Night brings out the spirit in all of the students, teachers/staff, and even parents. It allows all of the students to participate and feel

an email with your: full name, location, phone number and the information for an emergency contact (name, phone number and relationship to you) to: hmvolunteer@gmail.com [mailto:hmvolunteer@gmail.com]

Frost Valley Upcoming Weekend Events

Autism Support Weekend -April 5-7, 2013 -\$115 per person

A weekend for families affected by Autism to get-away together and enjoy each other's company in a serene spot where everything is taken care. Come enjoy a wide variety of activities with your family. We'll go on nature sensory hikes, create masterpieces in our Arts & Crafts program, climb our climbing tower, build a debris shelter in the woods, aim for the bulls-eye at our archery range, and meet our resident hawks and owls! The cost for the weekend is \$115 per person, and the family member with Autism is FREE. This all-inclusive cost covers meals, lodging in one of our 4-Room Style Lodges, and all great programs. Meet other families, make connections, and bond with nature.

For more information, please contact Mackenzie Hudnall at 845-985-2291 ext 226 or via email at mhudnall@frostvalley.org

Volunteer Works Weekend April 12-14, 2013 Cost - \$99 per person

Join us for a weekend of giving back. There are projects for the whole family to tackle. This year we will focus on getting camp ready for spring! Our projects will include:

-Building Wooden Leopold Benches: This requires the use of both power and hand tools. Our team will provide the cut lumber, tools, and direction, and you will have the opportunity to see how one of these beautiful, yet simple, benches comes together! They will then be placed throughout camp to provide additional seating at lodges, fire rings, and along some of our more popular hiking trails. -Skill level: Medium

-Preparing our Garden and Greenhouse for the coming planting season: This requires the use of hand tools. We will work on repairing the raised beds, clearing out the dead growth, turning over the soil, and adding compost to our planters. We also hope to be able to plant some seedlings in our greenhouse to be transported after Mother's Day to our raised beds. - Skill level: Low

-Invasive Species Removal: Join our Natural Resource Department and assist us with the removal of Barberry bushes. This is a non-native species to the Catskills and we have been working to remove it from our property. This will require the use of hand tools and a good strong back! -Skill Level: Medium

-Mulching our High Ropes Elements: Safety is paramount here at Frost Valley YMCA, and one of the many ways that we ensure our guests stay safe is by mulching high use areas. Join us for shoveling, raking and moving mulch to provide a cushioned and protected area for our campers. This will require the use of hand tools and a good strong back! -Skill Level: Low

Lodging for this weekend is any of our 4-Room Lodges.

We recommend that you bring sturdy shoes (work boots are great), a pair of outdoor/gardening gloves, layers (it can be chilly in April!), water bottle and your camera!

But, it won't be all work and no play. We'll make sure that you and your family have time on to take breaks and enjoy the great programs that Frost Valley has to offer: the climbing tower, guided nature hikes, canoeing on the lake, or maybe just reading a good book under Big Tree.

For those who need service hours this will count!

Contact Laura for more information at ljohnson@frostvalley.org

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Women's Wellness Weekend

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The Real Plan For a Renewable Energy Future For New York

Activist, actor and Catskill Mountainkeeper board member Mark Ruffalo has spearheaded the effort to create a real plan for a renewable energy future for New York State. He, along with Academy Award nominated filmmaker, Josh Fox, put together a team of researchers headed by Stanford University Professor Mark Z. Jacobson (and 2012 Mountainkeeper Barnfest keynote speaker) to tackle the challenge. The result is the groundbreaking report released today, entitled "Examining the Feasibility of Converting New York State's All-Purpose Energy Infrastructure to One Using Wind, Water and Sunlight".

Jacobson co-authored the report with Cornell University Professor of Engineering, Anthony Ingraffea, Cornell Professor of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, Robert W. Howarth, and University of California at Davis scientist Mark Delucchi, among others. Their findings are published in the journal Energy Policy.

The 64 page report crunches the numbers needed for wind, water and sunlight (WWS) to meet New York's power needs by 2030 and shows us that the technology exists now to implement the plan and that it is economically viable to do so. The real question is whether our state leaders have the political wherewithal to make this happen. According to the study, if New York switched to WWS, air pollution-related deaths would decline by about 4,000 annually and the state would save about \$33 billion - 3 percent of the state's gross domestic product - in related health costs every year. That savings alone would pay for the new power infrastructure needed within about 17 years, or about 10 years if annual electricity sales are accounted for. The study also estimates that resultant emissions decreases would reduce 2050 U.S. climate change costs - such as coastal erosion and extreme weather

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damage - by about \$3.2 billion per year.

Currently, almost all of New York's energy comes from imported oil, coal and gas. Under the plan that Jacobson and his fellow researchers advance, 40 percent of the state's energy would come from local wind power, 38 percent from local solar and the remainder from a combination of hydroelectric, geothermal, tidal and wave energy.

Journalist Stacy Clark wrote an article Huffington Post about how Mark and Josh made this happen and what the implications of the study are:

"Just over two years ago, on the southeast side of San Francisco, near the 101 freeway, RaboBank's Executive VP, Marco Krapels, who manages its Capital Markets and Renewable Energy Finance Division, hosted a star-studded soirée at which he introduced the actor-activist Mark Ruffalo, Gasland filmmaker Josh Fox and Jacobson to renewable energy investors, social media influencers and well-connected environmental leaders. Many on the guest list were already aware of Ruffalo's efforts to ban natural gas fracking in New York state and Fox's work to expose the toxic hazards of natural gas-drilling. Guests had also come to learn of Jacobson's Scientific American article -- published a year earlier -- which proposed that "a large-scale wind, water and solar energy system can reliably supply the world's needs." In that paper, Jacobson added, "the obstacles [to clean energy] are primarily political, not technical." Many attending guests had watched Jacobson's February, 2010 TED Talks debate performance, where he presented a compelling case in favor of a 100 percent renewable U.S. energy plan."

"Attention quickly focused on the Stanford brainiac, who offered the audience a refreshingly objective examination of his work. "Mathematics can be used to estimate the likely outcome of a new idea," Jacobson began. He explained that his team was busy researching U.S. energy usage from the point of exploration all the way through to the point of consumption. In doing so, they kept account of the "external" costs of each energy source. The respective costs and benefits of each technology became a mathematical profile of sorts and what they found was remarkable: "When you properly factor in the economic costs of natural gas and other fossil fuels -- their burden on the environment, human health and the economy -- the benefits of renewable electricity are not only indisputable, but they're financially compelling." Jacobson's cocktail conversation made an impression as industry moguls and tech savvy pioneers exchanged attentive nods."

"Ruffalo spoke of his family's move to upstate New York and the unwelcome realization that the region's groundwater was threatened by the industrial practice of fracturing bedrock to extract natural gas. He described the grassroots campaign that ensued to end the industrial operations and the ongoing battle to permanently ban the practice statewide (a two-year moratorium on natural gas fracking in New York was recently announced by the NY legislature and awaits Senate approval)."

"As New York's electricity is generated almost exclusively by coal and natural gas, alternative fuel sources would necessarily be required should New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo (D) ultimately decide to ban fracking operations permanently."

To read the entire article: http://www.huffingtonpost.com/stacy-clark/mark-z-jacobson-renewable-energy_b_2859518.html

DiNapoli: General Electric Agrees to Examine Risks from New PCB Hotspots in Hudson - Comptroller Withdraws Shareholder Resolution with Company

General Electric Corp. (GE) has agreed to prepare an analysis of the actions required to remove recently discovered polychlorinated biphenyl contamination (PCB) contaminated sediments from the Hudson River and report its findings to shareholders, New York State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli announced today. The analysis will be completed by the end of 2013. In response to the agreement, DiNapoli withdrew a shareholder resolution calling on the company to do such an evaluation.

"GE deserves praise for getting in front of this problem and exploring the benefits of additional dredging," DiNapoli said. "The company has agreed to analyze its potential exposure in the event that the EPA determines that PCBs remaining in the river pose an unacceptable risk to public health or the environment. It is much better to act sooner rather than later."

The resolution was filed in response to a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) report released last June on GE's remediation efforts which found that PCB concentrations were higher than expected in areas not targeted for additional dredging and may further harm natural resources. The recently discovered contamination was not subject to remediation under the current Superfund cleanup. The report said additional dredging would achieve EPA's goals more quickly and reduce the time the environment would be exposed to PCB concentrations above the cleanup goal.

The newly discovered PCB contamination may pose a material risk to the company because the federal Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) mandates that parties responsible for the release or potential release of hazardous substances are liable for any remedy deemed necessary and the broad range of damages that may result.

By reaching the agreement with DiNapoli, the company is reducing its exposure to such liabilities and protecting shareholder value.

A 2002 Record of Decision (ROD) released by the EPA for the Hudson River Superfund Site called for the removal of approximately 2.65 million cubic yards, or 65 percent of the PCB contamination, through dredging at 99 locations. The dredging, with a projected cost of \$446 million, is expected to be completed by 2018. In 2005, GE entered an agreement with the EPA to remediate PCB contamination in the Hudson River after the company dumped approximately 1.3 million pounds of PCBs into the river over a 30-year period ending in 1977.

NYC to Receive Source Water Protection Award from American Water Works Association - Award Recognizes Department of Environmental Protection's Innovative and Effective Programs That Protect Water Quality Across its Upstate Watersheds

New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Commissioner Carter Strickland announced today that the City will receive the 2013 "Exemplary Source Water Protection Award" from the American Water Works Association (AWWA). The award for metropolitan-size systems recognizes organizations that protect drinking water at its source by setting ambitious goals and implementing programs that are effective and innovative. DEP Deputy Commissioner for Water Supply Paul Rush will accept the award at the AWWA Annual Conference & Exposition in June.

"We are thrilled that AWWA has chosen to recognize New York City for its innovative thinking, long term planning, and robust financial commitment to source-water protection," said Commissioner Strickland. "This award underscores DEP's successful protection of water quality in our upstate watersheds by acquiring land around our reservoirs and their headwaters, helping neighboring communities improve their wastewater and stormwater infrastructure, and working with farmers, local governments and other watershed partners to create and strengthen programs that ensure clean, safe drinking water for 9 million New Yorkers."

"Source-water protection is fundamental work for water service providers as part of their larger mission to provide safe and sustainable water supplies for their communities," said AWWA Executive Director David LaFrance. "We commend New York City Department of Environmental Protection for the impressive programs they have enacted to do this critical work on such a large scale, thereby ensuring that New Yorkers will have access to clean water supplies for generations to come."

Founded on the notion that the most cost-effective way to provide high quality water is to protect it at

its natural source, DEP's programs have become a national and international model. Each year water and public health professionals come from around the globe to study the City's source water protection strategies. A key element of the success of the program has been the development of strong relationships with watershed communities, locally-based organizations, environmental groups, and federal, state, and local government agencies.

The City has invested more than \$1.5 billion in watershed protection programs since 1993, when the Environmental Protection Agency first issued the City a waiver from the federal requirement to filter tap water. A 1997 memorandum of agreement allowed the City to move ahead with three key components of its source-water protection strategy: acquisition of vacant land in the watersheds to minimize pollution related to widespread development in areas near reservoirs and other critical source waters; regulatory controls over new development to ensure water protection; and a series of City-funded partnership programs to address existing and potential sources of water pollution. This multi-pronged approach has provided flexibility to address evolving threats such as climate change, and the ability to reallocate resources and adjust to changing conditions.

DEP's source-water protection initiatives and achievements have included:

- o A successful land acquisition program that committed \$541 million toward buying land and conservation easements from willing sellers throughout the watershed from 1997-2017. Thus far, the City has obtained 105,650 acres through fee-simple purchases or conservation easements. The Watershed Agriculture Council (WAC), a partner organization funded by the City, has purchased another 22,838 acres of farm easements in the watershed. In addition, the City already owned nearly 45,000 acres of land surrounding its reservoirs, the State of New York owns and permanently protects 210,000 acres as parkland or forestland, and other entities own and protect nearly 25,000 acres as parkland or forestland.
- o WAC has also completed 400 "whole farm" plans that incorporate pollution prevention into the business operations of local farms. Those plans have included roughly 6,000 "best management practices" to control runoff from farms.

- o DEP has completed upgrades on all private and public wastewater treatment plants in the Catskill-Delaware Watershed, including upgrades to five City-owned treatment plants and 34 treatment plants not owned by the City. In the Croton Watershed, DEP has completed upgrades on 54 wastewater treatment plants, representing 94 percent of the total wastewater flow. Another 15 are in the process of being upgraded. In addition, the City has funded construction of new wastewater treatment plants or other wastewater solutions in select communities throughout the watershed.

- o The Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC), another key partner organization funded by the City, has invested in the repair of failing septic systems across the watershed, with more than 4,000 repairs completed to date. CWC also works with communities to construct stormwater controls to protect water quality.

- o DEP has implemented a comprehensive stream management program to restore the natural stability and flood resiliency to failing stream banks. To date, the program has funded construction of 66 stream restoration projects, restored stability to 14 miles of stream, addressed hydraulic constrictions at 23 project sites, and re-vegetated riparian buffers on 105 sites.

- o DEP has developed a plan to manage the forests on City-owned lands, which naturally filter many nutrients and helps protect the high-quality water.

- o DEP administers a program to review and approve new development proposals in the watershed. All proposals must comply with standards designed to protect the sensitive water features of the region.

- o DEP maintains a robust monitoring program that tests water quality on a daily basis. The water quality program annually tests about 25,000 samples from 475 sites that include reservoirs, streams, and other key points and performs approximately 250,000 analyses of the samples.

- o Balancing the goals of watershed protection with the needs of the region, DEP has opened at least 114,833 acres of City-owned land for recreation throughout the watershed, including 80,941 acres of land, and 33,892 acres of reservoirs. Of that, 52,198 acres can be accessed without a permit for activities such as hiking, hunting, snowshoeing and more. DEP has also established a recreational boating program on four of its reservoirs.

- o DEP maintains an outreach program to share information about water-quality protection and the watershed. In 2012, for instance, DEP estimates that more than 765,000 people received information

about the water supply and watershed protection through more than 446 unique outreach efforts that were attended, coordinated, and supported by DEP and its partners.

Founded in 1881, AWWA is an international, non-profit, scientific and educational society committed to the safety and improvement of water quality and supply. Focusing its work in four strategic areas, Knowledge Creation and Exchange, Leadership and Advocacy, Member Engagement and Development, and Organizational Stewardship, AWWA unites the full spectrum of the water community to advance water management, education and science and to advocate for smart water policies.

DEP manages New York City's water supply, providing more than one billion gallons of water each day to more than nine million residents, including eight million in New York City, and residents of Ulster, Orange, Putnam, and Westchester counties. This water comes from the Catskill, Delaware, and Croton watersheds that extend more than 125 miles from the City, and the system comprises 19 reservoirs, three controlled lakes, and numerous tunnels and aqueducts. DEP employs nearly 6,000 employees, including almost 1,000 scientists, engineers, surveyors, watershed maintainers and others professionals in the upstate watershed. In addition to its direct investments in source water protection, DEP supports a \$68 million payroll and pays \$153 million in annual taxes in upstate counties. DEP also has a robust capital program with a planned \$14.4 billion in investments over the next 10 years that will create up to 3,000 construction-related jobs per year. For more information, visit nyc.gov/dep, like us on Facebook at facebook.com/nycwater, or follow us on Twitter at twitter.com/nycwater.

Attorney General Schneiderman Announces Language Access Agreement with Sullivan County Board of Elections - County Becomes Latest Board In Statewide Effort To Provide Spanish-Language Materials And Ensure Language Access Both On And Before Election Day

Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman today announced an agreement with the Sullivan County Board of Elections that will help ensure equal access for minority language voters. The county will be taking steps pursuant to Section 4(e) of the Voting Rights Act, which requires that certain limited-English proficient voters be provided bilingual ballots, bilingual election-related materials and language assistance at the polls on Election Day. These efforts are a part of Attorney General Schneiderman's statewide campaign to ensure that Spanish-speaking voters have equal access to the political process and do not encounter language barriers on Election Day.

"The right to vote is one of our nation's most important civil rights. The minority-language provisions of the Voting Rights Act provide necessary safeguards and impose important requirements that are designed to ensure that all voters and prospective voters have access to the ballot box, regardless of their level of English proficiency," Attorney General Eric Schneiderman said. "I am very pleased that the Sullivan County Board of Elections has joined the growing list of boards around the state that are working cooperatively with my office to develop effective language-access programs that allow eligible voters to cast a meaningful ballot on Election Day. These efforts move us one step closer to the goal of achieving equal access to the ballot box."

According to 2010 Census data, approximately 5.5 million New Yorkers do not speak English as their primary language, of whom 45 percent speak English less than very well. These numbers include 2.7 million New Yorkers who primarily speak Spanish at home, of whom 46 percent speak English less than very well. Of approximately 60,000 persons of voting age in Sullivan County, 8.6 percent primarily speak Spanish at home.

The numbers illustrate rising language needs across our state. To that end, Attorney General Schneiderman has undertaken a comprehensive examination of the language-access efforts of several Boards of Elections across the state that serve communities with significant numbers of limited-English proficient Puerto Rican voters pursuant to the Voting Rights Act. The Office is continuing to work with Boards across the state to identify steps and strategies that can help ensure that they are able to meet the language needs of voters this election cycle. (Contd. Pg. 12)

Language Access Agreement with Sullivan County Board of Elections

(From Pg. 10) Beginning this month, the Sullivan County Board of Elections will ensure that voters have access to translated election-related materials, including registration forms, absentee ballot applications, affidavit applications, public notices, polling place reassignment letters and the Election Day ballot itself. The Board has also agreed to translate information presented on their websites, ensure that sufficient numbers of Spanish-speaking poll workers are present in polling places and enhance training for all election inspectors regarding the requirements for providing language assistance on Election Day. Sullivan County joins Putnam, Dutchess, Schenectady, Ulster, Rockland and Chautauqua Counties in implementing new or significantly improved language access programs in compliance with Section 4(e).

This initiative is being handled by Assistant Attorney General Monica Iyer with the assistance of Vincent Bradley, Assistant Attorney General-in-Charge of the Poughkeepsie Regional Office, under the supervision of Civil Rights Bureau Chief Kristen Clarke and First Deputy of Affirmative Litigation Janet Sabel. The Civil Rights Bureau of the Attorney General's Office is committed to protecting the voting rights of all New Yorkers. If you believe that you have experienced voting discrimination, contact the Attorney General's Office at (212) 416-8250, civil.rights@ag.ny.gov or visit www.ag.ny.gov.

Cahill: Assembly Budget Increases Education Funding; Protects Mental Health Services and Provides Mandate Relief/ Proposal Also Defends Belleayre Ski Center Funding

(Albany, NY) Assemblymember Kevin Cahill (D - Ulster, Dutchess) announced the Assembly passed a 2013-14 state budget proposal that would increase education funding, provide mandate relief for local governments and protect vital programs that help New York's most vulnerable citizens, all while closing a \$1.35 billion budget gap.

"Over the past three years, we've had to deal with unprecedented economic problems, extraordinary budget gaps and growing needs at every level. We met those challenges with fair, on-time budgets. This proposal provides a platform to advance budget negotiations that address the real world needs of New Yorkers. I am confident that these talks will result in the delivery of a fiscally sound budget that will produce significant savings for years to come," said Assemblymember Cahill. The next step in the budget process is legislative budget conference committees.

2013-14 ASSEMBLY BUDGET PROPOSAL HIGHLIGHTS

Education -The Assembly budget proposal includes an increase of \$834 million in school aid above last year and an increase of \$334 million above the executive budget proposal. As part of the aid increase, \$208 million is included for Foundation Aid, \$25 million for High Tax Aid and \$100 million for Gap Elimination Adjustment.

"It is important now more than ever that the Legislature honor our requirement to provide a sound, basic education to the children of New York," said Cahill. "Schools are on the verge of not only becoming fiscally insolvent but also educationally bankrupt. This increase in State Aid will relieve property tax payers of a burden while saving schools from having to cut all but the most important programs. Balancing the budget on the backs of students is shortsighted and I am pleased that the Assembly has continued their long tradition of protecting public education."

The Assembly also allocates \$60 million of the Executive's \$125 million in Performance Improvement, Management Efficiency, and Commission Grants to fund General Support for Public Schools. It dedicates \$25 million for the creation of additional half-day pre-Kindergarten slots through the preservation of the Pre-Kindergarten grant.

The Assembly proposal increases funding for critical education programs including:

- § \$10.2 million for Teacher Resource and Computer Training Centers which were eliminated in the **Executive Budget**;
- § \$4 million for Aid to Non-public schools for comprehensive attendance policy programs;
- § \$1.5 million for the administration of all high school equivalency diploma exams; and
- § \$1 million for Adult Literacy Education.

Health Care

The Assembly budget proposal restores \$120 million to not-for-profit organizations that work with individuals with developmental disabilities. The Assembly also provides an additional \$20 million to maintain state-operated mental health services.

"The devastation a six percent decrease in funding for these direct care providers, many of which are located right here in the 103rd Assembly District, would cause was made clear by a number of mental health advocates within our community. The Assembly's funding restoration will allow individuals with developmental disabilities to continue to live productive and happy lives and for the organizations that care for them to maintain safe staffing levels," said Cahill.

The Assembly budget proposal also rejects the Executive's recommendation to eliminate spousal refusal and restores \$34.3 million to Medicaid in support of this program.

Additionally, the Assembly rejects the executive budget proposal to modify the Early Intervention (EI) program and restores \$420,000 for screening assessments, continuing a lifeline for many families who need these critical testing services for their children.

Higher Education - To bolster New York's higher education system, the Assembly budget proposal increases support to \$2,422 per-Full Time Equivalent (FTE) student at SUNY community colleges. The Assembly's base aid increase is \$150 per-FTE student, which would be the second consecutive increase in community college base aid.

"Investing in community colleges and their valuable workforce development programs is one of the most effective ways to rebuild our economy. Additionally, providing more state funding to these institutions encourages counties to keep their commitment to operating our community colleges."

The Assembly budget proposal also includes \$55 million in capital funding for a third round of NYSUNY 2020 Challenge Grants.

Mandate Relief - "Talk of mandate relief in Albany is commonplace. Real action is a bit more elusive. When my colleagues in local government ask for help with unfunded mandates, they are usually making a plea for more funding. The Assembly proposal to significantly increase unrestricted local assistance makes a bold commitment toward dealing with this pressing issue. It will continue to be one of my top priorities," said Cahill.

The Assembly budget includes an 11.2 percent increase in municipal assistance for cities, towns and villages- the first increase in 5 years. Additionally, the bill maintains this new funding level for a total impact of \$660 million to help our struggling local governments provide the essential services residents depend on.

"By increasing aid payments for local governments struggling to get by, we can help them balance their budgets and lessen the burden on local property taxpayers," Cahill said. "Since our proposal is a multi-year plan, it will help municipalities plan accordingly in future years. Each and every single municipality in the 103rd Assembly District will receive an increase in funding because of this provision."

Further assisting counties, the Assembly provides \$120 million over two years to accelerate the state takeover of local Medicaid growth. Under the Assembly proposal, 2013-14 growth in the local share of Medicaid would decrease to 1 percent, instead of the 2 percent increase under current law. In 2014-15, growth in the local share of Medicaid would be eliminated.

To help local governments repair local roads and bridges, the Assembly funds the Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS) at \$378.1 million, an increase of \$15 million.

Increased Funding for Belleayre Ski Center

The Assembly's budget proposal includes language which would ensure that Belleayre Mountain Ski Center would continue to receive adequate funding in light of its 2012 transfer to the Olympic Regional Development Authority. The budget language directs \$500,000 of the total ORDA apportionment toward the Shandaken facility so that it may continue to be the economic engine for the route 28 corridor that it was before the consolidation.

"This language fulfills a commitment made to those in the Catskills who rely on the mountain's success for their livelihood," said Cahill. "This funding stream ensures that Belleayre's interests will not be put behind other ORDA controlled centers and that it will receive the attention it deserves."

Legislative Spending Priorities Provide More Local Fiscal Relief

State legislative leaders last week advanced budget priorities that will help local governments as they work to protect community-based programs and services and stabilize property taxes.

County leaders representing New York's 62 regional governments today applaud State Lawmakers for releasing budget plans that consider the fiscal challenges facing counties and local governments across the State.

The State Senate and Assembly released their 2013-14 State Budget priorities (one house budgets) over the past four days, and adopted resolutions in support of their plans yesterday.

"These budgets provide tools that counties can use to stabilize property taxes and continue to provide local programs and services," said NYSAC President Edward A. Diana, Orange County Executive. "The legislature is advancing accelerated mandate relief, home rule flexibility, public integrity initiatives, and additional funding to fix deteriorating local roads and bridges."

State legislative leaders are expected to announce budget conference committees to negotiate the differences between the budgets put forth by the Governor, the Senate and the Assembly.

"The actions and decisions made in the State Budget have direct implications for counties and our property taxpayers. That's why it's essential that we have a voice in the budget process," said Ulster County Executive Mike Hein, president of the New York State County Executives Association.

Items being held up by counties include:

- Accelerating mandate relief savings through the Medicaid cap,
- Stabilizing pension costs,
- Strengthening home rule authority,
- Increasing funding for local road and bridge maintenance,
- Improving the public health infrastructure,
- Investing in community colleges and the students they train,
- Supporting local economic development tools, and
- Authorizing counties to fight waste, fraud and abuse of tax dollars.

"This is a crucial time in the negotiating process, and it is particularly important for county officials to weigh in on the issues that are most important to their communities," said NYSAC Executive Director Stephen J. Acquario. "The Governor and the Legislature have advanced tools that will empower counties to better manage State mandates locally, and they must remain part of the final state budget."

POLITICAL SLANT -Frank Comando - Sorry, missed this -

Press Release

NEW DIRECTOR OF THE NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS.

This is important to our vets. For the sacrifice our finest have made they may now see hope on the horizon. Get in line vets -a new ear listens with more attentiveness and understanding.

Albany, NY (March 11, 2013) Governor Cuomo Announces Appointment of Retired Army Colonel Eric J. Hesse as Director of Division of Veterans' Affairs

"Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced the appointment of retired U.S. Army Colonel Eric J. Hesse as the new Director of the New York State Division of Veterans' Affairs."

"Colonel Hesse has a long and distinguished record as an Army leader dedicated to improving the readiness of our military and serving our nation both overseas and here in New York State," Governor Cuomo said. "As Director of New York State's Division of Veterans' Affairs, he will continue his distinguished career of service by helping lead our state's efforts to ensure New York's veterans are receiving the support that they need."

Colonel Eric J. Hesse, USA, Retired, said, "I am honored to join Governor Cuomo's administration and help guide the state's efforts to ensure that New York takes care of veterans and their family members and provides our returning military service members with the support and benefits that they deserve. Since taking office, the Governor has worked to make New York State friendlier for veterans, including returning service members as they transition into civilian life and seek employment opportunities here in our state. I look forward to working in this administration on behalf of all our veterans."

Major General Patrick Murphy, the Adjutant General of New York, said, "Colonel Hesse has been an outstanding Army officer, and his extensive experience with both the Active Duty military and the National Guard, along with his service in Afghanistan, Iraq and Kosovo, helps him understand what veterans go through. I look forward to working with him on veterans' issues as part of Governor Cuomo's team."

Colonel Hesse retired from the Army last week after more than 26 years of service that included deployments to Iraq, Afghanistan and Kosovo.

Since July 2009, Colonel Hesse served as Command Inspector General of the New York Army and Air National Guard in Latham, New York where he was responsible for ensuring the readiness of an 18,000-member organization dispersed across New York State. His efforts focused on professional development and education programs as well as implementing a statewide inspection oversight effort aimed at improving military readiness.

Colonel Hesse previously served in numerous leadership positions culminating as Command Inspector General of the 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry) at Fort Drum, New York. The appointment is effective immediately.

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

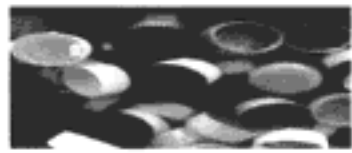
**Tri-Valley Lions
Journey for Sight Annual Walk
In Memory of Donald Ter Bush
Saturday, May 4, 2013**
Register at 8:30 am on
Saturday, May 4, 2013
at the Grahamsville First Aid Squad
2.5 mile walk starts promptly at 9:00 am
from the First Aid Squad Building
COME WALK WITH US!
Refreshments will be served before and
after the walk
For pledge sheets, questions or to make
a pledge, call 985-2927 or 436-5810

**Roscoe's Annual Two
Headed Trout Dinner**
The Two Headed Trout Dinner will
be held at the Rockland House on
Saturday, April 6, 2013 @ 6:00 pm
A six course meal that the
Rockland House serves that is out of
this world!
Tickets are going quickly so
reserve your tickets now. \$45.00 per
person (includes Kiwanis breakfast
the following morning) Please call
Miriam Stone - 607-498-4139 to
reserve your ticket now. Door prizes,
raffles, silent auctions..... This is

Chambers biggest fund raiser of
the year.
Come meet up with old friends
and make new ones.
Talk about that "ONE" that got
away.....
**Church Schedules
Passover Sedar**
LIBERTY--Lighthouse Ministries
in Liberty will hold a Passover
Sedar on March 23 at 6 p.m. at the
church location at 5 Triangle
Road, Liberty.
Taking part in the service is the

organization known as Jews For Jesus.
A Passover demonstration by David
Liebman, a Messianic Jew, will show how Jesus
is represented in the Passover.
Lighthouse Ministries Pastor Rich Ienuso
welcomes all to this special service. Information
is available at 845-985-7026.

Caps for Cancer



**St. Jude's
Childhood Cancer Research
Sponsored by:**
Delaware Sullivan District Chapter
Order of the Eastern Star
Please help by bringing plastic
bottle caps, jar lids (examples
milk, soda, water, peanut butter,
coffee lids, etc.) to one of the
receptacles at **Cannie D's,**
Grahamsville Deli and the **Town
Hall.** They will be presented to the
Ogdensburg Scouts in October
for sorting and recycling.

**Spaghetti Dinner
at the Neversink
Firehouse
Friday, March 22,
2013**

4:00 - 7:00pm
\$10 adults
\$5 children 5-12
Children under 5 Free
Take outs available

**Proceeds will benefit a
Tri-Valley family with
their 4 year old battling
stage four cancer.**

Contact Rhonda at 985-2410
to purchase tickets
or make a donation.

**CLARYVILLE FIRE DEPT
ALL YOU CAN EAT
PANCAKE BREAKFAST**



SUNDAY, APRIL 21
Serving 7:00 until Noon
ADULTS \$7
CHILDREN UNDER 12, \$3
UNDER 5YRS. FREE

\$50 FROM THE BREAKFAST IS DONATED TO THE
CLARYVILLE REFORMED CHURCH FOOD PANTRY

Calvary Baptist Church

of Sullivan County - at - Loch Sheldrake
Presents
Our 8th Annual Sportsmen's Banquet Dinner
-at-
the Loch Sheldrake Fire House - Rte-52, Loch Sheldrake, N.Y.
Saturday - April 13th, 2013
Starts 4:00 p.m. - ends * 8:00 p.m.
*or until all door prizes are given out.

NOTICE:
Due to limited seating, Donations for Tickets must be made in advance to event date
and Children less than New York State Legal Hunting Age, may not be admitted!
Donation \$12.00 / person - Contact Pastor Carl Caskey - (845) -965-7410
Trophy Display, Game Dinner,* Door Prizes
*You must be present during the drawing to win!
Special Guest Speakers
Curtis Kenyon, David Stallard, Jeff Murphy and Philip Stallard
The Call Outdoors



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**TIME & THE VALLEYS
MUSEUM**



2013 Hours - Memorial Day to Labor Day
Thursday to Sunday, noon to 4 p.m.
September and October-Saturday and Sunday, noon to 4 p.m.
Other days and times by appointment.
2013 Admission Fees
Adults suggested donation: \$5
Children (6 to 17) suggested donation: \$2
Children under 6: FREE
Town of Neversink Residents: FREE every Thursday
Town of Denning Residents: FREE first Saturday of the month
Call: 985-7700
Time and the Valleys Museum has copies of every
Townsmen printed since the beginning (1947) classified by
year for anyone to research.
timeandthevalleysmuseum.org

**The Hurleyville and Woodridge United
Methodist Churches**



invite you to weekly worship:
9 am in Hurlyville,
10:30 am in Woodridge.
For more information, call
Pastor Susan Woodworth 985-2283

ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL MISSION

The Little Church with the Big Heart
Sunday, 8:15 am Service of Holy Communion
Music by Susan and Fred Van Wagner
Coffee hour follows service
All are welcome!
5277 State Rt. 42
South Fallsburg
845-436-7539
Rev. Ninon Hutchinson
www.standrewsepiscopalmission.org

**Claryville Reformed
Church**

Claryville Road
Claryville, NY 12725
845-985-2041



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

**CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

(embraces Fallsburg, Neversink, Sundown
and Ulster Heights)
6317 Rte. 42, Woodbourne, NY
Weekend Mass schedule:
Saturday afternoon: 5:00.
Sunday morning: 9:00 am and 11:30 am
Holy days of obligation: as announced in church bulletin.
Daily Mass schedule:
Monday afternoon 5:45 (Holy Rosary at 5:30); Tuesday,
Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday mornings: (includes Morning
Prayer)- 8:50 am
Saturday afternoon confessions: 4 to 4:45.
Rev. John J. Lynch, Ph.D., Pastor. 434-7643.

**Covered
Dish
Supper**
Apr. 6, 2013

**5:30 pm
Sundown United
Methodist Church
at the
Sundown Church Hall**



**Grahamsville
United
Methodist
Church**

**Thrift Sale Only
March 20, 2013
9 am-1 pm**

**April 2, 2013
Thrift Sale & Luncheon**

St. Augustine's Chapel

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

Grahamsville Reformed Church

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

CrossWay Assembly of God

Service Times
Sunday School 9:30 am
Sunday Worship Service/
Children's Church 10:30 am
Monday Night Home Bible Study 7 pm
Tuesday Night Youth Home Bible Study 7 pm
Friday Youth Night 7 pm
**Ismael Berrios
Lead Pastor**
P. O. Box 480
507 Hasbrouck Drive
Woodbourne, NY 12788
845-434-8263
Email:
crosswayaog@aol.com
www.crosswayaog.com

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

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

RAMSAY'S FUNERAL HOMES, INC
Serving Sullivan County Since 1896

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

Loucks Funeral Home

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

PUBLIC NOTICES/LEGALS:

I, Bryan Delaney, Sole Assessor for the Town of Neversink have completed the assessment inventory and valuation data, on which the tentative assessment roll will be based. It is available for public inspection Monday through Friday 8:30 until 4:30 PM at Town Hall, 273 Main Street, Grahamsville, New York. Appointments can also be made for Bryan Delaney, Sole Assessor on Tuesday and Thursday evenings by calling (845) 985-2262 Ext. 323.

Bryan Delaney, Sole Assessor

Catskill Watershed Corporation is seeking to contract with a private corporation for removal of asbestos containing materials at the property located at 141 Delaware Street, Walton, NY. The Request for Proposal can be obtained by contacting Timothy Cox, Corporate Counsel, Catskill Watershed Corporation, PO Box 569, Margaretville, NY 12455, timothycox@cwconline.org; (845) 586-1400 Ext. 20. There will be an on-site bidders conference March 28, 2013 at 1:00 PM. Respondents must submit one original and four copies of their proposal no later than 4:00 PM on April 5, 2013. EOE 3/14; 3/21

**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
COMBINATION DUMP BODY
AND SPREADER**

Specification for said new 10 ft. heavy duty stainless steel combination dump body and 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 8, 2013 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 14, 2013

New York State Boater Safety Courses

Sheriff Paul Van Blaricum announces that the UC Sheriff's Office will be hosting three New York State Boater Safety Courses. The course is for required by law for all Boater ages 10 to 18 and all Personal Water Craft operators.

This 1 day course is offered free of charge at the UC Law Enforcement Center (Box 380 Blvd. Kingston, NY) on the following Saturdays in April and May.

Tuesday April 16th and Thursday April 18th
5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Saturday May 4th, 9am to 5pm

Saturday May 18th, 9am to 5pm

The course teaches Boaters ages 10 to 18 and all PWC operators in Navigation Rules, NYS Navigation Laws, vessel operation, and required boating and safety equipment.

The New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation: Bureau of Marine and Recreational Vehicles prescribes this course. The course is instructed by NYS certified instructors.

Anyone interested in attending should contact the Ulster County Sheriff's Office at (845) 340-3803. The course is limited to 30 attendee's; on a first come first serve basis. A parent or guardian must accompany a child age 10 to 18 at the beginning of class to sign a state-required permission form.

This course is part of the Ulster County Sheriff's Office ongoing efforts to make boating recreation safer and more enjoyable.

PUBLIC NOTICE:

Chapter 680 of the Laws of 2002 enacted General Municipal Law §209-cc, requiring the annual reporting of the presence of wild animals. Pursuant to this law, each person owning, possessing or harboring a wild animal as set forth in §209-cc must report its presence to the Town Clerk on or before April 1st. A list of common names of animals to be reported is available at the Denning Town Clerk's Office, 985-2411. Failure to file as required will subject to penalties under the law.

Joy Ann Monforte
Denning Town Clerk

NOTICE: As of April 1st, the cost of advertising will be based on \$2.25 per column inch and the subscription rate for the Townsman will be \$30.00 per year. The weekly newstand price of fifty-cents will remain the same.

It has been over three years since we have had a rate increase in advertising and over five years since we have had a raise in our subscription rate. Unfortunately costs for the Townsman have gone up each year due to postal increases, production costs and distribution expenses.

As a result of those who support the Townsman with advertising and subscriptions, we are able to continue to promote activities for our local churches, fire districts, the Daniel Pierce Library, Time and the Valleys Museum and school functions as we have done in the past. We have and will continue to serve our community and our independent small businesses in every way possible.

The Townsman Staff wants to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support.

Necropsy Demonstration Class

Adults can learn to perform their own sheep or goat dissections and necropsies in support of their agricultural interests with Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) Sullivan County. The Sheep and Goat Producer Group of CCE will be hosting a Necropsy Demonstration class at their monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 26, 2013 from 6 to 8:00 pm. Moria Norris, DVM of Jeffersonville Animal Hospital will coach this event.

Open to all interested farmers, this class will be held at the Gerald J. Skoda Extension Education Center on 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road in Liberty. The class will cost \$5 per person or \$7 per farm. Space is limited, so pre-registration with payment is required by Monday, March 25 to CCE. Registrations can be made by calling 845-292-6180

Tick-Borne Disease Alliance, and Weill Cornell Medical College Host NYC Forum on Silent Epidemic of Lyme and Tick-Borne Diseases - Panel of Patients and Experts Address Issues Facing Hundreds of Thousands Afflicted with Lyme and Other Tick-Borne Diseases & Public Health Threat Posed By These Diseases

U.S. Senators Kirsten Gillibrand (D-N.Y.), Richard Blumenthal (D-CT), and Congressman Chris Gibson (R-NY), in partnership with the Tick-Borne Disease Alliance (TBDA), a national nonprofit organization dedicated to raising awareness and promoting advocacy to find a cure for Lyme and other tick-borne diseases, hosted a forum at Weill Cornell Medical College in New York City to discuss the fight against the silent epidemic of tick-borne diseases, including Lyme disease. A satellite forum was held at SUNY Ulster County Community College, and the event was streamed live at tbdalliance.org and weill.cornell.edu/tickborne/.

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has singled out Lyme disease as the most common and fastest growing vector-borne, infectious disease in the country. In 2011, more than 24,000 confirmed cases of Lyme disease were reported in the U.S., with the CDC stating they believed only 10-12% of all cases had been reported. When left untreated, or undertreated, victims of these diseases suffer extremely incapacitating illnesses that also cause significant preventable health care costs and reduced economic productivity. Further, victims of Lyme and other tick-borne diseases suffer in large part because there is currently no diagnostic tool that is even 60%

reliable. Those infected often spend months, and in many cases years, searching to simply determine the cause of their illness. Some never find out - they just continue to suffer.

"With spring just around the corner, we must continue to work to ensure that our children and their families can enjoy the outdoors without the fear of contracting tick-borne diseases," said Gillibrand. "It is time once and for all to take the right steps to prevent this horrible epidemic. We need to do more than check our kids for ticks when they come in from playing. We must invest in better research, educate families on the risks, emphasize prevention, and improve treatment strategies. I will continue to work my colleagues to push for legislation that would develop better tools for diagnosing and reporting Lyme disease, and ensure doctors are better equipped to diagnose and treat those who become infected."

"Lyme disease is a pervasive and pernicious public health scourge," Blumenthal said. "Today's forum further underscores the urgent need for a strong national initiative to combat Lyme disease. There is a strong consensus that the nation must improve reporting of Lyme cases and develop better diagnostic tools. Inadequate diagnosis and reporting cause devastating damage to countless individuals every day. Lyme disease has reached epidemic proportions, and a national advisory body that gives patients a voice and a seat at the table with policymakers, scientists, researchers and others is imperative to better prevent and treat this disease. I look forward to working with Senator Gillibrand on legislation that will establish such a body and implement other necessary reforms."

"Across my Congressional District and New York State, Lyme Disease has significantly impacted my constituents and many others," said Gibson. "It is imperative we do a better job raising awareness of tick-borne illnesses and improve our current diagnosis and treatment options. Today's forum is an excellent step in that regard, and I appreciate the opportunity to partner with Sens. Gillibrand and Blumenthal in this effort."

"Tick-borne diseases present a national health crisis that is growing dramatically and devastating the lives of people of all backgrounds," said David Roth, TBDA co-chairman and managing director in the Blackstone real estate group. "TBDA is dedicated to increasing public awareness about the terrible impact of tick-borne diseases, improving the lives of people suffering with these illnesses, and advancing research that is critically needed to eradicate this silent epidemic. We are grateful to Senator Gillibrand for joining our fight."

"I applaud the efforts of Senator Gillibrand and Senator Blumenthal to bring more attention and resources to combating Lyme disease. For many patients Lyme disease has severe impacts on quality-of-life and we must do more in the medical community to prevent and treat it," said Dr. Laurie H. Glimcher, the Stephen and Suzanne Weiss Dean of Weill Cornell Medical College.

The forum, which was widely attended by doctors, researchers, and health care providers in the field, examined key ways to combat Lyme and other tick-borne diseases. The panel of doctors, experts, and patients included: Dr. Brian Fallon, Director of the Center for Neuroinflammatory Disorders and Biobehavioral Medicine and Director of Lyme and Tick-Borne Diseases Research Center, Columbia University; Dr. Roy Gulick, Professor of Medicine and Chief of the Division of Infectious Diseases, Weill Cornell Medical College; Dr. David Leiby, Head of Transmissible Diseases, American Red Cross; John McPherson, nationally syndicated cartoonist, Creator of the "Close to Home" comic, patient advocate; and Dr. Richard Ostfeld, Senior Scientist and Disease Ecologist, Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies.

While Dr. Fallon discussed some of the breakthroughs in tick-borne disease research over the last decade and highlighted critical future research needs, Dr. Gulick provided a medical perspective on Lyme and other tick-borne diseases. Dr. Leiby spoke about transfusion-transmitted tick-borne agents with a focus on babesia, and Dr. Ostfeld emphasized the need for new initiatives and research to confront the health threats posed by tick-borne diseases in the US.

To learn more about the threat of tick-borne diseases and what you can do to help build awareness about the health crisis posed by Lyme and other tick-borne diseases, visit tbdalliance.org.

About the Tick-Borne Disease Alliance (TBDA)

The Tick-Borne Disease Alliance is dedicated to raising awareness, promoting advocacy and supporting initiatives to find a cure for tick-borne diseases, including Lyme. As part of its efforts, TBDA is embarking on a quest to develop a reliable diagnostic tool as a first step toward eradicating the diseases. Working with others in the tick-borne disease community nationwide, TBDA seeks to raise public awareness through education and create a unified voice for advocacy regarding the current epidemic in order to make a real difference. More information about TBDA, Lyme and tick-borne diseases, and prevention and protection can be found at <http://www.TBDAlliance.org>.

Town of Neversink Parks & Recreation Department
www.townofneversink.org
(845) 985-2262 extension 312

Villa Roma FUN DAY -Saturday, May 11. \$10 residents/\$30 non-residents must be paid no later than Tuesday, March 26 includes lunch & make your own sundaes.

Father's Day Brunch Cruise -Saturday, June 15 fd \$20 residents/\$39 non-residents must be paid no later than Tuesday, April 23.

FLEA MARKET- Saturday, July 13. DETAILS:With both new and used items something for everyone. Reserve your table now. \$15 per space must be paid no later than Tuesday, June 25.

Scranton-Wilkes-Barre Yankees Baseball Game - Thursday, July 25, \$12 residents/\$30 non-residents must be paid no later than Tuesday, May 28.

Community Yard Sale, Crafts & Vendor Fair Saturday, July 13, 2013 They are presently seeking vendors that include Home Party, Craft and Yard Sale Vendors. The cost is \$15.Contact Jamie Brooks at 985-2262 xt 312 to reserve your spot by May 13, 2013.

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

Walking Club Tuesdays 6:30-7:30 Grahamsville Fairgrounds



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

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

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

AL-ANON MEETINGS -

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

State Senate Budget Plan Focuses on Taxpayers, Education and Healthcare

The State budget plan put forward by the State Senate would address several issues of importance to families and all property taxpayers in the Hudson Valley and Catskills.

The Senate budget plan: - Increases proposed School Aid by \$415 million above the level proposed by Governor Cuomo; -Increases community college base aid by \$150 per student, as well as exempts community colleges from the MTA payroll tax; -increases CHIPS funding for improve-

- 3/22/13 Spaghetti Dinner Neversink Fire Hall 4-7 pm (See pg 13 for details)
3/26/13. Town of Neversink Parks & Rec - 7:00 pm
3/29/13 Town of Neversink Holiday - GOOD FRIDAY
3/30/13 Grahamsville Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary Easter Egg Hunt- Fairgrounds 11 am - 1 pm
4/2/13 Grahamsville United Methodist Church - Thrift Sale Only - 9 am - 1 pm
4/2/13 Town of Denning Board Meeting 7:00pm Sundown Church Hall
4/3/13 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting- 7:30 pm
4/3/13 Claryville Fire District Meeting - Regular meeting
4/6/13 Sundown Methodist Church Covered Dish Supper - 5:30 pm Sundown Church Hall
4/6/13 Grahamsville Reformed Church Hall Roast Pork Dinner 4-7 pm - 985-7480
4/9/13 Town of Denning Audit/Business Meeting - at 7 PM - Denning Town Hall
4/10/13 Town of Neversink Board Meeting - 7:30 pm
4/11/13 Dept. of Motor Vehicles Neversink Town Hall 10:00 am - 2:30 p.m.
4/16/13 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals - 7:30 pm
4/17/13 Neversink Fire District Meeting at 7:30 p.m.; Public Meeting at 8:00 p.m.
4/20/13 Grahamsville United Methodist Church - Thrift Sale Only - 9 am - 1 pm
4/20/13 The Community Shepherds Committee will be meeting at the Daniel Pierce Library 10 a.m.
4/21/13 Claryville Fire Dept. Pancake Breakfast 7 am - Noon

Save the Dates! Saturday, May 4th, 2013 for the Tri-Valley Lions Journey for Sight Walk and Tag Day -- in memory of Donald Ter Bush, Charter Member and President of the Tri-Valley Lions, who passed away July 16, 2012- Sign-in 8:30-9:00 Wal at 9 am at Grahamsville 1st Aid Building
June 5 - Tri-Valley Lions Rabies Clinic 6-8 pm on the Fairgrounds in Grahamsville
July 14- The second annual Matthew R Berthoff Horseshoe Tournament Neversink Firehouse
Annual Shawangunk Mountain Wild Blueberry & Huckleberry Festival sponsored by the EWCOG -Saturday August 10th-Vendor applications are available now. Coordinator is Dianne E Turner (aka "Mother Blueberry")
2nd Annual Holiday Craft Fair - Sundown Methodist Church Hall - Date to be announced.

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TOWN OF OLIVE MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Town of Olive Board Auditing Meeting every second Monday of each month. This meeting is open to the public and all bills being reviewed are available for the general public to see.
Town Board meets every second Tuesday of each month. Both meetings begin at 7:30 PM at the Town Hall on Bostock Road, Shokan, NY.
Town of Olive Planning Board meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month. Meetings start at 7:30 PM at the Town Hall on Bostock Road, Shokan, NY. You can contact the Town Building & Zoning Department to confirm a meeting date if you would like to attend at 657-2015. If there is nothing on their agenda, they will cancel meetings.

ments to local roads and bridges by \$100 million statewide;

- Increases by nearly \$1 million State aid payable to Sullivan County, the Town of Thompson, and the Village of Monticello in VLT aid. The Town of Thompson would receive an increase of \$498,436, the Village of Monticello an increase of \$228,006, and Sullivan County an increase of \$241,814. "It is my hope that the Assembly will join with the Senate in providing this aid as I know all three of these local governments could use additional assistance," Senator Bonacic said.

The Senate plan also restores funding for necessary human services including:

-Women's health programs including funding for: rape crisis centers, WIC, maternity/early childhood foundation, the prenatal and postpartum home visitation program, and programs to help domestic violence victims;
-Restores \$120 million in cuts to the Office of People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD), helping agencies that serve the developmentally disabled and families who need assistance for their loved ones with such disabilities.

-The Senate would also direct \$8.5 million to assist with spinal cord research based on legislation sponsored by Senator Bonacic. When a surcharge was added to traffic tickets several years ago, the revenue was dedicated to spinal cord research. However, in recent years that funding has gone into the State's "general fund". Senator Bonacic has proposed legislation to re-direct the revenue into spinal cord research. The Senate adopted the Bonacic plan in its State Budget proposal.

The Senate and Assembly, along with the Governor, plan on spending the remainder of the week negotiating their differences in the various budget proposals. The Governor, Senate, and Assembly each agree that they plan on adopting a final budget next week.

"It is my goal and expectation that the State will adopt an early budget that meets the needs of families across our State," Senator Bonacic said.

Ulster County Sheriff's Report

Deputies from the Ulster County Sheriff's Office report the arrest of 22 year old Anthony B. Dearaujo from Main St, Napanoch NY. He is charged with the misdemeanors of Stalking in the 4th degree, Aggravated Harassment in the 2nd degree and Criminal Contempt in the 2nd degree.

On March 12, 2013 at 11:51 pm Mr. Dearaujo contacted a female twenty nine times by telephone, leaving voice and text messages. While he was contacting this person there were two stay-away and no contact orders of protection in effect. One issued by Ulster County Family Court and the second issued by the Town of Rosendale Court. Both Orders of Protections were issued as a result of his arrest on March 6, 2013 by Ulster County Deputies for the misdemeanor Endangering the Welfare of a Child and the violation of Harassment. Mr. Dearaujo turned himself in to Sheriff's Deputies

The Grahamsville Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary



is hosting their annual... Easter Egg Hunt!!

The Easter Bunny will be at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds for the Easter egg hunt and photo opportunity

March 30, 2013 at 11 a.m. Rain or Shine

Grahamsville Reformed Church Roast Pork Dinner

April 6, 2013 Saturday, 4 pm - 7 pm
MENU: Roast Pork, Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes, Suerkraut, Green Beans, Homemade Apple Sauce, Breads, Assorted Cakes & Drinks
Adults: \$12; Child 5-10 \$5.00 under 5 free

Grahamsville Reformed Church Hall For more information please call: 845-985-7480

Thank you for your support, God Bless you!

the morning of the March 13, 2013. Mr. Dearaujo was arraigned in the Town of Esopus Court before Judge Shanley and remanded to Ulster County Jail on \$10,000 bail to return to Esopus Court at a later date.

An OPEN HOUSE at ArtsWAVE

ArtsWave will host an Open House on Saturday, April 6, 2013 from 2:00 - 4:00 PM. Come learn more about our upcoming season! Sign up for Spring-Time classes, lectures and more

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We hope to see you there! ArtsWAVE is located at 12 Market Street Ellenville, NY 12428 - R.S.V.P. class@artswave.org or call 845-443-5319 Visit their website at: www.artswave.org

SUUJI WA TANSU NI KAGIRU answer

Grid of numbers for the Suuji Wa Tansu Ni Kagiru puzzle:

7	5	8	1	9	6	3	4	2
2	1	3	7	4	8	9	6	5
6	9	4	3	2	5	8	7	1
3	4	5	6	8	2	7	1	9
8	2	1	5	7	9	6	3	4
9	7	6	4	3	1	5	2	8
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(CRIME, 1990)**

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Quiz: 1. Which actor played Nikita's Partner?
2. What kind of gun was Nikita's favorite?

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**CLARYVILLE
FROST VALLEY YMCA, MARCH 23, 24, 2013**
Maple Sugar Open House: Learn the tap to table process of making maple syrup. Treat your taste buds to their pure maple syrup. Maple Sugar House Tours every half hour. 9am-4pm. Free. Frost Valley YMCA, 2000 Frost Valley Rd., Claryville. More information: smunoz@frostvalley.org; 985-2291; frostvalley.org

**KINGSTON MODEL TRAIN
AND RAILROAD HOBBY SHOW
SUN, MARCH 24, 2013**
Categories: Conventions, Garden Railroads, Meeting, Model Railroad, Operating Exhibit, Railroad Memorabilia, Swap Meet, Tours, Toy Train / Collectible Show, Train Show and Sale

Location: The Murphy Center 467 Broadway, Next to rite Aid Pharmacy Kingston, NY 12401

Times: 10AM to 4PM
Admission Fees: Adults \$6.00 Children under 12 \$1.00

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The Easter Bunny is coming to town on March 30th. See page 15 for details.



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